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NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, marking the beginning of the year, has been observed as a public holiday for many centuries, certainly in Rome since the reformation of the calendar by Julius Caesar in the century before Christ.

Owing to the confusion in dates which has resulted from the imperfections of various calendars, which caused skipping of dates at various times, New Year's Day may be said to be merely an arbitrary designation. As late as 1752 adoption of the Gregorian calendar by England and the American colonies caused a skip of 11 days.

However, regardless of the day designated as New Year's at various times and in various countries, it has been generally observed as a holiday.

The Romans celebrated it with processions, abandonment of litigation and strife, exchanging of visits and of gifts, feasting and merrymaking. Early fathers of the Christian church did not approve of these festivities, but recommended that the day be devoted to meditation, scripture reading and works of charity.

But about the fourth century, when December 25 had been agreed upon for the observance of Christ's nativity, New Year's Day, falling one week later, began to assume a sacred character as the anniversary of the circumcision, and as such it still figures in the calendars of certain branches of the church.

Other religious faiths, such as the Mohammedan and Jewish, have their own calendars with distinctive holidays and festivals, in which their New Year's Day has a corresponding significance to that of Christendom.

Among all it is considered an appropriate day for reviewing the events of the previous year, the making of new resolves and the adoption of plans for the future. It is also the occasion for the expression of good wishes. We join in the spirit of the happy day in wishing all a Happy New Year.

IS THE ORDER AN ORDER?

A Washington dispatch of last Friday gives another slant to the present status of the cross-state railroad matter. It states "the interstate commerce commission's order directing construction of the cross state line by the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation company does not require the railroad to notify the commission of its acceptance or rejection of the order within any specified time or at any time.

"If, as indicated by representatives from Portland, the railroad has decided to contest and does not begin construction by July 1, it will be in default of the commission's order. The commission's direction in the matter is that it shall be notified of "commencement" of construction within 15 days.

"This explanation was made Thursday by Commissioner Frank McManamy to clarify the situation, in view of the misunderstanding which seems to exist with regard to some formal acceptance of the order by the railroad. McManamy wrote the majority opinion recently made public. The commission's order on the point reads as follows:

"It is further ordered that the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company shall report to the commission in writing the commencement and completion of such construction within 15 days after such commencement and completion."

"Assuming that the railroad resist the order, all it has to do, apparently, is to do nothing, and await the next move by the commission. This in the natural order, would be a certification by the commission to the attorney general of the failure of the railroad to comply with the order after July 1, to be followed by filing of a bill in the federal courts asking for enforcement of the order."

THE BREAD AND BUTTER BRIGADE

The stock market crash brought forcibly to public attention the fact that we all depend for our bread and butter on operating industries and steady payrolls.

It is a noticeable fact that when the stability of the nation was threatened no call was sent out for orators or political spellbinders who pose as saviors of the people. Instead the cry went up, "We must keep industries operating." The President issued an appeal to industrial leaders to immediately formulate programs for improvements and extensions which would require investments and the employment of labor.

The first men called together were those unassuming individuals—railroad presidents. They seek no halo and they make few speeches. They transport the food, manufactured products and people of the nation. As a bread and butter proposition, this is more important than political pyrotechnics. They quietly assured the President that railroad operation would go on as usual and promised the expenditure of over one billion dollars in extensions and improvements in 1930.

Who next was called? Just ordinary, hard working public utility executive. It was essential that there be no let-up in electrical development. Without argument or hesitation they pledged hundreds of millions of dollars for the 1930 construction program.

Thus was hysteria relieved by the calm assurance of industrial leaders that great basic industries would continue on uninterrupted development programs. The wage earners had a graphic illustration of the importance of industries to which we all must look for our supply of bread and butter.

What a contrast to months of speech-making and political bickering if such a matter had been put up to Congress for "quick" action. Controversies would have immediately arisen as to "where" the money was to be spent. As it is, private industry will spend it where it is needed to render necessary public service rather than where it will best settle political debts.

It is action, not hot air, that counts in a crisis.

The pickpocket is democratic, never losing "the common touch."

All the installments laid end to end would reach to next Christmas.

Too frequent appearances of the stork may bring a visit from the wolf.

The rate at which new laws are being made sorely taxes our disrespect.

As an employee of a manufacturing plant you are part of it; you must do good work, you must be SOLD on the product made or you are fired. The better the work you do, the more you MAKE. As a part of your town, the same is true.

County Statistics

Real Estate Transfers Recorded
Oregon & Western Colonization Co. Joseph Embury, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 and S 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 17-18-47, 12, 3, 29, \$2,188.75.

Pacific Livestock Co. to F. M. Duncan, Lot 7, Harper Ranch subdivision 12, 11, 29, \$10.00.

Mary B. Jackson et vir to Jennie Atherton, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 17-18-47, 7, 26, 22.

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to Portland Mortgage Co. SE 1/4 Sec. 12-19-44, 12, 18, 29, \$11,200.00.

W. P. Allen et ux to V. B. Staples Lots 6 and 7, Block 32 Ontario, 12, 24, 29, \$10.00.

Malheur County to Oregon and Western Colonization Co. Lot 2 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 33-17-47, 10, 2, 29, \$216.47.

Geo. S. Williams to Antonio Aragon, Lots 1 and 2 Block 12, Blackaby Add., to Jordan Valley, 6, 1, 29, \$400.00.

Oregon and Western Colonization Co. to John Goodman, N 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 21-18-47, 12, 14, 29, \$375.00.

Catherine Moore Davidson et vir to L. E. Calkin, NW 1/4 Sec. 36-17-46, 12, 13, 29, \$1.00.

Norman McQueen et ux to Harry Parker, SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 24-17-46, 11, 12, 29, \$625.00.

Marriage Licenses Issued
Wm. John Pettis and Florence Josephine Morse, 12, 23, 29.

Wm. Theodore Myers and Alice Sophie Smith, 12, 24, 29.

John A. Montgomery and Eva M. Ivers, 12, 23, 29.

BIG BEND
Mrs. Ralph Haworth was hostess to the Kingman Colony Book Club Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Maurice Judd reviewed an article in a recent magazine which was followed by a spirited discussion. A delicious luncheon was served at the close of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McCullough and children spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Mill-sap at Notus.

Misses Rene Brumbach, Marie Kate and Grace Johnston, Eastern Oregon Normal students at La-Grande, are at their respective homes for the holidays.

Miss Maurine Johnston, who teaches in the Medford high school, and Lee Johnston, student at U. of O., are visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Otis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peck, r., of Vale and Bob Peck of Owy-see, were dinner guests in the C. E. Peck home Christmas day.

Misses Frances Peck and Mary Samer and Homer Hatch, all members of the Roswell graduating class of 1929, were guests at a class reunion at the home of Miss Gertrude Obendorf Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Welch, Jr., of Cascade, spent Christmas in the parental Welch home.

Miss Anna Phelan has been a victim of tonsillitis for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chat Purdy and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott of Vale were dinner guests in the Purdy home in Big Bend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Basket were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Case entertained a dozen relatives and friends at dinner New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bruning, Misses Frances Peck and Lucile Rogers, Bob Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Otis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ward at Nyssa, New Year's day.

WESTFALL
Chesley Hart and Lloyd Edmundson, who for the past month trapped in the hills above Ironside with very good success, returned last Tuesday to be home for the holidays.

The Joyce Brothers arrived Tuesday evening with their sheep. They are feeding at the Butler and Randleman ranches.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton from Nyssa were visitors at the Miller home Christmas day.

A very enjoyable program was given by the school last Tuesday evening, a good crowd attending.

After the program a dance was held in the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Woodward were visitors in Ontario and Vale Saturday.

A pleasant surprise party was given for R. L. Scott, the event being his birthday. A crowd attended and the evening was spent in cards and dancing, refreshments being served at a late hour.

Julian Zimmerman from Harper visited with his father over the week end.

Taylor Johnson was a business visitor in Ontario Monday.

Practically everybody from Westfall attended the dance held in Harper last Friday night.

School will start here Monday, January 6th.

JAMIESON
Frank Kendall, who was taken to the Holy Rosary hospital at Ontario on Christmas day for an emergency

operation, is reported improving.

Arthur Bronson of Malheur was here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Shields of Vale spent Christmas day with the J. L. Pope family.

Mrs. Elfa Ennis of Vale spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Ella Bush.

Dalton Johnston and Melville Kelley both of Ontario are spending the week with their grandmother, Mrs. M. D. Kelley.

Winnie Cammann, who has been attending college at Corvallis, arrived last Friday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mustard of Brogan recently moved into the little bungalow on the hill belonging to J. L. Pope.

Chas. Pritchard of Brogan was here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browning and children spent Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Alex Smith at Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crawley and son Owen made a trip to Weiser Monday.

Taxes Came in Better this Year

That financial conditions are improved in Malheur county this year is evidenced by an increase of about \$30,000 in the payment of taxes in the two big tax-paying months, October and November, over the return for the same months in 1928. The turn over reported by C. C. Mueller, county treasurer, for October and November in 1928 totaled \$251,323.28 while this year it amounted to \$279,394.33. The totals represent both current and back tax collections.

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