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The Land Of "Pretty Soon."

I know of a land where the streets are paved
With the things we meant to achieve;
It is walled with the money we meant to have saved
And the pleasures for which we grieve.
The kind words unspoken, the promise broken.
And many a coveted boon
Are stored away in that land somewhere—
The land of "Pretty Soon."
There are uncut jewels of possible fame
Lying about in the dust.
And many a noble and lofty aim
Covered with mold and rust.
And O! this place, while it seems so near,
Is farther away than the moon;
Though our purpose is fair, yet we never get there
The land of "Pretty Soon."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The century is now out of its teens, and is old enough to know how to behave. When it was 14, or 1914, it went astray and for the past six years has been drifting with a wild career. But passing out of its 'teens and into 1920 more can be expected. It will settle down to a normal and ordinary existence. The century has sown its wild oats and we believe and we hope that we can say, "Happy New Year" with a confidence that comes after the indiscretions of youth and the knowledge of the things in life that are really worth while.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

No Place to Go.

The attorney for those 1. W. W.'s accused of the Centralia murders, in his search for an open-minded community, has not yet suggested a change of venue to the Fifth Wisconsin congressional district.
The Fifth Wisconsin congressional district is so far from being prejudiced against a man who is merely under indictment that it prefers for political honors one who has been convicted and sentenced.
But the suggestion, of course, would be useless. It is a provision of law that a person accused of murder must be tried in the state in which the murder was committed.
All the inflamed proletarians will at once recognize in this criminal law a violation of personal liberty established by the bourgeois to protect themselves from being murdered in the interests of the revolution. Nothing like it could happen in soviet Russia. There the newspapers print little but government edicts. The ideal jury—one that has never read anything or formed any opinions—ought there to be found readily without a change of venue.—Oregonian.

Colonel Bryan comes along with the assurance that he has a way for the Democratic party to win this year. If it is anything like the several ways Colonel Bryan has so often tried we hope it will be adopted.—Philadelphia Press.

Outlook For 1920.

Facing the year of 1920, the United States as the only free gold market in the world, and by far the greatest holder of gold in the world, is the only important market for capital on a large scale and is the most extensive source of raw materials as well as of manufactures now in existence. Its labor is fully employed and its productive energies have more than an ample field for their application. This inevitably means a continuance of a strong and active business development. The shortage of immediate loan funds, the tightness of money and the effort to contract credit are elements in the policy of maintaining stability and solvency, and they may be expected to continue. It cannot, however, dissociate itself from European conditions. In Europe economic disorganization has not been overcome and requires our aid for its immediate relief. The outlook for 1920, given due business caution, is hopeful; but the difficulties to be overcome are great and the necessity for self control in the use of credit is more marked than for a long time past. However, as the year draws to a close a distinctly more cheerful

ANOTHER JOLT FOR THE H. C. of L!



feeling is discernible in the Wall street district; this is evidenced by the increased demand for the standard shares on the belief that the market will be entitled to the customary January rise.—From the Clews Financial Review.

The New Years Oregonian.

All, or nearly all of our readers, have probably seen the New Years number of the Portland Morning Oregonian, so we don't need to tell you how fine it was, but those who did not get to look it over, we will say, you missed a rare treat. In word and picture, Oregon's progress during the past year is completely brot out. The finest feature of the entire number is that section devoted to highways. It brings out clearly the fact that Oregon is taking her place at the head, in rapidly perfecting a state-wide system of highways. The number was excellent throughout and up to the standard set by the Oregonian in past years.

PROFITEERING! The easiest way to account for the high cost of living is to shout, "Profiteer." In some cases profiteering is unquestionably a factor, but in others, it appears not at all. Clothing and shoes are among the absolute necessities, and everybody is interested in whatever throws light upon their advance in price. There is no better authority than Col. M. Friesman, chairman of the New York Fair Price Committee's subcommittee on clothing and shoes. This committee, instead of finding profiteering, discovered that many clothing manufacturers were actually sustaining a loss. High labor costs, subnormal transportation facilities, frequency of industrial disputes limiting production, and extravagance on the part of those who have experienced, because of high wages, a sudden acquisition of buying power, are the real causes of high prices. Col. Friesman holds that control of prices by the Government will not remedy the situation, but that relief will be found in the plain virtues of work and thrift—"work, sincere and earnest on the part of every sin-

gle one of us, whatever our station, and thrift on the part of the whole public."—Leslie's Weekly.

Beyond being the first day of a new year, New Years is no different from the middle of June or the last of August in significance, except that it is clearly brought to our minds by the butcher, the baker, the candlestickmaker, that the high cost of living is not lowered any during the Christmas festivities.
Let's observe New Years by good hard work and the world will be better off.

What the Map Shows.

One of the best highway maps of the state of Oregon yet put before the public, appeared in the New Years edition of the Portland Morning Oregonian. It sets us up complete in every detail, showing Oregon's great plan for a system of highways, market roads and post roads. And it shows in a clear manner, Heppner's isolation from the interior John Day country.

Heppner is, in reality, not as badly isolated as the map shows, for we have two highways tapping the interior on which Morrow county has spent, and is contemplating spending, considerable money. There are the Heppner-Ritter road and the Heppner-Monument road, both of direct access to the Grant county country.
However, the map shows both Pendleton and Condon to an advantage. The John Day highway through Condon by the way of Spray will ultimately reach the heart of the interior. Condon is bound to be benefitted.

Pendleton on the other side, taps the interior by the way of Pilot Rock. Baker comes in from the south and has of more recent years, taken away a large part of the interior trade, which at one time was almost entirely Heppner's.

Our two highways going into Grant county will in a measure redeem this lost trade. Yet Heppner and Heppner business men must offer interior people every attraction possible for trading with Heppner. We must be ever alert to the opportunities as they

come up, for attracting interior trade this way, and more than that, we must go out of our way to make those opportunities and then follow them up strenuously.
The time for our awakening has arrived sometime since.

Paying Dividends in Booze.

Did you read about the plan to declare dividends in booze? The U. S. Food Products Co. is successor of the Distillers' Security Corporation and finds a million and a half gallons of whiskey on its hands, which it can't sell. The scheme is to declare a dividend of about 5 gallons of whiskey on every one of its about 30,000 shares.

There are about five "quart" bottles of booze in one gallon and inasmuch as unadulterated whiskey can bring about \$20 a "quart" bottle these dry days, the shareholder will have what some people might call a valuable dividend, a regular "melon."

Let's see, what could be done with this "melon," say a stockholder had five shares.

He could drink himself to death.
He could sell it to his friends for a thousand dollars and let them drink themselves blind.

He could make a successful bootlegger of himself.
Or he might dump the stuff in the sewer and be better off in the end.

Why Hoover?

David Starr Jordan, America's premier pacifist, has suggested the name of Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator during the war, as candidate for president.

We do not know just what party Mr. Hoover claims to be a member of, and in fact, during the past several years, he has been more of a resident abroad than at home. Nevertheless, if he possesses presidential capacities, this should not be held too strongly against him. He made an excellent record as food administrator and is said to be an engineer of high ability. An engineer might do as well in statesmanship as a college professor, and we have an inkling that he might be an executive with firmer backbone.

But there are a number of staunch Americans who outshine Hoover and unless the die is cast with one or the other of the two great parties, it is not likely that the Hoover boom will get very far.

A judge in Stockton, Cal. has done away with the practice of putting automobile speeders in jail. Instead he now puts the auto in jail. In Portland they don't even put the speeder in jail, especially if he happens to have run over a woman and killed her, is rather an old man and has lots of money. Then we wonder why there are so many bolsheviks running at large.



Are You Out?

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