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COUNTY FAIR MAY BE SOLD TO THE COUNTY

It was somewhat of a surprise to many persons when they read in Friday's Outlook that the fair board was negotiating the sale of the county fair to the county of Multnomah. The matter has been under consideration for two years by the fair board and the county commissioners and at the two last annual meetings of the county fair stockholders the board was given authority to make the transfer whenever it was found expedient to do so. There is also a state law giving the county commissioners full power to buy, organize and operate county fairs.

At the conference between the fair board committee and the county commissioners last Friday the matter was fully discussed and held over by the commissioners until the budget board meets in December. Until that time nothing will be done and preparations for next year's fair will go on just the same as in other years. In the event that the transfer is made the board of directors will probably be requested to manage next year's exposition under the supervision of the county, pending arrangements to be made later on.

Ten years ago the county fair was given a ten-year franchise by the town of Gresham. The town advanced the money with which to purchase the fair grounds with the understanding that ten fairs should be held and that the purchase price should be refunded to the city. Both of those terms have been complied with and the transfer to the county may now be made without any hindrance of cloud upon the title it will give. But the fair will remain here whether the county takes it over or not, and it will continue to receive state aid.

For next year there will again be \$3500 available for the payment of premiums. The county, if it owns the fair, will be in a position to increase that sum if it sees fit. Otherwise it will have to suffice as it did this year. But there are other reasons why the county could do more than the present owners. Those reasons were admirably stated by County Commissioner Muck in an interview wherein he said:

"The county could take over this organization and combine with it the poultry show, stock show, land products show and other independent exhibitions that are held in this county every year and make of them all one big exposition."

"Under the present law, the taxpayers of Multnomah county are taxed 1-20 of a mill annually for the support of county and district fairs throughout the state. This tax amounts in Multnomah county to from \$15,000 to \$18,000 each year. Out of this contribution this county received from the state for the support of the Gresham fair only \$2500 this year. Last year this county received only \$1500. If it is decided best for the county to take over the Gresham fair enterprise, this law should be changed by the next legislature so that all money for fair purchased by the county and expended in supporting and developing the fair."

MARY C. CHIDO DIES OF CANCER

Mrs. Mary C. Chido died this morning at her home a mile west of Gresham after a long illness. She had been afflicted with internal cancer and her death had been expected for several months.

Mrs. Chido was born in Italy on June 30, 1860. She leaves a family of several grown children besides her husband who is a well known farmer. Her funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Henry's Catholic church, with burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Everyone has something to buy or sell. Try an Outlook want ad.

COUNTY POOR FARM MAKES GOOD REPORT

The Multnomah County Farm is sustaining its reputation for paying its own way and making a profit besides. This year's business will run close around \$4000 as profit. Each month there has been consumed vast quantities of produce raised on the farm which has been charged up to the institution. In former years such produce was bought and paid for by the county, but since the farm became self-sustaining it has been steadily increasing its products until it now yields a profit equal to that of any other well-regulated farm of the same size in this part of the state.

Foreman John Denison made his monthly report for September to the county commissioners last week. It is as follows:

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| Milk and butter..... | \$ 533.33 |
| Fruit and vegetables..... | 293.84 |
| Pork..... | 287.18 |
| Chickens..... | 360.00 |
| Eggs..... | 192.25 |
| Produce sold..... | 11.50 |
| | \$ 1,321.74 |

September expense bills amounted to \$913.15, leaving a net balance of \$408.24 as the profits for the month. It must be understood that this showing does not refer to the whole institution with its several hundred patients and its management. That is another matter which does not pertain to the farm. The fact is that the farm is more than paying its own way to the extent of providing the institution with all those necessities and making a big profit besides.

SCHOOL FLAG TO BE RAISED THURSDAY

The Gresham grade school having raised a new flag pole and having secured a suitable flag will raise the same Thursday, October 18, at 2 p.m. Invitations have been sent to all the parents by the children. A short program will be given by the school on the lawn.

The program will consist of patriotic recitations and songs by the school children and their parents.

Professor Finley, the musical instructor will lead the singing. Theodore Brugger, chairman of the school board will preside. H. L. St. Clair, and Mrs. J. E. Elkington, president of the Parent-Teachers' association, will deliver short addresses.

Everyone who is interested in the welfare of the schools and the country is cordially invited to be present to spend a few moments with the children.

FAIR BOARD CLOSING THIS YEAR'S BUSINESS

Yesterday's meeting of the fair board was taken up with routine business concerning the late fair. All bills and other accounts were ordered paid and remaining fair board warrants will be sent out in a few days. Some bills have not been presented yet which the secretary would be glad to have as soon as possible.

The committee appointed to confer with the county commissioners was continued and a finance committee was named for the remainder of the year consisting of Miller, Brugger and Krueger.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, at which it is hoped to have all business matters cleaned up for this year. The annual stockholders' meeting will be held the first Monday in December.

COUNTY AGENT WERNER SELLS LIME TO FARMERS

Richard J. Werner, county agent of Clackamas county, was in Gresham for a few hours yesterday. He has taken up his new work with his customary vigor and has already interested a number of farmers in northern Clackamas in the idea of using lime on their soil. He sold three carloads at Clackamas, Boring and Sandy.

He is able to get the unadulterated stuff for about six dollars a ton, which is about one-half the price that the industrial agents sell it for. County Agent Hall also can furnish lime to farmers in this county, and those desiring it should see him about a supply.

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Half pound skeins, 4-ply sack twine, 30c, at L. L. Kieffer Hardware store.

LETTERS FROM BOYS IN FRANCE TELL OF IMPRESSIONS AND NEEDS

Several letters from Gresham soldier boys were received yesterday from "Somewhere in France." They bore postmarks as far back as Sept. 6, but were very welcome to their recipients as they left the boys in good health and fine spirits.

Four letters and one card were received by Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kern from their son Harold who is in the engineers corps. His letters are largely personal but there is much of interest in all of them. Following are a few extracts from them, the first being dated Sept. 6th:

At present we are digging ditch for water pipe. We really enjoy it for we have been so long tied down to sitting around and riding on a train or boat. And it beats drilling all to thunder.

This camp is a big one believe me. More buildings are going up every day and bath houses, wash racks, latrines, etc., are being built on a good-sized scale. In days to come, and of course we don't know how soon, there will be lots of troops here no doubt.

This is a beautiful country and everything here is O. K. We have what we call huts to live in. Frame buildings, good ventilation and plenty of room for 60 men in each. The water supply is somewhat low at present as our water is hauled in auto trucks, but in a few days the pipe line will be in and we can have lots of water for washing and bathing.

Received a second letter from you yesterday and enjoyed it immensely. Am surprised that Lee and Bert haven't been called yet. No, I don't suppose I will be liable to run across them.

Am glad to hear you are making a sweater for me. I can assure you it will be greatly appreciated, mother. No your letters are not censored, mother. Haven't been yet at any rate. Will tell you if they ever are censored.

Say, I understand now that you will have to pay postage on my letters to you. We understood at first that soldier's mail went free. You see the U. S. alone handles our mail. French officials have nothing to do with it and we are supposed to put on a two cent U. S. stamp. But I have no stamps anyway. No one has so guess you will have to pay the postage.

There is nothing I can tell you concerning ourselves or anything over here so am afraid I can never give you any news. Will say however that we have a fine location and we are all well and satisfied. We are being fed fine too, plenty to eat.

Under date of Sept. 10th he again writes:

Received a letter from Etsel Jones at Bremerton and addressed to American Lake, saying he would meet me the following Sunday and for me to be at home. I'll bet he didn't find me.

Now I don't want you to worry about me, mother, for we are far removed from the battle line and I could be no safer at home. Don't forget this and imagine me in danger. This is surely a beautiful part of France and will be great to winter in. Guess the climate here is much the same as at home.

Must confess I didn't know when your birthday came along. Genevieve never forgets, however. Shall surely appreciate the sweater you are making. Send some magazines or better still some tobacco.

For fear that you didn't get my last letter I will give you my new address:

H. A. Kern, B Co., 18th Eng. Ry., A. E. F. via New York.

That will cause my mail to reach me a few days sooner. This is my third letter to you from France. Also sent a post card. Sent some mail from England to you and also Roy's.

All I ever can say is everything is O. K. here. Carl Congdon and Kenneth Roberts are getting along good. You will have to wait until I return for the news I can't write.

Guess I will close now and go to bed. Forgot to mention that our Y. M. C. A. moved in a couple of days ago. They help us a lot.

Again on September 16th he wrote a long letter from which the following extracts are taken:

Dear Mother and Father: Received a letter from you yesterday dated August 2th so the mail service seems to be picking up a little. Will be glad when I begin receiving letters from you telling me that you are hearing from me. I have received all of your letters so far, so I hope you have received mine. I shall always write once a week anyway if possible, but I suppose we must expect to lose some letters in transit.

You spoke of Babe Thom and wife being in Gresham—said he was training at American Lake. I saw by the paper that he had received a second lieutenant's commission. We take the Paris edition of the New York Herald, also the N. Y. Tribune. We get them a day late and that is mighty little behind in comparison with news from home.

We are still trying to master the many art of using the pick and shovel. The ditches which are yet to be dug seem countless. Hope we get settled on our own kind of work pretty soon. Cannot believe that I had to give references to join a mere pick and shovel gang.

Has been very hot here especially today. A bunch of us went to church today. The priest spoke both French and English, he is a Frenchman of course. He gave us a fine little talk and after mass he took all of us boys into his house and gave us a glass of wine apiece. And oh, it was some wine.

I believe I have heard dad tell of the Irishman who liked the communion wine and said he could drink a quart of it for the Lord's sake. I felt very much the same.

The priest is a fine looking man of perhaps 35. His voice is great to listen to. He advised us to pray for the rest of our troops that they might cross the ocean safely, and announced that he would say a rosary at 3 p. m. today for that same purpose. We have arranged with him for communion next Sunday.

The churches here are very beautiful and only wish you could see them. The outside look old and uncareful for, buildings are all stone of course, but the interior is grand. If we had anything at home like it we would be very proud of it, let me tell you.

We have quite a number of visitors in camp this afternoon. Lots of French people are here giving us the once over. The French seem glad to see us and treat us fine.

Fred may be on his way over here now. Don't believe Lee and Bert will be called for some time. It does not seem to me from what I read and hear that they have any immediate need of their corps. Some of Fred's tribe are over here now but not his regiment.

We are very much broke, and worst of all out of tobacco. Say it is mighty tough to be without smoking. Any time you want to send me any Edgeworth tobacco or Camel cigarettes they will most certainly be highly appreciated. If you can't send any please say a short prayer. What tobacco we do get is French and we are trying to learn to like it.

Postmaster Roberts also received several letters from his son Kenneth who is at the same place as Harold Kern. The following is one of them given in full:

Dear Folks:—Well, we have arrived in France all O. K. without having to use any life preservers, and the parts of France which we have seen so far have repaid me for the trip and any hardships connected with it.

Of course we are not getting so much to eat that there is any danger of founding ourselves, but I have been able to get by so far, and it ought to get better as it's pretty hard to feed a bunch of men when they are traveling.

We saw the first sunrise since we left American Lake day before yesterday and its still with us.

The people in France, meaning the women, are as a whole about 200.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

All church services Sunday were well attended and were particularly helpful. The Sunday school program was carried out as announced, before a large audience and all numbers were well received. The new pastor, Rev. J. Montcalm Brown, is well received. His family is getting settled in the parsonage and he will soon be able to take up his outside pastoral duties. This is the season when all the organizations within the church elect officers and make plans for aggressive church work.

Perhaps the most important meeting recently held, was that of the Sunday school board, which met at the close of the program Sunday evening and elected officers. They are as follows: superintendent, Principal Elmer F. Goodwin of the high school; assistant superintendent, C. M. Harrison; secretary, Mervin Good; assistant secretary, Miss Marguerite Tacheron; social secretary, Miss Lettie Gregson; treasurer, N. O. Fuller; librarian and director of study courses, A. R. Lyman; superintendent of junior and primary work, Mrs. C. E. Rusher; chorister, C. E. Rusher; organist, Miss Gladys Neal. Adjournment was taken to next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when the teachers of the various classes will be elected.

At a recent meeting of the Epworth League, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Merrill Good; first vice president, Miss Hannah Lane; second vice president, Miss Marguerite Tacheron; third vice president, Miss Mabel Michel; fourth vice president, Glen Rusher; treasurer, Bayard Miller; secretary, Eva Tacheron; organist, Miss Mildred St. Clair; assistant organist, Miss Marguerite Tacheron; chorister, C. E. Rusher. Plans are being made for the installation of officers next Sunday evening.

The officers of the Home Missionary society again call attention of its members and friends to the contributions of clothing and food which they are gathering for the Portland Industrial Home and the Salem Old Peoples' Home, and request that contributions be left with Mrs. Mary Leslie or be taken to the church on Tuesday, October 23, when the packing will be done. Note the change in date of this meeting.

The official board of the church will meet this evening at the church for the first business meeting of the conference year. All officers are urged to be present. The meeting, however, is open, and all members and friends are gladly welcomed.

The mid-week prayer meeting day has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday. The meeting will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this and all other meetings of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harrison, who have been visiting in Douglas county for a few weeks, have returned and will be gladly welcomed in the Sunday school. Mr. Harrison has been acting superintendent and Mrs. Harrison a teacher in the school.

CIVIL WAR ROMANCE LEADS TO THE ALTAR

War romances were not lacking during the civil war of more than half a century ago. Some of those old romances have an echo that is ringing yet and occasionally Dan Cupid brings two hearts together.

At the close of that historic conflict, in 1865, there was heard the refrain of a song that was sung in Troy, N. Y. It went like this:

"Do not think it strange, my friend, About the town of Troy, If every girl should fall in love And wed a soldier boy."

There was one girl, however, who waited fifty-two years to wed her soldier boy. Young life had passed to meridian and was nearing its sunset when the girl and her soldier boy met again in Portland. The soldier's name was Fulton and the bride-to-be was Mrs. J. A. Stephens, for many years a resident of Pleasant Home.

Mr. Fulton belonged to an Ohio battery during the war. They were married at Almgordo, N. M., on September 24th and are now passing their sunset days in the sunny southland.

CORBETT TO HELP LIBERTY LOAN

A big Liberty Loan meeting will be held on Friday evening, October 29, at Union High School No. 1, Corbett, on the Columbia Highway. R. L. Sabin of Portland will be the principal speaker and good music will be provided. All patriotic citizens within reach of the schoolhouse are expected to be there to boost for the support for our soldier boys.

OREGON BOY WRITES FROM OLD TARHEEL

Mrs. Grant Bell has shown the Outlook a letter from her son Frank, who is at Charlotte, N. C. His sister, Mrs. C. H. Latourell has also received one from him. Both are full of camp news that are important to relatives and both contain some tender messages. The latter, under date of October 1, is given herewith except a few personal sentences:

Dear Sister and Brother:—Received your welcome letters, and also the pictures. I think they are pretty good considering the object before the camera. Well, we certainly had a dandy rain here about a week ago; had two inches one night. It cooled the weather off until its pretty cool now and in the evening and at night it is pretty comfy to have two blankets over you.

We had our second shot in the arm about four days ago and it and my vaccination began to work at the same time and, say, maybe you think I wasn't sick! I had a temperature of 102 and I was in bed about two days. I sure have a sore arm now, about the size of a quarter, the sore is, and a quarter inch deep.

Tomorrow I take the tuberculin and heart examination. There are only 16 of our company that haven't taken it yet, and out of one hundred and seventy-five only two flunked. If I pass this examination I will be tickled, for then I will know without a doubt that I am absolutely O. K. There are rumors out now that we will move from here before the end of this month, but of course there is nothing certain about it, although there is a sergeant that is taking all bets at 3 to 1 that we do. I'm sure it will be to New York. Yesterday there were three companies of Idaho dough boys came in and were transferred to our regiment. All they did to transfer was to change their hat cords.

You asked about the girls here: Well there are a plenty to go around so far, but I am afraid if the soldiers keep coming in like they have been lately somebody will get left. Well, I'm sure they can have my share, because none of them look good to me now.

Say, we are going to start in on our target practice in a few days. I am just wondering what kind of a target I'll make. The way they do is to pick the best bunch out of each platoon and try them all out until they get two out of each company that are the best, and then each company tries to beat the other. I expect some of those Idaho cowboys and mountaineers will clean up on everybody. FRANK.

LIBERTY BOND CALL HEARD LAST EVENING

The liberty loan meeting at Metzger's hall last night was largely attended by an interested audience which listened to a very able address by Hon. W. D. Wheelwright upon the need for a generous subscription to the call for money with which to prosecute the war against kaiserism and autocracy.

The speaker was introduced by Judge Stapleton after a short entertainment of vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Wheelwright's address was right to the point and his plea for the means of combatting the enemy was one to stir up every feeling of patriotism.

The meeting was but one of thousands that are being held every night this week all over the United States. As there are but ten more days in which to subscribe for the bonds in order to raise the full amount required there will be a great effort to arouse the people who have money to invest to the point of making their subscriptions without waiting until the last hour.

The bonds are the safest securities in the world, non-taxable up to \$5000 and will be negotiable. What better is needed?

Card of Thanks.

We wish to publicly thank our friends for their help and kindly sympathy at the funeral of our husband and father, J. C. Hessel. The beautiful floral offerings and the use of automobiles were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Elida Hessel, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hessel, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Radford, Mr. and Mrs. James Elkington.

MISZ MILLINERY OPEN ONE DAY WEEKLY

Miss Misz will be in Gresham on Monday of each week, until further notice, for milliner work. She will occupy the Sell building, next door to Belt's confectionery.—Adv.

Subscribe for the Outlook for "the boy." It will follow him to the camp and its twice-a-week visits will be just like letters from home.