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POSTMASTER MRS. I. M'COLL STEPS DOWN

With the change in postmasters on Sunday last Mrs. McColl retired from the Gresham postoffice after having served 17 years and nine months. She was first appointed under the second administration of President Cleveland and took charge of the office on January 1, 1899.

At that time the office was fourth class and for the first three months of her administration the total receipts were \$65, out of which a commission salary was paid. For the next three months the receipts were but \$60.

When Mrs. McColl took the office there was but one mail from Portland and one from Sandy each day, arriving about noon by stage. It was not until the O. W. P. was in operation that the mails began to arrive in the morning and more frequently. Now there are three mails daily from Portland and two from Estacada and way points. Mails are now dispatched both ways twice each day.

On February 15, 1901, rural delivery was established with two routes, later three more were added but one was subsequently transferred to Boring, leaving four which are now in operation.

When rural delivery was established here this was the only office in the United States to be granted such service on a star route or without railroad service.

During the seventeen years and nine months of Mrs. McColl's incumbency there were neither burglaries nor holdups and but once was the office in danger of fire. On that occasion it was moved out, but was soon restored in its office in the Metzger building where the telephone exchange is now located. Since then the office has been moved three times and each time to a better and more satisfactory location.

For several years up to the introduction of free delivery Mrs. McColl cared for the postoffice alone and also took care of a small drug store in connection therewith. Now the office requires two assistants besides the full time of the postmaster. At times a third assistant is necessary.

Between eight and nine years ago the office was made third class with salary attached. With rural delivery and the growth of the community the receipts of the office advanced steadily and for the first three months of this year were \$1192.

Mrs. McColl has at all times given full satisfaction to the patrons and the postoffice department and retires from the service with the esteem of all who have had dealings with her during her long tenure of office as postmaster of Gresham.

REV. A. C. BRACKENBURY RETURNED TO GRESHAM

The Oregon conference of the M. E. church, which was in session at Lebanon, adjourned last night after the appointments for the coming year were read. Of interest to the people of Gresham was the re-appointment of Rev. A. C. Brackenbury to serve the local church for another year. Dr. T. B. Ford was re-appointed district superintendent of the Salem district. Dr. James Moore who was for six years superintendent of this district, and for the past year pastor at Albany, was made superintendent of the Eugene district.

Rev. B. C. Brewster will serve the Fairview circuit another year. His circuit includes Fairview, Rockwood, Troutdale and Bridal Veil. Rev. E. F. Zimmerman, pastor at Hiff for the past year will supply Boring and Bennett Chapel. Rev. F. S. Ford is appointed to Pleasant Home and Hiff for the coming year. Rev. M. M. Minar will supply the Sandy charge.

Some of the former Gresham pastors are, Rev. J. F. Dunlop, who will go to Drain. Rev. Melville T. Wire, who was appointed for the second year at Grants Pass, and Rev. M. B. Paroungian, who continues his work as Sunday School missionary. Rev. C. M. VanMarter, who assisted in evangelistic services here a few years ago, has gone to Alaska as a missionary.

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

GRESHAM WINNERS AT STATE FAIR

Wendel Cleveland came home from the state fair highly elated with his successes in the stock contests.

His greatest success was with his poultry, for on eleven fowls he won eight blue ribbons and two reds.

On sheep he took five first premiums and three seconds. He exhibited Dorsetts and won the champion and grand champion banners.

For his display of Essex swine he took down eleven first prizes and seven seconds.

On Jerseys he was not quite so lucky as he only took two prizes, one second on senior heifer calf and one fifth prize on junior bull calf.

His brother, C. E. Cleveland was there with a flock of Shropshires and took all first premiums awarded but one and all second premiums.

Other exhibitors from Gresham made remarkable displays and took down some good prize money along with blue and red ribbons. Among them were G. H. Dammeyer with his Jersey herd; S. B. Hall with his Hampshire hogs; A. Kriger with his Duroc Jerseys, and A. C. Ruby with two carloads of horses.

SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB ORGANIZED SATURDAY

The Schoolmasters Club, similar to the one of last year, but more locally, was organized in Portland on Saturday at the office of County School Superintendent A. P. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong was made the first president.

The other officers are, vice president, H. W. Ager, of Gilbert; secretary-treasurer, Charles M. Quicksell, of Pleasant Home. The membership enrolled Saturday, besides the above, includes E. F. Goodwin and E. S. McCormick, of Gresham; J. B. Lent, Fairview; A. R. Tollefson, Troutdale; R. H. Searl, C. F. Waltman, O. M. Washburn, all-school principals.

The purpose of the club is to discuss problems to be met by country schoolmasters and to further fellowship among the educators. The club will meet on the last Saturday of each month, when officers will be changed, each appointing his successor.

Next Saturday a teachers club will be formed, composed of country educators. Occasional joint meetings will be held during the remainder of the school year.

FAIRVIEW BOY WINS THE HIGHEST HONORS

Multnomah county was well represented at the state fair. The Fairview canning team, which represented this county, won third place in the state contest. Miss Lilly Lusher won fourth place against all the girls in the state in the girls' project work, her project being sewing.

The real sensation was the winning of Donald Grant of Fairview. He was the youngest and smallest boy in the state camp and won the highest honor over all boys in the state in the feeding of his Hampshire pig. He was in competition with more than twenty pig growers, the best from the different counties of the state. The boy who won second was from eastern Oregon and fed a Hampshire pig also.

POLL OF PRECINCT IN FAVOR OF HUGHES

A poll of precinct 309, which comprises about one-half of Gresham and a good slice of outside territory, was taken yesterday with very gratifying results to the republicans who have been trying to refute the charge that the three Gresham precincts would go democratic.

The result gave Hughes 65 votes, Wilson 31 and fifteen doubtful. It is thought that this proportion will hold good in all three precincts. A poll of the other two will be undertaken in a few days.

STRAW BALLOT FAVORS PRESIDENT WILSON

A straw vote was taken at one of the local barber shops on Saturday evening just to find out who is going to be elected president. Nothing is known as to whether any corrupt practices law was violated, but if straws show which way the wind blows in a barber shop, then we are going to re-elect President Wilson. The ballot stood 54 for Wilson, 21 for Hughes and one for the socialist candidate.

Sell your goods by a Want Ad.

ONCE FAMOUS CAMP GROUND IS RECALLED

Forty years ago one of the famous camp meeting grounds of the state was situated on what is now a part of Gresham. It was in a stately grove of firs and cedars and covered the district between Powell street and Main street and the fair grounds. Its main entrance was somewhere near the postoffice, and it was used every summer for many years for revival meetings of the old-time sort and everybody went to them.

Many of the oldest residents will recall the wonderful gatherings, where every road was lined with teams on Sunday. Hundreds came out here from Portland and some from even farther away.

But the old camp meeting, as an annual religious festival of the days of forty years ago, has passed away in many places and it seems destined to gradual extinction. Such gatherings sprang from simpler conditions of life than prevail now. The camp meeting was adapted to times when roads hardly existed and railroads were unborn, settlements remote from each other, population small. It was not only a means of grace but a rendezvous of people living secluded lives. It had its social as well as its religious justification.

Although the camp meeting of the type referred to here has almost passed away, its beginning was only 117 years ago according to the books. The first one was held in Kentucky, on the Red river, in 1799, a Methodist and two Presbyterians conducting the services. From a log meeting house the congregation, enlarged by new arrivals, went into the woods. The meeting was kept up for days, and the practice spread far and wide. Thousands were present at some of them. Travelers have told of these revival services, the blowing of the sunrise horn, the flaring torches at night, the crowds touched to tears, the fire and homely eloquence of the preachers, the shouts, the "testimonials," occasional hysterical demonstrations of the revival.

Such conditions prevailed within the limits of the town of Gresham forty years ago. There was no town here then, only the "bend in the creek," but the camp meeting has passed away with the onward march of progress and the old camp ground is now but a memory in the minds and hearts of a few. Its site is now covered with business buildings and residences.

The modern camp meeting is far different. Usually it meets every year in the same place and if but few of the attendants stick to the simplicities of tent life, and do not prefer cottages or hotels, it is for the joy of contrast. Many camp meetings are summer resorts, vacation camps, summer schools, where many things are taught, where even many amusements and a diversified social life are found, where religion is amply provided for but secular recreation is also abundant. Thus the social and the religious instinct are both ministered to, as, in more primitive ways, they were in the old-fashioned camp meeting. This in a country now so urbanized could not be expected to maintain itself. It was a characteristic earlier American product and one hates to see it disappear.

REPUBLICAN RALLY NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

A wrong headline in Friday's Outlook gave the impression that there would be a republican rally by the Hughes and Fairbanks' club tomorrow evening. The date as given in the article was Monday night, Oct. 9th, which was correct.

Special efforts are being made to make the rally one of the most important of the campaign. Several good speakers have been secured, among them being Attorney A. E. Clark and County Assessor H. E. Reed. There will be good music by some of the best local talent, and Mayor Stapleton will preside.

Other rallies will be held before election day of which due notice will be given.

It requires more than a century for a cedar tree to grow large enough to yield a thirty-foot telephone pole.

The white poplar has been used as a natural lightning rod.

JOHN PARKER ARRESTED FOR BEATING SON

John F. Parker, an independent jitney driver between Gresham and Portland, was arrested this morning charged with extreme cruelty toward his son Ralph, a schoolboy about ten years old. He was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$300, and was later released on bail pending an investigation.

The information against Parker alleges that he beat the boy with a heavy leather strap to which a buckle was attached. The assault occurred last evening at his home on South Roberts avenue, the child's cries attracting the attention of some neighbors who informed Constable Squire, and resulted in the latter taking the boy home with him for the night.

Mr. Squire took the boy to the juvenile court this morning for protection, where photographs were made of his body to be used in the prosecution of his father. The boy's condition was said to be extremely shocking. His back, legs and arms are said to be almost covered with black and blue marks inflicted by the strap, some of which are almost ready to break through the skin, so severe was the beating given him.

The cause of the punishment is said to be the taking of money from Mr. Parker's pockets by the boy to buy school books with. The books were bought and paid for and a small balance left over which Constable Squire recovered this morning from the boy's desk at the schoolhouse. The amount taken was \$4.85.

Mr. Parker's case will come up before the grand jury in a few days and if held for trial he will again be required to give bail for his appearance. The extreme penalty for such an offence, upon conviction, is a year's confinement.

The boy is being taken care of by the juvenile court and will probably be given a better home in some family where he will be assured of more humane treatment. He is described as being remarkably bright and intelligent and eager to get an education.

JUST FOUR DAYS LEFT FOR REGISTRATION

Just four days remain in which to register. Six weeks ago it was stated on good authority that only nine per cent of the wets were unregistered, and that only twenty-five per cent of the dry element had registered.

Think of it. The wets constitute only one-sixth of the eligible voters of the state of Oregon and still they have been permitted to make "hell" for women and children in every part of the state.

The remedy is for the remaining five-sixths to mix a little action with their prayers, register and vote, rain or shine.

Use your ballot not only to defeat the brewers' wet amendment but in supporting dry candidates for office from United States Congressman down regardless of your party ticket, thus compelling the old parties to nominate desirable men.

Gresham under dry regime has improved so much that now we have very little use for the "foolkiller," and we are thinking of sending him to Portland to work among the bankers and Oregonian force.

Remember, Saturday is the last day to register. GEO. F. HONEY.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT SLOWLY IMPROVING

Harold Cook, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cook of Rockwood, is slowly recovering from the results of a painful accident which occurred last Friday afternoon when he attempted to alight from an automobile before it came to a stop. He was thrown to the pavement and rendered unconscious and was severely bruised. Medical attention was given the boy and it is believed that no serious results will follow the accident.

The County convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is being held today and tomorrow in the First Christian church in Portland.

Taft left Huerta to Wilson and Huerta left Wilson to Carranza.

JAMES ELKINGTON MAY BE RECORDER

There will be the regular monthly meeting of the town council tonight for the transaction of current business.

As the office of town recorder is now vacant, on account of the resignation of D. M. Roberts, it will be necessary to make a temporary appointment until the annual election in December. James Elkington has been offered the place.

A reform in bookkeeping will be inaugurated by Mayor Stapleton so as to bring the growing business of the municipality on an understandable basis. Mr. Elkington is qualified to do this work and will be urged to take up the duties of recorder, at least until the end of the year.

Assist Development.

This question is being freely discussed by the whole state, and interests the whole state.

Portland Chamber of Commerce says ships do not come there because of high cost of loading and unloading.

It is also a fact that they have to be towed or navigated to the Columbia and Willamette for 100 miles.

The day when Portland had special rates over Puget Sound and Astoria is past and will probably never come back.

Portland made a fight for special privileges in freight rates and appealed to the Interstate Commerce Commission and lost.

The Portland traffic bureau made the big fight to inflict public regulation upon railroads by state and nation and has lost.

They imposed on the rest of the state railroad commission and tried to use it to get special privileges for themselves.

Regulation generally hurts the community that invokes it, and a state is best off where commerce is regulated the least.

The Oregon Voter reviews the whole situation and concludes that Portland has exhausted herself fighting the railroads and spent millions opening the rivers without results, and says:

"Does harassing the railroads we now have encourage the construction of new lines? Does the futile establishment of river competition encourage railroad investment? Does taxing the railroads to provide competition induce them to extend existing branches?"

"Encourage the railroads. Co-operate with them. Don't nag them. Don't tax them out of the state. Join in fellowship with them, for their profit and ours by the development of commerce for this community. Rally to their help when they are threatened by hostile political legislation. Do not grudge them a profit. Help them make money, because by so doing we will make more money ourselves, and will be promoting the progress of Portland."

"But, some say, the railroads must be forced. Have we gained anything by trying to force them? As everybody knows, Portland started in deliberately to punish the Southern Pacific by knocking out its land grant. We succeeded admirably in the infliction of this punishment—succeeded to the tune of \$20,000,000 or \$40,000,000 punishment to that corporation, whatever they lose in the long run—but have we gained anything for Portland or Oregon that in any way compensates for the damage done? Could we not have gained far more by something like friendly co-operation with the carrier?"

"Viewing our railroad problem as the other big half of our transportation difficulty, is not the thing for us to do to concentrate community energy on trying to build up rail facilities? Oregon's great need is more railroads. Feeder lines should be built to bring more local traffic to the North Bank line. Branches of the O-W. R. & N. should be extended. New territory should be opened up. The United Railways should be extended to tidewater, to help market ripe Tillamook timber. Much building should be done by the Southern Pacific. The Natron cut-off to Klamath Falls should be connected up. Strahorn's Central Oregon railroad. Strahorn's Central Oregon roads we need, more railroads, more of the development and commerce that comes from having railroads."

Rural schools in Ohio are to introduce courses in etiquette and table manners.

Serbia is said to lead in centenarians, and Ireland is a close second.

About 3,100 kinds of insects make their homes in the oak tree.

ESTACADA FAIR OPENS TOMORROW

The Eastern Clackamas County Fair will open its gates at Estacada tomorrow and hold until Friday night. It is expected to be largely patronized by the people of Eastern Clackamas and by many from other sections of Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

Some special features in addition to the exclusive premiums offered will be attractive to the exhibitors, among them being the corn exhibits and competition with liberal cash awards in the general and juvenile exhibits. There will be liberal cash premiums offered for the prize-winning hogs, also a prize to be made to the boy or girl under 15 years of age who shall be awarded the blue ribbon for being the best judge of hogs.

The usual interest will be taken in the dairy cow test, covering two and a half days, the cow producing the most butterfat during the test to be awarded a ribbon and a cash prize.

There will be lectures and instructions by specialists from the Oregon Agricultural College.

In the livestock department there will be awards for horses, cattle, sheep and swine in all the leading breeds. As a special prize the P. R. L. & P. Co. has offered a first prize of \$15 and a second prize of \$10 for the best individual exhibit of swine, receiving the highest score.

In the agricultural division all varieties of vegetables are open for entry; also for fruits in the horticultural division. Special cash prizes are offered for best community exhibits comprising vegetables, grains, grasses, fruits and other fresh or preserved farm products, also exhibits of cooking, canning, painting and general domestic science articles. The first prize will be \$25; second prize, \$15; third prize, \$5.

The women's department awards will be unusually large; also in the poultry division there will be prizes for the principal breeds. The juvenile division covers practically everything a boy or girl can produce from farm products to stock raising and domestic science, sewing, etc.

Music will be furnished by the Garfield band. The general admission will be 25 cents; children from 12 to 15 years, 10 cents; under 12 free.

HOLSTEIN COW IS REAL PREPAREDNESS

Once Noah built a great big ark. It was a joke—there wasn't a spark of sense in it. The weather dry and not a cloud in the sky and wise folks then just gathered 'round and made the country 'bout resound with laughter at the fool joke ark, but soon the clouds made heavens dark, the thick rain fell, they went, well, you know the story, no need to tell. Too late, the wise wished to embark on Noah's mammoth fool joke ark.

In days of old when we were small, the dairy world had a Chinese wall. Enclosing it from earth to sky, it was impressive to the eye. Within the Jerseys did proclaim the only dairy breed worth the name. The Holstein? What, that big joke cow? Why at one feed she'd eat the mow. Her milk so terribly thin and blue, simply water, run right through. And as for butter, what a joke, and what a fool the country bloke that pinned his faith to the black and white, but things changed almost in a night, and they are the wisest, I'll allow who have come aboard with the Holstein cow.

Now in this day competition's hot, the bacons brought by the man on the spot, with the goods to sell when the others wake. He is the man with the brains to take. A year or two or three or more right out of the future to see the score before the game is ever played, while others are loitering in the shade, telling what some bull has done, how they are going to get his son, how it is a joke, a fool idea, to hitch up with a "going to be."

They won't get abroad the ark until they see the heavens dark. Enough. If you are wise to the game, you'll be under cover for the rain. A. H. BURNS.

Argentina is constructing a single irrigation system which will cost \$60,000,000.

The Mexican seacoast on the Pacific and the Gulf of California is 4,574 miles.