

LETTER FROM A SECRETARY OF Y. M. C. A.

The Outlook is indebted to Mrs. Clara M. Sunday of Gresham for an extremely interesting bulletin written on shipboard by her son, Rev. D. D. Hoagland, who has gone to France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. The bulletin is too long to be printed in full, but some of the most striking paragraphs are given below. Mr. Hoagland was pastor of the Hyde Park M. E. church, Boston, Massachusetts. He is a brother of Mrs. Frank Metzger of Gresham and Mrs. J. C. Lingle of Damascus. The bulletin was commenced on February 3, when the ship was in New York harbor and ended as it was proceeding up a French river to its port of debarkation.

"At 8:45 we had a meeting of the 140 Y. M. men abroad as a sort of get-acquainted meeting. Each fellow was asked to tell his name, where he came from, and his business. It was exceedingly interesting to hear them. A few were Frenchmen. All the rest were Americans. A lumberman, a pipe fitter, several auto drivers, a woolen manufacturer, several insurance men, a type writer salesman, several real estate men, an automobile man, an undertaker, several college professors, one from Columbia University, 1 from Princeton and 1 from Harvard, a lawyer, a number of ministers, a college president, several Y. M. C. A. men, either secretaries or physical directors. It is a fine crowd of fine men who are sure of the work they are to try to do. One man is to organize the transportation system for the overseas work, another to have charge of buying stuff, etc. There are also several young women who are to do special work of some sort.

Vance Thompson, the writer, is one of our party. He gave a talk yesterday, or last night, which I did not hear, of course, as I have been keeping myself hidden and they say it was fine. He says we have got to learn to hate the Germans and to get them with vengeance. I don't feel that way yet. Perhaps we will find ourselves in that mood when we get first hand sight of some of their work.

"One of the main reasons why there has been such a long space of time between this and the last writing is because I have not been feeling like doing anything. I was awfully sick for several days and didn't get out. I was not myself at all until yesterday. Today I have been feeling fine all day. We are nearing land, that is, everybody says we are. Yesterday I got up very early. The air had been so bad that I slept upon deck instead of in my berth. I had to get up early because the ship moved to wash the deck and since I was sleeping in my army roll on the floor I had to get out of the way. So I went down on the bow deck clear out at the point all alone. It was just beginning to grow light enough to see some distance. The sky was clear and the stars were shining. It was a wonderful sight. There were no large waves, just a quiet lapping of the water against the ship. I watched the shadows go away, the stars put out their lamps one by one, and the rosy fingers of the dawn gather hold of the dark robe of night. I felt as if I were standing in the portico of God's house and in the silence of his vast world were hearing the talk of divine things. I was letting the majesty and glory of it all sink into my soul—when suddenly the harsh sound of a horn struck my ears. One of the gunners on the gun deck just back of and above me had blown a warning. The captain struck the bell and the gunners began at once to strip the gun ready for action. Away on the starboard bow I saw a dark object on the horizon. The captain and mate were pacing the bridge, the gunners as they worked kept a watchful eye on the object yonder, the ship changed her course and the object began to fade into the distance. I do not know what it was. I do not know that the captain knew. At any rate no chances were taken. It might have been a submarine, it might have been a destroyer, it might have been a steamer. But we couldn't trust it, and left it alone in the deep. I had strange feelings as I stood there knowing that nearly all the passengers were asleep, that we might be facing a real danger the result of which no one could foretell. It broke the spell of beauty and wonder that the morning held. I stayed on the bow and watched the sun come up out of the sea, a truly wonderful sight, and then went back on the promenade deck.

"I find that I have time for more than I expected just now so I shall add another sheet to this. Last night about 5:30 either a steamer, or a destroyer or a submarine passed us going at high speed. Many thought it was a sub. I don't know what it was and did not see it, but the excitement it caused together with the captain's request that the passengers sleep in their clothing and not a sign of a light any kind be shown made it a nervous night for many. A large number of passengers slept on deck with their life belts near them ready for any emergency. It is really a pretty serious business. I find that I do not think of myself at all in this danger, for we are in the danger zone, but of the dear ones at home who have been so anxious every minute and will wait so eagerly for word of our safe arrival. One of the men

JUNIOR RED CROSS BAZAAR NEXT FRIDAY

The Gresham Parent-Teacher Red Cross circle will hold a bazaar for the benefit of the Juniors in the school auditorium, Friday, March 22, commencing at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Every pupil will bring something to sell and every resident of the district is invited to donate something whether he has children attending the school or not. Each school will have a booth of its own. Besides the regular gifts each booth will have a specialty.

One will sell home-made candy; one ice cream; one tea, coffee and sandwiches; one popcorn, popcorn balls, etc.

In the evening a literary program free to all will be given.

The school children will furnish part of the program. Capt. J. E. Perry of Portland will give readings from Riley, Professor Finley will sing, and other numbers will be given by local celebrities.

The remainder of the evening will be devoted to social intercourse and getting together for the benefit of all. Everybody come. You're welcome.

BUYS ALFALFA FARM IN KLAMATH COUNTRY

E. W. Aylsworth and A. W. Metzger returned home on Wednesday evening from their recent trip to San Francisco. While on their way they made a side trip to Klamath Falls, where Mr. Aylsworth bought an alfalfa and grain ranch about ten miles from that city. Ninety acres are now producing alfalfa which sold on the farm the past winter for fifteen dollars a ton. The yield is three tons to the acre. The remaining acres are in grain.

Mr. Aylsworth contemplates spending the summer there and will probably leave here about the first of April to become a farmer. His visit to San Francisco was to visit his brother who is at the Presidio, and who expects to be called to duty in France.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE AT GRESHAM M. E. CHURCH

A stirring patriotic service has been planned for next Sunday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church, beginning at 7:30, to which all are invited. Following is the program:

Opening hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," congregation; prayer, Capt. C. O. Branson; scripture reading, Rev. E. A. Leonard; song, "The Flag Goes By," children of the sixth and seventh grades; short address, "Our Boys," Rev. S. G. Roper; song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," congregation; address, by Hon. S. B. Huston. Closing song, America with new stanza.

Pie Social at Cedar.

A pie social will be held at Cedar schoolhouse on Saturday evening, March 30, for the benefit of Belgian and French children. Each woman is requested to bring a pie, which will be sold at auction. Any articles donated will be auctioned off and a pie fund will be there to furnish amusement for the children. The people of Melrose and Victory greatly appreciate the co-operation received in the recent entertainment for the benefit of the W. M. C. A. war fund.

New Telephone Directory.

The new telephone directory goes to press about April 1st. Any one desiring advertising space should telephone, write, or call at the telephone office, Gresham.

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who spoke to us today, Dr. Lee, the Chinese delegate to Paris, told how, when the call came for him to go as a representative of the government, his wife asked whether he had to go, whether it was necessary for him to go, then whether it was a worthy cause. When she saw the importance of it she said it was a cause worthy to die for and bade him go. His voice broke with emotion when he said this, and there were very many who understood just what the story was. All over the world the wonderful women of all nations are doing the brave and wonderful things. They are sending their loved ones out into danger, perhaps in some cases even to death. And they are doing it with such wonderful spirit. Oh, all you who read this letter, I am proud to be loved by one of those wonderful women. I carry her image in my heart, and her presence is my constant inspiration and her mantle of prayer my perfect protection. I see her now as she walked so straight and so brave out of the dock away from the ship a week ago last Saturday and we were separated for these long months. I knew she was a wonderful girl but I did not know she was so grand. My heart wells with a solemn and holy pride when I think of her. I shall try to be worthy of her love and the glory of her sacrifice.

DEATH OF W. W. COTTON AT LOS ANGELES, GRESHAM'S LEADING CITIZEN, FUNERAL ON MONDAY



W. W. COTTON.

If the people of Gresham and eastern Multnomah had been asked individually who was their foremost citizen nine-tenths of them would have given the name of W. W. Cotton, whose life ended in Los Angeles on Wednesday, whither he had gone with Mrs. Cotton for a rest and relief from a very annoying affliction of the throat and lungs. Five hours before his death he had telegraphed his secretary in Portland: "Probably not to be home before April 1. Weather cold and rainy. I am not quite as well as usual—nothing serious."

That was his last message, for at 12:30 came that report that Mr. Cotton was dead—a report that was confirmed and which set the flag on the Union Pacific headquarters at half mast in honor of the memory of him who had been the guiding light of its legal department for so many years.

Mr. Cotton and wife went to Los Angeles several months ago. His condition was known to his most intimate friends but was not considered dangerous. He looked forward to an early resumption of his duties in Portland and to a return to his Gresham home, where his most enjoyable days were spent upon his farm.

Mr. Cotton was born at Lyons, Iowa, December 13, 1859. At the age of 11 he went to Philadelphia where he attended the national school of elocution for five years after which he attended the Millersville normal school of Pennsylvania. He attended the Columbia University in 1889 for three years, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and was admitted to the New York bar. He practiced in New York until 1888 when he moved to Omaha. In the same year he was married to Miss Fannie Collingwood.

It was while in New York he began his career as a railroad attorney, studying in the offices of John H. Dillon, who was famous as a corporation lawyer and author of "Dillon on Municipal Corporations." Judge Dillon was counsel for the Gould lines and later for the Union Pacific system. He went to Omaha as local attorney for the Union Pacific in that city.

Mr. Cotton arrived in Portland in 1889 and became associated with other prominent lawyers, the firm name being Cox, Cotton, Teal & Minor. He became general attorney for the O. W. R. & N. company, and when the old company was reorganized as the O. W. R. & N. Co., he became the counsel of its legal department, a position he held until his death. He was later appointed general valuation counsel of the entire Union Pacific system and its affiliated lines.

In 1905 he was appointed federal judge for Oregon by President Roosevelt but declined the honor, saying that his career had been one of advocacy of causes rather than one of the decisions, and that he believed the public interest might better be served by the appointment of another, with an unhampered view point.

Mr. Cotton's career as a resident of Gresham is well known. He was the owner of the slightly Mountain View farm on the western boundary of the town. He engaged in several specialties, among them being dairying, berry growing and other farming projects. He made the farm his summer home and claimed his legal residence here, having been a member of Gresham grange which he frequently attended. When the question of a local cannery came up

a few years ago he was its strongest ally and gave it great financial assistance and as well as setting an example of berry and fruit growing to encourage others. When the cannery was burned it was he who came to the rescue and had it rebuilt.

Besides the Gresham farm he owned one at Newberg and another on Echeider's Island. He gave them much attention and was making them model farms of great productivity. In farming, as in all his work, he was thorough, but his special penchant was in dairying. When the Oregon Dairymen's League was recently organized he took an active interest in its inception, acting as directing adviser.

Probably the highest tribute to Mr. Cotton's character is expressed by Arthur C. Spencer, General Attorney for the O. W. R. & N. company. Speaking of Mr. Cotton on Wednesday evening, he said:

"The great part that Mr. Cotton has taken in the industrial and commercial life and development of this Northwest country is reflected to a considerable extent and is available in permanent and tangible form in the history and record of the great transportation company in which he has been so important a factor for nearly 30 years; the enviable accomplishments and contributions made in the practice of his chosen profession are also, in part, at least, in permanent and tangible record.

"Not less enduring, however, is the intangible record of good deeds done, of considerate action taken, of charities performed, of a true life led, of responsibilities of good citizenship met and assumed.

"These attributes so generously lived up to commanded for him the respect and confidence of the entire community, and the love and admiration of the many who profited in such large measure by personal contact and close association with him.

"His memory will endure and be cherished and his name wherever spoken will be typical of noble manhood.

"I have been associated with him for 14 years, and while I cannot adequately portray his sterling character, I can and do appreciate his great and lasting influence for good in the organization and in the community at large."

C. E. Cochran, assistant general attorney of the great railroad company, was also felicitous in his estimate of Mr. Cotton. He said:

"The sudden death of Mr. Cotton was a shock to all associated with him in the legal department."

"I have never been associated with anyone in a more pleasant capacity than as an associate with Mr. Cotton. My association with him began in 1907, when a local attorney at La Grande, and later, in 1912, when I was appointed to a place in the department at Portland.

"Mr. Cotton was always tolerant and considerate. He had a consuming desire to be right and to extend to the other fellow absolute fairness. His mind in approaching a legal problem proceeded step by step in the progress of reasoning out the answer, and if you conceded the premise of a given question you were compelled to agree with his conclusion, and the only way he could be beaten was by establishing a fault in the basis from which the logic proceeded.

"He was well informed upon many matters entirely apart from his profession. Within that sphere, however, his memory was stored with principles and references so that he rarely approached modern questions without a well-founded knowledge of the precedent to guide, I am very glad to have been counted as one of his friends."

John D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N. who was at Coronado at the time of Mr. Cotton's death, has made arrangements for the return of Mr. Cotton's body to Portland and will probably accompany Mrs. Cotton there.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church, Portland, on next Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Rev. John Boyd officiating.

Pallbearers have been selected from among the close friends and business associates of Mr. Cotton. The honorary pallbearers will be Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, Dr. A. J. Glesy, J. P. O'Brien, Wirt Minor, R. L. Sabin and C. F. Adams. Active pallbearers will be Guy W. Talbot, Geo. F. Nevins, H. W. Strong, A. C. Spencer, W. A. Robbins and C. E. Cochran.

Members of the Multnomah and Oregon Bar associations will meet in the courthouse lobby, Fourth-street entrance, at 1:15 p. m., on Monday, to march in company to the First Presbyterian church. Employees of the O. W. R. & N. company, represented by departmental heads and

PREPARATIONS MAKING FOR BIG TRACK MEET

Plans are being perfected for a grand school picnic and track meet to be held in Gresham, Friday, April 26.

All the elementary schools of the county are invited to take part. A grand patriotic parade of all the schools will take place in the morning; a basket picnic on the Gresham school grounds at noon and the track meet in the afternoon.

The "Gresham eighth grade will give their play, "The Moon Dream" in the evening. The other grades will also be present their program preceding the play.

The following committees have been appointed:

On parade—Professors Bradley, Gill and Quicksall.
Track meet program—Professors Searle, Ager and Skirvin.
Prizes—Professors McCormick, Grubbs and Miss Maude Michel.
Literary and musical program—Professor Finley, Mrs. Janet Grant, Mabel Shipley.

CEDAR SCHOOL GIVES TO Y. M. C. A. CAUSE

Multnomah's contribution to the Y. M. C. A. fund for the soldiers in France was increased by \$83.38 when Chairman Holman, of the county board, on Wednesday received a check for this amount from Miss Besie Streblin, principal of the Cedar school near the Base Line road. This money represents the total receipts received by the little school a few nights ago at the supper and program given by the teacher and pupils. Mr. Holman was present at the supper and delivered an address to the people of that section.

NAVY AND ARMY DANCE ON SATURDAY EVENING

St. Patrick's day—which comes on Sunday—will be patriotically observed on Saturday evening by a concert and dance at Regner's opera house. It is to be given by the boys of the U. S. Army and Navy Medical Reserve, students of North Pacific Dental College.

The concert will begin at 8 o'clock. Its numbers will consist of solos, duets, trios and quartets and music by the original Rizz Razz Jazz orchestra. Following the concert there will be good, clean dancing. Tickets for the concert will be 25 cents. Dancing \$1.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Do you want to make a scrapbook for the sick and wounded soldiers? There is a sample book at the library and blank books ready to be filled for those who would like to make one.

There is also a complete baby layette such as are being made for the orphan babies in France and Belgium.

PLEASANT HOME

At the Pleasant Home Baptist church on Sunday preaching will be at 8 p. m. by the pastor. All are welcome.

Concert and Dance.

St. Patrick's eve, Saturday, March 16, Regner's opera house, Gresham, Oregon. By the boys of the U. S. Army and Navy Medical Reserve, students of North Pacific Dental college. Solos, duets, trios, quartets and some Jazz. Music by the former original Rizz Razz Jazz orchestra. Good clean dance. Concert 8 p. m. Admission 25c. Dance \$1.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF FIRST STATE BANK

NO. 135
At Gresham, Oregon, at the close of business March 4th, 1918.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$207,746.92
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	None
Bonds and warrants	36,433.29
Stocks, securities, judgments, etc.	169.00
Banking house	25,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,150.00
Other real estate owned	2,550.00
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	543.36
Due from approved reserve banks	61,570.96
Checks and other cash items	866.88
Exchanges for clearing house	98.85
Cash on hand	11,918.27
Total	\$351,938.54
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,853.86
Postal savings bank deposits	3,771.49
Individual deposits subject to check	161,076.95
Demand certificates of deposit	2,133.43
Cashier checks outstanding	3,258.99
Time and savings deposits	128,878.81
Total	\$351,938.53

State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, ss.
I, C. J. Lundquist, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
C. J. Lundquist, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1918.
L. NYSTROM, Notary Public.
My commission expires April 8th, 1920.
Correct Attest: A. Meyers, Theo. Brugger, C. J. Lundquist, Directors.