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TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

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NEAR FATAL CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

A Christmas day difficulty between two Austrians near Cottrell resulted in one of the men, Joe Miller, being severely cut in the stomach and the head, one arm and hand. He was taken by Dr. H. H. Hughes to the Multnomah county hospital, where his wounds were dressed, but he is in a precarious condition and may not recover. The four men had been clearing near Cottrell and were celebrating their Christmas dinner. It was about two o'clock on Saturday afternoon when the row began between Miller and Martin Smith. The latter claims that Miller struck him and he defended himself with a pocket knife. After the cutting Miller chased Smith across a field until he fell exhausted from loss of blood. The wounded man was carried to his cabin by Smith and the two men, Joe Norvick and Mike Donoghue, where he lay unattended until nearly midnight when Albert Jones was notified and he at once sent for Dr. Hughes. Sheriff Wilson, with deputies Ward Phillips, of Clackamas county, arrested the other three and took them to Oregon City, where they are now in jail. Smith maintains that the stabbing was done in self-defense. The other two are not considered as participants in the crime but will be held as witnesses.

EASTERN STAR LODGE FORMED AT SANDY

Mountain View chapter, O. E. S., was organized at Sandy on Tuesday evening last with twenty-eight members.

A dispensation is expected in about ten days, after which they will commence active work. The following officers were elected: worthy matron, Mrs. A. L. Deaton; worthy patron, George H. Waite; associate matron, Mrs. George H. Waite; secretary, Mrs. C. D. Purcell; treasurer, Mrs. Fred L. Proctor; conductress, Mrs. E. Townsend; assistant conductress, Mrs. E. F. Bruns.

GENOGRAPH CURTAINS MADE IN GRESHAM

Claude Smith has begun the manufacture of picture screens for movie theaters. One just completed for the Circle theater in San Francisco measures 15x12 feet and orders for more have been received. It is explained by Mr. Smith that the new curtain, on which there is a patent, gives better results than the old ones in use. The pictures show up better and there is a 20 per cent more efficiency in the light which is softer and more steady.

Cowboy Doll Given Away.

I wish to announce that the Cowboy doll was won by Miss Rosy Potter, with 76 tickets. I desire to thank my friends for their generous patronage and wish them a Happy New Year. MRS. E. BOUGHNER, Proprietor Novelty Store.

Thousands of farmers use Lowe Brothers Standard barn paint for painting their barns, silos, fences and outbuildings. It is the most economical barn paint on the market. Ask for color cards at our store. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

A "Christmas Prayer From Western Life Advocate.

May God bless us, every one. May our judgments be gentler, our will to make others happy, stronger. May it be our will and opportunity to make little children happy. May we fully realize that the only thing in the world out of which a man can be made is a little boy, that the only thing out of which a woman can be made is a little girl. God help us to protect the children, to give them opportunity to grow to full stature. Open our eyes to find those who may be in need; help us to remember the poor. Let this Christmas time be a time of truce during which all differences may be adjusted, all quarrels abandoned, all enmity forgotten. May the joy that comes to children on Christmas day become the contentment of the household. May peace speedily come to all nations. May the fragrance of Christmas be with us throughout the new year, and may the peace that abideth forever be ours.

AUCTION SALE IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

An advertisement in last Tuesday's Outlook announced an auction sale at the farm of Joe Odermatt, today, three-fourths of a mile east of Haley station. Two weeks ago the Outlook printed auction bills for the same sale on an earlier date, but it was postponed, because of being interfered with by the law.

It seems that there has been a case pending in Justice Kelso's court at Milwaukie against Mr. Odermatt and that he lost out. Milo C. King, the Gresham lawyer, was the attorney who opposed him and when he asked for a transcript of the case it was withheld.

On Friday last Mr. Odermatt went to Oregon City and entered suit against Justice Kelso, Constable Reed, John Miller, the plaintiff, and the attorney. The charge is that Justice Kelso refuses to make proper entries in his court docket and a transcript for an appeal against the judgment which awarded John Miller the sum of \$178.40 and \$38.45 costs.

Odermatt was seeking to sell all his property when he first announced the sale, and it was surmised that he was trying to convert it into cash to avert a possible foreclosure of the judgment. In his second announcement he withdrew his household goods. On application to Judge Campbell he was granted a restraining order, enjoining the sale of the same property he has advertised to sell today at public auction.

He further asks for an order compelling Justice Kelso to take the necessary legal steps in his court for an appeal. No report has been received today from the farm as to whether the public auction was allowed to proceed, but it is a queer case wherein a man seeks to defeat a judgment by selling the stock for his own benefit that another is trying to sell for him.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT FREE METHODIST CHURCH

The third quarterly meeting for the conference year begins Friday evening, December 31. The first service of this meeting on Friday night will be held in connection with the union watchnight service at the Baptist church.

Rev. F. L. Burns, district elder, will be with us and preach at that service at 8 o'clock. Saturday evening Brother Burns will preach at the Free Methodist church at 7:30 Sunday services, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all.

SARGO IS SOLD TO CHICAGO MAN

The bald-faced race horse known as Sargo, frequently seen on the streets of Gresham when he was owned by E. W. Aylsworth and T. R. Howitt has been sold to a Chicago man, F. L. Styles, for \$950.

Sargo is a racer with a record of 2:7 1/2 and has been entered at many of the races in the northwest. He won several races on the Gresham track and at other places. His record was made at Phoenix, Arizona, from where he was shipped to Chicago, where he was sold at auction.

SEEKS OPPORTUNITY AS COUNTY AGENT

Now that the county commissioners have decided to name a county agriculturist it is announced that Sylvester B. Hall is a candidate for the position.

Mr. Hall is a son of J. S. Hall of Gresham and is fully qualified for the place, having for two years been in charge of the big agricultural school at Gardena, California, which position he resigned last summer to return to operate the Hall farm on the Sandy road. He is master-elect of Fairview grange.

DON'T FORGET O. A. C. GLEE CLUB

Regner's Hall, Thursday Evening Tickets at Gresham Drug Store or Outlook Office.

Buy your wife a Simplex Universal Electric Vacuum Cleaner. Easy running, cleans thoroughly, \$21.50, guaranteed, at Sterling & Kidder Hdw. Co.

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

POTATO PROBLEM WHICH CONFRONTS THE FARMER

CAUSES WHICH LED TO THE DETERIORATION OF THE TUBER, AND POSSIBLE REMEDIES

Many of the potato growing farmers of this section are sorely perplexed over the potato problem which confronts them next year, and for possibly several years to come. The yield last fall was not up to the normal in quantity, and was far below in size; also the quality had deteriorated to an alarming extent.

Under prevalent conditions there promises to be no better yield either in size, quantity or quality next season than there has been for several years past.

Conditions for potato growing are just as good here as ever. There has been no material change in the seasons or in the ground. Cultivation has been carried on as usual, yet there has been a general failure of the potato crop in Oregon's most favorable potato growing district.

Excepting for a touch of blight, which in most instances can be easily remedied by following the advice of the Agricultural college, there seems to be no reason why the soil of eastern Multnomah should not produce four hundred bushels of salable potatoes to the acre. Crops of that size have been grown right here, all around Gresham, and can be grown again. It only needs an understanding of what to plant as seed.

Those who can remember conditions in the potato market sixteen years ago will recall the fancy prices that good potatoes brought. They went as high as three cents a pound just before seeding time, and every farmer sold his last bushel of the best he had, keeping only the culls and those of the size of walnuts for planting. That was the beginning of the failure of the famous Burbank and the results are now too apparent to escape notice everywhere.

So scarce were potatoes in the spring of 1900 that the smallest and most worthless potatoes sold readily for seed at \$1.25 per hundred. Prices were good that fall and winter and the stocks were again depleted to the lowest limit. Because no appreciable change had yet been noticed in the yield the growers were fooled into believing that any size or shape of potato would produce good, merchantable stuff, and the deterioration of crops began.

The change was slow and gradual and no one had the foresight to see that a continuance of such methods meant ruin for a great industry, but the results are obvious now, and the growers are seeking for a remedy.

It must be admitted, though, that

a few other causes were contributory to the failure. One of them has been noticed but it is hard to define. For several years there has been a suspicion that there is something wrong with the land. The great soil renewer, red clover, also seems to have lost some of its potent qualities. Perhaps the good prices realized for hay during more than a dozen years had something to do with it, and the fields were allowed to run out before they were plowed up and seeded down again. It used to be the custom fifteen years ago to rotate the crops about every four years, but it is noticed that in many instances now the rotation periods are longer and the clover has all but disappeared when the land is again made ready for potatoes.

In those days it was first a crop of potatoes, then clover with a nursing crop of grain. After two seasons of hay the rotation was repeated with good crops every time. Another contribution to the failure is probably the greater prevalence of mesquit grass that has secured such a grip here. It ruins the clover and timothy fields and perhaps is in some measure responsible for the poor potatoes.

As a sample of how the potato yield has been affected it may be mentioned that one crop of 1600 bushels on ten acres—a very small yield—was cut down to 300 bushels of merchantable potatoes, and the profit remained in the other 1300 bushels that were unsalable. Such conditions are prevalent all over this section and the growers are at their wits' end for a remedy.

It is frequently asserted that the Burbanks have "run out" here; but so have the other varieties and there seems to be but one remedy—and that remedy is new seed.

The experiment seems worth trying: Import seed potatoes from some other state where healthy potatoes are grown. Get the best in size and free from disease. Try them on the best clover ground and cultivate them properly. In no other way can the reputation of this section as a potato district be regained and the big profits of former years be assured. Some few are intending to do these things, but there should be a combined effort to have every grower do this coming year. The help of some big seed store or commission house may be needed, and a combined effort must be made to redeem the lost prestige of eastern Multnomah as a potato growing district.

MODERN WOODMEN WILL INSTALL

Gresham camp, No. 13, 160, Modern Woodmen of America, has elected officers for the coming term as follows:

Venerable counsel, Al Hammar; adviser, Eddie Sell; banker, Axel Johnson; escort, Henry Bottleson; clerk, Ross Brown; watchman, A. R. Holloway; sentry, Casper Atterbury; trustee, J. N. Faris, was elected to serve for three years. Installation of officers January 21st. All neighbors and families and all visiting neighbors and families are cordially invited to attend. A good time assured. Everybody bring your baskets.

Meeting nights have been changed to one each month—on the third Friday night of each month. All visiting members in good standing are invited to attend.

The Life of Christ.

On Wednesday evening of this week, Rev. W. J. Beaven, pastor of the Third Baptist church of Portland, will deliver his lecture on "The Life of Christ," illustrated by stereopticon pictures at the Baptist church. Admission will be free and everybody is invited to be present and enjoy the pictures and hear the lecture.

More than 100 tons of potash are wasted daily in distilleries in the United States in fermenting molasses and a New Orleans company will endeavor to obtain a fertilizer from its waste product.

An occasional coat of Lowe Bros. wagon paint will save your wagons and farm implements from rust and decay. It is inexpensive and will save you many dollars. Easily applied. We'll tell you how. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

Cast your eyes on the Want Ads.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOR LAST TIME IN OLD WAY

Three Pacific coast states will celebrate the coming of the new year next Friday night in the old familiar way for probably the last time in many years. Or, more properly speaking, the big cities of the three states will do the celebrating.

Down in Portland, for instance, the celebration will be at white heat at all the cafes, where, it is said, the tables have all been reserved at fancy prices for the last carousal. Portland is going dry at 12 o'clock, when the prohibition submarine will fire its last torpedo into the sinking hulk of old King Alchy, as the revelers with parched throat are singing—

Drink a highball at nightfall,
Be good fellows, while you may;
For tomorrow will bring sorrow,
So let's drive dull care away.

The dizzy mention of alcoholic unmentionables, characterized as a highball, will give way to another song when New Year's eve rolls around again, for the highball song on that occasion would be likely to attract the attention of the police who will listen with suspicion, despite the fact that the only highball obtainable will be made up of loju and Weinhard's amber.

But the cafes will never resound again with the rollicking songs of the roysterers, for the staid anthem on New Year's morn will be—
Out of the way, Old King Alchy,
Out of the way, old alcohol;
We're on our way to a temperance ball.

The hideous wetness of the time-honored occasion will go through the wringer process and there will be the dry kiln aspect of a brickyard in the departed glory of the cafes, where King Alchy will rule supreme for the last time, and where "mun" is the password.

But next Friday night is going on record as the date of the swan song of booze. The refrain will be, "drink a highball and be jolly." After that the songs will have to represent the state and condition of affairs, represented according to the provisions of the Food and Drug act, in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

MASONS AND O. E. S. INSTALL OFFICERS

The officers of the Fairview A. F. & A. M. and Trousdale chapter O. E. S. were installed Monday evening in the presence of more than a hundred members and visitors.

The installing officers were, A. E. Pierce, worthy grand patron; Mrs. Lena Mendenhall, grand marshal; Mrs. Clyde Evans, grand organist and Past Masters H. B. Chapman and Milton Fox.

Instrumental music by Miss Ruth Shaw and Mrs. Clyde Evans and vocal solos by Mrs. L. A. Harlow and Mrs. O. J. Brown added to the pleasure of the evening. Following the installation a banquet was served. H. B. Chapman acted as toastmaster and responses were made by A. E. Pierce, Clyde Evans, Mrs. Mendenhall and Mrs. Clara Larsson.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FRUIT GROWERS

The annual meeting of the Gresham Fruit Growers association has been called for the second Monday in January at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Gresham grange hall. Proxies have been mailed to every stockholder in order to insure a majority of shares at the meeting, which is for the purpose of electing a board of directors, hearing reports and transacting such other business as may properly come up.

Increased safety is a potent argument in favor of the use of liquid air for blasting in German mines, as it soon evaporates if the charge misses and there is no danger of a delayed explosion.

Good for Constipation. Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent for constipation. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

DON'T FORGET O. A. C. GLEE CLUB Regner's Hall, Thursday Evening Tickets at Gresham Drug Store or Outlook Office.

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

FARMERS TO HAVE WEEK AT THE O. A. C.

In order to bring together the greatest number of interesting and helpful things offered by Farmers' Week at the Oregon Agricultural college, January 3 to 8, the work of subjects most closely related has been collected into one or more days, so that those who are unable to attend during the entire week may receive the maximum of advantages by attendance on those days in which their specialties will be considered.

On Monday the leading subjects will be horticulture, road building and drainage. The work in horticulture will be chiefly instructional through lectures, demonstrations and inspection, that of road building by conferences, and that of drainage by conference and by sessions of the state drainage association.

On Tuesday these same three subjects will be still further considered, and consideration of public markets and dairying will be added. Public markets will be treated in conference, with experienced market men and vegetable growers in charge. The dairy work will be furthered by a meeting of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club, the Oregon Holstein association, the Oregon Guernsey club, and the Dairy Breeders' association.

On Wednesday the State Dairymen's association will hold its annual meeting, and the work of the drainage association will be brought to a close. County fair officials will meet to consider methods of most profitably conducting county and district fairs. The agronomists will also meet and consider field crops and seed growers' problems, with the corn show open during the entire day. Poultry exhibits in which the U. S. Educational Poultry Exhibit of the Panama Exposition will be shown, will also receive special emphasis on this day.

On Thursday the State Dairymen's association will continue in session and there will be a conference of Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers. The potato growers and Pure-Bred Breeders' association will also hold their conferences.

On Friday the work of the State Dairymen's association will be closed and also that of the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers. This will be one of the busiest days of the week, on which the Oregon Horse Breeders' association will meet, the Pork Products show will be held, the Boys' and Girls' judging contest will be begun, federation of the State grange and State Farmers' Union will be considered, rural credits plans outlined, with the annual horse show concluding the exercises in the evening.

On Saturday the Boys' and Girls' judging contest will be concluded, a special program will be presented for boys and girls, marketing legislation will be discussed, and there will be a land clearing demonstration.

Those desiring further information should send a card to R. D. Hetzel, director, asking for a complete program.

GAME WARDENS FIND BEAVER PELTS

Several good beaver hides were confiscated Sunday by Deputy Game Warden E. H. Clark and Thomas Craig, who visited the home of S. F. White, at Ames, Oregon, in Clackamas county, and found the hides.

Beavers are protected under the law, and the game wardens had a hint of alleged violations on the farm of Mr. White. They brought back with them six or eight hides, each of which, it is said, is valued at \$18 to \$20 in the rough.

Mr. White will have a trial at Oregon City some time during the week.

Sandy lodge No. 158 A. F. & A. M. held their annual election on December 21, 1915. After the election, the wives and friends were invited in and the officers were installed, after which there was a banquet. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

W. M., George H. Waite; S. W., R. I. Anderson; J. W., E. F. Bruns; S. L., Fred L. Proctor; J. D., M. A. Deaton; secretary, C. D. Purcell; treasurer, W. V. Rogers; Tyler, Emil Wendland; stewards, H. S. Eddy and L. E. Townsend. All report a very enjoyable time.

Venice has 60,000 residents and the town is built on seventy or eighty inlets.