

IN TRIBUTE TO THE SOLDIERS WHO WILL FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

"For the Purpose of Doing Honor to the Boys Who Have Met the Call of their Country"

"I now pledge to the flag of my country my undivided allegiance, and will respond to my country's call and will perform my full duty in whatever line I may be required."

Regner's opera house held the largest crowd of people last night that was ever inside its walls to do honor to the boys who have enlisted in the national cause.

Previous to the gathering the home guard assembled on Main street to the number of nearly a hundred and marched to the library, back around the fountain and counter-marched to the opera house where the patriotic exercises were held.

Mayor Stapleton presided, and in a brief address made known to the vast audience the significance of the gathering—"for the purpose of doing honor to the boys who have met the call of their country."

He then read the honor roll of thirty names, young men who have enlisted from Gresham and vicinity, and announced the subjects that would be taken up in the program.

The program as published on Friday last in the Outlook was changed somewhat to permit of an address by A. Rupert on one of the greatest needs of the present conflict—an adequate food supply. He emphasized the fact that the nation has no surplus wheat at this time, nor will have it after next harvest. The wheat supply in 1916 was 690,000,000 bushels but this year's estimates are only three-fourths of that quantity, hence the country must turn to other things to feed the army, ourselves and the allies that are even now looking to the United States for a food supply.

Mr. Rupert urged a greater production of potatoes, beans, and canned goods of every description as a means of lengthening the supply of grain, as well as the growth on a large scale of all other vegetables that may be needed or can be used at home.

Dr. J. M. Short explained the workings of the Red Cross society and told how a woman may become a member. He paid a high compliment to the women of Gresham upon their interest in the war but advised them to attend to the commissary department first.

The next speaker was Dr. Ward McHenry, who filled the place on the program that was to have been filled by Rev. Arthur F. Bishop. He was introduced by Mayor Stapleton with the statement that the war would be worth all it costs if it only brings to us a realization of our own extravagance. He drove home the ugly truth that the present needs are for the army, the navy and the allies, and suggested that the women of today should organize to go back to the simple life of forty or fifty years ago when there was less extravagance and when people lived closer to home ideals.

Dr. McHenry made the most important and lengthy address of the evening. He paid tribute to the patriotism and public spirit of Gresham people and followed with a preparation embodying the meaning of American ideals in the present world struggle. He described the German situation as a great bulwark of militarism, and said that this nation is not at war with the German people but with the beast and bully who must be thrashed.

"The time has come when the Monroe doctrine must be cast into the discard or become of world-wide application," he said, and exhorted each one of his hearers to stand firm against the iniquitous tyranny of a man who ranks himself as the supreme power of the universe in an effort to make his influence felt throughout the whole civilized world.

Other features of the entertainment were demonstrations by the boy scouts in first aid to the injured; salute to Old Glory; Captain C. O. Branson in snare drum features as employed in the army when he was a soldier. E. E. Chipman, who was coxswain under Admiral Dewey, was the flag bearer of the occasion. His loyalty is of the kind that won't be squeaked.

The musical and literary numbers, under the direction of Mrs. Ellen A.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS AT GRANGE SESSION

Multnomah grange No. 71, will meet in regular session Saturday, April 28, the program for the lecture hour will begin by a march the first thing after dinner, to place our sacks of money on the altar, each member having been sent a sack, and we hope they will all be there to bring them back. The subject for discussion is the garden, preparation of garden plot; the potato, how to grow, its value; the onion, best method of culture; the tomato, its commercial value; garden pests. Other numbers will be a song by Mrs. J. C. Duke and Mrs. Foth; paper, "Why is the plow considered the principal instrument on the farm?" Mr. Nashahn; solo by Mrs. Anderson; recitation, Zadia Ault; German song, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Foth; song, Zadia Ault, Zeldia Wilson. All are cordially invited and do not forget the birthday box, all who have birthdays in April, for there will be another one of those delicious cakes for the birthday guests. All patrons are especially urged to be present for we have a contest going now, beginning this month and lasting for four months, and you are all on one side or the other, and one side is going to win. The losing side will then furnish the banquet to them. We all want to be on the winning side at the present high cost of living so all come. Mrs. G. W. Alder is the lecturer.

Meeting at Fairview.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association will be held at the schoolhouse next Friday afternoon, April 27. County Superintendent W. C. Alderson has been invited to make the address of the afternoon. An interesting musical program has been planned and refreshments will be served. All patrons and friends of the school are invited to attend.

Pomeroy, were carried out without fault, a special feature of the occasion was the red, white and blue drill by fifteen little girls in charge of teachers of the grade school.

Just at the close, and while everyone was in full thrill of patriotic enthusiasm, Mayor Stapleton read the pledge that heads this column and asked all who would subscribe to it to rise to their feet. The response was instantaneous and unanimous.

Great features of the musical program was the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America" by the entire audience while standing. Miss Gladys Neal played the full tunes upon the piano while they were being sung.

The hall decorations were American flags, gracefully festooned and displayed upon the stage and walls. They were put in place by a committee of Gresham women. The flags were loaned for the occasion by patriotic citizens to whom the committee wishes to extend their sincerest thanks.

The local enlisted young men from this locality who were present were the following:

Gerry Reynolds, Co. H, 3d Ore. Inf. Clark Stillion, Co. B, 3d Ore. Inf. Fred Davis, Co. 8, Coast Artillery. Alton L. Lovelace, Co. B, 3d Ore. Infantry.

Guy D. Jones, Co. B, 3d Ore. Inf. Ralph Kaddery, Co. B, 3d Ore. Inf. Raymond Humason, Co. H, 3d Ore. Infantry.

E. W. Eastman, Co. B, 3d Ore. Inf. Leslie St. Clair, Co. 7, Coast Artillery.

Considerable enthusiasm was shown by the large audience when after the meeting opened about a dozen regulars from the guard detachments near by came straying in. They were most welcome and all the courtesies of the evening were extended to them. They gave unmistakable evidence that it was an evening of rare enjoyment. They gave their names as follows:

Corporals Samuelson, Schnell, Dunn; Privates Baker, Bracher, Peters, Christensen, Sabiston, Weston, White and Wilson.

At the conclusion of the program a treat was given the enlisted boys and visiting soldiers in the shape of a lunch at Belt's Confectionery. It was a good substantial lunch and about thirty in all were provided for by voluntary contributions of interested citizens. After the refreshments many of the soldiers and other young people repaired to the hall for an hour of dancing. Music was furnished by the members of the Stepping orchestra.



Star Spangled Banner

Recently Designated as the National Anthem.

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there,
Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner, oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
And where is the band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution,
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the wild war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation,
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

STAPLE CROPS DESIRED

The second meeting of the local committee to encourage increased production in eastern Multnomah county of the staple crops which are now and will in the future be most in demand was held last Sunday afternoon and several interesting and important matters were taken under consideration.

E. S. McCormick reported that he had secured about 100 pupils of the Gresham grade school to do gardening on vacant lots and suitable ground had been promised them.

Some members who were present at the first meeting of the committee who had been assigned territory to cover in a general canvass to list unused tracts and find out on what conditions they could be utilized are working on the matter but were not ready to report.

A general discussion was had as to varieties of seeds best to plant and availability of fertilizer materials.

The fertilizer problem is one of the most difficult to solve. Yet it is advised that it is better to grow practically double the amount of produce on a given area by fertilization and intensive cultivation than to use double the needed area and produce an inferior crop. The effort should be to increase production and improve the quality.

For most of those in town cultivating small tracts, barn yard manure is scarcer than hens' teeth, but ashes, nitrate of soda, land plaster and any good general commercial fertilizer can be had and, wisely used, will far more than pay for itself in the one year's crop.

In regard to the varieties the following recommendations are made: Cabbage—Round Head, Danish Balthead.
Carrots—French or Danver's Half Long.

Onions—Oregon Yellow Danvers, White Silver Skins. This last variety is especially good for pickling, and should be sown thick, so they will grow small. About 1 1/2 pounds of seed to the acre.

Beans—Canning varieties: Burpee Stringless, Refugee and Kentucky Wonder. Field varieties—White Navy, Martha Washington. The California tree bean is especially recommended. It was said that John Strebin had been experimenting with beans and could give valuable suggestions.

Peas—The Alaska and American Wonder. Also the Telephone for a tall grower.

Corn—Canning varieties: Golden

Weather Forecast for Week Beginning Sunday, April 22.

Pacific States: Generally fair weather, except occasionally showers along the north Pacific coast, with temperature somewhat below the seasonal average.

To remove ink from white clothes, soak spot in sour milk, then wash as usual.

Bantam, Golden Cream, Early Evergreen, Early Crosby. Market varieties: Portland Market, Early Minnesota, Peep of Day, Howling Mob.

Beets—Any good blood turnip beet.

Potatoes—For canning: Netted Gem or any good white potato. Among the best are American Wonder and Burbanks.

Cucumbers—For pickles the seed should be gotten of the pickle factories. For home use: Boston Pickling, White Spine, Long Green.

Pumpkins and squash will be in great demand it is said and are profitable to grow.

Such things as Broccoli and Brussels' sprouts will find a ready market but are not suited for a summer crop as they mature early the second year.

This list does not mention the many table vegetables that almost any one can grow and should grow for home use. The object of the committee's work is to recommend what will not only be profitable to grow for home consumption but what can be sold at a profit.

For the school children, especially the first aims should be to grow something to eat. If this is well done there will be something to exhibit at the fair. Then the third idea is to make a profit on one's labor and have something to help meet the urgent demand for food products.

The committee consists of the following:

G. N. Sager, Pleasant Valley. John Sieret, Lusted and Orient. D. W. Towle, Terry. Benj. Cameron, E. S. McCormick, Gresham.

Wm. Peterson, Powell Valley. Mrs. Farris, Gilbert.

W. C. Lawrence, Lynch. Ray Gill, Russellville.

S. B. Hall, Fairview. Mrs. Hatfield, Troutdale.

G. C. Gossett, Buckley. Mrs. Jelkin, Rockwood.

O. W. Tarr, Melrose.

It is desired that each one, calling on such assistance as may be necessary in their several localities, prepare a list of unused tracts which are available and could be cultivated, giving the owner's name and address if possible, size of tract, conditions on which it could be used whether donated or for what rental price and terms.

The next meeting of the committee will be next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Gresham city hall when all are urged to be present.

Dr. J. E. Clannahan was best man at a notable wedding in Portland last Thursday, when Miss Gladiolus Cuddy became the bride of Dr. Carl P. Retzlaff and Miss Daphne Cuddy was wedded to Dr. Arthur J. Aberg. The event was also the celebration of the 38th wedding anniversary of the parents of the brides, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cuddy. Mrs. J. N. Clannahan was a guest at the wedding.

CONCESSIONS TO BE MADE FOR COMING CHAUTAUQUA SESSION

LARGEST SMELT RUN EVER IN SANDY RIVER

Millions of the delicious smelt are running again this week in the Sandy river and are being caught by the ton. They showed themselves on Friday night and the local telephones were kept busy for several hours by Troutdale people who were glad to spread the news. Bright and early Saturday morning there were hundreds wending their way to Troutdale from all over eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties, and the war was on.

Wagon loads were scooped out in dipnets, many of them being made of old cans, bird cages and other improvisations suitable for the occasion. Several dealers from Portland, who had heard the news, came out and took away several tons. Local fishermen sold vast quantities for a cent a pound and everybody who cared to had a royal feast on the silvery smelt.

Nor was the game warden ignorant of the fact that everybody was catching fish. Two of them came but from Portland to impress upon the fishermen that they were violating the law. They even collected a dollar each from all who had no anglers' license—a proceeding which played into the hands of the dealers by causing many persons to buy fish instead of having the enjoyment of catching them.

Sheriff Hurlburt heard of the matter and got busy. He telegraphed Governor Withycombe and the latter issued an order suspending the fishing law as far as catching smelt in the Sandy was concerned, and then Sheriff Hurlburt told everybody to go to it.

On Sunday there was a great rush. Thousands were there and the sport never was greater. Autos and teams lined the roads and every vehicle went away loaded. It was a gala day, and incidentally there was a big tumble in the high cost of living. The butchers complained that their sales fell off, and some of them were known to take a sackful of smelt home for a change of diet at their own tables.

The P. R. L. & P. Co. had an advertisement in the Sunday papers which attracted large crowds by rail. Portland was more largely represented than the country. Fish went to Portland in sackful lots, the markets were flooded yesterday and everybody with a nickle could feast on smelt as never before.

The run still continues and may last all this week. There will be dried smelt in many households all next winter in consequence of the greatest run ever known in the Sandy, and to that extent there will be a saving in the cost of meats.

DON'T FORGET THE GOOD ROADS RALLY

Governor Withycombe and Highway Commissioners Benson, Thompson and Adams are included in the list of speakers for the State-wide Good Roads rally to be held in Portland, Saturday, April 28. The committee in charge of the gathering also plans to have five-minute talks by a number of mayors from various Oregon cities.

Representation at the meeting will be unlimited. Every club and organization throughout the state that is interested in good roads and is favorable to the road bond bill has been invited to send as many representatives as find it possible to attend the rally.

The railroads have granted a special rate of one and one third fare for the round trip, based on the certificate plan, for those attending the meeting. Reports from throughout the state indicate that the attendance will be large.

FIVE LODGES TO MEET FOR ANNIVERSARY

The Odd Fellows' anniversary celebration at Boring next Saturday evening will be largely attended by the members of the order from Gresham, Sandy, Estacada and Rockwood; also by the Rebekahs of those places. It is for the members of those lodges, only, not for the public, but visiting members from other towns will be welcome.

A special car will leave Gresham for Boring at 7:30, returning after the exercises. Five different lodges will furnish a part on the program.

To cut new bread try using a knife which has been dipped in very hot water.

Pledges being Secured so as to Reduce the Cost of Season Tickets and Daily Admission

There is a prospect for a lower rate for season admissions to the Gresham Chautauqua this season than prevailed last year. With a charge of \$2.50 for season tickets the attendance was not as large as it would have been at two dollars, a fact that was fully realized when the guarantors had to raise an extra sum last year after the session was over in order to wipe out the deficit.

Realizing this the Ellison-White Chautauqua System has offered the Gresham association a concession, which, if taken advantage of, will not only realize the guaranteed sum of \$1000, but will fill the big tent to overflowing at everyone of the twelve entertainments. The offer of the Ellison-White managers reads as follows:

Portland, Ore., April 16.

To the Gresham Chautauqua, Gresham, Oregon.

If it is thought advisable for you to sell a \$2.00 Chautauqua season ticket and you feel that you can sell 500, making your guarantee of \$1000, this will be agreeable to the Ellison-White Chautauqua System, and we will have \$2.00 Chautauqua tickets printed but we must know this not later than April 26th, or we will continue the ticket at \$2.50 and give you 25 per cent of all over the first 400 season tickets sold. Furthermore on vote of the association, we will make the uniform admission 25 cents for all afternoon programs and 50 cents for the evenings, children 15 cents in the afternoon and 25 cents in the evening, your committee to let us know definitely on these points by Thursday the 26th.

ELLISON-WHITE CHAUTAUQUA SYSTEM.

J. S. HURD.

This matter will be fully discussed at the meeting of the Gresham association to be held next Wednesday evening, April 25, at the library, to which every guarantor and those who signed for tickets last year should be present.

The offer means that all season tickets will be but two dollars each, and those who signed for them last June expecting to pay will get the benefits as well as those who will buy them up to the date of the Chautauqua, which will be June 6th.

A further agreement is being circulated which reads as follows:

We, the undersigned, residents of eastern Multnomah county, in order to assist in financing the 1917 Chautauqua to be held at Gresham June 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, hereby agree to take five season tickets at \$2 per ticket and to pay for same on or before May 15, 1917.

It is hoped by this means to raise the entire guaranty by the 15th of May. At the close of the sessions last June 104 persons signed up for 182 tickets at \$2.50 each. A large number of persons has already signed the agreement and there is little doubt of its success.

Another concession by the Ellison-White people will secure a larger attendance but will not increase the revenue. The tickets will be transferable in families so that one ticket will admit more than one person of the same family if they come separately. Thus a man may attend one session and his wife another. The day tickets at 25 cents and evening tickets at 50 cents, for all entertainments, will also stimulate attendance.

Senior Play a Success.

The Senior play, "A Rose o' Plymouth Town," which was staged at Regner's opera house on Friday night, was very creditable presented by the cast and added fresh laurels to the director, Miss Mae Williamson, of Portland, who was the director of the junior and eighth grade plays recently given. It is especially gratifying to note the high class of the production, which the young people are giving.

In Friday's night's play, a comparatively small number of actors took part, and each had a large amount to learn and present, and all did their parts well. The stage was painted especially for the occasion and the costumes were quaint and pleasing.

The Aryan is Triangle's latest release, featuring William S. Hart. He more than lives up to his world-wide reputation won for him in "Hell's Hinges". A better, bigger, greater western play was never screened. Smith's Theater, Wednesday and Thursday, April 25 and 26. Admission 10c and 15c.—Ad.

It pays to use Gromore Fertilizer. Sold in 25 lb. bags and 2 lb. cartons at L. L. Kidder Hdwe. Co.