

OTHER TONGUES AS TAUGHT IN HIGH SCHOOLS

An essay on "Modern and Ancient Languages in the High Schools of Oregon," was printed in the April issue of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly. It is from the pen of Miss Vaughn McCormick of Gresham, now a teacher in the McMinnville high school. The following extracts from it show the trend of languages in our highest grades:

"In the last few years so much has been said and written in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of the study of languages in high schools that I was curious to know just what the result of this agitation had been in our state. Although I realized the fallibility of questionnaires and remembered the many crimes committed in their names I decided to join the ranks of the transgressors and accordingly sent questions to the language instructors in twenty-one of the first class Oregon high schools outside the city of Portland. Replies were received from fifteen schools, the total enrollment of which was 3915 students, and it is from these that I have drawn the conclusions which follow: Of the 3915 students considered, 797 are studying a modern language, either German, Spanish, or French. Two schools offered only Spanish; one only French; one Spanish and French; four Spanish and German; six German only; and one Spanish, French, and German. Where no German is taught lack of demand is given as a reason for its discontinuance. Two schools which still offer advanced German have no beginning classes, due in one case to a ruling of the Board of Education, and in the other to the unpopularity of the language. In all cases the effect of the war is seen in smaller German classes.

Only five schools offer a third year course in any modern language. Two offer first and second year Spanish and French.

With three exceptions the opinion is that German may be reinstated after the war but slowly and perhaps never to any great extent. The importance of the German literature and the probable use of the language for scientific research are the reasons offered for its possible revival after the war.

In regard to the best method of instruction in modern languages the teachers are almost unanimous in preferring a compromise between the indirect and direct method. Only three insist that the direct method be used exclusively.

The following are the aims expressed by the modern language teachers:

1. To teach the pupil to read, write, and speak the language in question.
2. To inspire the child with an appreciation of foreign literature.
3. To give the student a knowledge of the customs, life and country of the foreign people.
4. To prepare students for commercial relations with foreign countries.
5. To teach accuracy and discrimination.
6. To increase the pupil's English vocabulary and make him more fluent in the use of his native tongue.
7. To broaden the pupil's outlook.

The aims of the Latin teachers may be summarized as follows:

1. To inspire in the pupil an appreciation of Latin literature.
2. To enrich the pupil's English vocabulary and develop discrimination in choice of words.
3. To teach accuracy and cultivate concentration and judgment.
4. To prepare the pupil for study of modern languages and for scientific research.
5. To teach the pupil to admire the virtues, genius, and achievements of a people to which we are much indebted.
6. To give the pupil an intimate knowledge of the manners, customs and habits of an ancient people.

All the Latin teachers seem to think the future very bright for their subject, although it seems that Cicero and Virgil do not attract a very large number. The majority report an increased enrollment due perhaps to the unpopularity of German.

While only one school requires credits in language for graduation and in that case only of those preparing for college, languages seem to be holding their own in a very satis-

FINDS EXCITEMENT IN THE DANGER ZONE

The following extracts are from letters written March 7th and 8th to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Honey, by their son John, who is now in France.

"I've told you about seeing Ross Brown in Paris, but it will bear repeating. It surely seemed fine to see somebody from home even for a few days.

"Our life is becoming a little more exciting the past week. Frost, one of our drivers, says he doesn't mind being killed so much, as dying from fright every other day. He had one shell drop behind a wall beside the road just as he was passing, but the wall fortunately broke the force of the explosion, and only a shower of bricks resulted. And then on top of this, a few days later one fell about fifty feet in front of him, square in the center of the road. My own experiences have not been quite so close, I would tell you about one, but Lt. says "defense." And anyway, I'd rather talk about "pleasant things."

"Magazines and letters are coming through better now. The mail just came in, with ten letters for me, and also two Literary Digests, direct from the publishers. The magazines that you send from home have come through in good time. In the Literary Digest of February 9th, p. 68-71 you will find a rather interesting account of scenes that I am a little too familiar with. I can not hand it very much from a literary point of view, but nearness adds interest. The writer is not in our section, however.

"The Boches chased us out of our old quarters, and we are now inhabitants of what appears to be an old candle factory. A six foot candle, thick in proportion, now throws its bright light over this rotten paper. You can see that there are some advantages in living in a candle factory.

"We've had funny weather. Fine and clear the first of the month, and then rain, and now fine again. Incidentally the snow looked rather good at the time, for things were too hot to suit me. By hot, I mean active. And the subject of conversation around camp is rather disquieting also. Everybody comes in with something to tell, such as the clearness with which you can hear the incoming shells, etc. Oh, it's a great life if you don't weaken. We're all becoming connoisseurs of gas, here, against our will. The fellows keep coming in with wild tales, and even I've had my little story to tell. A gas shell playfully dropped about 10 or 15 feet in front of my machine, but we were running so fast from some shells behind, that we fooled the blooming thing, and left it far, far to the rear.

"A couple of Outlooks came through the other day. The mail service seems to be improving somewhat.

"Will have quite a few pictures to send in a couple of weeks. We are now allowed to send personal pictures home.

"Bed time, and I'm second on call now, so the demon sleep will have to claim me.

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RURAL COMEDY FOR ROCKWOOD RED CROSS

The Lynch Parent-Teacher association will present a rural comedy, "Si Slocum's Country Store" at the Rockwood grange hall, Friday evening, April 12, at 8:30, under the direction of Mr. Guy Reynolds, who is well known in the vicinity. Dancing and card playing will be enjoyed after the play. Admission, 25 and 10 cents. Everybody come and bring friends. The cast of characters is as follows:

Si Slocum	Herbert Lynch
Hank Horbeck	William Hornecker
Joe Spruce	Robert Confrey
Reuben Jaybird	L. D. Elston
Jim Snow	Adolph Zinger
Slowboy	Albert Zinger
The Tramp	Lloyd Middleton
Ezra Buttons	Tony Schantlin
Hiram Plunkit	Elmer Cook
Professor	Lenard Platt
The Town Constable	Guy Reynolds
Tilly Slocum	Miss Elston
Mrs. Ripples	Mrs. Cook
Lillie Dotts	Miss Daisy Dixon
Belinda Spokes	Mrs. Anna Lynch
Mable Deering	Margaret Schantlin

RED CROSS SALE AT ORIENT HALL

A community Red Cross sale will be held at Orient Grange hall by Red Cross auxiliaries of eastern Multnomah county, Saturday evening, April 13th, commencing at 8 p. m. Everything will be sold from pins to horses and cows, raw fruit and vegetables, canned fruit and vegetables, animals, birds, chickens, ducks, geese. Everybody is invited to come and help a worthy cause. The Red Cross auxiliaries in charge of sale will be glad to receive donations.

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

factory manner. The fact that six of the schools considered give no credits for less than two year's study of a language, seems to indicate that the importance of continuous language study is being recognized."

WILL OUR TOWN WIN AN HONOR FLAG?



In order to stimulate individual subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan, to create community activity and to mobilize, systemize and unify the initiative and energy of citizens and districts in the accomplishment of a national purpose, an honor flag and honor roll system has been adopted by the Treasury Department for the Third Liberty Loan.

This system is outlined by the Department as follows:

1. A specially designed honor flag, officially adopted as the Third Liberty Loan flag, will be awarded to all communities upon their attainment of their assigned quota.
2. A small individual poster, containing a reproduction of the honor flag and a blank for the name of the subscriber, will be awarded to each subscriber for display in his home.
3. A large honor roll, containing at the top a reproduction of the honor flag and the slogan, "Help Our Town Win the Right to Fly This Flag," and below space for the names of all subscribers, will be posted in a conspicuous place in the community.
4. A large honor flag will be awarded to each state upon the attainment of its quota, the state flag to contain the names of those subordinate groups which have attained their quotas.
5. A national honor flag will be unfurled at Washington on which will be presented the returns from all the states.

FIRST LOCAL VICTIM OF WAR IS BURIED

The funeral of James Alva Linn took place from the Estacada M. E. church on Sunday afternoon, with interment in the Garfield cemetery. He was a member of the 37th Engineers' corps and died at Fort Myers, Virginia on March 29th.

His funeral was largely attended many persons going from Portland, Oregon City and other places to pay their last tribute of respect to the first local victim of the war. Twelve members of Gresham Camp, Modern Woodmen of America were there, six of whom served as pallbearers. They were Leslie Walrad, Orvill Zimmerman, Reuben Kaser, George Pullen, Merrill Good and Mervin Good. Other members of the camp attending were C. J. Lundquist, John Brown, B. L. Walrad, Alfred Hammar, E. S. McCormick and S. H. Sheller.

Deceased was born January 4, 1896. He joined the Modern Woodmen camp at Gresham last November.

Services at the grave were held by the camp officers, followed by a salute from a squad of the Oregon State Guard and a tribute by the Spanish American war veterans.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN REVEALS PATRIOTISM

The patriotism of the people of this community is growing in a noticeable degree, which is evidenced by the manner in which they are subscribing. For the present loan up to noon, April 9th, 71 persons had subscribed for bonds at the First State Bank alone with a total of \$8950. The greater portion of these are paying in full and seem to be anxious to supply the government with a full amount of their subscription at once.

The first two days of the second liberty loan offered only \$1,100 from two persons.

FIELD MEET EVENTS POSTPONED A WEEK

The country school field meet which was announced for April 26th, has been postponed one week on account of conflicting dates.

Another similar event under the supervision of Superintendent Alderson has been scheduled in another part of the county which necessitated a change. Another definite date will be given later on.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parsons are entertaining the latter's nephew, Earl Lord, who is making an extended visit while he is recuperating from an accident in a Tacoma mill about Christmas, when he received a broken back.

Mrs. George Page and baby have returned to their home in Onalaska, Washington, after a visit with Mrs. Page's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM AT GRESHAM GRANGE

Gresham grange will hold an all-day session in their hall on Powell street, April 15, 1918, when business of great importance will be transacted, and a good attendance is requested. The usual grange dinner will be served at the noon hour. Speakers will be out from Portland to talk on subjects which will be of interest to everyone. Everybody is invited to come and spend a pleasant lecture hour beginning at 2 p. m. Mrs. Jennie Kronenberg, the lecturer, has arranged for the following program:

Song, "America," by audience; violin selection, Miss Marie Chapman; vocal duet, Mrs. J. N. Clanan and Mrs. Minnie Brown; Talk on Hawaii, Mrs. E. T. Weathered, with native songs; reading, Miss Marguerite Volbrecht; County Government and how it may be improved, Commissioner Rufus Holman; piano selection, Mrs. Hazel Bliss; song, Miss Laura Davis; talk in regard to Non-Partisan League, by member of the Salesman League, Judge Geo. W. Stapleton will deliver a short address on the liberty bond issue.

TWO FARMS RENTED NEAR CITY LIMITS

C. A. Butcher of Montavilla has rented the Ed. Sleret tract of twelve acres recently occupied by John Streich, southeast of Gresham. He is engaged in the buying and selling of stock for market.

Lloyd L. Hiatt has leased the five-acre tract owned by Mrs. H. H. Nelson at the corner of Cleveland avenue and Division street, for farming purposes.

These two rentals were made through the agency of John Brown.

VETERINARY SURGEON LOCATED IN GRESHAM

Dr. A. H. Wright, a veterinary surgeon of 25 years' experience, has located in Gresham and has moved with his family into James Lawrence's house on South Roberts avenue. Dr. Wright is from Appleton, Wisconsin.

Diseases of cattle and surgery will be given special attention by Dr. Wright, who may be called day or night on phone 33X1. His card appears in the professional column of this issue.

Wilkes School to Entertain.

The Parent-Teacher association of Wilkes school, District No. 7, will give an entertainment and pie social at the schoolhouse on Saturday evening, April 13, beginning promptly at 8:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Roy White, a musician in the naval band at Bremerton, enjoyed a recent furlough which he spent with his family in Portland and with his mother, Mrs. C. M. Oliphant.

Read the Want ads.

TEACHERS MEET FOR LAST TIME IN YEAR

A meeting of all teachers of Multnomah county was held in Room 720 courthouse, on Saturday, April 6. This being the last meeting to be held during the school year, a large number of teachers attended. Superintendent Alderson made arrangements for the 8th grade program and spelling contest to be held at Gresham on May 31. It will probably be held at the fair grounds. On the same day there will be a field meet of the county schools of Multnomah county, which has previously been announced. Plans are being made to make this a big day. Committees have been appointed for athletics, refreshments, and program and all are anticipating a good time.

The teachers were instructed in filling out the annual report, and arrangements were made for the 8th grade examinations to be held in the schoolhouses of the county on May 18th and 17th. The rules governing the examinations are expected to be more strict than formerly.

Mr. Alderson told of the excellence of the Inland Empire teachers' convention recently held in Spokane, from which he had just returned. At this convention Mr. Alderson was placed on the legislative committee, which is to work for a greater uniformity of school laws for the northwest.

The latter part of the meeting was under the auspices of the Rural Teachers' league. After reports from various committees, a very interesting and instructive talk was given by Miss Mabel Inglis of Gresham school, on the subject of school entertainments, which was followed by helpful discussion of the subject by the teachers.

FORD GARAGE SELLS ONE EVERY TWO DAYS

C. I. Raker & Son, proprietors of the Ford garage and salesrooms in Gresham, have sold twenty-one Fords within the last forty days. Following is the list of buyers with their postoffice address:

C. I. Spencer, Gresham; Minnie B. Squires, Gresham; J. L. Hite, Boring; E. J. Aschoff, Marmot; Clarence C. Lake, Boring; Ned Nelson, Boring; J. L. Sefler, Boring; W. E. Markell, Pleasant Home; F. O. Eksstrom, Gresham; E. L. McKinley, Gresham; Ned Evans, Boring; C. E. Bramhall, Troutdale; A. N. Wright, Gresham; A. W. Pullen, Gresham; A. Tiller, Troutdale; Geo. Wilson, Troutdale; Ran Bailey, Troutdale; Dr. Hughes, Gresham; E. Bonnet, Sandy; Dr. Geo. Inglis, Gresham; C. B. Spencer, Gresham.

GRESHAM BOY SCOUTS SELL LIBERTY BONDS

The Gresham Boy Scouts are doing their bit. They have offered their services to the central committee for putting up posters and distributing literature and anything else they can do. Every scout who sells a bond of any denomination to at least ten different families will receive a medal from the government. It is up to the friends of the boys to encourage them by writing across your bond application the name of a boy scout and asking the bank to give credit to that one. It costs no more, and it will be very much appreciated.

William Beyer, the well known leader of Beyer's band, was a Gresham visitor on yesterday. The Beyer family have moved from Pleasant Home to their home at Russellville. The three brothers, Albert, Carl and Elmer, who enlisted as musicians in the navy, are still at Bremerton.

Miss Shuma Quigly of Spokane, Washington, a niece of W. F. and George F. Honey, who has been visiting here for the past few weeks, left last week for Washington, D. C., to take a position in the department of public information which is being carried on by the government.

A. F. Miller, president of the Bank of Gresham, has returned from his tour of California and was calling on old acquaintances in Gresham today.

Notice to Cannery Patrons.
For any information wanted in regard to fruit, berries or vegetables for canning, call on H. E. Davis or telephone him, Gresham 21, between 12 and 1 or 6 and 8 o'clock p. m.

W. W. COTTON, Cannery,
H. E. DAVIS, Manager.

E. W. Aylsworth Announces.

Kuppenheimer's suits have just arrived for spring, some of the latest patterns and styles.

Phone your want ads to the Outlook, Gresham 701.

MAYOR HARLEY ON POLITICAL SIDE LIGHTS

By F. C. HARLEY, Mayor of Astoria
The United States, in the year we have been in the war, has spent over \$800,000,000 for aeroplanes for the army and the navy it has flooded old aeroplane factories with contracts; it has awarded many contracts to other factories that never before built aeroplanes, but it has yet to award its first aeroplane contract in Oregon.

Yes, the Government has bought lots of aeroplane spruce in Oregon—because it had to. It didn't do that from choice, or because any particular influence was brought to bear. In the matter of spruce, the Government had no choice; it had to buy the spruce where the spruce grows. But as for making that spruce into aeroplanes, nothing doing in Oregon. We get out the lumber, but other states manufacture that lumber into planes. And they all use our spruce, or spruce from Washington, for in those two states is found the only suitable aeroplane timber in all the United States.

If it is sensible to build wood ships on the Pacific Coast because the lumber is there, and if it is a wise policy to build most of the steel ships on the Atlantic coast, because the steel is manufactured in the East, why is it not just as good policy to build aeroplanes in Oregon and Washington where all the spruce is found?

There is a reason why aeroplanes are not being built in Oregon. Other states which have to come to Oregon for spruce have delegations at Washington that have seen to it that their factories have been given aeroplane contracts. I have seen no such effort by the Oregon delegation to get any of these contracts for our people, and I have been pretty well informed on the aeroplane program.

In Oregon we have the spruce, we have factories that not only can build aeroplanes, but that want to build aeroplanes; we have skilled workmen competent to build aeroplanes; we have capital that is only waiting an opportunity to build aeroplanes, but we don't get the contracts, and why is it?

It is because when these factories and this capital appeal to the delegation at Washington for help in getting contracts, the delegation members write nice polite notes to the Aircraft Board and say that "so and so would like to build aeroplanes—can you give him a contract?"

Oregon, of course, cannot build all the aeroplanes the army needs, nor anything like the number, but, if Oregon had been given the opportunity when the Aircraft program was started in April a year ago, it could have built many times 37 planes in the past 12 months, but Oregon was not given this opportunity. Nobody in the congressional delegation seemed to care whether aeroplanes were built in Oregon or not. At least nobody cared enough about it to go down to the Aircraft Board and insist that we be given the right to help out on this war work. Instead of giving these contracts, or some of them, to Oregon, they have nearly all been placed with aeroplane factories back in the East, or else with automobile factories, and it now develops that one reason why some of these establishments have fallen down is because they have been employing disloyal Germans. And yet loyal American citizens out in Oregon anxious to build aeroplanes, have not been allowed to do so, because the Aircraft Board was stubborn, and because our senators and representatives were not enough interested to tell a stubborn board where it got off.

Is the delegation going to wake up and see that it now has an opportunity, not only to help Oregon, but to help the Government in its effort to prepare to assist in winning the war? Until the delegation does wake up, we will get no more aeroplane contracts than we have had in the past. Maybe we might get some action if a hostile aeroplane would fly over the capital and drop a figurative bomb where it would rouse our delegation out of its mental slumber.

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