

TOMORROW.

The year 1897 has seen the sunrise of another era of good times. It has been a good old year, and its work is over. It proudly, not sadly, bids the world farewell.

Tomorrow begins the course of another twelve months. The new year opens hopefully. The world enters in upon it with confidence and serenity and there is every reason for pleasurable anticipations.

For its readers and all their friends, the GAZETTE wishes a prosperous and a happy new year.

SHADE OF JEFFERSON!

The Times argues for initiative and referendum, which, like fiat money, are the unsubstantial fantasies of populistic dreams. Local democrats are too practical to really believe in such impracticable schemes, but they want the paying offices and will accept anything in the way of beliefs that the populists can invent.

But the Times argues for the initiative and referendum from the Oregon legislative fiasco, and among other things, says: "Organization of the session certainly meant repeal of the undesirable laws, and the organization was accordingly prevented." To the credit of the Times, it did not uphold the "hold-up." But every populist elected to the legislature helped prevent the organization of the house, and yet it is those same populists and the party they represent who are behind this "demand" for the initiative and referendum. No wonder the plain every-day citizen, not given to ics and isms, looks upon the "initiative and referendum" proposition as a sly scheme of selfish politicians—pretty on the outside, but loaded.

REPUBLICAN AGAIN.

There are many republicans who voted for Bryan last year, but who will henceforth act with the party of Lincoln, Blaine and McKinley. It has been demonstrated to them that there is plenty of money with which to do the world's business, and that the trouble has been, not that the gold standard was at fault, but that threatened assaults upon the gold standard made capital hide.

Our local affairs prove this. Benton county warrants, shortly before the presidential election, could not be sold at a discount of ten per cent. Today, a premium of three per cent or more is offered for them. This change is in no part to the county court's management, but the chief factor has been the knowledge that the warrants would be paid in dollars worth one hundred cents each.

Money is cheaper in Oregon today than it ever has been. Do you want a change? Every dollar of United States money, we know, will be as good tomorrow as it is today. Do you want a change? One kind of Uncle Sam's dollars is as good as another. Do you want a change? Times are improving, surely and healthfully improving. Do you want a change?

The reasonable and reasoning republican who voted for Bryan will answer "no." He can come back into the republican camp without shame and without loss of respect. To correct error is virtue. Today there can be no such thing as a silver republican. He who is a republican will act and vote with the republican party, regardless of his attitude in the last presidential election.

A LOST CAUSE.

There is every practical reason for believing that free silver or any other dishonest or visionary monetary system, will not long be the rallying cry of any considerable number of American voters. The mass of men are more or less influenced by party leaders, and those leaders will drop the "free silver" cry when it has been worked to the utmost in local affairs. States may still be won by free silverites, but the nation, never, and the leaders of the opposition to the republican party understand that the sentiment they have aroused must be effectively smothered before the next national conventions are held.

The most sanguine free silverite, who is not absolutely reasonless, dreads of ever-winning over to the silver cause the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin. These have 244 votes in the electoral college, or

20 more than enough to elect. Then too, California, Kentucky, Oregon and one or two more states can be depended upon to vote for sound money. Free silver leaders know their cause is hopeless. They are looking now for something to assist them in letting go.

The Salem Sentinel suggests the names of T. T. Geer and Binger Herman as good republican candidates for governor. Mr. Geer, at the height of his fame and popularity, could hardly organize his strength sufficiently to secure the nomination, and his recent disastrous and inexcusable fiasco as a candidate for office, has lost him most of his support. Mr. Hermann would be a strong candidate and a splendid governor, but it is doubtful if he would seriously consider the proposition.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Rev. O. V. White, of Yamhill, is in the city.

W. H. Buoy, of Albany, was in the city Sunday.

Capt. F. M. Johnson is in this vicinity in the interest of the GAZETTE.

The Woodman will give a supper at the Old Fellows' hall next Friday evening.

Lieut. Dentler and wife and Recorder Gellatly and family have been visiting at Andrew Gellatly's on south Mary's river.

Married—December 25, 1897, Rev. Joseph Piggott, of Pomeroy, Washington, and Miss Annie L. Brooks, Prof. Emerick, officiating.

Teachers Julia M. Taylor, of Gates, Luella Dixon, of Newport, and Prof. George Brown, of Hoskins, are spending the holidays with friends here.

COLLEGE OF PHILOMATH.

Winter term opens January 4th. The trustees of the college will meet this week.

Several students have gone to visit friends during the vacation.

Carl Stewart is spending holidays with his father at Portland.

Christmas exercises were held in the chapel last Friday night. After an interesting address by Prof. Davis a good program was rendered by the Sunday school, at the conclusion of which Santa Claus drove in with his wagon loaded to the guards with presents.

Public rhetorical of the fall term occurred Thursday evening, December 23, as follows: Invocation, Prof. Miller; address, C. G. Sprinfield; essay, Lena Hull; oration, Orpha Lewis; essay, Ivy Means; declamation, Alice Wyatt; oration, S. O. Watkins; declamation, Myra Sawyer; essay, Lois Lewis; paper, Jessie McCullough; address, N. E. Watkins; oration, G. Corby.

WELLS ITEMS.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The young folks here are talking of playing a drama in the near future.

J. W. Blackburn, of Albany, has been visiting friends here for the last week.

H. A. Hecker and family of Scio, spent Christmas with friends here.

Early Hall is at home from the Portland university during the holidays.

David Vanderpool has been quite sick, but is reported much better now.

OAK GROVE NOTES.

Miss Daisy Woods is home during the holidays.

Emmett Winslow and wife are visiting in Portland.

Rev. G. A. Manshardt's little daughter is very dangerously ill.

The school children are glad for a week's vacation which is granted them.

Mr. Josie Dwyer and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Viola Woods.

Mrs. J. C. Coffey and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wentz.

H. J. Moore has started for Alaska. He accompanies Mr. Schmidt, of Corvallis.

Mr. Swart and family and the Messrs. General, are visiting with their relatives—the Goffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer and daughter, Ella, are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. T. B. Williamson.

The Klondike fever is still raging in our community and has already taken one man, who leaves a wife and three sons to mourn over his departure.

SCUPP.

Karl's Clover Root Tea for Constipation, is the best, and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Graham & Wells.

KINGS VALLEY.

Physical and Financial Conditions in This Lovely Vale and More Personal Matters Discussed.

The second man met after reaching the south end of Kings Valley was our former townsman, J. W. Dunn, known all over Benton county as "Jim," who, being asked about news, admitted that there was a small sized famine in that line, but added in that truthful tone, (which is one of Jim's peculiarities), and with a smile that would convince the most credulous that his heart was with out guile, his eyes, in their honest expression, telling too plainly to what sublime heights Jim had reached in his constant devotion to truth—"tell all the folks that the roads are good, the bridges are all safe in Kings Valley and that there is an unusually large run of salmon in Beaver Creek, which empties into the Luckiamute, near Hoskins." Jim accounted for the presence of the salmon by saying that they were blown out of Yaquina river in a heavy storm and were heading for the Klondike, where attracted by the beautiful scenery of the valley, they concluded to stop. Creed Owens and a young man named Fuller, were present when Jim was "narrating," and they agreed with the narrator.

Near here, the writer met his old soldier friend, Geo. W. Owens and Mr. Hoffman, preparing to move from one mountain ranch to another, which undertaking would probably have been postponed to a later date but for Dunn's statement that "the roads are good."

At Mrs. Frank Alexander's I met Mrs. and Miss Watson, who were spending the day with her. Although he was not dressed in his dining costume, Mrs. A. invited the writer to dine with her sons and lady visitors, which he did, doing ample justice to the bountiful meal of tempting and well cooked viands.

The Oregon attorneys whose volunteered opinion of Attorney General McKenna's ability, had so little effect upon President McKinley, have the consoling thought that they believe in themselves as the sole proper judges of mental greatness and legal learning.

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Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of James R. Haddock, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county. Should there be any claims against said estate, the persons having the same are required to present the same properly verified, to me at my office in Corvallis, Oregon, or to E. Holgate, Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Notice is hereby given that under and in pursuance of the order of the circuit court, of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, duly made in the matter of the assignment of S. N. Wilkins, insolvent, directing and authorizing me, F. M. Johnson, as assignee of said S. N. Wilkins, to sell all the real and personal property belonging to the said insolvent estate of S. N. Wilkins, to-wit: the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at public auction, I, as such assignee, will on the 8th day of January, 1898, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front of the court house door, in the city of Corvallis, in Benton county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the following described real estate belonging to the said insolvent estate and vested in me as assignee of said S. N. Wilkins, to-wit: All of block 26, and lots 7, 8 and 9 in block 28, and lots 1 and 2 in block 15; all in Job's addition to the city of Corvallis, Oregon, and the above described real property will be sold subject to confirmation by the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county. Dated Corvallis, November 18, 1897. F. M. JOHNSON, Assignee of S. N. Wilkins.

Administrator's Notice of Sale. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license and order of sale duly issued out of county court for Benton county, Oregon, on the 7th day of December, 1897, in the matter of the estate of W. H. Rich, deceased, the undersigned executor of said estate, will on Saturday, the 8th day of January, 1898, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house, in the city of Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the real property belonging to said estate, described as follows: Lot 1 and 2 of half block 25 in the County addition to Corvallis, Oregon. Also lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Nicholas' 1st addition to Corvallis, Oregon, all in Benton county, Oregon. Terms of Sale—cash in hand. Corvallis, Oregon, December 8, 1897. H. C. NUTE, Executor. P. O. Address, Medford, Oregon.

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