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BIG RED CROSS AUCTION SALE BRINGS GRATIFYING RESULTS

Enthusiastic Buyers Spurred on by Judge Stapleton's Enthusiasm and Wit Buy Everything.

George W. Stapleton evidently missed his calling when he decided to become a lawyer. He should have been an auctioneer. From the way he handed the Red Cross donations at Wednesday night's sale it is plain that he could make a good living as an auctioneer and lay up money. If there was anything to sell he could sell it and the people would be conferring a favor on themselves by paying the highest prices ever known for something they could do without.

But the throngs that attended the big auction sale didn't want to do without. They wanted to help a worthy cause and they fell to the persuasiveness of the auctioneer in order that Gresham might make a big showing and turn over a big lot of money.

Gresham's Red Cross auction sale was original and successful. This veracious chronicler will not be able to state who conceived the idea, but it was an original conception of someone connected with the Gresham Red Cross auxiliary, and it is commended to the world at large as a plan to be followed—provided, always, that George W. Stapleton can be had as a crier of the goods to be sold.

The women of the Red Cross, under the able leadership of Mrs. Stapleton had been making a systematic canvass of the town and its environs for several days. They had gathered up and assembled several wagon loads of produce ranging from apples and potatoes down to carrots. There were apples in boxes and baskets, potatoes by the dozen sacks, a ton of pumpkins, lots of cabbage and a great profusion of other vegetables and fruits.

There was a truck load of canned fruits, meats and vegetables, all choice and appetizing. Someone donated a kitchen range, poultry in crates lined the outside walls of the Jacobson building. There were rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, a real live Chester White pig and—a horse.

The horse, a faithful old Dobbin that had helped to put away the war crop of 1917, was donated to the Red Cross by R. F. Walters who lives somewhere on Gresham Butte. And then a bright idea struck into the brain of a Red Crosser. It was decided—don't read this for it is unlawful to print it—to trust the ownership of the horse to the one who held a certain number, and Harold Boehmer had been carrying it around in his pocket all day. Then Harold arose equal to the occasion and offered to let the animal be auctioned off, giving one-half of what it would bring to the Red Cross cause. What it brought is only a matter of an item in the sales column, but Mr. Guynup led the horse away to his barn after the sale was over.

The crowds began to assemble for the sale as soon as it became dark. Everybody was ready to buy and Mrs. President Stapleton needed an auctioneer. So she told George to do it, and George did—much to the satisfaction of everybody concerned. There was an overflow crowd with a number from Portland. Mr. Stanfield McDonald was one of them and he kindly consented to assist in the auctioneering business. He was put in charge of the poultry and livestock division and kept the crowd busy raising the bids, just as Judge Stapleton was doing inside. A rooster and four pullets went for \$19 a set, and the other specimens in proportion.

But the most enthusiasm and fun was a product of Judge Stapleton's wit. This was shown when he exhibited a little crate with a "long-tailed New Zealand rabbit" in it. A Portland man made a bid of 35 cents and got the prize, which Cecil Metzger had kicked out of his house several times because it kept him awake with its caterwauling. It was of the domestic variety, but lacked several pedigrees of being a Maltese.

Everybody bought something and a number bought several things. The sale continued until 11:30 and everything was sold except a few jars of canned fruit and vegetables. These will go to some worthy charity. Probably the best sale made was that of the pig. Harry Truitt bought it for \$6.50. However, it was remarked that everything

SOLDIERS DISLIKE MOUNTED POLICE

Miss Esther Elford has received a letter from her cousin, Claude Elford, who enlisted from North Plains, Oregon, and who wrote from Camp Greene, North Carolina. Pages of his letter are of special interest to the public at this time, and they are given below.

"The town of Charlotte has about 25,000 inhabitants, old, lazy and queer people. The better class are fairly well educated, thrifty and very sociable. They are very liberal to the men to Sunday dinners after church. This is a real church town. There are 61 churches for the white people and 28 for the black. Drug stores are open on Sunday from 8 to 10 only and then only medicine can be bought. I nearly got arrested for buying a milk shake.

"The town is policed by 125 military police. The fellows are of the three troops of Washington cavalry. We must dress just so and not loiter on the streets or speak to any girls or women. There are a bunch of beatings stored up when those M. P. fellows are relieved from duty.

"This is a historical place, as several battles of the Civil War were fought near here. Large, old-style colonial houses still exist, surrounded by large maple and oak trees and pretty lawns. Eighteen hundred men are here at Camp Greene, which is all clear of stumps and brush. Parts are cut through cotton fields, so may be I will send some fresh cotton.

"This camp is under quarantine on account of moving. I cannot tell you where as the censor will cut it out, but France by Christmas is certain. Probably this will be my last letter to you until we reach the other side."

SANDY FIRE LOSSES NOT YET ADJUSTED

Through a misunderstanding of the report of the Sandy fire, taken over a telephone wire, the insurance of \$2000 on Shelley's hall was credited to John Brown's company. It should have been credited to James Elkington and a company represented by him. The piano alone was insured by Mr. Brown.

Casper Junker's property is insured in the Northwest Mutual Company, the Oregon Fire and Relief, both represented by Mr. Brown, and the Pacific Fire, through another agency. The total losses and amounts of insurance were approximately correct.

Pending the adjustment of losses on Mr. Shelley's property there has been no announcement as to his intentions. He is at Hood River and can give no information as to whether he will rebuild or not. As it is now, Sandy has no adequate hall for public gatherings of any size.

The Central Oregon potato growers have organized and standardized their crops, so that they now get from 25 to 50 cents a bushel more for their potatoes than the regular market quotation. County Agent R. A. Ward.

Partial woman's suffrage has been declared unconstitutional in Indiana. On the theory, perhaps, that a slice is not as good as a whole loaf, which the women will get before they give up.

One-ton truck for hire. Express and hauling. H. Christenson. Phone 13.

brought a good price and the total receipts ran up to \$256.83 which included \$18.03 donated by the Home Guard organization, a sum of money which the members decided would do more good in the Red Cross fund than anywhere else. The expenses connected with the sale amounted to \$8.60.

During the past few days the Red Cross women secured eighteen new members whose names have been added to the honor roll published elsewhere today in this paper.

Appreciation Expressed.

We, the undersigned, wish to heartily thank our friends for their generous offerings to the aid of the Red Cross, and to all who helped to make the sale such a grand success.

MRS. G. W. STAPLETON,
Chairman Auxiliary.
MRS. A. J. W. BROWN,
Chairman Committee.
MRS. BENJ. CAMERON,
MRS. ALIDA HUGHES,
MRS. J. R. CAVANAGH.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PACKETS FOR THE SOLDIERS

From the American Red Cross Woman's Bureau, Washington, D. C.

By Christmas we shall have a large number of men in France, and 600,000 in the cantonments at home, beside the thousands in our regular Army posts and in our Navy, and everyone will be eager to help in giving them Christmas cheer.

No matter how generous a supply of gifts some of the men may receive from families and friends, it is believed that all Red Cross members will want to unite in sending to each man a Christmas packet filled with good things and good will.

In order that the men may be equally remembered and yet that there may be a pleasing variety in the packets, the following suggestions are made for preparing and assembling the Christmas parcels:

1. Nothing should go in them which will not keep fresh from the time of packing until Christmas.
2. Dried fruits and other food products should be packed in small tin or wooden boxes, one-quarter to one-half pound size.
3. Hard candy, including chocolate, would probably be safe in tin foil or heavy cardboard, but no soft chocolates nor anything that could possibly be crushed should be used, as the remaining contents of the package might be spoiled thereby.
4. Several dainties packed in oblong tin boxes holding each a quarter of a pound, will provide a better variety for a packet than a larger quantity of a single confection.
5. No liquids nor articles packed in glass should be placed in the package.
6. For wrapping the gifts use a khaki-colored handkerchief, twenty-seven inches square, and form the base of the packet by placing on the center of a handkerchief a pad of writing-paper about seven by ten inches.
7. Select a variety of articles either from the suggested list (or according to individual wishes) to an amount not exceeding \$1.50, and arrange them on the pad of paper so that the entire package shall be the width of the pad of paper and approximately five or six inches high.
8. Wrap and tie with one-inch red ribbon and place a Christmas card under the bow of ribbon. A card bearing the greetings of the Chapter would be desirable.
9. Wrap the parcel again in heavy, light-brown Manila paper, tie securely with red, green, or gilt cord, and use Christmas labels or American flags as desired.

LIST OF ARTICLES SUGGESTED FOR CHRISTMAS PACKETS.

- *Khaki-colored handkerchief, twenty-seven inches square, for container.
- *Writing-paper pad, about 7 by 10 inches.
- Envelopes.
- Pencil.
- Postals.
- Book (in paper cover).
- Scrapbook, home-made, containing a good short story, some jokes, etc.
- Knife, such as boy scouts use.
- Mirror, steel.
- Handkerchiefs, khaki-colored.
- Neckties.
- Mouth organ.
- Electric torch.
- Compass.
- Playing cards.
- Mechanical puzzles (an assorted lot of 12 small mechanical puzzles can be bought at the rate of 12 for 50c).
- *Red Cross Checkerboard (this is a combination set of checkerboard, checkers, chessmen, and dominoes made of heavy cardboard especially for the Red Cross and can be purchased after October 15th for 5c apiece).
- Other games.
- Pipe and pipe cleaners.
- Tobacco.
- Cigarette papers.
- Water-tight match-box.
- Chewing gum.
- Fruited, chocolate, and other sweetened crackers, in original packages.
- Fruit cake.
- Preserved ginger.
- Salted nuts.
- Prunes.
- Figs.
- Dates.
- Raisins.
- Hard candy.
- Chocolate in tin foil.
- Licorice.

The articles which are marked with an asterisk in the above list will be purchased by the Red Cross Supply Bureau and can be bought from Chapters by the time Chapters are ready to pack the parcels. This leaflet is published early that those interested may be gathering funds for the packets and assembling the small articles to go in them.

Chapters will receive directions from Division Managers as to the dates when packets should be shipped to France and also as to the dates when those intended for the home cantonments should be ready for distribution.

It is expected that money for the Christmas packages will be raised by Chapters, through contributions by individuals for this specific purpose.

AUXILIARY CHAPTERS OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

Lewis A. McArthur has been appointed to superintend the assembling of the Red Cross Christmas packages that are to be forwarded to our boys now at the front.

This idea bears the unanimous sanction of the large body of the American Red Cross and is indeed a wonderful spirit to show, and will be but a very slight token of our appreciation of their hardships.

Picture the wonderful joy our soldier boys will have upon opening their packages. Right away their spirits will be aroused. How happy they will be with these little tokens sent them from home. There are to be 5500 packages forwarded from the Portland Chapter, 1800 of which left Portland yesterday.

Mr. McArthur, writing to the Outlook, says:

"We have confidence in our local Auxiliaries and our local people in this movement. This letter is being sent to you not for the purpose of interesting only your local auxiliary, but all people within your locality.

"Splendid reading articles are now appearing in the daily papers that explain the idea more in detail.

"Your personal interest is sincerely solicited and I know we can count on you to the extent of your ability.

"The packages should be delivered to the Red Cross headquarters, second floor of the Corbett building.

"Bandana or khaki-colored handkerchiefs should be used and their size must not be less than 27-inches square. These handkerchiefs can be procured at any of the larger department stores."

Special on potato digging forks, \$1.25. At L. L. Kidder Hdwe. Co.

HOW AND WHEN TO SEND THE CHRISTMAS MAIL

Let due heed be paid to the warning, issued by Secretaries Baker and Daniels and Postmaster General Burleson, that packages which are to reach American soldiers in Europe by Christmas must be mailed not later than Nov. 15. Arrangements having been made by the government to deliver Christmas mail to our forces on Christmas morning, it now remains for relatives and other friends of the soldiers to do their part toward making the arrangements successful and the boys happy on Christmas day.

The slogan, as issued from Washington, is: "Mail early, address intelligibly and pack securely." Every package must bear conspicuously the words "Christmas mail," the complete address of the person for whom it is intended and, in the upper left-hand corner, the name and address of the sender. No parcel will be dispatched to France which has not the postmaster's certificate that it contains no prohibited articles. The rate of postage is 12 cents per pound.

These instructions should be clipped and preserved for future reference; and, in the meantime, those among us who contemplate sending Christmas packages to the boys in France may profit by adopting the annually-urged policy of doing their Christmas shopping early and making sure that everything is securely packed, legibly addressed and ready to be mailed not later than Nov. 15. The arrangements made by the government are for all, they cannot wait for any, and no exceptions can be made if the packages are to be delivered on Christmas day.

Read the Want ads.

FIREMEN'S DANCE WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENT OF YEARS

OIL CAN EXPLODES DWELLING DESTROYED

The residence of James Burns, a half mile north of Victory school-house, was burned to the ground this morning, together with all of its contents. The fire started in the kitchen, where a can of grease was being heated on the range. The burning grease was thrown to all parts of the kitchen. A clothes rack near the range burst into flames which spread so rapidly that nothing could be saved. Although a small house, the building was a good one and was well furnished. Mr. Burns will receive \$400 insurance, which will not cover the value of the contents of the house.

Mrs. Burns has canned a large amount of fruit, vegetables and fish and had on hand flour and sugar for the winter. Only Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Burns came to Gresham and put in a supply of groceries, clothing and shoes, much of which was not even unwrapped. Among the things lost were china, silver and fine woolen blankets brought by Mrs. Burns from Scotland, together with many other things that money cannot replace.

CARLSON'S HALL SCENE OF HALLOWE'EN AFFAIR

The Halloween party held Tuesday night by the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church in R. R. Carlson's hall was attended by nearly 100 young people. Among them were twenty-five members of the Lent's Epworth League, who came as guests of the Gresham League. As the young people arrived they were met by ghosts who escorted them through purgatory, a place replete with pitfalls, strange noises and a devil. Then they were turned loose in the hall where the principal part of the evening's entertainment was to take place. Here games were played. A witch in one corner told fortunes, and in another corner was a fish pond, where the fish were trinkets of various kinds.

Late in the evening the cafeteria was declared open and the lunch, which consisted of pumpkin pie and apple cider, was served. It was late when the party ended but everyone declared that the evening had been a very pleasant one.

GRESHAM SUPPLIES MISSIONARY BOX

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Free Methodist church packed their missionary box Wednesday afternoon. It was taken to Portland Thursday morning, where it will be repacked and shipped next week to the missionaries at different stations in the foreign fields. The contents of the box were valued at \$59.18, and consisted of 404 pounds of dried materials such as fruit, beans, corn, etc., 45 pounds of oatmeal, four pints of jelly and one rug. The sum of \$6.65 was raised for freight. The oatmeal was donated and one collection taken in the church. Otherwise the money and donations were all given by members of the society.

The officers of the society are, president, Mrs. D. M. Cathey; secretary, Miss Minnie Robertson; treasurer, Mrs. C. Cathey.

PATRIOTIC NUMBER BEFORE HOLIDAYS

The Outlook's announcement that it would issue a patriotic number of twelve pages on December 14th has been greeted by a hearty response from many who have signified their willingness to make it a success.

Special articles, letters from the soldier boys and a full page of patriotic poems of other days are wanted. With such contributions the Outlook will be something new in journalism and possibly the only paper containing such features at that time. The help of everyone is needed.

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 Bell building, next door to Bell's confectionery.—Adv.

Money to Loan.

Arthur Langguth announces that he has state school fund money to loan on farm security in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$5000 at 6 per cent. Room 606, McKay Bldg., Portland.—Adv.

Great Sale of Tickets and Large Attendance Nets the Volunteers Sum of about \$160.

The Firemen's Halloween dance on Wednesday night was a brilliant success both socially and financially. Regner's hall contained the largest crowd that has been seen there at a dance for nearly three years and the affair was thoroughly enjoyable.

A four-piece orchestra furnished music for a program dance, and it was not a jazz band nor a stepping orchestra, either. Every variety of dance was indulged in, showing that the young people enjoy the old fashioned dances as well as ever. It only needs the music to revive the familiar dances that seemed to have been thrown into the discard.

Tickets costing one dollar each had been sold to everyone who would buy, and that meant pretty nearly the whole population for miles around. Not everyone who had a ticket was at the hall, but there were enough to exhaust a program of 26 dances, and all of them were enjoyed. On several occasions, when a particularly pleasing waltz, two step or three step was played it was repeated as many as four or five times.

Supper was served in the dance hall dining room and the crowd appreciated the festivities and the mid-week occasion which allowed it to stay and dance as long as it pleased. The last piece was played about three o'clock.

The net receipts were somewhere about \$160, after paying all expenses. That sum will go a long way in giving relief to sick or injured members who may need it.

PETITIONS TO DEPOSE AGENT ARE CIRCULATED

A. J. Lewis, of Maple Lane, and E. E. Kellogg, of Mount Pleasant, are circulating petitions against the retention of an agricultural agent in the county. It appears that their activity is premature, inasmuch as the county agent plan is merely on trial in Clackamas county and since the matter will be put before the voters at the next election for final decision.

The government is paying the burden of the cost of keeping an agent in this county until the voters can express themselves and the court prepare to meet the costs. Just at this time the agent is doubly necessary, it is pointed out, for the work he can do toward helping the state and nation in the production and conservation of food stuffs. In the work he has done already for Clackamas county, through co-operative efforts with enterprising farmers the agent has practically paid the county back for any expense he has incurred. It is only in a spirit of fairness to the county agent plan, to the county court and to the farmers themselves that The Courier suggests a full and impartial trial for the county agent before he or the court is embarrassed through the presentation of such petitions as are being circulated.—Oregon City Courier.

GRESHAM SCHOOL HOLDS FRANCES E. WILLARD DAY

Frances Willard day was duly observed by the Gresham public school on Friday, October 26, at 2:30 p. m. The pupils gave the flag salute and sang "America", "Star Spangled Banner" and "Columbia Gem of the Ocean." Several recitations and essays were then rendered by the pupils. Mrs. Wostell and Mrs. George Honey gave very interesting talks concerning Miss Willard, her life and her works.

On behalf of the local W. C. T. U. Mrs. J. N. Clananah, in a few well chosen words, presented the school with a beautiful framed picture of Miss Willard to be placed in the auditorium. Principal E. S. McCormick, on behalf of the pupils, and teachers, accepted the picture and thanked the ladies of the W. C. T. U. for the picture and for their assistance with the program.

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