

ELGIN CLEAN UP WEEK IS ON

(Special to The Observer)
ELGIN, April 21.—Elgin's clean-up week began Tuesday. The city has arranged for the hauling away of all rubbish in boxes or sacks and placed in a convenient spot. With the coming of the rain storms, however, much that was planned had to be left undone. The school was allowed a half day holiday for putting the school property in order. Mrs. Harry Munn and daughters will leave this week to join Mr. Leonard at La Crosse, Calif. Mr. Leonard has been gone for some time and is so well pleased with his new location that they plan to move to La Crosse. He is employed by the Wood Lumber company.

Bill George has also taken a position at La Crosse, and is well pleased with his work.

Merle Allen, Forrest Ryder and Glenn Graham were among the first fishermen to try their luck on the Minam. Their biggest catch was a bull trout measuring about 28 inches and weighed about 30 pounds.

Morris George is now a resident of The Dalles, having room there in a position in the lumber mills. Bert Rogers, who was at one time interested in the box factory here, has been employed at The Dalles mills since last summer.

Miss Ethel Shelton came in Sunday from San Francisco to spend a short vacation with her people here. Miss Shelton has been employed in Portland and San Francisco for several years.

The party given by the young people of the Methodist church for the young people's class of the Christian church was highly successful. About 50 were present to enjoy the fun and much credit is due Miss Aubert for the delightful entertainment.

Mrs. Charles Miller of Minam spent the week-end in Elgin on a business trip and visiting with her many friends. The Millers are planning to leave soon for Kelso, Wash., to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Byron and daughter, Fern, expect to leave this week for Bend, where Mr. Byron will be employed in the lumber mills. Their many friends regret their leaving, but wish them well in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson returned Saturday to their home in Cove, making the trip from here by auto. Miss Gibson, who is teaching in the school, will remain here until school is finished.

Ray Blanchard and family have rented the Herbert Byron home and expect to move there by the last of this week.

K. K. K. Address
 A well filled house was present to hear Elder Judson Brown's sermon on "100 per cent American." Sunday evening at the Christian church. A committee, from the Ku-Klux Klan entered during the sermon and presented Rev. Brown with a silk flag and a gift of money.

Claude Hallowick drove his car to La Grande Sunday evening, after having spent the week-end in Elgin. He was accompanied on his return trip by Miss Thelma Hug, who is teaching in the Island City school, and P. M. Huffman, who had spent the day at the L. S. Hill home.

Arthur Hallgarth left Sunday evening for Portland to be gone for several days on a business trip. T. J. Snyder was a La Grande bound passenger on Sunday evening's train.

Mrs. E. D. Jasper and children of Alice spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Bean. Mr. Jasper went on to Minam for the day on business.

Mrs. Frank Keller entertained a number of friends at a farewell party for Mrs. Ernest Vehrs. A very delightful afternoon was spent at the Keller home.

The Kenneth Meyersick family is moving this week from their present home in the east end of town. The property has been sold and the new owner plans to move in very soon.

Eastern Star Meets
 The Eastern Star party held after the business meeting Friday evening, honoring Mrs. Ethel Vehrs, was enjoyed by a large number of members and their families. The evening's entertainment was conducted by Mrs. Bailey's committee. The first part of the evening was devoted to "guessing" who the infant portraits of the members represented. Mrs. Denham won the honor of guessing the largest number. Mrs. O. E. Wilson was voted the prettiest infant girl, and Dr. W. D. Butler the handsomest young man. The company then descended to the banquet room on the first floor. After the delicious supper was eaten, Mrs. J. E. Bator, on behalf of the order, presented Mrs. Vehrs with a bouquet of carnations. After Mrs. Vehrs' well-chosen words of thanks, Prof. E. G. Bailey was called upon to add a few words of appreciation. He expressed the feeling of all, in saying that there was felt sincere regret at her leaving.

The high school will present their play on April 27. It is entitled "And Home Come Red." As this is their final play, the students hope for a splendid attendance and promise to give those who attend full value of entertainment.

MANY TO ATTEND PASTORS SCHOOL

The summer school for pastors and laymen at Gooding college will be opened April 22 by a grand missionary rally which every Methodist pastor in Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho has been invited to attend. Bishop Burns will open the convention at the Methodist church Sunday evening with an address entitled "The Living Christ in the Modern World." The program the following day will be an all-day conference. Superintendent W. M. Ewing of Boise presiding; devotions, H. W. Parker of Nampa; reports from district superintendents on benevolence program; "World Service or Advanced Program," by Charles L. Boyard, Helena; "Orators of the Evangel," Bishop Burns and "Gooding College as

Related to Our World Service." President C. W. Tenney. Afternoon session—Superintendent J. E. Baker of Gooding presiding; devotions, J. D. Gilliam of Blackfoot; district superintendents' meeting with their respective districts; "Organizing a Church in the City," by A. G. Gendron, Gooding; round table discussion of our current year's problems; "What Future in Our Benevolence Program Would Mean," Bishop Burns and an address to President Hickman of Gooding School of Theology.

Southard Affirms Future Of Palestine Is Bright

NEW YORK, Apr. 21.—The Zionist Organization of America has pointed out that a recent story concerning the rebirth of Palestine, based largely upon an incomplete review of a survey issued last December by Addison E. Southard, American Consul at Jerusalem, in effect turned an optimistic statement into a gloomy picture and thus was unfair both to the consul and the Zionist movement.

Access has since been had to the full report of 66 pages, and it appears that the American consul made a most interesting contribution to the movement being carried on by the Jews who are referred to as "one of the most active and virile commercial races in the world." Following is a summary made from the full report of Mr. Southard to the Department of Commerce.

Views Encouraging.

Writing in a conservative manner, and in the customary formal style of a consular report, Consul Southard expresses in his survey a most encouraging view of the future of Palestine. After referring to the fact that Palestine at present does not offer great commercial attractions, he confidently speaks of "the assured development of its splendid opportunities as an entrepot in trade between the markets of the Orient and the Mediterranean on the one side, and those of the newly awakened districts of northwestern Arabia on the other side. Palestine will serve as a trading base for a probable total of more than three million people in the district indicated. Within the boundaries of Palestine the population will be appreciably increased each year by immigration made up mainly by adult individuals from central and eastern Europe, who are much more advanced in potential resources of foreign manufactured goods than are the people who, as a whole, (referring to the Arabs), make up the present population of the country."

Hopes for Zionists.

Consul Southard's optimistic views seem largely to be based on confidence in the Zionist movement, for he writes that "the main factor in the commercial rebirth of Palestine is the sentimental and material attention it is receiving from one of the most active and virile races of the world (the Jews) which appears determined to spare no effort in making the best of every economic possibility which the country possesses." Of the Arabs he then says: "The majority population of the country, which is of Arabic origin, is not in a position to provide financial capital to any extent, but it will supply a valuable capital of certain physical and mental vitality which should react mightily to the various economic factors that will probably be set in motion."

Elaborating his views of Palestine as a great future trade center, Consul Southard declares: "With improved communication assured, it (Palestine) will command the trade of some millions of people in northern Arabia; of that wonderful grain district south of Damascus, and known as the

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Hauran and of other parts of southern Syria shut off by the Lebanon from the Syrian port of Beirut, which includes Damascus and its rich caravan trade extending even further into the district of the Euphrates. Future for Haifa.

Mr. Southard predicts a great future for Haifa, referring to it as the proposed terminus of an oilpipe line from Mesopotamia, of its being the Mediterranean port of the Hejaz railway and of railway connections with Damascus, and having the "most favorable harbor possibilities on the long Syrian coast south of Alexandria." The construction of proper harbor facilities at Haifa, Southard indicates as "perhaps the most important factor influencing the development of Palestine's foreign commerce."

The economic rehabilitation of Palestine, according to this survey "depends largely upon the fullest possible development of its agricultural resources." Mr. Southard gives the "definite agricultural possibilities" as over two thirds or over three million acres. But even the rest of Palestine he does not regard as being altogether hopeless, referring to it merely as capable of "little" and "questionable" agricultural possibilities. He points to irrigation and hydro-electric power as the most important means for the rehabilitation of the land.

Concession Given.

Referring to the Rutenberg Plan (which he does not mention by name) Mr. Southard states that the concession "has already been tentatively given to a Jewish engineer. The actual beginning of this project is indefinite, but as it is seriously considered and would be of inestimable value in the economic upbuilding of Palestine, there is a possibility that actual construction will be under way in two or three years." As the major part of the funds—two million pounds sterling—for the concession is expected from the United States, Mr. Southard anticipates the purchase in America of the corresponding part of the district indicated.

Mr. Southard concedes a possibly good future for cotton-raising in the event of irrigation. Although he does not treat the Jewish colonies especially, he refers to them in a very favorable manner in several places, giving them credit for the development of orange-growing. He speaks of the present and future development of almonds, grapes, wheat, barley, olives, tobacco and fruits, in a highly favorable manner. The soap industry is regarded as of great potential importance, as are also the silk and drug industries, and carpet weaving.

Capital Scarce.

Mr. Southard dwells at several points on the scarcity of capital, asserting that inability to secure long-time notes has most seriously affected agricultural development, not to speak of industrial enterprises. "Palestine is poor in capital," he bluntly asserts. As high as 15 percent interest is charged on loans, he declares.

Special and extended space is devoted in the survey to the business opportunities in Palestine for American products. In 1913, it is stated, the imports from America were valued at \$291,990. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1921, United States imports reached \$1,990,504, and Mr. Southard predicts much greater and ever-increasing opportunities with the growing immigration into the country. He urges American business men to take advantage of the opportunities. Total imports from all countries amounted to \$29,866,892 in the fiscal year ended March, 1921.

The survey refers in unusually complimentary terms to the efficiency and satisfaction rendered by the courts as well as the Palestine government under Sir Herbert Samuel, which he says, functions very efficiently. With new form of government instituted in 1918, Palestine gives every promise of a gradual process of economic expansion.

report is issued, field parties will cover all phases of the proposed development.

M. M. Goodwin, assistant secretary of the Interior, and Arthur P. Davis, director of the U. S. reclamation service, have announced that they will arrive to direct the investigation May 5. At that time the commission is expected to outline a definite program of procedure for the federal engineers. Secretary of Interior Hubert Work will visit the project in June to make a personal reconnaissance and to familiarize himself with details of the project investigation.

The old family doctor may have had faults—but just the same it takes a couple of dozen "specialists" to hold down his job.

DIGNITARIES ARE INVITED TO SPEAK AT PASCO MEETING

Governor Louis F. Hart, Congressman J. Stanley Webster, Dr. E. O. Holland of Washington State College, Dr. Henry Suzzalo, president of the University of Washington, E. P. Blaine of the Western States Reclamation association and D. A. Scott, director of conservation and development, have been invited by the Columbia Basin Irrigation league to address the 1,000 or more delegates at the Pasco convention of the Columbia Basin Irrigation league, April 21. Homer J. Gault, U. S. engineer in charge of the basin investigation, will attend the convention.

Large delegations from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be in attendance. The league will elect new trustees for the coming year in preparation for the activities to be carried on in behalf of the project.

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(By Associated Press)
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The Indians told the white men that they objected to the apparent mistreatment of female black-spotted trout for the removal of their eggs. The red men feared the fish, and consequently an important source of livelihood would be destroyed.

Acquainted with the natural manner in which the females go upstream to lay their spawn, to be followed instinctively by the males which fertilize it, the Indians were outraged when members of the crew working under James H. Vogt, superintendent of Nevada fish hatcheries, caught the females, squeezed the eggs from them into receptacles and threw the fish back into the water.

The method does not harm the fish according to an authority. About 25

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