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LOCATING HOMESEEEKERS.

A few weeks ago the Outlook had a news item to the effect that an organization in Portland had for its principal object the locating of worthy, but unfortunate people of the city on small tracts of land in the country, the idea being to encourage them to become farmers and landowners, and not only be self-supporting but producers of more than enough for their own use.

The idea has been carried out to a certain point, where it seems to languish. The people to settle on small homesteads have been found in Portland in such numbers that the organization is encouraged to continue its work in an endeavor to find the land for them to settle upon. The promoters would like to be encouraged further, and to that end is endeavoring to locate the prospective settlers, who are said to be desirable and willing to embrace the "back to the land" movement if given the necessary assistance.

Mayor Stapleton of Gresham is one of those who are enrolled in this philanthropic movement to relieve distress and help worthy people to secure their own homes in the country. The scope, as he outlines it, is somewhat broader than at first announced, in that the association is asking for land which the owners will lease for a low figure and take their pay in labor. It is believed that more land than they can successfully farm themselves, could reap a benefit by encouraging the movement.

Mr. Stapleton states that fully two hundred men have applied for locations, and he is desirous of hearing from those who have tracts to subdivide.

The plan is full of great possibilities, both for the land owner and the prospective settlers. It will help to relieve the city of impoverished but entirely respectable families, and at the same time help to settle up some of the vacant land of this and other neighborhoods.

THE VACANT CHAIR.

The passing of Mrs. B. O. Boswell at Orchard Home, near Estacada, on Wednesday afternoon last marks the closing of a life that found brightness and love in every day of her existence. Her work well done she went beyond the portals of earthly existence, serene in spirit and with the faith of immortality that a life of useful endeavor and cheerfulness gave her as a heritage—linked with the loving remembrances of her associates who mourn their loss, yet realizing that she has gone to a better home where the adverse storms of a life on earth will be followed by the calm of eternity, as the soul is wafted over that still lake called "Peace."

Those charges of fraud in precinct 37 will set people to thinking that we should have voting machines or women on every election board. It is said that there were no women on the board in precinct 37.

The Troutdale-Montavilla car, leaving Montavilla at 11:30 on Saturday night, will run through to Troutdale stopping at way points. It will leave Troutdale at midnight, returning.

That bond issue should carry, even if the incorporated towns are not to get any benefits directly. But they will help to pay for the bonds and the interest thereon.

Bishop Sumner, just arrived, says he prefers the present weather to the Oregon mist. Wait until he gets acclimated, then hear his verdict.

Those who want to enjoy themselves at a dance, and also help a worthy charity, should visit Rockwood tomorrow night.

A bill is being considered permitting war veterans to fish free. The country could probably survive the fish stories.

Those German Zeppelins couldn't kill a person in Kansas. Cyclone cellars are too numerous.

**LEGISLATURE
MAKES GOOD
IN ECONOMY**

Midweek business at Salem, by the Oregon Legislature, was productive of fifteen economy bills and the session was fairly started on the saving route for the taxpayers.

The consolidation wave, affecting the bureaus and commissions, is at its crest and is being encouraged by Governor Withycombe. A plan to have a committee appointed to make suggestions is under way to the end that the work of elimination may go ahead.

The House committee on roads and highways voted to report favorably on the bill introduced by Representative Smith, of Multnomah county, to prevent advertising along the Columbia Highway. This measure is favored by the good roads and motor enthusiasts, who want to preserve the scenic beauties of the highway.

The Lewis bill, providing a method for the consolidation of cities, has passed in the House by an almost unanimous vote. The measure applies to all parts of the state where cities adjoin one another, but is intended particularly for the merger of Portland and St. Johns and other cities in Multnomah county. It is aimed to make possible the consolidation by July 1, if the people vote favorably.

Oregon's free textbook law may be repealed by the present Legislature. The House committee on judiciary introduced a bill providing for the repeal of the law passed by the 1913 Legislature, which gives the various school districts of the state the privilege of voting on the question of free textbooks. Only one district—St. Johns—has adopted books under provisions of this act.

The present law allows all schools—parochial as well as public—to obtain free textbooks if a district votes to adopt them.

Senator Moser has introduced a bill designed to put an end to compulsory vaccination, which is expected will be fought bitterly.

The measure to allow Oregon City and West Linn to act jointly in procuring a water system has become a law. It was the first bill to receive the governor's signature.

D. C. Lewis is behind the bill to permit contiguous cities to merge. He is also taking great interest in measures to relieve the burdens of taxation.

The House is down to business and making rapid headway.

The prohibition bill is requiring much study and work by the committee on alcoholic traffic. D. C. Lewis has pointed out three provisions in the bill that are unconstitutional and the attorney general has concurred in Lewis' opinion to some extent.

A bill will come out of the committee that will stand the test of law.

Drug stores may be allowed to sell liquor under the new law now being considered.

A bill has been introduced in the House providing for the repeal of the law requiring a medical certificate when applying for a marriage license.

The anti-lobbying bill has passed the House and has gone to the Senate where a favorable reception is expected. It will require lobbyists to register and state their business but may not become effective for this session.

Miss Towne's supply of carnations is increasing. She seems to secure a fresh bouquet every day. She says she is as much puzzled as some of the other members over their source, but members of the Multnomah delegation wear a knowing look.

Members of the House ways and means committee have started their series of visits to the state institutions. They inspected the insane hospital on Tuesday and the penitentiary this afternoon.

Miss Towne has introduced her second bill in the House. It provides a minimum school term of eight

months in the rural districts. The present law fixes the minimum at six months.

A resolution introduced by Senator Kellaher provides that article 5 of the constitution be amended so the Governor may have power to veto single items of appropriation bills.

Senator Dimick's bill to abolish the Oregon militia passed the senate yesterday by a vote of 18 to 10.

Governor Withycombe has released Copperfield from the restraint of martial law, imposed upon it a year ago by Governor West.

Proposals have been made to establish millage levies for road work.

The single item veto bill, introduced by Kellaher is causing a wordy discussion in the senate. It will probably pass with amendments.

A bill introduced by Senator Ragsdale provides for the abolition of school districts and makes the counties the units. Under it a county educational board of five members would appoint the county school superintendent. Mr. Ragsdale says he thinks the system will lead to better efficiency.

Senator Moser introduced a bill providing that a civic center be established in every public schoolhouse in the state, where the citizens of the district may meet and discuss questions of public interest. It is provided that lighting, heating and janitor service be furnished in the same manner as such service is furnished for the schools. No charge shall be made for the use of the schoolhouses and grounds, unless an admission fee should be charged at entertainments. The management and control of the civic centers are to be vested in the board of directors of the school districts.

"The fish in the Pacific Ocean are free," is the spirit of a bill just introduced in the House by Representative Irvin, of Lincoln county. The Irvin bill provides that no licenses shall be charged for fishing in the waters of the Pacific or in the tide-waters of any of the streams flowing into it. This law would allow free fishing in the Columbia river as far as the mouth of the Willamette.

**O. E. S. CHAPTER
IS ORGANIZED**

Gresham Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was instituted last night with 41 members. The ceremony of organization and installation of the chapter's first officers was conducted by Worthy Grand Patron Charles McGrir, Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Nellie McGowan, and Grand Secretary Miss Nellie McKinley.

About two hundred persons were present, many coming from Troutdale, Montavilla, Rose City Park and Mt. Scott. The latter chapter came in a body and conducted the floor work.

Several members who have been identified with Troutdale Chapter, but who lived in this vicinity, transferred their membership and some of them were chosen to fill the offices. Their experience will be of great assistance in the establishment of the Chapter.

At the close of the ceremonies there were speeches and music. Mrs. Fred Olson of Rose City gave a solo, followed by talks from the grand officers; also by Past Grand Patron George W. Stapleton. Regular meeting dates were not set, but will come up for future consideration. The evening was concluded with a chicken supper.

Following are the officers of the new Chapter:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Anna Brown; worthy patron, O. J. Brown; assistant matron, Mrs. Cora Childers; secretary, Miss Rose Dair; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Carlson; conductor, Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider; associate conductor, Mrs. Christine Cleveland; chaplain, Mrs. Della Meyers; marshal, Mrs. Annie Cleveland; organist, Mrs. Grace Page; Adah, Mrs. Lorena Kidder; Ruth, Mrs. Frances Miller; Esther, Mrs. Carrie Cameron; Martha, Mrs. Josephine Stanley; Electa, Mrs. Minnie Eastman; warder, Mrs. Lillie Micklely; sentinel, William Stanley.

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*9:34 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
*10:40 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
12:40 p.m.	
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4:30 p.m.	12:05 p.m.
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