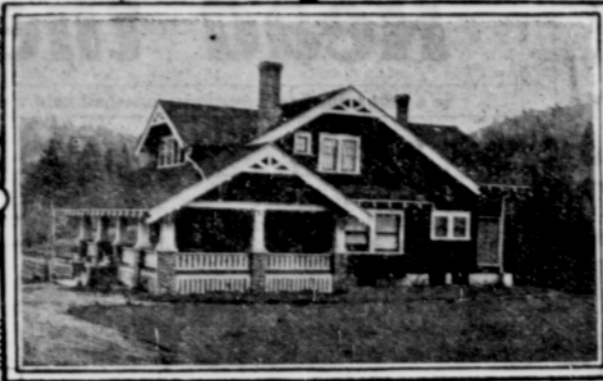
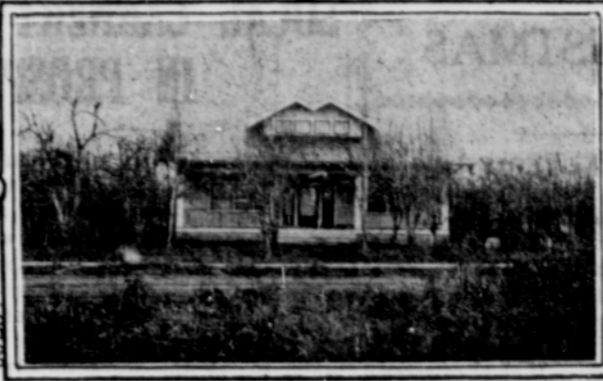




About a year ago Rev. Father Bruenagel came to Gresham as pastor in charge of the new Catholic parish formed here. In addition to his devotion to his church he has been enterprising in a marked degree and has bought a site for his new parish home and erected the dwelling shown in this picture. His work for betterments and civic improvement places him in the front rank as a religious promoter.



Residence of G. W. Stapleton built last spring on South Roberts avenue on what was the Preston property. Mr. Stapleton has law offices in Portland and makes the trip daily by auto. He is a lover of the country and revels in fruits and flowers. His beautiful residence has all modern conveniences and is greatly enjoyed by himself and family.



Wm. Congdon has built during the past year a very fine residence on South Roberts avenue, shown above. It is situated in a pear orchard, the trees almost hiding the commodious house which is well proportioned and attractive. Mr. Congdon, who is proprietor of the Congdon Hotel, has always shown staunch faith in Gresham and has made considerable investments here.



The latest addition to the devotional edifices of Gresham is the new Catholic church. It was conceived a year ago, erected during the past summer and dedicated early last fall. In charge of Rev. Father Bruenagel and sustained by a zealous congregation it rank is with the progressive places of worship and its worth is inestimable to the community.

ACHIEVED SUCCESS IN TWO SHORT YEARS

The second anniversary of the C C Store finds it one of the permanent mercantile institutions of Gresham. Just two years ago it was taken over by Mr. Carter as a bankrupt establishment, but the infusion of new life and correct business methods have placed it in the position of being one of the leading mercantile houses in Eastern Multnomah. Mr. Carter has been able to get among the leaders through his sagacity as a direct importer of nearly every line of dry goods and the thousand other articles that go to make up a general assortment. In the dress goods department his store is easily the leader for this part of the county, while in ladies' furnishings the stocks are complete and modish. Low prices, courteous attention to customers and the pleasing personality of the resident manager, O. J. Trambly, have built up the business in two years to its present standing of superiority.

The number of women wage earners in Germany is now larger than in any other European country.

SOUND BUSINESS PRINCIPLES WIN

Metzger Bros. have been enlarging the space in their store by making some changes in the arrangement of their counters and shelving. The busiest store in Gresham at all times it has taxed the ingenuity of the force to keep abreast of the business done, and to attain that end they have shifted things around so that the goods are more easy to access when filling orders, and the work has been simplified to the extent that customers are waited upon without tedious delays. The various lines of goods handled embrace all the plain and fancy groceries to be found in a modern store, besides a full assortment of general merchandise needed upon the farm and in the household. The feed department is carried on from the mill and warehouse, and there is a large reserve stock of every commodity in the various lines they carry. The success of Metzger Bros. has been phenomenal, all of which is due to good business judgment in providing what their customers need. Congress will get its first rest in a year when the holidays come.

VOTING PRECINCTS NEARLY DOUBLED

When the county commissioners approve the redivision of the election precincts of Multnomah county, as made by County Clerk Coffey and Deputy Assessor Funk, there will be 326 precincts in the county, instead of only 192 as heretofore. The work was completed by Mr. Coffey and Mr. Funk on Friday last. The law under which the new division was made was passed at the last session of the legislature. It requires that there shall be not more than 300 voters in any precinct. Because of the women being entitled to vote, there was hardly a precinct in the city of Portland that did not have more than 300 voters. Conditions are not so bad in the county but there are many new precincts. The boundaries will be given out later. School Report Cards. The Outlook has on hand printed school report cards with envelopes. They are a neat card, printed on finest bristol, very complete and serviceable. Sent promptly by mail. Prices, 2 1/2c each, complete. Over 100, 2c each. Postage additional, 5c for each 25.

MY LONELY CHRISTMAS

Is there—can there be—a man more lonely than one returned from a colony who has been out of his native land for twenty years and comes back when his parents are dead, his old friends dispersed and the old nest has passed to other occupants? And can his loneliness be more emphasized than when his return synchronizes with Christmas? That was my condition when I revisited my old home. I was back—not at home, for I had no home now. My heart began to fall me, my spirits to decline, when I reached the little country town near which I was born. I was indeed depressed. I would hasten to the rooms I had taken in a house in the town and spend my Christmas eve with a pipe and a glass—alone. I had done well in the big world and had returned not a rich man, but with a competence. It had been my wish, my ambition, to settle in the village about which clung all my sweetest and holiest thoughts. But now—could it be? As I walked back to my lodgings through the street and by the market place folks were hurrying in all directions, and the very atmosphere was filled with the spirit of Christmas. As I pursued my way I saw a tall, slim girl walking before me with a basket on her arm. I noticed that the bottom had come out and that the contents were falling on the pavement. Of this she was unaware. I stopped, picked up a little woolly lamb, then something wrapped in paper—a silver matchbox. Gathering them together, I ran after the girl and stopped her. "Excuse me," said I. "Are you a female hop o' my thumb, dropping tokens whereby your track may be known?" I showed what I had collected. She colored and thanked me. Then I recognized her as my landlady's daughter. "You must allow me to tie my handkerchief around the basket and to carry it for you. I believe we go the same way," I said. "You are very good," she replied. "We are about to have a Christmas tree for the children this evening, and

present, when up sprang one of the children and plucked from the tree the silver matchbox. "This," said the boy, "is for Mr. What's-his-name. Sister Annie said it was for him." I was moved more than I can say. So some had been thinking of me, though I was only a lodger. "Look here, sir!" said the father. "You're a stranger in England, and at such a time as this there must be no strangers. You must really sup with us and dine also with us tomorrow. I can promise you a good plum pudding, for it is of Annie's making." All was changed. I was a stranger, and they took me in. I was lonely, and they made of me a friend. Ah, if the old home were gone might I not build one that was new? I need no longer live in the past, but look to the future, and next Christmas, please God, I would not be alone—that is, if Annie and I cannot say I will consent to put an end to my loneliness and help in building up a future.



"THIS," SAID THE BOY, "IS FOR MR. WHAT'S-HIS-NAME." I have been making some trifling purchases for my brothers and sisters and for papa and mamma. Then we proceeded on our way, and when we went in the house she received the basket from me and again thanked me. "Shall you be dining out tomorrow?" asked the girl. "I? Oh, no. I have no one to dine with. I know no one here." "And this evening—shall you be going anywhere?" "No, I have no wherewithal to go." So we parted. I went to my room. I had done with my papers. I sat before the fire in a brown study, and my spirits sank lower and even lower. The door opened, and I saw some little heads outside, with golden curls and flushed cheeks, and a child's voice said, "Please, Mr. What's-your-name, will you come to our tree downstairs?" As I hesitated the child said, "Please—Annie told us to ask you." So I descended and was witness of the delight of the little ones over their

Santa Claus and T. R. Howitt Have Combined on the Greatest Assortment of Everything That's Good in Meats at the POWELL STREET MARKET. Hams, Bacon, Shoulders, Corned Beef, Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton. Pure Home Rendered Lard for Christmas Cooking. 5-lb. Pail - 70c, 10-lb. " - \$1.35. All Meats Fresh and Sanitary Inspected. Howitt's Market, POWELL STREET, Gresham, Oregon.

Confectionery and Ice-Cream Parlor. Soft Drinks, Pipes, Cigars, Tobaccos. The Largest Assortment of High Grade Candies in town. Fancy Boxes of Candy for Xmas, School Supplies, Fancy Stationery. "Fair and Honest Dealing" is our motto. Give us a trial and be convinced. H. L. DUKE, Prop., Cor. 2d and Main Sts., Gresham. Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema. The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum, and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Illinois, says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the civil war, have been treated by many doctors none given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." Every sufferer should try it. We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. At all Druggists or by mail 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis. To some people Christmas is a bigger day than the Fourth of July or St. Patrick.

Christmas Greetings. As another year is drawing to a close we take this opportunity to wish our many friends and patrons A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. And we extend to you our sincere thanks for your hearty support and continued good will and patronage. It has been our aim and effort to give our customers prompt service and fair, honest, courteous treatment, together with dependable merchandise at the least possible cost to them. This we believe to be the cause of the rapid increase in our business and we shall continue along the same lines in the future, redoubling our efforts to give our patrons the best to be had in service and merchandise.

Christmas Suggestions. Inasmuch as there are nine more days until Christmas and there are many who have not as yet bought their holiday goods, we offer a few suggestions and prices for Christmas presents below: DOLLS! DOLLS! DOLLS! In our Doll Department we are showing—Dressed Rubber Dolls, 10c; Dressed Rubber Dolls, 25c; Dressed Bisque Dolls, 25c; Dressed Bisque Dolls, 40c; Dressed Bisque Dolls, 50c; Undressed Kid Body Dolls, 50c; Undressed Kid Body Metal Head, 85c; Assorted Character Dolls, 50c. Tinsel and Paper Decorations for Xmas Trees. Toys for the Little Ones! Mechanical Animals and Machines of various kinds, Blocks, Books, Horns, Drums, Guns, Swords, Musical Toys, Nodding Animals and Men, etc. Toys for Bigger Boys! Engines and trains that run on track from 25c to \$1.50; Tool Chests \$1.50; Electrical Engines \$1.50. We wish to call your special attention to our Men's and Boys' Clothing Department. We are now offering our Boys' Suits and Men's Overcoats at practically cost in order to close out our present stock. These goods were exceptionally good values at the regular prices, but at the reduced prices are really great bargains. Men's \$12.50 Rain-proof Cravenette O'Coats \$ 9.85; Men's \$15.00 O'Coats \$13.85; Boys' \$3.95 Knicker Suits, 2 pair. pants \$ 3.35; Boys' \$5.00 Knicker Norfolk Suits \$ 4.25; Boys' \$6.00 Knicker Oregon Cashmere Suits \$ 4.95. THE "TAD'S" STORE, BERT LINDSEY, THE "TAD'S" STORE, Main Street, Gresham, Oregon.