

AN INCREASED ACREAGE AND MORE FOOD

The complete report of the County Defense Council as a result of the meetings held throughout Multnomah county on Saturday evening May 12 has been sent to the governor's office. The report is not as complete in any feature as it should have been for the reason that some districts were not represented, and in those that held meetings the attendance was not full.

The total number of farmers reporting was 268, representing 2973 acres in cultivation this year with a promise of 4943 acres next year.

It is a matter of congratulation that there is enough seed in the county for every need, yet some of the farmers have been asking for supplies. The first reports were in more than two weeks ago and the needs have probably been supplied by this time, but then the following seed needs were recorded: Beans, 179 pounds; potatoes, 3025 pounds; clover, 75 pounds; oats, 184 bushels.

Fourteen pieces of machinery were among the needs recorded—two mowers, two threshers, three discs; three cultivators; one hay rake; one block and tackle; one spray outfit; one potato digger. Eighteen of the farmers needed farm help at once and 74 will be required during harvest.

The usual crop acreage has been increased this year by 1979 acres over last. The 268 farmers reporting made a showing of 2873 acres previously, but this year there are 4943 acres in cultivation. The present acreage is as follows: Fall wheat 157 acres; spring wheat, 165 acres; oats, 1190 acres; barley, 156; corn 371; potatoes, 1231 acres; hay, 1596 acres; beans, 173 acres. The greatest increase is recorded in the potato acreage which has gone from 442 acres last year to 1231 acres this year.

There has been a falling off in dairy cows during the past year, the present number reported being 1201 against 1314 a year ago. Dairy calves have increased from 275 to 554; beef cattle went from 169 to 235, while other cattle than breeding stock are now 92 against 55.

Hogs have shown a decrease of 328 in a year. Brood sows have gone from 143 to 113. Feeding hogs went down from 1086 to 788. Breeding ewes went up from 109 to 478, while other sheep increased from 40 to 381. Brood mares are now 68 against 38, while other horses have made a gain, growing from 307 to 475.

Poultry shows a healthy increase in numbers, the present count being 24,280 against 13,556 a year ago.

There were 69,900 pounds of seed potatoes for sale, 70 pounds of seed beans, 46,200 pounds seed oats and 2069 pounds of garlic. No report was made on food crops for sale.

GILBERT STUDENT WINNER OF WATCH

After nearly three hours of interested attention the judges in the county spelling contest at the Central library last Saturday awarded the gold watch donated by Staples the jeweler to Miss Verna Stark of the Gilbert school.

The assembly hall was filled to overflowing by teachers, pupils and their parents from the county districts. The published program was a part of the exercises, and it is gratifying to know that the Troutdale school with its gypsy band and Rockwood's representative, Miss Winifred Tegart carried off the greatest share of applause. All eighth grade graduates received certificates of promotion.

PIANO AND VIOLIN STUDIO OPENS SATURDAY

Annie W. and Stuart A. Chase will open their studio in Regner's hall next Saturday, June 2, at 8 o'clock and will be pleased to see any who wish to make arrangements for lessons in violin or piano. —Ad

MEMORIAL TO BE OBSERVED BY VETERANS

The observance of Memorial Day—tomorrow—by M. A. Ross Post, G. A. R., will serve to remind the people of what they owe the veterans. The part to be taken by the Women's Relief Corps is only incidental, for it was upon the men that the greatest burden fell at the time they were needed, yet the women are entitled to a large share of the consideration felt for a fast-vanishing body of veterans who fought for the preservation of the union.

The weather will probably be favorable for the parade from the fair grounds to the grange hall. The line of march is short and is, in itself, sad proof that the boys in blue are growing old. They will march but a quarter of a mile when they fall in behind the life and drum. The route will be direct.

Other patriotic bodies will be represented such as may be made up by the citizens marching as the Home Guard, boy scouts or other civic organizations. The parade will start from the band stand in the fair grounds, weather permitting at 10 o'clock with Mayor George W. Stapleton, leading the procession as marshal of the day.

The program published in the Outlook last Friday will be given at the grange hall under the supervision of the Women's Relief Corps. The patriotic address will be given by Rev. I. B. Self. The other numbers of the program will be patriotic, in keeping with the occasion. Mrs. Janet M. Grant will read the orders, having been substituted for Thomas Glinder.

Not since they were mustered out of service have the veterans faced a more momentous crisis than the one confronting the nation. This is the first time since the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic that Memorial Day has come while the nation was at actual war, unless the brief war with Spain can be counted. This time the situation is more grave and threatening, but the nation will depend upon the sons of the veterans and all the others in khaki to uphold the dignity of the flag and again march home triumphant. In their valor lies the perpetuity of the G. A. R. or its prototype.

M. A. Ross Post was formerly an institution of Pleasant Home where annual reunions were held for several years. The last reunion there was held in September, 1898, the year of the Spanish-American war, and continued for three days. Large crowds attended and many notable speakers were heard. Among them was Oregon's present governor James Withycombe, Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunaway, Mrs. Lucy Addison and others not now recalled.

Three or four years later the Post moved to Gresham and its last reunion was held in the fair ground grove. Interest had fallen off and the affair was not the success it had formerly been. Some of the leading spirits had passed away and less enthusiasm was shown, but it was considered fairly successful.

Perhaps the full strength of the Post will not be out tomorrow, but if the ranks are thin and only a corporal's guard is in the line, do not attribute it to anything but the erosion of time on a group that is yearly growing fewer in numbers. Cheer them as they pass, lift your hats to Old Glory and be proud that you had such valiant defenders when defenders were needed. And breathe a hope that the present defenders may receive the honors and ovations that are now being bestowed upon the Grand Army of the Republic for some of them will be marching fifty years from now as these men will march tomorrow.

A. J. Webber of the Webber Academy of Music is endeavoring to see all who have contracts signed by A. J. Montgomery and has made arrangements to meet any such at the Maccabee hall at Rockwood on next Sunday at 2 o'clock.

UNION HIGH CLOSING PROGRAMS

The closing features of Union High School No. 2, are going to be on an elaborate scale. The senior-junior banquet will be held tonight in the gym and domestic art room. There will be an elaborate menu never before approached in elegance and service and other features of an entertaining nature which cannot be made public in advance.

Three scholarships have been awarded to students of the high school. Ernest Quesinberry is the recipient of a scholarship in the college of liberal arts of Willamette University. Frank Brown was awarded his choice of six colleges in the Oregon Conference of Colleges. He may make his preference of either Albany College, McMinnville College, Pacific College, Pacific University, Philomath College or Reed College. Miss Eckford Cameron gets an honor scholarship in Whitman College at Walla Walla.

The senior class day program will be given in the high school assembly room Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. It follows:

Big Ben	Allen
Wayside Chapel	Wilson
Orchestra	
Class Poem	Robert Hendricks
Class History	Eckford Cameron
"Woodland Croon Song"	Clutsam
Girls' Chorus	
Class Prophecy	Frank Brown
Class Artist	Ernest Quesinberry
"Schools Days"	Lohr
Boys' Quartet	
Class Will	Clyde Ruegg
Presentation of Staff	Della Hughes, '17
Acceptation of Staff	Merrill Good, '18
"Blow Soft Winds"	Vincent
Girls' Chorus	
Presentation of Class Picture	Della Hughes
Acceptation of Class Picture	Geo. W. Stapleton, Chairman of Board
"America I Love You"	Gotter
Orchestra	
Commencement Day program will be a high grade effort, when J. H. Ackerman, president of the Monmouth Normal school will deliver the graduating address. This program will be given at Regner's opera house next Friday evening, June 1, at 8 o'clock. It follows:	
Home Circle Overture	Schlepegrell
Processional—"Charge of Hussars"	Spindler
Orchestra	
Invocation	Rev. A. C. Brackenbury
Solo—"A June Morning"	Willbey
Edella Towle	
Address	President J. H. Ackerman
Violin Solo—"Souvenir"	Franz Drdla
Leisla Ruby	
Presentation of Class	Principal Elmer F. Goodwin
Presentation of Diplomas	George W. Stapleton
Chairman School Board	
"Twilight Reveries"	Schuman
Mixed Chorus	
Congratulatory Address	Co. Supt. W. C. Alderson
Recessional—Caramba March	Lauredean
Orchestra	

W. C. T. U. PROGRAM WEDNESDAY EVENING

A patriotic concert under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. will be given in Regner's hall Wednesday evening, May 30 at 8 o'clock. A large chorus assisted by Mr. W. Gorsage and Mr. Fred Fieldhouse ably directed by Mrs. A. C. Brackenbury, and various numbers of high merit make an entertainment which you cannot afford to miss. No charge will be made for admission but a silver offering will be taken for the work already begun for our soldiers and sailors.

The committee has prepared an exceptionally fine program including national hymns of allied nations and stirring songs by a chorus of thirty voices, solos and male choruses, violin and orchestra music. The committee is composed of Mrs. M. Schneider, Mrs. G. W. Stapleton, Mrs. Geo. F. Honey, Mrs. A. J. W. Brown and Mrs. C. E. Rusher. Mrs. A. C. Brackenbury will conduct the concert. Following is the program:

Music by Orchestra	
(a) "Hail Columbia"	
(b) "America I Love You"	
Chorus	
Solo	"Land of Hope and Glory"
A. J. W. Brown	
"Marseillaise" (French National Hymn)	Chorus
Solo	"My Own United States"
Jackson Jones	
"Russian Hymn" (National)	Chorus
Reading	Miss Henrietta Honey
"The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground"	Male Chorus
Short Address	Mayor Geo. W. Stapleton
Solo	"Keep the Home Fires Burning"
C. E. Rusher	
"Italian National Hymn"	Chorus
"God Save the King" (British National Anthem)	Chorus
Offering	
Violin Selection	Miss Leisla Ruby
(a) "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"	
(b) "The Star Spangled Banner"	
Chorus	
Members of the chorus—Sopranos—Mesdames Jas. Elkington, Karl J. Hagberg, E. E. Welling, W. E. Bates, C. E. Rusher, A. D. Bosserman, Misses Edella Towle, Gladys Neal, Benema Mathews, Mrs. R. J. Wuner, Miss Bettis.	
Altos—Mesdames Chas. Latourell, J. N. Cianahan, A. J. W. Brown, Myrtle Meyers, H. L. St. Clair, Misses Kate Bratzell, Mildred St. Clair.	
Basses—Messrs. S. E. Palmquist, H. J. Pulfer, G. W. Stapleton, Glenn Rusher.	
Tenors—Messrs. A. D. Bosserman, B. C. Altman, E. W. Aylsworth, C. E. Rusher, D. M. Roberts, Dr. J. E. Cianahan, A. J. W. Brown.	

GOOD ROADS MEETING AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

Attention is called to the great roads meeting to be held at Regner's opera house tonight. Mayor Stapleton will preside. The principal speaker will be E. J. Adams, road commissioner, John B. Yeon and Ex-Governor Bowerman. Everyone is invited to be there, whether in favor of good roads or otherwise.

ALL STORES CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY

All stores in Gresham will be closed tomorrow, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day. Those needing supplies should get them tonight before closing time, as none of the stores will be open during business hours.

VERDICT FOR J. H. WILSON WAS VICTORY

GRESHAM, May 28. Editor Outlook:—The case of James H. Wilson against Multnomah county, which was being tried for four days last week in the Circuit Court, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$500, together with costs of some \$300. This amount is small compared with the sum of \$13,400 sued for, but it is a large amount compared with the sum of \$1 which the county authorities offered Mr. Wilson for taking his land, destroying his roads and ruining his farm on the Sandy river near the Portland Automobile club.

Judge Bingham, recently elected to the bench for the Salem district and who presided at the trial of this case, gave Multnomah county the benefit of his doubts at every point in the trial. The court excluded from the jury evidence of the value of the two acres of the plaintiff's land taken for right of way, and this, notwithstanding the fact that, though Mr. Wilson failed to see a lawyer for three months' past the time for appealing from the county court to the circuit court, the county authorities took the course of appropriating the land to its own use instead of prosecuting a condemnation suit in the circuit court as the law in such case required, wherein Mr. Wilson was yielding land the second time for purposes of the same road service.

This ruling of the court shook the foundation of the plaintiff's case from the first; and when the court also barred evidence of permanent injuries to Wilson's sixty-five acres of up-land on account of the destruction of ingress and egress, but limited the same to what damages might, within the bounds of possibility and the course of county events, be repaired in the future, the jury, who were inclined to be fair with Mr. Wilson, had little foundation for a verdict larger than \$500 and costs.

Nevertheless the plaintiff, Mr. Wilson, having lost to the county two acres of his five-hundred-dollar land on account of their misappropriation of the same, will yet receive every dollar that is due him for three and one-third acres of his valuable land yet to be taken and damaged by the county officials for their proposed outlet on to the old and new roads, which outlet Roadmaster Yeon and the county commissioners first said they would build, then ordered it off and now they say it is on again. Though District Attorney Evans and Assistant Roadmaster Knolls claim that the recent repeal and re-enactment of the road laws have legalized instead of penalizing the appropriation of private property without payment of compensation in advance contrary to the state constitution, there seems to be something wrong about that, "something rotten in Denmark"; so Mr. Wilson has erected trespass notices and, while he has already donated land from his place for the making of three different roads, he, like Mr. I. N. Day who says he will defend his property rights through all the courts, will not give any more of his property to the county without advance payment of just and adequate compensation.

All sympathy is with and credit is due to James H. Wilson, a civil war veteran and venerable Christian gentleman and Oregon pioneer, who with his neighbor, Mr. A. B. Conrad, with my legal assistance, succeeded in curbing the spectacular career and checking the rush of the county roadmaster who operating his steam roller as he says without pay, but with the county commissioners, district attorney and the peoples' millions under his control, was determined to put a Columbia River highway, (not one but two), on either side of the Sandy river wholly and solely for city and scenic purposes and regardless of the waste of millions of county funds and thousands of damages to abutting, country property owners.

In this case which has just been decided and may not be appealed, Mr. Wilson has won, though his recovery was small, a great moral victory.

MILO C. KING.

WAR CENSUS DAY TO BE A HOLIDAY

By official proclamation of Governor Withycombe, War Census day, June 5, will be a legal holiday throughout the state of Oregon.

In his proclamation the governor calls upon every patriotic citizen to assist in the big task of registering all men of military age, and to make War Census day an event memorable in the state's history.

The proclamation follows in full:

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the President of the United States has designated June 5, 1917, as the day upon which our citizens shall register in accordance with the provisions of the selective draft law, and

Whereas, on this day we face a gigantic task, new in our national history and one whose proper conduct can only be attained through the united co-operation of every citizen, and

Whereas, it is vitally desirable that the registration be accomplished with thoroughness and dispatch, both as a testimonial to the efficiency of our democracy and as a moral example stimulating to our allies and depressing to our adversaries, and

Whereas, it is especially fitting that the occasion be made one of patriotic festival fittingly celebrating the Nation's unity and the willingness of its citizenship to serve our flag and to make sacrifice, if needs be, in a righteous cause,

Now, Therefore, I, James Withycombe, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the state of Oregon, do proclaim Tuesday, June 5, 1917, as War Census Day, and I do further declare it a legal holiday, believing that by so doing the purposes above set forth will best be served. And I call upon the patriotic men and women of Oregon, and their sons and daughters, to make of this day an occasion memorable in the history of our state, marking, as it does, a great forward step in the efficient utilization of our manhood upon the side of democracy and justice in the world war, to the end that world peace may the sooner be restored and permanently assured.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hands and caused the seal of the state of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this 26th day of May, 1917.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE,
Governor.

War Census day is Tuesday, June 5. It will be a legal holiday.

Every male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, must register. This includes aliens, as well as men who are sick or crippled. Exemptions from military service will be determined later.

Register in your home voting precinct. Booths at regular voting places will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Absentees must register before War Census day at the office of the county clerk of the county in which they happen to be.

Men of military age who are sick must send a competent person to the office of the county clerk to arrange for their registration.

The penalty for failing to register, or for giving false, misleading or incorrect answers, is imprisonment without option of fine.

If you are yet under 31, by one day only, you are subject to registration.

WOMEN DIVIDE CAKES WITH SOLDIER BOYS

Six auto loads of Gresham W. C. T. U. women and a few others went to Camp Withycombe last Friday on a visit to the 150 men of Co. B, Third Oregon Infantry, stationed there under command of Capt. F. M. West. The company is composed mostly of high school and college boys and some of them are from Gresham or its immediate vicinity.

The women went provided with a treat for the soldiers. It was in the form of seventeen cakes which were impartially divided among them, allowing each man two generous slices on their plates in the mess tent. The treat was highly appreciated by the men who gave the women "three cheers and a tiger" led by Captain West.

This is the first time that Co. B has received attention to such an extent, although it is common for localities to visit their own soldier boys. Captain West gave the visitors a very cordial welcome and thanked them for their visit and remembrances. Captain West was seen to be very much admired by those of his command.

Many witty exclamations accompanied the reception of the cakes which were spread on four long tables. One of the boys was overheard to remark: "Gee, and think of the price of flour."

The women were delighted with their reception and appreciation of their visit by both officers and men.

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