

## A CHANCE FOR BEST SPELLER TO WIN WATCH

County School Superintendent W. C. Alderson has made all arrangements for the mid-year examinations for all pupils who take state examinations in May. Meetings for this purpose.

Mid-year examinations for all pupils who take state examinations in May will be held January 18th at Corbett, Gresham and in room 720 courthouse, beginning at 9 a. m.

Pupils from Districts 25, 35, 36, 39, 41, 42, 43, 46, 48 and 50 will take examination at Corbett; from 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 40, 45, 49, 6 Joint and 15 Joint at Gresham; from 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 44, 51, 52, 42 Joint and 84 Joint at 720 Court House Portland.

The examinations will cover the following limits: Arithmetic, (a), (b) and (c) Course of Study; Civil Government, I, II, III Course of Study; Geography, I, II, III Course of Study; History, pages 214 to 337 as outlined in Course of Study; Grammar, 1 and 2 of Course of Study; Composition, Pictures Robert E. Lee by Elder, and Washington Crossing the Delaware by Leutz, one letter, and questions on current events; Physiology, to chapter XI; Spelling, section VI to page 215; Agriculture, one-half text.

On the same date and at the same centers each school is entitled to enter one pupil in the Seventh Grade Spelling contest. The three highest from Corbett, four from Gresham, and five from courthouse are entitled to enter the final contest to be held at the Library, January 26th.

The spelling words will be taken from Champion speller up to first half of seventh grade word and also from lists given in "Minimum Requirements."

The State Teachers' association convenes in Portland, December 27, 28 and 29. Mr. Alderson hopes that every teacher can be there at that time.

Mr. Alderson has sent each county teacher a notice of the grade examinations together with other instructions concerning the meetings on January 26.

Examinations in geography and physiology will be held in the local schools instead of the centers as previously announced. They will be conducted by the teacher and questions will be sent under separate cover.

One seventh-grade pupil may come from each school to these centers to take part in the spelling contest which will be held at 1 p. m. This will consist of 100 written words. Mr. Staples will present a gold watch to the winner in the contest Jan. 26.

No pupil will be exempt in any subject from the final examinations in May who does not take the mid-year examination in that subject.

The local meeting of January 26 will be held in the Lincoln high school, at 10 a. m. At 11:15 the Rural Teachers' League will meet in Room 305 Courthouse. At the same time the written spelling contest will be held in Room 720.

At 12 o'clock lunch will be served by the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps on the 5th floor of the courthouse at a cost of 40 cents.

At 1 o'clock there will be a general meeting of teachers and the Parent Teachers' Council in Room 305 at which time the watch will be presented.

## EGG SUBSTITUTES MOSTLY CAMOUFLAGE

Egg substitutes examined by the Agricultural Chemistry department are made up for the most part of corn starch colored with a yellow dye, like tumeric. One brand is put up in packages containing slightly more than an ounce of flour and a pinch of tumeric. It sells on the market at ten cents a package, which is recommended as going as far as a dozen eggs, if used with flour and corn starch. Analysis shows it to be egg camouflage with a food value of less than two eggs. A dozen eggs supply seven times as much energy, as well as valuable salts. Eggs at seventy cents a dozen are cheaper than the substitute at ten cents a package, which really costs at the rate of \$80 for a fifty-pound sack of flour.

When a suit of overalls are costing around \$4 a suit, it seems that one of Aylsworth's all wool suits on sale at \$10 would be the greater economy.

## GOOD SHOWING DURING YEAR BY HELLO LINE

Miss Eva Anderson, secretary of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company, has mailed to each stockholder a financial statement of the company's business for the past year. The report makes an excellent showing.

The annual meeting of the stockholders has been called for Monday, January 28th, and Miss Anderson has made a special request that a majority of stock owners appear either in person or by proxy at that time in order that the meeting may not have to be called again. Two directors are to be elected and other business that should be attended to will come up. Following is the report of the company's finances in full:

Trial Balance, December 31, 1917	
ASSETS	
Material	\$ 123.00
Line	13,435.76
Instruments, wall	5,859.48
Instruments, desk	1,417.50
Accounts receivable	862.11
Cash, First State Bank	1,206.71
Cash, Bank of Gresham	1,144.88
Office fixtures	388.17
Office expenses	1,068.46
Salaries	653.00
Postage	151.59
Printing and stat.	61.43
Rent	78.00
Light and heat	42.29
Miscellaneous	82.24
Operating expense	1,912.41
Salaries	1,771.75
Rent	78.00
Light and heat	43.72
Miscellaneous	19.94
Maintenance	3,069.30
Salaries	2,241.25
Material	895.19
Miscellaneous	22.86
Taxes and fees	291.65
Sandy office expense	600.00
Sandy First State Bank	794.54
State Accident Com.	47.06
Automobile account	245.00
General expense	5.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds	1,000.00
Directors' salaries	74.00
Suspense account	207.12
Pacific Tel. & Tel.	59.60
	\$34,123.15
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$ 7,250.00
Surplus	6,068.00
Rent	9,662.50
Profit and loss	1,572.96
Depreciation reserve	2,199.75
Director's account	7,616.44
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Balance Sheet, December 31st, 1917	
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Profit and Loss Statement, December 31st, 1917	
EXPENSES	
Office expense	\$ 1,068.46
Operating	1,912.41
Maintenance	3,069.30
Taxes and fees	291.65
Sandy office expense	600.00
State Industrial Accident Com.	47.06
Automobile account	245.00
General expense	5.00
Directors' salaries	74.00
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. rent	59.60
switchboard	3,615.48
Profit	\$10,988.96
EARNINGS	
Rent, Gresham Exchange	\$ 9,076.25
Toils, Gresham Exchange	1,278.16
Rent, Sandy Exchange	527.25
Toils, Sandy Exchange	94.50
Profit on directories	12.50
	\$10,988.96

Receipts and Disbursements, 1917	
RECEIPTS	
Bal. on hand January 1, 1917	\$ 2,126.48
Rentals	\$ 8,520.19
Toils	3,227.46
Stock sold	260.00
Miscellaneous	18.49
	\$11,966.05
	\$14,092.53
DISBURSEMENTS	
Office expense	\$ 1,068.46
Operating expense	1,912.41
Maintenance	3,069.30
Line	185.00
Instruments	319.54
Rent of switchboard	59.60
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Toils	1,854.50
Sandy office	600.00
Automobile account	245.00
State Industrial Accident Com.	47.06
Taxi rent	5.00
Dividends, cash	391.65
Directors' Salaries	482.30
Printing directories	74.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds	87.50
Office fixtures	1,000.00
	158.17
Cash on hand	\$11,240.94
	\$ 2,751.59
	\$14,092.53

## ADVISORY BOARD OUT OF BUSINESS

Gresham's local advisory board went out of business yesterday, there having been no demands made upon it for service since Tuesday. From all observations there will be no delinquents reported from here, as those who failed to answer are already in the service as far as the board could learn.

Within the next two weeks the classification cards will be mailed out which will take the place of the green registration card. The new card will simply be a brief credential that the bearer has answered the questionnaire and must be shown on demand.

The silo conserves the feed produced. Build a silo and save your feed. See W. A. Hessel, Gresham, Oregon.

## FISH COOKING TO BE TAUGHT BY AN EXPERT

A general invitation is given to women to attend the cooking demonstration to be given at the Union High school building next Monday, January 21 at 2 o'clock sharp in the afternoon.

This assemblage is for the purpose of witnessing a demonstration to be given by Mrs. J. D. Spencer who will be here under the auspices of the Portland Woman's club in the campaign for education of housewives in wartime cooking.

Mrs. Spencer is making a specialty of teaching people how to cook fish. She will cook black cod in several ways and demonstrate various sauces for the same, such as a white sauce and a Mayonnaise dressing for a Tartare sauce.

Mrs. Spencer will cook Columbia River smelt in what she considers to be the best as well as the most economical method.

Mr. Dan Kellaher, the city commissioner, expects to have the fishing boat ready soon and delivering large quantities of cheap fish to Portland and all outlying district. Mr. Kellaher particularly urges the pickling and canning of smelts when the run is at its height, as he will place the smelt on the market at wonderfully low prices.

The Portland women at various lectures given by Mrs. Spencer express themselves as very grateful to the Municipality for having taken the great interest in what has always heretofore been the housewives' own particular problem—the appetizing cooking and serving of fish. The people realize that if the interest of the housewife can be awakened and stimulated, that if the war demands more and more of our meat, we can still be well nourished if fish is plentiful and cheap, and the peoples' taste for it developed. Statistics claim that the consumption of fish on the Pacific coast is only eight pounds per capita per year. Off the Oregon Coast thousands of tons of halibut are caught every year and shipped to Seattle from whence they return to the Portland market. The fisherman in Oregon sell them at around five cents a pound; when we buy them after their trip to Seattle, the price is over 20 cents.

All these things will be discussed during the meeting, the fish prepared and cooked, and every one present bountifully served.

Mrs. Spencer will impress upon her audiences the importance of using fish, as the meat supply in the spring, she expects, will be decreased and the prices will be higher. She will tell how to make the best of fats and oils and will demonstrate many varieties of fish and manners of cooking attractive and sensible dishes that will be nutritious and tasty.

## ROB THE TOY BANKS OF SMALLER COINS

Enough small coins should be shaken out of the toy banks in this country to relieve the present stringency in pennies, nickels and dimes, a stringency that is keeping the United States mints working twenty-four hours every day including Sundays, turning out "change". The passage of the War Revenue bill has created an enormous demand for the smaller coins, particularly pennies and the suggestion that children's banks be requisitioned to relieve conditions comes from Raymond T. Baker, director of the Mint. Mr. Baker argues that children's savings invested in War Savings Stamps will be of greater value to the children than tied up in a bank because it will be drawing interest and releasing of the coins for circulation will be of great value to the government. "Millions and millions of dollars in minor coins" says Mr. Baker, "are now idle in toy banks, coin savers and other receptacles used chiefly by children in accumulating savings. The savings of small coins is a habit of thrift by no means reprehensible, but a truer method of accomplishing thrift and at the same time aiding the United States government has been provided through the issuance of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps." Twenty-five cents will start a savings account with Uncle Sam and the editor will be glad to explain to you the details of the plan.

Young men attending school are informed that Aylsworth has a line of suits with long pants for young men for sale cheaper than anything else, that is suitable for any occasion.

## FATHER AND SON WEEK IS FEB. 11 TO 17

At the request of the Interstate committee of the Y. M. C. A. Governor Withycombe yesterday issued a message urging the people of Oregon to observe "Father and Son Week" between February 11 and 17, the dates set aside for a national movement.

Governor Withycombe, who himself has a son in active military service, points out that the 20,000 young Oregon soldiers who have already gone forward are entitled to "constant thought and prayer" and that their younger brothers at home "deserve the fullest possible measure of parental encouragement and counsel."

The Governor's message, which, it is understood, will be followed by messages by the mayors of the various cities and towns of Oregon, follows:

Mindful that there is now greater occasion than ever before to cement the bond of fellowship between fathers and sons, the Y. M. C. A. officials have set aside the period of February 11-17 to be observed as Father and Son Week and I am indeed glad to commend the idea to the hearty support of the patriotic people of Oregon.

Oregon has thus far furnished twenty thousand of the flower of its young manhood to the service of our country in the world's great cataclysm. Just as these noble boys who have already shouldered solemn responsibilities for this nation and for the world are entitled to our constant thought and prayer so their younger brothers at home deserve the fullest possible measure of parental encouragement and counsel. It is through the hearts of our young people that the fervent spirit of loyalty to our country and devotion to our flag is to be communicated to posterity.

Never in all history have the young men been called upon for such important work and never have indications been surer that the young men of today are to be accorded tremendous opportunities as they grow into manhood. Therefore, I urge the adult men of Oregon to call their boys and the boys from other homes to their firesides and there impress upon them an appreciation of their responsibilities, and tell them in a friendly way how deeply we are interested in them and how much we are depending upon their mental, moral and physical fiber. Fathers of Oregon, ask your boys to study the life of immortal Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is to be observed on the second day of Father and Son Week, and try to inspire them to pattern their lives after his example.

## HORSE ESCAPES WITH STALLED AUTOMOBILE

Ordinarily, one would not think in advance that a horse hitched by a chain to the rear axle of a stalled auto, would pull the machine out and run away with it to the threatened destruction of horse, car and driver; yet this was the unique experience of Attorney Milo C. King with his Ford at the Fred Crane dairy ranch north of Rockwood yesterday.

The machine stopped in some new-made road in a narrow lane between the house and barn, and there was no way out except by horse-power pull to the rear. Mr. Crane brought out without bridle a large, young mare which proved to be well fed and too strong for the job. Mr. King applied the reverse and Mr. Crane led the mare. After the car was landed on higher and harder ground, Crane could not hold nor stop the mare and King applied the breaks but could not stop the machine though it was pulling against the mare. The frightened animal wrenched loose from the halter leaving the rancher by the way-side and tore away—auto and all—down toward the Sandy boulevard. The lawyer managed to keep the machine from striking into the wire fence on each side of the lane; but contrived to hook the forward wheel into the gate post next the paved road, and brought the mare and car to a full stop without other damage than smashing of a fender.

Attorney King argues that, if the frantic draft-horse that was not broke for hauling an automobile by the rear axle had escaped the gate-post and got the machine and driver out onto the open highway, Fred H. Crane, who lost control of the desperate situation, would now be the only eye-witness of the spectacular performance to relate what happened.

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Those Milk Record blanks. Printed on durable cardboard, suitable for 16 to 18 cows. Just the thing for your dairy. Will save many times their cost. 10c each, or \$1.00 a dozen. The Outlook, phone 701.

## RURAL ROUTE CARRIER QUILTS LONG ROUTE

William Childers, carrier on motor rural route A, out of Gresham, has resigned and will quit the service as soon as his successor can be named. Mr. Childers will have been a rural letter carrier for six years in February 1. Recently he was given the consolidated motor routes of nearly 62 miles, but finds the job too strenuous for the pay. He will take up another line of work as soon as he is released.

It is currently reported that there will be another vacancy on motor rural route A out of Portland, and to make provision for vacancy soon to exist here and possibly on the other route the United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination for the county of Multnomah, to be held at Portland, on January 26, 1918, to fill the position of motor rural carrier at Gresham, Oregon, and vacancies that may later occur on motor rural routes from post-offices in the above-mentioned county.

The salary on motor routes ranges from \$1500 to \$1800 per annum. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory supplied with mail by a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 2121 and 1977. Form 2121 may be seen posted at any post-office in the county for which the examination is held, and Form 1977 and application blanks may be obtained from the offices at which the vacancy exists and where the examination is to be held, or from the United States Civil Service commission at Washington, D. C.

The appointee to this position will be required to furnish, maintain, and operate a modern motor vehicle with a carrying capacity of not less than 800 pounds and a cubic capacity of not less than 80 feet. Applicants must file with their applications a statement of the equipment they will be able to provide in the event of appointment. Applications should be forwarded to the commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date.

## GRESHAM'S TRIBUTE TO LIBERTY LOANS

Results obtained through the two banks in Gresham or the two Liberty loans amounted to \$53,700, which is considered somewhat remarkable and should be a source of gratification to the people of this vicinity, as it shows the financial condition here to be very high.

Of this amount the first loan called out \$16,300, and the second, \$37,400. At Bridal Veil, the only other place outside of Portland in Multnomah county, the sum of \$11,450 was subscribed on the second drive. The total for the county on the two drives was \$13,551,700. Oregon's subscriptions to both loans were as follows: First loan, \$11,802,900; second loan, \$25,198,550. Total, \$37,001,450. The subscribers numbered 73,029 of which many were single subscriptions for employees and number was about 90,000, or one for every two families in the state.

## TWENTY STARS UPON SCHOOL SERVICE FLAG

A patriotic meeting will be held at the Union High school building next Wednesday morning, beginning promptly at 10:30 o'clock at which time a Service Flag will be presented to the school by the Tri-S club of the Home Economics department. This flag will contain 20 stars representing the boys from this school who are now members of our army and navy. Special written invitations will be given the parents of these brave and loyal boys and a general invitation will be given to others who can come.

There will be speaking of a patriotic nature and music will be furnished by Union High orchestra and other musical organizations of the school.

## WRITE YOUR NAME ON THRIFT STAMPS

Purchasers of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps are permitted by the government to write their name on the stamps so every purchaser of a thrift stamp (25 cents) should attach it to his thrift card and indorse it. Every purchaser of a War Savings Stamp (\$4.12) should immediately attach it to his War Savings certificate writing across the stamp his name and the number of his certificate.

## NEED IS SEEN FOR FARMERS TO ORGANIZE

County Agricultural Agent S. B. Hall returned Sunday from Corvallis where he has spent the past two weeks attending Farmers' Week and in conference with the county agents from all parts of the state and the representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Hall reports that the last few days were spent taking on intensive instructions from Mr. Simons of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who came west to meet the county agents of Oregon to make more impressive to them the demands of the government in agricultural lines and to assist them in planning a better method for a more complete organization of the people of the state so that the requests from the government may be transmitted quickly and effectively from the Department at Washington to every local community in the state. The indications are that many requests are going to come to the people asking for accurate surveys of labor needs, food stuffs, crop conditions and other things which our national government will require to know in order to marshal together all the resources of our country. The county agents in each county are being called upon to direct and execute these urgent requests and in order to make them accurate a more thorough system of community organization is necessary. The County Agricultural Council will probably be enlarged and communicated committees be organized.

When entering his office upon his return Mr. Hall seemed at a loss as to just which way to turn. Many requests for assistance from all parts of the county had accumulated during his absence, and while they are very important and vital to the persons making the requests there stands on the other side the requests from the U. S. Department to prepare for rapid and effective reporting of agricultural conditions within the county, each needing immediate attention. Quite frequently individuals do not stop to consider that requests are coming from all sections and if they do not get prompt service assume that they are being discriminated against, but from present indications it looks like that the county agent will not be able to make as many personal calls this coming year as he did last year and they were much fewer than the first year of the work.

Arrangements have been made by which the county agent's office will be open each day from 8 until 5 o'clock.

The work of potato seed improvement of County Agent S. B. Hall was recognized during Farmers' Week at Corvallis, and Mr. Hall was elected vice president of the Oregon Seed Potato Growers' association which was organized at that time.

The object of the organization is to promote the use and growth of better seed potatoes throughout the state which is leading up to the establishment of a better potato market for Oregon. One section of the state where seed improvement has been in progress for but a few years marketed their entire output this year for \$2.50 per hundred.

## ANOTHER WEDDING WAS KEPT SECRET

Secret weddings are getting so common that one is not at all surprised to learn that a couple of intimate acquaintances have taken the adventure. The latest of such weddings to be made public is that of Edwin Prichard, a recent Franklin High school student, of Portland, and Miss Ethel Merrill, a well known young woman of Gresham.

They went over to Hillsboro on Saturday, December 29th, and were married by Rev. Walter Skipworth. Their wedding was announced yesterday. The happy couple was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stanley, whose wedding last July was still a secret. Mrs. Stanley is a sister of Mrs. Prichard and the latter understood that she was going to be married also. When Mrs. Stanley gave her new name as a witness it was the first intimation to her sister that she had a new brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Prichard have the congratulations of their many friends, all of whom will wish them every success and joy in life.

The silo increases the size of the farm 50 to 100 per cent by increasing the stock carrying capacity. See Hessel's Farm Machinery.