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\$1.50 PER YEAR

HEAVIEST MAIL HANDLED HERE

Comparisons for Two Years.	
December 16 to 25, 1912, Inclusive.	
Lock pouches received.....	61
Lock pouches dispatched.....	61
Tie sacks received.....	86
Tie sacks dispatched.....	17
December 16 to 25, 1913, Inclusive.	
Lock pouches received.....	70
Lock pouches dispatched.....	61
Tie sacks received.....	136
Tie sacks dispatched.....	39
Stamp Sales Dec. 15 to 25, Inclusive.	
1912	\$271.68
1913	287.81

Quite a difference is shown in the above comparisons for ten days of last December and ten days of this one. The parcel post is responsible for a great deal of the difference; also for the apparent falling off in stamp sales. The extra weight allowed for parcels and packages made up a greater bulk and only brought in ten dollars more revenue.

From a dozen to seventeen sacks of paper mail and parcel post packages have been coming to the Gresham postoffice every day during the past week. The usual lock pouches of first-class mail were extra and the rush has been something unprecedented at Gresham for even the holiday season. The outgoing mail has also been larger than ever before, requiring the constant attention of the entire force during all the open hours of the week.

The great excess of mail matter for the rural carriers to handle has been the reason for their apparent delay in getting around. For several mornings they were held until after 10 o'clock in sorting and arranging their loads which have been the heaviest ever known in the history of the service here.

And the carriers had to work yesterday. Although it was Christmas day they had to make their usual trips to take out the hundreds of packages to their awaiting patrons. Their Uncle Samuel has ordained that Christmas is not a holiday, out of deference to the thousands of expectant persons who would be disappointed if presents came a day late. But by working on Christmas day the carriers have been able to keep down the accumulations of mail, and from now on there will be a decrease.

Next Thursday, however, they will be given a holiday. The old adage of "as goes the first day of the year, so will go all the others" doesn't apply to the rural letter carriers and they will have a hard year's work ahead, broken only by five more holidays and their annual vacations. Their exacting work is but dimly understood by the general public, and it is getting harder all the time.

President for Direct Nominations
Among the widely commented upon passages in President Wilson's message to congress none has been the subject of more discussion than the recommendation for direct nomination of party candidates, with conventions called only to compose party platforms. Now that the passage of the currency bill seems assured the opponents of the administration may choose this as the point of next attack.

HARD TIMES BALL NEW YEAR'S EVE

A genuine hard times dance, with two cash prizes as an inducement to wear your worst clothes, will be given at the Commercial Club hall Gresham, on New Year's eve. The gentleman who sustains the best character of hard luck will get \$2.50; the lady, \$1.50. There will be good management and a good time. All are welcome. Come and dance the old year out and the new year in to the best four-piece union orchestra ever here. Dancing 8:30 to 3. Tickets, \$1.00; gentlemen spectators 25 cents; ladies free. Supper at the Congdon. 87

More than 2,000,000,000 board feet of timber, with a value of \$4,500,000 on the stump, was sold by the forest service last year, according to the annual report of Henry S. Graves, forester. This is an increase of 167 per cent. over the sales of the preceding year. The timber sold was largely for future cutting under contracts that will run for a number of years. The actual cut was a little less than 500,000,000 board feet, an increase of 15 per cent. over 1912. Larger sales are in prospect.

BODY OF VICTIM WILL COME HERE

Information was received here on Wednesday by D. B. Welty of the death of his brother M. J. Welty at Reno, Nev., on Monday evening. He was shot down in a quarrel with a fellow employee named S. C. Robinson who is in jail at Reno charged with murder.

Welty and Robinson were connected with the construction gang of the Southern Pacific on the Fernly & Lasson branch at Wadsworth. Welty was rebuked by Robinson for turning out a bunk light and pleaded ignorance of the rules, and in an argument that followed was shot twice by Robinson with an automatic revolver. Welty was hurried to a hospital and died early Tuesday morning, after making a statement to the district attorney.

Robinson claims he shot in self defense after Welty had attacked him because of the reprimand.

D. B. Welty of Gresham is a brother of the deceased and was apprised of the murder on Wednesday. He started at once for Reno, leaving Portland on the 5:50 train. He is expected back by Sunday with the remains and the funeral will probably be held on Monday.

The deceased was a young man, being only 24 years of age on the 15th of last month. His father and mother are staying here at the home of B. D. Welty. Another brother and sister are on their way here from Sawyer, N. D., to attend the funeral.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Gresham Local Union of the Farmers' Society of Equity for the election of officers and delegates to county and state meetings will be held at the Commercial club hall in Gresham at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 1914.

National Organizer H. F. Cutting and Jno. M. Tees, manager of the Equity Warehouse Co., of Portland, will be present. All farmers in this section are cordially invited to attend whether members or not.

M. O. NELSON, President.
A. R. LYMAN, Secretary. 88

MORE ABOUT BOURNE'S GOOD ROADS BILL

Jonathan Bourne, who is endeavoring to have a national good roads law passed says that the maintenance of roads is a factor which should be given weight equal with construction. The federal government, by the suggested plan, would contribute—donate, if you please—each state 2 per cent of the total amount of federal aid that had been extended to the state for construction in utilization of the federal government's superior credit. Thus, the states, if they deposited the aggregate of \$200,000,000 of state bonds during any one year and received \$300,000,000 in money from the federal government, would there after receive \$4,000,000 annually as a direct contribution from the government, provided these states expended an equal amount for annual maintenance.

Where direct federal contributions are made, it is desirable that direct federal supervision should be provided, and here we again get into the danger zone of the creation of a great federal bureau. France, after a hundred and fifty years effort and an expenditure of a billion and a half dollars in building up its system of roads has 371,000 miles with 80,000 patrolmen for care and maintenance. The United States has today, in round numbers, 2,200,000 miles of road and if we had a patrolman to maintain every five miles of road we would have an organization of 440,000 federal employees directly responsive to a bureau here in Washington, and the tendency would be for its centralization as a political machine, which, under our system of government, would absolutely control the political machinery of the country. To minimize this danger and, I think, avoid same, I would suggest that either in the law or by authorized rule and regulation we divide the United States into federal road districts composed of states or groups of states containing approximately 50,000 miles of roads and create in the office of public roads a number of district road and bridge engineers, so that there would be one federal representative for each district.

The duties of this engineer would be to go over his district and report to the United States Highway Commission here in Washington whether the annual maintenance contribution of the government apportioned to that district had been intelligently

SANTA CLAUS SPREADS JOY ALL AROUND

The exercises in the Zion Evangelical church were conducted on Christmas morning as announced, and were well attended, a good program was rendered in German and a Christmas tree for the children was enjoyed.

At the Baptist church a good crowd was in attendance in spite of the storm on Christmas eve, and every one enjoyed the program and tree and the distribution of gifts to the children.

An unusually good entertainment was given at the Methodist Episcopal church on Christmas eve. The children had been well drilled by an effective committee and carried out their part of the program splendidly. Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth sang a solo which was greatly enjoyed. Santa Claus dropped in on his way through town and helped in the distribution of gifts.

The program in the church at Pleasant Home was carried out on Christmas eve as announced and was enjoyed by a good crowd.

Christmas eve pleasures at Gresham were confined to the Christmas tree at the M. E. church and Baptist churches and the dance given by the hose team girls as public events. Numerous home Christmas trees were enjoyed and the night passed by unmarred by any event that would dampen the ardor or enjoyment of anyone.

The hose team dance was largely attended and was a successful affair from every standpoint. The hall had been appropriately decorated by the girls, who had entire charge of the dance, and there was a merry revelry lasting until 3 o'clock. Ayl-

worth's orchestra furnished the music, which was fully inspiring and kept the dancers moving in serene enjoyment while the hours wore away. The decorations consisted of festoon streamers from the center of the ceiling in orange and black, the hose team colors, with holly and Oregon grape on the walls in clusters and shading every electric light, giving a pale moonlight effect. The stage, however, was a typical scene of winter, all the background and wings having been arranged to represent a snowstorm with small Christmas trees at each corner. Under the ceiling, a motto, "Merry Christmas" extended across the front of the stage and at the lower end of the hall the framed letters G. G. H. T. gave an indication of the sponsors of the evening's entertainment.

The fountain and cascade that was such a striking attraction at the October dance was transformed by a touch of magic into a glistening imitation of a winter woodland scene the change making it an appropriate emblem of the white Christmas now upon us. The gross receipts were over \$63, leaving the girls a net balance of nearly \$20.

The masquerade at Fairview was a successful affair and was largely enjoyed by those who made merry until the dawn of Christmas. Two prizes were awarded for best sustained characters, lady and gentleman. The first was won by Mrs. Claude Hunst as a Japanese girl; the gentleman's prize was awarded to Earl Stanley who depicted himself as a country rube. The occasion was one to be long remembered.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT TO ROCKWOOD BOY

John McLin, of Rockwood, met with a peculiar accident last Wednesday, when he received a charge of shot from his gun in his face, hand and limbs. He was on his way to work in the woods and was carrying his ax and gun, when he stumbled and fell discharging his gun. The charge struck his ax, and glancing peeped his face, hand and limbs, and lodged in the flesh. Three shots struck close to the eyes and one in an ear, but it is not expected that any will do serious injury. Dr. Hughes removed a part of the shots, and this morning took Mr. McLin to Portland for an X-ray examination of his hand which is badly swollen and very painful.

and honestly expended. He could also give lectures as opportunity permitted, regarding road engineering and practical construction, also furnish the state highway commissions with such information as the federal bureau had, touching on the subject, but neither he nor his superior, the federal director of public roads, would have the right to withhold the federal maintenance actually contributed to his district simply because his judgment differed from that of the state highway commission with reference to intelligent and honest expenditure of the federal part of the maintenance fund. The United States Highway commission, consisting of the chairman of the two committees on postoffices and post roads, with the director of public roads, would have the final voice and decision as to whether this fund should be withheld or not.

GRESHAM GOES DRY NEW YEAR'S EVE

Gresham was officially declared dry by the county commissioners on Wednesday on the advice of Deputy District Attorney Collier. The order as signed prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors here, to take effect next Thursday. The order was made as a result of the local option election held last month, the vote standing 232 for and 188 against prohibition. The legality of the election was contested by Herman Matthes and Hans Jacobsen, but Judge Kavanaugh upheld it and allowed Matthes and Jacobsen five days in which to file an amended complaint. This they have failed to do, for the reason, it is stated that they are depending on a supreme court decision on Judge Galloway's ruling that the entire prohibition election in the state was illegal.

It is reported that the two saloons of Gresham will close their doors promptly at the stroke of 12 next Wednesday evening and will remain closed unless the supreme court upholds Judge Galloway's decision regarding the illegality of the November election. In that case they will re-open, as their licenses do not expire until late next year.

Time Extended.

Only a few more days will be given on subscriptions to the Weekly Oregonian at bargain rates. The price for it and the Outlook in combination for one year is \$1.75. This offer will positively close on Jan. 1.

Weekly Oregonian subscription offer extended.

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ROAD WORK ORDERED BY COUNTY COURT

Following is a synopsis of work done by the Board of County Commissioners during the past week:

The county commissioners received a communication from W. Frank Legg calling its attention to a road located on the center line of Section 21, Township 1 north, Range 2 east of the Willamette Meridian and connecting the Sandy road and Slough road, which has been traveled for twenty years by people in that vicinity, and requested that a right-of-way be kept open which has been closed by lessees or owners of the property lying along the southern part of said easement. The commissioners referred the matter to the county surveyor for his consideration.

The petition of B. P. Reynolds and other which had been filed with the board petitioning for the improvement of the Sandy road by redressing the present macadam roadway with Warrentite pavement under an act of the legislature of 1913, has been referred to the roadmaster.

H. C. Campbell, president of the Sun Dial ranch petitioned the board for the improvement of the Sandy road by redressing the present macadam roadway with Warrentite pavement or some other hard surface pavement equally as good. The petition has been referred to the roadmaster for the purpose of investigation, who will report on the matter to the board.

H. G. Sibray tendered his resignation as road viewer of Multnomah county and according to law, J. B. Yeon, roadmaster, becomes ex-officio road viewer for the county.

The roadmaster and his assistant, together with the consulting engineer on roads and highways and D. W. McKay, road superintendent examined the culvert on the Base Line road half a mile west of the Twelve Mile house and reported to the culvert safe until the improvement of the Base Line road is started, at which time a larger culvert of concrete will be constructed.

TENDER SENTIMENT FINDS EXPRESSION

The following interesting article from one of our correspondents was intended for the last issue of the Outlook, but on account of delays in the mail, it did not reach us in time.

Once more Christmas is drawing nigh, and it is such busy days in every land where christianity and civilization prevails and in every household you will find mothers, grandmothers and also big sisters are very busy, preparing to make the rest of the family as happy as possible for it will soon be Christmas, the only one day in the year that is celebrated at the same time, all over the world in various ways. Oh, how excited the little girls and boys appear to be, as the time comes nearer, and how many times the same question is asked "Mamma, how many days to Christmas? Will Santa Claus come here, will he bring me something?" In many homes the real Christmas spirit is lacking, and Santa Claus seems to be the main attraction here. Dear reader, you should not forget to tell the children that we celebrate Christmas as the birthday of Jesus—tell them the story of the three wise men that came from the far east, guided by that bright star, and how they found the holy child in a manger in Bethlehem; tell them of the angels in the field at Christmas night, and told them the glad tidings, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

When the young folks realize that yuletide is not altogether for Santa Claus, there will be a different Christmas spirit in your home. Oh, for a trip once more to my dear old home at the other side of the Atlantic, for once more to see the old familiar places and to hear the merry bells ringing for Christmas joy. We also had a Santa Claus Yulenissen, but he did not get so much glory, as Santa does here. Gifts for little children were more sparingly distributed, but much more appreciated. But I must close as this might go in the waste basket. A merry Christmas to the editor of the Gresham Outlook and his family, and to all the readers of this little interesting paper.

MRS. P. ANDERSON.

People seldom thrive who do not strive.

The man who has a horse seldom feels his oats.

The more people give the easier it is to forgive them.

TREE SPRAYING MUST BE DONE

Oregon State Board of Horticulture.
Notice of Disinfection.
To (Owner, agent or lessee)
You are hereby notified that the fruit trees and situated and located on are infested with and you are hereby notified and required to eradicate such insect and their larvae and such diseases by pruning said trees and spraying the trees in such a manner as to cover every portion of the trees, their limbs, branches twigs and foliage, with a lime-sulphur spraying solution of the strength recommended for winter spraying, and prepared according to either of the formulas for preparing lime-sulphur spray, approved by the commissioners of the State Board of Horticulture of Oregon, and published in the tenth and eleventh Biennial Reports of said Board, and to do such pruning and spraying, or to destroy said infested trees within 30 days from the service of this notice.

County Fruit Inspector for Multnomah County.

C. O. Windle, county fruit inspector, was in Gresham this morning on business connected with his department and is preparing the way for serving the above notice wherever occasion or necessity calls for one.

During the past year the number of such notices served amounted to 360 of which 225 were subjects for destruction, that many old orchards having been actually destroyed. There are 135 still hanging fire and the orchards will be cut down unless taken care of by the owners.

Mr. Windle will give until the first of February before making any actual demonstration, but when that time arrives he will show no mercy to infested orchards or trees of any kind that are found to be affected, unless the owners show a disposition to begin effective work at once.

In regard to the spraying Mr. Windle advises the use of a Commercial mixture such as may be had from local dealers. It will be found cheaper than to attempt its manufacture and probably more effective and of uniform strength.

One of the most effective pieces of tree destruction and compliance with the law is to be noted in the clearing away of the largest prune orchard in this vicinity. It is known as the Aiken orchard and about eight years ago was in a flourishing condition with a dryer in full operation during the season.

This orchard contains 32 acres and is now owned by the Selling estate of Portland and Sol Garde, of Seattle. They had notice to disinfect or cut down and they choose the latter. The work is going on now and one of the famous old orchards of Eastern Multnomah will soon be only a memory.

MR. and MRS. HEVEL ENTERTAIN RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hevel entertained a family party at their home on Powell street yesterday by providing an elaborate dinner. Besides the host and hostess there were present Frank Westell, wife and two children, Miss Irene Davis and sister, of Portland, George Leslie and wife, George Leslie, Jr., of Portland. The latter played Santa Claus by bringing to Mrs. Leslie, his grandmother, a cameo brooch of exquisite design which is highly treasured by her as a memento of the Christmas season and its youthful donor.

Child's Wagons, Velocipedes and Wheelbarrows, at Sterling & Kidder's.

When a woman never says anything nice about other women she never gives them a chance to say nice things about her.

A henpecked man has about as much liberty as a 5-year-old boy with a stepmother.

A bilious man should rather enjoy being handed a lemon.