

ON this, the eve of the turning of another annual milestone, we desire to thank you heartily for the patronage you have favored us with in the past. It is our hope and desire that in the coming days we may become better acquainted and whatever advantage derived thereby may be mutual.

To you, our friends, we extend the right hand of Good Fellowship and in doing so wish you "A Happy and Prosperous New Year."

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**WENATCHEE AS A SCENIC CENTER.**

Wenatchee as a center for those who wish to spend a few weeks in one of the most delightful regions in the world, has not received the attention along these lines from a publicity standpoint that it should. Now that this city can boast of its excellent hotel accommodations, it is time right now to plan some good side trips for the tourist into the Cascade mountains. A good string of burros ought to be provided for a little mountain climbing. A nice little trip could be made in one day, or delightful trips could be left out which would occupy a week's time. The past season, the mountaineers of Seattle spent three weeks in the Cascades. The coming season the Mazamas of Portland will be here and will climb one of the high peaks in the Cascades.

The fact that Wenatchee is located right in the heart of a region of great scenic beauty is one which in the future ought to become one of her greatest assets. The tourist crop of California is one of its greatest each year. With proper publicity Wenatchee will be filled every season with those who love to spend a few weeks in the great outdoors.

**A SOUTHWEST CONGRESSMAN.**

According to the census the state of Washington gains two congressmen and will hereafter have a delegation of five instead of three. It is generally conceded that there will be about 225,000 inhabitants in a dis-

trict. This makes King county a district in itself, gives the northwest a district and, in a communication to the Ledger, Mr. John A. Rea, of Tacoma, would make a shoestring district of the Columbia river counties, which would extend all the way from Pacific to Okanogan in the extreme northeast. Such a district would never suit the southwest. We might just as well have a congressman at large. There is nothing in common between such counties, say, as Pacific and Okanogan. Even their interest in the Columbia river, which is supposed to bind them together, is divided. The upriver counties want an open river while the lower river counties are more interested in the improvement of the outer bar.

The Cascade mountains should be established as the dividing line as nearly as possible and Western Washington given three congressmen and Eastern Washington two, even if such an arrangement does throw such small counties as Pierce into a district dominated by Tacoma and Pierce county.--South Bend Journal.

Okanogan county now has a real live political issue. A plan has been formed to divide the county, like Gaul, into three parts; and there is nothing like a county seat scrap to make the good citizens love one another.--Bellingham Herald.

**BILLBOARDS PROHIBITED.**

The city council of North Yakima did a wise thing when they prohibited billboards on the North Coast railroad right of way. There is nothing that so disfigures a city as billboards, and Walla Walla seems to have more than her share. Some provisions ought to be made for controlling the nuisance, also for prohibiting the indiscriminate tacking up of posters and hand bills on the main streets of the city. It is high time that Walla Walla was getting out of the country town class.--Walla Walla Bulletin.

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**CLUBSPETITIONFOR MAIL CAR**

**Wenatchee and Waterville Join in Asking for Better Service.**

Waterville, Wash., Dec. 31.—A petition has been circulated by Fred Thompson, secretary of the commercial club, and unanimously signed, asking that a mail car and clerk be put on the Washington & Great Northern railway between Wenatchee and Mansfield.

F. Z. Alexander, who has taken an interest in the matter, has had the same action taken by the Wenatchee Commercial club. Under the present system it takes a full day to get a letter from Waterville to Witherow, about 15 miles.

**WORK ON N. P. CUTOFF**

**Work Will Probably Start on Line North of Beverly.**

It is believed that the Northern Pacific will begin work in the spring on their proposed cutoff from Ritzville through to Ellensburg. The engineers for this line have laid off a survey through the southern part of Grant county which crosses the Columbia about ten miles north of Beverly. This would also open up the country in the vicinity of Moses lake.

A number of years ago the Northern Pacific had a good survey through the Crab creek country, but the Milwaukee road succeeded in rushing work through this section and built their road on what is believed to have been the Northern Pacific's best location. The present survey, however, is believed to be a good one. If completed, this cutoff would save many hours between Seattle and Spokane.

E. A. Brown, of Trinidad, who is in the city today, states that the soundings have been made across the Columbia river and that the engineers drilled down to bed rock in the river and on the banks for the purpose of finding good bases for piers. From all indications they found the location north of Beverly to be very satisfactory.

**BOARD WILL SEEK ADVICE**

**Commission to Talk With Attorney General Regarding Bridge.**

The state highway commission has set the time to meet with the attorney general Tuesday, and go over the proposed suit to force the purchase of the Wenatchee bridge instituted by the Washington Bridge company, mention of which was made yesterday.

**Sievers Returned.**

Coach George W. Sievers returned from Seattle last evening. He has not much to say regarding the football game. He confirms the statement of Coach Dobie of the state university who affirmed that Wenatchee made a better showing against Oak Park than any other high school in the state could have done. The foremost football expert of the northwest cannot say enough in praise of the Wenatchee team.

It was the intention of Coach Sievers to see the Portland game today but he found it impossible to return in time to prepare for his school

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