

RACING SPORT ASSURED FOR COUNTY FAIR

Three days of good racing sport will be furnished the public at the coming county fair. There will be a racing card on each of the last three days, including harness races and one-mile runs. Rules of the American trotting association will be observed in conducting the pacing and trotting events, while the California jockey club rules will govern the running races.

The following speed program has been arranged, together with the purses offered:
Thursday, September 19—2:25 trot, purse, \$175. Pace, 2:25—\$175. One-half-mile run, \$50. Mile run, \$75.
Friday, September 20—2:15 trot, \$200. Pace, 2:15—\$200. Mile run, \$100.
Saturday, September 21—Free for all trot, \$200. Free for all pace, \$200. Mile run, \$100.

The 1918 premium list is in course of preparation. The special committee from the fair board made its final report yesterday and the copy was approved. The book will be issued in about two months and will be given its usual wide circulation among prospective exhibitors and all others interested in the fair.

The list of superintendents will be larger this year than ever before and several new ones have been named to take charge. The livestock department has been divided under three heads with H. G. Mullenhoff in general charge. The Women's department has a general superintendent; also the floral. A new division of medicinal herbs and minerals has been created. Following is a complete list of the superintendents who will have charge of the various departments:

Grounds and decorations, H. A. Lewis
Pavilion, A. F. Miller
Agriculture, Earl Townsend
Horticulture, E. S. Jenne
Floral, Mrs. Roy Kern
Horses, H. G. Mullenhoff
Dairy Cows, Dave McKeown
Milk and Butter Test, R. P. Rasmussen
Sheep and Hogs, A. J. Krueger
Poultry, Saylor E. Smith
Domestic Science, Alberta Allen
Art, Mrs. H. E. Poppletton
Women's Department, Mrs. E. T. Weathered
Herbs and Minerals, Mrs. E. Palmer
Race Track, A. J. Krueger

More specific instructions will be given exhibitors than ever before and the amounts or quantities of many displays necessary to win a prize will be given throughout the book. Thus, the number of apples, pears, peaches, prunes and many kinds of vegetables necessary to make a plate display will be given, so that exhibitors will know that too many are confusing and not needed.

The school project lists are to be furnished by the county superintendent and the city school superintendent of Portland. The Portland city schools are to make exhibits but they will be separate from the country schools and the two will not conflict with each other. Each have been awarded a stipulated sum for prizes and each will make its own entries and have its own superintendents. The juvenile department has been continued for another year, but if the school project work is successful the juvenile division will probably be eliminated hereafter.

Mrs. Weathered of the Multnomah County Fair board has been appointed superintendent of the grange exhibits for the coming fair and will appoint a committee in each of the ten granges in this county to see that each grange has a splendid exhibit. The products must have been grown by members of the grange in their respective communities.

FAIRVIEW

Fairview grange will meet in their hall next Saturday in regular session. The usual order of exercises will be followed, which will be business session in the morning, dinner at noon and open lecture hour in the afternoon. Judge Robert G. Morrow has been invited to speak and has consented. W. W. Hall of Portland will be present and give a brief address. All are invited to hear these speakers.

Remember the Wheatless and Meatless Days and keep them wholly.

AUTO RECORD MADE OFFICE A BUSY PLACE

Many people have been wondering why such a strenuous exhibition of work at the Outlook office for the past month, when the two linotypes were being operated day and night, and so many new faces were to be seen about the office, all busy at work. It was no secret at any time for there was simply a big job on hand.

The Oregon Automobile Record, which the Outlook office has the contract for printing, was the reason for making the Outlook office the busiest place in Gresham. Its final pages were taken off the press yesterday and the magazine is now being bound ready for distribution by its proprietor, M. O. Wilkins of Portland.

The outsider may get some idea of the work necessary to keep the office busy for a month on one job when it is stated that the Record covers the license registrations for this year up to March 1. The number of cars listed is 40,840, exclusive of motorcycles and dealers' auto licenses. The magazine contains 140 pages of three-column matter and each machine required at least one line of space and sometimes two. To this must be added a large number of advertisements and other information.

In printers' parlance there were over 526,000 ems pica set in the text of the licenses. That would mean more than 84,000 inches of slugs from the linotypes set end to end, or over 7000 feet—more than one and one-third miles. These slugs make more than 50,000 lines. Count that many in a book of fine print and judge accordingly of the work necessary to produce the issue. The presswork, folding, binding and trimming is also a big job necessary to complete the book. They all take time and expert help.

The next big job for the Outlook will be the Automobile Record for the state of Washington which is also in process of being printed. Its first issue will contain 40 pages and several succeeding issues will also be large ones, so there is with this statement the offer of an apology to the Outlook readers if this paper is not delivered on time today and perhaps next Friday. Every effort is being made to keep all work in hand but vexatious delays occur so often that delays are sometimes unavoidable.

FLAX GOOD FIELD CROP FOR WEST OREGON FARM

Because flax grows well in western Oregon and its fiber and seed value is considerable, it is recommended by Prof. G. R. Hyslop of O. A. C., as a valuable crop to grow. The culture of seed flax is well worth consideration by farmers who feed considerable quantities of flax seed meal on the farm.

The Experiment station has succeeded in growing 14 to 20 bushels of seed per acre. The seed may be sold to the linseed oil mills, and the oil cake used for feeding. Or the whole seed may be ground up and mixed with other grains, forming an excellent type of ration.

Experiments have shown that flax is no harder on soils than common cereal crops such as wheat and oats. Average yields of flax do not remove as much plant food as average yields of the cereals, and usually the returns are a little better.

Any well-drained soils rich enough for wheat are rich enough to grow a good flax crop. The best results are obtained on moderately heavy, well-drained lands.

Varieties of the North Dakota 155 type are best for Willamette valley soils. Seed is treated with formalin and usually planted on a firm seed bed at a depth of about an inch. 40 to 50 pounds per acre.

No unusual difficulty is found in growing and handling flax. It is sowed with a grain drill, harvested with a self-rake reaper, mower or binder, and threshed with the ordinary threshing machine.

Following the plan adopted for California and Colorado, the Food Administration has appointed a commission to determine the cost of producing sugar beets in Nebraska. The commission has no power to fix prices, but it is expected that its figures will serve as the basis for voluntary price agreements between growers and purchasers of sugar beets.

Have you enlisted in the army of savers? Buy War-Savings Stamps!

TERRITORY EMBRACED IN LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE IN EAST MULTNOMAH

Appeal to Investors to Preserve the Credit of This District and Put It Over the Top.

All of Eastern Multnomah is in a territory tributary to the city of Gresham for the coming liberty loan drive. The dividing line between the city of Portland and the country is on Taylor avenue between the Base Line and the Section Line roads, extending clear across the county from the Columbia river to the Clackamas county line. Eastward it takes in the entire county of Multnomah to the Hood River county boundary.

This district is under the supervision of C. J. Lundquist, cashier of the First State Bank of Gresham, assisted by six prominent men of other parts of the territory as follows:

D. W. McKay—in charge of all that district north of the Base Line road and west of the Sandy river.

F. H. Lasley—in charge of all that district east of the Sandy river.

C. M. Quicksall—in charge of all that district east of the road across the county from the Clackamas line to the Base Line and west of the Sandy river.

William Peterson—in charge of that territory west of the Troutdale road and east of Main street, Gresham.

James Sterling—in charge of all that territory west of Main street, Gresham, and south of the Base Line.

T. Yoshizawa will have charge of the work among the Japanese. Questionnaires are being prepared by the students of the Gresham high school which will show the assessed valuations of all persons on the tax roll, and a personal canvass will be made by the solicitors fixing a quota for each which he is expected to subscribe for.

So far there have been few announcements from the government excepting the date of the drive which will begin next Saturday and the rate of interest to be paid, together with the amount to be subscribed which is three billion dollars at 4 1/4 per cent interest per annum.

Terms of payments have not been made known to the Gresham banks, but it is known that the Portland clearing house has adopted the plan of five payments. More specific instructions will be had by the end of the week, perhaps in time for the next issue of the Outlook.

Mr. Lundquist, who is in charge in this district, desires that the public be fully impressed with the idea that subscriptions made here be given to the authorized solicitors named above. This is necessary in order that Eastern Multnomah be given credit for every cent subscribed herein. A subscription made at a Portland bank will be credited there and that condition may tend to deprive this district of the credits which would help to make up the full amount which it is expected of the people here. The quota of Eastern Multnomah is not known yet, but it will be large enough for the wealth of its inhabitants and every cent is necessary to put it over the top.

SALQUIST HOME BURNS ON SUNDAY MORNING

The farm residence of Peter Salquist, at Powell Valley, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning about 5 o'clock. The fire originated in the woodshed about twenty feet away and it was also destroyed with about ten cords of seasoned wood.

A young dog had been acting queerly all the evening, as if there were prowlers about, and before retiring the animal was locked in the woodshed. When the family was aroused by the fire and opened the woodshed door the dog was seen lying on a woodpile dead.

Desperate efforts were made to stop the progress of the fire and confine it to the shed, but lack of help and water prevented the flames from reaching the dwelling and it was soon in flames. It was totally destroyed but a portion of its contents was saved. All heavier articles were lost, including a piano.

The dwelling was an eight-room, two-story house, built seven years ago. Unfortunately it was not insured, a policy upon it and the furniture having expired about three weeks ago. John Brown had prepared a diagram for a renewal of the insurance in another company but had not taken the risk. This was the first time in twenty years that Mr. Salquist had allowed his insurance to lapse. The total loss is about \$3000, and in view of the present cost of lumber and other material the replacement cost will be even more.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN TO ELECT NEW CHIEF

The regular meeting of the Gresham Volunteer Fire Department was postponed from Monday, April 1, 1918, on account of non-attendance of sufficient number of members, to Wednesday, April 3, 1918. The election of a new chief will be the main business of the evening to succeed L. G. Merrill, resigned, he having moved away.

All members are requested to be present at the usual hour.

TEACHERS WILL DISCUSS SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS

The regular meeting of the Rural Teachers' League will be held in conjunction with the local institute on Saturday, April 6, at 10:30 a. m., in room 729 of the courthouse. The subject of discussion will be school entertainments. Each teacher will be asked to tell about some number or program which has been found to be successful.

POWELL VALLEY SCHOOL BOOSTS LIBERTY LOAN

The Parent-Teachers' association of Powell Valley school will give an entertainment Friday evening, April 5th at 8 o'clock, in the interest of the third liberty loan drive. The following program is being prepared by the pupils of the school: military drill, upper grade pupils; song, Lillian Nelson, Hilma Johnson, Freda Peterson and Mildred Johnson; recitation, Etta Anderson; song, Wendell Gustafson, Clarence Magnuson, Chester Christensen and Guernev Wood; drill, lower grade pupils; violin solo, T. L. Anderson; song, Judith Larson, Lillian Johnson, Nettie Nelson and Emily Salquist.

Judge George W. Stapleton and Merrill Good of Gresham will speak in the interest of the drive, which is to be commenced soon. The plans for this drive are different in many respects from those of the last two. William Peterson is in charge of a large territory including Powell Valley. At his request, this meeting was arranged in order that the people might be brought together and have the opportunity of hearing these well-informed speakers explain the situation. The people of Cedar, Victory and Orient districts are especially invited to attend, as part of those districts are also under the supervision of Mr. Peterson.

A "Hoover lunch" will be served, to which the women and girls of Powell Valley are asked to bring Hooverized sandwiches and cookies. Coffee will also be served.

HAWAIIAN LECTURE IN NATIVE COSTUME

Gresham grange will have a rare entertainment during the lecture hour at its meeting next Saturday. Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered will give a Hawaiian lecture in a native grass costume. She will exhibit a collection of handiwork and souvenirs from the Sandwich Islands, and will have some real Hawaiian music by natives of the ocean islands. The grange is to be congratulated on the prospect of having such a rare entertainment.

Firms or individuals paying officers or business employes a portion or all salaries and wages during the war period in which they are in the service of the United States may deduct these amounts from their taxable incomes, according to a regulation by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Save a loaf of bread a week. Help win the war.

Say Thrift Stamp to the grocer.

NAVAL DRIVE WANTS QUOTA FOR OFFICERS

An added incentive was given the recruiting drive of the Naval Reserves on Monday last when announcement was made that the 13th Naval District has been called upon to furnish a quota of 40 men a month for the Officer's Material School. Opportunity to attend this is to be given recruits who have the necessary requisites. This school is a branch of the Naval Auxiliary Reserve.

At the present time the school is graduating deck officers on an average of from 100 to 150 a month. The monthly draft of men from this district will be transferred to the U. S. S. Gopher at Chicago. The men will be kept abroad the Gopher for preliminary training to last a month, after which they will be moved to Cleveland for assignment to ships on the Great Lakes. The training aboard ship will run into two months when the men will be returned to the Gopher for final selection. Subsequently, short cruises will be taken by the prospective officers and they will be picked according to individual merit. Those who do not measure up to the required standard will be given whatever other rating they prove qualified to fill.

Qualifications necessary for entrance to the school require an educational training equivalent to at least completion of a high school course, including a good knowledge of trigonometry and logarithms. The age limit is 21 to 30, inclusive.

The Naval Reserves at present are enlisting second class seamen and radio operators. Those desiring a chance to attend the officers' school would be required to enter the services as second class seamen, and as such, if their qualifications are deemed to fit them for training as line officers, they undoubtedly will be given an opportunity to go to school. Even if a recruit was not accepted for the officers' school, there would remain many other ways for advancement. With the personnel of the Navy on a constant increase, and the scope of the Navy's program in the war likewise expanding, the chances for rapid promotion are plentiful.

The goal of the recruiting drive which has been undertaken is 10,000 additional Naval Reserves. This number is being sought within the limits of the 13th Naval District which embraces Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

Further information may be obtained by applying to the U. S. Naval Training Camp, Seattle, or by writing Lieut. T. O. Ellingham District Enrolling Officer, at the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington.

CALLS TO TOWN FOR HELP TO SOW CROPS

Corvallis, Ore.—Farmers are looking to the city for help to sow their spring crops. Many of them have the land, the team and the seed for increasing the acreage as called for by the food administration program, but lack men.

Retired farmers and young men with farm experience now working in business establishments are asked to give up four weeks to helping the farmers put in his spring crops. Men capable of handling big teams and running machinery are the kind most needed.

Merchants and manufacturers who have men that can be spared are urged to consider it a patriotic duty to send these men out.

The only way this help can be reached is by voluntary enlistment. Concerning the need for help J. W. Brewer, Federal farm help specialist who has just completed summarizing the crop and labor survey, finds that an honest attempt is being made by the Oregon farmer to grow the big crops on which the success of the war largely depends. The fall sowing was increased more than one half, and the spring program calls for a substantial gain in acreage. But to carry out the program, help from the town is needed.

The going wage is \$60 a month with board.

Hats for Easter.

A large selection of spring hats for women and children this week at the Gresham Millinery shop.

For Sale. "Buick Six", almost brand new. Cheap, \$1150. Call Outlook.

POLITICS ARE BEGINNING TO SIZZLE A BIT

Despite the war situation and the impending liberty loan drive politics are beginning to bubble and boil. Chief interest centers in the governorship and senatorial fight. With five avowed candidates and two more ready to get into the scrap the governorship offers sufficient variety to suit all tastes. However, general opinion seems to be that the fight is between Withycombe and Olcott.

In the senatorial race the fight is between Stanfield and McNary, with the betting getting pretty close on account of the popularity of Stanfield and the fact that he is the only candidate for senator who is not a lawyer. Eighty per cent of the National Congress is lawyers; every member of the Oregon delegation in Washington is a lawyer and every candidate for the nomination is a lawyer excepting Stanfield. The further fact that the administration is calling for the services of practical business men is another argument in Stanfield's favor, for he is acknowledged to be one of the biggest and brainiest men of the state.

For some time it looked like wool was going to be the issue in the senatorial campaign, but when it was shown beyond question that the wool grower received only from 40 to 65 cents a pound for his wool, and the consumers and knitters had to pay from \$4.50 to \$7.00 a pound for yarn, the charge of profiteering on the part of the wool growers fell flat. This put it up to the manufacturers and State Treasurer Kay rushed into print to show that the manufacturers were not profiteering. Who is the profiteer hasn't been decided as the question is still being persistently discussed in the Portland papers, but they all agree that the wool grower is the under dog because while his expenses have gone up by leaps and bounds, the price remains stationary and he cannot sell his wool on account of lack of transportation. He is being gradually squeezed to the wall.

GREAT CROWDS CATCH SMELT IN THE SANDY

A great run of smelt was seen in the Sandy river on Friday evening and hundreds of people took advantage of the opportunity to get a big supply. So great was the crowd on Sunday that several deputy sheriffs were engaged in traffic work, owing to the number of automobiles. So great was the congestion that machines were parked along the streets of Troutdale and the county roads for half a mile.

Many thousand pounds of the delicious little fish were caught. Dipsnets of every variety were used, ranging from the most approved patterns to bird cages and coaloil cans with holes punched in them. The fish could be scooped up by the dozens, and no one thought of going away with less than a sack full.

Governor Withycombe suspended all licenses except to commercial fishermen and everyone who cared took home a big load for smoking or pickling. The run will probably be over in two or three days and may not come again for several years. When it is over the end of the smelt season will have arrived for this year.

PATRIOTIC GRANGES ALL HAVE COMMITTEES

The women of the grange are taking an active interest in the liberty loan drive. Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered is chairman of the grange committee with the following ladies: Mrs. Eugene Palmer, Woodlawn grange; Mrs. H. C. Lewis, Russellville grange; Mrs. C. O. Neil, Lents grange; Mrs. R. Kern, Gresham grange; Mrs. J. C. Duke, Multnomah grange; Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Evening Star grange; Miss Edna Berke, Pleasant Valley grange; Mrs. P. Anderson, Columbia grange; Mrs. F. H. Stone, Rockwood grange; Mrs. S. B. Hall, Fairview grange. It is the plan of this committee to keep intact to the end of the war; their duty is to help in every way possible the encouragement, enthusiasm and general helpfulness of liberty loan drives.

More than 1,600 tons of anthracite coal were condemned in Pennsylvania markets by representatives of the fuel administration recently in the campaign to compel the delivery of clean coal.