

## GRESHAM OUTLOOK

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### MY CREED.

I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking, and in the pleasure of my job.

### THE CHURCH AND LODGES.

Evangelist Phelps preached many very helpful and instructive sermons, warning against positive evils and pointing out the way of truth. From all of this we would not detract one iota. We do take slight issue with him, however, on his apparent unqualified condemnation of secret societies and lodges. We do not belong to any and so cannot be accused of being under obligation to defend any. It is not our purpose specially to defend the lodges but to condemn the practice of condemning them.

The reason for condemning the lodges seems to be that they dampen the ardor, weaken the faith and hinder the devotion and work of the Christian. It is stated that some make the lodges their church and others are kept from church by the lodges.

It is quite a question and we admit there is much that can be said on either side.

There are many things about the lodges which from the standpoint of the church? We do not mean to put them on the same plane.

It can be said in regard to either that it is the individuals, not the institution. The lodges in general are organized for a benevolent and fraternal work. This is the church's work, possibly from higher motives. The lodges are trying to do what the churches ought to do but largely neglect. If they did it there would be less need of the lodges. Man has his human side as well as divine. The church should care for the one as well as the other. If the church does not meet man's needs he will go elsewhere.

The substance of it is this, that the lodges, as such, are not the things to condemn but the individuals who misuse them, or haven't enough judgment to keep them in their place. If the church neglects her duty can she blame the lodges? Why not commend what is good while condemning the wrong in everything and look for the real seat of the evil in the human heart rather than in this institution?

### OPTIMIST OR PESSIMIST?

Whether a man is looking at life as an optimist or a pessimist will soon be shown in his words and actions. Look around you and you will see the evidences. Go into a store. The proprietor smilingly greets you and makes you feel at home. The clerks smile and are at your service. There is an atmosphere of welcome in the place. You are offered every courtesy and are asked to come again.

Go into another store. You wait for a clerk. You are looked on with suspicion and treated as an intruder. "We are out of it at present," you are told, "cannot accommodate you."

The pessimist says, "Keep out," "Dangerous," "No smoking," "No admission," "Keep off the grass," "Elevator not running," "Trespassers will be prosecuted," "Not responsible for hats and coats," "This is our busy day."

The optimist says, "Come in," "Take one," "You are invited," "Strangers welcome," "Ask for free

samples," "No trouble to show goods," "Money back if not satisfied," "Come again."

And much of success or failure in life, or in business, depends upon this difference of attitude.

### CHANGE THE NAME.

What is in a name? The directors of the Grange Fair association yesterday seemed to think there might be something in a name. Failing to get an appropriation from the state, they decided to try to get aid from the county. Governor West vetoed the fair appropriation bills because he said the counties could look after the fairs to better advantage. The question arises will the county court be as ready to aid the Grange fair as it would a Multnomah county fair? A committee was appointed to get as definite information on this point as possible. The fair need be no less a grange fair. It is thought a more general designation will appeal to a larger number of patrons.

That the railroads are eager to help the homeseekers locate on the Pacific Coast is shown by the low rates adopted at the recent Transcontinental Passenger Association meeting in Chicago. The homeseekers' rate heretofore effective during January, February and March was extended to cover the whole year. Also a special colonist rate of \$33 from Chicago to the Pacific Northwest from March 10 to April 10 was decided upon. The railroad will do their part. It is for us to advertise our resources, welcome the homeseeker and not take advantage of him when he wants to purchase property.

Robert W. Hughes has been elected acting editor and business manager of the Pacific Christian Advocate, published in Portland, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of F. D. L. Rader. Mr. Hughes has for some time fulfilled the duties of his new office and has been a strong factor during the past few years in building up the Advocate. We know he is worthy the promotion.

Although under arrest for obstructing river traffic, County Judge Cleaton and County Commissioners keep the bridges closed during the period of heaviest bridge traffic. It is up to the Federal court to prove that they are in error.

The State Medical Board is going after the medical fakirs in this state. Fifteen have been arrested and others likely will be. Correspondence seized in connection with the arrests showed that these so-called practitioners were the veriest imposters.

### LIFE'S OUTLOOK.

"Let the howlers howl, and the prowlers prowl, and the growlers growl and the gew gaws go it. Behind the night there is plenty of light, and things are all right, and I know it."

Certain prominent Canadians, well as some Americans, oppose the ratification of the reciprocity treaty. The opposition is from purely selfish reasons. We hope the treaty will be ratified and believe it will benefit both countries.

Portland sends \$5000 to famine-stricken China. Is this merely a business getter or an evidence that broad, humanitarian principles dominate men? In any case it will be as acceptable to China.

The signs of improvement in Gresham are very gratifying. New buildings, new sidewalks, fresh paint cleaner streets, prettier lawns are the order of the day. But my—there's lots of room yet.

It is a hard road that Abe Ruef is sentenced to travel—14 years at hard labor. He will fight to avoid it to the last notch. Maybe a loop hole will yet be found in the law.

It has been disclosed that it was a Gresham man who purchased the Miller property which the council wanted. It is consoling to know that it will stay in Gresham anyway.

An engineer who has studied the matter claims that Oregon has one-third of the available water power in the United States.

There's a way out of every difficulty. Either crawl from under it, climb over it, or smash straight through it.

The Lord helps those who help themselves. The Lord help those who don't!

### SPRINGLIKE DAYS INVITE RENEWED ACTIVITY.

The weather has been cool with easterly winds and light frosts for nearly two weeks and is now varied by refreshing spring showers. It is good for fruit to have these cool days now for it holds back the fruit buds, making them less likely to be injured by frosts a few weeks later. The pussy willows have been out for two or three weeks and the leaf buds and blossoms on the early deciduous trees are nearly ready to open. There has been much plowing and seeding already done in this section of country, and some lawns and garden plots have been spaded. From all this it will be seen that spring is at the door.

All this is told for the benefit of our eastern readers. It will strike them as peculiar that some farmers here have not yet dug their last year's potatoes and such vegetables as carrots, cabbage, kale, etc., are being gathered for use. The temperature at no time during the winter has been lower than 22 above and that only for a night or two. There has been but little snow. Of course, it has been rainy about half the time since December 1st, but that is what is expected and desired in this country. There is every prospect of a beautiful spring and a prosperous summer.

### Every Man is in Business.

The following article clipped from the columns of Leslie's Weekly will serve to clearly show how all men are in business, no matter what station of life he may occupy in the country:

No party can succeed unless the business men of the country believe in it and in its policies, because every intelligent workingman—and the great mass of the workingmen in this country, with our free school system and penny papers, are intelligent—regards himself as a business man. Every worker in the shop is in business for himself. He watches the signs of prosperity and of depression as eagerly as the merchant, the manufacturer or the banker does. If the business man wants sound money and a 100-cent dollar and protection against the competition of cheaper labor and capital abroad, so does the workingman want all and every one of these things. He is making it his business to find out which political party stands ready to give it to him. Let demagogues and muckrakers take notice.

### The Plain Truth.

Those who are preaching in behalf of the world's peace should realize the tremendous cost of war. No more effective sermon against increased armaments could be prepared than is contained in the simple statement that since the Civil War ended, in 1865, the United States has paid, for pensions and the pension system, the stupendous total of \$4,094,973,860.26. This although nearly forty years ago President Garfield said, "We may reasonably expect that the expenditure for pensions will hereafter steadily decrease."—Leslie's Weekly.

### Train Orders by Telephone.

As soon as necessary changes can be made, telephone service will replace the telegraph on the main line of the Northern Pacific between South Portland and Felida, Wash., making 29 telephone operators' positions that were heretofore telegraphers' work. The salaries will be reduced from \$70 to \$60 as a result of the change, which is brought about by the new system of handling trains by telephone instead of telegraph.

### GOLD DOLLARS.

Strawberry plants, Gold Dollar and Clark seedlings, for sale. H. M. Miller, Fir Grove Farm, Gresham R 2. Phone 286.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our thanks to the many neighbors and friends who assisted us during the sickness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Theresa Fitzgerald.

Jas. H. Fitzgerald and family.

An employment bureau has been opened up in Portland by the Y. M. C. A. for the rural districts. This is a much needed department and should receive the hearty support of all.

What enjoyment could young Hulin, arrested in Portland, find in cutting the tresses of young women? Possibly the only explanation is that he is a hair-brained fool.

### Lodge Notice.

Pleasant Valley Grange No. 348 meets fourth Saturday at Pleasant Valley hall. H. W. Snashall, master; E. Butler, sec.; Jennie Kronenberg, lecturer.

FAIRVIEW LODGE, No. 92, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meetings Saturday night on or before full moon. Masonic Temple, Troutdale. Visiting brothers welcome.

A. FOX, Secretary.

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Looks good to us and we hope that it looks as good to you. We are glad to see a paper for Gresham, in fact, we feel so good that we are going to offer you some real bargains in the way of celebrating the event. First we are going to put on sale a bunch of Men's Hats ranging in price from

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Every one a bargain. Next we will sell out our entire line of Ladies' Fascinators at one-third off. This is the chance to get a Fascinator to finish up the late winter and early spring. We have about four dozen pairs Men's and Women's Heavy Shoes that we will sell at first cost to clean up to make room for new spring stuff. These Shoes are all first class and clean and will make you a good every day shoe all summer.

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