

FIRE DEMON TAKES BARN AT DAYLIGHT

The fire demon again visited Gresham at an early hour this morning inflicting an unfortunate loss upon G. H. Dammeyer in the total destruction of his large dairy barn.

The fire apparently started in the barn on the main floor and had gained considerably headway before being discovered. The alarm was phoned to central a little before 4 o'clock by Mrs. Clinton from the home of A. Witter. Mrs. Clinton was awakened by the crackling of the fire and the startling light. It was discovered at about the same time by Mr. Lichty who was sleeping in a tent on the Dammeyer place. Miss Mabel Thomas also discovered the blaze shortly before the alarm was heard and called her brother Ezra, who was the first to arrive at the fire.

It occurred at a time when the firemen were just settling down for a sound sleep after the close of their celebration dance, and it took a long general alarm to call them together. Jim Jennings was one of the first to reach the fire hall and on his way pressed into use a Ford Quick Service car to haul out the chemical. It was the quick arrival of this useful fire-fighting apparatus that saved other buildings from destruction.

When the firemen arrived with the hose the barn was a mass of flames, and there was no possibility of saving any portion of it. A bucket brigade did excellent service along with the hose men in holding the fire in check.

The barn was a large one, equipped especially for Mr. Dammeyer's choice dairy herd. A large addition had recently been made to it. There was about a ton of hay in the barn, a quantity of feed and some machinery. Fortunately there was no stock in the barn. Mr. Dammeyer has thirteen cows, some of them very high priced animals. These were in the pasture near the barn.

Mr. Dammeyer could not say how much insurance he had on the barn but considered it worth over \$4000, and thought it not more than half covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is a profound mystery. About a month ago, it is said, cigarette stubs and burnt matches were found on the floor of the barn one morning. It is conjectured that someone must have used the barn for lodging purposes and accidentally set it afire.

FOURTEEN CAR TRIP CARRIES PICNICKERS

The Odd Fellows lodges of Portland held a big picnic at Bonneville yesterday to which several Gresham Odd Fellows and wives went. There was a large number from Portland, a 14-coach being required to handle the crowd.

A Bert Hinner was eaten at noon. Baskett dinner was Gresham crowd over in the morning and brought them back at night in the auto truck.

Those who went are, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Todd and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stubbs and son, Alfred and Annie Simonson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ekstrom and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Manning. Mr. and Mrs. Manning made the trip over the Columbia River Highway to Bonneville by auto.

RACING RESULTS YESTERDAY'S RACES

Yesterday's racing program consisted of a driving contest in which five horses were entered, and a mixed race with three entries.

The first race was decided in four heats with Kadderly's Tangerine the winner. Happy Zolock was second. Oro Patch third and Savage Wright third. Time, 1:13 1/2, half mile.

In the mixed race Perreo won first, Jennie May second and Edith Hal third. Time 1:10.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harvey extend their heartfelt thanks for each and all the many acts of kindness and assistance shown by friends and neighbors in their recent bereavement.

Special \$1.50 14-inch Stillson wrench for 90c—\$0.00, 12-inch Stillson for 60c—Nickle plated combination pliers, 25c. At Sterling & Kidder Hwd. Co.—Adv.

TEST REPORT REVEALS SOME HIGHER TESTS

A peculiar circumstance arose in the matter of testing milk from this vicinity when the tests were being made at San Francisco that finally gave to Eastern Multnomah the gold medal and cash prize over all other competitors for best and purest cream.

Since the awards were made those who contributed samples for the tests were furnished with reports, showing the grade and quality of their products.

And here is where the peculiar part comes in:

One well-known dairyman living on the Columbia slough, who has been selling his milk to one of the leading distributors of Portland, has been receiving pay for his milk on the basis of a test of 3.33 per cent. His returns from San Francisco reported a test of 4.65 per cent for samples of the same milk taken from the same cans that were filled from the same cows.

In comparing notes with some of the other dairymen, our Columbia slough man found that he was not the only one who got higher tests in San Francisco than he did at home.

They have decided that something is wrong and are inclined to believe that they have been the victims of false tests at the Portland creameries. They will probably make an effort to get all that is coming to them hereafter.

The distributing firm that is under suspicion of making "short circuit" reports has already heard the rumblings of thunder and is prepared to make answer to the charges of graft by claiming that milk will vary in quality almost every day.

It is said that variation in tests have caused dissatisfaction before, and that this is not the first time that such complaints have been made. It is true that differences will show when the cream is from the same cows which have been fed the same ration and milked by the same man, and when the same separator is used. But the farmer naturally thinks that the per cent of the fat in the cream should remain nearly the same, and is naturally suspicious when a thoroughly reliable test gives him about one-fourth greater per cent than he has been getting pay for.

Hereafter the dairymen of Multnomah county will be on their guard. They know that the richness of a cow's milk depends upon inheritance and cannot be changed permanently, nor to any great extent. Any farmer can make a test of his milk occasionally that will satisfy him as to the accuracy of the test he receives from the milk buyer, and many of them will do it hereafter.

Death of Mrs. W. H. Black.

The community was shocked on Saturday by the death of Mrs. Eleanor A. Black, living near Hogan, two miles south of Gresham. While her death was not unexpected it ended a long period of patient suffering and her end was peaceful.

Her funeral was held this forenoon from the Baptist church, Rev. A. J. Ware officiating. Interment was made in Multnomah cemetery, a large number of relatives and friends attending.

Mrs. Eleanor A. Heiney Black was born in Kansas June 6th, 1865, came with her parents to Oregon when about nine years of age. She was married to William H. Black October 1, 1884, spending eight years of their married life at Mt. Tabor; nineteen years near Salem and the last three years at Hogan station.

For the last year and half she has suffered greatly, and was confined to her bed ten months. She was very patient, loving, and kind in all her illness, showing great appreciation for every kind service shown her.

Her husband, two sons, Ted W. Black, of Early, Oregon, and Allen Black of Portland, and two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Weaver of Portland and Mrs. Lillian Willard of Early, Oregon survive her. Also her father and mother, Joseph Heiney and wife, who live near Gresham, besides four brothers and other more distant connections.

Lost.

On Powell street under first electric light west of fountain during evening of July 5th, a roll of cross-section paper, 1 foot wide and about 10 yards of paper in roll. Reward if returned to U. S. Geol. Survey, Portland, Oregon.—Adv.

NATION'S DAY IS OBSERVED BY EVERYONE

While the star spangled banner was waving its inspiring folds in a gentle breeze under an azure sky; and while the American eagle was screaming to an accompaniment of a hundred thousand firecrackers, the celebration at Gresham yesterday was carried out successfully and there was patriotism to spare by everyone of the thousand or more who made up the assemblage that celebrated the nation's natal day at the county fair grounds.

Every detail advertised in advance came along in its proper order, commencing with the game of baseball.

Owing to some misunderstanding between the Gresham Giants and two other ball clubs the Oregon City and Kenton clubs showed up here to play ball. The Giants played five innings with Kenton to a score of five runs; the winners then played Oregon City five innings to a 4 to 2 win for Oregon City. The attendance was very large.

The patriotic exercises were a pronounced entertainment to about one-half of the celebrants who assembled in the machinery hall. Of their rendition it needs only to be said that they were good. Especially fine was the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by a mixed chorus, as was also the flag drill and song "Red, White and Blue" by twenty boys and girls especially trained for the occasion.

Mrs. O. J. Brown's superb solo was followed with an oration by George W. Stapleton, which was the crowning effort of the day's exercises.

The afternoon was taken up with athletic sports, horse races and a demonstration by the fire department. A tar-paper house had been built inside the race track which was set on fire and an alarm turned in. It took the hose team just three minutes to run and "get water" after starting from the fire hall, a distance of about nine blocks. The Lents firemen were on hand but took no part. They backed out when it came to the extinguish, but the Gresham boys divided up and engaged opposing sides. Six dozen eggs were used and but four persons were hit on each side. Most of the eggs were thrown so hard they exploded before reaching their mark.

The grand stand was filled to overflowing to witness the races which were classy events.

Notes.

The next great event will be the Grand Field Day on the fair grounds, Saturday, July 24.

While some celebrations in the past have been better attended, none has been more generally satisfactory.

Again it was proven that the Gresham fair grounds afford an ideal place for a celebration.

A large number of Gresham people went to Bonneville to picnic with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. They reported an enjoyable time.

Many Portland people were here in the afternoon following the morning events at Multnomah field.

Lents fire department was represented by Chief Giggins and three members of his company.

Of course it rained, but it was only served to make people celebrate the harder so as not to lose any of the fun.

Byer's Pleasant Home band was there with all the musical "goods" in its repertoire and gave complete satisfaction.

The dance in Regner's hall at night was one that taxed the capacity of the big floor. It cleared about \$60 and was a success in every way.

All the expenses of the celebration were more than met by the receipts from the concessions and dance. There will be a small balance left.

Proceeds of the races went to the Racing association. The racing events were under separate supervision.

Several families from Gresham spent a delightful afternoon yesterday as guests at a picnic given by residents of Victory. The picnic was held in Rosin's grove. Those present from Gresham were H. M. Miller and family, J. N. Clanan and family, L. L. Kidder and family, Jas. Sterling and family, Rev. Melville T. Wire and wife, B. L. Walrad and family, Miss Lucy Adams, Mrs. Ellen A. Pomerooy; also Geo. Cook and family of Portland, brother-in-law of H. M. Miller and L. L. Kidder.

AUTO ROUTES MAY OPERATE IN DELIVERY

A news dispatch from Washington on Saturday is of considerable interest to all rural letter carriers and especially to the four carriers who are delivering mail on the four rural routes leading out of Gresham.

It is reported that the government will inaugurate automobile service on all rural routes in comparatively thickly settled communities, of which this section is one compared to many others, for it has been discovered that one auto route is covering two and sometimes three routes heretofore served by teams.

The application of the action of the department in Gresham is observed in the fact that two carriers here have recently been encouraged to operate their routes with automobiles, and the question is, What does the action portend? Does it mean that the four routes are to be cut down to two routes? If so it is significant that routes one and two are to be the favored ones, and if the others are to be discontinued they are to be merged into the first two.

Several such changes have been made in other parts of the country, the auto routes serving an average of 300 families. The salaries for such service has been increased so that the auto carrier may get as much as \$1800 a year.

The new service is merely experimental as yet and is being tried out so that the matter may be presented to Congress next winter for authorization.

As there is no law or civil service rules which apply to automobiles for carrying the mails on the regular routes, Postmaster General Burleson has recommended that examinations be held for permanent carriers, those men in the service who apply for the new positions to be allowed a credit of three per cent. on account of their experience in handling the mails.

It would seem from such recommendation that the service is to be reorganized to the extent that new applicants may compete for the positions, which might result in a complete change of carriers from any office if the new experiments are made permanent.

In arranging the experimental routes to be covered by auto service the postoffice department does not estimate that the carrier will stop at the dwelling of every family on the route. Frequently rural mail boxes are so arranged in groups that one stop suffices for several. It is seldom that a carrier has mail for every patron on the route on the same trip, and not every farmer mails a letter or parcel every day. Uncle Sam's auto service is to be strictly an express service.

At the outset, in the operation of these experimental routes, the carriers may use any machine with a carrying capacity of not less than 500 pounds and a cubic capacity of not less than 80 feet.

While the automobile service out of Gresham now in operation may be only a coincidence, there will be some speculation as to what the next move may be in regard to the carrier service here. That two machines can render the service from this office is not doubted and Gresham may be one of the places picked out for the experiments that are to be made commencing August 1.

RECOVERS HEALTH ON FRUIT FARM

D. M. Donagh, formerly an attorney of Portland and resident of Sellwood, is recovering his health at his home at Bairdsdale station, on the Troutdale electric railway. When Mr. Donagh went there he had little hope of recovery, and his friends and physician had none at all. He had employed skilled physicians and traveled widely, but received no benefit, and as a last hope Mr. Donagh went on his little ranch near Fairview, and in about three years, sunshine and the out-of-doors have effected a complete transformation in his condition. Mr. Donagh was an early teacher in the first Portland high school and then entered the practice of law.

Of course, it had to shower. But then, the people were well satisfied with the celebration and got a little more than they were promised.

TWO PASTORS SERMONIZE ON TIMELY IDEAS

A strong sermon, unusually appropriate to the conditions of the present, was preached by Rev. Dr. W. C. Driver at the Baptist church Sunday morning. Dr. Driver occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. J. Ware.

Taking his text from 2 Sam. 18: 25, and gathering his theme from David's question regarding the welfare of Absalom, following the conflict which put an end to Absalom's rebellion against the throne of his father, Dr. Driver pointed out the way of safety for the young man of the present day. Primarily it was the disregard of home council which had brought Absalom to his tragic end. The way of safety, the speaker said, lay in following the wholesome counsel of a Christian home, of teachers who were faithful guardians of the young, of the church which possessed and taught the oracles of God and of the state which was established on principles of righteousness and justice.

Dr. Driver put especial emphasis on the home influence in its relation to the youth and decried the tendencies so apparent today to depart from the sacred foundation principles of the home. He scored divorce and lack of religious teaching in the home. He pleaded for more Christian men and women as teachers in our public schools, whose influence counted for so much in the making of strong characters and good citizens of the young of today. He regarded the church as the guardian of all that is noble in character and life and without its teaching of righteousness, sobriety, unselfishness and fidelity there could be no assurance of permanency and justice in our civilization.

Dr. Driver's appeal was earnest and timely and produced a deep impression upon his hearers.

Dr. Driver has charge of the gospel car named "Good will" which has been located here for two weeks past and where services are being held each night.

We have, within the borders of the United States every kind of product and every variety of climate," said Rev. Melville T. Wire, in his patriotic sermon Sunday morning. "And not only crops which grow on top of the ground, but mineral deposits of untold richness underneath the surface."

"The strategic situation of our country is of great importance. We are supreme on this continent, separated by oceans from the other great nations of the world. We are fortunate in being able to claim as a priceless heritage a ready-made civilization brought to our shores by a God-fearing, industrious and liberty-loving people, who sought this land as a refuge from tyranny."

Rev. Mr. Wire sketched briefly the period of nation building and referred to present day problems which confronted our people. He said, "We should learn to look at these problems with level eye, neither as incurable pessimists or thoughtless optimists. But to reckon them at their real importance. We are sometimes stampeded and disheartened by phases of social unrest which arise simply because the country is rapidly growing and therefore with an increasing number of individuals to consider we have a conflict of clashing interests. These things will be settled in due course of time. Meanwhile we must face and solve the problems of our day. Every generation must find the solution for its own problems and apply the remedy for its own evils. If our generation evades or postpones burning issues we are paltry, cowardly and ungrateful for the things which have been bequeathed to us by the Fathers."

In closing he said, "No matter how great our wealth or glory or material advancement if we degenerate into a luxury-loving and selfish people, careless of God's commandments and concerned only with our own pleasure and ease we will go as Babylon and Nineveh and Rome of old down the sliding scale to the depths of the abyss, but if we manfully face and solve our problems, unselfishly and justly, fearing God and obeying his will and working out our destiny with humility and sincerity, we shall live on as a nation through the ages to come a blessing and a help to all mankind."

THREE PLANTS ABOUT READY TO OPERATE

Hard surface construction on three eastern Multnomah county roads is just ready to begin. Three distributing bases are being established, one at Jenney Station for the Powell Valley road by Oskar Huber; one near Ruby Junction by Clark & Co. for the Base Line, and the other at Fairview by the Warren Construction company for the Sandy road.

The plants are almost similar at each of the three places and consist mainly of a "spiking" machine, one or two rollers, a lot of wagons, black stuff mixers and a lot of tools suitable for the work.

The camp at Ruby Station is typical of all the others. At that point a siding has been built from the O. W. P. Troutdale branch leading to the tract of land owned by the county. Seven carloads of equipment have been unloaded and the camp has been made permanent with an office building and other necessary structures. The work on the Base Line road will all be directed from that point.

An almost similar plant has been established at Jenney, where a switch is being put in just west of the wagon road. It is further from the road to be improved than the other plants but all the material will have to be hauled in wagons for the hard surface anyway, and the distance is not different enough to make any material difference.

The plant at Fairview is near the O.-W. R. & N. tracks, over which the material for the camp and construction work will come. Water is of prime importance and two of the camps are well supplied. The one at Ruby is not so fortunate in this respect but will have to depend on a well, while the other two have living streams to draw from.

While much of the hauling of a heavy nature will be done by auto trucks, there will be a large number of teams required, and it is reported that all the available ones along the three roads will be offered work.

Operations so far have been confined to establishing the camps and quite a number of local men have been employed. They will be given the preference as far as they may be needed, although each contractor has a regular crew. It is said the wages will range from \$2.25 a day upward, depending on the class of work done. Eight hours will constitute a day's work.

RURAL LETTER CARRIER RESIGNS FROM SERVICE

L. P. Manning, rural letter carrier on route 3, has handed in his resignation to take effect July 31. He has been in the service nearly nine years, working on routes five and three.

He will take his annual vacation next Thursday, Mrs. Edna Stanley going on the route as substitute for 15 days, after which Mr. Manning will work until he is released from the service.

TWO ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED SUNDAY

Fred H. Crane, aged 56; and his brother George, aged 50, celebrated their anniversaries at the former's home on the Columbia slough last Sunday, with their families and a few other relatives. There were 22 altogether present.

Their anniversaries come together, on July 3d, but they manage to have their celebration on the 4th, thus "double shooting" the turn.

Young People's Picnic.

A bunch of young people from Powell Valley enjoyed a most jolly all-day picnic northeast of Powell Valley on last Saturday. Those present were Jennie Lind, Florence Johnson, Freda Unis, Esther Nelson, Ruth Nystrom, Mary Christensen, Hazel Sedig, Esther Nystrom, Carl Christensen, Harry Sedig, Allen Lind, Josef Anderson, Earle Rugg, Arthur Nystrom, Philip Christensen, Gilbert Shuhelm, David Peterson, Melvin Peterson and Elmer Green.

They started at 9:30 and returned at a late hour. Three meals were served. The time was spent by playing games, crawfishing, racing and other sports. A good time was also spent on the trip going home. All reported a very enjoyable time.