

Merry Christmas

STATE GRANGE ASSISTING IN CO-OPERATION

Grange Membership.	
Columbia	53
Evening Star	176
Fairview	50
Gresham	89
Lents	102
Multnomah	83
Pleasant Valley	64
Rockwood	59
Russellville	94
Woodlawn	51
Total	821

Wednesday's session of Pomona grange at Corbett was a genuinely good one, and was largely attended in spite of the rain and flooded condition of the whole country. Only the splendid Columbia River highway made it possible for many to attend at this season of the year.

Numerous subjects were discussed, all of them of importance to the taxpayers and farmers. Three resolutions were adopted after a lengthy debate on the most important. One which appeals most to the farmers directly was that one which would seek to eradicate the Canada thistle. It is a matter that should be given wide publicity.

Prominent speakers present were Assistant U. S. Food Commissioner W. K. Newell, County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman, Circuit Judge R. L. Morrow and Assistant Steward Hayes of the Oregon State Grange.

Mr. Hayes brought some important information for the members of the grange. He is in the employ of the state grange working up a co-operative buying and selling plan. His home is at Sherwood, where the plan is in operation and has the support of the state grange. On the strength of the showing made at Sherwood the sum of \$1500 was appropriated for the work, besides which one-third of the profits made at Sherwood will go to the furtherance of the object.

Several grangers at Sherwood began with the buying and selling of one carload of feed. They made a small profit and tried it again on a larger scale. They now have a store with a stock worth \$1200 and are keeping one man on the job at a salary. State Master Spence suggested that they form a corporation with \$3000 capital stock, which was done and they are now making a saving of fifty cents a ton on all feed handled, besides making a profit on every other class of goods handled.

The state grange contemplates opening an office in Portland with a man in charge whose duties will be to ship goods out of that city to all co-operative agencies. Arrangements are being made for the purchase of many articles, including shoes, farm implements, fertilizers, land plaster, lime, etc. Mr. Hays asserted that he is now buying oil meal for the Sherwood people at \$5 per ton less than the merchants on Front street can get it for. The southern part of the state of Washington will be included in the plans that will have Portland for a center. These associations may be formed in any community, they cost but little and are dividend payers through the plan of cheap buying for home consumption. Outsiders, or non-members of the grange, may participate, as it is one of the best inducements offered to get new members.

W. K. Newell spoke along the lines of food conservation with which all are familiar. He urged economy in the use of all staples and offered no encouragement for an early peace or lower prices. He urged the production of as much produce as possible and stated his belief that the per capita use of sug-

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HEAVY RAINSTORMS WITH SMALL DAMAGE

Heavy rains for four days and nights, ending on Wednesday morning, caused the heaviest floods all over the northwest that have been known for probably more than twenty years. Reports show that many districts were flooded, causing considerable damage along the lowlands bordering all the streams. Travel was but slightly affected, however, and that only where weak bridges had been carried away or where embankments had washed out.

Locally there was but little inconvenience caused by the rising waters. Johnson creek was a raging torrent and its banks were overflowed wherever they were low enough for the water to spread out. The inhabitants of the flats right in the heart of Gresham were cut off on Wednesday morning from reaching Main street but were helped out by means of a raft and the help of a dozen volunteers.

The Japanese gardens were overflowed, causing some temporary damage, and about two dozen chickens roosting on the basement floor of the old livery barn on Main street were drowned. A lot of hay got a soaking and some stock was made uncomfortable for a few hours.

The greatest effects of the flood were seen between Sycamore and Lents. The whole distance was flooded between the uplands and several families had to be helped to the mainland. Several small bridges and walks were washed away and some fences were wrecked.

So heavy was the rainfall that numerous basements on the uplands were filled with water. Some damage was done in that way, but in most cases it was only an inconvenience to those who found their basements flooded.

A trip up the highway revealed some splendid sights. All of the beautiful waterfalls were throwing ten times their usual volume of water over the precipices above the road. There were a few small slides both above and below the highway, but in only a few instances was there any blockade of traffic, and no wash-outs of consequence.

Probably the heaviest damage done was the wrecking of the county bridge across the Clackamas near Gladstone. Travelers had to turn back and go some other way on Tuesday evening. Richard Werner, coming from Oregon City to Gresham on Tuesday evening was obliged to go to Baker's bridge to cross the Clackamas and was the first to report that the other was impassable.

About noon on Wednesday the rain ceased and the waters began to subside. By yesterday morning, they had fallen several feet and are still falling. In a few days more, with the colder weather which seems to be coming on, the flood will have entirely subsided, and except for the damage caused in a few localities will become only a memory.

EASTERN STAR CHAPTER INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

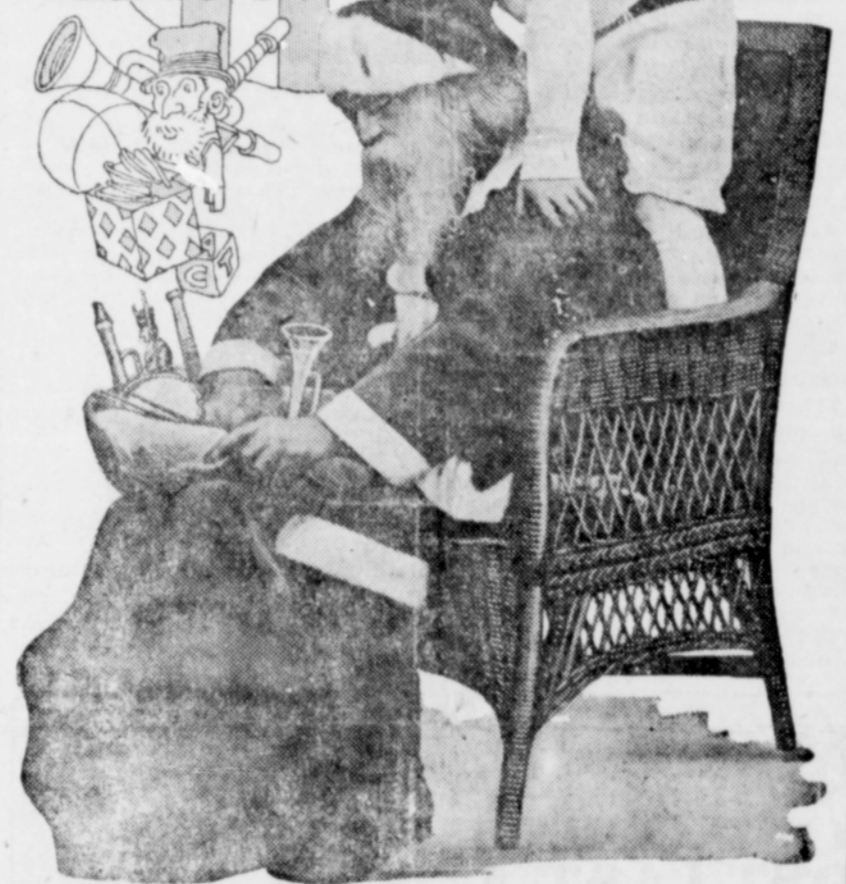
Gresham Chapter, O. E. S. installed new officers on Tuesday evening for the coming term. The installing officer was Mrs. O. J. Brown, grand warder; assisted by Mrs. O. A. Eastman, grand marshal. Mrs. B. F. Dahlhammer served as chaplain and Mrs. Mildred Metzger as organist.

The local Masonic lodge also installed the same evening, the two ceremonies being concluded with a bounteous repast. Flowers were furnished for all the new officers and there were other superb floral decorations.

Another Big Dance.

There will be another of those popular dances in Regner's hall on Monday evening, December 24. Music will be furnished as before, by "Portland's best 7-piece orchestra" and the fun will continue all night with a big turkey dinner. Dance tickets, \$1.00; unaccompanied ladies 25 cents.—Adv.

What Have You Got For Me, SANTA CLAUS?



THREE BROTHERS JOIN THE ARMY



ELMER C. BEYER.

The accompanying pictures are those of three members of a well-known musical family who have recently joined the colors as musicians and are now at the Bremerton navy yard. They are Elmer, Carl and Albert Beyer, whose home is on a



CARL F. BEYER.

farm about one mile south of Orient,

and who have been prominent as musicians for a number of years.

These three, together with another brother William F. Beyer, are all favorably known throughout this section as former members of Beyer's cornet band which frequently furnished music for the county fair, Fourth of July celebrations, grange field day and on other occasions. A sister, Miss Hilda Beyer, is also an accomplished musician and has been frequently seen presiding at the piano in the orchestra which also formed a part of the organization. All of them are the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Beyer, who live on the home farm near Orient.

Carl Beyer was leader of the



ALBERT A. BEYER.

band and gave instructions to the other members forming the organization making them very proficient. It is feared that the absence of these three will disrupt the band but no such announcement has been made. Other members have also joined the colors, but there may be enough remaining yet to continue it. If not the band will be greatly missed until the members are able to reorganize it.

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YOUNG AVIATOR WHO IS WORKING HARD

The following letter was received by the Misses Florence and Hulda Johnson of Powell Valley, from their cousin, Ellis Forsgren, who is now in service in the aviation corps. The letter was dated Saturday, Nov. 10, Yatesbury, England.

Dear Cousins:—I received your letter some time ago, I have been moving ever since and been mighty busy. I could hardly answer any sooner. It sure is fine to get a bunch of letters once in awhile when a fellow is a long way from home.

We are located in such a place that we can not get to town, which is a place about as big as half of Gresham and as old fashioned as the hills. The stores look like farm houses with a few articles hanging in the windows, they are all one story affairs with tile roofs.

Money is altogether different here. When a person sees an article marked 3-6 it means 3 shillings and six pence. Nine shillings are worth \$2.16 and 6 pence is worth 12 cents. I am enclosing a coupon which is worth 2 cents in Oregon money, this money is used more in this country than quarters in our country.

I hope to spend my Christmas in Paris and probably will if everything goes right.

We are busy working on aeroplanes and learning everything about them so we will be able to care for Uncle Sam's planes in a short time. Flying is easy after a person is around a plane all day long, but it is more fun to ride in them. I have not done any looping yet because the pilot is only training himself, but believe me I never refuse to go up when he says do you want to go up with me. The machines used here are slow, but slow in an aeroplane is 80 miles an hour. The machines are used only for training pilots. To land a machine is the hardest because they land at the rate of 60 miles per hour, so as not to break the undercarriage. I have been on the flying party lately which consists of about six men; all we do is start them up, help them in off the field after landing, fill them up with petrol (or gasoline in our country) and oil, and inspect them so that everything is correct before sending them up.

I am sending a couple of post cards. One is the inside of a hut—the boards you see leaned up against the wall are our beds, three boards, two horses and a straw tick, the other is a street with a house that has a thatched roof. That kind of roofs are thick here. They are made out of straw. Notice the two girls on bicycles. That is the way they travel here. The one horse cart is a milk man's cart. This is a street in a town about twenty miles from here and is the biggest town we have near here. Your cousin, Ellis P. Forsgren, 36th Aero Squadron, U. S. Expeditionary Forces, England.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Today is the last of schooldays before the holidays. All the schools, big and little will close until Wednesday, January 2. It is expected that all the students of schools and colleges who are away from home will begin arriving tonight and Gresham will resume some of its former gaiety for the next ten days. There are probably twenty young men and young women living in Gresham and vicinity who will be at home for the holidays.



CLARKE STILLIONS.

Co. B. 162d Inf., 81st Brigade. Until recently at Camp Mills.

GRANGE SEEKS TO STOP ALL ROAD PAVING

Pomona grange at its session on Wednesday voted unanimously to have all road paving discontinued, except such as is absolutely necessary, until the close of the war. The recent budget appropriation of half a million dollars in Multnomah county for road purposes was severely criticised, and the resolution was much more severe toward the patented articles in the original than it appeared after having been adopted. Following is the resolution in full:

Whereas, the brawn, brain and finance of the nation must be utilized to the fullest extent to win the war, and

Whereas, we believe that any program for public works not directly consistent with the nation's efforts to win the war should be discontinued until the close of the conflict, and

Whereas, the country is in grave need of labor to build ships, aeroplanes, guns, munitions, and also to develop greater increase of production on farms and in mines, and

Whereas, the thousands of the country's finest youths who are daily going forth to offer their lives for the cause of world freedom, deserve and must have the fullest support of all true Americans in every vital industry, and

Whereas, labor is now becoming so short that farmers, shipbuilders, and the other vital trades need all available help and the situation is becoming more acute, and

Whereas, the state road building program as promulgated under the six million dollar bond issue is using, together with the preliminary county grading work, hundreds of men who should be released to assist in the vital industries above mentioned, and

Whereas, there is considerable discussion of advisability of keeping up and continuing the state road program at the present time, and

Whereas, it is essential to practice strict economy upon all lines of public and private expenditures not pertaining to the war, and

Whereas, the taxpayer is being called upon to an unusual degree to finance the government, and to voluntarily contribute to charitable and other deserving causes and institutions, and

Whereas, the time and money expended upon this road construction could be used by the government for numerous items, such as: increasing the railroad efficiency, decreasing the demand upon labor, increasing the supply of war machinery, and increasing the supply of necessary industries such as lumbering, shipbuilding, mining, agricultural purposes, manufacturing of munitions and other war-necessities, and

Whereas, the present high-cost of material and the necessary machinery required to build these roads would mean a waste of money, time and other essentials necessary to the carrying on of the war, and

Whereas, it is at present impossible to obtain skilled labor for the proper construction of roads, therefore

Be It Resolved, that Multnomah County Pomona Grange in session assembled do hereby petition and urge the discontinuation of all pavements until the close of the war excepting such roads as are necessary for direct assistance in war work and that during the interval until the close of the war we favor only the construction of urgently necessary industrial roads to be built on good permanent grades with macadamized or gravel roads such as will later become a good foundation for finishing with the best proven class of pavement of modern type.

Opposes Extravagance.

Another resolution, protesting against the expenditure of such a large amount of money as \$500,000 or road work during the coming year, was introduced in Pomona grange and approved. It follows:

Whereas, a committee of citizens was appointed to assist our county commissioners in the making up of the expenditures for the county budget for the next year, and said committee did recommend an expenditure of something like \$500,000 for road purposes, and

Whereas, conditions of the country at large demand a careful conserving of expenditures both private and public, therefore

Be It Resolved, that while we believe in good roads, and the keeping them up in good first class condi-

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