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HAPPY NEW YEAR

ARGUMENT FOR STATE TEXT BOOKS

The state already has a printing office where elementary text-books could be printed.

The state has normal schools and pays big salaries to persons who can prepare the texts.

The state has textbook commission that could make all the necessary arrangements.

The state already has state uniformity and prints tons of reports that are not read.

The state wastes thousands of dollars on padded reports of officials that no one reads.

The state would be adding no new department but would supply text books at cost.

The state now through its boards and commissions loads down the poorer people who have most children with costly textbooks.

The smaller elementary textbooks could be furnished at half the cost of the present books.

Many states are doing this and saving the people hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Miss Esther Brown of Portland is visiting at the G. L. Brown home.

WILL PUT OUT EWES ON SHARES

V. J. Philippi Wants to Put Out 400 Ewes on Shares, or will Contract To Take Lambs

I will sell or put out on shares 400 good Shropshire and Cotswold breeding ewes, bred to bring lambs early. All good picked sheep. Will sell ewes for \$12 per head and will contract the lambs from these ewes at six dollars a head and fleece at \$3 a piece. One half down and balance at expiration of time. Or will sell at \$12 a head with one half down and will take mortgage on ewes and increase for balance, or will give one half of lambs for the keeping of these ewes till Sept 1, 1917. These sheep are all A No. 1 and in good condition. If you want any of them you had better get busy. Call or phone 974, V. J. Philippi, Stayton, Ore.

FAMILY REUNION CHRISTMAS DAY

The R. W. VanNuys home at West Stayton was the scene of a real old-fashioned family reunion on Christmas Day.

A big dinner of good things to eat, a Christmas tree, and games and social intercourse took up the entire day. A remarkable feature of the dinner was that a set of silver teaspoons were used that have been in the VanNuys family for 125 years, having been handed down through four generations and now in possession of Mrs. Geo. B. Howard of North Santiam.

Those present were: R. W. VanNuys, wife and son, Earl of West Stayton, A. C. VanNuys and wife of Mill City and W. F. VanNuys of Corvallis and Mrs. G. H. Howard and husband of North Santiam, C. E. VanNuys and sons Lloyd of Aumsville and Edwin of Salem, Mrs. D. J. Wilcox of North Yamhill, a sister of W. R. and C. E. VanNuys, Mrs. Dora Clark of Seattle, a niece, who had not seen her uncles for 45 years and never had seen any of her cousins, and C. R. and H. W. Porter of Aumsville.

Mrs. Anna Stayton spent Christmas in Salem.

FUN on NEW YEAR'S EVE

ALTHOUGH many of the old customs have been dropped and almost forgotten, New Year's parties are not out of date. A nice one is a pantomime of an enchanted girl.

A damp sheet must be fastened up across the room or between the folding doors of the parlor. First fasten the corners of the sheet, next the center of each of the four sides in order that the cloth may be perfectly smooth; then place a lighted candle on the floor about four or five feet from the center of the curtain. When the lights in the room occupied by the company are turned out shadows of the actors behind the curtain may be seen on the screen, some one, standing outside the curtain and facing the audience, should relate the story of the play—of how a young girl while walking out on the last day of October meets Halloween, who presents her with three gifts to try her fortune, and how, when she is about to do so, a witch enchants her, etc. After the story is finished and a lively overture has been performed on some musical instrument the pantomime is played as follows:

Halloween Appears.

The young girl personating the enchanted one comes gayly forward from the side. When almost across the curtain she meets Halloween, who approaches from the opposite side, arrayed in a short dress, with wings made of newspaper folded fan fashion and fastened on the shoulders. In her hand she carries a cane with a silhouette of a cat or two or three stars and a crescent cut of stiff brown paper and pasted on the end.

Halloween shows the maiden three gifts—an apple, a hand mirror and an unlighted candle. Instead of the mirror a crystal ball may be used.



Seeking the Future in the Crystal Ball.

Before presenting them she illustrates by gestures the use to be made of each. Holding the mirror or globe in front of her face, she bites the apple, then looks quickly around, as if expecting to see some one, and, again holding up the mirror or globe in one hand and the candle in the other, she takes a few steps backward. When a boy or young man enters by jumping over the light, which gives the appearance of his having fallen from the sky, Halloween looks around, and the boy or man quickly disappears.

All this time the girl stands transfixed with her hands raised and all the fingers spread out in astonishment. She receives the presents, which are given with many nods and gestures.

The Old Witch Enters.

As the maiden then takes up the apple and mirror or globe her hand is stayed by a witch with flowing hair,

SHIPBUILDING THREATENED

For three years men have been walking the streets of Portland looking for work and in the winter the unemployed were fed at public expense.

During the past year the coming of the shipbuilding industry to Portland has changed that condition until today no man need be idle.

This single line of industry has brought prosperity to many allied lines of business, such as the metal trades, sawmills, etc.

Three shipbuilding and steel plants in Portland alone now employ between 6000 and 10,000 men. In addition to these there are a dozen other ship plants on the river employing thousands more, not to mention the thousands of men at other work entirely dependent on the shipbuilding industry.

A few months ago the big plants voluntarily granted an eight hour day and an increase in pay.

The laborer in Portland has more work at better pay and shorter hours than he ever had before. Everybody was satisfied and business was humming.

Now comes the professional agitator and demands a "closed shop" in all ship yards or a general strike will be called.

At present 80 per cent of the men are union and the agitators demand that only union men be employed.

The managers of the yards say they absolutely refuse to discharge competent non-union help and will continue to employ help from the standpoint of competency and not simply because a man does or does not belong to a union.

They say further that before they will give in to such an agreement they will close their plants and sell their equipment.

In the meantime, what is happening? Future orders are at a standstill, no business can be taken and prospective investments of capital in shipbuilding enterprises are postponed. Laboring men are laid off, and all for what?

That professional agitators may have the satisfaction of trying to close the shipyards of Portland to any but union help.

The shipyards are making no fight against the unions and there is no claim of long hours or low pay.

And the workmen pays the bill as well as the "agitator."

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The W. S. Watters home was the scene of a merry time on Christmas Day, for all the children were there and numerous grandchildren besides. That "Cap" and his wife had a royal banquet for the homecomers, goes without saying. Besides Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Watters, those present were: Edgar Watters and wife, and Jessie Watters of Detroit, Mrs. Harlan and children of Mill City, A. S. Watters of Clyde, Wash., Lee Bailey, wife and children of Stayton and Guy Moser and wife of Silverton.

who has approached unperceived, carrying under one arm a broom and wearing on her head an ordinary hat with a piece of newspaper rolled up and pinned on to form a peaked crown.

The poor girl looks anxiously around and discovers she has been enchanted, for there are three girls instead of one. This effect is produced by two more lighted candles being placed on the floor on either side of the first candle. The candles are removed, and the Old Year, an old man, instantly appears. Discovering him quickly, the girl runs forward to tell her sorrows and finds that it is only when alone that she is enchanted, for when she attempts to point out her other selves they have disappeared. Making many guesses, she looks here and there for them, but in vain. Then as the Old Year leaves she bids him a sorrowful adieu.

The Little New Year.

Immediately little New Year enters, crowned with a paper star and wearing wings of paper. The young girl rushes to meet the New Year with a hearty greeting. She then tells him of her enchantment and kneels down, and the little New Year raises both hands above her head, then, kissing his hand to the maiden, departs.—Nelle F. Morris in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Good Resolutions

I will try to be a lifter, not a leaver; an encourager, never a discourager; lighten and share other people's sorrows; start songs and rejoicings, not complainings; make the world a little sweeter place to live in; keep in mind the will of God; make sunshine in life's shady places; see the bright side of everything; be clean in mind and body, working patiently, industriously and honestly for a living; earning a spotless character, so that I can look up, not down, and meet death's coming with a fearless smile; endeavor not to run away from my weaknesses, but bravely fight them out; be glad of life; have hope and faith in everybody; try to live without hate, jealousy, temper and envy; avoid speaking critically and bitterly, repeating only the good I hear; love because I must, give because I cannot keep; doing for the joy of it; cheerful in disappointments, charitable toward the erring and fallen; protect helpless animals; do as I would be done by; smile more and frown less.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, wish to thank the many friends and neighbors, and especially the Wa Hi Club, for their help and sympathy during our recent great bereavement. Also we wish to thank all for the beautiful flowers, and also those who furnished the music.

Wayne Ashby,
Lucile Robards,
Mr. and Mrs. Robards.

Roy Furgeson of Salem is visiting at the home of his aunt Mrs. Jos. Hamman this week.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS GIVEN GENTLE REMINDER

Isn't it about time, while the long winter evenings are here, to stir up the Stayton Commercial Club a little and see if the residents, merchants and others in the town cannot throw off some of the apathy that is beginning to be chronic?

There are many things to be done, and some of them can only be attempted by an organized effort. Among them might be sighted the following:

The establishment of a freight rate at Kingston; The segregation of Stayton into a road district by itself; The changing of the city charter into a 20th century workable system; The offering of inducements for men to invest capital here for the establishment of a cannery, a creamery and a fruit juice extractor; The close watching of the railroad development of the Willamette Valley which is sure to come with the plenty of money in the East; These and many other questions should be foremost in the minds of the people of Stayton. Why don't the Commercial Club get busy?

One Who Is Interested.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Elders Club invited their husbands, and held a Christmas party at the Joe Peery home Friday evening. The main feature was a beautiful Christmas tree and the distribution of the many tokens of friendship.

Miss Vivian Young, who is teaching at Moscow Idaho arrived Saturday night for a week's stay with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young here.

Beauchamp's Drug Store

beg to extend to their customers and friends, their sincere wishes for their health, prosperity and happiness thru a New Year marked by Peace and Plenty—1917. Allow us to thank you for past patronage and merit a continuance of same in the future. Beauchamp's Drug Store, The Quality Drug Store.

Holiday Greetings
WITH THE WISH OF A
Happy New Year

To Our Many Friends and
Patrons in Stayton and
Surrounding Territory

SALEM
WOOLEN MILLS
STORE

Salem, Oregon

Our Wish
For The
New Year
Is That
1917

May find you more Prosperous and
more Happy than in 1916

We thank our many friends
and patrons for their patronage
in the past, and will do
our best to merit the same in
the future.

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