

HIGH SCHOOL TAX LEVY IS MADE AGAIN

The board of directors of Union High School District No. 2, has made a tax levy of 3.5 mills on each of the five districts embraced in the union for maintenance purposes during the 1916 school year. That amount is the limit allowed by law which the board may levy and it is feared that the sum to be raised will not be sufficient. If it is found to be too small a tax payers' meeting of the five districts will have to be called to authorize more.

A largely signed petition was presented to the board from patrons of the school who have students enrolled, asking the board to intercede with the P. R. L. & P. Co. for half fare rates on all lines. Quite a number of the pupils are obliged to come from a long distance, some as far as ten miles away, and the regular fare is quite an item of expense. The matter was referred to F. D. Hunt, of the traffic department, who acknowledged receipt of the petition and said that it would be taken up for consideration.

Another piano is needed at the high school and the board has taken the matter of securing one under advisement. It is probable that one will be rented for the remainder of this year as the school finances are too low to buy one.

There are now 53 students who live outside of the union district. Of that number all but three have their tuition paid by their own districts. The three exceptions come from Bull Run and are paying their own tuition. Of the 53 outsiders 26 are from Clackamas county, 75 from Multnomah and 12 from the adjoining joint districts.

The board ordered bills paid amounting to \$3855.98, all of which went for furniture, school supplies, fuel, lights and other expenses. The teachers' payroll is extra, totaling \$720 a month. The salary of Mrs. Pomeroy, musical instructor, was raised to \$35 a month.

Architect Kroner and the superintendent of construction were out yesterday making a few necessary repairs in the building where faulty construction was beginning to make such repairs necessary—principally in the plastering.

The total enrollment is now 153.

LITTLE GRESHAM GIRL WANTS TO SEE MAMMA

"When you see my own mamma will you please say to her that I will come and see her after Kismus? You see, Santa Claus didn't use to come to our place," lisped little 4-year-old Beatrice Langford, a ward of the Multnomah juvenile court, when Mrs. Elizabeth Cosgriff, of the home-placing department, called to see her at Corvallis a few days ago while on a trip of inspection.

Beatrice is the daughter of Mrs. Larry Jesson, who is well known in Gresham. She was formerly Mrs. Langford but was only recently married to Mr. Jesson. The little girl, who is also known here, is now with Mrs. L. M. Landreau at Corvallis, and Mrs. Cosgriff reports that she is in a delightful home and the pet of the household.

ONE IS INJURED, THREE SHAKEN UP

One woman injured and three more badly shaken up was the outcome of an automobile accident on the Sandy road near Fairview yesterday. Two cars collided when passing a wagon, one being overturned.

The injured woman was Mrs. Susie Ackroyd of Portland. The four women were taken to the county farm and later to the Good Samaritan hospital. The driver of the other car sped on without offering assistance. He is being looked for.

Style depends for its life on tailoring. Make no mistake about that. Ed. V. Price's tailoring is the result of years of knowing how.

W. E. WOOD,
—Adv. Exclusive Representative.

We now have all makes Sewing Machine needles, bobbins and shuttles at Sterling & Kidder Hdq. Co.

Fifty years ago tea was too dear to be an ordinary beverage in the average household.

It is an insult in France to call any one "a melon."

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR USE OF FARMERS

Ross Clark, of McMinnville, is visiting Gresham and vicinity in the interests of the Cox Farming Accounting System which he is introducing. It is a copyrighted publication which sells for a small sum, but which will answer all needs of a large farm for 20 years.

With the book goes a book of coupons to the full value of the purchase price which the merchants of this territory who give an advertisement costing them nothing are to take up as they are presented.

In other words the farmer gets the full cost of the book back in coupons, each worth five cents, which the advertisers allow on the purchase of a dollar's worth of goods.

Mr. Clark has but 600 copies of the book to sell and will probably sell them all. He is limited to Multnomah county. The book is of such practical value that 1600 were recently sold to the farmers of a small section of Yamhill and Polk counties. Mr. Clark is staying at the Congdon hotel.

POSTOFFICE SUPPLIES TO BE REDUCED

Postmistress McColl has received notice from the Department that postoffice burglaries have been so numerous of late that all postmasters except of the first class, throughout the country are required to keep on hand a smaller number of stamps and other papers of a commercial value and to guard them more carefully.

Reports to the Postoffice Department accounting for last year's business show that 1400 claims, aggregating a loss of \$190,000, resulted from burglary of postoffices.

Inspectors were unable in most cases to find any trace of the stolen goods, because of the lack of identification marks. Their investigations, however, have led Department officials to believe that stamp brokers in several of the larger cities make it their business to dispose of stolen goods. The Department is endeavoring to develop some means for identifying stamps and other papers.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT ELECT OFFICERS

Clover Circle No. 202, Women of Woodcraft, met in regular session last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clannahan. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: past guardian neighbor, Mrs. Elizabeth Jack; guardian neighbor, Mrs. Ella Middleton; clerk, Mrs. Eliza Metzger; banker, Mrs. Rose Metzger; magician, Mrs. Emma Manning; attendant, Mrs. Amelia Mewhirter; physician, Dr. S. P. Bittner; inner and outer sentinel, Mrs. Amelia Duncan; captain of guards, Mrs. Rose Metzger; managers, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Mewhirter and John Metzger. One application for membership was received.

At the close of the business session, Mrs. Clannahan invited the members of the Circle to the dining-room, where a dainty luncheon was served. The table was beautifully arranged, the lodge colors, red, white and green being carried out in the viands, the place cards and the hand painted napkins. Mrs. Clannahan was assisted by Mrs. W. E. Bates.

DR. EAST TO SPEAK IN HALEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday, October 31, in the Swedish Baptist church, near Haley Station, Dr. East of Portland, will speak at 11 a. m. The service will be in the English language.

Dr. East is a forceful and interesting speaker and it is hoped many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him. The address will be especially helpful to young people. Special staging has been arranged for.

High School Notes.

Principal Goodwin has announced November 22, 23 and 24 as "go to school days," when all patrons of the school are especially invited to visit the school. Arrangements will be made to conduct all visitors to the various classes, where they may observe the regular work of the students.

A class in parliamentary rules will be started in connection with the civics class. Roberts' Rules or Order will be taken as a text book.

Mrs. Pomeroy will start classes in sight reading of music in the near future. It is planned to have a class for boys and another for girls.

The catgut used for violin strings is not obtained from cats, but from sheep or goats.

BUSINESS MEN OF EAST SIDE DISCUSS RAILROAD PARITIES

By L. H. WELLS.
PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—Special.—

At the railroad rate luncheon held today by the East Side Business Men's club at Sargent hotel, Grand and Hawthorne avenues, after extended discussion of the proposition to ask the railroads for a common rate to Columbia river ports on a parity with Puget Sound the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the East Side Business Men's club is in favor of any movement that will be a benefit to Portland and the state of Oregon, and that will increase the shipping industry of this vicinity.

This resolution was adopted as a substitute for the report of the committee appointed to investigate the proposition to secure this parity of freight rates on the Columbia river, which was that the whole question should be laid on the table for the present. The sense of the committee report was that the Chamber of Commerce and the Interstate Commission had the freight rate question under consideration and that pending their decision it would be unwise for the club to go on record one way or another, except that it would support and co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce and other Portland organizations, now making a study of the freight rates and conditions.

N. U. Carpenter, chairman of the committee, who proposed the resolution, said all were agreed on the one point that the "river commerce and industries of Portland should be increased and promoted as fast as possible," and wanted the attitude of the club to be made clear at that point, as many members of the East Side club were members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce as well, and their objects were identical. L. B. Seeley and C. M. Mead attended the meeting and spoke of the great importance of increasing the traffic on the Columbia river.

Charles W. Bryant, a prominent Oregon pioneer of 1853, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Lane, today, at the age of 88 years. Mr. Bryant crossed the plains to Oregon from St. Louis, Mo., in 1853, and took up a donation land claim near where Oswego is situated. He was a millwright and assisted in the erection of the Standard Mills at Milwaukie and other mills in Oregon in early days. He became well acquainted with the Indians in the Willamette valley around Portland and spoke their language fluently. Mr. Bryant had long been a member

GRESHAM GRADE SCHOOL TO BE STANDARDIZED

Gresham grade school has fulfilled all requirements set by the State Board of Education and will be standardized. An educational rally has been planned for a date early in November, when the pennant or certificate will be conferred.

The requirements are easily complied with and include full equipment, heating and ventilating, flag flying in good weather, attractive building and rooms, clean grounds, best of sanitation, good library, teachers to fill stated requirements, a school term of not less than eight months with an average attendance of 92 per cent of the enrollment for the year and not to exceed two per cent of tardiness for that period.

"Under the Crescent"

Starting Monday and Tuesday, November 1-2, at Smith's Theater, "Under the Crescent," the most sensational, exclusive and unique series of real life pictures ever produced, with all the original settings and magnificent costumes, featuring the Princess Hassan of Egypt in her own life story of a prince's Harem. Although an American girl, Ola Humphrey, Princess Hassan is the actual legal wife of the next heir to the throne of Egypt. Her romantic story of love, marriage, disillusionment and escape from the Harem form the theme of this wonderful series of twelve reels, two reels each week for six weeks only, forming a complete feature. This story is written and acted by the Princess herself. Founded on actual facts.

The Purple Iris, episodes one and two of the great series, will be shown next Monday and Tuesday, November 1 and 2.—Adv.

Grange Masquerade.

Multnomah grange is preparing for a masquerade ball at the Orient hall on Thanksgiving night. Best of music and a turkey supper. Everybody welcome.—Adv.

Henry VIII was the first English sovereign to be styled "his majesty."

of Oswego grange and visited other granges widely. His wife died several years ago. His surviving children are, Mrs. Alta B. Young, Mrs. E. C. Durham and Mrs. E. L. Lane, of Portland; Hale D. Bryant, Gaston, Oregon; Charles P., Fresno, California. There are eleven grandchildren, and four will be among the pall bearers: Archie and Claude Bryant, Austin Lane and Walter A. Durham. The other pall bearers will be Edgar Meresse and James Belt. Funeral will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment will be in Riverview cemetery.

Slowly and surely the city commissioners are cutting down the enormous estimates for expenses for the ensuing year, thanks to the activity of Commissioner George L. Baker. Whether there would have been any material reduction in these estimates without his insistence may be doubted. It is believed that the estimates would have gone through without a hitch but for Mr. Baker. Still, there is room for more reductions to cut the levy down where the taxpayers and property owners of Portland may meet the charges. There was a tendency to maintain the higher estimates and increase salaries, but by Baker and Bigelow, with slight help from Daly, this program was changed. On the whole the cut is about \$490,000, which is small compared with the total of something more than \$2,000,000, but it is something gained. There is tendency to condemn commissioner form of government, whereas it is the commissioners who make or unmake the city government.

The suburban residents of Multnomah had better sit up and take notice. Movement for the consolidation of city and county is assuming a definite form. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has the matter under consideration at present. Experience of some other districts are that it has not reduced the cost of administration, and in fact has increased the cost of administration rather, as in the case of Denver, Colorado, where the city and county came together. The same number of officers was retained and the same salaries were paid. Consolidation theoretically looks good, but it has not always worked out as expected owing entirely to the character of the men who put themselves forward for the offices. Men big enough for the job and who should take the work will not do so, with the result a cheap bunch gets in.

MISSION SECRETARY MEETS FORMER PASTOR

Rev. E. A. Leonard, last Saturday, received a telegram from Eugene which read: "Meet me tomorrow in Dr. Petty's office, Portland. I want to shake your hand." (Signed) J. H. Franklin.

J. H. Franklin, D. D., who is now corresponding secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Society of America, was baptized into the Baptist church by Mr. Leonard, thirty-one years ago at Appomattox, Va., near the place where Lee surrendered to Grant.

At a dinner served in the Y. W. C. A. dining room, to which all ministers of the Baptist association were invited, held in honor of Dr. Franklin, he made mention of his conversion and baptism by Mr. Leonard, paying tribute to the latter for his influence in interesting the former in the work of the ministry.

SURPRISE SHOWER ON GRESHAM WOMAN

A surprise shower was given last Wednesday afternoon on Mrs. Lillian Pullen, whose marriage to W. E. Beagle will take place in the near future.

Mrs. Pullen was at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. A. Gould, when her friends took her by surprise. They brought many beautiful and useful gifts as tokens of their best wishes.

Those present were Mrs. H. L. Ball, Mrs. C. E. Risher, Mrs. S. R. Bradford, Mrs. H. L. St. Clair Mrs. S. F. Pigg, Mrs. C. M. Oliphant, Mrs. Geo. W. Page, Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth, Mrs. J. O. Downing, Miss M'na Gilbert and Miss Esther Elford.

Pemmican, the staple food of Arctic explorers, is made from the flesh and fat of bisons.

MANY BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED SUNDAY

C. H. Sloop and son Edgar celebrated their birthdays with their friend Mrs. E. Winslow of Tacoma, Washington, at the home of C. H. Sloop, their birthdays all being on the same date, October 24. This was a party suitable for the young, middle aged and aged, as Mrs. Winslow was 81 years of age. Those present were, Mrs. Winslow's granddaughter Mrs. Wm. Krapp and son Robert, of Tacoma, and Mr. and Mrs. H. McGinnis and sons Charles, James and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hale and daughters Bessie and Alice and Thomas Hale, Grant Sloop and sons Elton, Alfred and Arthur and daughters Mabel, Esther and Amy and Herman Larson, this making a total of twenty-nine present.

After eating a hearty dinner, the evening was spent by most of the party at the home of G. W. Hale in honor of his birthday which was the following day. The company was entertained by both instrumental and vocal music. When departing all expressed themselves as having a time to be long remembered.

Mrs. Winslow and granddaughter Mrs. Wm. Krapp and son Robert departed for their home in Tacoma Tuesday after a month's visit with C. H. Sloop and H. McGinnis and families. Grandma Winslow, though 81 years old, enjoys traveling and expressed herself as having a real good time and hopes to enjoy many more such parties.

Methodist Church Notes.

There is preaching service at the Methodist church every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. These services are well attended and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Mrs. Russell Akin will sing at the morning service next Sunday.

The Sunday school is in a very prosperous condition. Mr. A. L. Lyman is the able superintendent. He is doing good work and he is desirous that the parents should help him in this great work by coming with their children to Sunday school.

A men's Brotherhood Bible class has been organized and is steadily growing in numbers. Its motto is: "For Other Men." Prof. Elmer F. Goodwin is the teacher. We expect to see a large class ere long. There is also a Sisterhood Bible class. This class is also growing and doing good work.

Let all our young people remember the Epworth League which meets at 6:45 each Sunday evening. The annual Epworth League convention of the Salem district meets at the Jason Lee church in Salem next week beginning on Friday, November 5, and continuing over Sunday. A splendid program has been arranged and we hope some of our young people will be able to attend this gathering. Delegates should be appointed next Sunday. Let there be a good number present.

The members and friends of the Ladies' Aid society are invited to attend the regular business meeting and tea at the home of Mrs. L. T. Lusted, next Wednesday, November 3 at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Lusted will be assisted by Mrs. Jas. Sterling, Mrs. C. E. Risher and Mrs. O. A. Eastman. On Thursday, November 4, the Aid society will entertain the Martha Verein, the woman's society of the Zion Evangelical church, at the home of Mrs. W. R. Burke on Wallula Heights at 2:30. All members and friends are urged to be present.

Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman, president of the Women's Home Missionary society, has received a letter from Philip Deschner, superintendent of the Portland Industrial Home, in which he expresses thanks to the women of Gresham for the supplies recently sent. He said in part:

"The supplies received last Saturday were more than a surprise. In the first place, they came so soon after your other supplies and in the second place, I can say that never before since I have been here have I received such a large supply at one time nor have we received such good things before. You deserve special credit for this. You have made us feel good and what you have sent will make a great many other people feel good. The apples could not have come more appropriately. Yesterday we gave a party for the mothers in the community. We had been wishing for apples for the occasion and they came just when we needed them. The potatoes and other things came just as handy. We can not only use them ourselves but we can give them out to needy people."

Tailoring.

For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.

LADIES' LODGE WILL HONOR A GREAT EVENT

It seems that the Lady Maccabees organization believes in publicity of the kind that is read by the general public. The head officers are now running display advertisements in some of the strongest papers in the United States. In a late issue of the New York World a four-inch, double column ad appeared devoted to boosting the order for the purpose of attracting new members.

And thereby the Lady Maccabees show their confidence in printers' ink, for they now have the largest purely women's order in the world, with 186,000 members.

Notice has been sent to all subordinate Reviews of an event that came off last Friday at Port Huron, Michigan, when the corner stone of the Home office of the Women's Benefit association was laid.

Miss Bina M. West is the supreme commander of the order, and the ceremony was performed under her supervision. It was followed by the celebration of the 23d anniversary of the society. The new Home will be the only building of its kind in the world. In it will be concentrated the work of 55 states and provinces.

This year for the first time the order has given state hospital service benefits to needy members throughout the entire territory of the association; and last illness and burial benefits and sick benefits for wage earners were added to the already fine classes of protection offered to incurable women.

Rockwood has a flourishing Review of Lady Maccabees, the members of which are rejoicing over the progress of this work. Some of them are looking forward to taking advantage of a prize offer next year which will give them a trip to the Mecca of Maccabees—Port Huron. The members of Charity Review are planning a special meeting in honor of the event.

VENTURA PARK

Mrs. Noah Perry, president of the Base Line Improvement club here, attended the convention of the State Federation of Women's club at Salem on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. She reports a most interesting and helpful session.

On Monday afternoon Master Donald Parent entertained in honor of his sixth birthday. A number of our future citizens partook of his hospitality and greatly enjoyed the good time provided for them.

Haldane Dickson has been quite seriously ill again but is at present somewhat improved.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Frank Parent and her mother, Mrs. Rufus Thompson of Albany, who is her house guest, enjoyed a short visit with Mrs. Charles David Bowles of Seattle. Mrs. Parent and Mrs. Bowles are sisters, so the visit was a partial family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wright and Mrs. Eliza McCoy of Rose City Park, spent Sunday with the Harry McCoy's.

The Sunday school organized by Mrs. W. H. Sanford is growing nicely and the kiddies seem greatly interested. One room of the club house is used for the meeting.

ROCKWOOD

It was stated in last Tuesday's issue that Gresham Route 1 will lose eighteen families by the change of route from Fairview, but some of the patrons say "Father Chipman" is good enough for us, and will still continue to have their mail come to Gresham.

Miss Bertha Anspach visited her parents on Sunday last.

TROUTDALE

There will be preaching at the church next Sunday at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Brewster. Sunday school meets every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Crawford. A full attendance is desired.

Harness Store to Move.

E. S. Palmquist will move his harness store into Larson's new brick building tomorrow. The building has just been completed and arranged for the best display of good to which a new stock is being added suitable for the retail trade.