

## POWELL VALLEY COMMENCEMENT

Excellent Program Reflects Much Credit on Teacher and Pupils.

The graduation exercises for a class of six eight grade pupils were held Saturday evening in the Powell school house. The stage was beautifully decorated in the class color—pink, and mingled with a border and wreaths of evergreen, while the class motto, "Ever Onward," stood out in large pink letters expressing a thought that should inspire those who had chosen it to ever press onward and upward in the battle of life. An exceptionally large crowd assembled to do honor to these young people about to complete their first step forward in their educational career.

After the invocation by Rev. S. F. Pitts, the program was opened with a violin solo, well rendered by Allen Lind. County Superintendent Robinson then gave a talk to the good people of Powell and the graduating class.

In his opening remarks he referred to a row of about twenty-five small boys who sat on the front edge of the platform for want of room elsewhere, as "the finest border I have ever seen." "Give the boys a glad hand and help them on," he said.

This was followed by a strong plea for the boys on the ground that boys are not bad and that more interest should be shown in them. Invite them in more to your homes, he said, and don't when you hear them running in gangs outside, say, "What bad boys."

Mr. Robinson interested the children as well as older people very much by telling them stories illustrating how he always got into trouble. He spoke of the severity of the recent eighth grade examinations and complimented the class on the ability of every member to pass when half the pupils in Oregon were failing on these questions.

He said the schools of Multnomah county were never before in as good condition as they are today, but while congratulating the class on its success he warned them not to forget the source of their success and fail to give the effort some credit for the unselfish teacher she had put forth. He suggested that the school should be a center of community interest and the school building something more than a place for the common school. It was suggested that an assembly hall built onto the already fine building would be a great convenience to the community. It is the duty of a community to live up to and make use of all the information it has and in this connection some very interesting thoughts were brought out in regard to the health of the school and community. The common towel and common drinking cup should be abolished. It is cheaper and easier to prevent disease than to cure it. Home is the place to begin to spend our efforts to do good and uplift the race. Let boys and girls always follow the motto of little Johnnie, the boot black in Salem. "I always do the best I can." The question of neighborhood gossip was given a stinging blow and the thoughtless tongue which sends out darts and arrows to pierce the souls of the innocent was silenced and ashamed.

To the class about to be graduated, he said, "Do honor to your community wherever you go." They are your true friends.

Mr. Robinson left the hall at an early hour to catch a car home.

Mr. Rusher's solo was enjoyed by all. The drill and song given by seven girls with dolls was much appreciated and loudly cheered. Lotie Davis did splendidly with her solo and the flower and ribbon drill by twelve girls was exceptionally well executed, showing careful training and patient practice. The effect of flowers and ribbon was charming and the song at the close, "Scatter the Flowers," a very touching incident.

A unique history and prophecy for the different members of the class was read by Bertha Pitts, in which she saw each member passing on to an honorable and important career. The G. O. Fancher was presented by Mr. C. G. Fancher with these appropriate words: "I present you with that which you may be proud of."

We were very favorably im-

pressed with the spirit of the entire occasion and numerous verbal bouquets were handed back and forth between the principal, Mrs. Lansdown and representatives of the school and community, each trying to do honor to the other for the work accomplished. A surprise to many was the impromptu appearance of the Lundine brothers, who rendered two very pleasing and much appreciated violin pieces.

A dainty repast was served on the upper balcony to the graduating class and their friends and the school and class vied with each other and made the halls echo and re-echo with their various yells. Flowers were strewn in rich profusion at the feet of the graduates and everyone seemed to feel that it was a time for mutual congratulations.

## SCHOOL BOARDS MEET HERE NEXT FRIDAY

A school board convention will be held at the school house at Gresham, next Friday, June 2nd. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session will begin at 10. The afternoon session will close about 4 o'clock so as to accommodate those coming from a distance.

This meeting is called by R. F. Robinson under the law which authorizes the county superintendent to call such a meeting when he thinks it advisable for the consideration of such questions as pertain to the welfare of the districts. It is called at this time in order that important matters may be gotten into shape for presentation to the districts at their annual meetings to be held later in June.

It is intended to discuss such matters as, better sanitation, heating and ventilating, water supply, school desks, employment of teachers and salaries, care of school buildings, etc. These and other topics will be presented and discussed. These are subjects of general interest and officers and teachers can get much help from a well conducted discussion of them.

School boards from all over the county will be specially invited. Those at a distance will send delegates. All teachers are also invited and the patrons of the districts and public in general. The meeting is called at Gresham as the most central point in eastern Multnomah. Arrangements have been made for luncheon at noon at the school the Ladies' Aid society to serve house for a nominal price.

Several special entertainment features will be given.

**Ten or 40 Acres for Sale.**  
For Sale—A 40-acre farm near Pleasant Home. Twenty acres in cultivation, rest slashed and in pasture; 2 acres in bearing orchard; good 6-room house and barn, 34x46 feet, 24 feet high, 12 head dairy cows, hogs, 3 horses, wagon, harness, buggy and farm implements of all kinds. One of the best small dairy farms in the country. One and a half miles to railroad in either direction. Good growing crop. All for \$9,000, half down. Or will sell 10 acres unimproved at \$125 an acre. Address M. box 38, Route 1, Boring, Oregon.

Dr. Lowe, the optician, will be at Mr. Fieldhouse's jewelry store, Wednesday. Don't fail to have him test your eyes for glasse. He knows how. Twenty years experience; dozens of references.

**DECIDE.**  
Decide, the Percheron stallion, well known in Gresham and vicinity, will make the season as follows:  
Monday, at livery barn at Sandy.  
Tuesday, at E. F. Donahue's barn, Boring.  
Wednesday, till Thursday noon, at Straus Lumber Co.'s yard, Gresham.  
Friday and Saturday, W. A. Proctor's at Cottrell.

**Straus Lumber Co., Owners.**

**WANTED**—Wood to saw with drag saw. Heavy timber preferred. Magnuson & Nelson, Gresham, Oregon, phone 501. 27

**PASTURE**—Cattle wanted to pasture. Inquire of B. Witter, Gresham, Oregon. Phone 352. 27

**TYPEWRITING** and Stenographic work wanted.—Marie Dinger, phone 49. 23

## The Price of Our Liberties

The great civil war waged with such slaughter between the North and South will soon be an event so far back in the annals of our nation that living men will have no memory of the event. Every year in the ranks of the armies who met in mortal combat on the great fields of Gettysburg and Antietam or waded through the awful carnage of the battlefields of Tennessee and Virginia, are being thinned by the grim reaper, death. Every succeeding Decoration day they totter forth with feeble step to do honor to comrades who fell in that awful conflict or have since yielded up their lives, victims to disease and weakness contracted in the service of the nation.

We little realize today what sacrifice and sorrow this war brought to the homes of America. We know nothing of the suffering and hardship endured, not only by the sol-

dier on the march, on the field of battle or in rebel prison, but by the wives and children and fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters of these heroes. Our liberty was bought by blood on the battle fields of the revolution but it was only after the civil war that the people of this great nation began to fully realize what liberty and union fully meant.

The price paid for liberty was enormous but insignificant with the expenditure of blood and treasure which taught the people of this United States that "Liberty and Union are never and inseparable."

May we once cease to give honor to the defenders of this great principle or forget to pay a loving tribute to the memory of those who at such a fearful cost made it possible for us today to enjoy the blessings of a united people. All honor is due to the Grand Army of the Republic.

## COUNTY WILL HELP FAIR

At a special meeting of the directors of the Fair association Friday afternoon the committee appointed for that purpose reported that an appropriation of \$250 had been secured from the county court. The race track proposition was again taken up and those who have made a preliminary estimate figure that enough stock in a Driving association can be sold to members, Gresham business men and horsemen of Portland to raise the necessary funds for building the race track and grand stand.

A committee was appointed to draw up and secure the execution of such papers as are necessary with the city council as the owners of the property needed for race track purposes. A committee of one was appointed to assist the Driving club in soliciting stock.

The premium list was ordered printed and much enthusiasm was manifested. The prospects for a good fair this fall are brighter than ever. East Portland people are taking more interest and there is no reason now why the Multnomah county fair should not rank high among the Oregon fairs this fall in points of attractions and attendance as well as agricultural displays.

## CLOSING PROGRAM OF PRIMARY ROOMS

The closing program for the two primary rooms presided over by Miss Parnely and Miss Anderson was held in the Assembly hall yesterday—just preceding the Decoration day program. It was a very unique affair in which the different flowers were represented by different groups of children and songs were sung and pieces spoken about the birds and flowers. Each child as far as possible had some part and each seemed to enjoy that little part.

These things are a part of child life and help to make the school interesting and develop the latent talent within, giving the child confidence in himself and his ability to take a part in the world about him. The teachers in the Gresham schools this year have shown themselves worthy of their high calling. Each, we believe, has tried hard to do for the children under their care the very best she possibly could. They have felt the great responsibility resting upon them and they have carried on their work from day to day and week to week regardless of criticism or lack of interest on the part of patrons, with the same fidelity and love for the work.

To the teacher each child is a gem to be turned and polished and brightened until it shall shine in the richness of its beauty a pearl invaluable.

For the first time in its history the Postal Department deficit is entirely wiped out and the department has a million dollars deposited to its credit in the United States treasury.

## DR. M'DOUGAL TALKS ON FAITH

Sunday morning at the M. E. church the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. J. W. McDougal of the 1911 graduating class of the Gresham high school. The church was tastefully decorated in the class colors and a large and well trained choir furnished special music.

Dr. McDougal took for his subject "Faith and Reason" and selected for his text these words, "Trusted in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding."

After making a careful distinction between faith and reason and explaining and illustrating what is meant by a faith in God and what a simple thing it is to believe he contrasted faith and reason by stating that "Reason represents the feet, but faith the wings." The gospel alone is able to build up in righteousness and true holiness. The surest way to conquer unbelief is to live the faith that is in bread to fvider fdarth mrdarf arod greatness and wealth of faith. He pictured in his climax the faith of Abraham when called upon to sacrifice his son on the altar and closed with an appeal to the class to make such a faith their faith, to trust not in their own reason alone. "The great sin of mankind" he said "is self dependence. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink nor tremble on the brink of any earthly woe."

"Young men and young women" said he "I can bring nothing better to you today than the words of my text, 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.'"

After the benediction by Rev. F. M. Burch, there were many good wishes and sincere hopes expressed for the future to the young people about to be graduated from our high school. There ought to be many more to follow each coming year and the fervent and sincere words of the speaker should sink into the hearts of these about to step out into the battle of life.

The democrats are facing a dilemma in dealing with the tariff on wool. If they follow out their theory and the sentiment of W. J. Bryan, they will put it on the free list. If they do they will reduce the government revenues \$21,000,000, and they do not know how to stand this reduction or make up for it.

## Five Acres for Sale

By owner, three and a half miles east of Gresham, in high state of cultivation, three and a half acres in fruit and berries, balance open ground, good house, barn, apple house, two wells, three quarter acre fenced chicken tight, and hen house, one quarter mile from county road, joins Section Line which will be opened in near future. Good road in to place, two miles to church, 500 yards to school house. Plow, harrow, cultivator and other tools go with place. Price, \$2,500 cash. Phone Gresham 136 or address Troutdale, G. W. Allder.

The statement is made by an observing publisher that users of billboards for advertising purposes are turning to the use of newspapers space as a substitute. This circumstance indicates that the magazines are not the only mediums that are losing advertising to the newspapers in proportion as the intelligence of buyers of space increases, and those advertisers first to make the wise change will be the first to reap the increased profits that experience shows will result. So far as the respective merits of newspapers and billboards are concerned, it may be said that "an advertisement in the home is worth a thousand on the highway."—Polk Co. Itemizer.

## OLD SOLDIERS HONORED AT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Yesterday at the public school a short program was rendered by the pupils and attended by quite a number of citizens as well as members of the Grand Army. An effort was made to give as many pupils as possible a chance to take some part in the program and thus make it of greater interest all. The representatives of the G. A. R. were invited to sit on the platform and the selections read and spoken were calculated to inspire patriotism and teach our youth to love their country, their youth and the men who have made and kept this nation what it is.

The stage was nicely decorated with flags and banners and the children who tried to perform each part bravely had at least a good lesson in patriotism. One old soldier stated to the writer that he would like to have had a chance to thank the children for thus honoring the dead and the living that when they are fifty years old it will be a great thing to say, "I saw when a child a soldier who fought in the great civil war."

## MILK PRODUCERS ADOPT CONSTITUTION

The Milk Producers Association met on Saturday in the Commercial Club rooms at Gresham. There was a good attendance and everybody seemed ready to get down to business. The constitution was adopted very nearly as it had been drafted and the following trustees were elected: For one year, A. Conrad; for two years, J. Luscher, for three years, C. Fritz, for four years, A. B. Aultman, for five years, H. E. Davis.

Mr. Tarbell a visitor representing a district west of Portland was suggested for the five year term but after considerable friendly discussion it was decided to elect someone from this vicinity. Mr. Tarbell's presence helped very much to encourage this association and a unit effort will now be set on foot to perfect local organizations in every locality around Portland and then bind these smaller organizations together into one grand organization to this end a meeting will soon be called at Scappoose and a delegation from this organization will plan to be present. The members seem to have settled most of the minor differences that formerly existed and there is very general satisfaction with the way things are going.

The old saying that farmers cannot hang together, seems to be entirely upset in this case and the chances are good for the perfection of one of the strongest co-operative associations in the state of Oregon.

The second Friday of each month was set for regular meetings. A meeting of the board of directors was held immediately after adjournment and the following officers were chosen: President, H. E. Davis; secretary, A. B. Aultman; vice president, C. Fritz; treasurer, A. Conrad.

Whether Hawaii shall be admitted as a state or not, the fact that she is desirous of becoming something more than a distant relation shows that she is thus far more than pleased with the connection.—Christian Science Monitor.

The teachers of Multnomah county are forming an annuity association which will provide for its members on their retirement after 20 or 30 years of service.

The Outlook will visit a relative or friend for you 104 times during the year, bring full of news. Isn't that worth something to you?

## SHAKESPEARE UP TO DATE

How the Seniors Delighted the Audience and Made Over \$100.

The quality of humor is not straining.

It droppeth from the high school senior's lips as the gentle rain from heaven,

It tickleth those who heard, etc., with apologies to Gresham's modern Shakespeares, who held the boards at the High School Assembly hall, Friday evening, May 26.

To the student of Shakespeare, the above quotation (?) will seem a far cry; but compared to the adaptation of "The Merchant of Venice" as given it is exceedingly mild. The caste included the entire class of fourteen members, and each is worthy of mention.

Sutor Bassanio was as pleasing to the large audience as he was to Portia, and he evidently seemed to "suit her." His bosom friend, Antonio, who would unselfishly give a "pound of his fair hair" as forfeit for the loan of a Caesar's "pony," was taken care of by Roy Johnson. Gratiano, in the person of Earl Thompson, came in strong just at the close in Act IV.

Herbert Ryan, as the Duke of Venice, while having a part only in the court scene in Act V, had splendid stage presence and could hardly be improved upon.

Shylock, Jessica's foster father, interpreted a difficult part, and failed to get "justice" and a pound of Antonio's hair, only because Portia, as a learned young lawyer sent from the Jurist Bellario, wisely interpreted the provisions of the bond which declared that "just one pound of hair must be cut off, and that nearest the brain." The Professor, Ethal Wilkinson, after a careful, systematic examination, such as the photographer gives the victim before the camera is broken, concluded that Antonio had no brain.

Launcelot Gobbo (should be Luncheon Gobber) was like unto his appetite and that was great.

The Police-man, Harold Kern, while not a Patsdam Giant, was there with the big stick as "cop."

Bassanio and Antonio loved Portia, May Kesterson, and Nerissa, her maid, Margaret Schantline. So did the audience.

How would you like to have a cranky teacher like Abbie Threedice, Gladys Richey? There are some worse. In spite of her watchful eye, Bassanio managed to learn from the Caesar pony "that all Gaul is divided into three parts," and thus passed his required test.

Old Gobbo, "the sand blind," gave way to Mrs. Gobbo, the Irish washerwoman, splendidly impersonated by Marian Robertson.

Jessica eloped with Antonio instead of Lorenzo, who presumably had gone fishing.

Miss Lillian Fredolph, as Antonio's mother, carefully sustained a role not in the original version.

The piano solos by various young ladies of the high school were well executed and deserved more attention than was given some of them.

The cabbage-headed senior dummy might have been left out without dimming the lustre of the evening. The proceeds of the evening amounted to over \$100 which the seniors can use very well.

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Ask the man