

A happy and prosperous new year to all.

The Yamhill river is navigable for boats as far as McMinnville. This is what the dull boy in the old McGuffey's reader might have said without being laughed at.

With nature doing her best for the wheat crop and a bright prospect for a big Klondike trade in the spring, the outlook for the coming year in Oregon is the most promising we have had for a long time.

Bob Veatch of Lane and J. K. Weatherford of Linn are both being groomed for the gubernatorial nomination at the hands of the free silver combination. What's the matter with Jack Spencer or Mose Johnson of Yamhill?

Gen. Lew Wallace is of the opinion that the United States will make a mistake if Hawaii is not taken into the Union while it is offered to us. He thinks that in time Japan will be disposed to dispute with us the acquisition of the islands.

I. P. Callison, formerly of Salem, who is running a populist paper at Chehalis, Washington, is advocating party fusion, and in order to show his faith by his works married a democratic girl the other day. Another evidence that the spoils of office is what the fusionists are after.

There is now a good prospect that the opposing factions in the republican party in Portland will bury the hatchet. It is to be hoped, that for the sake of common decency at the coming primaries, to say nothing of the hope of success, the funeral will take place at an early day.

Mrs. Lease announces that she is an active candidate for congress in opposition to Jerry Simpson. Mary Ellen and sockless Jerry are capable of making a campaign for the nomination that will be both long and warm, aside from the momentous question of the wearing of socks or stockings, whichever it may be.

An old stump with a few bushes of dirt slid into the Yamhill river above LaFayette the other day and stopped navigation to McMinnville. Let the road supervisor in that district call out the hands with spades and shovels and keep this great water way open for navigation, else a government appropriation will be called for to remove that stump.

For the purpose of carrying out a marriage contract made through a matrimonial agency, Reuben Lane walked from Pennsylvania to Kansas, a distance of 997 miles and then Aliza Ann Paeker, the other party to the contract refused to wed Reuben. This was real naughty in Aliza Ann for it was not only very heartless treatment of Reuben who had showed good staying qualities by his long walk, but it is calculated to injure the matrimonial agency business which is one of our young and growing industries.

CRISP EDITORIALS.

More than the forty centuries of his lory which looked down on Bonapart's veterans in their campaign in Egypt long ago are watching the Kaiser's free-boaters in their foray into China, but that circumstance does not embarrass the Kaiser. China has been marked for dismemberment, and the fact that a settled government existed in that nation thousands of years before the country now called Germany emerged from barbarism is not going to delay that process. There is more sentiment in William II than there was in Capt. Kidd, and he never sold or pretended there was any. However, the cutting up of China among the big nations will undoubtedly be good for the Chinese. William of Germany in some matters is "queer," but he will be a better ruler for his Celestial subjects than is Kuang Hsu.—Globe Democrat.

If the report be correct that the Spanish dynasty fears Weyler, that regime must certainly feel that its tenure of power is very weak. Military men have often become dangerous to their government, but there is no instance on record in which a manifest incapacity, as Weyler is, has overthrown any government. If the Spanish Bourbon family has such a frail hold on the affections of its people that the deposed and discredited ex-Captain General is deemed to be a menace to it, it is indeed past praying for.—Globe Dem.

President McKinley's mother wrote a little sketch of his early life which has in it more worth than many campaign biographies. Alluding to her family cares she said in one of those simple sentences that say so much: "I did the best I could, of course, but I had six children, and I had all my own work to do." Her experience is that of millions of women who "do their own work" and do it so well that their memories are blessed in countless homes. A good woman's work is never done, and it is doubtful if the busiest man labors more industriously than does the ordinary, careful housewife.—Boston Transcript.

A meeting of the legislative hold-up clans was held at McMinnville last Saturday. It was the meeting of the state vestral committee of the populists,

democratic and union bi-metallic parties—the same parties that prevented the organization of the last legislature—the object being to form a coalition for the purpose of capturing the offices at the next state election. Each of these organizations pretended to represent, separately, a great principle, else why would these separate and distinct party organizations be maintained? The Enterprise has all along contended that all there was to populism was for the leaders to hold office, and the contention has never been more clearly proven than in this instance where the three parties have laid aside their respective principles and banded themselves together with one object in view, namely, to develop strength in the elections. Their principles count for nothing; it is votes they want. These three elements have no principles to carry out after they are elected, as was shown by them in the last legislature. They promised the people all things before election, just as they are now doing, but after election did not attempt to have enacted any of the remedial legislation a vocated in the campaign? Not only did they refuse to make good their promises but they also refused to allow any other party to enact legislation for the benefit of the taxpayers. They refused absolutely to even take the oath of office during the forty days session, and why? Because they represented no principle save that of delivering themselves after the purchase price had been paid. Their object first, last and all the time is to howl calamity and hold office. Principles cut no figure.—Oregon City Enterprise.

The attention, care and reverence which the president of over sixty millions of people has recently shown to his ailing mother was to him a matter of duty and love, of course, but none the less it is a chord which is attuned to every woman and child and it somehow brings him nearer to those whom the world knows as the "common people," for there are no restrictions, no court etiquette, no social wall to consider in this meeting place of filial love, and as men "love a lover," so, too, 'tis a universal appeal to the best within us which does reverence to the name of "mother."—Chicago Ledger.

Christmas day Senator McBride and Representatives Ellis and Tongue will be able to treat their friends in the capital city to Hood river apples. Some Portland gentlemen, who probably desire to refresh in the minds of the delegation their appetite for office, and thereby hasten appointments, recently instructed W. J. Baker to forward at their expense a box of the choicest Hood river apples to each of the delegation in Washington. The apples have been sent and will arrive at the capital on Christmas eve.

At Moscow recently a man was summoned as a jurymen who did not know there was any Latah county. When questioned about his place of residence he insisted that it was in Nez Perce, that he had lived there 17 years and knew all about it. It was explained to him that there had been a change, which made him a resident of Latah. Both sides eagerly accepted him to serve in the jury box—they were certain he was free from all suspicion of knowledge. The incident illustrated the fact that there is an irrepressible conflict between the school house and the jury system.—Athena Press.

Those who say we can not assimilate the comparatively small population of Hawaii should look over the census reports to see what we have already assimilated, including many cargoes of native Africans and tribes of aborigines by the score.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The decision of the supreme court that divorced persons cannot legally marry within six months after the granting of the divorce is responsible already for three re-marrriages in Linn county. In the state at large some of the illegally united persons will not seek the aid of a parson, finding the decision works to a charm in that they do not have to again apply to the courts for a release of the matrimonial bonds which have become irksome.—Eugene Guard.

Missouri has a lead in miles that cannot be taken from her. Not only in quality, but in quantity, is Missouri supreme as to miles. The largest mile in the world is now on the road from Missouri to London for exhibition, and when in the capital of the British empire this giant arranges his aricular organs at the proper angle and lifts his noble and resounding voice, Missouri will be advertised and glorified as thousands of Queen Victoria's subjects ejaculate, "Ear 'im!"—Kansas City Star.

The watchword of fusion politics: Go after the offices; principles are eternal and will take care of themselves.—Reporter.

"Sometimes a wife settles down into a dreary, domestic routine, honestly believing that until her husband's finances improve there is no other course for her to pursue," writes Helen Jay in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "In this matter, as in many others concerning home life, the false standard of money obtains rather than the simple law of common sense. The very fact that many people can afford elaborate entertainments does not imply that they cannot enjoy simple ones. Novelty is the charm of life, as variety is its spice, and very often the guests who come from luxurious homes are the most easily pleased. Competent housekeepers are generally the most generous in their estimate of the efforts of others, and the young housewife who through fear of criticism refuses to invite her richer or more ex-

perienced friend to her home is simply cheating herself of much pleasure. In fact, the real breaks of social intercourse are quite as apt to come from self-depreciation on the part of the woman with the small income as from any feeling of superiority on the part of her more wealthy friends."

"Any intelligent farming community cannot fail to receive pleasure and profit from a discussion of topics of common interest like that which was held at Howell, Marion county, a few days ago. The meetings and discussions promote the cause of diversified agriculture, so long neglected in Oregon, and even now in its infancy, and bring members of the farming community in touch with each other. It is gratifying in this connection to note that the isolation of farm life in the state which, owing to the sparseness of the population and the large individual holdings provided by the donation land law of early territorial days, resulted in an intensified loneliness that was pitiful, has become largely a thing of the past."—Oregonian.

The superiority of Harvard over Yale as an intellectual center was forcibly demonstrated to the business world yesterday by certain Joseph Letter, a young graduate of Harvard, who plunged successfully into the Chicago wheat pit and grasped several millions of dollars, to the surprise of some old-timers in the financial ring. Yale played a game with Harvard at football and defeated Princeton, but the performance of Mr. Letter, we believe, is entitled to even greater credit on the roll of honor as an exhibition of brain development. According to the brief dispatches, Mr. Letter studied at Harvard in the rear rank of the laudible of the Hasty Pudding Club. We had hoped to recall him as a 'varsity crew man, football player or baseball tosser, but he is described as an "athletic-looking" young man. The only explanation of this strange circumstance we can offer is that the financiers of Chicago were cleverly fooled in mistaking Mr. Letter for a real athlete.—New Haven (Conn.) Register.

Necessaries are costly in Paris. "Water is the most precious and exclusive drink you can order in Paris," writes Lillian Bell in a letter from the French capital to the January Ladies' Home Journal. "Imagine that—you who let the water run to cool it! In Paris they actually pay for water in their houses by the quart. Artichokes, and truffles, and mushrooms, and silk stockings, and kid gloves are so cheap here that it makes you blink your eyes. But eggs, and cream, and milk are luxuries. Silks and velvets are bewilderingly expensive. But cotton stuffs are from America, and are extravagances. They make them up into 'costumes,' and trim them with velvet ribbon. Never by any chance could you be supposed to send cotton frocks to be washed every week. The luxury of fresh, starched muslin dresses and plenty of shirt-washes is unknown. "I never shall overcome the ecstasies of laughter which assail me when I see varieties of coal exhibited in tiny shop windows, set forth in high glass dishes, as we exploit chocolates at home. But well they may respect it, for it is very much cheaper to freeze to death than to buy coal in Paris. The reason of all this is the city tax on every chicken, every carrot, every egg brought into Paris. Every mouthful of food is taxed. This produces an enormous revenue, and this is why the streets are so clean; it is why the asphalt is as smooth as a ballroom floor; it is why the whole of Paris is as beautiful as a dream."

New Blood for Oregon. Mr. F. Brown, manager of Chas. E. Ladd's Oak Hill stock farm in Yamhill county Ore., returned this week with a carload of blooded stock which he purchased from the best herds in the east. Mr. Brown's purchase consisted of Short-horn cattle and Cotswold and Southdown sheep. He purchased one bull calf 12 months old and one three year-old heifer from the well-known herd (Cruickshanks) of H. F. Brown of Minneapolis, Minn., and one bull calf 14 months old from the herd of Forbes Bros. Hearty, Ill. This last purchase was a prize winner throughout the western states this year. He also bought ten head of pure Cotswold and three head of Southdown sheep from the flocks of Parks, Pelton & Douglas, Ontario, Canada. One of the heifers, a yearling, was a prize winner this year over the border line. Oak Hill farm is already well stocked with Short-horn cattle, Cotswold and Southdown sheep, but the infusion of new blood is always a valuable acquisition to any herd in order to keep them up to the highest individual standard. Mr. Brown is of the opinion that in Oregon there can be found as good blood as on the average farms back there, and if our breeders would pay the same attention here in feeding and care as there, our stock would compare favorably with theirs in the show ring. All kinds of live stock in the middle west is looking up, says Mr. Brown, and especially is this true of good horses. While in Chicago he attended some of the sales there and good, serviceable draft horses weighing from 1500 to 1600 pounds went for hot cakes at from \$125 to \$200 dollars each, an increase over last year of about 40 per cent. Draft stallions there are moving up to old-time prices of from \$1000 to \$1500 each, and the time is near at hand when this class of horses will be hard to find.—Rural Spirit.

Consumption and bronchitis are not by any means the same, although it is hard to distinguish one from the other. Bronchitis is an inflammation of the lining of the wind tubes or air vessels of the lungs, causing soreness of the same, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, difficulty of breathing, spitting of matter and sometimes blood. Thousands die annually with this dread disease. Wilbur's Cough Cure will cure. Price 50 cents. For sale by all Druggists.

A Life Saved. Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. C. F. Moore & Co.

FROM THE COUNTY PRESS.

Dayton Herald. It is expected that A. H. Robinson's new fruit and vegetable evaporator will be completed and ready for operation on Monday next. Dr. E. M. Smith and wife left here on Saturday last for Georgetown, Ill., their former home, and which they expect to make their future home. Dayton seems to have quite a boom in the building line. Two buildings to be used as fruit and vegetable evaporators have been built this winter, and the prospects is that another one will be built. It also is now almost an assured fact there will be another grain warehouse, with all the modern improvements, built in Dayton. It will be placed above the highest high water mark.

Reporter. John Derby has returned from California, and is at present stopping with his father in LaFayette. He has been almost a constant sufferer from rheumatism. N. E. Keggs has accepted a position as traveling agent in Oregon of the Buffalo Pitts manufacturing company. It is a position he is well calculated to fill, by virtue of his well-known rustling ability. Some of our people have been indulging in the luxury of bear meat this week. Mr. Matthews dressed a fine fat yearling that was trapped by Mr. Odell, who lives up in the foothills northwest. It weighed 120 pounds after the entrails were removed and had a hide that would make an ideal Klondike overcoat.

The Baptist denomination of this city has a membership roll of which it can justly be proud. It leads without doubt all other denominations in respect to numbers, the 200 mark having just been passed, and it is still growing. Forty members have been added in the eight months since Rev. King took up the pastoral work, which is gratifying evidence of the efficiency of his labors. B. F. Allumbaugh of North Yamhill proposes to start for the Klondike about the 12th of January. He is not going with the expectation of digging great wealth out of the hills, but the move is prompted largely by the hope of improving his wife's health.

Transcript. On the 22nd Inst. Congressman Tongue wired James McCain from Washington, D. C., as follows: "The war department assures Senator McBride and myself that the Secretary of War has approved plans for locks and dam on Yamhill, and will advertise at once for bids to complete work by contract." It comes on authentic authority that the government is now negotiating for the site upon which to construct the dam and locks near LaFayette. In fact everything now points to a carrying forward of this work next year.

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The famous old Hancock tavern, the first hotel in Boston, Mass., a relic of revolutionary days, has been reopened for business. There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edmond W. Warrington, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at C. F. Moore and Co's. drug store.

The big drainage canal which is to connect Lake Michigan with the Illinois River at Joliet, Ill., will be completed by the autumn of 1899.

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England is again becoming apprehensive as to the duration of her coal mines. It is believed by competent judges that the supply of coal will be exhausted in an ordinary lifetime.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. C. F. Moore & Co.

It is the opinion of William T. Baker, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, that this country has already exported much wheat which it will soon need for home consumption.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. C. F. Moore & Co.

The Secretary of War has sent to Congress a report from the New York Chamber of Commerce on harbor defenses. It suggests that 110 seacoast batteries and 4000 additional artillerymen are necessary for security against foreign invasion.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house, if it cost 45 per bottle. It does alyou recommend it to do and more.—J. R. WALLACE, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at C. F. Moore & Co's. drugstore.

Railroads have calculated on a spring rush of 80,000 people to the Klondike.

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