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**Vale 1920!**

At midnight Friday, another volume of the world's history, will close and a new one be commenced. The past year has been full of incident and in some portions of the world as exciting as during the war. It cannot be said that much progress towards reconstruction and settling down to normal conditions, have been achieved, though here at home, there are indications of a return to normalcy.

The chief event was of course the national election which resulted in the bringing in of a new administration and the return to power of the republican party.

Of the year as a whole, it may be said that it was what might have been expected under the circumstances, while the passions raised by war were quieting down. The rejection of the treaty and league of nations by the senate, has kept us out of peace while not actually in a state of war. Whether this action was wise or unwise, can only be determined in the light of the future.

It would be well then, to accept the situation and make the best of it, forgetting those things which are behind, and reach out to those things which are before. It is no good crying over spilt milk. Whatever the mistakes, the disturbances, the tragedies of 1920, they belong to the past, and what we should do is to live in present for the future. *Vale 1920! requiescas in pace.*

The proposition is being mooted that Estacada join with the north end of the county in petitioning to become part of Multnomah county. Some of our leading citizens are highly in favor of this step. The editor of the NEWS has not been long enough in the county to pronounce an opinion one way or the other, and awaits developments.

**Another Christmas Number**

The Christmas edition of the Banner-Courier of Oregon City, is a good example of the progressiveness of that newspaper. It consists of sixteen seven column folio pages, the contents of which indicate an editorial ability of a high order, a wide awake advertising *clientele*, and an expert mechanical force. The front page is given up to a scholarly Christmas message by the Rev. C. H. Chandler, rector of the Episcopal Church in that city. We make our best bow of congratulation to all concerned in this publication.

**Portland Bond House Fails**

The failure of the Morris Bros. firm in Portland is an instance of how supposedly shrewd business men are deceived. It was brought about by the methods of its president, John L. Etheridge, who was a quick rich Wallingford. The surprising thing is, that he could have attained such a position, after having served two penitentiary terms in the east for fraud. The list of victims is a long one, and the sum involved over two millions.

The NEWS acknowledges with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the September quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society.

We wish all our readers and friends a very happy New Year.

On the early morning train to Portland, Christmas morning, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Garfield, who were going to eat dinner with the father and sister of Mr. Robertson at Kendall; Mrs. Irving Smith, Portland bound; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pohl and children on their way to Hillsboro; Miss Lois Mann to her home in the Dalles from her Springwater school; Miss Ruth Candy to Portland; Earl Shibley to Portland, and the editor and his wife to Sellwood.

W. P. Ferrel, of Boring, who has chased a five acre tract of W. F. Cary on the south side of the river, a short time ago, makes frequent trips to our city. We would think he would soon remove to our midst and save car fare. If he should, he and his family will be welcome additions to our community.

George Hislop, the NEWS foreman, went to Portland to spend Christmas Day with the families of his son and daughter. Mrs. O. E. Syren and son, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Symms accompanied him.

Mrs. W. Heylman and her cousin from Wisconsin. Mrs. C. T. Clark who is visiting her, went to Portland Monday morning.

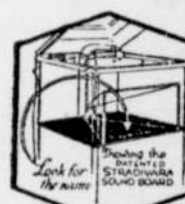
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THE Old Year will soon be ended. The New Year, laden with its possibilities, is before us. We have made mistakes, and we have profited by the knowledge gained thereby. We have made friends and we are glad.

For it is on the Confidence and Good Will of our Friends that our success has been founded. An institution must be builded upon a foundation of confidence, or it cannot survive.

So to you, our Friends, we wish OPPORTUNITY, PROSPERITY and SUCCESS in the coming year. And if, in any small measure we can assist in the fulfillment, we wish that high privilege also.

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