

## DAIRYMEN ARE TAKING OVER A MILK PLANT

Wednesday's meeting of the local branch of the Oregon Dairyman's League at Metzger's hall was largely attended. Nearly every milk producer in this part of the county was there to hear Alma D. Katz, president of the league in his statements concerning the aims and objects of the association.

As told before, the league is now practically the owner of a controlling interest in the Damascus-Portland Milk company, the agreement being that out of 225,000 shares of the capital stock the league is to have 100,000 shares, and that 35,000 shares are to be placed in escrow for Mr. Katz for three years. That leaves the old company but 90,000 shares.

The old Gamberius brewing plant is being prepared for the business, and will be in operation within a few weeks so as to provide for the large increase of milk that comes with the spring months.

Each dairyman is required, in order to become a stockholder, to take out shares to the amount of \$20 for each cow being milked at this time. It was shown that about \$50,000 had already been subscribed by the dairymen and that others were ready to take about \$30,000 more in order to help finance the project at once. The remainder is expected to be taken up within a few days.

The First National bank of Portland will advance the money on the dairymen's subscriptions for seven months, by which time it is thought they will all be able to pay up in full, if they are unable to do so sooner.

Figures advanced by Mr. Katz show that the Portland business now being taken over has grown from \$15,000 in six years to \$286,000 now, all of which has been re-invested in the plant which is complete for all purposes. It is able to handle 100,000 pounds of milk daily either through pasteurizing or condensing.

Theodore Brugger endorsed the plan to join in with the company, asserting that if it is made a success "it will be the greatest industrial thing ever put over in Oregon."

Mr. Katz explained that he is to get \$35,000 in stock as a bonus for bringing about the consolidation. He expects to relinquish \$10,000 of this, and asserted that if he made a success of the venture he was entitled to that much. If he falls his stock would be of no value, and he stood to lose more than any other single dairyman, as he is the owner of a large herd which is now paying him a good dividend. His position was endorsed by those present.

It was made plain that the individuals were to take the stock as offered, as the league has no money on hand to buy anything. It is simply a banding together for mutual protection.

Another branch league was formed at Orient last Friday evening with John Sleret as president; Charles Johansen, vice president, and Matt Rauw secretary-treasurer. A meeting has been called for next Thursday evening, January 10, in the Grange hall, at which time Mr. Katz will be present. He will give a detailed history of the league and there will be an opportunity for anyone to become fully informed as to its aims and purposes. Those who wish to join, not already members, will have their chance; also to subscribe for shares in the project. All persons are invited to be present, whether dairymen or not.

### AND SONNY DOESN'T KNOW WHY

When my Aunt Susan visits Ma—  
The worstest times you ever saw!  
I'm all dressed up an hour before,  
And dassent once go near the door;  
I have to kiss her powdered face—  
Don't dast to wiggle in my place,  
Nor even scuffle with my toes  
Nor move a speck until she goes!  
But when my sister's bean comes in  
He don't do anything but grin  
And take me right up on his lap;  
He says I am a jolly chap;  
He tosses me almost sky-high  
And says he likes to see me fly!  
He brings some candy—just for me,  
'Cause I'm as good as good can be!  
And then they let me go and play  
Out in the yard, and always say  
That I can stay all day.  
—CLAUDIUS THAYER.  
December, 1917.

### For Sale

Good work horses, single and double; brood sows, shoats, pigs ready for weaning, Chester-White, one heifer calf, harnesses, single and double, spring wagon, walking plow, 2 sets of harrows, cultivators and many other articles. J. M. Janssen, Jenne Station, at corner of the place.

## WEDDING SURPRISE WAS SIX MONTHS OVERDUE

One of the effects of the questionnaires which the local examining board has been wrestling with was a surprise that was long delayed. The questions propounded to Ralph Stanley revealed that he was married on July 8th at Hillsboro, and had been successful in keeping it a secret except to his parents and the mother of his bride ever since that date.

He and Miss Olive Merrill slipped away to Hillsboro and were married by Rev. Skipworth. Their license was dated July 3d. Mrs. Stanley is one of the teachers in the Aurora public schools and returns home each Saturday. She began her duties in September and will continue until her contract expires.

Mr. Stanley is associated with his father, William Stanley, in farming on the home place. Although the wedding was a secret Mrs. C. Merrill, the bride's mother, knew of it at once. Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley were told of it about three months ago, but all of them kept their own counsel. The happy couple are receiving numerous congratulations from their many surprised friends and acquaintances.

Both are graduates of the Gresham high school and the bride is a certified teacher from the Monmouth Normal.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ELECT DIRECTORS

A call has been made for a meeting of the stockholders of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company for Monday, January 28, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The call is made for the purpose of electing directors for the period of five years.

Two directors whose terms will expire at that time are Arthur Dowsett and Donald McKay.

There are about 285 shares of stock held by nearly as many persons—only three or four holding two or three shares—and it is deemed necessary to have a full representation at the meeting. Otherwise there will have to be another meeting called which is an expensive thing to do with high postage, printing and delays increasing the cost, which may be easily avoided if a majority is present on first call. If you can't come give your proxy to your neighbor who is intending to be there.

## GERMAN SHIPS NOW IN SERVICE FOR THE NATION

Sailing under American names in the service of the United States are 109 German ships damaged by their crews prior to their seizure by the Government when war was declared. They add more than 500,000 gross tonnage to the transport and cargo fleets in war service for the United States.

There is evidence that a German central authority gave orders for damage to these ships, so that none could be operated in less than 18 months, and documentary proof that the enemy believed much of the damage to be irreparable. In less than eight months all the ships were in service.

The former German liners, sailing under distinctly American names, are now fitted as troop and cargo ships. Each is convertible to a completely equipped hospital ship for return-voyage service.

## LONG DISTANCE TOLLS HAVE BEEN INCREASED

Commencing January 1st all long distance tolls were increased, in the case of minimum charges, to 100 per cent.

The cheapest long distance rate between Gresham and Portland is now 20 cents, including the war tax. In other words, the toll is now 15 cents for the first minute with a 5-cent war tax added. The second minute is charged for at 10 cents, thus making a two-minute conversation cost 30 cents. It makes no difference how long a person talks, the war tax is the same—5 cents for each talk.

Rates to Estacada and Troutdale have been lowered because of a shortening of the lines which are now on an air-line basis.

### Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Gresham Fruit Growers' association will be held at the Grange hall, on Monday, January 14, 1918, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

JAMES ELKINGTON, Sec'y.

### For Hire Service

Automobiles anywhere, night or day. Phone 791, Gresham, M. M. Squire.

## REPORT SHOWS ACTIVITIES OF RED CROSSERS

George F. Honey, chairman of the Gresham Red Cross campaign committee for Multnomah county turned in the final report of the committee today to Portland headquarters. The other members of the committee were A. C. Ruby and Dr. A. Thompson.

In the Gresham district including the territory between the Rockwood road and the Sandy river and from the Columbia river to the county line, the amount turned in to the American Red Cross as the result of the Christmas drive for membership was \$920.50. This was above the quota of the district and averaged more than one member in each home in the district. Troutdale made the best showing of any school district, Mrs. L. A. Harlow, the captain, turned in \$135 and reported ninety homes. The various districts, with their captains and the amounts turned in are as follows:

Gresham, Mrs. George W. Stapleton, \$413.50; Rockwood, Mrs. Ida Burgess, \$28; Terry, Miss Frances Bliss, \$51; Fairview, Mrs. John Jonas, \$74; Troutdale, Mrs. L. A. Harlow, \$135; Cedar, Miss Bessie Strebin, \$43; Victory, Mrs. G. W. Alder, \$38; Powell Valley, Mrs. Alta Gentry, \$69; Orient, C. M. Quicksall, \$41; Lusted, William Irlie, \$28.

The following congratulatory letter has been received by the campaign committee from Hervey Lindley, chairman of the Northwestern Division:

Your campaign workers braved the weather and went from house to house and farm to farm, canvassing for Red Cross memberships. There was no hardship they were not willing to undergo. The distressing shortage of buttons and other supplies embarrassed them, but they went ahead with lofty courage. They were animated by love of our country, affection for our soldier boys and a desire to be of actual service in relieving the suffering caused by frightful war; also they were determined Multnomah county do its full share in the enrollment of members in response to the appeal of President Wilson asking every man and woman to join the Red Cross.

The results in Multnomah county speak for themselves. To your heroic workers belongs the credit. It was individual work like this all over the state that won again for Oregon the proud distinction of being among the foremost states of our Union in patriotic achievement.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Among the new war books just received at the library are the following:

"My Home on the Field of Honor," "My Home on the Field of Mercy," both by F. W. Huard; "How to Live at the Front", by Lieut. MacQuarrie of the Royal Field Artillery; "Inside the German Empire in the Third Year of the War", by H. B. Swope, with a foreword by Mr. Gerard. The author spent part of 1914 and also of 1916 in Germany as a reporter for the New York World and he tells the story of Germany's strengths and weaknesses very interestingly.

Two other books of wide interest are by men who gave their lives on the battlefield.

"A Student in Arms" by Donald Hankey, who was killed on the western front in October 1916, and "Letters and Diary" of Alan Seeger who was killed at the Somme in July, 1916. Mr. Seeger was a young American poet and because of his love for France he enlisted as a French soldier early in the war.

## CANNERY ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETING

Notices have been issued for the annual meeting of the Gresham Fruit Growers' association to be held on Monday, January 14. It is for the purpose of electing directors and should be fully attended in order that there may be no adjournment for the lack of a majority of the stockholders.

Send fats to the front and help grease the skids under the kaiser.

Read the Want ads.

## LEAGUER SAYS FARMERS ARE ALL BUFFALOED

"No man can serve two masters." The president of the Oregon Dairyman's League has sold out to the opposition.

For and in consideration of \$35,000 to be paid for in stock of the Portland and Damascus creamery he has gone over to the company that has been the largest bear on the milk prices of any firm in the country.

He tells the farmers he "has never taken one cent of league money for his services as president of the league. What he has done is because he desires a better price for his milk." He is a lawyer and a business man and as smooth a proposition as has ever come over the pike.

If he fails to work soul and body for the best interest of the Portland and Damascus in buying milk at the lowest possible price he is a traitor to their cause, for he has taken their money, and as the league has never paid him anything he is under no obligations to the league.

He proposes to sell \$100,000 stock in the opposition plant—Portland and Damascus company—to the farmers and has already sold \$25,000. When asked why he did not present the proposition to the board of directors of the league he says: "It is not a matter that concerns the league whatever; that he is not selling the league anything, only selling stock to the individual members. He has them all buffaloed."

When he meets opposition he squeals he is getting mad and calling the fellow names and uses a great deal of profane language in league meetings. When he calls for remarks no one opposes him.

When he gets through selling the \$100,000 stock he will hold the voting power of \$135,000—a 10,000 majority—as every man he sells to assigns the voting power over to him for three years.

He can make himself president of the Portland-Damascus company and draw \$10,000 a year salary if he chooses. In order to draw this salary he will be compelled to buy milk at the lowest possible price which is now the policy; when he completes his stock proposition he will be the big bug in the largest milk trust in the Northwest and will be eligible to the presidency of the milk distributors' association. He is certainly putting one over on the dear farmers.

The local league at Gresham, Oregon, voted at a recent meeting to buy no stock in the Portland-Damascus company, as they are onto the game. If he fails to sell the remainder of the stock he will be compelled to return your money and notes as they are conditional. The farmers have a fine distributing plant in Portland which can be utilized to promote the interests of the league without buying stock in an opposition company they know nothing about. Ask your banker about it.

### LEAGUE MEMBER.

## MILL FEEDS ARE NOW UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL

Millions of men have been taken from wheat raising and have gone into the trenches. Fields have been laid waste by the enemy. Food supply ships have been sunk by submarines. Crops in other countries have been poor. These are some of the reasons why there is a shortage of wheat and why we are asked by Mr. Hoover to conserve in our kitchens and at our tables.

Four hundred million bushels of wheat is a large amount, but we must supply it. In one way or another we must get it together here and send it across the water to those associated with us in this war. We cannot do this unless we are willing to use some other food for a part of the wheat we would ordinarily consume. That is why we are urged, as a patriotic duty, to observe wheatless days strictly, and on other days to use only the minimum amount of wheat foods, wasting absolutely none. The aid of every individual is needed. Are you saving your share of that 400,000,000 bushels of wheat?

### Tailoring

For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.

He who wastes a crust of bread prolongs the war.

## SHIPLEY-McGUGIN NUPTIALS AT SANDY

A very pretty wedding took place on New Year's day at the home of Mrs. Lena McGugin at Sandy, Oregon, when her daughter Alice was married to Randolph C. Shipley, Rev. A. B. Calder of Portland officiated.

The bride wore a gown of cream colored lace and carried white carnations.

Miss Laura Shipley of Gresham, niece of the groom, played the wedding march. The rooms were decorated with evergreens and red carnations.

Mr. Shipley's and Miss McGugin's marriage unites two of the old pioneer families of Clackamas county.

Those present at the wedding were Rev. and Mrs. Calder, Miss Elva Dolan, Mrs. Lena McGugin, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shipley and daughters Laura and Mabel, Mrs. Bertha Ridings, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas and daughters Lena and Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Sokow, Miss Carolina Vaeretti, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reed, Mrs. Revenue.

After a brief stay in Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Shipley will be at home to their many friends at Sandy, Oregon, and later on their farm near that place.

## NEW YEAR OREGONIAN COVERS GREAT SUBJECT

Oregon's greatest newspaper again sprung a surprise on January 1, by sending forth an illustrated New Year edition of 72 pages. It had been thought that but little was left for the Oregonian to say that would be of interest to its readers in its annual edition covering the resources and industries of the northwest, but the great shipbuilding industry furnished the subject for probably the most interesting of all its annual issues.

Aside from covering every news feature of the day there were many pages of illustrations and articles covering the vast resources of the state, with the patriotic feature predominating. Altogether it was a wonderful issue and one that reflects credit on the Oregonian and the state that it represents.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL MAKE LESSON CHANGES

The following paragraph will explain the change in lessons at the M. E. Sunday school for the coming year:

Our lessons last year were taken from the Old Testament. The general summing up of those lessons, showed the repeated failure of Judaism or the Law, to transform man's nature and character to any extent. The lessons for the first six months of this year takes the school into a field of new life and new thought—the final stage evolved in the Kingdom of God, for prophecy has been fulfilled and Jesus has come into the world and Mark will relate to us, through his gospel, the story of Jesus' public ministry. If not connected with any Sunday school, you are invited to join us in these inspiring studies. There is a place for you.

### Notice.

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone Co., will be held in Metzger's hall, Gresham, Monday, January 28, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing two directors and to transact any other business which may come before the meeting. It is to your interest to be present but if impossible to come, in order that we may have a quorum, please sign a proxy and send by some one whom you know will be present.

EVA ANDERSON, Secretary.

### Umbrella Repairs.

Will be in Gresham until January 15, and am prepared to furnish umbrella covers and do expert repairing. Residence on Second street, west of Belt's confectionery.

J. J. RYAN.

The War Trade Board is granting no licenses for the export of commodities containing wool which are necessary for the military or naval uses of the United States.

Try a rye-bread cottage cheese and tomato catsup sandwich. It will give your palate a thrill, one you'll probably repeat.

Save food and serve your country. We must send both bread and blood to the front—the more bread the less blood.

The more fats we send the allies the more slippery will be the skids under German autocracy.

It is better to send supplies to the allies than indemnity to Germany.

## NEW MAYOR RECORDER AND COUNCILMEN

George W. Kenney was inaugurated mayor of Gresham at the reorganization meeting of the common council on Wednesday evening. The council had met in regular session on Tuesday evening and adjourned on one day. All that the old council did upon reassembling was to dispose of the minutes of the preceding meeting, when it adjourned sine die.

Mr. Kenney was sworn in by Recorder Schneider and at once called the new council to order. The new members were J. E. Metzger, William Thom and D. G. Geddes.

C. G. Schneider submitted his resignation as town recorder on account of being called to Camp Lewis, where he will join his company tomorrow. His place was filled by the election of K. A. Miller, who resigned as councilman to accept the new honor. Mr. Miller was elected unanimously.

A. W. Metzger, who has been serving as mayor for several months, resumed his place in the council. In this connection it may be said that Mr. Metzger's status as a councilman, after having been chosen mayor by the council was referred to Attorney General Brown of the state of Oregon. Mr. Brown declined to give an opinion on the matter as he is prevented by statute from going outside of state affairs. The council decided to lay the matter on the table indefinitely.

Mr. Miller's resignation leaves a vacancy which will probably be filled at the next regular meeting of the council to be held the first Tuesday in February.

The committee on ways and means made report that a tax levy of eight mills had been authorized for the coming year.

A report of the street committee showed that repair work had been commenced on the sidewalk leading to the O. W. P. depot, and the ordinance establishing the grade was read twice. It will come up for passage at the next meeting.

The fire and water committee reported the installment of the new fire alarm system and the first test of same. The alarm was tested in the presence of the council and firemen and gave satisfaction. It made 85 strokes to the minute, but a few finishing touches are yet to be made.

The street committee was ordered to prepare estimates of the cost of the proposed improvement of nine feet in width on Roberts avenue from Second to Division street.

A communication was read from the Railroad Commission to the effect that the P. R. L. & P. Co., had applied for an increase of fares and requested any objections be made, after which a notice will be given to appear at the next hearing of the commission upon this matter.

The following bills were ordered printed.

Crane Co., supplies.....	\$45.05
J. G. Metzger, salary.....	70.00
P. R. L. & P. Co., lights.....	70.00
C. G. Schneider, salary.....	30.00
J. H. Metzger, salary.....	12.50
J. T. Stillions, mdsc.....	.25
A. W. Metzger, supplies.....	16.94
J. H. Hoss, hauling.....	3.00
L. L. Kidder, hardware.....	27.00
F. E. Todd, labor.....	17.50
B. W. Emery, hauling.....	.88
Jones Lumber Co., lumber.....	3.95
F. C. Jones, labor.....	75.00

### SAY, GO 'WAY OLD MR. SORROW.

See here, old Mr. Sorrow, I've got enough of you!  
You've been trailing at my elbow this whole day through;  
You've talked about high taxes, you've mentioned Bleeding France;  
And that I've got to give up my eats and drink and dance  
You've talked of men in trenches; you've spoiled my appetite.  
Now you're knocking at my doorway, and you want to stay all night!  
But say, old Mr. Sorrow, I've got my work to do!  
It's hard enough, I thank you, without a hand from you.  
So won't you take fair warning that from this very day  
You'll have to keep your footsteps plumb off my right-of-way!  
—CLAUDIUS THAYER.  
Fresno, Cal., Republican

### To Whom It May Concern.

I am discontinuing my blacksmithing business at Springdale. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me will please call at W. W. Northway's store on or before January 15th, 1918, and settle with Mrs. Vanzant.

J. C. VANZANT,  
Springdale, Oregon.  
Troutdale, R. R. No. 2, Jan. 1, 1918