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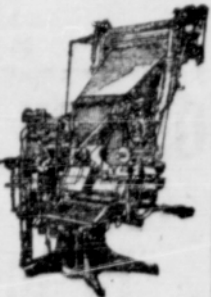
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HISTORICAL DATA WANTED.

The Outlook would esteem it a favor if some of the early residents of this vicinity would write a story of the organization and later history of the Gresham public school. It is not probable that any one person can do this, hence a symposium on the subject would be of more importance than if a single story were submitted. All who can give such information or reminiscences are requested to send in their contributions in time for the Christmas number, which will be issued on Tuesday, December 19. Such information as is required would be valuable historical matter, and it should be written now, before it becomes too late.

TOO MUCH IN PRIZES.

Secretary Gill, of the county fair association, is agitating a movement to have a portion of the state allowance to county fairs diverted to other purposes than the payment of premiums. His plan is to devote 20 per cent to necessary improvements to the grounds and buildings, and five per cent to advertising the fairs.

Such a plan would please everybody but the exhibitors, yet it has its merits. Mr. Gill believes that the farmers should be willing to take smaller premiums than are now being paid in order that the county fairs may be made self supporting and more permanent. He sees disaster ahead for all of them if they must continue to pay all expenses out of their pockets.

In the case of our own fair, the secretary's reports show that several hundred dollars has been paid out each year for premiums more than the state and county allowances. Such a course leads inevitably to bankruptcy, or, at least, a heavy indebtedness. The fairs are primarily for the benefit of the agricultural community and there should be, as Mr. Gill contends, a more liberal spirit among the farmers than has been shown in Multnomah county toward the fair.

The discontinuance of the county fair would be a calamity to everyone interested. It is in debt and can only be rescued by the exhibitors themselves or by larger appropriations from which at least 25 per cent can be diverted for other purposes than paying premiums.

The Gresham fair is in no particular danger while it is being managed as conservatively as at present, but another rainy fair week would spell ruin unless it gets relief. The fair grounds and buildings are worth double the indebtedness upon them, yet the stockholders and directors must have help and encouragement in their efforts to bring the fair out of the hole and make it a break-even proposition. We are inclined to think that Mr. Gill's suggestion is a good one, and we believe the exhibitors will think so, too, when they have carefully considered the benefit a fair is to them and this district.

THE DAIRY BUSINESS.

Recent sales of several large dairy herds in Multnomah county has been the subject of much comment in the city of Portland, principally among the distributors. The loss of more than two hundred fine cows to this section has had the effect of somewhat diminishing the city milk supply and a consequent raise in the price of milk for a short time, or until a larger supply can be had with the coming of spring.

The district supplying Portland has a radius of twenty or thirty miles. Recently the retail price was raised, because, the distributors say, they have been compelled to increase their payments to the dairymen. Hotel and restaurant proprietors complain of a shortage, especially in cream. The distributors are complaining that the producers are selling their cows, but the farmer reports that with the present high cost of milk feed he cannot profitably operate a dairy, and must go out of the business of selling milk.

The milk business is not profitable, the dairymen say, even with large

crops of kale and well-filled silos. But it has not been shown that the city distributors are going out of business. Portland has considerable business between producer and consumer. That is, some farmers take their product into the residence districts. This arrangement, usually satisfactory to the producer and consumer, is not pleasing to the middlemen, who see in such "illicit" trade an infringement on their own operations. The present trend is to centralize Country butter is an absent quantity now in Portland, and consumers wonder whether this condition is due wholly to a shortage or to other causes.

THEN AND NOW.

When we were younger than we are now it was customary for the family to stock up for winter with a bin full of potatoes, a keg of kraut, a lot of pumpkins, a smokehouse full of meat, a barrel of cider, plenty of mince meat, lard and apples and flour. As they went along they occasionally bought a little coal oil, coffee and such other luxuries as sugar and salt.

Nowadays a family would be under suspicion to stock up in that way for it is expected to order its daily supplies from the grocery, to be delivered by automobile.

The war, aided by the middlemen, has affected turnips, tobacco and blue cotton rompers with a great impartiality, and the storekeepers, unless they are natural born actors, seem to feel as badly over the advancing prices as their customers. If you go to buy a pound of beans the clerk will cry while he counts them out.

You can read a newspaper through a 30-cent slice of ham, and the beef steaks have to be reinforced to keep them from falling apart while cooking. It hasn't been two years since we used to throw the cabbage cores away, but now we fail to see how the soldiers in Europe can afford to pay three cents a pound for them—we can't.

Only a few things are left on the moderate cheap list, such as soap, which some people don't use, and if this thing keeps up there will be as many desolate homes here as in Europe. Of course our boys may not have to go to war, but they might as well be shot as starving under our noses.

Carrots have great food values, but so has whale blubber, and one is nearly as hard to get as the other. Even if they were cheap we believe a person would get awful tired of carrots after a few months, because they lack the qualities that stick to the ribs. They don't hit the nigh spots in a fellow's anatomy.

The vote on the negro suffrage bill shows either a dense ignorance among the voters of Oregon, or a blind prejudice, most likely the former. That same class of voters is always responsible for most of the unwise, harmful and vicious legislation; also, for electing officers who are unfit for their positions.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott has evolved a new hat from the fur of jackrabbits. A man in Texas is making sausage of their meat. The two men might form a combination that would reduce the high cost of living to quite a considerable extent, but the sausage maker would have the best of it.

Speaker Clark advocates the abolishment of oratory in congress by cutting out the galleries and the Congressional Record. A large and intelligent portion of the 112,000,000 people of the country will agree with him, but not congress.

A cabinet meeting was broken up so that Secretary Daniels could give a luncheon to Mr. Bryan, and that's not the first time Mr. Bryan has broken up a cabinet meeting.

However, in trying to figure out a scheme to live at the lowest possible cost those Chicago fellows have nothing on a whole lot of the rest of us.

If Great Britain, as the dispatches say, is really looking for an efficient food controller we can recommend several American cold storage barons

Good news for the movies and jitneys! The Philadelphia mint ground out 9,850,000 new dimes and 8,266,200 new nickles last month.

Well, anyhow, whatever happens to the trenches, it looks as if we were going to get Battery A. out of the border before next spring.

Carrots on the installment plan will be the next thing unless some changes in the h. c. of l. are brought about pretty soon.

With the holidays coming on it is a lead pipe cinch that the time is past when a young man can get by on ice cream or a box of candy.

At the last election about 1000 women were elected to office, and not because they promised to reduce taxes to \$1.98, either.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

This being the month in which all the lodges elect new officers, it sometimes happens that a new secretary is chosen and about the first thing that new official does after the installation is to sit right down and read all the minutes of the previous meetings, recorded in the books which the victim of the year before has gladly dumped upon an unsuspecting brother or sister.

If the reader of this is the new secretary of a lodge or other society and is just an average person, didn't you find the old journal very interesting reading? And by the way, what was the first thing you looked for? If you weren't a charter member, maybe you were interested to see how you got in. If the volumes date back far enough you'll probably find the minutes for the meeting where your name was brought before the society, and of the next regular meeting where you were voted on and elected unanimously. Unanimously! Think of it! You couldn't hope to get in so easily now, could you? Perhaps the other members didn't know you so well in that long ago time. Anyway, you got in.

And then you want to see what all the former secretaries have said about you. No doubt the minutes are correct, but sometimes you were absent, and it is now a great satisfaction to see it in good, black ink. That is, it is more satisfactory if the report is satisfactory. Perhaps your very first speech was a delight to the lodge! Doesn't that give you a warm feeling around the heart? You remember that this particular secretary was one of your best friends. But then, there were other secretaries who didn't quite appreciate you and gave more praise to some other member, which is not quite so consoling.

If, in your search through the books, you find that some secretaries have passed up your efforts with a mere mention, don't get peeved. This isn't any sign that they didn't appreciate the time and gray matter expended. Like as not they were all your friends, and maybe when they accepted the honorable position of secretary they promised the Humane society to give the poor, overworked adjective family a rest. So don't plan to get even with them this year, no matter what the past secretaries have said or haven't said about you, for they've furnished you some mighty interesting reading, haven't they?

Among the islands named after animals there are the Isle of Dogs and White Island. Peewit Island in Essex, England, and Crane and Gull Islands, off the coast of Cornwall. Near Lundy Island are Rat Island and the Hen and Chickens. Trans-Atlantic travelers, it may be added, are familiar with the Bull, Cow and Calf Islands, near the English coast. Elephant Island has lately been associated with Shackleton's exploring party. Cat Island, in the West Indies, has been regarded as Columbus's original landing place.

Professor Skinner, of the American Indian museum, excavating the mound at Tioga Point, near Sayre, Pa., uncovered the bones of 68 men, which he estimates had been buried at least 700 or 800 years. The average height indicated by the skeletons was seven feet, but many were taller. Evidence of the gigantic size of these men was seen in huge axes found beside the bones.—Christian Herald.

For the most rapid photography a camera has been invented in which the film is automatically shifted by the shutter closing, and which is fitted with a pistol grip to aid in aiming it, at the same time keeping it level.

Successful experiments with cotton growing have been carried on in the Panama canal zone by a North Carolina man.

The car shortage doesn't seem to have decreased the numbers of the L. W. W. nor their facilities for traveling.

Eight hours was agitated before the election. Now the people are turning their attention to eat hours.

Some people consider those new dimes very pretty, but they came almost too late to buy anything.

Ink Complications.

There's going to be an ink shortage, and prices are going to soar! This is surely true, for the traveling salesman told the corner bookstore man, and the bookstore man told the townspeople, and that's getting the dire news pretty straight. And, of course, if there's a shortage of ink and the prices keep on soaring, typewriter ribbons will flutter higher in the breeze, and even the juicy little ink pads, made for the style of machine which takes its nourishment from a bottle, will go up, too, along with all other canned goods. And what will the Hoosier ink slingers do then, poor things! There's been little enough left on the balance side of the scribbler's bank book, with ink at the normal price. What a pity that the sarcastic easterner wasn't telling the truth when he said that Indiana had the fountain about her Soldiers' Monument flow ink, to supply all her would-be litterateurs.

Then right in the midst of all our worry about the ink shortage, we read that over in Algeria they have a river of pure ink! Just think of it! A big, deep, wide river, made by the flowing together of one which is strongly flavored with iron, and another flavored with gallic acid. And nobody ever heard of any great demand for ink in Algeria! Not one of the six best ever came from near the river. Isn't it maddening to think of that river flowing peacefully along over there, just going to waste—and Indiana on the verge of an ink famine? If it could only be piped to our Monument—but it would be some little distance to lay pipes, and no doubt pipes have gone up, too. If only Pogues run and White river would do a helpful stunt like that, it would be an easy matter to supply the fountain. Then we could send for the sarcastic man from the east and just point silently, but triumphantly, at the fulfillment of his joke.

As it is, there's only one way we can figure to get any benefit from this wonderful river, and that is to form a colony of scribblers and let them emigrate to Algeria, thus taking the demand to the supply. Some enterprising promoter could build a row of artistic homes along the bank of that river, and then tell the colonists to get busy—but there's the paper shortage! It seems that there are so many shortages we lose sight of part of them while we are worrying over the others. But say, maybe there'd be a heavy growth of papyrus all along the banks of the river, and the promoter could start a paper factory. Wouldn't that be great!

Reams of fresh white paper, still warm from the factory, and a river of ink! Could you think of anything more delightful? Of course, there'd be plenty of plots and ideas. The mind is always nourished by a change of scene. About the body nourishment for the colonist—does any one know what they eat in Algeria! But no matter; it doesn't take much for a scribbler, and you'll remember the motto which Sydney Smith proposed for the Edinburgh Review: "We cultivate literature upon a little oatmeal." He said that this was too near the truth to be admitted, so if it can be done, the colonists could take along their supply of oatmeal. It isn't heavy. Now oatmeal and water—but there you are! They didn't say a word about water in that locality, and you couldn't very well cook oatmeal in ink. Seems as if there's bound to be some little obstacle in the pathway of every generous promoter.—Indianapolis News.

Alexander Hamilton was born in one of the West Indies in 1757 and did not come to the American colonies until he was fifteen, when he attended a school in New Jersey. He afterward entered King's college, now known as Columbia, in New York. He served as a lieutenant in the battle of Long Island and other important engagements.

By royal order the celebration of Arbor day has been made obligatory in every township and municipality in Spain, and tree planting is to be more extensive than heretofore.

There are more than 2,000 miles of railway and nearly 5,000 miles of telegraphs in Roumania.

The United States has 380 piano factories.

When John Tschernewski was asked by Judge Carl Runge during his marriage to Adella Moll, in Milwaukee, "Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?" he looked blankly at his honor, not understanding English. After an embarrassing silence, his bride said, reassuringly, "Yes, judge, he takes me."

Costa Rica now manufactures and exports Portland cement, a quarry of appropriate stone having been recently discovered. She also has sent her first shipment of manganese ore to the United States.

The Roumanian army is famous for its number of sharpshooters.

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5:25 AM Dly. Mail and Express.
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9:50 AM Dly. to Bull Run.
10:40 AM Dly. to Gresham only.
11:45 AM Dly.
1:50 PM Dly. to Bull Run.
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3:25 PM Dly.
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5:40 AM Dly. Ex. Sun.
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