

FIRST ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE BOY SCOUTS

Next Saturday will be the first annual anniversary of the organization of the boy scouts in Gresham, and Scout Master Geo. F. Honey has arranged a most interesting program to be given in Metzger's hall that evening beginning at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Jas. E. Lockway, scout executive of Portland, will be the principal speaker. He will explain the aims and methods of the boy scout movement, giving some personal experiences in connection with the forty troops whose membership totals about 800 boys, in the city.

Incidental items on the program will be, knot-tying, and some first aid demonstration by Gresham scouts.

"Do a good turn daily," is a boy scout motto, that our boys are trying to practice.

The entertainment is free, but a nickel collection will be taken to help the boys pay the hall rent.

Everybody is cordially invited, with a special invitation to every member of the union high school.

Eight p. m., Saturday, March 31. Come and let the boys know that you are interested in their activities and give them a good send-off for the new year.

Gresham Troop No. 1 was recently admitted to the jurisdiction of the Portland Council of Boy Scouts, which is officered as follows: president, W. W. Cotton; vice presidents, Adolph Wolfe, S. Benson, Dorr E. Keasley; treasurer, J. K. Gill; secretary, Chas. F. Berg; scout executive, Jas. E. Brockway.

One year ago the Gresham troop was organized with seven members and now numbers 23. The interest has grown and the boys have been greatly benefited by their training. It is contemplated that another troop will be formed soon in or near Gresham.

The scouts meet at the grange hall Friday nights, twice each month. At the last meeting, on March 16, a pleasant surprise was given the scout master, Geo. F. Honey, in the shape of a luncheon prepared and served by the boys. The table was attractively decorated and a jolly time was had. There were 18 boys present. The occasion was the birthday of the scout master.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Attendance and interest in Sunday school affairs for the past quarter is considered encouraging by those in charge of the Methodist Episcopal school. Although many have been prevented from regular attendance on account of sickness, weather conditions, and distance, the school is gradually increasing in numbers and interest and efficiency.

The number in attendance last Sunday was 108 and the average attendance for the quarter was 101. The number of pupils enrolled is 159. The number enrolled in all departments, including teachers and officers and members of the cradle roll, amounts to 218. Plans are being formulated for the organization of all classes, with officers and booster committees and appropriate class names.

Occasional special features will be a part of the opening programs for the coming quarter, also brief review talks at the close of the class study by members of the adult classes. In this connection, one-minute talks will be given next Sunday by James Lawrence, Mrs. C. M. Oliphant, T. H. Gill and Mrs. Chas. A. Coe.

Those who attended the Multnomah county Sunday school convention in Portland last week were C. M. Harrison, assistant superintendent; Mrs. C. E. Rusher, superintendent of the primary department and Miss Cora Greene, teacher of a boys' class.

New Goods Received.

E. W. Aylsworth has received a large consignment of Kuppenheimer suits in complete lines and more are on the way. Aylsworth is also agent for the Royal Tailors of Chicago and is holding prices down to compete with other houses.

Dressmaking.

L. Needham is now ready to do first class dressmaking, at the Frank Gibbs cottage, Regner addition.

French dealers are in the market for egg flake and desiccated and prepared egg products. Correspondence should be in French.

There is a demand in Spain for hardware of all kinds.

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA GLITTERING SUCCESS

The people of Gresham and vicinity found out on Friday night what happened to Jones. That lively comedy drama was ably presented by the high school juniors to a full-capacity house, and it was not only well rendered but was well received by the audience.

Where all did so well it would be throwing unnecessary bouquets to single out any one or more of the performers for special mention. For amateurs they all did their best, and acceptably so. One thing stood out prominently—every actor and actress had their lines so well memorized that prompting was not needed.

The high school orchestra rendered some very excellent music between acts, and the quartet singing was good; also the solo, "Only a Year Ago" by Edella Towle.

The receipts were satisfactory, the net profits being somewhere around fifty dollars.

AN AMERICAN FLAG AND HAMMER GONE

Another raid was made on the fair ground buildings by some one or more persons who were evidently hoping to find something worth stealing. Several doors were forced open in the pavilion and the cafeteria. The locks had been broken and the buildings had been thoroughly ransacked.

The only two articles missing would indicate that the persons taking them were either very patriotic or hard knockers. An American flag and a hammer are gone. Five new locks were placed on the doors today just to keep the doors shut, as there is very little in the buildings worth stealing.

AGED WOMAN DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Mrs. Esther Bovingdon, widow of the late W. A. Bovingdon, passed away at her home near Rockwood last night after an illness of only a few days, aged nearly 80 years. A daughter, Mrs. Tom Blencoe, of Vancouver, Washington, was with her mother. James and Oscar Hartman are sons of Mrs. Bovingdon, but their whereabouts is unknown. Funeral announcements have not been made.

DIES IN GRESHAM, BURIED AT ALBANY

Peter Ackerman, aged 76 years, 19 months and 23 days, died at his home in Gresham on Friday night last after a short illness. He leaves a wife and several stepchildren here and two sons who are business men of Salem.

His sons came here on Saturday and arranged to have the body sent to Albany where it was interred beside his first wife on Sunday.

Up From the Crowd.

Men seem as alike as the leaves on the trees,

As alike as the bees in the swarming of bees;

And we look at the millions that make up the state—

All equally little and equally great—

And the pride of our courage is cowed.

Then Fate calls for a man who is larger than men.

There's a surge in the crowd, there's a movement—and then

There arises the man who is larger than men—

And the man comes up from the crowd.

And where is the man who comes up from the throng?

Who does the new deed and who sings the new song?

And who makes the old world as a world that is new?

And who is the man? It is you! It is you!

And our praise is exultant and proud.

We are waiting for you then, for you are the man;

Come up from the jostle as soon as you can.

Come up from the crowd, then, for you are the man—

The man who comes up from the crowd!

Weather Forecast.

Pacific States: Except frequent local rains along the north Pacific coast, the week will be one of generally fair weather with normal temperature.

Gold has been discovered at Specimen Reef, Long Plains, Tasmania. A company will be formed to exploit the new fields.

The price of caraway seeds in this country has increased since 1914 from 5 cents a pound.

In China and Japan men and women of all classes, callings and professions, carry fans.

"ALONG THE MISSOURI"

The Pleasant Valley Dramatic club is preparing for the rendition of a comedy drama, "Along the Missouri," to be given under the direction of Valentine Snashall in the grange hall on Saturday evening next, March 31. Following is the synopsis and cast of characters:

SYNOPSIS.

Act I. Watson Farm. Rip, a funny hired boy. Barnes tells the story. Radbourne and John. "I don't know what your game is, but I warn you to drop it, right now."

Act II. Watson Farm. Radbourne and Maffitt offer to help John win the nomination—at a price. John scorns the offer. "You can't bribe me." Barnes defies Maffitt. "Might does make right."

Act III. Watson Farm. The farm to be sold. Maffitt bargains with Virginia. "To save their home to the Watsons you must give John up." "I will do as you ask." Barnes comes back reformed and finds his wife, whom Radbourne had estranged. Barnes and Radbourne (or Crane). "Killing is too good for him."

Act IV. The governor's mansion in the capital. A ball going on. Radbourne forces Maffitt to give him Virginia. Barnes to the rescue. Radbourne is beaten. Maffitt repents and Virginia is restored to John.

ARGUMENT

John Watson is a rising young lawyer and candidate for the legislature. He is engaged to Virginia Maffitt. Her father, who has political influence, is defied by John. Maffitt holds a mortgage on the Watson farm and threatens to foreclose unless Virginia gives John up, and she does so to save him and his family from unhappiness. Maffitt himself is in the power of Norwood Crane, alias Radbourne, a criminal adventurer, but John and Dustin Barnes, a reformed tramp, oppose and finally expose Crane and save Maffitt.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

WILLIAM WATSON, known to his friends as "kind old Bill"..... Valentine Snashall
JOHN WATSON, his son, a budding politician..... R. Searle
NORWOOD CRANE, alias Randolph Radbourne, a scheming financier..... Allen Joy
DUSTIN BARNES, buffeted by fortune..... Dave Masters
MANDERS MAFFITT, a country banker with prejudiced political and social views..... L. L. Giese
RIP STOKLEY, Bill's hired boy..... Faxon Joy
KATHERINE PATTON, the village school teacher..... Winifred Roman
VIRGINIA MAFFITT, Mander's daughter..... Nina Joy
TILLIE WATSON, Bill's old maid sister..... Myrtle Snashall
Time in Representation—Three Hours.
Direction by V. Snashall.

GRADE TEACHERS FOR COMING YEAR

All the teachers but one were elected to positions in the Gresham district school, at a meeting of the directors on Thursday night last. With two exceptions the present teachers were re-elected. The place of manual training instructor was left over. Following will be the next year's force:

Principal, E. S. McCormick; Miss Mabel Arthur, Mrs. Myrtle Myers, Miss Helen Foss, Miss Mabel Inglis, Miss Emma Fuller, Miss Mae Hughes, Miss Esther Elford.

Miss Hoss will take the place of Miss Elsie Metzger, and Miss Inglis that of Miss Florence Fieldhouse. Miss Metzger and Miss Fieldhouse were not applicants. The first seven named are grade teachers, Miss Elford being the sewing instructor.

There is Litter in the Brain as Well as in the Gutter.

You have read of an Anti-Litter League to clean up the streets and do away with the rubbish.

We suggest a mental anti-litter league.

The individual needs to have the litter removed from the mind as the city needs litter removed from streets and parks.

What is mental litter? It is various—for instance:

Slang is litter of the mind. It clutters up the avenues of thought, hampers clear expression, indicates laziness in the brain just as gutter litter indicates laziness.

Clear your mind of slang and you are getting rid of mental refuse that is bad for the brain.

Slovenly thought is litter. You have a brain that can concentrate and deal with problems. If you let it wander along in slovenly fashion, that is litter, obstruction, decay.

Gossip, meaningless twaddle, is litter in the mind. You hear young people going to their work, and these are words repeated a million times: "He said to me, I said to him, she said to her, he said to them." And so on forever and ever. Endless, meaningless repetition of what somebody else said is mental rubbish.

Trashy books, aimless reading—they are rubbish in the brain, and ninety per cent of all brains are filled with them—among the brains that read at all. Wealth beyond conception accumulated in the public libraries lies unused and rusting, while litter and rubbish are called for and stored away in the minds of readers. A pity and a disgrace!—Chicago American.

COMING

Wednesday, March 28, one night only—Bessie Barricade in "Bullets and Brown Eyes," a Triangle Feature in five acts. A good Keystone comedy in two reels, making seven reels of pictures; also special music. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Smith's Theater.

Tailoring

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

Electrical railways in the United States represent a value of about \$750,000,000.

The manufacture of fans was established as an industry in England during the Stuarts' rule.

ENLISTED YOUNG MEN CALLED TO GUARD DUTY

Among the young men of this vicinity who are enlisted in the Oregon guard and were required to report at the Armory in Portland yesterday were George and Fred Crane, Joe Ross, Carral Heslin and Wilbur Stanley.

Lieutenant Frances B. Yeager, recently appointed assistant to S. B. Heli, agricultural agent of this county, was also called to the colors and left yesterday morning to report to his command at American Lake, near Tacoma. He is a member of the Washington guard.

Ernest Brugger, it is reported, has joined to U. S. navy and will report to the Bremerton navy yard for assignment to duty.

Making a Friend of the Customer.

The modern merchant is neglecting few opportunities for making a friend of his customer. One example of the methods used to his end is the practice of a large department store that specializes in articles for the younger generation.

When a purchase of children's clothing or toys is made there, the store gets the address from the delivery slip, and it is then an easy matter to find out all about the child for whom the goods are bought.

On the youngster's next birthday a neat card, addressed to the little one, arrives, congratulating him or her on having reached such or such an age. This sort of thing is calculated to, and unquestionably does, appeal strongly to the parents and makes a permanent out of a casual customer.

KNOCKING.

Put the hammer in the locker;
Hide the sounding board likewise;
Anyone can be a knocker;

Anyone can criticize;
Cultivate a manner winning;

Though it hurts your face to smile,
And seems awkward in the beginning.

Be a booster for a while
Let the blacksmith do the pounding;

That's the way he draws his pay;
You don't get a cent for bounding

Salut and sinner night and day.
Just for solid satisfaction

Drop a kind word in the slot,
And I'll warrant you'll get action

On your effort on the spot.
Kindness every time beats kicking;

Mirth is better than a frown.
Don't waste your time picking

Flaws with brothers who are down,
And it isn't distressing

If you give a little boost
To the man whom fates are pressing,
When the chick comes home to roost.

—The B. M. A. A. Bulletin.

For Sale, Cheap

Or trade for some land near Boring. A quarter section of best wheat land, six miles south of Viking, Alberta, Canada. Also splendid chance to raise cattle. E. Stenberg, Boring.

Harrison Walton, age 74, of Philadelphia, has completed 59 years of service as a public school teacher.

Bargain Dance at Orient. Saturday night, March 31. Good music. Beers' orchestra. Tickets 79c

WALTER P. BENEDICT DIES AT TROUTDALE

Walter P. Benedict died at the Good Samaritan hospital last Saturday, March 24, of apoplexy, after an illness of about two weeks. Mr. Benedict was born in Pompey, N. Y., in 1853 and was married to Miss Wealtha Rogers in 1879. Soon afterward they came west to Inwood, Iowa, and remained there till about fifteen years ago, when they sold out their interests there and moved westward again, this time stopping in Portland, where they remained till 1913, moving then to the beautiful little farm southwest of Troutdale, where Mrs. Benedict died two years ago.

He had no near relatives on the coast, the remaining members of his family being a sister, Mrs. Eva Eastbrooke, of Washington, D. C., and two brothers, James and Frank, both of Syracuse, N. Y. His brother Frank was with him his last few days and will remain to settle up his estate. The funeral was today, Tuesday, at his home at 2 p. m., Rev. F. S. Ford officiating. Interment in Douglas cemetery, beside his wife.

TROUT SEASON BEGINS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 1

The open season on trout six inches in length or over begins on Sunday morning next. Licenses for the year may be had for one dollar up to May 21, after which date the cost will be \$1.50.

Sportsmen are urged to purchase their licenses and carry them on their persons, as strict orders have been given deputies to check up all anglers found fishing anywhere in the state.

The bag limit has been reduced from 75 to 50 pounds on trout, or 35 pounds in any one day. Women are exempt from angling licenses.

TROUTDALE RESIDENT DIES THIS MORNING

Arthur L. Van DeWalker, a gardener, died at his home near Troutdale this morning of pneumonia. He was born in Michigan, December 9, 1856 and had been here about two years. He leaves a widow here but there are grown children in the East. The funeral will be held on Thursday at 2 p. m., from his late home, with interment in Douglass cemetery.

Standard Agriculture.

"There is a close parallel between organized agriculture and scientific management, or what is known as 'efficiency in business.' Take Denmark—one sees in the whole country south of Copenhagen, great fields with very few fences. These fields are planted in a certain way with certain crops, which are used in feeding cattle. If you look, you will find that everywhere the cattle in this vicinity are the same variety. They look like Jerseys, but are red.

"They are tied in the fields by a certain length of chain. The idea is not to allow the cattle to tramp down the forage and wander around from place to place. They are moved at certain times during the day, and thus gradually eat their way through the forage in the field. They are not driven or allowed to go to water there as they are in America, but the water is brought to them so that will always be on the job eating and converting the fodder into milk. They are milked in the fields at certain times. The amount of fodder in the field is carefully calculated. The statistics one each cow are carefully kept so that they can determine minutely how well each pays her way. The milk is carefully brought to the co-operative creameries, which are pretty much of a standard quality. The whole work is treated in a certain kind of a way practically throughout the entire nation. The by-products are fed to pigs and all these pigs are of the same breed. Going with them is the hen, and the hens are standardized by practical and uniform breeding. The marketing of all eggs is carried out under standardized processes. Of course, the farmer can not do all this himself, but the government has provided machinery whereby every problem can be solved.

"All over Europe organized buying and selling, organized and standardized business is gradually coming. 'Control boards,' which are merely planning boards, owned by farmers, all such organizations must be in auditing unions. Either these unions must be organized for their own auditing or else the government will come in and audit them."—Chicago Bulletin.

Boys' Roller Skates \$1.00. At L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

EASTER SUNDAY INSPIRES IDEA OF EGG SUPPLY

Approaching Easter Sunday, the world-wide "egg day," brings the subject of eggs uppermost again. This time it is not a concern of prohibitive prices and a boycott, but a little essay on their value as food and something about how to keep them fresh for future use.

Because of their peculiar food value, their relative freedom from waste, and the ease with which they may be prepared, their use as meat substitutes at least is often desirable even when a consideration of their price alone would not so indicate.

It is pointed out, however, that while this is true of eggs served as one of the principal dishes of a meal, it often is not true of eggs used in cakes, puddings and other desserts along with meats. It is in the latter use of eggs that the housewife who wishes to economize can try especially to curtail consumption. A fact which makes this latter practice easier is that with the present availability of baking powder, corn starch, gelatine, and other such things, the use of eggs to impart a lightness or to thicken liquids is not now essential, as it was in the past.

Food Elements in Eggs.
The principal food element furnished in eggs is protein, the nitrogenous tissue-building element whose presence in considerable proportions also gives meats, fish, milk, cheese, etc., their special food value. Eggs can, therefore, be substituted in the diet for the latter foods without materially altering the proportion of protein contained. In addition to protein eggs also furnish fat and a number of valuable mineral elements, including sulphur, phosphorus, iron, calcium, and magnesium, in an easily assimilable form, and are believed also to be rich in certain essential vitalizing elements called vitamins.

Like milk and unlike meats, eggs do not contain substances convertible in the body into uric acid. Their shells constitute the only waste materials; 97 per cent of the portion eaten—a high proportion compared to other foods—is digested. No extended cooking is necessary for eggs and there is, therefore a saving of time, labor and fuel in their preparation when they are compared with many other foods. For all these reasons eggs deserve an important place in the diet for use at times in place of other foods rich in protein, provided egg prices are not so high as to outweigh the other considerations.

Wholesomeness of Eggs.
Though wholesome when fresh and clean, eggs may be decidedly unwholesome when old and dirty. The housewife should be careful when buying, therefore, to choose eggs which are as clean and fresh as possible. Similarly, the producer of eggs should keep nests clean and sanitary and should collect eggs frequently. It is also well to insure the production of eggs with good keeping qualities by producing only infertile eggs after the hatching season.

Cold Storage Eggs.
Because fewer eggs are produced in the most populous regions of the country than are consumed there, and because the seasons have a marked effect on the number of eggs laid, city housewives must use cold storage eggs during some periods of the year if they are to supply their tables at all with this food. The fact that eggs have been held in cold storage does not necessarily mean that they are of low quality. Carefully handled cold storage eggs often are better in quality than fresh local eggs that have been improperly cared for.

Home Preserved Eggs.
Housewives will often find it advantageous to preserve their own eggs in the home, purchasing them when the supply is abundant and packing them in a solution of water glass, or lime water, or covering them with paraffine oil or varnish. Such eggs can be kept in good condition for a number of months. For current use fresh eggs can usually be kept satisfactorily for two or three weeks without such treatment in a refrigerator or dry, cool cellar.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors in Gresham for their help, kindness and sympathy in caring for our beloved mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shumate.