

FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE WORRYING

Mrs. F. M. Smith; of Hoover Station, had a financial experience on Wednesday last that turned out 100 per cent. profit, but which for a bad half hour gave promise of turning out 100 per cent. loss.

She was in Portland and decided to come as far as Gresham on her homeward way by taking an automobile. One was standing at the corner ready to start and she took a seat, at the same time tucking her purse into a corner behind her. Just then the Estacada car pulled in and Mrs. Smith changed her mind. She decided to go all the way home and come back to Gresham some other day.

It was only ten steps from the machine to the car and in a few minutes she was speeding away towards home, but had only gone three blocks when she missed her purse. She climbed off the car and came back to the auto with a rush, but it had gone on its way to Gresham loaded with other passengers and her purse.

The machine was one of the Portland Fords that come this way occasionally and was not easily described, but Frank Hamlin with a Ford Quick Service car was just ready to start, and after hearing Mrs. Smith's story, put on all the gas the traffic laws would allow and started after.

Mrs. Smith had heard the Portland driver say that he had a passenger for Gates Crossing and that was the clew followed. Just as the Gates Crossing road was reached the Quick Service car overhauled the other with a polite request to stop and be searched. The three passengers in the back seat were mightily surprised to learn that one of them was sitting over a modest fortune, but they yielded to the hold-up and a brief search revealed the purse, safe with all its contents.

Inside the purse was a pocketbook containing \$81. There were three passbooks on Portland banks, some checks and other papers and a few trifles that only a woman knows anything about. The owner was overjoyed to get them all back. She got off at Linneman where she waited for the same Estacada car that she had forsaken half an hour before and continued her journey homeward.

But she did not forget to reward Frank Hamlin with a generous tip for his efforts to restore her fortune, and to thank the other passengers who had been interested sympathizers in her predicament.

FAIRVIEW CIRCUIT HAS FINE BUSINESS SESSION

The fourth quarterly conference of the Fairview circuit was held on Monday at the Methodist church, Rev. Jas. Moore of Salem, the district superintendent, presiding. This was considered one of the most encouraging business meetings of the circuit held in many years. Rockwood, Troutdale and Bridal Veil, the other points on the circuit, were all represented and all reported advancement made in all lines. The business meeting was held at the church in the forenoon. At noon 58 persons enjoyed the sumptuous dinner served at the parsonage by the ladies of Fairview.

George Zimmerman of Fairview was elected to represent the church of the circuit at the lay electoral conference in connection with the annual conference to be held at Roseburg in September.

Among the improvements to the church property reported made during the year were extensive alterations and renovation of the Troutdale church at a cost of more than \$200. These were financed by the Troutdale Ladies Aid. The Fairview church has been reshingled and plans are under way for its reapering.

Fairview Methodist church is a pioneer church of eastern Multnomah. Its semi-centennial was celebrated a few years ago.

Couldn't Park Margaret

She had a little daughter, Margaret, who interfered sadly with attendance at dances and other social affairs that keep people up late. She was riding on a Pennsylvania street car when a friend of hers was heard to ask: "Attending any more all-night bridge parties?"

"No," she said, "we have no place where we can park Margaret very well."

GRESHAM'S EXECUTIVE GETS FAVOR

When Mayor Stapleton goes after some things he gets them, and when he knocked at the door of Governor Withycombe for an official welcome on the part of the state executive to the visiting Shriners he got it.

From the tone of the "welcome" it would seem that there is danger ahead for someone or something, but it is expected that Mr. Stapleton will see to it that no part of Gresham is disturbed or carried away. The Shriners are noted for a propensity of taking everything in sight and rustling for more, but probably Gresham won't be infested by more than one of them, the illustrious potentate himself.

The report of Mr. Stapleton's visit to Salem on Saturday says:

A large, genial and prosperously bucolic individual entered the outer office of Governor Withycombe.

"No," said the visitor, answering Secretary Putnam's query, "I am not a flax farmer. I am mayor of Gresham."

And forthwith Gresham's executive was ushered into the presence of Oregon's executive. But not only is George W. Stapleton mayor, school director and several other things in Gresham; far more important is the fact Mr. Stapleton is the illustrious potentate of Al Kadar Temple, and as such leader of all Shriners in Oregon. And as some 2000 Shriners will be passing through the state next week, coming from the Seattle convention, Potentate Stapleton has his hands full.

The object of the potentate's call was to secure an official welcome on the part of the governor for the Shriners of many states who will be Oregon's guests next week. Already elaborate plans for their entertainment have been completed, and all that seemed to remain, according to Mr. Stapleton, was a proclamation of welcome from Oregon's governor, with complete freedom of the state at large for the hosts which soon will descend from the north.

When the potentate left he was equipped with the following greeting from Governor Withycombe:

"To all Shriners coming to Oregon, from Seattle, North America, and Honolulu, I offer sincere greeting and extend to you through Al Kadar's illustrious potentate, Geo. W. Stapleton, the full freedom of the state of Oregon. That you will be well cared for by the finest body of Shriners in the world, I am confident. And that you will like Oregon and all come again, I am absolutely sure. If there is anything you want and don't see, ask Mr. Stapleton for it, or help yourselves."

REPORTER FROHMAN ON HIS TRAVELS

Ray Frohman, the versatile Journal reporter who wrote up Gresham in every conceivable way for a year or so, is on his way home from a trip to the far eastern part of the United States and will probably be seen on the turf again next week.

In a personal letter to the Outlook dated July 9, he says:

"I left Portland for a vacation on June 9 and attended my triennial class reunion in New Haven, June 19. On the way east I visited friends in Detroit, Chicago and Evanston; also gave Cheyenne the 'once over.'"

"Before leaving for the west I spent a week in New York and visited friends in Stamford, Conn., and Montclair, N. J. By the time this reaches you I will be visiting on a ranch near Boise for several days. Will return to Portland Saturday, July 17. Am having too good a time to write details."

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON LIFE'S SHADOWS

Rev. W. G. MacLaren, of Portland, formerly chaplain of the state penitentiary at Salem, will give an illustrated lecture entitled "Life's Shadows on the Pacific Coast," in Metzger's hall, Friday night, July 16, at 8 p. m. Mr. MacLaren has given his time exclusively during the past eight years to lifting fallen humanity of every class, and is well known throughout the Coast states for doing a great work.

The many slides shown in this lecture are taken from actual experience and make the lecture very interesting and instructive. This lecture has been given in the churches of Portland and in many towns of the state and meets with much success.

It is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear and see this interesting lecture on Friday night. No admission will be charged. An effort is being made to secure a singer from Portland.

EASTERN OREGON WOMAN WRITES OF EXPERIENCES ON THE SAGEBRUSH PLAINS

The following letter to the boys and girls of Gresham was written by Mrs. Vivian Gray of Harriman, Ore., a niece of Mrs. L. P. Manning, who has been visiting here. In order to reach Portland it was necessary for Mrs. Gray to travel 185 miles by auto stages to Bend, and from there 250 miles by train.

I have just written to the boys and girls of my home concerning your country and I wonder what you would think of my country.

I have spent my life in a pioneer settlement, at first 95 miles from the nearest railroad or street car line and thirty miles from the nearest postoffice. I speak of the great Harney Valley, the largest undeveloped region, I believe, in the United States. Burns, our county seat, with a population of about 4000, claims to be the largest town of its size to have been built so far from a railroad.

Our country is fast changing now, as the railroad is building through it. The road is now within 35 miles of the valley proper and the contract has been let for the road which will tap the valley.

Originally the overflowed lands were taken by homestead entries, where wild hay was harvested and everybody owned cattle. In the summer the entire possessions of the cattle were turned out on the plains together. In the fall the riding season began, when these cattle were gathered and brought into winter quarters.

Not much fruit or garden stuff was raised as it seemed too cold, and not much grain as it seemed too dry. But as the older settled countries became congested, as everything in time equalizes itself, people pushed out to our country and homesteaded our sage plains. As their failures were too distressing, an experiment station was established and one of the Corvallis boys became its superintendent. As the wheel of time turned round and rugged shoulders struggled for the mastery of these conditions, gradual improvements began to be made until now here and there are cleared fields in this great sage brush plain.

As summer range has been encroached upon, many cattle owners have disposed of their herds, but the horses were not sold. Recently, however, many of our horses have been sold for the use of warring nations, and they have brought good prices.

In some communities religious meetings are very rare, but in my own locality we have a Sunday school which, owing to the fact that only one service can be held, we keep undenominational in character. That all may be welcome and all feel at home, a standing invitation is given to all ministers, who occasionally give us a sermon and, regardless of creed, we all attend. It is after all a glorious thing to take Christ for our example, recognizing all men and

THOMAS WILSON IS KILLED IN BATTLE

Word was received here today of the death of Thomas Wilson of Rockwood in one of the European battles.

Mr. Wilson left here last fall to join the British army and was heard from during the early spring, when he was in a hospital suffering with frozen feet. He expected to go to the front again as soon as he was recovered.

His family lives near the Rockwood schoolhouse. One of his daughters is the wife of Earl Middleton.

AGED GERMAN DIES FAR FROM FATHERLAND

Adolph Kummel, aged 80 years and over, died at the home of his son Henry, near Linneman, on Saturday last and was buried yesterday at Mount Scott Park cemetery. Rev. F. H. Freund officiated.

Mr. Kummel was born in Germany, April 14, 1835, and was here with his son, having left his wife and other children in Germany.

His death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Man's inhumanity to man has put thousands of Germans on easy street.

A man without ambition is like a pan of dough without any yeast to raise it.

women as our brothers and sisters Contention, so often found in other churches, is conspicuous by its absence.

Our chief aim is to place before our children higher ideals and aims in life. As parents we strive that we may look into the pure eyes of a child and guide it aright.

The hobble skirt and other such outrages do not gain a footing in our midst, as the staunch independence manifest in the better class of women soon gains popularity over the frivolous and the immodest.

The opportunities here are much greater than in our country and you appreciate them so little because you are accustomed to your life as it is. We have only one high school in our country. When the boys and girls have finished the public school of one room in the country, the most of them, since their parents are poor, must win for themselves what other education they get, and the Yankee grit displayed is of the Lincoln kind. Many work for their board while in Burns in school and get out on the ranches to earn clothes during the vacations.

Two boys grew up with me who batched while in school and helped support a mother besides. One exclaimed in discouragement once "Mamma, sometimes it's just dry bread, and sometimes it's potatoes straight." But they made good and they are young men now of whom we are proud.

The fruits which are so plentiful here, as to almost be in your way, our boys and girls suffer for want of them, as they are not successfully grown, and even the hardy vegetables do not come until July and August. While this class of stuff is shipped in it is very expensive and its safe arrival over long stage routes is uncertain. With bananas costing five cents for four, lemons and oranges fifty cents a dozen, the fathers and mothers who are struggling to build homes can afford but few of such luxuries for their children.

When we had about mastered soil conditions and frost and drought, the jack rabbits came, or rather had increased to such numbers, that they destroyed three crops in succession. Rabbit drives were resorted to but were of so little avail that we were disheartened. Our farmers had exhausted both resources and credit till they could not buy wire netting to fence their farms with, and a five cent bounty was voted on the rabbit. Now every lad old enough to hold a 22 rifle is beginning to be a sharp shooter. The little fellows have placed everything on a basis of rabbit scalps. They slip into the little country stores and exchange scalps for candy and such things as can delight the heart of a boy.

Owing to the space I have already taken I will close, but would be glad to chat with you longer for I love boys and girls from the time their bewildered eyes first open till their hair turns grey.

PROTEST IS FILED AGAINST ENCROACHMENT

A crew of men with teams and scrapers is at work on the Baker hill reducing the grade so that the hard surfacing may be done when operations reach that point.

Considerable of a cut is being made at the top of the hill, the surplus dirt being taken to the foot of the hill with the intention of making the incline more gradual than it is now.

R. H. Thompson owns the property at the foot of the hill and has notified the county commissioners that he will forcibly resist any encroachments on his land in the improvements.

Mr. Thompson's property on the Base Line road is, a portion of it, below the level of the road and the fill which is being made threatens to extend a few feet over it. It is to this which Mr. Thompson objects.

The county commissioners are of the opinion that the improvement of the road will enhance the value of the property to a far greater extent than it will be damaged by a slight encroachment.

Field Day Singing Practice

All singers for the Grange Field Day are requested to meet in Gresham in the Grange hall, Sunday, July 18, where songs for the occasion will be practised. The practice will commence at 2:30 p. m.

DISCHARGED JANITOR IS REINSTATED

By L. H. WELLS.

Portland, July 12.—(Special)—Baker, the new commissioner, has already done things. He succeeded in having the dismissal of Rus Chamberlain, a member of the G. A. R., recalled and Chamberlain put again to work. Ex-Commissioner Brewster discharged Chamberlain and he was reinstated by the civil service board, whereupon Brewster brought the case before the Supreme Court. This case has been ordered dismissed. Brewster thought Chamberlain too old to do the work. The dismissal of Chamberlain probably defeated Brewster for re-election. It had its effects. Baker has taken hold of the auditorium and it will now be built. All the red tape has been removed until there is nothing to do now but go to work. Baker has shown himself a man of action. How not to do anything is not found in his make-up. It's a pity the other commissioners were not of the same caliber. Perhaps Baker will galvanize some energy into them along with his own enthusiasm. His activity is refreshing.

A telegram received from G. Evert Baker from Chicago, who is attending the convention of the International Christian Endeavor Society, announces the election of Rev. Dan A. Poling, a Portland young man and son of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Polling, of the First United Evangelical church, Ladd's Addition, as president of the International Christian Endeavor Society, succeeding Rev. F. E. Clark, the founder of the organization. The new president was born in Portland in 1884. He was educated in the Portland public schools, the Lafayette college and graduated from the Dallas college in 1904 in the classical course. He took a post-graduate course in Ohio, where he was secretary of the state Christian Endeavor Society for five years. Rev. C. C. Polling said yesterday that he regarded the position to which his son has been elected as one of the most important in the Christian world and he and Mrs. Polling are naturally highly gratified over the advancement their son has made. He will make his headquarters in Boston. On August 6 he will come to Portland on a visit to his parents and deliver addresses in Seattle and San Francisco. The duties of his new position will call him all over the world wherever there is a Christian Endeavor Society in existence.

I was glad to have heard City Superintendent L. R. Alderman on Monday, July 5, on the subject of Patriotism in our public schools. Mr. Alderman does approve of patriotism in our public schools, but he does not believe that references to wars should be cut out of our school text books. "How are the young people of this country to know the cost of our liberties and free institutions if the records of the sacrifices made by the boys in blue are cut out?" asked Mr. Alderman. He believes in peace as much as any one, and believes it should be inculcated, but not "peace at any price."

Milwaukie has taken progressive steps in her schools and next year will have two new departments, domestic science and art and manual training. At the meeting of the board of directors this week Miss Jeffrey was engaged to teach the domestic science department. She is highly recommended for the place. A teacher of manual training will be engaged later. These two new departments will place the Milwaukie high school in the front ranks of the best high schools in Oregon. The cost of the two new departments will be about \$2500. With the two new teachers Milwaukie will have fourteen.

St. Johns and Linnton are now a part of Portland. They add about 7000 people to the population of the city and some debts, but on the whole the city gains. The water front at St. Johns is deep and even superior to that of Portland proper. These localities will soon awaken to the fact that they are a part of Portland, and that they are dependent on themselves for what progress they make. All official business of the two cities will go to Portland. There is sure to be some disappointment at these places, but annexation was sure to come some time even if it brings disappointments to some.

OPERATIONS AT CANNERY SATISFYING

Operations at the Gresham cannery are now at high tide apparently for this season with thirty-six persons employed. That greater efforts are not being made is due to the fact that funds are lacking to buy fruit, also that the business outlook will not warrant a heavy pack this year as no permanent market is in sight.

The older canneries that have the packs sold in advance can run to full capacity, but not one that must depend on getting a reputation first. Hence there will be great caution exercised this year. Perhaps next year it will be different if next year's pack can be sold in advance.

Most of the work so far in packing has been for others. H. E. Davis of Mountain View Farm has had 1000 cases of berries put up. A firm at Estacada has ordered about 4000 cases. The remainder to be put up this year will be for the association. Only raspberries and loganberries are being canned, but a great quantity of these fruits and strawberries were shipped away, realizing good prices.

As the season advanced and berries became plentiful it was necessary to refuse some offers and a little dissatisfaction was heard among those growers who thought that everything should be taken and used. It is only fair to state that no discrimination was shown. A few lots that were in bad condition were turned away.

The output of the cannery up to last Saturday night was a total of 18,736 cans, all sizes, of which so far only 35 were lost. Of the total output there were 13,671 cans of raspberries and 5,065 of loganberries.

The cannery made a record on Saturday of 3851 gallon tins, of which 3205 were raspberries, the balance logans.

SERIOUS CONDITION OF E. R. WRIGHT

E. R. Wright was taken to a Portland hospital yesterday suffering from an intestinal ulcer from which his recovery is problematical. He has been ailing for a long time but the malady became more acute on Saturday and for a while he was in a very serious condition. Four doctors, Inglis, Hughes, Montgomery and Sternberg held a consultation and decided that only an operation at the hospital could save him.

An operation was performed last night. At 10 o'clock this morning he was reported to be resting easy with even chances.

Mr. Wright is one of the best known farmers of this vicinity and has been peculiarly unfortunate with sickness in his family, besides having been seriously injured by a ferocious bull last September. At that time several ribs were broken. It is surmised that his present condition is traceable to that cause.

SCHOOL MONEY TO BE LOANED

State Senator Langguth writes to the Outlook as follows concerning money available in the state school fund to be loaned on farm property:

"As attorney for the State Land Board in Multnomah county, I received notice today from the clerk of the board that I might receive applications for loans from that fund. This is state school money and is loaned at six per cent. on mortgages that are made out for one year, but the board allows them to run for ten years, and can be placed on improved farm property and not on city property. This is a rule of the board that not less than \$250 or more than \$2500 is loaned to any one person. I wish you would make mention of this in your paper as no doubt there are many persons in this county who would like to get loans at six per cent. and would appreciate the opportunity and the information through your paper."

Mr. Langguth's address is 605 McKay building, corner Third and Stark streets, Portland.

A lawyer is very much in earnest when he works with a will—especially if the estate is a large one.

Many a man has sense enough to get a good wife, but hasn't sense enough to know it when he gets one.

Too many things are not worth the effort necessary to obtain them.