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Dr. Giesy Named Head of "Near East" Committee

Dr. B. F. Giesy has received a letter from B. L. Steeves, Marion county chairman of the campaign to raise \$9000 (in this county) for the relief of the Armenians, Synans, Greeks and other Christian people of the Near East. Dr. Steeves requests Dr. Giesy's assistance in raising Marion county's share. Aurora and vicinity's share of the \$9000 is \$76, and the drive will start February 21.

This is a trivial sum which should be raised by the voluntary offering of the people of Aurora and vicinity.

There are 4,000,000 destitute sufferers, hundreds of thousands of whom will die of starvation if aid is not sent them within the next few weeks. Among them are 400,000 orphans--Christian orphans--made so by the barbarous Turk and his Hun ally. Prompt and generous action is necessary to save these Ancient Christian races. America is raising \$30,000,000 for them. Our share is \$76--a paltry sum. Telephone Dr. Giesy how much you will give, and don't delay.

Horse Racing Revived

At a meeting of the officers of the Clackamas County Fair Association held Friday afternoon at Oregon City it was decided to resume the horse racing at the fair next fall. Last September the races were cut off the program, and it was a disappointment to many of the lovers of racing.

The date of the fair will be September 24-27, inclusive.

There will also be motorcycle and auto races.

The admission will be reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents.

New Hop Company

Salem men have organized a company to operate the "Mitoma Hop Ranch", a tract of 165 acres of land, with 110 planted to hops. More will be put out this year, the officers of the new company are F. W. Durbin, president; Homer Smith, vice-president; H. A. Cornoyer, secretary and treasurer; H. H. Olinger, Joseph Adolph and Sam Adolph, directors.

Legislative Paragraphs

HOUSE BILL 289—Providing for the publication of road notices in the newspaper nearest the district appears to be a duplication of the law already in force. The so-called Jackson newspaper law did not repeal this provision of existing law.

MARION COUNTY—Will again pay a bounty of 10 cents each for Gophers, Moles, and 5 cents each for gray digger squirrels killed in the county. This law applies only to Marion county.

SPENCE—Has announced that he will not oppose the \$10,000,000 bill, even with the emergency clause attached. If Spence approves we might as well make it unanimous!

HOUSE BILL 54—Provides that the assessor shall compute certain farming data, to be gathered at the time the assessments are made. Statistics as to the acreage of berries, fruits, grain, and other information will be gathered and preserved in card-index form. This should have been the law long ago. Such information would have been of great value to hop growers in the past.

SCHOOL TEACHERS—The questionable ways of school teachers who sign up for schools and then at once start a hunt for a better job brought out so strong statements in the House last week. The present law provides that a teacher may break a contract within 30 days of the time his or her school is to begin, but the school district is tied as soon as the contract is signed. A bill in the House proposed to make the time 90 instead of 30 days. But it developed that State Superintendent Churchill was opposed to the 90 day provision, and the committee in charge of the bill recommended that the bill be not passed. Many members of the House, however, had served on school boards in districts that have suffered from these one-sided contracts. They fought the committee report and the time was fixed at 60 days.

Franz Kraxberger and Chas. Kraxberger were in the Needy neighborhood Friday of last week getting cream customers for the Canby Co-operative Cheese and Produce Co. They report the prospect is very good and Elmer Deetz of Needy will be the representative of that district.—Canby News.

Rebekahs Install Officers

The following officers of Western Hope Rebekah Lodge were installed at the last session, Saturday evening, February 8. Mrs. Clara Wurster was initiated in the mysteries of the order. Refreshments were served.

N. G.—Emma Berg.
V. G.—Miss Sweet.
Sec.—Mrs. Jessie Gray.
Treas.—Elma Dentel.
R. S. N. G.—Mrs. Phillips.
L. S. N. G.—Edith Carpenter.
R. S. V. G.—Mrs. Chris. Zimmermann.
L. S. V. G.—Mrs. Otis Morris.
Chaplain—Mrs. John Jesse.
Warden—Mrs. Anna Brewer.
Conductress—Mrs. Geo. Wurster.
Inside Guard—Mrs. Ida Beck.
Outside Guard—Mrs. Kinyon.
Installation Officer—Mrs. Phillips.

Big Paving Proposal For Marion County

A meeting has been called at the Salem Commercial Club next Saturday, February 15 to discuss the plan to connect every incorporated town in this county by a paved highway.

It is proposed to bond the county for the sum necessary—probably a million or more—to build a paved highway from Newberg to reach Donald, Aurora, St. Paul, West Woodburn, Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Silverton, Scotts Mills, Turner, Marion, Stayton, Wheatland, Sublimity as well as Macleay and Rosedale. Such a plan would require nearly 100 miles of pavement.

If the Salem meeting is favorable to the plan, meetings and conferences will be held in all parts of the county.

While the county court is non-committal, it is said they are not opposed. The county roadmaster, W. J. Culver is quoted by the Salem Statesman as saying: "The demand for good roads increasing faster than the present road tax can be stretched to meet it. The only places in the county where improvements that amount to anything have been made are those where the districts have voted special taxes in order to help themselves."

No Income Tax Blanks Yet

As soon as Congress passes the new Revenue Act, providing more income taxes, blanks will be printed and sent out. In the meantime every unmarried person—man or woman—with an income of over \$1000 and every married person with an income of over \$2000 should begin to get their figures ready for Uncle Sam, for he won't wait long when the time comes to report and pay!

New Tobacco Taxes Coming

The Revenue Act, pending in Congress, increases the tax on cigars, tobacco, and cigarettes. The day after the bill passes all dealers must take an inventory, as they must pay on the stock on hand then the difference between the present tax and the new.

Canby Bank Sues

The Canby State Bank begun suit against S. B. Pratt and Albert D. Erbe to collect on a bill of exchange for \$80.29 issued to Mrs. S. B. Pratt by Erbe and endorsed by Pratt. It was made on the Bank of Hubbard.

After it was signed it was sent to the Canby bank and they forwarded it to the Hubbard bank where it was not honored. The Canby bank claims to have made demands for payment but this was refused by the defendants.

Loren Kerr, Robt. Bonn, Albert Yoder and Miss Berbon all of Aurora or vicinity went to Oregon City Saturday to take the civil service examination for rural carrier to fill vacancies here, at Woodburn, and at Stayton. Several other candidates from other places also took the examination.

J. C. Moore Re-Opens Donald Blacksmith Shop

J. C. Moore the Donald blacksmith has re-opened the Donald Blacksmith-shop for business, having begun work Monday. Mr. Moore has been out of the shop for several months owing to ill health that did not allow him to do any heavy work. But he has now regained his health and is ready for business—to serve his former patrons and all others who want good work at fair prices—and a square deal all round.

Mr. Moore announces that owing to the high prices of all material, and the greatly increased cost of doing business all work will be done for cash only, with no credit to anyone, thus treating everyone fairly and all alike. He solicits work in his line from all the surrounding country, including the Aurora district, guaranteeing first class work and a square deal.

MACKSBURG.

The Mother's Club will meet in the present week at the home of Mrs. Dreier Sr.

The Little Girl's Sewing Circle will hold its regular fortnightly session at the home of Mrs. G. M. Baldwin on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 22nd.

A sale of articles donated to the Red Cross took place on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at Joe Gibson's store, the returns from which will be published in next week's Observer.

The Red Cross Auxiliary will hold its regular weekly sessions at its rooms in the Sutherland building on Wednesday Feb. 12th, the birthday of our well-remembered and ever-revered Abraham Lincoln, who we well know would approve of our working for the soldiers of the country that he loved.

Though the branches of the Molalla are swollen as much as they have been within the memory of the earliest settler and some of the bridges are submerged, no harm, as yet, has come to the fields of grain. They are as bright with the promise of an abundant harvest as they could ever be.

In each of the ever-lengthening and swiftly passing days may be seen some harbinger of Spring. We are glad that it is only the forecast of spring we are enjoying, that we may think of that enchanting time with all its golden store as yet untouched. True the scent of newly plowed earth, the song of returning birds and the opening of the spring flowers, are still in the distance, but so is the vernal languor that steals into the human frame at a time when all other created things are replete with renewing life. The annual distribution of government seeds which this year is more genuine and more varied than heretofore has set us longing for the shovel and the hoe as well as for a soil dry enough for their use. No less vigorous than it was last year will be the garden campaign of 1919. Though the movement of our armies is reversed and thousands of our men are coming home, quite as much will be required to feed them as when they were on foreign shores, and thus the famishing hordes in war-stricken lands, who, wasted by long sieges of privation are more greatly in need of supply even than are our own well fed troops. All this awakens redoubled energy on our part and reminds that not till every rod of available land is brought into use can we consider our summer's work well begun. The long succession of rainy days making in-door life compulsory, but heightens the longing for out-of-door work when we may begin putting time and strength into that long-tried and never failing bank, our Mother Earth.

William Bruns was a business visitor in Oregon City Tuesday.

Rides In Private Car

While content with one seat for one ticket when travelling on the Southern Pacific, W. W. Irwin not long since found himself to all intents and purposes occupying his own private car. Going down to Oregon City one day recently, Mr. Irwin took one of the vacant seats in a partially filled coach and began to peruse his morning paper. Soon he sneezed. A dozen passengers looked around. Again he sneezed. Two dozen passengers moved uneasily in their seats. Hidden behind the pages of the paper, all unconscious of the stir about him, Mr. Irwin sneezed again, into the ample folds of his anti-fu handkerchief. Soon after, on laying down his paper, he suddenly discovered that he was occupying a private car! Every passenger had fled.

Bill Provides More Salaries For Officials

Harvey Cross, Clackamas county representative, has introduced a bill to fix the salaries of officers in that county as follows.

County Judge, \$1600.
County Commissioners, \$5 a day but no expenses for mileage.
County Treasurer, \$1500.
County Clerk, \$1800.
County Recorder, \$1500.
Sheriff, \$2100.
Assessor, \$1500.
School Superintendent, \$1400 and \$75 quarterly for traveling expenses.

The offices of the school superintendent and county judge are not increased by the bill but the other offices are provided a substantial raise if the bill passes.

The commissioners are granted an increase of \$2 per day but they are allowed no mileage as heretofore.

The salary of the treasurer was \$1,200 and the bill provides for an increase of \$300 per year.

The clerk would be given an increase from \$1,500 to \$1,800, and the recorder's salary would be raised from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

The sheriff is granted the largest increase in the bill, which calls for a salary of \$2,100, an increase of \$400 over the former salary of \$1,700.

The assessor's salary increase would be \$250 over the present salary of \$1,250.

FARGO NEWS.

John Bowers was at Portland on business Saturday.

I. W. Sharpe of Portland was here on business during the week.

Rev. and Mrs. Worrel of Salem will attend the basket social Friday evening.

Mr. Saily and Mr. Gilam of the Foundation ship yards were here on business during the week.

Peter Mathoit is cutting some trees for making a corduroy on the hill so the mail carrier can get thru with his machine.

The Bible Class will meet Wednesday evening. Just preceding the evening service the teachers training class will hold their meeting.

Mr. Bailey of Portland has accepted a position as traction engineer for the Fargo Orchards Co. and will remove here sometime during the week.

Mrs. Emma Prink who has been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Purdy of Salem stopped off on her way to Portland where she will spend a week or ten days.

On Saturday at eleven o'clock near the church at Fargo there will be an auction sale of the furniture of G. K. Fargo. Any one in need of furniture will do well to attend this sale.

A delightful shower and luncheon was given in honor of Mrs. Wm. Lottman at the home of Mrs. Ralph Rader. Those present were Mrs. Richard Hughes, Mrs. C. J. Cook, Mrs. Wm. Lottman, Mrs. F. B. Fargo, Mrs. Emma Prink, and Mrs. Ralph Rader.

Church services were held as usual Sunday but owing to the large quantity of water falling during the night the basement was flooded about two feet deep completely putting the furnace out of commission. A stove was installed and made the room very comfortable.

On Friday evening one of those delightful basket socials will be held in connection with a Valentine evening at the church. Many from out of town also the teachers from Butteville will bring baskets. Come out and have a good time.

Paved Roads Are By Far The Cheapest

It is an ambitious scheme that is being put forward by the Mt. Angel people and others to provide paved roads leading to the market towns all over Marion county.

In the long run, paved roads are cheaper than any other.

In this age of pneumatic tires, the only road that will stand up is the one with a binding surface.

If Marion county is to authorize a bond issue of a million dollars to build the needed highways leading to the Pacific Highway, however, The Statesman would suggest that the County Court be left ample leeway as to time.

Materials and labor going into road construction are high priced now. They may be cheaper later.

Something should be left to the judgment of the people who would have the responsibility of securing the greatest possible mileage of paved roads for the money proposed to be expended.

Marion county can profitably spend a million dollars in providing herself with paved highways, outside of the main roads that the State will construct.

But good business judgment would dictate a policy that would not force all the expenditure in a very short time.---Salem Statesman.

WANTED.--No. 6, 8, or 9 hop wire in good condition. Call up the Aurora Observer. (49)

We Don't Need Your Kid

You say he can't stand the army; The life is too rough for him, Do you think he is any better Than some other mother's Tom or Jim? You raised him up like a girl; He don't smoke or drink is your brag If all the rest of the boys were like him, What would become of our flag? You say let the rough-necks do the fighting.

They are used to the beans and the stew I am glad I am classed with the rough-necks

Who would fight for the Red, White and Blue.

You say his girl could't stand it, To see him off with the rest; Don't you think she would be glad if he enlisted

When she feels the German's hot breath on her breast?

Think of the women of Belgium; Of the cruelties they had to bear.

Do you want the same thing to happen To your innocent daughter so fair? You can thank God that the stars in Old Glory

Are not blurred by that kind of stains Because there are ten million rough-necks

That have red blood in their veins, They go to drill in bad weather, And come in with a grin on their face

While your darling sits in the parlor And lets another man fight in his place.

Maybe we do smoke and gamble, But we fight as our forefathers did, So go warm the milk for his bottle,

Thank God, we don't need your Kid.

---Sergt Will F. Collins.

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