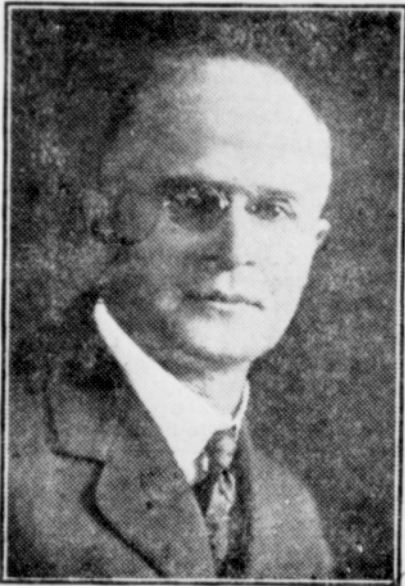


## CANDIDATE FOR CLERK OF COUNTY



W. W. HALL.

W. W. Hall, who is a candidate for the office of county clerk of Multnomah county at the coming primaries, was a Gresham visitor this week and called upon a number of the leading business men of the city. In an interview with the Outlook he said:

In announcing my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of county clerk of Multnomah county at the primaries to be held May 17th, next, I deem it just to announce both my qualifications and what I expect to do, if elected.

I will give my undivided attention to the detail work of the office, take charge personally and meet the public, whoever they may be, if for business or seeking information through that office.

I was county clerk of Marion county for four years and did the clerical work of the assessor's office for four years; besides the duties of county clerk, was appointed purchasing agent by the county court and in three years the indebtedness of the county amounting to \$117,000 was entirely wiped out. I have personally issued all processes, made all records and done each and everything to be done in a county clerk's office and have an accurate working knowledge of every duty and of all laws required.

I am a native Oregonian, 52 years old, college graduate, principal of schools for ten years, hold a state fire diploma, a lifelong republican, lived in Portland 3 1/2 years and am a taxpayer in Multnomah county.

There is necessity for saving in public places, in these war times the same as by individuals.

I believe in public officers making a definite contract with the public and ask the opportunity to show what business will do when mixed with politics.

My motto will be "A day's work well performed for each day's pay." I will cooperate with the county commissioners, will appoint only enough deputies to do the work and will reduce the annual expense of the office from \$5,000 to \$10,000 or more and will not favor a reduction of wages for deputies.

Contract with the Public: If at the end of the first year 1919 the budget committee, then appointed find upon examination made in their own way that I have failed, either to make the promised reduction as compared with the corresponding year of 1917, or to give as prompt service, as accurate record and as efficient administration as has been given in the past, I will donate one half of my salary for the two years to the Red Cross fund and admit failure.

This early birding stunt works all right. We haven't seen the person who can go to sleep an hour earlier than the usual time before we began saving daylight.

The navy now has in its possession a stock of supplies sufficient for average requirements for one year.

## SCHOOL WAS REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL

The presence of a German school in Gresham was reported to the city council at its meeting on Tuesday evening last and it was intimated that it should be investigated and discontinued. It was suggested that other places have caused the suspension of such schools and that such a school should not be permitted to continue here nor anywhere else in this country. The matter was referred to the council committee on health and police.

The matter of smoothing down the surface of the dirt and gravel streets was discussed by the council and the city marshal was instructed to look up an old street drag used several years ago and hire a team to operate it when the weather would permit.

An order was made that the P. R. L. & P. Co. be notified to put in order a street light at the entrance to the fair grounds which has not been giving satisfaction.

A request from G. H. Dammeier and E. L. Thorpe for a water pipe from South Roberts avenue along Park avenue to their property was referred to the fire and water committee.

Mayor Kenney stated that suggestions had been made to him that the Ely quarter block on Main street be secured, if possible, for automobile parking. No action was taken by the council but the matter will be looked into.

An itemized bill from the P. R. L. & P. Co., for the four street lights lately installed was read. One of the items was for "overhead expense" to the amount of \$7.15. This little innocent charge got the goat of Councilman Ed. Metzger to such an extent that he prevailed upon the council to deduct it from the warrant which was ordered drawn in payment, and the company will be asked to tell what the charge means. It was contended that the company had made a profit on all its other charges for material and service and that the item was an unjust tax. A warrant was ordered drawn for the rest of the bill and has been tendered in payment.

The following bills were ordered paid:

March water bill	\$79.18
J. H. Metzger, salary	12.50
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L. L. Kidder, hardware	2.33
Gresham Drug Co.	.65
G. A. Leslie, interest	35.00
A. W. Metzger, mdse.	.18
K. A. Miller, salary	30.00
J. H. Hoss, hauling	3.75
P. R. L. & P. Co., street lights	71.35

There are now four times as many vessels in naval service as a year ago. The estimated pay of officers and men in the navy for the first year of war was \$125,000,000.

Conservation of ice would have been a good forethought if it hadn't been for the shrinkage of the goods in a day or two.

More than 70,000 acres of land in this country has been planted with castorbean plants to produce oil for aircraft.

About 60,000 officers and men are engaged in coast patrol work of the navy.

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

## SHIPMENTS TO SOLDIER BOYS NOT EASY NOW

When you are thinking of sending your boy in France a parcel or package—anything that has to go by parcel post, from cigarettes to candy, nuts or cake—don't do it unless you have your boy's written request approved by his superior officer.

An order from Postmaster General A. S. Burleson under date of March 29, says that on and after April 1, 1918, parcels for members and individuals connected with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe shall not be accepted for mailing or dispatched unless they contain such articles only as are being sent at the written request of the addressee approved by his regimental or higher commander or an executive officer of the organization with which he is connected.

This order means that the soldier must think for himself what he wants or needs from home, and that he must ask for it and get permission to have it sent to him. So it will do no good to prepare anything or take anything to the postoffice for his use, as it will not be accepted there.

### Departmental Order.

Following is the order from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General concerning the sending of all packages to soldiers in European countries:

Postmasters and postal employees are instructed to give wide publicity to the foregoing Order No. 1259, prohibiting the acceptance for mailing to members of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe of parcels containing articles other than those which are being sent at the written request of the addressee, approved by his regimental or higher commander.

Postmasters must secure the assurance of the sender in each case that all the articles contained in the parcel are sent at addressee's approved written request, and that such request is included in the parcel, by requiring the sender to place on the wrapper of the parcel under his name and address the following indorsement:

**This Parcel Contains Only Articles Sent at Approved Request of Addressee, Which is Included.**

The approved written request shall be included in the parcel. Parcels containing articles not being sent in accordance with such approved written request shall not be accepted for mailing. Such parcels when offered for mailing shall be returned to the sender.

### War Department Order.

The foregoing order and instructions are issued at the request of the War Department and in pursuance of an order of that department dated March 26, 1918, which provides as follows:

"In future, shipments of any articles to members of the American Expeditionary Forces abroad will be limited to those articles which have been requested by the individual to whom same are to be shipped, such request having been approved by his regimental or higher commander. Parcel-post shipments will be accepted by the postoffice authorities and other shipments by express or freight companies only upon presentation of the above approved request in each individual case."

The Post Office Department believes that this action is prompted by military necessity and that the public will cheerfully acquiesce in it. Postmasters are instructed to enforce it rigidly.

## RUNAWAY BOY SOUGHT BY ANXIOUS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. George Metzger are seeking the assistance of the police to help them find their 15-year-old son, Lewis, who disappeared from his home last Wednesday. When last seen he was in the home studying his lessons. His people are at a loss to know what has become of him and what induced him to leave in that way, as there had been no trouble between him and his parents. It is supposed that he may have gone into the country to find work on a farm, as he has talked a great deal about wanting to go on a farm.

Lewis is a frank faced, pleasant appearing boy, about 5 feet, two inches in height, has light curly hair and grayish blue eyes. He wore a dark suit, checked cap and dark blue flannel shirt. He did not take anything with him, so far as they know. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts will confer a favor by writing to his parents, Box 52, Gresham, or telephone them, Gresham 326.

Stir your coffee!

## PEOPLE URGED TO ASK FOR INFORMATION

A visit to the office of W. B. Ayer, Federal Food Commissioner for Oregon, in the Northwestern Bank building, reveals great activity. There is a force of assistants who are working more for patriotism than for the small pay any of them receive, and all are busy in sending out literature or answering questions relating to the food situation. Every caller is given all information asked for, and every assistance is offered to make conservation understood.

Just now the wheat problem is most conspicuous and it will be for the coming four months, or until harvest is well under way. The conservation of wheat is the most important duty of the nation until the first of August, and Mr. Ayer says that he is unable to stress too emphatically the importance of this duty, which now confronts every man, woman and child in the United States. In an interview with Mr. Ayer he said:

"I wonder how many people have considered that the real solution of the wheat-saving problem is the absolute abandonment by us all, of purchasing wheat flour at all. This need not be the hardship that it sounds, for the various substitutes are now more plentiful and we are learning how to use them in mixing palatable breads and pastries. We are also earning that by eating more potatoes, rice and vegetables—especially potatoes—we require less bread.

"The Food Administration headquarters at Washington reports that there are now several thousand men, women and children banded together in small clubs in different parts of the country, who are pledged to eat no wheat at all for the next four months. These clubs are composed of loyal Americans who realize, as so many do not, the seriousness of the food problem and who eagerly welcome the opportunity for this slight personal sacrifice as a war service. I have not as yet heard of any such organization in Oregon, but I personally know of a large number of loyal families who have quietly adopted the wheatless program, and who are rigidly adhering to it. I am hoping the good example set by these clubs and families will bring others to a realization that wheat-eating is a military necessity and that any one who is not doing his or her utmost in this regard is falling short of his or her duty.

"The free and undisciplined people of this nation should keep in mind at all times that we are at war with a country whose people are under the most rigid discipline and who obey unquestioningly every rule laid down for them. How can we hope to win against such an organization if we do not show more readiness to follow the rules and regulations which are laid down for us by our own leaders—without more teamwork? Mr. Hoover has asked this nation for teamwork, and the Food Administration must have it. Without teamwork, and the most cordial, whole-hearted kind of teamwork, we will fall short of our most important and most imperative war service—that of feeding the fighting armies and the famishing peoples allied with us in this great life-and-death struggle against the rule of Prussianism. The Food Administration, charged with the duty and the difficult task of providing food for the fighting forces across the sea, and for the struggling civilian population of the allies, has asked us to save wheat. Let us save wheat."

A California woman is asking for a divorce and \$100 a month because her husband broke her nose. That California man is a peculiar guy, if he doesn't know any better than to tamper with his wife's looks in any such way as that. He ought to pay the \$100 a month and be compelled to furnish nose powder too boot.

The disbursements and outstanding obligations of the navy during the first year of the war are estimated at \$1,881,000,000. The total naval appropriations, real and pending, are \$3,333,171,665.

During 12 months the army hospitals increased from 7 to 63 in number and from 5,000 to 58,400 beds; 30,000 more beds are being added.

The navy ration in 1917 cost \$0.438, as against \$0.37684 in 1916.

## FIELD MEET RULES MADE FOR EVENT

As previously announced there will be a field meet of the country schools of Multnomah county at Gresham on April 26. Rules and other conditions to govern the track events and other features have been made, as follows:

There will be three divisions, classified according to height of contestants:

Class A—Up to 5 feet.  
Class B—Five feet to 5 feet, 6 inches.

Class C—Five feet, 6 inches or over.  
Any regularly enrolled student is eligible to enter this contest, provided his grades average 80 per cent or better.

No contestant is to enter more than three field and three track events. This rule is not to apply in relay race.

The names of the contestants, class and events entered must be in the hands of Principal McCormick no later than April 23.

The system of awarding prizes shall be—

First place, five points.  
Second place, four points.  
Third place, three points.  
Fourth place, two points.  
Fifth place, one point.

Following is the program of the track events:

Fifty-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, 880-yard run—class C only, 110-yard low hurdles, 440-yard relay race—four men to run 110 yards each.

For the field events there will be a 12-pound shotput, high jump, pole vault, running broad jump and baseball throw for distance.

There will also be a 50-yard dash for girls and a military drill by teams of eight from any and all schools.

## ALL IN READINESS FOR LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Practically everything is in readiness for the commencement of the Liberty loan drive tomorrow morning. The six lieutenants of Supervisor C. J. Lundquist for all of eastern Multnomah have engaged their assistants and all have been provided with every necessary blank, badge and questionnaire for the prosecution of their canvass.

A United States treasury subscription blank has been mailed to all solicitors and the receipts were in their hands yesterday. William Peterson and James Sterling, whose districts are divided by Main street in Gresham, will each have two assistants at work in the town. Every district will be fully canvassed at once with the idea of putting this territory over the top in as short a time as possible.

The amount apportioned to eastern Multnomah is \$60,000 and an effort will be made to keep up the pace that is going to be set by Portland which expects to get the full quota in one week. The remainder of the state of Oregon will be pushed in the same way.

The campaign will officially open tomorrow, April 6; subscriptions will be dated May 9th, bearing interest coupons from that date; they will be in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. First coupon will be payable on September 15, next. Maturity of the bonds has not yet been announced. An initial payment of 5 per cent will be required with subscriptions, 20 per cent due May 28th, 35 per cent July 18th and the remainder or 40 per cent on August 15th. Delivery of bonds will be made upon payment in full on or before May 4th, but only in amounts not exceeding \$100,000.

Bargains in the Want Ads

## COUNTY AGENT HAS JOB WITH SEED COMPANY



J. E. LARSON.

J. E. Larson, well known in every county of Oregon as a seed and crop expert, has been engaged by the Portland Seed company to give practical help to farmers and gardeners in seed selection, and in solving problems of planting, cultivation harvesting. Larson resigned as county agriculturist of Polk county to enter the broader field. For four years he was in charge of the crop extension work of Oregon Agricultural College. Before coming to Oregon, he was seed expert for Oklahoma and South Dakota Agricultural Colleges, and was field editor for one of the Orange Judd farm papers in the Dakotas.

Larson was born and raised on an Iowa farm and knows the practical as well as the scientific side of the farmer's problems. His engagement by the big seed company should prove of inestimable service to Pacific Northwest farmers. Besides visiting the rural districts, he will reply to inquiries by mail.

## DIARY OF A HOUSE FLY FOUND IN A FLY TRAP

June 21—Had a warm rain. Fell in a glass of milk and almost got drowned, but a man got me out and gave the milk to a baby.

June 22—Was just missed by a swatter. The baby is sick and they had a doctor. Have only 568 babies now.

June 23—Have 75,000 flies now. Another warm rain. The baby has intestinal trouble.

June 27—I feel worried, for the people think it was my fault that the baby is sick. Escaped from a trap, but was the only one.

June 29—My family is much larger now. Some more babies in the neighborhood where my children live are sick.

July 4—The boys are playing with firecrackers. One boy threw one at me and it made a loud noise. Now my family is in the millions.

July 5—The boys have quit their play with the fireworks and it is much quieter now.

July 7—The baby is almost well. My family almost reaches a billion. We had rain, but I could not get in the house and so had to stay on the porch.

August 1—My family is over a billion. This diary was found in a fly trap and it was left by a fly.

We fail to see the merit of a "kiss-the-flag" penalty for disloyals. The flag is entitled to some respect and tar and feathers are not expensive.

It becomes evident that the Germans will have to pay for whatever they get on the west front.

Production of 10,000 new automobile trucks is in progress for the army.

The annual pay of the army now exceeds \$500,000,000.

## Our Dollars Are Called To The Colors Third Liberty Loan

Our terms of peace are written so clearly that all the world can see. There is no thought of conquest; only the demand of freemen that for us and for all the world shall be free.

The United States is to show the work of America, in Liberty's cause, responds more freely to each call for the sinews of war. And let us also show our country Gresham is the forefront. Let each subscribe to a Third issue Liberty Bond the biggest one we can.

Without charge the services of this institution are extended.

**FIRST STATE BANK**  
Gresham, Oregon

## Free Bank Service For Our Boys in France

If you wish to send \$5 or \$100 to your son or husband in France we will deliver same free of charge and in due time return to you a receipt signed by the soldier. Our correspondents in France will see that the remittance is delivered to the boys in the trenches.

4 1/4% Let us sell you a 3d Liberty Loan Bond. 4 1/4%

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GRESHAM, OREGON