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PROHIBITION PLANS.

The Prohibitionists of Oregon have adopted a plan for the next two years. They intend to proceed at once to a list, organize and train a working force in every town and precinct in the state. To attain this end there will be a precinct organization in every precinct, consisting of a chairman to have general charge of the work, and one block captain to every fifty voters to vary as local conditions make necessary; also an "Out to Win" club that will hold monthly or semi-monthly meetings, consisting of programs by local talent, addresses, worker's conferences and social occasions.

To raise funds they will place in the field nine first class field secretaries or superintendents. Each secretary to be placed in charge of and be responsible for a group of counties. After organization is started, secretary to visit each every three months.

These secretaries to have the assistance of twelve trained canvassers during the summer of 1913, an average of three months each, and twenty-five trained canvassers during 1914, for four months each.

There will be an effort to enroll 70,000 prohibition voters and as soon as funds will permit, furnish all local organizations and workers with literature for distribution regularly.

Concerning the political and financial sides of the work the plans announce further:

"Candidates for all offices should be nominated before March 1, 1914. This will save us from much embarrassment and be of considerable advantage to our candidates.

"Beginning in December, 1913, we should hold a nominating convention in each county, and nominate legislative and county candidates and elect delegates to our state convention. In connection with these conventions we should hold worker's conferences.

"Our state convention should be held not later than February 15, 1914. At the same time we should hold a two days' conference.

"To carry out the above program, provide headquarters' expenses, field forces, literature, Prohibition and newspaper propaganda, an adequate fund for county, state and congressional political campaigns and \$5,000 to the national work, will require \$100,000. We propose to raise the amount as follows: \$40,000 in large subscriptions, varying from \$1,000 down to \$1 per monthly payments; \$60,000 through the circulation of the Victory Books. All pledges to be taken for two years, this will be an economy of both time and money.

We should raise \$50,000 of this amount by July 11, 1913, and the balance by February 15, 1914. All that is secured after that will or should replace all shrinkage in pledges. With our forces organized and at work, and our funds raised, we can close our state convention in 1914 ready for the most sweeping political campaign ever conducted."

WILL IT SUCCEED?

There is undoubtedly a great sale of parcel post stamps, and considerable of an increase in the number of packages being sent, but it must be remembered that all merchandise is now in the parcel category and all of it must bear the parcel post stamps. It will be found after analyzing the business after the first novelty of sending packages has worn off that the increase will be a great deal less than now imagined, except that the parcels will be larger and consequently will bring in more money to the postoffices than formerly.

There are vast possibilities in store for the system but it is going to revolutionize the rural free delivery system if it does not entirely disorganize it before Congress can grant relief. The carriers are going to demand a great increase in salary; postoffices will have to move to larger quarters; more postoffices and railway clerks will have to be employed and more mail cars put on the mail trains if the system grows to any extent beyond the former capacity of the department of Posts to handle the packages. The cost is going to be approximately \$75,000,000 a year more than it has been, and it is doubtful if the business will cover that sum before several years have passed. The department has been self-sustaining for two years past and a deficit now will be laid to democratic inefficiency without just cause for such a charge.

The Outlook has spoken of this phase of the system before and sees no reason yet for a change of its opinion.

Representative Lafferty in a letter to Hon. A. W. Lawrence, member of the Oregon legislature, voices the policy of the Outlook during the recent campaign in speaking of the Malarky public service law. He advocated the passage of the law, which was adopted by the voters on Nov. 5. The Malarky law transforms the State Railroad commission into a state public service commission, with full power to fix the charges of telephone, gas, electric light, railroad and street car companies, and to prescribe the character of service and rates on all other public service corporations doing business wholly within the state.

From this authorized power of the commission it would seem that the commission could require an efficient service on the Mount Hood railway and a cheaper rate of passenger transportation, as well as a steady tariff on such commodities as cordwood into the city of Portland. It seems also, that local telephone rates may be adjusted, but of that there is no complaint except in long distance charges in some cases.

C. C. Chapman, Oregon State Immigration agent, has sent out advance copies of the "Oregon Almanac," which has been in preparation for the past six months. It contains over 200 pages of descriptive matter from every section of Oregon, Gresham and this vicinity being generously represented. An edition of 200,000 is being published which will be distributed everywhere, and Mr. Chapman would be pleased to receive at his Portland headquarters a bona fide list of names in the eastern states from anyone to whom copies will be sent. These lists when received will have prompt attention and a copy of the book will go to each individual.

The Sunday Oregonian had a good picture of our new library building but not a word was said about it except that it was designated as the "Graham" branch library. The picture was made from the architect's perspective, and the building is represented as being in the edge of a forest, which it isn't. Nothing was said about that basement, either and of course it didn't appear in the picture.

Begin the new year with a subscription to the Outlook.

STORY OF TWO DREAMS AND THEIR RESULTS

A well known resident of Gresham is relating a dream he had the other night which it is impossible to reproduce in his own language, but it runs something like this:

"In my dream," he said, "I went with a companion down to the bank of a wide, swift-rushing river to take a swim. We left our clothes on the bank and swam boldly across, but the swift current carried us fully a mile down the stream by the time we got across. Then we stood on the bank wondering how we were going to get back to our clothes without another swim a mile further down the river and a two-mile tramp, naked as we were, through the heavy growth of brush and timber and over the rugged rocks that lined the river down to the very edge of the water."

Here he pauses in his story just long enough for his listener to ask the inevitable question:

"Well, how did you get back to your clothes?"

"We just woke ourselves up and didn't have to go back," is the answer, and the questioner pays for the cigars.

Another Gresham man relates how he dreamed one night that he died and was sent down to Satan's dominions. When he was ushered into the underworld he saw a great throng ahead of him, all being herded toward one common center. Hundreds of others were following behind him, and he was pushed along in the crowd until he saw that the object of their journey was the great unfathomable pit, with its lurid glare of burning brimstone, and he determined to be the one to escape. So great was the pressure on either side and behind that it was impossible to move in any other direction but straight ahead, and he saw with unspeakable horror the last souls dropping over the brink. As he approached its edge he determined to make a mighty leap across the chasm, and with all his energy he sprang into the air and landed on his head ten feet away, on the floor of his bedroom.

The Snow Flakes

When'er a snowflake,
Leaves the sky
It turns, and turns,
To say good-bye.
"Good-bye, dear clouds,
So cool and gray,"
Then lightly goes
Upon its way.

When'er a snowflake
Finds a tree,
"Good-day," it says,
"Good-day to thee;
Thou art as bare
And lonely, dear,
I'll rest and call
My comrades here."

But when a snowflake,
Brave and meek,
Falls on a maiden's
Rosy cheek,
It starts, and says,
"How warm the day;
It must be summer,"
And melts away.

—E. L. THORPE.

Pinas are completed for the Oregon Irrigation congress, to be held in Portland, January 9, 10 and 11, which will be attended by many from all parts of the state. Not only has there been an excellent program arranged, but there will be plenty of entertainment for the delegates. Two banquets are scheduled.

In view of the new organization in East Portland for betterment of conditions in this territory, as outlined in another column, it would seem that the Gresham Commercial club should seek representation in the organization. We would suggest that the matter be taken up.

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BRIEF NEWS OF GRESHAM

The Free Methodist district quarterly meeting, which was held in Houlton, Oregon, January 2-5, was well attended by different circuits in the district. Evangelist Schooley gave valuable aid to the spiritual welfare of the meeting and without a doubt much good was accomplished. The next district meeting was voted to be held at Forest Grove.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Landon on Dec. 20, 1912, a daughter, Mrs. Landon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Turner of Unity, at whose home both Mr. and Mrs. Landon are staying. Parents and grandparents are mighty proud of the little girl.

The Queen Esther circle will meet next Friday night, Jan. 10, with Mrs. W. F. Honey. Full reports from various committees will be given. An interesting program will be rendered. Miss Mina Gilbert, acting superintendent, will be present. All members urged to be present.

Mrs. and Miss Lobdell and Miss Grace Brown, all of Portland, spent last night at the home of Mrs. F. L. Everson. Miss Lobdell is society editor of the Journal. Miss Brown is a favorite contralto singer in Portland churches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hall have returned from a holiday trip, covering about three weeks, to Los Angeles. They spent the time with their son, Sylvester Hall, who is a teacher in the Gardena college. They enjoyed the trip, this being their first California visit.

One hundred and fourteen persons ate lunch and drank coffee at the First State Bank dining room on sales day last Thursday.

Services at the Free Methodist church next Sunday, Jan. 12, are as follows: Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning sermon at 11, by Edwin W. Hight.

Cedar Posts wanted. C. W. Albertson, phone 93.

Miss Bertha and Miss Lyle McCarthy of Portland were guests one day last week of Mrs. F. L. Everson.

E. G. Kardell has been drawn on the circuit court jury for the present month and will be missed from his usual post in the Bank of Gresham for a few weeks. His place there is being filled by James Elkington.

S. E. Toepelman and wife left Friday for San Francisco where they will remain until next fall. Owing to the demoralized condition of the potato market, Mr. Toepelman has gone away earlier this spring than usual, he being engaged in the potato-buying business here during the winter and having connections with a San Francisco commission house.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Currin and children, of Heppner, are visiting Mr. Currin's grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Bond.

H. D. Driesback, ad. manager for the Oregon Agriculturist, favored the Outlook with a call yesterday. During the recent cold spell here as low a temperature as 20 above was reported. Ice formed about 2 inches thick on the ponds and some of the young folks have been trying the skating. The light fall of snow last night gives an added touch of winter, which is welcomed as a novelty.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kern accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hollenback to Seaside last Saturday morning, returning Monday night. As it was the first sigh of the ocean for all of them, the trip was much enjoyed. While there, they occupied the Wayside cottage, owned by Mrs. A. Hevel.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson of Portland was a caller today at the home of her brother D. S. Johnson.

Dr. Lowe, Wednesday

"LOWER COST OF LIVING SOON," SAYS LIVELY

"I believe the high cost of living bugaboo will have disappeared two years from now."

Such was the declaration of Daniel O. Lively, chief of the livestock department of the Panama-Pacific exposition.

"This country is going to see wonders worked by the farmers and livestock raisers within the next few years," he said. "Everywhere I go and everything I hear indicates that we are on the threshold of an era of great prosperity."

Mr. Lively blames the underproduction of cattle for the present condition of living costs. He said the bulk of western lands are best fitted for stock grazing and that the farmer sold his birthright for a mess of cold turkey when he turned from the splendid beef production of the old days to raising grain.

"The production of livestock is

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Up to the present time no sure remedy has been found, but further experiments this year will be made to prevent a recurrence of this foe to one of our greatest industries.

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