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1905 A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

But a few days remain until we shall have said farewell to the year 1905 and have extended welcome to the new year 1906.

In bidding adieu to the old year we may have reasons to be reluctant and may wish that the old year might linger with us, for we seem to be somewhat acquainted.

In a broad and general sense the year throughout has been a good and prosperous one. Throughout the entire country prosperity has dwelt. In every line of industry wonderful progress has been made. Conditions of all labor has improved materially. The farmer has been blessed with a bounteous crop and a good price; the merchant has experienced a profitable trade and the manufacturer has been able to extend successfully, his wares still further into wider and larger markets.

In our immediate neighborhood we can see that we have accomplished a great deal that is to our benefit, during the present year and may well afford to feel kindly to the old year.

For the city of Lewiston the year 1905 has been undoubtedly a busy one. Wonderful strides have been made in all business lines. The city has witnessed a large and substantial growth. Hundreds of new homes have been erected; many streets and public places beautified; many handsome and modern business blocks have been completed, with others under construction—in fact it can be truthfully said that Lewiston has shaken off its swaddling clothes and entered the list of the northwest's cities to claim its rightful place in the progressive march.

Indeed there are many reasons why we might wish the days of 1905 to continue, but we cannot hold them. We shall have to say good-bye, but we will hold you in kind remembrance, and as we hope to travel with you, 1906, here's to you.

INTERFERENCE, THAT IS EFFECTIVE.

According to Odell and Assemblyman Merritt, candidate for speaker of the New York assembly, the president has been interfering again with the political machine of New York state.

"I am receiving letters from up the state," says Merritt, "some of which say that Charles the First's head was cut off for less."

Charles the first was beheaded and if history is correct a number of others at about the same time lost their heads. Some of them for less cause than that offered by the candidate for speaker.

The president will no doubt take notice of the assemblyman's note of warning and watch out for his head, keeping a strict eye upon the folks from up the state.

The president has been accused of interference in politics in Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Indian Territory. Indeed, we believe he has been charged with meddling in matters political in pretty near every state in the union, and if election returns count for anything his interference was most effective.

He has meddled in some other affairs both state, national and international that have benefitted our own people and the peoples of other nations, and as long as he remains president, his power and personality will unquestionably be felt for good.

Baker City is breaking into the news columns of eastern papers with startling prominence. Some one in that city suggested the other day that the people there start an endless chain for raising \$800,000 as a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt. The announcement was telegraphed broadcast by the Associated Press, and the president's private secretary directed Roosevelt's attention to the same. Mr. Roosevelt at once made objection to the scheme, saying he appreciated the spirit of those who wanted to make the gift, but he preferred the wedding of his daughter and Congressman Longworth should be conducted as that in any private home. Mr. Roosevelt again showed his good common sense in refusing the popular subscription gift. The newspapers throughout the land gave much prominence to the incident.

Warden Whitney of the Idaho state penitentiary has made his annual re-

port, which shows an economical and satisfactory management of the institution under his charge. The maintenance for the year cost \$44,503 and improvements \$6,840. There will be no deficit for the coming year.

NORTHWEST EXCHANGES

Let the People Have a Voice. Grangeville Standard.

The people of Idaho are enough interested in the question of who is going to succeed Dubois in the senate next year, that they would appreciate the chance to say whom he shall be. There is little doubt that Dubois will force the issue in the democratic state convention, and demand endorsement as the party's candidate before the legislature. There is no one in the republican party in position to dictate as he is, so the people have a chance to exercise some real choice. The people would like to have a little closer supervision over the election of their senators than they are able to do by the circuitous methods of legislative election. If the people want to say who is to be their senator, and the republican party does not offer them the chance, it is not living up to its time-honored record.

Getting Silly About Alice. Spokane Chronicle.

Miss Alice Roosevelt may be, and doubtless is, a very popular young lady, but that is no reason why her coming wedding should be made an official or international affair, to be attended by representatives of foreign countries whose only interest in either herself or her fiancé comes from the fact that she is the daughter of the president.

Homage to royalty is to be expected, but it is out of place when shown to the family of a president of a republic. Miss Roosevelt may be a most estimable young woman; but, in a country that can claim a million other young women just as estimable, there's no reason why people should act spectacularly silly just because she's planning to be married.

What a Dry World It Would Be. Boise Statesman.

Up in Butte a burlesque company was prevented from giving a performance, a large number of Irishmen threatening to mob it because it presented some Irish burlesque characters. The next thing those Irishmen will be demanding that all Irish bulls be sent to the stockyards.

Will Be No "I Told You So," Either. Nampa Leader-Herald.

With the announcement that the government would begin work on the Boise-Payette project in the spring and the actual beginning of work on the sugar beet factory, the Nampa knocker has been put out of business.

Greetings from Silver City. Owyhee Avalanche.

Lewiston is to have an evening daily. The Lewiston Evening Teller will appear January first, and will give its readers the Associated Press dispatches. The Avalanche wishes the new daily abundant success.

JUST SOME STORIES.

The first slice of goose had been cut and the minister of the Zion church looked at it with as keen anticipation as was displayed in the faces around him.

"Dat's as fine a goose as I ever saw, Erudder Williams," he said to his host. "Where did you get such a fine one?" "Well, now, Mistah Rawley," said the carver of the goose with a sudden access of dignity, "when you preach a special good sermon, I neber axes you where you got it. Seems to me dat's a trivial matter, anyway."

It would indeed be a queer bishop who could not tell a good story on himself. The late Bishop Dudley of Kentucky was wont to relate with much relish an interesting experience which he once had in connection with waffles.

At a fine old Virginia homestead where he was a frequent guest waffles were always remarkably good.

One morning, as breakfast drew near an end, the tidy little linen-coated black boy who served at table approached Bishop Dudley and asked in a low voice:

"Bishop, won't y' have 'n'er waffle?" "Yes," said the genial bishop, "I believe I will."

"Dey ain no mo'," then said the nice little black boy.

"Well," exclaimed the surprised reverend gentleman, "if there aren't any more waffles, what made you ask me if I wanted another one?"

"Bishop," explained the little black boy, "you's done et ten s'ready, an' I 'ought y' wouldn't want no mo'."

This story is told about ex-Senator J. S. Clark of Calias, Me.: One day, while awaiting his turn in a barber shop in Calais, he was talking with a friend, and was so deeply interested in the conversation that he allowed his pipe to go out several times. Each time he would ask Melvin Noble, a local practical joker, for a match.

About the time he wanted the fifth match Noble said: "I don't begrudge you the matches, Jed, but I think it

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"Like chestnuts and Kentucky whiskey, good stories are better when a little aged," said E. K. Leonard, of New York, who was at the Seelbach last York, "and I know of none which better illustrates the peculiarities of a true blooded Irishman than this:

"A friend of mine was the proprietor of a small stable which he kept in New York state. One summer he hired an Irishman who had just arrived from the green tinted isle. After having him about the place he set him to work whitewashing a fence.

"Late in the afternoon he passed Pat, working away as if all the furies were closely pursuing him.

"What's the matter, Pat? You seem in a hurry," he said.

"Sure and I am," replied the Irishman, as he exhibited a bucket almost empty. "I've got to finish this job before me paint runs out."

As the story is absolutely true, one may be permitted to tell it, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

A certain very little girl had been taught to say her baby prayers each evening, these including "Our Father, who are in heaven," "Now I lay me," and perhaps some others.

One day the tiny miss, being in a conversational mood, asked a question of an adult friend, and this was it: "Which one do you like best?"

"I fink," the wee maiden answered, "at I like 'at one 'bout the wart in heaven."

"About—what!" was the astonished exclamation.

"Bout the wart in heaven."

"Which one is that?"

"W'y, you know, course. It's the one 'at 'gins 'Our favver who wart in heaven."

American Apples in Germany.

Consul Brittain, of Kehl, reports that the shortage in the apple crop in Germany last fall has resulted in a demand for American green apples. He writes:

"Several carloads have been purchased for the local markets here, and I believe there is a good opening for more extensive shipments. These apples should be carefully selected and packed, using such varieties and sizes as will best stand transportation and present a good appearance when offered for sale. Much of the fruit offered for sale in Germany is packed in boxes containing about 40 to 50 pounds each, with each apple wrapped in tissue or other thin paper. When packed this way the fruit commands a higher price and arrives in a much better condition. I would suggest that parties correspond with Herr Leo Gussone, Kronenburgerstrasse 6, Strassburg, Germany. There does not appear to be much difficulty in getting the fruit into Germany. It can be sent to either Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg or Bremen."

Stops Train to Collect Bill.

Editor Martin Ferguson of the Adams (Ore.) Advance and Justice of the peace of Adams stopped the Walla Walla-Pendleton train for a few moments while he was collecting an overdue bill for printing and advertising from the Kongo Coons, a negro company. The editor was at the depot as the train pulled in, expecting to meet the manager, but he remained in the car; consequently Ferguson boarded the train. The show people refused payment, but when they found he was prepared to have them arrested, paid the bill.

Pride, Not Anger.

Stray Stories.
Miss Prism—Don't let you dog bite me, little boy.
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