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THIRTY YEARS AS EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

With this issue thirty years of continuous service as editor and publisher of the Graphic is rounded out. It was just thirty years ago this publication day that we took over the key to the print shop which was a very plain plank building located around on Second street, and which L. G. Newlin converted into a barn some years later. Here the business was conducted until the brick building, now occupied by the Anderson Motor Co., was erected in 1891 by the Bank of Newberg, when a move was made to the front corner room on the second floor of this building. This was the Graphic home up to 1897 when a second move was made to the present location.

The Graphic plant, consisting of a Washington hand press, a little Pearl Jobber and a fairly good supply of type, was shipped here from Whittier, California, by John C. Elatt and the Graphic was launched December 1, 1888. Thirteen months later, January 1, 1890, after several parties had taken a hand in steering the destinies of the little sheet, it passed into the hands of the writer as above stated. It was a seven column folio with two pages of home print. Of the advertisers at that time, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mount have continued in business all these years. None of the others, with the exception of Jesse Edwards and F. A. Morris are now residents of Newberg.

At this time Harrison was our president, with Blaine secretary of state. John Wanamaker was postmaster general and we believe he is the only one of the cabinet now living. Penoyer was governor, Mitchell, U. S. Senator and Herman our Congressman. Of the county officers, S. Brutscher, who was a commissioner, and J. C. Cooper, surveyor, are the only ones who are now residents of the county. Of the city officials, F. A. Morris, who was mayor, is the only one who still remains a resident here.

In the first issue of the paper under the new management of the opening of the Bank of Newberg, now the United States National Bank, was announced, with Benj. Miles, president; Jesse Edwards, vice president; Moses Votaw, cashier. The safe and books arrived on the previous Saturday and business was begun in a small building located on Center street, which was later on moved around onto First street and is now a part of the Olympic bakery building.

There were three organized churches, namely, the Friends, Presbyterian and Evangelical.



In the course of these years the Graphic has chronicled the birth of children, later on the marriage of the same and in due time the birth of their children.

We have had many competitors, some of whom have endeavored at times to correct the errors of the Graphic, but all have dropped out of the race, leaving the track clear, though this does not necessarily signify that others may not try the field in the future. Our mistakes have been many and the public has indeed been very considerate in their criticisms of them, for which we are duly thankful. It might have been a lot worse.

A Newberg business man once remarked to the writer that it required as close application to business to succeed in the publication of a local paper as it did to run the Oregonian. We think our friends

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will admit that we have at least made the close application, and that long looked for time for easing up on the job still appears to be away in the dim future. Some years ago when the country was new a farmer who was clearing land of stumps remarked to Wm. Hobson that he was awfully tired of the job and in somewhat of a longing frame of mind for his former prairie home, when the latter, who was always loyal to Oregon and hopeful for the future, gave this answer: "Well, it is a great blessing to always have something to do." This is the angle from which the country newspaper publisher must figure in order to get full value for the job that is constantly before him. It is like "keeping house"—when one week's task is done pretty much the same job must be gone over the following week, year in and year out.

Recently a former Newberg resident who made a short visit here remarked that the writer had changed less in the eighteen years he had been away than the other Newberg residents he had met. Whether or not the statement is correct we do not know, but in turning over a collection of papers in the office a few days ago we came across a newspaper cut showing the writer as the photographer made him look some thirty years ago, which we present herewith for comparison.

On the front page this week will be found some items taken from the issue of January 4, 1890, that will no doubt interest our older readers, at least.

With these "introductory remarks," and with kindly New Year's greetings to all our friends, long

time and newly made, we will renew our youth and begin the grind for another period, gaged as Father Time may in his wisdom decree.

not infallible.

Human judgment cannot be infallible, no matter how broad the mind or keen the intellect. Appearances are so deceptive that even the most experienced judge of character may fail to reach as good an estimate of a man as the humble ignorant scrub woman, who cleans out his offices daily. Many successful men realize this great lack in themselves, and appreciate the power that is in the hands of a devoted wife and real helpmate. They would not think of entering into a partnership or a big business deal without first arranging to hear the opinion formed by her whom they have learned to look up to and confide in.

And, indeed, a man can scarcely pay a higher tribute to a woman than the trust he shows in her instinct.

Persian Envoy at Mount Vernon.

Shortly after Sir Julian Pauncefote's coming to Washington a complimentary trip to Mount Vernon was arranged for him on the Mayflower, which was the president's yacht. Among the invited guests was the Persian minister. It was quite a social and impressive event. The spectacle of the minister of Great Britain paying respect to the tomb and memory of Washington did not pass without comment upon its historical significance. During the visit the Persian envoy was observed to be standing in profound reverie in front of the iron gate of the tomb. He remained in silence for some minutes, and then, doubtless full of obvious contrasts that might occur to an oriental mind from the land of shahs and of ivory palaces and gorgeous tombs, he turned to a friend and said: "How great a man and how little a cemetery!"—Lieutenant Colonel E. W. Halford in Leslie's

Greetings—

We extend hearty greetings to our many customers and wish for them a happy and prosperous New Year, which is just being ushered in.

Yours for the same fair dealing service for the year that is before us.

E. C. BAIRD

Propaganda.

A doughboy who had just returned from Coblenz was talking to a very estimable elderly woman—a straight-laced church member.

"How did you like it up in Germany," she asked.

"Oh, we got along very well with the Germans," and, with a big, broad smile, he added, "and had all the good German beer that we wanted to drink."

"More German propaganda," exclaimed the elderly woman.

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Cotton Production Welcomed.

Mesopotamia has always grown some cotton, which modern methods may improve. Of this material may have been the veil with which Rebekah covered herself at her first meeting with Isaac, as she journeyed under the guidance of Abraham's servant from Mesopotamia to Canaan to become Isaac's wife. Cotton competition between Mesopotamia and Egypt would be particularly attractive. And cotton is one good thing of which war's tatterdemalion, the world of today cannot have too much.—Boston Herald.

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