

OPERATOR ON WAR VESSEL SENDS POEM

Somewhere in France, Apr. 18.
Editor Outlook:—I received a few copies of your paper here yesterday and was very pleased to see the big roll of honor which you have printed in your paper and I think that Gresham and vicinity are very well represented both in army and navy. I am radio operator on the U. S. S. Preston and have my home in Troutdale. I am sending you herein a little piece of poetry which we boys made up and you can publish it in the Gresham Outlook if you like. You can tell the folks at home that we boys are in good spirits and the kaiser's U-boats have something more serious to contend with since we arrived on these shores, than he had when he could go out and sink the defenseless liners and kill women and children.

Hoping to see "The Destroyer's Crew" in your paper, I remain,
Yours truly,
VICTOR HOLM,
U. S. S. Preston, care Postmaster,
New York.

The Destroyer's Crew.
They needn't climb at their sleeping time
To a hammock that sways and bumps.
They leap, kerplunk, in a cozy bunk
That quivers and bucks and jumps.
They hear the sound of the seas that pound
On the half-inch plates of steel,
And close their eyes to the lullabies
Of the creaking sides and keel.

They're a lusty crowd that is vastly proud
Of the slim black craft they drive,
Of the roaring flues and the humming screws
Which make her a thing alive.
They love the lunge of her surging plunger,
And the murk of her smoke-screen too,
As they sail the seas in their dungarees,
A grimy destroyer's crew.

There's a roll and a pitch and a heave and a hitch
To a battleship's steady floor,
For they're used to the cant of the decks
Aslant.

As the white-toothed combers break
On the plates that thrum like a beaten drum,
To the thrill of the turbines might,
As the knife-beak leaps through the yeast-ty deeps
With the speed of a shell in flight.

Oh, their scorn is quick for the crews who stick
To a battleship's steady floor,
For they love the lurch of their own frail perch
At thirty-five knots or more.
They don't get much of the drill and such
That battleships jockey do,
But sail the seas in their dungarees,
A grimy destroyer's crew.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WIN GENEROUS PRAISE

The Senior play, given to a full house at Regner's opera house last Friday evening, was one of the finest entertainments of the year and called forth much praise both for the actors and for the coach, Mrs. Eleanor Sanford Large, who staged the play. The interpretation of the actors and smoothness of the acting were pleasing to all. The musical numbers were good and were much appreciated.

The May Day exercises at the high school on Wednesday were carried out according to the program previously published and were beautiful from start to finish. The exercises were conducted by the members of the freshmen class, according to custom. About seventy members were in the various drills and pageants, the large number making an unusually fine showing.

Representatives of the musical-instrument industry have agreed to a curtailment of their output to 70 per cent of normal during April and May.

Field and poultry fence. Let us figure with you. L. L. Kidder Hdw. Company.

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BASE BALL GAME

Friday, May 10

Union High No. 2

75.

Franklin High

ON HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS

Game at 3:15

Admission 15 cents

LITTLE TEAPOT TEMPEST OVER SMALL OFFICE

From statements that have been made and from political gossip that is being peddled about it seems probable that Gresham will be made the center of a little teapot tempest when the political campaign is over.

This little hurricane is going to center about the office of justice of the peace for Multnomah district. It has been stated before that there is some dissatisfaction because Justice Rollins stays in Portland and rarely shows himself in Gresham. A petition to the county commissioners asked to have the office declared vacant and the appointment of successor to Rollins, but the matter was not taken up in that way.

It is reported that the county commissioners asked Mr. Rollins to explain why he held his office here and remained in Portland. It is also reported that he was asked to resign so as to clear the way for an appointment, and that he refused. It is further reported that Mr. Rollins contemplated returning to Gresham to live, and there the matter stands. He still holds the office.

Mr. Rollins is also quoted as saying that under the new law relating to tenure of office applicable to those in judicial positions he will remain the justice of this precinct for two years longer. However that may be he is going to have a contest, and after the smoke of the election has blown off there will probably be a claimant for the office, elected by the people.

John Brown's name has been placed upon the ballot for the nomination on the republican ticket. So far as is known Mr. Rollins has not made any effort to have his name on the democratic ballot and if he gets a nomination it will have to be written in—which may be the case. He would then be a candidate in spite of himself, and if elected in November would probably qualify anew.

But what if Mr. Brown is elected? Rollins would claim the office as an incumbent under the law and a contest for the place would result.

It is presumed that County Clerk Beveridge satisfied himself that Mr. Rollins' term will expire with this year when he allowed Mr. Brown's name to go on the ballot. At any rate it is there and the only office of justice of the peace in Multnomah county promises to give a little zest to the election.

Gresham Grange Program Saturday Afternoon.

Public Cordially Invited to Be Present at 2 o'Clock.

Gresham grange will meet in all day session next Saturday, May 11, at its hall on Powell street. A good attendance is required as questions of importance will come up before the grange to be discussed. Four candidates will be instructed into the mysteries in the first and second degrees. The usual grange dinner will be served at noon, after which a program will be rendered by good talent at 2 p. m. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy themselves for a few hours and drive dull cares away.

Following will be the program as arranged by the grange lecturer, Mrs. Jennie Kronenberg:

Salute to the Flag, and Pledging Allegiance to the Flag.

Song, "America", by audience.

Instrumental solo, Mrs. S. Dickson.

Vocal selection, Mrs. Theodore Brugger.

Talk on Non-Partisan League, D. E. Towle.

Vocal selections, Franklin High Glee Club.

Reading, "The Lone Star," Miss Hazel Fowler.

Vocal duet, Mrs. J. W. Clanchan and Mrs. Brown.

Flag drill, Fifth and Sixth Grades Gresham school.

Vocal duet, "My Own United States," Norah Pullen and Myrtle Risher.

"Star Spangled Banner", by audience.

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CITY SCHOOLS WILL CONTEST FOR PRIZES AT COUNTY FAIR

Preliminary arrangements were made yesterday, at the meeting of the board of county fair directors, for participation in the fair by the public schools of Portland. J. E. Cotter, of City Superintendent Alderman's office attended the meeting and gave assurance that the schools would enter the contest for prizes on school exhibits along agricultural and home garden lines.

The board appropriated the sum of \$200 toward paying the prizes, which sum will be increased by another \$200 to be raised by Mr. Alderman's assistants. Special prizes of merchandise will also be awarded in the sporting contests which will be carried out every day of the fair.

A special list of prizes has been made out which will be published in the new premium list to be issued early next month. An advance issue of 3000 copies of these prizes will be published as a leaflet for distribution among that many boys and girls of the different city schools.

Mr. Cotter assured the board that about 3000 pupils of the school were being lined up in the production of garden products, poultry and hare raising, and other juvenile industries. An order was made to admit all contesting school children from both the city and country free, provided they came to the fair properly certified to by their teachers.

It is probable, in fact it was promised, that the schools represented by Portland will come in groups on different days. It that way they will be enabled to come once on a single day's leave of absence without loss of credits at their schools. It is intended to have them put on a daily series of sports and games under the direction of Robert Krohn, who has been made athletic manager for the occasion by the fair board.

Arrangements will be made with the P. R. L. & P. company for special cars. It is believed that the attendance from the schools, including the children, their teachers, parents and others interested will be somewhere near 6000 during the week. All but the children will be expected to pay admission to the grounds.

This new arrangement for school displays will completely eliminate the former juvenile department. It is a

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

Gresham's share of the liberty loan subscriptions, including the territory of eastern Multnomah, ran very close to \$100,000. The actual figures are \$93,550, with 1065 subscribers. This showing is remarkable in view of the fact that the quota for this territory was but \$35,000.

Following is the report by districts:

Dist. No. 1, D. W. McKay.....	\$ 7,850
Dist. No. 2, F. N. Lasley.....	28,950
Dist. No. 3, J. H. Sterling.....	22,500
Dist. No. 4, Wm. Peterson.....	23,000
Dist. No. 5, C. M. Quicksall.....	8,750
Clackamas County.....	800
Portland.....	1,700
Total.....	\$93,550

JUNIOR RED CROSS HANDKERCHIEF SALE

Plans for the bazaar and handkerchief sale to be given at the Terry school for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross on Thursday evening, are well in hand. A good program will be given and stereopticon scenes of local interest will be thrown on the screen. An important feature of the evening will be sale of handkerchiefs, which have been donated by persons from near and far, including Governor Withycombe and our senators and representatives in congress. A flower and bulb sale will be conducted and a cafeteria lunch served.

LOOK FIREMEN!

All firemen are requested to be present at the postponed regular meeting of the Gresham Volunteer Fire department, to be held in the fire hall May 10, Friday 8 p. m. 1918, at which plans of hydrant will be discussed and other important business will be transacted.

By order of Chief,
HARRY JOHNSON, Sec'y.

Electric vacuum sweepers for rent. Minimum charge, 50c for half a day. L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

Wherever the American soldier goes in France he finds a Y. M. C. A. hut or dug-out at his disposal.

SAW ANCIENT GRAVES WITH OLD TABLETS

The following are excerpts from letters received by his wife at Fairview, Oregon, from Leslie T. St. Clair, who left Ft. Stevens with the Supply Co., 65th Artillery late in February. One letter was written in France and one in England. The one from France was dated April 14 and was received on May 6th:

"While in England the captain took the company down to an old abbey which was built in 907. It was burned down in 1066 and afterwards rebuilt. In fact it has been destroyed by fire three times. There are dens in the concrete wall made by Cromwell when he shelled the place. Inside there is a cannon ball that was lodged in the wall. The present structure was built, I think, during the 12th century. It is a very large and high old church with stained glass windows and a big pipe organ. There are tombs under the floor and one was laid as early as 1382. On the walls are old English inscriptions and tablets to the memory of people who are interred in the vaults underneath. Some are so old you cannot read them on account of the Old English. The organist was playing the pipe organ and it was the most beautiful pipe organ music I ever heard. I climbed to the belfry. The stairs are built in a circular wall which leads up to the belfry. Kaiser Wilhelm II signed the register at the abbey in 1907. He signed it as William of Germany, F. M. (Field Marshal).

"An English custom which seems strange and hard for us to get used to, is that they keep to the left, everything from pedestrians to street cars.

"Our regiment is now quartered in an old castle in France. There is room for us all inside the many buildings. The cooking is done in the courts and we surely fare well on good U. S. rations.

"I must tell you how we got torpedoes when we reached France. It was about 3 a. m., and we were just coming into the port. All the fellows were asleep or dosing in the hold of the boat, and as usual, they dropped the anchor. The sound of the big cable made an awful crash and bang and in less than ten seconds every fellow was awake and running for the stairs. I never in my life saw people move so fast as our bunch did in that few seconds. Someone yelled, 'We're hit!' and the dash started. I didn't have my life preserver on, so I decided I'd wait until the crowd thinned out before I looked for it. I was awake when the crash came, and I never saw a funnier sight in my life than that one.

"Chaplain Matthews preached a grand sermon to the regiment this morning. It opened the eyes of many as to their duty to God, their country and their home folks. Our chaplain surely takes an interest in the boys."

HIGH SCHOOL GAMES PROVE INTERESTING

Union High School, No. 2, has a rattling good baseball team this year and is out for the school pennant in a series of eight games, three of which have been played with two victories and one defeat. The outlook is good for a majority of the five coming games in favor of the home team.

The first game was with Franklin High school on their own grounds and was won four to nothing. The second game was with the Christian Brothers' business college in which the home boys suffered defeat to the tune 6 to 2 in a clean, hard-fought contest. In the third clash the Union High boys were more fortunate, defeating the James Johns school by a score of 20 to 4.

The schedule for the remaining five games is as follows: May 7, Christian Brothers, on Franklin High field.

May 10, Franklin High, at Gresham.

May 17, James Johns, on Multnomah field.

May 24, Estacada, at Estacada.

May 31, Estacada, at Gresham.

Next Friday's game on the local high school grounds will begin at 3:15. Franklin High has had more practice and is coming for revenge, so there is promise of a good game. An admission of 15 cents will be charged.

Citizens' Patriotic Rally To-morrow Night.

Posters are out announcing the program of the Citizens' Patriotic meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, May 8, under the auspices of the Loyal American Patriotic League, at Regner's opera house.

A speaker just from the French front will relate experiences of the soldiers who are on the firing line. There will be vocal solos by local talent and selections by the local orchestra; also a flag drill and song by a class from the Gresham grade school.

The following local ministers will each make a five-minute patriotic talk: Rev. Henry Bruenagel, Rev. Herman Gebhardt, Rev. A. J. Ware, Dr. A. Thompson, Rev. A. E. Leonard, Rev. J. Montclair Brown and Rev. S. G. Roper.

The hall will be appropriately decorated for the occasion. Admission free.

Soldiers Enjoy Ping Pong.

Ping pong is being played by American soldiers in France and 3500 sets were sent overseas by the Y. M. C. A. to supply the demands.

The Fuel administration has issued a warning against the use of domestic sizes of hard coal by industrial plants.

Save five to six dollars by insuring your new Ford with John Brown.—Adv.

TEACHERS' LEAGUE IN FINAL MEETING

The final meeting for the Rural Teachers' League of Multnomah county will be held on Saturday, May 11, at the Hazelwood in Portland, where a conservation luncheon will be served at 12:30. Matters pertaining to the school closing exercises to be held in Gresham on May 31 will be presented by the chairman of committees. A good attendance is anticipated and an interesting session.

Barbed Wire Sickness.
Men in prisoner-of-war camps get "barbed-wire sickness", where there is no Y. M. C. A. to relieve the monotony.

Read the Outlook classified ads.

IDEALS MAKE FISSURE IN MELTING POT

"American and Allied Ideals" is the title of the latest publication issued by the Committee on Public Information, which may be obtained free upon application to 10 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C. Its author is Stuart P. Sherman, professor of literature in the University of Illinois, and its basic principle is that "the American who has not been thoroughly indoctrinated with American ideals is a menace to the republic."

"Till the outbreak of the present war," says Professor Sherman, "we have flattered ourselves that the melting pot was working fairly well"; and he points to "the records of the amazing process which transforms the Scandinavian, the Russian, the Pole, the Roumanian into loyal sons and daughters of the republic." In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, this transformation has been the work of our general educational system, in the schools, the colleges, the universities.

Since the beginning of the war there has been in this country "an aggressive campaign to crack the pot, to smash the mold of national life." The program of the men engaged in this work is summed up as follows: "Attack England; praise Germany; attack everything in America that is due to English influence; praise everything in America that is due to German influence. Accordingly, they sneer at the ideals and professions of democratic government; they sneer at the Pilgrim Fathers and at the Puritans who since the seventeenth century have constituted the moral backbone of the nation; they set themselves against every movement of moral reform; they sneer at all the humanitarian movements associated with Christianity; they sneer at those works of American literature which we recognize as classical. In short, they keep up a continuous cannonade against every established political ideal, against every accepted article of our public and private morality, against everything admirable in our social aspirations, against everything characteristic of the common sense of the American people. On the other hand, they celebrate the biological-political ideals of Prussian statescraft, the biological immorality of Nietzsche, and the literature of Berlin and Vienna, especially that nastiest part of it which they are certain will offend what they scoffingly call the Puritanical sensibilities of Americans."

To combat this propaganda, Professor Sherman pleads for an American propaganda which will avoid the dangers of "mendacity, hatred, and megalomania" which beset the path of the foreign propagandist. He urges that it is the duty of the educated men of the country who have been "neither hot nor cold" to carry on a more aggressive campaign of Americanization, and adds that the ideals which they are invited to defend are the ideals of internationally-minded men, of scholars, and lovers of peace. The ideals of Americans and the Allies, he says, "have been the ideals of just men in all ages; so that we may find them, most of them, expressed in all the great literatures of the world, ancient and modern, including the literature of the great Germans of the eighteenth century. Contemporary German thought is prehistoric, reversionary, paradoxical. It seeks to fly against the great winds of time, to row against the deep current of human purposes, to ignore the grand agreements of civilized men, and to seek its sanction in the unconscious law of the jungle. The Allies are seeking to co-operate with the power, not ourselves, which has been struggling for righteousness through the entire history of man; and their cause will be borne forward by the confluent moral energies of all times and peoples."

Following on the revelations of the activities of the German Alliance, recently made by the senate judiciary committee, this publication is exciting much interest, and an extensive demand for it is expected by those about the offices of the Committee on Public Information.

Three landing fields have been obtained for the proposed Washington-New York airplane postal service, at Washington, Philadelphia, and New York. According to the Post Office Department, the service will start not later than May 15.

W. A. HESSEL.