

IMPORTANT POST
OFFICE DATE

Last Wednesday was the tenth anniversary of the establishment of rural free delivery from Gresham. This office was the first in Multnomah county to have the service and the third in the state. The other two places ahead of it were Turner and Hood River. Gresham was also the first postoffice in the United States, served by a star route as it was then, to be given the service. Two routes were established at first, serving about seventy-five families each. Now the whole of eastern Multnomah is served by rural carrier, except the impassable districts in the Cascade mountains. All of Clackamas county, lying south of Gresham, is served likewise excepting a few isolated sections.

The services on the first two routes were George B. Preston and Joseph M. Holt, with E. L. Thorpe as substitute for both. Mr. Holt carried just three trips and resigned, his place being taken by Mr. Thorpe for about three months when Fred G. Conley was appointed to the vacancy. A year later Mr. Preston also resigned and Mr. Thorpe received the regular appointment. That was nine years ago the first day of this month. Mr. Thorpe is still the carrier on No. 2, being the oldest carrier in point of service on the Pacific coast.

On March 1, 1903, the department installed three more routes out of Gresham with Ralph Miller, Fred Palmquist and Miss Anna M. Hoss as carriers. One of these routes, No. 5, was changed to Boring on Dec. 1, 1909. The other four are still serving their patrons daily, the carries at present being Edgar E. Chapman on No. 1; E. L. Thorpe on No. 2; L. P. Manning on No. 3 and John P. Freeman on No. 4.

Besides those mentioned there have been four other regular carriers in the service here, making fourteen in all. Three of them resigned and went away, they being Ralph Johnson, Miss Annie Christopher and R. W. Thorpe. Mrs. Sarah Frank was the other, she having been transferred to Boring along with route No. 5, where she is now serving as carrier No. 3 from that office.

In January, 1903, the mails began coming by rail, where the old stage coach was laid away forever between here and Portland. The new service gave the postoffice and all the routes a big boost, which, with the rapid growth of Gresham and the surrounding country raised the standard of the office three years ago from a fourth to a third class office. During all the period since free delivery began the postoffice has been in charge of Mrs. I. McColl, who has kept even pace with the developments of the city and neighborhood in

keeping the service of the office and the rural routes up to the highest standard and to the complete satisfaction of the department officials at Washington. Twice during the past ten years the office has been moved, enlarged and improved until it is now ranking with the finest of its class anywhere, and far superior to many of them in several important respects.

The present agitation, which threatens to change some of the routes will do no lasting damage, even if it comes about. The continued growth of the district will soon re-tore more than will be lost, as was the case when No. 5 went to Boring.

The changes, if they take place, will be made by the department for the best interests of the service in a rapidly growing community.

Regarding the anticipated changes in the rural delivery service of Eastern Multnomah there is not much of a definite nature to report at this time. It is more than probable that Lents route No. 1, will be discontinued and the delivery given over to Arleta, which will give the city service. That arrangement will take away a large patronage of the Lents postoffice, but it will have one route left which will probably encroach on Gresham territory, thus making it still more probable that this office will also lose a route because one of those now in operation is only eighteen miles in length and its distance could be increased.

It is reported that a change on the Cleone route will take Gresham, No. 1 off the Base Line, and that Troutdale will serve a portion of that road west of the Twelve-mile corner. As Gresham, No. 1 and Cleone are both serving about four miles of the Base Line the change could easily be made. It is known that a remonstrance has been largely signed, protesting against any change which will affect Gresham, but the outcome is problematical as the department is studying to economize, in view of the increase in the salaries of the rural carriers next July. By cutting out one route the saving will just about pay the increase of salaries in the territory affected; besides, the Arleta and Lents district must be given city delivery soon and now is the time to make the change.

It is also possible that route No. 2 from Gresham may be changed somewhat, as a small district southeast of here must be looked after, and a reorganization may affect it somewhat.

A. S. Hall of Cleone, Monmouth county, who graduated from the Oregon agricultural college in '04, is now superintendent of the Hood River Electric Light and Water company. Max Hinrichs of Hood River, who graduated in the same class, is now superintendent of a large mine at Deadwood, S.D.

NEW STERILIZATION SYSTEM

An Oregon man has narrowly missed fame as a scientist and fortune as an inventor through the fact that another scientist, a Frenchman, made exactly the same invention as his, at the same time, but got his application into the patent office a few weeks in advance of the Oregon man's application.

The American inventor is Professor O. F. Stafford, of the Department of Chemistry in the University of Oregon, and his invention was a practical method of purifying water by treatment with ultra violet rays. The Frenchman's is a duplicate of the American's invention in principle and applies exactly the same scientific principle, namely: That violet rays are deadly to germs and bacteria. The Westinghouse people bought the Frenchman's invention and got the patent.

The invention already within the year has been adapted to commercial uses in at least one city, namely, Marseilles, France. A part of the city's water is purified by the ultra violet light process. Not only does the cost compare favorably with other processes of water purification, but the process is much more effective in rendering absolutely pure water. Professor Stafford believes that development will be made very soon so that ultimately water for all commercial purposes can be purified with this new treatment, and at a much less cost than by any other chemical method or filtration, such as typhoid, cholera, and all diseases attributable to water infection may be eradicated.

The Oregon inventor, after perfecting his process, was so chagrined at his rival's getting ahead of him, that he has said little of the invention since. A demonstration of the miniature plant, however, showed its effectiveness in purifying water. The principle is simple: ultra violet rays are deadly to germs and bacteria. Ultra violet is generated with a mercury arc, instead of the ordinary carbon arc, and is enclosed in transparent quartz, the quartz being less fusible than glass, and resisting the melting tendency of severe heat. The water is made to flow over or through the space immediately illuminated by the violet rays from the arc. The rays passing through the water kill the bacteria.

The effect of violet in the sun's rays is seen to good example in the tanning of human skin. At high elevations, as on mountain tops, the rays are more active and will burn the skin more quickly than at lower elevations, where the rays are absorbed by the denser atmosphere.

Professor Stafford has not given up the contest, but hopes yet to beat the Frenchman in applying the principle so effectively and economically that every community may have an unlimited supply of water thoroughly pure, at a very small cost.

tion for appendicitis. She is reported as doing nicely.

The freshmen finished bookkeeping and are now taking botany. They have quite a large collection of growing plants in their room.

Emelie Anderson went home Monday on account of sickness.

The girls basket ball team went to Camas last Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Woodard. By a piece of hard luck they lost to the Camas girls by a score of 13 to 8. They play the Estacada girls on our floor next Friday, the 17th.

The boys' basket ball team is showing good form. They took the game from St. John's last Friday by a score of 30 to 8. Wednesday evening they took a special car into Portland for the game with the Lincoln high school, returning about ten o'clock. The game was won by Lincoln. Score 33 to 15.

Lloyd Schram gave a sketch of the life of Winston Churchill and a review of The Crossing in assembly this morning.

Valentine Party

Last Tuesday evening a very enjoyable valentine party was given by Mrs. J. P. Elkington and her sister, Miss Grace Hessel, at the former's home, to entertain the "I Can Class." The house was decorated with red paper hearts and hearts were given out to be matched for partners for refreshments. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, Lucile Johnson; duet, Mrs. Elkington and Miss Grace Hessel; recitation, Miss Calkins, piano solo, Grace Hessel, vocal solo, Mary Hansen. Every one had an enjoyable time. There was about forty five present.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our dear wife and mother; and to those who sang at the grave; also for the beautiful floral offerings. And we especially thank Mrs. J. J. Camp of Seaside, who was with us during her last illness, and at her death and burial.

G. W. LANDON AND FAMILY.

The Mt. Hood railway people are preparing some work for their road to do when it is ready for business. At different points along the right of way are some heavy groves of timber that are being made into cordwood. About 2,000 cords have already been cut, ready for transportation to the city, and daily cordwood trains will be passing along the line toward Portland as soon as the road is ready to transport it there. It is estimated that fully 10,000 cords will be ready for shipment by next fall, which ought to go a long way in preventing a fuel famine in the metropolis of Oregon.

GRESHAM
LIVE NEWS

Miss Blum of Portland visited Mrs. Emery this week.

Ed. Steret is just recovering from a severe attack of the grippe.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hodge, February 10, an eight pound girl.

Miss Pearl Fleming returned from the Good Samaritan hospital this week.

Mrs. John Miller of Portland visited at her mother's, Mrs. Culy's this week.

Mrs. Nellie Wilmut of Canfield, North Dakota, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hansen.

M. O. Nelson of Hope Gardens, Troutdale, was in Gresham on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shattuck of Portland spent last Sunday with their son, M. Yor Shattuck.

C. C. Baker has resigned the principalship of the Athena schools owing to the illness of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen have been spending the past week at Eagle Creek, visiting their daughter.

Miss Ruby Emery has returned to the hospital to take up her training again after an absence of several months due to illness.

Some sneak thief entered the skating rink last week by means of a skeleton key and stole the stock of candies, gum soda water that was kept there.

Chas. F. Browning of Yacolt, Wash., one time a resident here, was renewing old acquaintances in Gresham and vicinity during a part of the present week.

H. L. Culver and family, who left last June for North Dakota, have returned here to remain. They intend buying a farm somewhere in this vicinity.

Rockwood assembly, United Artisans, will give a card party and social in the Macabee hall tomorrow night. The party will close with a supper and dancing.

Mrs. J. M. Short, accompanied by her daughter, Misses Dorothy and Catherine, left last Wednesday for Walla Walla, Wash., to visit her sister, Mrs. McDonald.

Mrs. S. J. McDonald, who recently broke the bones of her right forearm, has almost recovered from the effects of the accident, and the injured arm will soon be as well as ever.

The Rockwood Methodist church people are endeavoring to raise sufficient funds to paint the church and are meeting with good success. The work will probably be done early in the spring.

John P. Freeman, carrier on route No. 4, has been confined to his home

the past week with the grip. His route has been served by substitutes, but not so efficiently as Mr. Freeman could have done it.

There will be no service on the rural routes February 22, that day being a legal holiday. The postoffice window will be open from 9 to 10 a. m., also carrier's window at the same hour.

Mr. M. O. Nelson, recently from Minnesota, will give a free lecture and stereopticon show at the Grange hall next Wednesday evening, Feb. 22nd. Mr. Nelson is interested in the Holly Park tract between Gresham and Troutdale.

There will be a social dance in Fisher's hall, at the end of the Base Line, tomorrow evening which will be a neighborhood affair, but of excellent tone. The young folks out there know how to enjoy themselves and will have a "corking" good time.

Misses Myrtle Elwood, Frances Elwood, Rose Elwood, Harriet Van Natta and Frank Akin all of Portland and Clarence Stanley were guests of Miss Heister Thorpe last Sunday. They spent the day very enjoyably with music, singing and discussing a bountiful dinner prepared by their young hostess.

Rev. Guy Phelps of Dallas, Oregon, will assist the pastor, Rev. J. F. Dunlap, in a series of revival meetings in the M. E. church, commencing Sunday, February 18, and will continue for several weeks. Come and hear him. The week night services will begin at 7:30. Good singing, good preaching will repay you for coming.

Rockwood lodge, Odd Fellows, has made a change in its meeting nights and now meets every Thursday evening in the Macabee hall. The Rockwood Artisan assembly has also changed and will meet hereafter on the second Saturday evening of each month. The Macabees have reserved the third Saturday evening of each month for its own social occasions.

County Auditor S. B. Martin has just made public a summary statement of the finances of Multnomah county up to Jan. 1. The report shows a healthy balance of \$214,434 on hand after all expenses have been paid. There are no bonds or liabilities to be met and this year's tax receipts are yet to be added to the above amount for meeting the expenses of the county. The heaviest single outlay is for road work, outside of the cost of the new court house.

Lecture at Cottrell

A lecture entitled "The Ring" will be given at the Cottrell Baptist on Tuesday evening, February 21, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society. Refreshments will be served. Admission 25 and 10 cents.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY PROPERTY IN GRESHAM

One corner business lot on Main St., 175 feet frontage, \$750; takes only \$400 cash.
Two corner business lots on Main St., 215 feet frontage, \$1200.
Two business lots on Main St., \$550.
Two residence lots, Main St., finest in Gresham, \$850.
One good lot and new house eight rooms, \$2000; requires only \$800.
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It Was All This Family Had in the World.

These head lines tell the sad loss last week of a little family in Portland who carried their all in a little sack in a pocket which gave way to the weight. The loss was not discovered until they reached the depot. The railway could not carry them. Police could not assist them. There was nothing to do but to work and save for another period of years.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

As many people are interested in high school happenings, we shall try to put a few notes in the paper every week. There were enrolled sixty-four pupils of whom fourteen are seniors.

The seniors are giving two essays weekly at assembly on modern writers. The life of Wm. D. Howells and a review of his most important book was delivered last Thursday by May Kester-son.

The senior class play seems a certainty and work upon it will begin soon.

The juniors have had a large number of cases of tartine, but some improvement has been noted during the last week.

Melvin Sunday could not attend school Monday morning on account of injuries which he received during the ball game Friday night.

Bessie Howitt returned to school Tuesday afternoon after being absent for a number of days on account of sickness.

The sophomores are now studying geometry and they find it a very interesting study.

Wallace Wilkinson, who has been on the sick list for some time, has again returned to school.

Pearl Fleming returned home Sunday after having undergone an opera-

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