

## DEPARTMENT EXAMS FOR LONG ROUTES

Not long ago the Outlook printed a call for a rural letter carriers' examination from both Portland and Gresham. That call was later withdrawn but another has been issued for examinations to be held in Portland on October 27 for motor carriers at a salary of from \$1500 to \$1800 a year. The applicant will be required to guarantee that he can furnish and maintain a motor of 800 pounds capacity. Blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the local board at Portland, or from the Civil Service commission at Washington.

The withdrawal of the other call and substitution of this one was probably due to the fact that it is believed there are no eligibles for the new motor routes just established. The rules concerning them are as follows:

"Motor routes have compensations materially greater than the compensation of a route allowing the delivery of mail by other than motor vehicle, and, therefore, certification for such a vacancy cannot properly be made from a register established for a materially lower compensation, because of the higher compensation there has not been competition, as required by law.

"Examinations are held for motor routes established as a result of two or more existing routes or of added mileage or for vacancies on existing motor routes. Upon the establishment of a new route for which the department desires a certification of eligibles, it is the commission's practice to hold a new examination in order to give all qualified persons an opportunity to compete.

"Carriers now in the service will be given a credit of one-half of one per cent for each year's experience acquired in the position of regular carrier up to six years of such experience. Such carriers will be released from all age limitations."

According to these rulings none of the present rural carriers in this county may continue on the motor routes without passing this examination. Therefore they must all try for the positions now open. At least that is the apparent construction of the rules, but they do not seem to be fully understood, even at the Portland postoffice. It is presumed that there will be several applicants for the supposedly soon-to-be-vacant positions, and it is even possible that one or two new men may be seen on the jobs after the winners are certified by the commission.

There is said to be a difference between route A out of Portland and route A out of Gresham. It is claimed by some that the former is an entirely new creation while that one from this place is an extension only of an existing route. However that may be it is going to cause some worry to those now in the service until their status is settled.

All the rural routes had their service somewhat demoralized yesterday. There was no service at all along the Sandy road, although Lou Howard assisted by E. E. Chipman were supposed to be making an effort to serve the people. It was after 10 o'clock before Will Childers got away from Gresham to serve route A, and he was a long time making his district. Things will settle down in a few days, as soon as the carriers can get accustomed to their new duties. It is not altogether play to serve all the people on a route more than sixty-one miles long, but things will get easier for the carriers in a few days more.

To meet current war-time requirements and provide for future needs the United States navy department has contracted for 4,500,000 yards of woolen uniform cloth at an aggregate cost of more than \$16,000,000. These contracts constitute the largest purchase of woolen cloth ever made by the navy. Its manufacture will give employment to more than thirty woolen mills in twelve different states.

Australian manufacturers are planning to produce steel and tin plate and galvanized iron for local consumption, as there is a shortage of these supplies in the country and prevailing high freight rates prohibit the importation of almost all lines of goods.

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## NEW PASTOR NAMED FOR GRESHAM CHURCH

The Oregon Conference has adjourned. Methodist preachers and their wives and Methodist laymen from all over the conference are going to their appointments or returning to their homes. The meeting, which was held at Springfield, is said to have been one of the best and most harmonious in the history of the church in Oregon. It was a great inspiration to all who attended. This meeting is of great interest to all Methodists in the Outlook's large territory, and to many others not connected directly with that church.

Several important changes have been made, one of which is the removal of Rev. A. C. Brackenbury, who has served the Gresham church with conscientious faithfulness for the past two years, to Laurellwood church in Portland. The Gresham charge will be served by Rev. J. M. Brown, who has been at Dallas. Changes in several circuits were also made. Troutdale is no longer with the Fairview circuit, but with Pleasant Home. The new circuit includes Hiff and will be served by Rev. F. S. Ford. Rev. T. W. Adkinson will be the pastor of the Fairview circuit, which includes Rockwood. The Boring and Sandy charges are together, and will be served by Rev. G. A. Spiess. Rev. A. E. Calder goes to Clackamas and Rev. C. L. Hamilton to Montavilla. Rev. Melville T. Wire, for three years pastor of the Gresham Methodist church, has been returned to Grants Pass for the third year. Dr. T. B. Ford was reappointed district superintendent of the Salem district and Dr. James Moore of the Eugene district.

## ORDNANCE OFFICERS WANTED IMMEDIATELY

Men to serve as commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates in the ordnance department of the United States army are urgently needed, according to the government's latest call for volunteers. They must be of draft age or older, and must have college training or be "men of sufficient actual business experience to enable them to grasp the subject and be relied upon after completing the course." No other requirements are stated in the call.

The University of Oregon at Eugene has been designated as a training station for the course. The instruction of the first section will begin October 1. Plenty of applications have been received already but the government now wants new sections to be started every six weeks thereafter. Each class will be limited to fifty men, and these will be expected to devote their entire time to the training. The army's need is so urgent that the students showing the most aptitude will probably be called upon before the end of the six weeks.

The men will act as shipping clerks, stores clerks, balance of stores clerks, etc., at bases and field depots, and be responsible for buying, handling and accounting for munitions and military equipment. Thousands of lives will depend upon their accuracy and efficiency in getting ammunition and ordnance to the fighting lines and the War Department demands men who "are 100 per cent efficient."

## LARGE SUM RAISED FOR SOLDIERS' LIBRARY

The campaign for the soldiers' libraries which was carried on last week was very successful even though Gresham did not raise as much as the state committee had asked. The sum of \$62.35 was handed in by the several team captains. The committee in charge is exceedingly grateful to the captains for their work and to the donors for their gifts. The money raised will go directly to the purchase of books and magazines for the soldiers' libraries. These are public libraries and of course are absolutely free.

A story has been circulated that the soldiers have to pay admission to the camp libraries. That is altogether false. There is no charge connected with any public library and certainly not to those maintained for our soldiers and sailors. Indeed many of the public libraries are granting unusual privileges to the men in army and navy uniforms.

Collections of books and magazines are sent to the local library almost daily and are sent in to Portland to be shipped to the central distributing office.

Twenty-six railroads for the first week in September of this year reported earnings of \$12,640,460, a net increase of \$719,664 over the earnings of the same roads reported for the same period in 1916.

## REWARD IS OFFERED FOR DESERTERS

Every man who failed to report to his local exemption board for military service when notified to do so is listed in the army draft records as a deserter. A reward of \$50 in cash will be paid for the delivery of any such deserter to the nearest army camp or post.

Notification of this reward and instructions to begin at once a state-wide hunt to round up slackers of this type have been received by the Adjutant General from the Provost Marshal General at Washington.

The instructions emphasize that the reward will be paid over upon delivery of the deserter, regardless of whether he is able to prove later that his failure to report was not willful. The \$50 is to include expenses incurred in the delivery.

Though Oregon has a much better record in this respect than most other states, there are about 30 deserters, or \$1500 worth of this kind of slacker-deserter in the state at present, that number of men were called having failed to report to their local exemption boards. Their quick apprehension and delivery to the military authorities is on the program.

If ordinary methods do not prove adequate to run them down, individual descriptions and pictures of each man wanted will be sent out through the state. To permit one of these deserters to defy the call to military service would be unfair to every other man already drafted, or subject to draft.

The military authorities are desirous that every police officer and individual citizen as well join in the campaign to catch these deserters and turn them over to the military authorities for punishment.

Of course, there are some cases where failure to report may have been unavoidable. The government is determined to round up every deserter but it has no desire to be harsh with men who can prove that their failure to report was not willful.

"If, after such persons are brought to a military authority," say the instructions on this point, "it appears to the military authority that their delinquency is not willful, they will be forwarded to a mobilization camp and their local board will be given credit.

"If it appears that the delinquency was willful, they will be prosecuted before court martial as deserters.

"In either case the reward is payable."

## ROSS BROWN TO RETURN AS AGENT FOR RAILWAY

Changes in station agents and power plant operations at the O. W. P. depot and power station will return Ross Brown to Gresham as company agent. He has been freight agent at Oregon City for about six months past since being promoted from the Mount Hood depot, and will now become the successor to George W. Page, who resigned a few weeks ago to take a like position at Onalaska, Washington.

The O. W. P. station has been in charge of W. E. Bates since Mr. Page left, but he has moved to Portland and will go to the Sellwood substation when relieved here by Mr. Brown on Thursday next.

The Gresham substation will be in charge of E. Northrup commencing on Thursday. He will have an assistant by the name of McCarty. Mr. Northrup has rented one of the Heiney houses and will bring his family here. There is no longer any connection between the power and traffic departments of the P. R. L. & P. Co., and the two stations at the foot of Main street will be under separate management. For the present Mr. Brown will do his work alone.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank all the kind friends and neighbors who helped us in any way in our recent sad bereavement in the loss of our only son.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN HESLIN.

Dividend and interest payments this month will reach an estimated total of \$157,165,449, which represents a new high record for September, and compares with \$139,976,467 for September, 1916.

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## CAMPAIGN ON FOR SECOND BOND ISSUE

The second liberty loan campaign was formally opened yesterday by Secretary of the Treasury W. G. McAdoo who has sent broadcast the following circular letter appealing to all patriotic citizens for their support of the measure, and in helping to win the war. He says:

The congress of the United States has authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to sell to the American people bonds of the United States bearing four per cent interest; with valuable tax exemptions, and convertible under certain conditions into other issues of the United States bonds that may be authorized by the congress. The official circular of the Treasury Department gives full details.

There is now offered to the American people a new issue of \$3,000,000,000 of bonds to be known as the Second Liberty Loan. They will be issued in such denominations and upon such terms that every patriotic citizen will have an opportunity to assist the government by lending his money upon the security of a United States government bond.

It is essential to the success of the war and to the support of our gallant troops that these loans shall not only be subscribed, but over-subscribed. No one is asked to donate or give his money to the government; but everyone is asked to lend his money to the government. The loans will be repaid in full with interest at the rate of four per cent per annum. A government bond is the safest investment in the world; it is as good as currency and yet better, because the government bond bears interest and currency does not. No other investment compares with it for safety, ready convertibility into cash, and unquestioned availability as collateral security for loans in any bank in the United States.

People by thousands ask the Treasury constantly how they can help the government in this war. Through the purchase of liberty bonds every one can help. No more patriotic duty can be performed by those who cannot actually fight upon the field of battle than to furnish the government with the necessary money to enable it to give our brave soldiers and sailors all that they require to make them strong for the fight and capable of winning a swift victory over our enemies.

We fight, first of all, for America's vital rights, the right to the unmolested and unobstructed use of the high seas, so that the surplus products of our farms, our mines and our factories may be carried into the harbors of every friendly nation in the world. Our welfare and prosperity as a people depend upon our right of peaceful intercourse with all the nations of the earth. To abandon these rights by withdrawing our ships and commerce from the seas upon the order of a military despot in Europe would destroy prosperity and bring disaster and humiliation upon the American people.

We fight to protect our citizens against assassination and murder upon the high seas while in the peaceful exercise of those rights demanded by international law and every instinct and dictate of humanity.

We fight to preserve our democratic institutions and our sovereignty as a nation against the menace of a powerful and ruthless military autocracy headed by the German kaiser, whose ambition is to dominate the world.

We fight also for the noble ideal of universal democracy and liberty, the right of the smallest and weakest nations equally with the most powerful to live and to govern themselves according to the will of their own people.

We fight for peace, for that just and lasting peace which agonized and tortured humanity craves and which not the sword nor the bayonet of a military despot but the supremacy of vindicated right alone can restore to a distracted world.

To secure these ends I appeal to every man and woman who resides upon the soil of free America and enjoys the blessings of her priceless institutions to join the League of Patriots by purchasing a liberty bond.

## Lady Help Wanted.

Lady help wanted at Cannery at once. Good pay. Will pick up persons from distance. Phone 871.

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## W. C. T. U. IS WORKING ON 100 "HOUSEWIVES"

A letter received at the state W. C. T. U. headquarters from D. E. Russell of Co. B. Oregon Engineers U. S. A., Camp Greene, N. C., requests that one hundred "housewives" be rushed to them before they are ordered abroad, which will be in the near future. The Gresham Union has been asked to help make up the order, and accordingly have called a special meeting for this afternoon to finish and ship housewives on hand.

The Oregon W. C. T. U. is especially interested in taking care of our Oregon boys first, which the following clippings from the "White Ribbon" indicate:

"One hundred and eighty-two comfort bags were sent recently to the United States Naval Training station at Seattle, Washington, for Oregon naval militiamen. In acknowledging them Harold C. Jones says: 'The comfort bags sent to the men of Oregon are appreciated greatly by the men; they are convenient and practical. The fact that the men are being remembered means a lot to them and the thought that there is a band of loyal women at home thinking of them and willing to help them will make a lot of difference to the lads in the strenuous days to come.'

Major W. S. Gilbert calls often to express his thanks for the housewives, tea towels and gun cleaning cloths which are being sent by women over the state to the state headquarters, and by us forwarded for distribution to the Third Oregon. Major Gilbert is so anxious we shall keep up the supply that he has arranged for us to send articles to the Third Oregon after it leaves the state."

There will be no meeting of the local Union Thursday of this week. The usual Thursday meeting will be held next week, with plenty of material to keep all employed.

The state W. C. T. U. convention convenes this week, a report of which will be given at the next meeting.

## CAMPAIGN NOW ON TO THWART DISEASE

"What can be done to prevent the ravages of tuberculosis among troops sent from the west to help win the war?" Desire to furnish the answer to the question will bring the leading authorities on tuberculosis and anti-tuberculosis campaigns into conference in Portland, Oregon, October 15 and 16.

The Canadian troops returned because of tuberculosis numbered more than twice the estimates and hospitals have been taxed beyond capacity. Hotels, schools and other buildings have been taken over for the care of the quickly curable cases. Effort to cope with the situation has been handicapped because of lack of prepared facilities.

In France 150,000 tuberculosis soldiers have been returned from the trenches. Latent tuberculosis existed in many of the soldiers but it was not detected at the time of enlistment. Exposure, wet feet, soggy garments and other causes induced breakdown. It has been felt necessary in this country not to let haste of enlistments cause carelessness in detecting tuberculosis. Special provision must be made for prevention. A general outline of policy is expected to result from the conference in Portland. It is called under the auspices of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis by a committee of fifty prominent men and women from Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

## NATION NEEDS CLERKS AND OFFERS THEM JOBS

The U. S. Civil Service commission announces that an examination will be held in more than 2000 cities throughout the United States on October 25, 1917, for clerks with a knowledge of stenography and typewriting. This examination is open to both men and women, age limit, 18 years or over on the date of the examination.

There is special need for clerks, and clerks with a knowledge of stenography or typewriting in the government departments in Washington, D. C., at salaries ranging from \$900 to \$1200 per annum. All qualified persons are urged to apply for and take these examinations.

Persons who do not qualify in either stenography or typewriting and who pass the clerical test will have their names placed on the clerk register for consideration. In view of the needs of the government service, the Civil Service commission urges all qualified persons to at once apply for application and full information to Herbert F. Ward, District Secretary, Room 303, Postoffice Bldg., Seattle, Washington.

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## FAIR BOARD CLEANING UP YEAR'S WORK

Yesterday's meeting of the board of fair directors was a rather tame affair. Auditing of bills and expenses incurred during the late fair took up all the time except an hour or so devoted to settling disputes over awards made by some of the judges. A flagrant case was brought to the attention of the board wherein an entry from Portland in the domestic science division was said to be professional work although entered as an amateur production. The prize money had been held up pending an investigation. It was found that the articles were amateur but belonged to several different persons. The award was paid but the exhibitor was cautioned to make separate entries hereafter.

The secretary's report showed the sum of \$3158 having been received from all sources during the fair with about \$40 yet due from business firms holding concessions. A stack of bills was examined but not audited. They will be taken up at another meeting to be held on Monday, October 15.

President Lewis reported having won third prize at the state fair for the Multnomah county exhibit. The contest for first money was so very close that the first three were almost a tie and Multnomah county would have had first if some wormy apples had not been overlooked in the other two exhibits, winning first and second. When too late it was discovered that Multnomah's apples were free from worms while the others were affected. As there was no difference in the prize money, and the only difference was in the color of the ribbon it was not deemed necessary to precipitate a contest.

The six granges having exhibits at the county fair were made awards as follows:

Fairview—Premium, \$144.25, less entry fee of \$14.43. Awarded \$129.82.

Russellville—Premium, \$128.00, less entry fee, \$12.80. Awarded \$115.20.

Gresham—Premium, \$107.25, less entry fee, \$10.72. Awarded \$96.53.  
Multnomah — Premium, \$93.00, less entry fee, \$9.30. Awarded \$83.70.

Lents—Premium, \$77.00, less entry fee, \$7.70. Awarded \$69.30.

Rockwood—Premium, \$67.50, less entry fee, \$6.75. Awarded \$60.75.

The total amount awarded those six granges for their exhibits, less the entry fees, is \$555.30.

## BRIEF OBITUARY OF MRS. ISABELLE BURNS

Mrs. Isabelle Grant Burns, whose death was recorded in the last Outlook, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, January 15, 1884. She came to America nine years ago and to Gresham seven years ago. In November, 1916, she was married to John S. Burns, who with two little sons, is left to mourn a loving and faithful wife and mother. Two sisters and three brothers survive, all of whom are at a distance. When but a young girl in Scotland, Mrs. Burns was left motherless, with the care of her brothers and sisters. This responsibility she met faithfully and was both sister and mother to the younger children, who have only words of praise for her. Mrs. Burns was a member of the Presbyterian church.

No truer words can be said of Mrs. Burns, than to repeat the tribute paid her by a friend, as published in the last Outlook: "In the death of Mrs. Burns, this neighborhood has lost one of its most admired and best loved women, not so well known perhaps as some, but known only to be loved for her winsome ways."

The funeral, which has been delayed for the arrival of relatives, will be held at Hiff church on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the Rev. I. B. Self of Fairview officiating.

Excess reserves of the New York banks on September 8, were nearly \$75,000,000 higher than the low level of the previous and totaled \$87,097,430, against \$69,801,000 on September 9, last year.

## Market Hours Change.

On and after October 1, the Gresham Meat Market will close at 6:30 o'clock. After November 1, the closing hour will be 6 o'clock. Residence phone, 793.

A. J. W. BROWN, Proprietor.

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