

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Happy New Year, mamma dear,  
 To children's loving greeting;  
 Happy New Year, papa,  
 On their New Year's morning meeting.  
 Happy New Year, darling one,  
 Is the lover's ardent note;  
 May the new year bring us surely  
 The fruition of our hopes.  
 Happy New Year, precious wife,  
 Is the husband's fondest call;  
 I hope the coming year will bring  
 Happiness, content and all.  
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 Aged lips so kindly say;  
 May your lives all be happy  
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**SCHOOL NOTES.**

Mid-year examinations begin January 6. Second term begins January 27. Friday, January 6, was to be regular Literary Society program day. On account of vacation coming the latter part of the school month, this exercise will be postponed until the next regular meeting, one month hence. The mid-year examinations will tell two things: 1. Those that are successful may continue their grade. 2. Those failing will be required to drop back to the next lower grade. Therefore, see that work is up in each subject. There is to be given a cantata, "Queen Esther," soon, under the direction of Prof. J. O. Russell, in the interests of the school. Material is practically all secured and practice well under way. Watch for date.

**A Visit from an Old Friend.**

"Uncle Vet" Noyes is back among old friends again after eleven weeks of illness, most of the time at The Dalles hospital, where he was recently operated upon for appendicitis. Mr. Noyes was first taken sick on Sunday, October 20, and returned home from the hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 31. This is a most remarkable case, as the patient was more than sixty-eight years of age and was attacked by the disease a week before the operation. But after enduring the hardships of living twenty-seven days without any food more substantial than beef tea, and undergoing a most critical operation, Mr. Noyes is apparently as well as ever, except that he is very thin. Here is to your Happy New Year, Uncle Vet., and many more years of health and happiness.

**January Circuit Court Calendar.**

J. M. Brown vs. Margaret Brown.  
 James Hogan vs. Sarah Hogan.  
 State of Oregon vs. O. L. Puryear.  
 Emma M. Hoggard vs. Wm. Hoggard.  
 State of Oregon vs. R. S. Ward.  
 Clara B. Fleischauer vs. H. G. Fleischauer.  
 Julia H. DeMoss vs. Henry DeMoss.  
 George W. Crocker vs. Mary Crocker.  
 Priscilla E. McMillan vs. Richard McMillan.  
 E. O. McCov vs. D. G. Pattee.  
 Mitchell & Foss vs. J. H. DeMoss.  
 James M. Ford vs. Mary E. Ford.

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 F. H. Meader vs. Wm. Froebe.  
 Moro Imp. Co. vs. L. V. Moore.  
 Citizens' Com. Co. vs. T. Newcom.

composer and listened to the opera. But not a word did he speak. Lord's impatience got the better of him, and he asked: "Well, what say you—about the quartet, for instance?" "Show me a way in which four persons can be permitted to speak simultaneously," replied the poet, "and I will write something more beautiful than your quartet."

**Early Dentistry.**

The art of dentistry was practiced among the Egyptians and Etruscans, and there are evidences in mummies and skulls that in very ancient times teeth were filled and efforts were made to supply the loss of natural by artificial teeth. The first writer on the treatment of diseased teeth was Gamm. The science was introduced into America by John Greenwood, who established himself in New York in 1788, in 1790 and again in 1795 he carved in ivory an entire set of teeth for General Washington.

**Chronic.**

"Opposition, opposition, nothing but opposition!" "What's the matter, dear?" "My parents objected when I wanted to marry him, and now he kicks because I want a divorce."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Tamworth Swine.**

The Tamworth, a much despised and ridiculed breed of swine, is making reasonably good headway in the United States. Why shouldn't it? The one crime that it has committed is growing a long snout. But snout and head, taken together, weigh less than the average head of other breeds. If Tamworths could produce the long side and short stub head at the same time they would certainly do so to please our American people, but Tamworths cannot violate any law of conformation. The law of correlation says that a short head cannot go with a very long body. Why do not more people grow Tamworth pork? If they would once try it, like the Gauls on first tasting the wines of Italy, they would want more, says Orange Judd Farmer.

**A Darling Wasp.**

Some wasps live in part upon honey, which they collect from the most open petaled flowers, and thus to a very moderate extent they may be regarded in the light of flower parasites. Kirkland says in the first volume of the American Naturalist that "the paper hornet (Vespa maculata) often enters any nucleus hives when I am rearing Italian queen bees and captures the young queen in the midst of her little colony, usually just after she has commenced her first laying. I have seen this predator enter the small hive, drag out the queen and fly away with her to the woods" (page 52). Some of the species of the genus polistes store up honey which is poisonous, from the fact that it has been collected from poisonous flowers. They are found in South America, where also species of the genus chertergus occur—wasps that make a very remarkable and tough nest, with funnel-shaped combs inside, arranged one inside of another, nest fashion, but not in contact except at their points of suspension. At the apex of these cones occur the apertures of entrance for the inmates to pass up among the conical tiers.

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