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SIDELIGHTS FROM STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Not the least of the benefits of teachers' associations lies in the meeting face to face and having personal conversation with others prominent and otherwise, in the same line of work. While not over half of the school men of the state were able to attend; yet those who were present, certainly were repaid for the effort and time spent.

One of the direct benefits to Estacada, will be evident during the next few weeks, for the meeting gave Mr. Signs an opportunity to arrange for three prominent educators to visit our city within the near future.

Prof. Gregory of the department of Educational Research, U. of O. will come to the high school early in the month especially to discuss with the teachers the school plans for making the educational tests mentioned in the last issue. Quite likely Doctor Gregory will not be able to meet the people of the community at this time as he is very busy organizing the test work throughout the state. We will have, however, Pres. Ackerman, of Monmouth normal, for a Friday evening lecture, and also Dr. Sheldon of the University of Oregon for another. Both these lectures will be given some time during the next six weeks, dates to be decided later.

Another phase of the discussion taken up by the association was the financial side of education. It was strongly brought out in some paper or address at each session the general, growing idea that school is a business proposition as much as manufacturing, or commerce, and to be successfully carried on, the school business must be adequately capitalized just the same as any other business. This capitalization must cover proper housing, satisfactory equipment of the best quality, well trained efficient teachers paid living wages, who may, by that consider-

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A Christmas Party at the Estacada

The lobby of the Estacada is a thing of beauty. Large bunches of Christmas greens, Oregon grape, arbor vitae, and English holly are massed around, set off by red steamers and bells. A very handsomely decorated Christmas tree stands near the staircase, which sparkles with its silver and gold ornaments even without the aid of lights. We noticed that Santa Claus had been most generous in leaving a number of handsome and useful gifts. One for Miss Morgan was enough to arouse envy in the heart of any young lady who did not already possess one. This was a cedar dowry chest. We were favored with a glimpse of its contents, among which was a most beautifully embroidered table cloth, one of the handsomest we have ever seen. We wondered if coming events were casting their shadows before.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan entertained a few friends at a dinner party Christmas night. The dining room was decorated with greens and red festons. The table was laid for eight covers with streamers of red chiffon suspended from the chandelier dividing the table into sections.

Both the lobby and dining hall make ideal rooms for such festal occasions.

No Turkey for the Editor

Alas the editor's New Year's dinner was like Hamlet with the principal character left out. He had engaged a turkey for the occasion and was looking forward to eating it, like a colored gentleman does to eating possum. Some miscreants a few nights previously, raided the hen roost of Mrs. C. A. Jacques with whom the turkey had been bargained for, and ran off with it and another one. However his loss was not as serious as that of Mrs. Jacques, which at present prices for turks represents a good round sum.

As we go to press, we regret to report that the condition of station agent Couse is very serious and small hope is entertained.

HYMENEAL.

An auspicious event in the lives of two well known and popular young people, occurred in Seattle on Christmas eve. This was the marriage of Miss Gladys Carpenter to Mr. Guy Graham, which was solemnized at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. K. Nelson. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present. The service was read by the Rev. Mary Towers.

This formed the happy conclusion to a romance which began in high school days here. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret Shock of south Estacada, with whom she has made her home for some years. After graduating from the local high school, she took a course at the state Normal school at Los Angeles, where she graduated last June. She was elected as teacher for the second and third grades in our schools last fall.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Maud Graham who is also teaching in the grades. He has been for the past few months at Camp Field, Texas, where he rose to the rank of flying sergeant in the aviation corps. Since being honorably discharged, he has been connected with the Seattle branch of Libby, McNeill & Libby. As he will go to Alaska in the spring and Mrs. Graham intends to finish her school year, they will not make their home in Seattle until his return in the fall. In extending heartiest congratulations to the happy pair the NEWS believes it expresses the wish of the whole community.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bliss of Portland, the parents of Mrs. B. H. Finch, gave a delightful dinner party Christmas to guests numbering sixteen. Among them were their three children and their families. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bliss of Lodi, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farrell of Laurelhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Finch of Estacada. A sister of Mr. Finch Mrs. Cummings of Portland was with her husband among those present.

No more shows at the Star until the Spanish influenza epidemic is over.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM THE MAYOR

My Fellow Citizens:

The year 1918 for the city of Estacada, as well as for the state of Oregon and the Pacific Coast in general, has been one of eventful history for all classes of industries and for the laborer as well. As we are on the eve of a new year it might be well to review the past, with the idea of profiting in the future, both in a business, social and industrial way.

We have experienced "dull times" in the past few years in our city, but during the past year, we have seen our resources developed, our vacant loading docks rebuilt, and our thoroughfares teaming with loads of products from our rich and fertile acres of farming, fruit and timber lands. The prosperity of the surrounding territory, is the prosperity of our city, and our citizens should feel the importance of preparing to receive our full share of the patronage of increased industrial and farming activities, which we have reason to believe will favor us for the coming year.

Our merchants should cultivate the acquaintance and patronage of our neighbors, and in so doing should take part in all municipal activities, to the end that the city should be an inviting place for our lumbermen, our farmers and stock raisers and fruit growers. Our facilities here as a market should be well looked after, and our highways built with the view of giving easy access to the markets here, and over roads that may be easily traveled both in the summer and winter.

Our schools already in the first class of high schools of the state, with beautiful grounds and buildings, should be kept well to the front and the standard maintained. Our reputation throughout the state for being the strongest, and most united

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