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SUMMING UP.

It is an old custom at the end of each year to take stock of ourselves to find what lessons can be learned by the experiences of the past year and to lay more or less formal plans for the one ahead.

Those factors that touch our personai lives only, are not for public interest and discussion, but our national and community lives are of keen interest to all.

Nationally though this past year has been one of hardships and unemployment for many and a period of lessened opportunity for all owing to the invalidism of our insdustrial system, still we can view it with gratitude and thanksgiving. An earnest endeavor to enact into our national life the christian faith we profess has prevented a concerted endeavor of preditory commercialism from plunging our country into a criminal conquest of Mexico. Otherwise we might now be having the best young manhood of our country suffering death and becoming incapacitated through wounds and disease while the country at large would be piling up a debt to oppress the coming generation. All our troubles sink into insignificance when we look across the Atlantic.

Industrially we have had several great constructive legislative acts, the best of which were laws creating the reserve banks and the government railroads in Alaska. The successful completion of the Panama canal is among the greatest of our blessings. The determination to stop further reformatory legislation against big business and to change our conservation policy from one of inaction to one of achievement are not the least of the is a harbinger of restored confidence in the value and safety of railroad securities and promises well for a period of renewed construction activities by the railroads.

Nature has been prodigal in bestowing upon us the past year an struction or are having their plans worked out by the architects. Bandon has continud to increase in population as shown by our school census. It has shown its progressive spirit in starting street paving, in building sewers and in acquiring by purchase the privately owned water works. All legal and other obstacles have

been cleared away from the path of the Port of Bandon. Sufficient sums are now available to allow the commission to prosecute the harbor and river improvement work energetically during the ensuing year. This alone inaugurates a new period of progress and properity. It would be in keeping with our pro-

gress in other matters if the community would undertake the construction of a system of modern roads all converging on Bandon and thereby making the country tributary to our port. A road is especially desirable to connect us with the railroad at Marshfield which will be completed during 1915. Then we should have good land communication with the rest of the state.

Another road much needed is one to connect with the fine Curry county cond. Curry county is naturally tribatary to Bandon, but much of its trafne is being diverted to other points on account of better traffic connections. It is rapidly filling up with settlers and this trailic is . ecoming iaily more valuable. The loss in the tie industry is one due solely to poor roads that reaches annually a large sum.

It is necessary for Bandon to act at once in order to maintain its posiion as point of entry for this section. Good roads will induce emigrants o settle upon and improve our cut

over timber lands. A regular boat should be estabished between Bandon and Portland so that we can divert our commerce to Oregon points instead of being de-

pendent upon San Francisco alone. With good direct water and land connections with the rest of the state we would get the visits and attention of those seeking homes and investments for capital who now get no farther than Coos Bay points. After good roads are built and not before an we interest capital in developing he surpassing natural advantages of Bandon as a summer resort. In furtherance of this plan an automobile lrive should connect the city with the each. It has been wittily said that the

umber business is looking up because t is on its back and cannot look elsewhere. It has been at so low an ebb for so long a time that the lumber supply of the country is becoming exausted. This regardless of the apvarent resumption of construction acivities by the country will cause a eturn to prosperity in that industry. the lowering of frieght rates through he use of the Panama canal will be a



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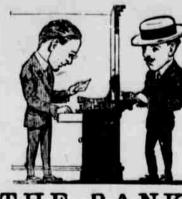
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abundance of agricultural products. The financial arrangements where

by the cotton growers of the south are able to borrow money at reason able rates on the ware house re ciptfor their cotton instead of being an formally compelled to throw it upor the market while the price is below the cost of production is probably one of the year's greatest achievemnets.

Our most praiseworthy advance has been however in an awakened intelligence that has taken steps to insure greater justice in our industrisal life finding expression in minimum wage laws especially for women and children and in laws protecting them by limiting their hours of service and insuring sanitary factory conditions.

Socially this has found expression in prohibition and in laws to do away with the social evil. Regulation of places of public amusement, and the establishmenting of municipal ones supplemented by intelligent instructions have improved conditions.

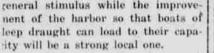
The lessons we should learn are to prefect our system of production and distribution with more of intelligence well thought out method in place of the present hit or miss anarchy. We should in view of our great natural resources eliminate a great deal of our social and industrial misfortunes especially the periods of enforced idleness on the part of our industrial labors.

We have an opportunity to enlarge our commerce especially with South America and to establish a merchant marine.

We may be of service to the world in helping to restore peace and in tempering the punishment of the vanquished nation of the present war.

It has been said that mankind never is but always is to be blessed. However that is we view the future year with confidence in a vast im provement.

Locally though the community has experienced dull times still we have wanthered the storm better by far than most sections have, even though we had a large part of the business section of Bandon destroyed by fire, no charge for dinner tomorrow." New buildings to replace those burns! ed are either in the course of con- free dinner."



Never before has there been such steady stream of emigration into his part of Oregon, and capital is eeking invesment here in land and other resources.

The Recorder with a firm belief in ts realization wishes to each and all 1 most happy and prosperous New

Year.

He Stirred Up Business. With a view to stirring up business

restaurant keeper in an English town placed one day a rather daring announcement at the door of his place of business.

Waiting until next day, a man went in and had dinner enough for two. As he was leaving without paying, the



THE PROPRIETOR STOPPED HIM.

proprietor stopped htm at the door and demanded payment.

The queer notice was still posted at the door, and the customer, pointing to it, asked what it meant.

"It monus exactly what it says," replied the sugry proprietor: "There is - M y

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