

## LECTURER WHO BEGAN CAREER HERE TO SPEAK

Gresham is promised one of the greatest intellectual treats that ever came to a country town when, on February 20, the renowned Louis Albert Banks will give one of his most forceful lectures here.

There is no more distinguished example of the modern people's preacher in the American pulpit today than Dr. Banks, and it is interesting to note that he began his career in this vicinity. He was stationed at Fairview for a term as pastor of the Methodist church and was often heard in the surrounding towns and communities. Charles Parkhurst, editor of Zion's Herald, of Boston, says of him:

At 16 years of age he commenced to preach the gospel in Washington Territory, and many were converted. From 17 to 21, he taught school and studied law, being admitted to practice in the courts. He received his first regular appointment as a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, from Bishop Gilbert Haven, and was stationed at Portland, Oregon. Fearless as a reformer, he has been shot down by the infuriated capitalist, and mobbed by the anti-Chinese rioters. Dr. Banks is tall, of vigorous form, pleasant and intelligent face, never clerical but always frank, open-hearted and manly. He is always bubbling over with life and good cheer. He carries with him an inexhaustible supply of exurbance, which overflows to gladden every circle which he enters. He is a man of boundless optimism.

It is in the interests of the educational campaign for National Prohibition now under way, that the great mass meeting will be held in our city. This is one of hundreds of National Prohibition rallies now being conducted by the Anti-Saloon League of America in co-operation with the State Anti-Saloon Leagues. More than 4000 have been held during the past two years and most of the states have been reached by this great Nation-wide "Water-Wagon" crusade.

The adoption of the amendment to the constitution requires that it shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of both houses of congress, and shall be ratified by 36 states. Congress has adopted the amendment and two states have followed suit already. To get the amendment submitted to the legislatures of the states is the supreme contest.

Dr. Banks is the author of more volumes of sermons and lectures than any man now living. He has written more than 50 books, and scarcely a preacher's library can be found without several copies of them.

Few public speakers or writers have studied so wide a range of subjects and made themselves heard on all of them as has Dr. Banks. He has served remarkably successful pastorates in the leading churches of the largest cities from coast to coast. As an evangelist his itineraries have been nation-wide.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY PLANS GOOD PROGRAM

The Baptist Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. S. B. Johnson on South Roberts avenue Thursday afternoon, February 7. Leader, Mrs. Richard Beadie. The program consists of a vocal duet by Mrs. J. Montclair Brown and Mrs. J. N. Clamahan; reading by Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman; vocal solos, Mrs. Ed. Aylsworth; piano solo by Mrs. W. L. Gorstage.

The speaker of the afternoon is Miss Burch, whose work is among the Italians in Portland. The hostess is assisted in serving by Mrs. Geo. W. Stapleton, Mrs. H. J. Pulfer, Mrs. D. G. Geddes and Mrs. Allen Holloway. All ladies cordially invited.

## EIGHTH GRADE PLAY HAS BEEN SELECTED

The Gresham eighth grade has elected the following officers: president, Frank Tacherson; vice president, Ruth Cox; secretary, Lelah Childers.

The eighth grade play, "The Moon Dream" will be presented to the people of Gresham about May 1, in conjunction with the closing exercises of the school.

Mrs. Sara Jewel Crawford, of Portland, will coach the class members who are to have the parts in the play.

For Hire Service Automobiles anywhere, night or day. Phone 791, Gresham, M. M. Squire.

## UNION HIGH SCHOOL ENCOURAGES THRIFT

A. Meyers, president of the First State Bank, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Thrift to the students this morning at the opening exercises at Union High school. He urged all students to practice thrift as the "test of success is the ability to save."

Many of the students are owners of thrift stamps and the number is rapidly increasing.

The students are making plans for a thrift parade next Monday afternoon if the weather permits. The student body will leave the school at 1:30 and with flags and drums and carrying banners and different designs to show the importance of thrift, will march south to the fountain and east beyond the M. E. church and return to the school building by the same route.

Following is a synopsis of Mr. Meyers' address:

I want to talk to you for a very short time on a matter of vital importance today. Vital importance to our nation. Vital importance to you. You all want to be successful. That's why you are here.

The foundation of success is Thrift. National thrift depends upon personal thrift. America's greatest problem today is cutting down on needless waste. Not only the admonition of our government, in which we rely to win the war, but self interest demands our attention and co-operation.

The practice of thrift offers the most constructive and helpful habit which the individual can cultivate in the interest of his own highest success.

Remember that thrift will increase your efficiency whatever your age or occupation. Thrift is another word for good management. It stands for common sense in saving and spending. Its practice will benefit you, not only in health and wealth but from the most important view point of character. Make thrift a part of your daily life and you obtain a passport that will carry you safely through all life's chances and changes. As a duty to your country, you should lay hold of thrift. As a stepping stone to success you should give thrift first place and attention. As a means of self betterment you should make thrift an inseparable part of your character.

## EVERY COUNTRY SCHOOL WILL HAVE A CLUB

County School Superintendent W. C. Alderson and Miss Alice Joyce, of the O. A. C., met with the Parent-Teachers' circle today at the grade school auditorium. There was a good attendance and an excellent program of songs, recitations and dialogues was given by the school.

Mr. Alderson and Miss Joyce visited the schools at Terry, Cedar, Victory and Lusted yesterday. Agricultural clubs were organized in each school, also at Orient, where a meeting was held last night. Clubs have also been organized this week in every school visited. The members are being instructed in pork production, baking, sewing, gardening, potatoes and Belgian hare raising. The results will be seen at the next county fair.

## SINGING SOCIETY TO GIVE CONCERT

The Gresham Singing Society, which has been meeting regularly every week during the winter for practice, will give a concert at Regner's Opera house on Wednesday, February 13. Joseph A. Finley, director of music in the Gresham grade school, and well-known Portland music teacher, has drilled the singers and will conduct the concert. Mrs. J. E. Clamahan is accompanist.

The society will be assisted by Miss Goldie Peterson, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Ethel Meade, Harold Moore, basso and by the Aeolian Male quartet. The members of the quartet are C. M. Godfrey, first tenor; J. A. Finley, second tenor; Fritz Debrum, baritone and Harold Moore basso.

Mr. Finley will give readings in Yankee dialect. A full program of the concert will appear in a later issue of the Outlook.

## REGNER'S HALL LEASED TO THOMAS AND CANNON

Regner's hall has been leased to Ezra Thomas and J. Cannon for the year 1918, who will be pleased to have the patronage of all societies or individuals when such a hall is needed. As the finest and largest hall in town, together with its ample stage and superb lighting effects, it has been a favorite place on many occasions, and its reputation will be sustained.

## TROUBLE FOR GROCERS WHO IGNORE LAW

Grocers who ignore the new regulations of the United States Food Administration governing the sale of wheat flour, will speedily find themselves in trouble, according to Assistant Federal Food Administrator W. K. Newell.

Every retailer in the state has had personal and full instructions" said Mr. Newell, "and where it can be proven that any retailer is selling wheat flour in violation of the rules, such retailer's supply of flour will be immediately cut off, as the Food Administration is authorized, in such cases, to forbid the wholesalers from making further sales to the retailer.

With every 24 lb. sack of wheat flour, every retailer must sell 8 lbs. of substitute, and this ratio of three-and-one must be rigidly adhered to in every case, no matter how small the purchase of flour. The list of substitutes specified in the regulations give the customer a wide choice, and the rule will work no hardship on any one. There is no excuse for attempted evasion by any consumer, nor for violation by the retailer. Any merchant who breaks the rules risks having his source of supply shut off, which would automatically put him out of business as to the buying and selling of flour.

Because of traffic congestion and the consequent shortage in the Northwest of corn meal and other substitutes, the "fifty-fifty" order, requiring consumers to purchase a pound of substitute with every pound of wheat flour, has been modified as to Oregon.

"This will necessarily result in a more generous and a more general use of the substitutes in the baking of breads, pastry, etc.," said Mr. Ayer in an interview, "and this is what is desired. Those who have not been using substitutes as much as they should in their baking, must now do so in order to use up the substitutes that they will be compelled to buy with their wheat flour. This will work no hardships on anyone, and I do not anticipate any complaint here in Oregon, where the restriction is much less severe than in other sections. Let every housewife and every baker exercise their ingenuity in the mixing of new "Victory" breads that will excel the less wholesome white breads. Cordial and whole-hearted co-operation with the Food Administration in this matter should be regarded as a patriotic duty and a privilege, and the opportunity for this practical service should be welcomed by every loyal Oregon family."

The substitutes listed as those from which the customer may choose his one pound purchase to go with his three pound purchase of wheat flour, are as follows: Barley, buckwheat flour, corn flour, potato flour, rice flour, corn meal, corn starch, corn grits, hominy, oat meal, rolled oats and rice.

## GRESHAM GRADE PUPILS SELL THRIFT STAMPS

The Gresham school has entered upon a thrift stamp sale campaign. All pupils above the third grade held a meeting in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon to plan the drive. After Principal McCormick and the other teachers gave talks and explanations of the plan and its objects the pupils elected the following to enter the contest for membership in Mr. Churchill's Rainbow regiment: Eighth grade, Walter Schwedler; seventh grade, Edgar Tibbitts; sixth grade, Leo Gillnet; fifth grade, Mildred Knighton. To become a member of the Oregon Rainbow regiment a pupil must sell at least \$50 worth of stamps.

The pupils of the respective grades are assisting their chosen salesman. Thus a keen rivalry has been attained. One boy sold more than \$25 worth of stamps in one afternoon.

Several of the pupils are also competing for the prizes to be given by the First State Bank for the best thrift essay. Thrift day, February 4, will be observed by an appropriate program in each room.

The winter of 1916-17 was the most disastrous the range stockmen of the west have ever known. The lamb crop for the entire west was 15 to 20 per cent below the average, and the calf crop was consequently below normal.

We have a few second-hand stoves and ranges to dispose of. L. L. Kildner Hardware Co.

Cable rates have been reduced between North and South America.

Read the Want ads.

## PHONE RATES LOWERED BUT NO REDUCTION

A dispatch from Salem on Tuesday announced that the Public Service commission had discontinued all the new long distance rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, which became effective on January 1, until such time as the commission has had time to investigate them.

These rates affect the entire state and are of considerable importance in Gresham, where the local company has a contract for long distance service with the Pacific States. The rates which went into effect on the first of the year were based on the air-line mileage measure, or zones. By this arrangement the tolls between Portland and Gresham were raised from ten cents for the first minute of conversation to 15 cents.

There were decreases in the number of calls but an increase in the revenue, a condition that prevailed almost everywhere, and for this reason the commission will make a probe of the business.

Miss Eva Anderson, secretary of the local company, when questioned about the matter of making reductions on January bills, said that no reduction could be made. She has been instructed to collect the increased tolls for January, and as the increase was legal during January while the order was in effect the full amounts will be collected from regular subscribers. All transient and cash calls have been paid for under the increased rate. What will be done in February remains to be determined, but it would seem that the company must go back to the old figures as ordered.

Experts at the business agree that the zone system is the most equitable form. This is illustrated in the calls between Gresham and Estacada, and between Gresham and Estacada, for instance. Heretofore it has cost more to phone to Estacada than to Portland, but under the zone system it was actually cheaper. Also it was cheaper to call Estacada from Portland than from Gresham under the old system. The zone system equalized that condition.

## WHY THEY PREFER OREGON TO HEAVEN

Oregon's wonderful climate, other natural attractions and patriotism are fittingly portrayed in the following anecdote of Rev. M. B. Paroungagian, in the Mount Scott Herald:

Mr. Paroungagian is not only Armenian by birth, but only an exceedingly patriotic American whose speeches always stir up loyalty and love for the flag, but he is an excellent raconteur of telling anecdotes that so please an audience. For instance, apropos of Oregon's mud, Oregon's climate, Oregon's roses, and Oregon's records as a patriotic state he tells of a visitor who under the guidance of the angel Gabriel was once privileged to make a tour of Heaven. After passing through one rhapsody after another as he viewed the wonders prepared for those who will some day enter the happy land he was astonished and pained to come across a crowd of people all chained with fetters, and their feet weighted with huge iron balls. He asked his guide in astonishment how such a state of affairs came to exist in heaven. Gabriel replied, "Hush! Not so loud! Those people are from Oregon, and we have to keep them chained up or they'd sneak away back home!"

## THRIFT STAMPS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps are the most democratic of investments and America expects every American to show love of republican institutions by investing in this democratic security. The aggregate amount of the investments and the number of investors in these War Savings securities are in a way the answer of the people of this great democracy to the call of the cause of democracy throughout the world and the vindication of civilization and humanity.

They afford every person, however humble and however small his means, the opportunity to contribute his part, to do his bit, in this great struggle against the military masters of Germany who seek to dominate the world in contempt of justice and right and freedom and without conscience and without mercy.

Surely every American desires to have a part in the defeat of autocracy and the success of liberty and right.

Say Thrift Stamp to the grocer.

## GRANGE UNVEILS WAR SERVICE FLAG

Pleasant Valley grange held their regular monthly meeting last Saturday. There was a good attendance of the membership besides a number of visitors. The lecture hour opened with the roll call in which all participated. The question was: "What important changes in the matter of household expenses has been brought about by conditions arising from the war?" The newly elected officers were installed, Past Master Mrs. Kitty Bateman assisted by Mrs. W. U. Moore conducted the installation ceremonies.

The unveiling of a service flag was a feature of the lecture hour. The flag contains eleven stars representing eleven noble boys who have answered their country's call from this neighborhood. They are, Ray Kesterson, Verl Parker, Forrest Jenne, Allen Joy, Jr., Faxon Joy, Glen Kesterson, Boyd Brasswell, Leslie Berke, Otley Berke, Lester Riehey and Ealis Forsgren. A program appropriate to the occasion, consisting of songs and speeches, was rendered. Mrs. W. U. Moore made the presentation speech and Master G. N. Sager accepted the flag. The flag is a beautiful one and was donated by Mrs. Anna Lehman. Among the visitors present were J. D. Lee and Mr. Barbur of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Berke.

## REASONS GIVEN WHY A W. METZGER IS CLOSING OUT

A. W. Metzger's reduction sale, as advertised in the Outlook, has caused considerable inquiry to his reasons therefor. Mr. Metzger being under 31 was caught in the selective dragnet, and being unmarried was placed in class A upon answering his questionnaire. Therefore he expects to be called into service upon the first call unless he is able to join some branch before that time comes.

In order to avoid being taken in the draft he is trying to enlist, but failing in that he will probably have to go anyway. So to get away without leaving an unprotected business he is trying to reduce his stock so that it may be more easily disposed of to someone who will take it over. The rare bargains he is offering in many lines should be a temptation to those who need such articles as he is advertising in each issue of this paper. The stock must be reduced greatly within the next few weeks, for if he goes away as its owner he will have to leave it in the hands of a manager who might conduct it right, or might not. There is a good opportunity for someone to get a good, established business for a reasonable price.

## GRUESOME OUTCOME OF YOUNG WOMAN'S REQUEST

There is a weird story being told which is undoubtedly true, but there may be "nothing to it" after all. It concerns a young man who went to France and a young woman he left at home. After he had gone he wrote back and asked her what he should send her as a present from France.

"Send me the kaiser's eyes," she wrote back, and after several months of waiting she one day received a package with two human eyes. They came from the western front with no word of explanation, and though the girl knew that they never belonged to the kaiser she waited many weary weeks for a letter, explaining the ghastly joke.

So long a time has elapsed since receiving the gruesome package that that young woman has expressed her fears that her soldier was captured by the Huns, her letter found upon him and that it is his eyes she received. Her feelings can be imagined as she contemplates the horror of what might be.

## MILITARY INSURANCE TO BE TAKEN BY FEB. 12

Notice is being given that the men now in the military or naval service must apply for government insurance before February 12, if they want it. It may be paid for out of the soldier's pay or by members of his family.

More than three billion dollars are now in force, but it should be more, as at least 750,000 men have not yet availed themselves of the opportunity. Relatives or friends of soldiers may make the application or urge the boys to do so.

## Two Fish Days.

Gresham Meat Market announces that they will have fish on Tuesday and Friday of each week. Phone 41, A. J. W. Brown, Prop.

## SOME AMUSING REPLIES MADE TO QUESTIONS

At the meeting of local teachers in Portland last week the greatest interest centered around the spelling contest in which thirteen participants tried to excel each other. The entrants were Charles Piper, district 3; Alice Peterson, district 4; Anna Lennartz, district 6 Jt.; William Maybee, district 25; Hilma Johnson, district 26; Mildred King, district 27; Lorene Alexander, district 31; Lillian Leonard, district 38; Larkin Shultz, district 39; Vivian Rasmussen, district 40; Lucille Smythe, district 45; Felice Ford, district 46; Harry Cooper, district 52.

A gold watch had been donated by Staples, the Jeweler as a prize for the best speller. At the close of the contest it was found that Mildred King of Rockwood and Larkin Shultz of Corbett were tied with only one miss out of 100 words. County Superintendent Alderson solved the problem of giving the winner the watch by giving Larkin Shultz one which he paid for himself.

A feature of the meeting was an examination of the eighth grade pupils in civil government. Those standing highest were Albert Lambert of Gresham; Henry Johnson, Rose Stark and Ruth Renne, Gilbert; Rodney Jenkins, Pleasant View; Jessie Boyd, Riverview; Esther Barrow, Maplewood. In this subject, with schools having four or more pupils taking the test, Gilbert school has the highest average of 74.6, fifteen taking the test. H. W. Ager is the principal at Gilbert.

In the civil government test there were many amusing answers given. The following replies were made to the question, "What should the Governor do with an undesirable bill?" "Throw it away," "refuse to sign," "should not veto," "veto it and sent it to the legislature," "throw it in the waste basket," "not pass it," "destroy it," "not put it in action," "try to keep it out," "recall it," "pass it by," "put it in his pocket," "should not have it enforced."

To the question: "What is the person bringing an action in court called?" One answer was "criminal."

The most astounding answers were given to the question: "What is the salary of President Wilson?" The replies ranged from \$2500 to \$749,200. There were other equally amusing answers to many of the questions. This test was as follows:

1. What is the person bringing an action in court called?
2. What is a written or printed vote called?
3. Handing over an arrested person by one state to the authorities of another is called what?
4. As a rule, how many form a jury?
5. Who appoints the teachers?
6. What does it cost to send a letter from Portland to New York?
7. What department arranges a treaty?
8. What body ratifies a treaty?
9. Who is the commander-in-chief of the army?
10. What must a corporation obtain from a city to operate a street railway?
11. Name five natural resources.
12. Name five kinds of timber.
13. Name three gold coins.
14. What is the salary of President Wilson?
15. How long must a foreigner live in the United States before becoming a citizen?
16. Is a native-born Negro a citizen?
17. Japanese?
18. What body make the state laws?
19. National?
20. What should the Governor do with an undesirable bill?

## YOU WILL OR YOU WON'T, THE CHANCES ARE EVEN

Cheer up! You have two chances, one of being drafted and one of not, and if you are drafted you have two chances, one of going to France and one of not going, and if you go to France you have still two chances, one of getting shot and one of not getting shot, and if you get shot you still have two chances, one of dying and one of not dying, and if you die, well, you still have two chances. Guess what they are.

Bargains in the Want Ads.