

THE GRESHAM LIBRARY

By MISS PEARL DURST.

There was once a lad who was very fond of reading the books of Sir Conan Doyle. After he had read the Sherlock Holmes stories, Sir Nigel and the White company, he insisted upon having others. The librarian to whom he made his request, gave him "Through the Magic Door" hinting that it was even better than the others, and she smiled to herself as she saw him hurry away with the new found treasure. She wondered just what he would say when he came to return the book. However, her fears were not realized. Of course it did not compare with Sherlock Holmes, but the boy had read it with enjoyment. Why? Because it dealt to him, as he said, the purpose of reading. And more than that it impressed upon him the value of systematic reading and suggested classes of reading that he had not considered interesting. A new world had opened to him.

For the magic door leads to the "rest house, where you may forget the past, enjoy the present, and prepare for the future." And after sojourning for a time in this "land of faerie" and we stride out, "do we not face our fall with a braver heart for all the rest and quiet and comradeship that we found behind the Magic Door?"

That is what the inventor of Sherlock Holmes has to say of the joys of reading. That is what we all feel, when we have read a really worth while book. The reading of good books is possible to all of us, thanks to those who have placed public libraries in our midst.

Here in our own little city, the use of the library by adults is decreasing. Perhaps business and social interests keep us busy—too busy. Certain it is that during the past year, the circulation of adult books was more than two hundred less than during the previous year. And this with the new high school which has brought so many students from outside and who are constant library users. Without them, we would not have a very good report to show.

The year has brought us a long needed catalogue which enables the reader to ascertain readily just what the resources of the local library are. The collection of books and pamphlets is constantly growing. The best books on agriculture are to be found here for in this vicinity most people are vitally interested in that subject.

The children's department however can hold up its head. There is a constant gain in circulation—not a large one—for the number of children in our schools has not increased to any extent. There have been many additions to the children's book shelves, many of them being attractive editions of some of the well known fairy stories. And of course these books are a joy to the little folks.

J. M. Barrie in his whimsical little story of Peter Pan in the Kensington Gardens says: "It is frightfully difficult to know much about the fairies, and almost the only thing known for certain is that there are fairies wherever there are children. Long ago children were forbidden the gardens, and at that time there was not a fairy in the place; then the children were admitted, and the fairies came trooping in that evening. They can't resist following the children."

And the children in their turn can't resist reading about those mysterious little fairy folk. Writers and illustrators of children's literature are giving us many delightful books every year, but the best are those which have come to be regarded as classics, the Arabian Nights, the fairy tales of the Grimm brothers and Hans Christian Andersen, Water Babies, stories of Greek and Roman mythology and many others dear to the hearts of the children.

A new year is before us. We are even now making plans for the work that will be ours in 1917. Let us provide some time each day or certainly each week just for reading—recreational reading—something more inspiring than the daily paper or the weekly magazine. These are both necessary, but the books that have stood the test of time, the thoughts of master minds, these too are necessary to our well being and daily happiness.

Roumanian infantrymen are unrivaled in the Balkans, and the Roumanian cavalry is as good as any in Europe. The Roumanian is a fine horseman and the cavalry spirit is born in him.

Pension funds for municipal employes have been established in 159 cities in this country.

MELROSE AND VICTORY

The following program will be given in the Melrose schoolhouse by pupils of the school on Friday evening, December 22, under direction of the teacher, Miss Bessie Strehin.

Song—"Sing the Sweetest Songs"—School.

Opening Address—Louise Fritz.

Dialogue—"Jennie's Secret"—Herbert Edwards, Ethel Moffitt.

Recitation—"What Uncle Willie Thinks"—Edward Backstrand.

Song—"Christmas Time"—School.

Recitation—"Christmas in Holland"—Ruby Jones.

Recitation—"Christening Dolly"—Annie Moffitt.

Dialogue—"The Lost Trousers"—Recitation—"Little Willie's Complaint"—Harry Moffitt.

Trio—"Silent Night! Holy Night!"—Noma, Ocea and Ruby Jones.

Recitation—"Three Bad Little Boys"—Ethel Moffitt.

Trio—"Luther's Cradle Hymn"—Bessie Jones, Annie and Ethel Jones.

Dialogue—"The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe"—School.

Solo—"Sleep Little Babe"—Bessie Jones.

Recitation—"I'm Goin' Back to Grandpa's"—Charles Tallman.

There was a very good attendance at Hiff church Sunday and the services were enjoyed by all. A pleasing thing was the number of church going people who arrived for Sunday school, but we sadly missed some of our faithful members. We hope they will be there next Sunday and bring others with them.

Robert Kerslake has been quite sick. He is under the care of Dr. H. H. Hughes of Gresham. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. H. W. Cooley visited a friend at Milwaukie last Thursday. The ladies were friends in their girlhood, when their homes were in Michigan.

In the fire that destroyed so many cars for the White Auto company of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Littlepage, who are well known here and at Gresham, lost their car. It was being overhauled in the Bowman-Tucker's garage on the second floor and was completely ruined. There was no insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Newswander and Mr. and Mrs. E. Newswander and their families, of Albany, spent Thursday and Friday with their aunt, Mrs. A. B. Conrad.

Dan Roth, of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. L. Roth and Mrs. Martin Gerig and children, of Montavilla, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Conrad last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hayden and son Raymond, of Portland, spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Wood. Sunday afternoon they all took a ride up to Multnomah falls. Lester Conrad spent Sunday visiting at Yoder, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hayden and children, Mrs. Alta Gentry and Raymond Hayden called at the home of G. W. Alder Sunday.

Mrs. Dimple Jones had as her guests Sunday Rev. F. S. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Milo C. King of Gresham. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wood called and a very pleasant time was had by all.

Mrs. Ida Clark visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson, Sunday.

Miss Lena Cooley and Miss Edith Andrews were Portland visitors last Thursday.

Little Nita Cuddeford is ill with grip. She is with her parents in Portland.

Conrad Parker, who was operated on recently for a gathering in his head, is doing well. He is in a Portland hospital under the care of Dr. Hughes of Gresham. He expects to be home by Christmas.

Dr. Cornelius last week bought the three acres near Troutdale known as the Utting place. The dilapidated house on the place was recently torn down by Elmer Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mercer attended the bazaar at Pleasant Home and report a successful sale.

PLEASANT HOME

Christmas exercises will be held at the Methodist church next Saturday evening, December 23. All are invited to attend.

The bazaar of the Methodist Aid society was a decided success, both financially and socially. A good crowd attended and nearly all of the articles offered were sold. More than \$50 were realized, which will be used to improve the church property. The ladies are grateful to all those who helped to make the affair a success. A business meeting of the society will be held Wednesday, December 20, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Martin Lennartz.

A good crowd attended the auction sale of Geo. Matteson on Saturday. John Stret was the successful bidder on the house and lot.

The condition of Mrs. J. S. Albel, a pioneer resident of this community, remains unchanged. She has been seriously ill for several weeks.

Japan has a civil service retirement law for government employes.

CORBETT

Albert Chamberlain of Scappoose, is the guest of his brother, E. D. Chamberlain and wife.

The bazaar, held by the ladies of the Christian church, in the basement of the high school building, was well attended and everything sold for a good price, especially the candy made by Mrs. Lewis Reed, which was certainly excellent. Mrs. Reed made sixteen pounds and twice that amount could have been sold, the proceeds of supper, candy and fancy work came to more than \$89, and nearly everything was donated so the expense to the society was very small.

Mrs. Byers was taken suddenly ill, Friday. Dr. White of Portland was in attendance.

Mrs. Knight is visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. G. W. Akers in Portland.

Mrs. Bates has moved into the Trowbridge house, lately vacated by Rev and Mrs. Maxey.

Because of the density of the fog Friday night, the steamer State of Washington, was compelled to tie up until morning at the Corbett dock.

Victor Johnson is doing carpenter work at the rock crusher near tunnel No. 1.

Mrs. L. Benfield, who has spent the past two weeks visiting relatives in Portland, returned home Thursday evening. Her brother, Robt. Wilkie, accompanied her home and remained until Sunday evening.

John Taylor, who holds a foreman position in a logging camp near Ranier, is spending some time with his family.

Professor Tollefson was in Portland Sunday.

Union High School No. 1

Announcement of the wedding of Miss Coulter and Mr. Rudebush has been received.

Hurlburt Vocal society met this week at the home of Mrs. Jackson and everyone had a delightful time. They have decided to give a play entitled Blundering Billy. The following characters have been chosen: Bill Udy, Ezra Tuttle; Cecil Pounder, Billy Butler; Fred Woodward, represents Lieut. Grisvold; Lloyd Ough, King Toy; Lawrence Evans, Hank Dibble; Bessie Knieriem, Dorothy Tuttle; Gladys Barr, Clarissa Burnham; Jessie Emily, Woyo San. The exact date for production has not been set, but it will probably be sometime early in February.

The first rehearsal of the high school minstrel show has been set for Monday evening.

Mrs. Roy Emily has been very ill. We all extend sympathy and hope she will soon recover.

TROUTDALE

Troutdale is to have a community Christmas tree Saturday evening, December 23, at the Masonic hall. It is planned for everybody in the town and community to have a share in it. The following committees have charge of the arrangements: tree, G. P. Lumsden, J. R. Knarr, C. I. Raker; candy, Mrs. J. A. Larsson, Mrs. C. I. Raker; decorating tree, Mrs. A. D. Kendall, Mrs. C. I. Raker, assisted by R. D. Bailey and G. P. Lumsden; music, Mrs. Frank Boscoe, Mrs. L. A. Harlow, Mrs. J. A. Larsson. The most of the entertainment will be given by pupils of the school, two numbers of which are a Christmas play, "Red Pepper", and an exercise "Santa Claus' Fairies." Program will begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, of Lebanon, Oregon, were visiting Mrs. Wallace's aunt, Mrs. Ruth Brink and other relatives here last week.

The Ladies' Aid have a number of articles suitable for Christmas gifts left from the bazaar. Mrs. L. A. Harlow has them at her house, and will be pleased to show them to any one wishing to look at them.

Little Conrad Parker, who was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital last week, is doing nicely, though he will be at the hospital several days longer. He has a gathering in his head, affecting the middle ear.

Fred Loudon, who is a student at the University of Washington, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Loudon of Troutdale. He is to give as a specialty number on the Christmas program.

AUTO TRUCK SERVICE THREE YEARS OLD

Emery's truck service, established three years ago, is yet in business and is making regular trips between Portland and Gresham. Mr. Emery makes a specialty of furniture moving and farmers' hauling.

He has a Portland office with the Pioneer Auto Truck Co., 226 Ash street where orders may be left at that end of the line.

A call for phone 173 will reach him here and he is always ready for any orders.

In announcing civil service examinations for masons in the Indian service at Haskel, Kas., the government advertises: "Wanted, masons (brick), men only."



4 Days More

To do Your Xmas Shopping

No doubt you have made many of your purchases but more than likely there are still others to be selected. Our stock is complete. Many new lines have been added this year.



We have a large assortment of the Genuine Perline Ivory. Many new patterns in Laveliers, Wrist Watches, Brooches, Cuff Links and other things too numerous to mention.



M. R. Burke, Jeweler

GRESHAM,

OREGON

Open Evenings until Christmas.

VENTURA PARK.

Mrs. W. H. Sanford, who has been in California for several months, has returned.

The little children of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Grey, who have been very ill, are now much improved.

While Chas. Heath was at dinner Tuesday evening, someone broke into the store taking candy and 75 cents out of the till. Fortunately, Mr. Heath had taken all the money with him, excepting the 75 cents. More probably would have been taken besides the candy had not Mr. Heath sent his nephew back to get something, the robber, hearing the key being placed in the lock, became frightened, running out the back door, which he had been careful to unlock after getting in through the window.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead Beslin, of Portland, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Grey, Sunday.

The Ventura dancing club gave a dance at their hall Saturday evening. All had a splendid time.

Mrs. Haldane Dickson and family have moved to Portland for the winter.

Mr. Zink, of the P. R. L. & P company, was out in this vicinity Wednesday and Thursday in the interest of his company. He was not prepared to tell us yet what they were going to do about giving us better car service, but everybody here is still talking "through service."

HOSS' TRUCK LINE IS ALWAYS READY

All kinds of hauling between Gresham and Portland or to any other place within reasonable distance is done by the Hoss Truck service, of which Bert Hoss is the manager.

The Hoss service has two trucks constantly on the road and makes regular trips doing furniture moving, merchandise delivery and farmers' hauling. Orders are taken for coal, sand and gravel.

The Portland headquarters are at 229 Pine street. Gresham phone 79x will be promptly answered.

Weather Forecast.

Pacific States: Frequent rains probable during week in Washington and Oregon while in California it will be generally fair; temperatures will average near normal.

Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions: Generally fair with temperatures near seasonal average; local snows probable in northern portions of these districts Tuesday and Wednesday.

LAST MEETING HELD BY 1916 FAIR BOARD

A meeting of the county fair board was held yesterday afternoon to close up the remnants of business left over since the fair. Some interest and other bills were paid. This will be the last meeting of the board this year. It will meet again on January 8th to hear the report of the finance committee, after which the new board will organize for next year.

J. J. Johnson, one of those elected directors at the stockholders' meeting has stated that he cannot accept the office. It will be incumbent upon the new board to fill this vacancy.

President Lewis appointed R. W. Gill, Theodore Brugger and F. H. Crane as a committee on legislation to meet with the Multnomah members of the legislature at the Oregon building next Thursday evening the object being to present the claims of the fair for a larger share of the public money raised by taxation for county fairs.

About sixty jars of fruit put up by the district canning teams at the last fair are on hand and were donated to the inmates of the county farm.

Spain is studying its large deposits of peat, with a view to utilizing the material for the production of both gas and electricity.

A Philadelphia market gardener is the inventor of a machine to wrap rhubarb in heavy paper, to save the cost of shipping boxes.

POWELL VALLEY STORE TO BE DISCONTINUED

Eastern Multnomah's pioneer store is selling out as rapidly as possible, preparatory to going out of business.

The A. B. Elliott Company was established in 1883—Thirty-three years ago—by A. B. Elliott who is still at its head. He has been very successful but is now getting ready to retire.

His stock, though somewhat reduced, is yet large and varied and contains more useful articles than many others. It is being sold at reduced figures and there are many things suitable for the holidays that may be had cheaper than at any other place, just because they must be sold during the coming months.

Mr. Elliott's business dealings with the public have always been satisfactory and this is probably his last Christmas in trade. His retirement will be regretted.

GRESHAM HARNESS STORE DEALS IN AUTO GOODS

S. E. Palmquist, Gresham's harness dealer, has added a new line of automobile necessities, such as robes and gloves and is also in the auto top repair business.

His stock of harness, saddles, whips, robes and other horse necessities is remarkably complete and is guaranteed to be of the same good quality that the store has been selling for the past twenty years under the present management and that of his predecessors.

She Will Appreciate--

A gift of Johnston's "Treasure Box" chocolates. We have them priced from 50c to \$1.50. Larger sizes can be secured if desired.

Also carry a stock of Vogan's and Ross' high class confections. Candies of all grades and kinds in bulk.

SALTED AND PLAIN NUTS FRUITS

He Will Appreciate---

Make him a present of a box of cigars.

Tobacco—Cigars—Cigarettes—Pipes. All kinds and grades

LUNCHES SERVED, HOT DRINKS, FOUNTAIN DRINKS.

ONLY PLACE WITH ICE CREAM FOR CHRISTMAS

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