

# Mt. Scott Herald

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## Visions - Plus.

The story as told in the February American of the Western Washington farmer who succeeded in so arousing and organizing the farmers of his vicinity as to make possible the past season the harvesting of a \$1,126,000 crop of berries from a little strip of land scarcely two miles wide and seventeen miles long, which a few years ago was not producing a living for its owners, reads like a romance, but in reality it only demonstrates the possibilities of co-operative effort and might be duplicated in almost any section of this great country. A companion story appears in the same issue of this magazine showing what was accomplished for the State of Alabama by one woman obtaining a vision and by the force of her personality arousing others to unite with her in bringing things to pass which has resulted in the industrial transformation of the State.

"Co-operation" as a word seems in danger of becoming overworked and its full significance lost sight of, but nevertheless in its final analysis it spells "success" in every department of life, beginning in the home and extending out through all our commercial, industrial, political, educational, social and religious life. The final limits of the possibilities contained in this one word will not be reached until the world comprises a united brotherhood of nations, living in peace and prosperity. State and national boundaries should no more serve as limitations to co-operative effort than to the weather.

If every resident of the Mt. Scott district were to take this word as the slogan for the coming year, following it as a guiding star, we wonder what would be the history which the passing months would record. M. G. H.

## Law For The Lawless.

The Journal has made the discovery that the absence of any Sunday law is in danger of ultimately resulting in many abuses which may prove so disgusting as to react in the creation of an old-time Puritan Sunday. There may be some truth in the stereotyped phrase that "people cannot be made good by law," but it is equally true that in no other way can some people be prevented from becoming so bad as to outrage the moral sense of all right-thinking people. It might be interesting, although humiliating, to note, in the absence of all restraining law, how thin is the veneer which civilization has succeeded in coating over the human race. Dogs are not the only species of life to quickly respond to the "call of the wild" when the bars of moral restraint are let down, and the only barrier which restrains some people is a law with a penalty attached. M. G. H.

## Foster Road.

As will be seen in other places in this issue, the paving of Foster Road seems likely to be an accomplished fact before the year is out. Roadmaster Yeon roughly estimates that an 18 foot pavement would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3.00 a running foot. This would be \$150 to a 50 foot lot. If the county will pay one-third or more as seems probable, it will reduce the cost to \$100. This might very reasonably be as-

essed as follows: Abutting property holders \$65, other property holders for 500 foot back to pay the other \$45 pro rata to their proximity to the improvement, these assessments to be paid within ten years. Surely with such assistance from the county, our property holders adjacent to this highway can meet this assessment at this time. In the stretch between 72nd and 52nd streets, that is, between Firland and Anabel, there would apparently have to be a 30 foot wide each side of the car track. This would be \$5 a running foot, or allowing for grading which would be heavy at this place, possibly \$6. This would make the assessment just about twice as high for the portion benefited, which is a closer in business section and should easily be able to meet the strain. There is not much doubt in anybody's mind that with this improvement completed, each property holder will find his property increased in value more than the amount of the assessment, in addition to the other almost immeasurable benefits to be derived.

It seems to us that this program is not too ambitious nor is it asking for more than we have every expectation of receiving. It is our opinion that the sidewalk question, even though it may overlap in some portions of the territory covered by the paving improvement, must of necessity at this time be a separate undertaking else there is danger of defeating the whole project. The county will not, of course, stop at Anabel station, but will continue the paving along 52nd street, probably with an 18 foot pavement until it joins Division street—J. S. F.

## Booster Clubs.

The value of organized effort is generally recognized in any undertaking, but it is never more apparent than in co-operation of effort in advocating community improvements. This has been strikingly illustrated in our own case recently. Since the organization of the Mt. Scott Improvement Club, which name by the way we understand will have to be changed owing to conflict with an organization of the same name at Anabel, there has been very free interchange of opinions with reference to the paving of Foster Road; the details are outlined elsewhere. When the Lents delegation met with the Arleta Club, still other ideas developed and both Clubs were undoubtedly benefited by suggestions from the other. As we met with the City and County commissioners, with the Roadmaster, with the Portland Railway Light & Power Company and others, plans which a few weeks ago were vague, misty and almost hopeless, have taken shape until it is predicted that many improvements hitherto dreamed impossible of accomplishment will be completed in a very short time. Agitation has been started for sidewalk, for city streets, for financial assistance for our Volunteer Fire Department, for new hose for the same, for more fire hydrants, for more lights and for free mail delivery. One by one these projects are taking shape and because they are backed by a well organized, strong body of enterprising people, there is every prospect of them all being brought to a speedy conclusion. Those who have not yet availed themselves of the opportunity of joining the local Club should do so without fail at the next opportunity which will be at the mass meeting next Wednesday night in the school auditorium.—J. S. F.

## Bread or Beer.

The food shortage in England is providing an unanswerable argument against the folly of turning foodstuffs into intoxicants. The London press protests most vigorously against a continuation of so ruinous a policy. They

should have a Col. C. E. S. Wood over there to conduct a campaign of education regarding the "food value of liquid bread." M. G. H.

For years we have had a warm appreciation for the Oregon Journal but it was given a rude jolt this evening when we read an editorial in their columns entitled "Public Benefactor." If any one wishes to see the depths to which newspaper humor can descend they are invited to invest a nickel for the Thursday edition and read it and then go home and forget it. J. S. F.

## "Safety First"

Be Sure Your Right, Then Go Ahead.

A story is told of a fellow in the hills who went digging after gold that's what the story tells. He heard somebody say, that luck was good for fools. So started out one day, a digging with his tools. He blasted, picked and dug, was working good and hard. Two fellows dressed up smug came up, said "hello pard; "What ye diggin' fer? What d'you expect to get?" "Don't take me for a fool," he said, "diggin' for what I git." One looked in the hole and said "got yer claim staked out?" "I'm no fool," he told 'em "I have beyond a doubt." "Let's see your papers, stranger, but do you want to sell?" "Yes, fifty dollars ranges good an' that would pay me well." They counted out the money; he handed them the deed. "Well, now" says he, "that's funny; two silly fools agreed. One fellow stepped up to him, saying, "Only half is told. You've throwed out with your shovel eight hundred worth of gold." —J. L. Johnson.

## Church Notes

### Methodist Church.

The regular church services will be held on Sunday. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Lincoln's Life." The evening topic will be "The Teachings of Jesus—His Fundamental Message." There will be special music at both services. In the morning Messrs. Frost and Repp will contribute a duet, while the Male Quartette will give a special selection in the evening.

The Epworth League service will be of especial interest Sunday evening. Mrs. Wallace will lead and a special "Lincoln" program is being arranged, with special music.

On Sunday afternoon the Epworth League, under the direction of the pastor, will conduct the service at the Salvation Army Mission in the city.

The Epworth League held their monthly business meeting at the parsonage on Monday night with a large attendance and much interest. The automobile contest closed on Sunday evening, the Chalmers winning, the number of miles covered by them being 500, while the Ford covered 928 1-5 miles. According to the rules of the game it is now up to the Fords to banquet the Chalmers, which they will do on the evening of the 14th of the present month. The Chalmers very graciously offered to assist in providing the material for the banquet, the Fords to do the work. The League at this time agreed unanimously to raise \$25.00 toward the contemplated church improvements.

The Ladies' Aid met at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon for work.

At the meeting of the official board, held last week, it was decided to begin work on the contemplated improvements of the church in the near future. A systematic effort will be made to secure the balance of funds which will be required to complete the work as planned.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Helping Hand class will be held at the home of Mabel Emerson, Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8:00 p. m. All members and visitors will find it interesting to attend.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the parsonage on Wednesday of next week for an all-day meeting for the purpose of sewing. Every one should come prepared to provide something for the noon luncheon.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 21st inst., the Ladies' Aid will give a Washington Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. E. O. Strange, at 7906-55th avenue, (Millard.) All friends of the church are invited to attend this Tea.

### Friends Church.

On Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. John Riley, preached on the text, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." He urged the congregation to keep their consciences sensitive and be very careful that they do only those things which help them forward and

uplift them, and stated that perfection lies in this course. He said that making mistakes was not a serious disability, providing the mistakes were quickly recognized and immediately straightened out as far as possible. He stated that it was easy to argue one's self out of conviction on many lines, because God would never take a hand in an argument. The trouble was that so many people were always justifying their actions that they finally got to the place where their consciences didn't trouble them at all. He said that one of the greatest needs of today in the church was a revival of conscientiousness.

In the evening Rev. B. C. Dewey preached on the text, "If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee," and its converse, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." He outlined some of the modern day obstacles which will result in taking many people into eternal darkness, while they had much better be casting them out now with a view to eternal life. He showed how relatively unimportant it was if a person was poor or despised or unimportant or named in any way in this life, providing their calling and election were sure in the life to come. He said that pride of various kinds was one of the most frequent causes preventing people from being pure in heart. He said a good test was the text, "Therefore, whether ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." At the close of the service several found their way to the altar and were blessed.

The pastor announced that special prayer meetings would be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the church and that the revival services would be continued actively a little later.

### Reformed Church. (German.)

The services at the Reformed church were of unusual interest last Sunday. A campaign for new members had preceded the midwinter communion service. Also the cancellation of the \$1000 mortgage was observed by a special afternoon service. Eighteen new members were publicly received by profession of faith at the morning service. The pastor's catechetical class will not be confirmed and received into full membership until Easter. The social gathering during the noon hour and the luncheon served by the Ladies' Aid Society in the church basement was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Evangelical Church.

The revival services now in progress will be continued throughout the coming week. Regular services will be conducted on Sunday. The choir and Young People's Alliance are working heartily in co-operation with the pastor for the success of these meetings.

The ladies of the Happy Valley and Lents churches will unite for an all-day social event in the young men's room of the Lents church on Tuesday of next week. A basket dinner will be served and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

### Free Methodist Church.

The regular church services will be held on Sunday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Robt. H. Clark, to which the general public is invited.

The all-day prayer meeting of the Praying Band of the Oregon Holiness Association, which was conducted at this church on Tuesday was an inspiring occasion. The church was filled, representatives of many denominations being present. The special feature of the occasion was a missionary address by Rev. C. Troxel, for 14 years engaged in missionary work in Northern China, under the auspices of the Praying Band, which is the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Holiness Association, with headquarters at Chicago. At this time Rev. Troxel spoke of conditions in China, more especially of the difficulties encountered in missionary work, one of the chief hindrances being the natural deception of the natives among whom he had labored, an instance being given in illustration of a native who came to join the church, immediately afterward bringing in so many other would-be converts as to arouse suspicion. Investigation revealed the fact that each person brought in through the instrumentality of this man had been promised immunity from the payment of taxes and had paid 50 cents each for the privilege of joining an organization which promised them such advantages. Similar transparent deceptions have constantly to be guarded against. It was the opinion of many present that the address of Rev. Troxel was the best of its kind to which they had ever listened. He expects to return to China as soon as his wife shall regain her health. His home was formerly at Bloomington, Ill.

A free-will offering was taken at this service amounting to \$5.30 for Myra B. Smith, Superintendent of Commons Mission, who has had serious illness in her family for several weeks.

### Baptist Church.

The monthly business meeting of the B. Y. P. U., will be held at the home of Miss Agnes Huntington, corner of Foster Road and 88th street, on Friday evening.

The Choir is working on a musical program which will be presented at the church on the evening of February 23.

## W.C.T.U. Notes

On Tuesday of this week the Woman's Division of the Federal Employment Bureau met in room G of the Central library. There was a very good attendance. Mrs. Ogburn, the president, explained the difficulties to be overcome in getting established and it was decided to wait until another meeting before taking action which might lead to changes suggested.

The Federal Bureau is an organization recently established in Portland. Every established woman's organization is entitled to two delegates to the Federal Bureau. The membership of the Bureau is made up in this way and covers the entire city. The delegate from Mt. Scott Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Miss Edith Train, attended the Tuesday meeting. The Mt. Scott Mental Culture Club appointed Mrs. G. McLoney representative.

At present the Federal Bureau shares the office of the Municipal Bureau. Miss Eager is the paid agent of the Federal Bureau and can be found at the Municipal headquarters.

The mid-winter state executive session of the W. C. T. U., is now being held in Salem.

The next meeting of Mt. Scott Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Walsh. Mrs. Lucia F. Additon has charge of the program. The date is Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Questions are constantly being raised as to George Washington's right to popular reverence as a kind of hero myth. But the 22d of February will be celebrated just the same.

## Committee Visits Yeon & Griffith

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by a line to continue from the Woodstock car line through Tremont, it would meet with as much opposition as the moving of the tracks altogether. Another matter which was discussed was the difference in width in the Foster road from 72nd street to Lents owing to the railway company having no right-of-way paralleling the Foster road in that portion. It was decided that a joint committee from the Southeast Portland Civic League and the Mt. Scott Improvement Club should wait upon Mr. Griffith and Mr. Yeon to go into some of these details more carefully and be ready to report at the earliest possible date.

It was the unanimous opinion of those in attendance that this district has not received assistance proportionate with the taxes paid and the conclusion reached that the only way to get some needed improvements was to form strong business men's organizations and consistently and persistently bring them before those who had power to start such work.

The Lents delegation invited the Arleta Club to attend their public mass meeting to be held in the school auditorium building on Wednesday, February 14.

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