



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Women Win
City Election
At UmatillaOust Husbands and Take Control
of Offices in Oregon town

Umatilla, Ore., Dec. 22.—Umatilla is still giggling hysterically today—and a trifle apprehensively—over the fact that the new year is to put this town under a "petticoat government."

The nation may have been some surprised when it awakened the other morning to learn that this railroad town on the Columbia river had elected a woman mayor, four women council members, a woman treasurer and a woman recorder—that the women in fact, had gained control, absolute, of the city government.

But the nation wasn't one-half so surprised as was Umatilla, itself, including the victors. Nobody expected it. It all started as a joke a week before election, at a card party. It was considered so much of a joke by the men-folks that they paid no attention to it; and hence they neglected to campaign for their own candidates.

The results: The men stared speechless—and so did the women for the returns spelled "petticoat!"

But the campaign was waged as a joke, the women have been looking around a bit since election and have omitted mysterious and disconcerting rumors of a "clean-up."

In the words of "Speck" Starcher present mayor, whose wife defeated him for re-election, "there are going to be a whole heap of things a-doing, now."

The mayor has been having a sorry time of it since election. For days and days, now egged on by his colleagues, he has nagged at the new mayor-ess for a hint as to her plans.

"I can't get a thing out of her—she just grins," mourned the mayor, who is wire chief for the O. W. R. & N. railway here. "If I get right persistent she bawls me out for letting the dog in the house, or because my shoes are muddy!"

But the two most uncomfortable men in town are C. G. Brownell and A. B. Stephens, councilmen holdovers from the present regime to the "petticoat" reign.

Two men in a group of seven women, they are facing a hopeless majority with misgivings. They daily accept blushing the commiserations of retiring officials, and hearken hopefully to a distant rumor that Umatilla's women may start a recall against them.

The new mayor announces that in seating the council she is going to put the two holdovers each between two women, to keep them out of mischief.

The election had dozens of disconcerting and precedent-upsetting features to it.

For instance, Mrs. Robert Merrick defeated the husband of Mrs. Roy F. Paulin for treasurer. And Mrs. Paulin to square matters, defeated Mrs. Merrick's husband for councilman.

If there is one thing that has the women worried more than another, it is the very good probability that a woman will be marshal. There are rumors to that effect. The new mayor doesn't deny it, any more than she denies that "while the town's morals are good, they might be better."

"I'm not sure a marshal is necessary," she said. "However, if there is to be one, it will be a woman!"

Wherefore, it would appear that further rumors to the effect that a very heavy, muscular woman, formerly a waitress in a local eating house is en route from Alaska to assume police powers, are not without foundation in fact.

THE WOMAN'S NEW YEAR
IN THIS PEACE LAND

The recent years have brought to women a sane knowledge of health conditions and of pure food requirements. They have brought the great prize of an awakened feminine conscience and a sense of responsibility which has resulted in better school conditions and in mother's clubs and societies which have to do with the welfare of the young.

And as it is fitting that all New Year's meditation shall have to do somewhat with resolutions, it would seem that the modern woman's outlook should include the determination to seek new paths of effectiveness and achievement. And since her allegiance is to her husband and her children, her home, her friends, her work, to the world, she should resolve that the new year shall bring the broader viewpoint, the wider sympathy, the receptive mind, which shall make her respond to the needs of those whom she loves and shall make her a gracious and useful member of society.

For myself I am glad that hope and health and friends have come to me in my New Year's ship, but I go beyond this to be grateful for the wonderful treasures of idealism and opportunity that the New Year's ships are bringing to you and to me and to all the privileged and fortunate women of this land of ours.—Temple Bailey in Philadelphia Press.

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECY
ECY COMES NEAR TRUTH

Mother Shipton's prophecy, first published in England in 1485—four hundred and thirty-one years ago—before any of the important discoveries were made and even before America was discovered by Columbus, has come true, except that part referring to the end of the world. It is as follows:

Carriages without horses shall go. And accidents shall fill the world with woe.

Around the world thoughts shall fly in the twinkling of an eye. Waters shall yet more wonders do, Now strange, yet shall be true. Through hills man shall ride, And no horse nor ass be at his side.

Under water men shall walk, Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk. In the air men shall be seen, In white, in black, in green.

Iron in the water shall float As easy as a wooden boat. Gold shall be found 'mid stone In a land that's now unknown. Fire and water shall wonders do; England shall at last admit a Jew. And this world to an end shall come In eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

VARIETY IN FOOD FOR LAY-
ING HENS IS NEEDED

Wheat, oats, and corn are good grains to feed the laying hen. Mr. Peterson, poultryman at the North Dakota Experiment Station, recommends a dry mash made up as follows: 3 parts bran, 2 of middlings, 2 of corn meal, 2 of beef scraps and one part alfalfa by measure. Mix it well and put in a self feeder or hopper. This can be kept before the birds all the time. Charcoal should also be kept before the chickens at all times.

FOUR LADY EDITORS
IN McLEAN COUNTY

Ryder, N. D., Dec. 22.—With the purchase of the Benedict Banner by J. W. Sherry of this village and the announcement that Miss Anna Sherry, a sister, would become the new proprietor, it was brought to light that McLean county has now four newspapers edited by members of the fair sex.

A
Sentiment For 1917

There was once a man who smiled,
Because the day was bright,
Because he slept at night,
Because God gave him sight
To gaze upon his child;
Because his little one
Could leap and laugh and run,
Because the distant sun
Smiled on the earth, he smiled.

He smiled because the sky
Was high above his head,
Because the rose was red,
Because the past was dead!
He never wondered why
The Lord had blundered so
That all things have to go
The wrong way here below
The overarching sky.

He toiled and still was glad
Because the air was free,
Because he loved, and she
That claimed his love and he
Shared all the joys they had!
Because the grasses grew,
Because the sweet winds blew,
Because that he could hew
And hammer, he was glad.

In 1917—Smile and make your
loved ones happy so they will
smile too—

Is the sincere wish of

The Washburn Leader

WASHBURN, N. DAK.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS OF
THE COUNTY AND STATE

Hasen is three years old and has a population of nearly 600.

There will be no inaugural ball at Washington this year. Governor-elect Frazier must have heard of President Wilson's decision.

Miss Ida Tarbell, the writer, may be appointed as a member of the federal tariff commission by President Wilson.

The losses of the French army to date have been \$3,800,000 and of the British \$1,300,000, according to "competent military authority."

The senate postoffice committee has reported favorably on the bill to bar liquor advertisements from the mails in prohibition states.

The rate of growth in population in South Dakota, Kansas and Wyoming from 1900 to 1910 was nearly double that from 1905 to 1915 according to estimates announced by the census bureau in Washington.

Mrs. Edmund Pennington, wife of the big railroad man, helped to get Christmas presents to the boys on the border by having gifts left at her house in Minneapolis and then sending them by express to Texas.

The automobile record shows that in McLean county there were 553 cars in 1915 and in 1916 there were 1,148. That makes an average of a car for every thirtieth person in this county.

The Flatiron building at Minot was destroyed by fire. The Minot Daily News occupied part of the building. The loss is said to be \$100,000.

Congress is strictly up against it this session, or rather will be after March 4. With a woman member in its midst—young, beautiful and brilliant—the old duffers will have to refrain from cussing, fighting, snoring, and many of their other favorite forms of amusements.

Editor Francis of Velva announces that he has reduced the subscription price of his excellent paper in this way. Whereas in some former years, he would accept six bushels of potatoes in lieu of one year's subscription, he is now willing to accept one bushel.

Because the busy little beavers insisted on felling his fine timber a great deal faster than he could grow it, D. B. Shaffner, who has a ranch on the Little Knife river, has written the state treasurer's office that he will hold the state, which protects the beavers in their waywardness, responsible for his loss.

More than 1,000,000 liquor circulars were sent out within a week, according to Postmaster E. A. Purdy of Minneapolis. The "Merry Christmas" letter with holly and red bells, is sandwiched between a gray card reminding someone to not forget his "Christmas drinking" and another giving special holiday rates on certain brands of whiskey.

FRAZIER FAVORS THE
AUTO FEE PLAN

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 22.—Governor-elect Lynn J. Frazier, in Bismarck yesterday, declared in favor of a state highway commission to receive all automobile license fees and it was reported here that such recommendation will be embodied in his inaugural address.

CITY WILL SELL
FOOD WHOLESALE

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 9.—Ever see a municipal market house with railroad tracks running into it and cars loaded with potatoes and cabbages and apples on sale by the city at cost to whomsoever cared to buy?

No? Well, rub your eyes and come to Evansville next spring, and that is what you will see on Little Market square in the center of the city, where there will be a market house, with tracks from a nearby railroad.

Benjamin Bosse, mayor of Evansville, planning a municipal wholesale as well as retail market, has just announced that Evansville's market-master will buy fruits and vegetables in carload lots, have them brought to the municipal market house, and see that they are sold at just enough profit to pay expenses.

"It has been demonstrated elsewhere that when prices of food soar above what is reasonable, municipalities can temporarily bring down prices by selling direct to the consumers at cost," said Mayor Bosse.

"That is what we propose to do in Evansville, only we intend to go much farther, and instead of selling to the consumer spasmodically, we shall make this a permanent feature of the Evansville municipal market."

Evansville is an ideal place to try out Mayor Bosse's scheme. Eighty per cent of the city's 90,000 inhabitants are employed in mills and factories and the manufacturers are with Bosse in his plan.

Location on one of the thru rail routes from the south to the Chicago market also favors the success of Bosse's idea.

For years it has been the practice to "kick in" at Evansville cars of fruit and mellons intended for the Chicago market became glutted.

These cars were opened on railroad switches and the contents sold at retail for what they would bring. Soon Mrs. Housewife will be making regular visits with her basket to the municipal market instead of the railroad yards.

When "Big Ben" Bosse announced his municipal market plan, three-fourths of the people considered the project as good as done. For "Big Ben" is no dreamer. He is the leading furniture manufacturer in the second furniture making city in the United States.

THREE DAYS BLIZZARD
STOPS ALL TRAFFIC

It has been like pioneer days in Washburn since Monday morning. There was a train north that morning but the train from Minot got stuck in a snowdrift at nine that evening and stayed until eleven the following morning. There was no attempt at train service after that as it was an impossibility until yesterday morning.

For three days the wind blew a gale and the snow fell but was drifted from place to place, changing at least every hour. Only a few ventured out on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday morning the sun came out bright and clear, the wind had ceased to blow, a train arrived from Bismarck.

TIP TO GIRLS BUT
LEAP YEAR'S OVER

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 23.—There will be three "old bachelors" in the incoming administration. They are State Treasurer John Steen, Attorney General "Bill" Langer and Insurance Commissioner Olesness. All other heads of departments are married—except of course, Major Henry, of the land department, who—well, he "don't want to get married, no how."

McDuff Lookin'
Ahead to Time
in Bismarck

Says it is Big Business in Opposition
to Big Business

The most we are lookin' ahead to the openin' ave the big show advertised to open at Bismarck on or about January 1, 1917. If the governor, Lynn Frazier, don't rule out prayin' loike he did the inaugural ball the circus will be opened be prayer. The Non-partisans may be opposed to mixin' prayers up wid politics—an that wuld show sum respect fur prayin'. Fur the mather we that, it don't make much difference whether the new political party opens be prayer or not. If they don't wind up wid a floght O loose a 160. Thim new judges troied to get in the game early—an they put themselves on record roight at the very start. They made a record roight at the very start that ought to last thim fur a week-or-two, at least. This action ave the new judges is makin' the state ave North Dakota stand up an shed a little tear over the blunders it made. Well, the new governor begins roight away to take an inventory ave the loaves an fishes waiting fur distribution. It is hinted that the supply will be entirely too small to meet the demand. Forty thousand faces are now turned toward Bismarck an' they all sid fur the privilege of lookin' in that direction. Alphonso an' Gaston will act as ring masters an' the way they'll crack the whip will make the donkeys keep in the sawdust. Townsley will play the part ave Alphonso an' Gaston needs no impersonator. The program fur this session is not paying so much attention to noxious weeds as to business. The state is going into big business in opposition to big business. We ought to be able to give the big fellers quite a run—we'll freeze thim out, that's all there will be to it. The big millin', packin', an elevator companies must meet state competition. If the government packing houses an' mills don't pay, the farmers will gist jump at the chance to make up any little shortage that might cum from the lack of adjusting overhead expenses—ur things loike that. That's the beauty ave having state owned utilities, there is no danger ave having to go into bankruptcy as long as the people have the money to pay taxes. Nobody moinds a few taxes. Whin the farmers pay hoigh taxes they feel glad to do it, an' that they are patriots. 'Nother thing, the state owned mills cin afford to pay the farmer a higher price fur his grain than the private miller can. You see, the state has nothin' to loose an' everything to gain. If the farmer gets tin cents a bushel more fur his wheat because of state owned mills, he had not ought to object to paying a part ave it back in taxes, if the mills don't pay. The plain fact is the mills can't loose. The packing plant can't loose. McDuff expects to spend a little toime in Bismarck this winter trying to help the boys out. Our mission will be to record events fur future historians in political economy.—Grand Forks Independent.

marck and people began to wake up after a forced rest of three days. It was thought that storms like this belonged to early history. Those Indians and others who predicted an open winter have lost all standing as weather prophets. With December the coldest in 36 years and more snow than usual everyone is wondering what's coming next. The Christmas programs at the different churches were very much enjoyed. Little children always take the principal part and every one enjoys seeing and hearing them.