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We cannot draw aside the veil which obscures the future and foretell what the coming year will bring. Perhaps it is better that we cannot. At any rate it is a certain impossibility. However, we can survey the past and gain some lessons for the future, and from the past and its effect upon future conditions, we may draw some conclusions as to general conditions which may prevail during 1922. In another part of this issue, we are publishing the opinions of some of our representative citizens. A perusal of these will show that there is a general feeling of optimism present. This is a good indication in itself.

Last year many of these same persons were either hesitant or openly predicting hard times. Of course in some instances last year was a bad one. Many of the farmers did not fare well. Many of the business men were forced to take heavy losses and business in general was none too good. And yet, in spite of this, we find that most people are willing to say that it was not so bad as had been expected and some business men say that it was even better than previous years. Of course the lower prices prevented the greater bulk of business, but in some cases at least more sales were made than the year before.

We find quite a number of merchants who say that their Christmas business this year was very good, and some say that it was the best they have had. One business man said that his business this year had run better throughout the year than last year, with the exception of his Christmas trade. However, it is probably true that the majority of the business houses did not do as good a business this year as the previous one.

Looking forward into the coming year there are many angles from which one must consider the local condition in discussing the question of what the year will bring us all. One of the big factors in making for prosperity in this community is found in the renewed building activities. This is meaning a resumption of operations in the logging camps and sawmills throughout this great northwest country, which is giving employment to many men who had been out of work. Then, too the processes of construction work are calling into action the carpenters, laborers, plumbers, plasterers, painters and the kindred trades. This will have a salutary effect in increasing the buying power of these men and their families.

The fruit industry which is perhaps one of our very greatest, is one which is causing no little concern. Just what the outcome will be for next year we cannot say. The local cannery is of course the focus of all eyes. We do not know the answer to the question which is

agitating the minds of farmers and business people alike. However, we do know that it is reliably reported that all stocks of canned goods are pretty well depleted for this season of the year and that whereas buyers were not in the market for the 1921 pack until it was put up, thus making it impossible for the canneries to arrange for the securing of the fruit from the farmers on a satisfactory basis until the season was well advanced, this coming year they will be on hand making purchases in advance and thus will enable the canneries to know what they can do.

Price is perhaps one of the greatest factors in controlling the prosperity of the country. High prices have made buying almost impossible for the farmer who could only get low prices and in some cases no prices at all for his commodities. This coming year, everything which he buys will be cheaper and at the same time the outlook apparently is that he will get better prices for his products. This should mean a greater prosperity.

National and international conditions always affect local conditions to some extent. Here we find our first possibility of pessimism. In the east and middle west and especially the latter, we find the farmers in a bad way with a great shortage of money and no relief. However, the farm bloc, which is a group of congressmen and senators who represent these states and are interested in the success of the farms and the farmers, is working for their good and it is probable that they will be able to accomplish something for them.

In international relations the disparity in the rate of exchange is perhaps the worst or at least one of the worst features. The disarmament conference has already accomplished something in the way of establishing better conditions in this respect and it is probable that during the coming year we will see further progress along this line, with a probable conference on this question alone, together with the question of international debts and credits. The foundations have at least been laid for better things and if the start which has been made can be carried out to completion better times are bound to follow.

Last year, we are told, Portland stood fifth among the cities of the United States in point of building permits. It is probable that Los Angeles and San Francisco were among the first five. In fact practically all of the building activity of the country was concentrated on the Pacific coast and yet even here building did not keep pace with the demand. If the exposition is established in 1925, as we believe it will be, there is little doubt that building activities both in Portland and all around will be pushed ahead on a far greater scale than ever before.

Of course fundamental conditions must first be righted, but we believe that this will gradually come about. Then secondary conditions must be affected and this will be easier if the fundamentals are corrected. When these two factors are rectified we believe that local conditions will absolutely care for themselves. It is up to every one of us to try and help make 1922 one of the best years which Newberg has ever known. A little concerted boosting and helpful corrections of some local conditions will go a long way towards bringing this about. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel with a

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The New Year

THE year that has just closed means something different to most everybody. To some it has brought a great joy; to others a great sorrow; to many, both grief and gladness in full measure. Many of us have gone along the regular, uneventful path, filled with the happiness of love and work and the joy of everyday things, which, after all, is the best happiness.

To youth the New Year means a long, pleasure-filled evening and the writing of a new date on their letters. They look neither forward nor back. They make resolutions because it seems the correct thing to them to do. They keep them sometimes and it helps make them better men and women, but it is not a serious matter with them—just as is natural for youth.

Older folks involuntarily look back a bit on the even of a new year—not systematically, but with a general sweeping glance that usually makes them a bit uncomfortable at things left undone or failures to make good as they had intended. Maybe there has been just one thing accomplished that gives them a little warm feeling round their hearts—maybe not. The great sorrow or great joy stands out with more meaning to them than to youth. "This another milestone passed."

The New Year may not present very bright prospects to some, but these same older folks know that there is something better in store than what the immediate future seems to offer—know that unhappy things can't last—that they are pretty sure to lead to something greater and better—know that even if they can't understand the reason for sorrow and trouble that there is a reason—know it deep down within themselves, though outwardly they resent and rebel against fate. It is not blind faith or optimism that teaches this, but reason and knowledge of life.

Older folks know that the year is bound to bring happiness and relief to those who are now bearing sorrow and trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Leslie, in the Detroit News.

BLACK NEW YEAR PUDDING

Ingredients: One cupful black molasses; one cupful thick sour milk; one dessertspoonful soda; beat well. Add one teaspoonful salt; one grated nutmeg; one-eighth pound citron, chopped fine; one-fourth pound suet, chopped fine; four dry figs, chopped fine; one dozen almonds, minced fine; one cupful seeded raisins; three raw tart apples, chopped coarsely; three cupfuls flour. Mix all together, steam in a buttered mold for three hours and dry for 15 minutes in an oven. Serve with any good pudding sauce. This will serve 15 persons.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: To save my money
And lead a frugal life.
Resolved: To do my duty
And still abstain from strife.
Resolved: To give up smoking
And never touch a drop.
Resolved: To heed the speed laws
And ne'er offend a cop.
Resolved: To quit complaining
And smile whenever I can.
Resolved: To cease from knocking
And praise my fellow man.
Resolved—but what's the use of
My plunging in so deep?
I've made more resolutions
Than any man could keep.

CENTER PIECE HINT.

To launder heavy embroidered round or oval center pieces, wash and starch quite stiff. While wet, divide into fourths or eighths, place paper on rug and pin to floor, as you would stretch curtains on a stretcher. When dry remove pins, and you will have a center done up beautifully, without any ironing.

OREGON STATE CHAMBER
WILL MEET JANUARY 3

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 23.—January 3 has been set as the date of the annual meeting of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, according to an announcement today, following a meeting of the board of directors held at Salem. A meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon irrigation congress will be called on the same date in conjunction with the state chamber, according to the announcement.

Notification of the annual meeting is being sent today to all commercial clubs of the state, and every organization is urged to have a delegate in attendance. Directors of the state chamber for the coming year will be elected, and various questions of state-wide interest will be up for discussion, including new methods of dealing with land settlement problems with respect to the irrigated lands of the state, according to the announcement.

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