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Turner Resident Finds Ample Reward In Aiding Society's Unfortunates

(By the country editor)

Turner, June 1.—Unselfish public service is too often met with stinging distrust from envious, jealous and selfish souls. It is often engaged upon and carried forward through difficulties—it does not often receive public acknowledgment. But disinterested, unselfish public service always is repaid. It secures the appreciation and approval of the noble spirits in every community. It is repaid with satisfaction of one's own conscience and the knowledge that humanity is benefited. This fact has repeatedly been demonstrated in the little town of Turner eight miles east of Salem.

I have watched with jealous eyes the many shoals and breakers on life's sea which threaten disaster to the characters of precious boys and young men. I have seen them go out with the great tidal wave to destruction and ruin; and now, with a source of magnificent gratitude, I am privileged to meet one great life savor, P. E. Thomason of Turner, and heartily extend congratulations to his efforts and achievements. But, more, I congratulate Turner upon having such a citizen, and still more upon having the good sense to know and value him. If his work but leads a few of the boys to a proper appreciation of virtuous manhood, and helps them to avoid the mistakes common to youth, he is duly repaid for the efforts he has put forth during the past five or six years.

On a pretty farm east of Turner, not isolated, but far away from temptations which confront many a young man in the cities, can be found from time to time boys and young men who have been paroled from the state institutions. This kind foster father with a love for humanity and its cause gives them encouragement and employment and a renewed start in life which many times has proven a great benefit. Mr. Thomason is reluctant about telling of his experiences, and what he did say was far from the spirit of braggadocio. He is in the work wholly because he loves to do good for suffering humanity. He has fostered and encouraged men from the state institutions who are today holding responsible positions as a result of the encouragement given by this generous and kindly "dad" to all creation.

After the days work, which affords suitable remuneration, of course, the boys and their foster father find entertainment, wholesome and pleasant. One evening, not very long ago, Mr. Thomason arranged for a smoker at the farm home and there were several young men present. Ice cream and cake were served, two or three boxing matches were made a part of the program and a general good time was had. But there was one man, whose name is not for publication, who seemed to be quiet and unusually disinterested. He took no part in the entertainment and his sullen fit caused uneasiness on the part of his associates. As they were going out to milk the next morning the young man said: "Dad, just night was the first time I ever broke to my real situation. I started in as a wharf rat, my parents having died when I was an infant. From that I went to a reform school, served my time, and was discharged. Was sent up again and again. Finally I landed in the penitentiary, and have served time in three different state institutions, but I never realized my situation as I did last night. From this on, dad, I am going to be a man." Since he left the farm the young man has held responsible positions in Salem and other Oregon towns and is now employed by a responsible firm in Seattle. A letter received by Mr. Thomason a few days ago contained the announcement of his engagement to a Seattle young lady. This is but one of many instances of a similar nature.

"It is discouraging at times," said

Mt. Angel Home Saved From Fire

Mt. Angel, Or., June 4.—Fire was discovered in the roof of one of J. W. Eber's houses here Wednesday night. It is believed to have originated from a spark from a bonfire in a neighbor's yard. The fire department was called out and made a quick run to the scene of the supposed conflagration, but before a stream of water could be started the blaze was extinguished by a stream of water thrown upon it with a garden hose. The damage was light, only a small hole having been burned.

Charles Lutz, who has been living in San Francisco for several years, has returned to Mt. Angel and is assisting his brother, Thomas, in the store.

The Young Ladies' club held a very enjoyable party in the Rex theater building Tuesday evening. Dancing and luncheon were features of the program.

Henry Gravenkamp, manager of the Rex theater, has made a special effort to put on an extra feature for Sunday and is billing "Blind Husbands."

J. J. Kober goes to Salem today, where he will attend to business matters pertaining to the sale of road bonds.

The thirty-third annual commencement of the Mt. Angel college will be held on Tuesday, June 8.

St. Paul Schools Graduate Large Classes This Year

St. Paul, Or., June 4.—Commencement exercises of the St. Paul school will be held Monday evening. Members of the class are as follows: Rose Hughes, Ethel Kummer, Jennie Runkle, Norman East, Elmer Faber, Robert Blanchett, Everett Hooster, Morris Smith, Clyde Woodruff, Russell Gooding, Lawrence Bunning and John Bunning.

The graduating class at the academy consists of the following members: Basal Plett, Ursula McDonald, Ella Blanchett and Agnes Van der Wide. As a closing program a musical recital will be held on Friday evening.

St. Paul is becoming famous as a baseball center. The local team won from Mt. Angel college in a game Sunday, the score being 6 to 5. Monday the home boys played the famous Iron Workers of Portland and up to the last inning the score was 3 to 3. By a slight error on the part of the St. Paul team they let the visitors slip in two runs and were defeated by two scores. The Portland boys admit that they met a hard bunch. Next Sunday they play the Waconda team and today meet the Newberg team. The team was organized this spring and has played seven games up to the present time.

The St. Paul Community club met Wednesday evening to discuss matters pertaining to the good of the community. T. E. McCroskey, manager

of the Salem Commercial club, and Luther J. Chapin of Salem were present and addressed the meeting. There were about fifty members present. The matter of providing cars for the Shriners was introduced and members of the local club expressed a willingness to give assistance in this matter. After the meeting a luncheon was served.

Plans for extensive improvement on the bank building have been made and work will be commenced at once.

Stayton

Stayton, Or., June 2.—When Alvin Smith's Ford failed to consume gas yesterday forenoon he fastened it at the rear of his truck and with two young ladies in the lead machine started for the hospital in Stayton. They had traveled only a short distance from the farm when the rope broke and the Ford stopped. Smith yelled, and tooted, and possibly said things that he would not have said if the ladies were within hearing. But they went on and on without minding their burden. Another Ford happened along and assisted the crippled machine far enough to overtake the truck. It happened, however, that the Ford was not crippled, but Smith's memory was poor and he forgot to turn the switch. When this was accomplished the Ford needed no assistance or repairs.

Miss Selia Fluey of Seattle is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, north of town. She is a friend of Wallace Smith and they became more than friendly while he was in the service at Camp Lewis, before going overseas. His critical illness at the present time is what occasioned her visit. Wallace has been ill most of the time since he was discharged last December, and at present is very weak, the result of fever contracted while he was overseas.

The funeral of Mrs. Jacob Seigmund was held at the farm home east of here yesterday and interment was made in the Stayton cemetery in the afternoon. Many sorrowing friends followed her remains to the last resting place. Mrs. Seigmund was held in high esteem by the people of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown received a wireless telegram from their son, Giles, a few days ago stating that he had safely arrived in Alaska. He will spend the summer there fishing, and is expected to reach home in November. He left the first of April. George Keach is in Salem this week

arriving on the jury.

Dr. Simons of Silverton was in the city on professional business yesterday.

The Stayton Light & Power company has in contemplation plans for improvements aggregating an expenditure of \$5000 to \$10,000. They propose to increase the power capacity which is made necessary for the reason that the Stayton Woolen Mills have decided to buy power from the Light & Power company, having abandoned their own generator.

Four Graduated From Elementary School At Gervais

Gervais, Ore., June 4.—Following are the names of eighth grade pupils of the Gervais school who successfully passed the examination and were awarded diplomas: Arthur Bauer, Glenn Lefingwall Ewalt, Ross E. McDoughall and Alta D. Winn. The school entertainment was given on

Thursday of last week and the graduation took place the following evening.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Nibler Tuesday, June 1.

Orville Kephart is carrying the mail on route No. 2 while John Kleen, the regular carrier, is taking his summer vacation.

Mrs. H. O. Hickman returned yesterday from Salem where she has been visiting for several days.

It is announced that special reservations are made for Gervais baseball fans to see their old friends, Pete Smith, Ward Manning and Henry Stafford hit the pill at Waconda Sunday afternoon, and they are going to see them.

The following report on the examination held in school district No. 13 is given by Miss Sylvia Jones, teacher: Minnie Benson and Russice Jones passed the eighth grade. Their average was 91.2 and 90.8 per cent respectively.

The one year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mayfield of North Howland died Sunday and burial was made

in the Delaney cemetery west of Stayton Monday.

The Fairfield Sunday school made arrangements to hold children's day exercises next Sunday afternoon. A basket dinner will be served.

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Hazel Green

Hazel Green, Or., June 4.—Mrs. Jessie Mead, accompanied her brother, Glenn Fox, to Portland Saturday.

Miss Hilda Williamson and Louis Bartruff motored to Stayton, Sunday, and were accompanied back by Miss Mildred Williamson.

Miss Virginia Zellinaki of Portland has been visiting for a week at Max Woods.

Mr. Driggs of the Garden Road is occupying August Zellinaki's place.

Fev. F. Fisher held a baptismal service at the Salem First Christian church Sunday afternoon for Violet Wilson, Edna Davis and William Dunigan.

A full house greeted the Otterbein Guild girls Sunday evening and the program was interesting.

Henry Dunigan and family of Mill City spent Sunday with relatives here.

G. G. Looney and family attended Memorial services at the Jason Lee cemetery Monday and visited the one at Macleay.

Misses Hilda and Mildred Williamson are both working in Salem again.

Maurice Dunigan is having the interior of his house papered.

Fire destroyed the residence of Al Isham on the old Peck place across the lake Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock. The origin is unknown. Nothing was saved as the folks were out in the field at work.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes and daughter, Alma, spent Sunday with relatives in Polk county.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and little daughter visited Professor and Mrs. F. V. Jones, Tuesday and Wednesday, en route to Portland.

Word received from Mrs. F. Rape says that she arrived at Red Oak, Iowa, just two hours after her father's death.

Portland.—Even St. Peter's business has some good points and has been responsible for H. J. Blaessing's announcement that he will double the capacity of the Blaessing Granite company. The tombstone firm is celebrating its 25th birthday.

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