

FORD AUTO AGENCY TO STAY HERE

It was reported recently that Latourell & Son would give up the Ford agency, because of having to meet conditions made by the Ford people that could not be complied with. All the agencies in this county were discontinued and seventeen solicitors were engaged, but when it was shown that the Gresham firm had made such a remarkable record in selling the Ford cars, the order was recalled as to Latourell & Son who were allowed to continue their agency here, and were given a contract for this year and all of next.

Outside of the Ford assembling plant in Portland, this will be the only agency in Multnomah county. The Latourells have made a great record in selling Fords this year, their sales being greater than at the Portland plant. They will continue their record, but will probably sell other cars as well, for some of their prospective buyers are demanding a higher priced machine.

Latourell & Son are contemplating a removal of their garage, so as to have more room and better facilities for handling larger cars, which they cannot do in their present building.

Negotiations are now under way for a brick building which will probably be built this summer. Two repair men are now employed all the time on light cars and this force would be increased if heavy cars could be handled, but their present place is not suitable nor large enough for any extension of service.

Latourell & Son's record in selling Fords during the past year resulted in the order from Detroit to continue them as selling agents here.

CLOSING EVENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL YEAR

Events that will close the year of the Gresham union high school are crowding close upon each other as the graduation day draws near.

Beginning next Saturday the first of the extra features that will mark the closing, will be the senior-sophomore excursion to Multnomah falls and over the Columbia River Highway. May Day exercises will be held next Monday with Miss Bonnie Horton as queen. The date for the senior class play has not been set but it will come early. Its title will be "The Strenuous Life."

On June first the semester examinations will begin, to be followed with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 4th at the M. E. church. Class day exercises will be held the next day at the high school auditorium in the evening.

Commencement exercises, with an address by Governor Withycombe will be held in Regner's hall on the evening of June 6. Later the alumni banquet will be the closing feature of the high school year.

McCormick's Speaking Dates.

Prin. E. S. McCormick, candidate for nomination for county school superintendent, will speak tonight before the Alberta Republican club and on Wednesday night at an open-air meeting at Lents. On Thursday night before the Lincoln Republican club at the public library. Friday afternoon he will speak to the Parent-Teachers' meeting at Fairview, and at night at the Kansas society, the Women of Woodcraft and Multnomah camp.

Explosion Wrecks Farmer's Home.

With an explosion that was heard at the County Farm, half a mile away, the home of a Japanese farmer residing in the vicinity of Troutdale was badly wrecked and then destroyed by fire on Sunday evening. A force from the County Farm was too late to fight the flames, which were plainly visible for many miles around. About twenty men from Gresham went to the scene but arrived too late to do any good.

As a result of a number of experimental studies, scientists have found that the eyes of fish are relatively large in comparison with human eyes; a fish's eye is ordinarily about 1-20 of the length of its body, while that of a man is from 1-60 to 1-70 of the height. It is believed that this is one reason for their near-sightedness.

Australia has a huge harvester, which reaps sixty acres of wheat a day. It is driven by oil.

FIELD MEET NEXT JUNE IN GRESHAM

J. J. Johnson, master of Pomona grange has called the attention of all the granges in the county to the matter of holding a field day meet again this year, as authorized by Pomona at its meeting last month.

He is asking that each grange take action next month and appoint a suitable committee each, giving them instructions, so that they will be prepared to discuss the matter intelligently when the central committee meets in June.

The committee will hold its first meeting at Rockwood when Pomona grange meets there, the third Wednesday in June, and will then probably be obliged to hold a meeting shortly subsequent thereto at Gresham, the same as was done last year. Besides, the question will be fully discussed at the Pomona grange, and all the committees will be obliged to do thereafter will be to arrange details. The field day meet will be held at the fair grounds again this year.

The general plan of program will be similar to last year, except that there will be different speakers.

One feature will be a grange chorus composed of as many singers as possible from each grange. It is hoped to have at least a hundred voices. Other features will be on an equally large scale. The date will probably be set at the Pomona meeting.

PLEGDED SUPPORT FOR COUNTY FAIR

The meeting of Multnomah grange on Saturday was enlivened by the visit of John M. Mann, candidate for the legislature, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crane, Mrs. Ida Burgess, master of Rockwood grange, and E. L. Thorpe.

Mr. Mann made a forcible address and answered numerous queries concerning his purposes if elected. What was most pleasing was his declaration that he would work for the best interests of the Multnomah county fair and try to have the appropriation bill amended so as to give the fair a sum equal to that paid the other exhibitions of the county.

It was announced that D. C. Lewis and Paul Bates, two other candidates, had pledged themselves to the same purpose, and there are others who are ready to do likewise.

The needs of the fair were fully discussed, the members of Multnomah grange being in sympathy with the idea of adequate support for the institution, and at the same time favoring the support of the Fat Stock and Land Products shows.

SHORT COURSE SUMMER SCHOOL

Principal E. S. McCormick of the Gresham school is considering the matter of conducting a three-weeks' summer school in the public school building. If he decides to do so it will be opened May 22, or June 4. The object is to prepare teachers for the teachers' examination to be held Wednesday, June 28, 1916.

It may be that the school will continue for five instead of three weeks in order to make it possible for students of the high schools to enter without losing any time from their high school work. All persons interested should communicate with Mr. McCormick as soon as possible as the project will not be carried out unless the attendance will warrant it. Mr. McCormick will assist students of the school to secure positions. His wide acquaintance throughout the state makes it possible for him to do this.

Illustrated Lecture at the Library.

An illustrated lecture on the "Work of a Forest Ranger" will be given at the library on next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. In addition to the 125 slides which will be shown, there will be exhibited a complete pack outfit and a new portable telephone weighing 2½ lbs. which is a part of the regular equipment of Forest Rangers on National Forests. An Osborne Fire Finder, such as was used last summer on Mt. Hood, for ascertaining the exact location of a forest fire will also be shown and explained. Albert Weisendanger of the United States Forestry Service will be the speaker.

I find it is very necessary for the welfare of Mrs. Bittner to make a short visit with her at Pottinger sanitarium, Monrovia, California. I will return before May 1. Dr. S. P. Bittner.—Adv.

For garden making hoes, rakes, spades, wheelbarrows, etc. priced at Sterling & Kidder Hdw. Co.

CLUB PUTS NEW BLOOD IN OFFICE

A reorganization of the commercial club was effected on Friday evening last, at which George W. Stapleton was elected president; D. E. Towle, vice president; O. A. Eastman, corresponding secretary; H. L. St. Clair, recording secretary; Max Schneider, treasurer.

A board of governors was chosen consisting of Frank Jones, K. A. Miller, J. Cannon, Charles Cleveland and George Honey. All membership fees were suspended indefinitely and the monthly dues were placed at 25 cents. Several new members were enrolled during the meeting.

Various propositions were discussed for the good of the club and advancement of the community. On motion a committee of three was ordered to investigate the cost of pipe for a water main from Main street to the property line of the Beaver State Motor Co., and report at the next meeting. J. Cannon, Frank Jones and Charles Cleveland were appointed.

On motion G. W. Stapleton, George Honey and D. E. Towle were named as a committee to investigate the possibility of having rounded corners at the Twelve-mile corners.

Eastman and Schneider were appointed to secure a regular place for the club. The next meeting will be held on Friday evening, April 28, at the city hall. The sum of five dollars was received as dues.

MELROSE

Mr. Drake, of Sellwood, has moved into the Leweling house and is working for Chas. Tallman who is renting the J. H. Wilson place.

Mrs. O. Baker, of Portland, visited her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hopkins, last week.

There was an attendance of fifty at church Sunday and they had the privilege of listening to a very fine sermon. Sunday school was also well attended and we sincerely hope that those present will come again and bring others.

The bell was rung for services Sunday and it is the hope of the Searchers' class that it will give the people of this community much pleasure and that they will profit by its reminding call and come to services. The thanks of the class are extended to Sterling & Kidder of Gresham for their help in obtaining the bell and to those men who quit their work to hang it and to all those who assisted them to raise the money for it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Rev. E. F. Zimmerman were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wood.

The Royal Embroidery club was well attended last Thursday, when it met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Luke. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. G. W. Alldred.

Lucile Baker, of Portland, is visiting her aunt Mrs. C. H. Hopkins. Miss Mabel Giger was a week-end visitor at her home in Molalla.

A mistake was made in the list of officers for the league last week. Miss Mabel Giger is 1st vice president instead of Miss Mabel Wood.

The league met Sunday night with only a small attendance but perhaps that was due to the appearance of a storm which seemed to be brewing in the south. Next Sunday we hope for a larger attendance for surely every one is interested in the young people enough to encourage their efforts and your attendance is greatly desired. This is for young and old alike. Next Sunday night Miss Caroline Tallman will lead. The topic will be "What are your prayer habits?"

Captain and Mrs. C. O. Branson spent Easter with Mrs. Branson's uncle, E. B. Holcomb, at University Park.

Captain Branson and C. H. Hopkins have installed phones in their homes.

We are very glad to see Mrs. Chas. Tallman is able to be up again.

Mrs. Alta Gentry and son Russell made a business trip to Portland Monday.

If you like to have items from the Melrose district do your part. If you hear of any news that is interesting, phone the reporter and she will be glad to write it up. But it is impossible for her to phone to every body every week to see if they have any news and she can't make news out of nothing.

BALL FANS WEEP OVER LOST CLUB

Four home runs by three of the Giants gave the victory to Gresham in the baseball game here on Sunday. At the end of the first inning each team had scored one run and in the second the Bradfords made two more. Then, with the bases full and one earned run to their credit the heavy slugging of Bogart sent the ball over the fence for a home run and four tallies. The lead thus gained was never overcome and the hitherto "Invincible Bradfords" went down to defeat by a score of 11 to 8. Struckhoff made a home run in the sixth frame, Bogart and McKean another each in the eighth, but they only brought themselves home.

Maxmeyer had but four strike-outs to his credit, with three to Krause; two went to Schwartz and six to Dilard the twirlers of the Bradfords. The pitching was poor as no less than 8 passes to first were given the visitors, while they in turn presented the Giants with 7. Bogart of the Giants made a two bagger in the 8th while the only double play was made by the Bradfords, Cohen to Hult to Edwards.

And now Gresham has lost its ball team. The franchise was transferred to Salem yesterday and Manager Ross left today for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Every player on the Gresham team was released and declared a free agent.

Salem will play its first league game next Sunday.

FAIRVIEW

E. S. McCormick of Gresham, candidate for the nomination for county school superintendent, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Parent-Teachers' club next Friday afternoon. His subject will be "Present Day Needs of Rural Schools." A musical program is being arranged under the direction of Mrs. Janet M. Grant, one number of which will be a solo by Miss Eva Townsend. The club has successfully carried out its program for the past year and is now ready to discuss plans for the coming year. All who are interested in the welfare of the community are invited to be present and offer suggestions.

Mrs. S. A. Dixon will give a tea next Wednesday afternoon, April 26, for the benefit of the Methodist Aid society. All are invited.

The Easter exercises at the M. E. church were postponed to next Sunday, when they will be given in connection with the evening service.

Mrs. J. W. Townsend will entertain the Women's society of the Presbyterian church this week Thursday afternoon. A program is being arranged for the occasion.

Many residents of Fairview went to the fire on Sunday evening, which destroyed the home of a Japanese near Multnomah Farm.

At the social hygiene meeting last Saturday evening, the following committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the state society in arranging similar meetings in the future: S. B. Hall, D. S. Dunbar, E. E. Heslin, C. H. Stone and J. B. Lent. Both meetings were well attended and helpful talks were listened to.

POWELL VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. John Palmblad entertained on Easter Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gustafson and children, Mr. and Mrs. David Palmblad, Paul Palmblad and Peter Lee, all from Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Palmblad and children, Mrs. Swan Magnuson and children and Miss Hilma Staffanson.

Mrs. Richard Gustafson and children visited with her sister Mrs. Swan Magnuson a few days this week.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association will be held at the schoolhouse Wednesday evening, April 26 at 8 o'clock. After the business session a short program will be rendered of recitation and musical selections.

Crane-Hilberg.

George M. Crane, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crane of the Columbia slough district, was married on Saturday to Miss Mattie L. Hilberg, lately of Beaverton. They were given a furnished home on the East Side, Portland, by the bride's father, where they will be at home after this week.

Tailoring.

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

KELLY BUTTE HAS SERVICE EASTER MORN

While Easter was being celebrated Sunday throughout Portland and the land with hosannas, a band of women from the Women's Christian Temperance Union took some of the Christ-Is-Risen spirit and Easter sunshine out to Kelly Butte to the fifty or more prisoners confined there.

Sheriff Hurlburt furnished automobiles for the occasion and went himself. It was the first time that Easter was ever celebrated in that prison in such manner. The music was of the sort that inspired and made the hearers better even though they were sinners against the human statutes. Sheriff Hurlburt is now considering a plan to permit a union service there by those churches that may desire to join in the work. The good women have suggested this move to him.

Among the constructive things that Sheriff Hurlburt has been doing in the jail particularly, there is one which has been productive of practical results—the getting of jobs for discharged prisoners. This feature in the jail work is a thing entirely new. It was voluntarily established by him more than a year ago. Since then many of his former charges have gone right from jail to honest jobs and "made good." Some "fell" again, but those were small in per cent as compared with the successful ones. The same "employment bureau" has been extended by Sheriff Hurlburt to Kelly Butte. It is difficult for a "jail bird" as a prisoner is termed by the unthinking to get work after a sentence. He is more or less cowardly handicapped by his record. He is shy on self-respect. The purpose of the sheriff's plan, which few outside of his office have known about, is to teach the prisoner how to "come back"—how to start over and "make good." He is entitled to that chance. Sheriff Hurlburt thinks so at least.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY TO COLLECT OLD PAPERS

The Ladies' Aid society is planning to collect all the old books and papers in the community and turn them into profit for the society. The shortage of certain materials used in the manufacture of paper, caused by war conditions, has turned the thoughts of the people to the necessity of saving old books and papers and selling them to manufacturers to be used in making new paper. A Portland firm has made attractive offers, which the Ladies' Aid society is quick to take advantage of.

The firm makes the statement that for a limited time they will pay 25c per hundred pounds for old books and No. 1 magazine stock, such as Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, Cosmopolitan etc., and 20c per hundred pounds for clean newspapers, securely tied in bundles.

REPUBLICAN RALLY AT FAIR GROUNDS

Arrangements have been made for a grand republican rally at the fair grounds next Saturday evening. There will be a good display of fireworks and speeches by Sheriff Hurlburt, A. W. Lafferty, Wilson T. Hume, E. S. McCormick, Pike Davis, Judge Cleeton and others. Everyone is invited to be present.

Grand Ball, Regner's Opera House.

Arthur Regner announces that he will give another social dance in his hall next Friday night, April 28. Dancing from 8:30 to 3 a. m. Prof. Hoch's orchestra. Gentlemen 50c; ladies 25c. Lunch cafeteria.—Adv.

Insomnia.

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper, and see if you do not rest much better. For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

Ready Now

Ten weeks old pullets. Will have baby chicks hatched May 9, June 2, 12c each if ordered soon. White Knoll Poultry Farm, H. W. Cooley & Son. Phone 434.—Adv.

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. A. W. Metzger.—Adv.

Money saving bargains—want ads.

BAPTISTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, Apr. 24.—Special.—The promotion of an institute of religious education, and the five-year program and completion of the \$300,000 endowment for McMinnville college were the important subjects under consideration at the last session of the Willamette Baptist association, meeting with the East Side Baptist church. Rev. W. O. Shank spoke on the topic, "Shall the Willamette Baptist Association promote an Institute for Religious Education?" which will be answered in the affirmative. He pointed out that the Baptist people fall short on their knowledge of the Bible and the church is weak along that line. He urged a higher standard. Many Baptists, he said, do not know why they are Baptists, which lack an institute would remedy. After discussion the institution question was referred to the efficiency committee to take up and work out in the near future.

W. C. Alloway, of Medford, gave a crayon talk on Sunday school work, using cartoons drawn by himself to illustrate his points and Bryan to illustrate preparedness and unpreparedness, which called out much applause from the audience.

In the afternoon President L. W. Riley, of McMinnville college, told what that institution is doing, and said that the campaign for raising the endowment fund to \$300,000 is well underway and that the money is partially raised.

"McMinnville College has 223 students," said President Riley, "and we have the same faculty we have had for the past ten years except the addition of two men, and all are doing excellent work. I think we have as fine a body of young men as ever came together in any college. We have fine basket and baseball teams which shows our young men are not weaklings, but stalwart and vigorous young men. We are engaged in a campaign to raise the endowment fund to \$300,000. Mr. Hill has given us a second \$50,000 and Dr. Haines has raised about \$120,000. We must raise this endowment. We are turning out high-class young men, and George Stewart, from our college, is making a name for himself at Yale College."

Rev. W. T. S. Spriggs spoke on the Baptist Educational society as related to the five-year 1,000,000 member campaign and urged the need of religious education. Prof. E. A. Wood brought the greetings of Berkeley Baptist Divinity school and told what that institution is doing. Rev. C. C. Wooddy, presented the work of the American Baptist Home Mission society and Mrs. E. Hopkins told of the work of the Women's Baptist Foreign Mission society.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. A. B. Waltz, of Portland; vice moderator, Rev. H. E. Cross, of Oregon City; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. M. Nelson; secretary historical department, Rev. W. T. S. Spriggs; member of the state board, Rev. M. Y. Dyke; members continuation committee, Rev. O. C. Wright, Rev. W. J. Benson, Rev. W. T. Milliken and H. K. Hall.

The association accepted invitation to meet with the Hood River Baptist church next year.

The East Side Business Men's club went on record at the luncheon held Tuesday in favor of the federal government building and maintaining vessels for freight transportation through the Panama canal. It was set forth in the resolutions adopted that American bottoms are fast disappearing, and that the only way they can be restored is for the federal government to construct vessels and then operate them. One resolution favored the government putting on a line of steamers between Portland and Alaska. Just who all these resolutions will effect remains to be seen, but the sentiment shown is a drift toward government ownership. Judge W. N. Gatens, who made the address, said he did not care where the ships came from so results were obtained, even if the government should construct them.

A resolution was adopted at this meeting that the East Side Business Men's club proceed to put on a children's parade on Grand avenue on its own responsibility in spite of the determination of the Rose Festival management to hold the children's parade on the West Side.