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**YOUR "LITTLE NEW YEAR"**  
By MARTHA B. THOMAS  
"THE Little New Year" is a very eager youngster. He pops into view overnight; in fact, one second's difference is the margin between his being nothing at all and then appearing as something very definite to reckon with. From the minute he claps his eyes on you, he belongs; he is your "Little New Year" and you've got to decide pretty quickly what to do with him. There is no possible way of escaping this parenthood. He's going to stick to you like a burr for 365 days, every minute, every hour. It's really quite alarming.  
Are you going to bring up the little fellow on underdone resolutions?  
Are you going to make him a present of malnutrition by feeding him on irregular meals of procastination?  
Are you going to ruin his character (and maybe your own) by rows and rows of pleasant fibs to prevent a feeling of discomfort about his growing up into a harum-scarum boy? Like human children, he needs watching and guiding and discipline. You'll never have the opportunity of "raising" this particular lad again. He will slip from your fingers on the night of December 31—your "Little New Year" grown into whatever manhood you've permitted him.  
Let's send him out a fine, sturdy fellow!  
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**New Year Wishes**  
By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD  
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**ASSURANCE**  
WHAT will the year may bring  
Of things not understood  
We know are that: everything  
Will have to serve our good.  
We must go on with joyous tread  
And not a single thing to dread

**SOMETHING NEW**  
MIND the tale, said the town,  
Between the laurel and the yew,  
Thank God for something young and new!  
And say this new old tale's page,  
The leaf of wisdom to my age,  
Be filled with money 'til the age!

**NINETEEN TWENTY-THREE**  
MAY the New Year be thrived through  
With strands of love and good  
Things high and precious, far and fine,  
To serve, inspire, delight and shine!

**New Year's Eve**

And here we stand to say "Good-by!"  
Brief words and yet we scarce know why,  
They bring a moisture to the eye,  
And to the heart some quakes and sighs;  
We speak them very tenderly,  
With half a sob and half a sigh—  
"Old Year, good-by! Old Year, good-by!"  
—W. K. Burleigh.

HERE we stand again on the borderland of Welcome and Good-by. There is so little between them and so much either side of them.

When the great bell of time strikes the midnight hour, and 1922 passes into the land of long ago, there is one simple resolution that we can all make with pretty good surety that we can keep it till the next midnight chimes—that we will be a better man or woman in the next year than in the last.

That won't be a hard resolution to fulfill in some degree, and if everyone is even a little better, there will be a heap more goodness, kindness, success and love in the world when 1923 rings out than there is now.

The untired year brings with it another chance for all—a chance to make good where we have failed—a chance to benefit by what we have counted as failures in the year that is passing out.

The old year has been a difficult one for many. Some have lost heart. The new year, which gives promise of so much that is better, will bring new courage and hope to them.

If we can let the unhappy part of the past year go with it, and only remember the good, it will help toward all that is best in the new.

One of the best things that we can hope for the untired year is that it will be a busy one for everybody. Work is the best promoter of goodness and happiness, and the best cure for trouble and sorrow that there is.

When the solemn, happy bells "ring out across the snow," let them ring out with them the bad things and ring in all that is good and true and beautiful that is within the power of each one of us.

**ANIMALS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Goats and Pigs  
Blessed in Churches of Italy,  
Spain and France.

IN ITALY, Spain and France more is made of New Year's day than Christmas and on St. Sylvester's eve as the last day of the year is called the utmost joyousness prevails. Even the animals are blessed in the churches. A correspondent who attended one of these quaint ceremonies, writes:

The priest lifted high the host and said some words of benediction at which the people fell on their knees with a response. An acolyte with a holy-water sprinkler passed through the columns of animals deftly throwing the sacred water upon them. The oxen and cows were thus blessed first, then the sheep and goats and lastly the pigs. A moon nearly full glittered high above the mountain stones and combined with the light from the candles revealed the long, polished horns and heaving sides and sleek coats of the oxen and cows and the white woolly skins of the sheep. The acolyte passing among them, incensed them and their bellowing, bleating and squealing arose to a tumult. But, high above all, the voice of the priest was heard, as he chanted these words:

"My children, God in his goodness sends me, his unworthy servant, here to bless your flocks, according to an ancient custom of our mountains, so that these animals by whose aid you live may join in our religious ceremonies which usher in the New Year. Let us then sing a loud hosanna of praise to the ever-merciful Lord so lenient to sinners."

**NEW YEAR CALLS PASSE**  
The American custom of New Year day calls, so prevalent in the social life of this country in the Nineteenth century, is little practiced today.

**OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.**

Oregon City this year is facing the heaviest tax levy in the history of the municipality.

At a meeting of the Corvallis Elks' lodge it was voted unanimously to erect a \$60,000 temple.

The Fairview school near Noti, 25 miles west of Eugene, has been closed on account of diphtheria.

The total tax levy in Eugene next year will be 55.1 mills, unless a reduction in the county levy is made.

Fifty-nine of the 128 school districts in Linn county voted special taxes this year, including the three union high schools.

Official totals reported indicate that the endowment fund for Willamette university has been oversubscribed by approximately \$3000.

The Ashland city council has passed a graduated license fee ordinance for the selling and distributing of milk and cream in Ashland.

O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, has returned to Salem after a month spent at Los Angeles and other California cities in hope of benefiting his health.

Hay prices are soaring in Umatilla county and livestock men will be forced to resort to other feeds in a short time, if the winter weather continues.

The Irrigon Commercial club has telegraphed Senator McNary again protesting any change from the original program on the Wallula-Umatilla cut-off.

Deschutes county's levy for the coming year fixed by the county court to include the county's share of the state tax is \$229,329.60, meaning a millage of 26.1.

A report submitted at a meeting of the general relief committee at Astoria showed that to date the sum of \$31,756.50 had been received in cash for the relief fund.

O. A. Kratz, city manager of La Grande, has tendered his resignation to the city commission. The commission accepted his resignation, which will take effect on December 28.

The four Astoria banks have resumed business for the first time since the fire. They will begin cashing checks on old deposits as soon as they are able to open their vaults.

The Tillamook county superintendent has compiled the census reports of the various school districts for 1922, showing the total number of children of school age in the county to be 3024.

A total of \$224,204.52 of improvement bonds of the city of Portland, numbered from 30443 to 30675 will be redeemed by City Treasurer Adams February 1, according to announcement.

School bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 authorized by the voters of the Portland district at a special election June 17, 1922, were held valid in an opinion handed down by the state supreme court.

District sealers of weights and measures from all sections of Oregon held their annual conference in the offices of W. A. Dalziel, deputy state sealer of weights and measure, at Salem last week.

New refrigerator cars to the number of 1030, ordered by the Pacific Fruit Express company, will be built by the Pacific Car & Foundry company of Portland. The cost of the cars will be around \$3,000,000.

The Columbia River highway is cleared of snow and ice from the Portland city limits to the Multnomah county line, three-quarters of a mile east of Eagle creek, according to County Roadmaster Eatchel.

The attorney-general's office has been requested to prepare a bill for submission at the next session of the legislature looking to the repeal of that part of the election laws providing for double election boards.

Justice Thomas A. McBride of the Oregon supreme court will become chief justice of that body January 1. Justice McBride will succeed Chief Justice George H. Burnett, who has held the position two years.

A new sterilization bill to replace the law which was declared unconstitutional by the circuit court at Salem a few months ago has been prepared and will be introduced in the legislature at its next session.

The rains of the past few days in the coast section have caused the Siuslaw, Umpqua and other streams to rise rapidly and millions of feet of saw logs have been floated to the mills, according to lumbermen from those sections.

A rate of 171-2 cents a hundred pounds on cement shipped from Webak, eastern Oregon, to Portland, over the lines of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company was granted by the Oregon public service commission. As a result of obtaining this freight rate a cement plant will be erected at Webak costing approximately \$1,000,000.

Berry growers from all sections of the Willamette valley held a conference at Salem to discuss ways and means by which the industry may be placed on a permanent and profitable basis. A permanent organization was perfected.

In case a bill which is now being prepared for submission to the legislature at its next session becomes a law, practically all of the janitor services in state buildings will be performed by convict labor without cost to the taxpayers.

A grand total of 53,613 acres was irrigated this year in state watermaster district No. 5, comprised of Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties, which is an increased acreage over all previous years, according to the statement of Aubrey E. Perry, watermaster.

Request that the coast and geodetic survey correct its maps of Yaquina bay showing the harbor entrance to have a depth of 10 or 12 feet was made by Representative McArthur, who called attention to the fact that the latest official surveys give a depth of 17 feet.

Abolishment of the offices of state highway engineer, now held by Herbert Nunn, and of assistant highway engineer, now filled by Roy Klein, will follow the selection of a paid state highway commission, according to announcement made by legislators at Salem.

A rehearing will be held in Washington, D. C., on January 3 on the protest of Pendleton against the proposed Wallula cut-off which was included in the Oregon state highway commission construction programme at the request of the federal bureau of good roads.

The world war veterans' state aid commission, according to a report prepared, has paid a total of 2457 loans to ex-service men. Of this number 805 loans were made on farm property and 1652 on city property. The grand total of loans approved and paid by the commission is \$6,186,100.

Two suits seeking damages aggregating more than \$307,000 from the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation were filed in circuit court at Portland by the Astoria Marine Iron Works. The suits grew out of cancellation of war contracts for the fitting out of 27 hulls of government vessels.

That only about 40 per cent of the fire loss in Astoria in the recent conflagration was covered by insurance was the belief expressed by James N. McCune of the Oregon Insurance Rating bureau. Mr. McCune said it would be impossible to give definite figures until a complete adjustment of losses had been made.

Bids are being received by the department of the interior for approximately 84,000 acres of valuable timberlands on the Warm Springs Indian reservation. The timber, which is in a favorable location in central Oregon, consists of 482,000,000 feet of yellow and sugar pine, 44,000,000 feet of Douglas fir and other varieties.

The hearing of the application of the Oregon public service commission asking that the Central Pacific and other railroads operating in this state be ordered to extend their trackage for the benefit of eastern and central Oregon, has been continued indefinitely, according to information received from members of the interstate commerce commission.

Under a new marriage law proposed by Dr. Owens Adair, the passage of which will be asked at the next session of the Oregon legislature, both the man and the woman must undergo physical and mental examinations before the county clerk will be authorized to grant the necessary license. Exemption is made in the bill of women 45 years or older.

Present indications are that the Umpqua valley broccol crop will ripen fully a month early and harvesting may start the last part of January or early in February if the warm weather continues. So far the Umpqua valley has not been touched by the cold spell which has been sweeping the rest of the state, and the unusually warm weather for this season has caused the broccol to mature rapidly.

The state tax levy for the year 1923, which aggregates \$8,835,295.39, shows a decrease of \$540,992.72 when compared with the state tax levy for the year 1922, according to announcement made by members of the state tax commission. In 1922 the state tax levy was \$9,376,289.11. The reduction in the levy was attributed by Frank K. Lovell, state tax commissioner, to increased receipts, and the fact that only items authorized by law were taken into consideration. The rate for 1923 is 83-4 mills.

Plans have been begun at the suggestion of the war department and legislation initiated which are expected to result in laying a solid earth foundation for that part of the burned city of Astoria which formerly stood on timber piling. A bill was introduced in the senate by Senator McNary making available from an unexpended balance in the rivers and harbors fund \$500,000 for dredging the channel in front of the burned city and providing that the earth removed from the channel be used in filling in ground.

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