

ELIMINATION OF WASTE IS GREAT OBJECT

A Commercial club meeting will be held at the Gresham Public Library Saturday night April 14, at 8 p. m., to consider ways in which this community can help in the "Conservation program."

Mayor Stapleton will report some matters and interesting subjects will be discussed.

Ladies and all are invited. Make it a good rally.

Boys and girls, and men and women of Gresham and vicinity, you are invited to take part in the wonderful program of conservation of our resources which is being undertaken by various organizations of Portland.

A letter received by Mayor Stapleton from the Patriotic Conservation League, signed by J. E. Werlein, of Portland, reads as follows:

The Patriotic Conservation League outlines a plan of conservation and thrift for the purpose of producing a local Patriotic fund. Various articles of value will be assembled and sold in the near future.

There is scarcely a home in the city of Portland that this appeal reaches that has not at least one suit of cast-off clothing. This clothing can be turned into money, and the Patriotic Conservation League asks that you

First; give thought to this appeal which is being made to you.

Second; while the matter is fresh in your mind, put together all suits of clothing that are no longer needed.

Third; deliver to Herman Enke, East Third and Ash streets, care of J. E. Werlein, or phone East 7200, and clothing will be sent for.

These suits will be renovated and repaired free of expense by Mr. Enke as his personal contribution to the Patriotic Relief fund.

Will it be asking too much of your organization to have a committee appointed to give publicity to your members along the line suggested. This appeal at first blush might appear to be trivial, and it is if taken only in individual cases, but when you take into consideration the great number of cast-off suits of men's clothing that can be made salable, you will realize that we have a big opportunity before us to do a great work without taxing our financial ability in the slightest degree.

It was this same organization which planned the observation of "Waste Paper Day" in Portland on April 7, paying children 50c per hundred pounds for all waste paper. This organization invites the children to join this army of thrift, saying, "We can all be soldiers in one great army. It will be an army of peace, but an army just the same. And its honorable ranks will be filled by every loyal boy and girl in the city of Portland and the state of Oregon. We are going to call this wonderful body of troops, the

Army of Conservation.

"Conservation is a big word, but it has a simple meaning. It just means 'Save,' and nothing more.

"The banner which will be carried at the head of this vast army of our boys and girls and grown-ups will have written across it:

"Save the Little Things." That is what the 'Army of Conservation' stands for, and that will be its battle cry as it goes out into the field to fight the enemy.

"Do you know what this arch enemy is called?"

"He is called 'waste.'"

"This army is going to be paid for its service. All the little boy and girl soldiers are going to share in the profits of conquest over the great enemy, 'Waste.'"

"All the little things that most of us now are throwing away, or burning up or destroying, are going to be made valuable, and will be gathered together by our splendid young army and turned into Cash."

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ROAD BOND ISSUE IN A NUTSHELL

For the information of everyone, friends and opposers alike, of the proposed road bond issue, the following is given as an authorized statement of the purposes for which the money is to be used and the methods of its expenditure:

Authorizes State Highway Commission during next five years to issue bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000.

The issue is limited to \$1,000,000 in 1917 and \$2,000,000 in 1918.

Bonds are to be serial form and beginning sixth year to be retired one-twentieth each year.

Of the bond issue at least \$600,000 must be in denomination of \$500 each or less.

Bonds shall bear 4 per cent interest payable semi-annually.

Funds derived from bond issue to be expended in paving main highways after counties have made roads ready to receive pavement.

Bill designates roads to be paved, but Highway Commission is authorized to make local changes and may also add other post and forest roads to system.

Highway Commission is to let all contracts in open and public session according to law to lowest best bid.

If lowest bids deemed excessive Highway Commission is authorized to reject all bids and do work itself, being empowered to purchase necessary equipment.

Proposed bonds will not increase taxes. Increased automobile license and existing one-fourth mill state road tax will pay interest and retire bonds at maturity.

Legislative Good Roads Committee.

W. D. WOOD, Hillsboro.

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NEWLYWEDS ACCORDED RECEPTION BY FRIENDS

A reception was given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Johnson, living near Gresham, Saturday evening, April 7, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson, who were married April 4. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Johnson. All the rooms were artistically decorated with the seasons flowers. About seventy-five invited friends participated who left many beautiful and useful gifts. Music formed the chief enjoyment of the evening. A delicious lunch was served at a late hour after which the guests departed extending their heartiest congratulations for a happy and prosperous wedded life to the newlyweds. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their future home on the groom's farm at Boring, Oregon.

Say Contract Violated.

After signing a contract for the delivery of 300 sacks of potatoes at \$2.55, the price advanced to \$3.49 a hundred and Emil Weise refused to live up to the contract, according to charges made in a complaint filed at Oregon City on Saturday by Page & Sons, of Portland, who agreed to buy the Weise crop.

An inventor has patented a small celluloid disk to be attached to a phonograph needle to intensify the sound.

"The Star Spangled Banner, Oh! Long May it Wave."



"When Freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night
And set the stars of Glory there."

Old Glory is flying today in greater force than at any time since the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. From many towns and cities in Oregon have come reports of flag raisings, and right here in Gresham flags are flying in increased numbers with each passing day. It is a message to the world that Old Glory is yet supreme and intends to remain so.

It has been interesting to watch Old Glory grow in numbers in every district in Portland. Everybody is familiar with the buildings. The flags that fly from the federal buildings and the school-houses have become familiar. Then, too, the starry banners that wave from the armory and recruiting office windows have, in more peaceful times than these maintained our acquaintance with Old Glory. And friendly flags of the business world have been seen floating to the breeze, proclaiming the lasting patriotism of their proprietors.

On festive occasions Gresham has brought out the Red, White and Blue in generous measure, but, with war impending, an entirely new spirit of patriotism is sweeping over the town. It has been interesting to watch the gradual development in Old Glory's army. Long before President Wilson took the decisive step of arming American merchant ships there were many in every town who ran up their flags as proof that they believed war with Germany inevitable and they wished to express their feelings and sentiments in favor of America first.

But down in the city of Portland it is a revelation. Day after day the flag army has had recruits until now it is an inspiring picture to follow with the eye the skyline of the city and see the parade of the Star Spangled Banners flying aloft.

There are times when the wind and Old Glory seem to be having a royal battle. Many of the flags are quite new and their bright colors, flashing in the sunlight on clear days, create a spectacle that makes an American proud to be an American. For no nation has an emblem that flashes a more impressive emblem than the United States.

Standing on some lofty eminence one looks across the city and realizes, with serious impression, that something out of the ordinary is going on. The rooftops of nearly every building, high and low, carry on their flagstaves varying values in Old Glory. Some of the flags are old, some of them are new, but all are Old Glory. Every star and stripe signifies a sentiment. One looks over to the federal building and from its staffs fly emblems of the nation's various activities. The army, the navy, the customs department all are represented in the banners flying there. Farther away the courthouse flag, high in the air, flies in full defiance in a strong breeze. The city hall flag catches every mile of breeze that races from the south or west, and from every other building of size or prominence the Starry Banner vies with its neighbor in an effort to stretch its folds the farthest.

Off into the factory districts of Portland the eye discerns, through the blue-black haze created by the clouds and smoke, various types of Old Glory flying from factory rooftops, evidence that industry as well as commerce is doing its part to let an alien citizenship know that America is back of the president. On the river and ocean-going craft, and in the residence districts, too, the flag now plays a conspicuous part. From hundreds of front porches Old Glory proudly waves, and in many windows of stately residences and humble cottages the windows are draped with graceful folds of the national emblem.

The one wonderful feature of the American flag is that it represents no ruler—it is the flag of the people, not a king! It warms an American heart to run back through the pages of the history of Old Glory or to pay tribute to the battle flag remnants of the Mexican, the civil and the Spanish-American wars—every one of them representative of an effort to uphold the government. And, no doubt, in the years to come there will be flags as sacred that are relics of the conflict now shadowing the peace of the United States.

Old Glory, as it flies today is a vastly different emblem than that which Betsy Ross delivered to the nation and was ordained by congress on June 14, 1777, as the national emblem. Even though there are many nations older in years the United States stands third among those to adopt a standard, only Denmark and Russia coming before it. Old Glory was seventy years in finding birth. For seven decades prior to the revolutionary war the British-American colonies flew the flag of the mother country. Each colony had one of its own.

The first idea that finally led into the creation of the present Star Spangled Banner was the creation of a flag containing thirteen stars and thirteen stripes representing the thirteen colonies of the new nation. It was made after a design furnished by General Washington and was the flag accepted by congress in 1777. From that humble flag of thirteen stars has grown a flag bearing forty-eight stars, a banner representing more than 100,000,000. And that 100,000,000 stands today to keep Old Glory aloft from the Atlantic to the Pacific and in all the possessions of Good Old Uncle Sam.

Today is your day to hang out Old Glory.

M. E. Sunday School Notes.

Principal Elmer F. Goodwin and Mrs. Clara Sunday will be the next to give review talks.

Mrs. Harrison entertained at her home, last Saturday afternoon, her class, the Beacon Lights.

The Sunday school extends thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fieldhouse and W. L. Gorsage for the excellent music rendered on Easter Sunday. Easter attendance was 112. While this number is fair it is hoped at least 20 more will be in attendance every Sunday from now on.

Miss Mildred Metzger, a "Beacon Light," after quite an absence from sickness, is back again in her class, also Lyle Winters, one of the long

absent ones, put in a good appearance again.

Of the thirteen classes, only five have decided on their class names. They are as follows: No. 3, Mrs. Brackenbury teacher, "The Rushers"; No. 4, Mrs. Harrison teacher, "Beacon Lights"; No. 8, Miss Mary E. Good teacher, "Upstreamers"; No. 10, Mrs. H. L. St. Clair, teacher, "Double Our Number"; No. 12, Thomas Wiles, teacher, "Christian Workers".

A library table that unfolds and forms a full-sized double bed is a furniture novelty of recent invention.

Bargains in the Want ads.

VACANT CITY LOTS TO BE CULTIVATED

In order to be at the head of the procession in combatting the high cost of living the Portland Railway Light & Power company is making preparations to have every available foot of its vacant city property cultivated this season. As one of the officers of the company expressed it, "we are going to spade, up every foot of land the company has lying idle and put it into garden crops."

Just how much the company owns inside the city limits of Portland was not stated, nor was it explained just how the company is going to proceed, but there is quite a bit of vacant land around the different carbarns, and some other lots and blocks and even larger tracts that will be planted. They will all grow something and with the usual vigor that characterizes the P. R. L. & P. people there is no doubt as to the final outcome.

In addition to the company's city holdings there are several hundred acres of excellent agricultural land in Multnomah and Clackamas county. It is stated that an effort will be made to have them cultivated on an extensive scale by leasing them out to homeseekers, or by selling off small tracts on long time agreements and helping the tenants or buyers to get a good start.

There are several such pieces of land in Multnomah county, one of them being in Gresham. Another is at Gillis, another at Pleasant Home and one at Ruby. There are other pieces all along the lines of the company's railroads; and nearly every acre is susceptible of cultivation. Some of it is yet uncleared, but if the cleared land can be utilized it will make a big showing in crops. The company feels that it can help the country and many families as well as itself by getting the land under cultivation by actual settlers, either as renters or owners, and there is a prospect that the movement will be started at once.

Mrs. Walter Elford, of Portland, spent a short time yesterday with the family of C. M. Zimmerman and Miss Esther Elford.

MEETING FOR GREATER AND BETTER CROPS

PORTLAND, April 9.—Editor Outlook:—At Evening Star grange last Saturday, a resolution was passed calling a meeting of farmers and others interested in agricultural development to meet Friday evening, at 8 p. m., at the Central public library in Portland, so that an organized effort could be made for greater crop production.

At a time like this it becomes the duty of every citizen to do his small part in assisting his country and to the farmers will come the greater call to meet the extra production demanded by the government. In view of this we are in hopes of having a large attendance at this meeting, when steps will be taken to organize producers of all such lines as will assist in stimulating the greater production. There are many different viewpoints to be discussed and I am writing this letter to you, as a leader in your community, in the hopes that you can come yourself and do all in our power to advertise this meeting and get others to come. The meeting is open to all and we are particularly anxious to have each community represented as one of the plans will call for the organization of a working society in each community. This is a matter of great importance and we hope to see you present.

Yours truly,
R. W. GILL.

MAIL BOX TAMPERING MAY BE PROSECUTED

Complaints have been made that children have been tampering with rural mail boxes on some of the routes out of Gresham. Attention is called to the fact that it is a prison offense and that the government will impose the full penalty upon conviction.

Should any damage be done to a mail box except by accident, or should any article be missing from a box there is likely to be a complaint to the postoffice inspector who will be obliged to investigate. The raising or lowering of the flag "for fun," may involve serious consequences.

Read the Want Ads.



MISS MARIE TACHERON
May Day Exercises.

The students of Union High School No. 2 have chosen Miss Marie Tacheron queen to rule over their second May-day festival. Although May day is freshman class day and the freshmen make all other plans for the festival, the students of all four classes select the queen and join to do her honor.

The idea of celebrating May day as freshman class day was originated last year by the present sophomore class. The entertainment, which they presented on that occasion, to the students of the high school and their parents and friends, was so delightful that the school has thought their example worthy to be followed and has established the festival as an annual event.

The plans for their coming class

day have already been completed by the freshman class. They have selected May 1 for the event. On the afternoon of that day classes will be dismissed and all her loyal subjects will pay homage to Queen Marie. The full details of the celebration are deep secrets known only to the freshman class. They admit that they will follow the ancient and honored customs of crowning the queen and winding the May pole, and that there will be athletic events. They even wish it to be well known that there will be booths where hungry and thirsty people may satisfy their appetites for the small consideration of five or ten cents. Other plans they refuse to reveal.

The May day festival is not for the high school students alone. The friends and patrons of the school are most cordially invited to spend the afternoon of May 1 at the school and join in the celebration.

"A Rose o' Plymouth Town"

A ROMANTIC DRAMA IN FOUR ACTS

By the Senior Class, U. H. S. No. 2

AT REGNER'S OPERA HOUSE GRESHAM

Friday Night, April 20, 1917