

## COUNTY FAIR BOARD TURNS DOWN OFFER

A special meeting of the county fair board was held last night at which three interested members of the land products show of Portland were present. They were H. C. Bateman, C. D. Minton and A. H. Harris. They came for the purpose of making a proposition to consolidate the two expositions, their proposal taking the form of an invitation to hold the county fair in Portland at a later date in connection with their own fair.

The proposition was listened to attentively but was not favorably considered. Mr. Bateman presented the idea that no merger of the two associations was intended at this time, but that the two might be combined for this year, and asked for a practicable and useful way to accomplish the result. He advanced the arguments that a consolidation would be of more educational value than two separate fairs, and that the premium money could be combined and that there would be a saving in cost. The other two visitors made similar talks.

They were answered by nearly every member of the county fair board to the effect that the county fair stands on a solid basis and must remain here. Stock is the main production of this section, followed closely by agriculture, while the land show is more of an advertisement for city business houses. It was the sentiment that the county fair would lose its identity if taken away from here.

It was further explained that it is now too late to take any action this year, as every preparation is practically complete for holding the county fair in September. It was considered possible that the land show might see its way clear to come to Gresham another year and that much might be done in the way of both associations helping each other. With that idea there will be committees appointed for a conference at a future date.

A request was read from one of the high school superintendents asking if there was any provision for such schools to enter into competition for premiums in any of the divisions. As no such provision has been made it was decided to have the school committee of the fair board take the matter up. This committee, consisting of Lewis, Miller and Krueger will meet with the high school principals of the county for a consultation. The sum of \$100 was appropriated for prizes which will be given as they may be arranged for.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN ON MONDAY, SEPT. 23

At a meeting of the Union High school board on Saturday evening last it was decided to open the fall term on Monday, September 23. This will be the week following the county fair and thus permit the faculty and students to attend the exposition.

The following teachers were elected for the coming high school year: Elmer F. Goodwin, principal; C. E. Platts, Manual Training and Drawing; Miss Mary E. Good, Science and Mathematics; Miss Adeline B. Wyeth, English; Miss Lettie Gregson, Latin and English; Miss Olive M. Wear, History and Languages; Miss Grace Hartley, Algebra, Gymnasium and General Science; Miss Bereniece L. Calway, Domestic Science and Art; Mrs. Stella Cunningham, Commercial Department; Joseph A. Finley, Music.

## ICE CREAM PARTY FOR JUNIOR RED CROSS

Miss Beatrice Milne will give an ice cream party at her home near Gillis on her birthday, Thursday afternoon, July 25, for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross of the Orient school.

At this meeting the Industrial club will fix a date to organize a class in fruit canning and drying and in the preparation of fruit juices. County Superintendent Alderson and Miss Alice Joyce will be present to assist and demonstrate the work. It is hoped that all juniors will attend. Parents also will be welcomed.

The dedication of a Masonic service flag will take place at their hall this evening, in the presence of the members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges and invited friends. An appropriate program and a social time have been planned. The flag will contain seven stars.

## COUNTY FARM UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Upon the leaving of Mr. John Dennison, who has been foreman of the County Farm for a period of five years and who has developed the farm to a paying proposition, the Board of County Commissioners placed the management of the farm in the hands of County Agent S. B. Hall. Mr. Hall has been supervising the management of the farm for the past two years and has assisted very materially in the good financial showing made by the farm.

The work on the farm in general will go on without any material change for the present with the possible exceptions of some much needed improvements and equipment. The new modern hog house will probably be enlarged in the near future. The low ground in the vicinity of the T. B. ward will be drained and put under cultivation and a one-ton truck will be added to the farm equipment.

Mr. U. G. Smith has been secured as farm foreman. Mr. Smith is well equipped for the position on the farm. Prior to taking this work he has for the past ten years been farming in Linn county near Albany, Oregon. Before retiring from his farm he was engaged in dairying and general farming, having one of the best dairies in Linn county.

## SERIOUS RESULTS FROM THE STING OF A BEE

Mrs. F. H. Crane, living two miles west of Fairview, was so severely stung by a bee ten days ago that it came near killing her.

A bee tree had been cut and robbed of its honey when Mrs. Crane became curious to see what the insects were going to do. She had previously worn a veil but took it off to observe the bees. One of them stung her on the right side of the neck and probably pierced a vein, as she felt its effects immediately.

Mrs. Crane is a spare-built woman but in a short time she bloated and swelled up to the size of a person weighing 300 pounds. For a week it was feared that there would be fatal results, but she has recovered, although very weak yet. She had a similar experience once before.

## COUNTY FAIR TO GET ANOTHER THOUSAND

Legal authority to transfer \$1000 now in the Pacific National Dairy Show fund to the Multnomah County Fair fund was given the county board yesterday by District Attorney Evans. The board two weeks ago agreed to give the fair association this money from the dairy show fund if the district attorney should hold it could do so legally.

This sum, in addition to the \$3,500 from the county fair tax fund, will all be awarded in premiums at the coming fair. The extra thousand represents just about the sum that it has cost the fair over and above its annual appropriation to pay out, and will relieve the board of just that much to be paid out of its other receipts.

## CALL TO THE COLORS NECESSITATES SALE

Walter Kitzmiller, son of Mrs. S. R. Kitzmiller, has been called into the service and will go in August. They have a fine 20-acre farm a short distance east of Gresham and have decided to sell the farm stock and machinery at auction on August 3.

The articles to be sold are fully enumerated in advertisement appearing in this issue of the Outlook, and include horses, cows, hogs, chickens and farm implements. Also a good Winton-six auto. The sale will begin at 10:30. Refreshments will be served free. W. S. Wood, the Vancouver auctioneer, will cry the sale with A. Meyers acting as clerk.

## ENTERS SHEEP INDUSTRY WITH HAMPSHIRE STOCK

B. C. Altman has received a shipment of ten ewes and one buck, Hampshire sheep, from Frank Brown of Carlton, Oregon, and has placed them on his stock ranch near Pleasant Home. This variety is rather new in this locality but they are said to be in every respect equal to the Shropshires and superior in some particular. They are said to be replacing the Shropshires among many breeders.

Mr. Altman, who has made such a success with Jersey cattle, is starting his flock of sheep with the above shipment and expects to propagate a large number.

Mrs. Fred Powell is still improving, according to reports received today from the Portland hospital in which she is receiving treatment.

## NOTABLE CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN TWENTY YEARS

There has been a wonderful change in the status as well as in the personnel of the national guard over that of thirty-five or forty years ago—only it wasn't the national guard in those days. It had the high-sounding title of state militia and was wholly a state affair, whenever it happened to be anything more than a local affair.

There were uniformed companies in many of the important towns of Oregon, all under command of the governor of the state—or supposed to be. He was the commander-in-chief and had his personal staff who were more ornamental than useful in their gay trappings of blue and gold. They wore cockades and swords and brass buttons and held rank as majors, colonels and other such titles, but that was about as far as they went except on certain occasions when on parade or serving at some function where the governor was the central figure.

It is remembered that Portland had its Washington Guards, Emmet Guards and City Rifles. Other towns had a similar company. Gresham even had a cavalry troop which met in Metzger's hall—not mounted, however. Some of its members are here yet and may be seen every day on the streets.

The members of these companies were for the most part very estimable citizens and would have done valiant work had they been called upon, but their greatest effort was made up in giving excursions, taking a yearly outing somewhere for training purposes and giving balls in the winter time. In the parades they turned out unanimously and cut quite a swath in opposition to the volunteer firemen and their "masheens."

On the Fourth of July the celebrations were not complete without every son of them being in the line of march. Their greatest patriotic duty was to see that Old Glory was at the top of the flag pole when it should be there and to help fire salutes. But they were good men, full of energy and each company tried to outshine the other. It was their willingness

that we most often think of when they are called to our attention—to fight, work, drill, parade or dance with no incentive than of desire to serve.

Time was, as many of us can remember, when to be a militiaman or volunteer fireman was to be looked up to as one who was exempt from road tax, poll tax and jury duty. Road and poll taxes have been abolished long ago but to be an ex-militiaman or ex-fireman still gives a man the privilege of an excuse from being a jurymen if he is so unpatriotic as to demand exemption. And time was, as some others of us can recall, when the annual encampment of our state militia went by the bibulous name of the "annual state drunk." Of course, it wasn't exactly that, but the militia organizations were social clubs, and their annual outings were not exactly temperance conventions. There was a little work in those days, we can remember, but also something else.

Then came the gradual change from the old order, when the companies became distinctly military in character, and set about fitting themselves for real service. But they were not the same men who served in the militia. The several steps leading to complete federalization of the militia were marked by increasing military efficiency, and in the end, an annual encampment was a purely business matter, the men going to a military school for the sole purpose of improving themselves and their commands in the military art. But always, throughout the entire process, the military organizations had something to stimulate them—traditions, social relations, at least the hope of building up fully efficient units in a great national force.

Now we have a new organization, having no traditions. It is not a social organization, but a military outfit formed for specific duty. It has no definite knowledge as to its future. It exists for present business, and in order to do that business its members are putting in a good deal of time and work, and are doing it because they want to be of use to the nation.

## CAPTAIN C. O. BRANSON SUMMONED BY DEATH

The sudden death of Captain C. O. Branson, at his home in Gresham on Sunday night was a shock to his wife and to the community, as it was supposed that the illness with which he was suffering was only temporary and that he was slightly beginning to improve. He had been confined to his bed less than a week. Death came while he slept.

Captain Branson was 71 years of age. He was a veteran of the Civil War and had been an evangelist of the Methodist Episcopal church for nearly thirty-five years. He is survived by his widow, and by three daughters of a former marriage. The latter live in Michigan.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church and the body was laid to rest in Mt. Scott cemetery. An obituary will follow.

## Now, Where Had He Been?

The little boy who lives farther down the block had been away for three weeks. The fact that he had been away so long aroused the interest of all the other young Americans in the street. So they asked Billy where he had been, but he wouldn't tell. That would take all the fun out of having been away. So the other children of the neighborhood adopted a policy of watchful waiting and listening, says the Indianapolis News.

Finally Billy gave himself away. He was pretending that he was a railroad engineer, conductor, train-caller and ticket agent combined.

"Tra-a-ain num-ber four!" he bawled imitating in a very uncomfortable way the real thing, with the exception that his voice had a soprano instead of a bass characteristic.

Train on track thirteen; train for Columbus, O., New York, Gosport and St. Paul, Minnesota!"

Now the children know where Billy was for three weeks.

Tailoring  
For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.

Try a want ad. Phone 701.

## HARRIS FAMILY UNITED AT THEIR FARM HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Harris of Pleasant Home have enjoyed a reunion of their children during the past week, in honor of their soldier son, Clifton, and their daughter Muriel, who was recently married to August Beck of Marshfield.

Clifton Harris enlisted in the First Infantry immediately after the declaration of war. He has been in the Hawaiian Islands until recently, when he was transferred to Camp Lewis. He took advantage of a ten-day furlough to visit the home folks. While here the young people and other friends of the community, to the number of fifty, gave him a surprise party and presented him with a gold wrist watch as an expression of their esteem for him.

The first visit home of the newly married couple added much interest to the family gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Beck were married on July 3, at Marshfield, where the bride has been teaching. Her friends here gathered at the Harris home on Thursday evening to wish the young couple a long and happy journey together.

Other members of the family who were at home during the week were Mrs. B. F. George and two children, Glenn and Miss Elsie Harris of Portland, Earnest Harris of Raymond, Washington, Blanche, Lorren and Virginia, who are at home with their

## SYCAMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT REDUCED

By order of the district boundary board, which is composed of the county commissioners, the west end of Sycamore school district was transferred yesterday to the Gilbert district. The transfer was made upon the recommendation of County Superintendent Alderson.

The dividing line will be near Sycamore station and will affect about twenty school children. There was considerable objection to the change, about 200 persons signing a remonstrance against it. The reduction of Sycamore district will probably result in making it a "one-room" district hereafter.

Carco spray for maggots on cabbage, beets, turnips, radishes, etc. All sizes at L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

## MORE THAN \$11,000 IN ONE CARLOAD

A carload of fruit, mostly red raspberries, was shipped from the Gresham canery yesterday, consigned to Milligan & Tomlinson, Portland, Maine.

This consignment was prepared especially for the eastern firm and bore their own labels which were sent here with the order for the fruit. The value of the order was \$11,012.30. A part of the carload was made up of cherries.

There are now between seven and eight more carloads in the warehouse, the value of which is over \$50,000. These will be ready for shipment in a short time but a large portion of the lot will go to Portland by truck where they will be reshipped to their destination.

The car sent yesterday was the first this year and will be followed up by others as soon as practicable.

Superintendent Davis is anxious to have every fruit grower who has prunes, plums, apples, pears and green string beans to sell, call at the cannery without delay and make contracts for same. This necessity for haste is because of the need for making purchases of cans and sugar.

In the matter of buying cherries the cannery was compelled to refuse the fruit in some instances because such contracts had not been entered into and a shortage of cans and sugar made it necessary to refuse some of the fruit that was offered.

## NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE BRINGING LIBEL SUITS

The Non-Partisan League, which has been somewhat under a cloud for several months, being charged with treason, disloyalty and other crimes, has been grinning at its accusers for the past few weeks. The Minnesota supreme court has ruled that the organization is not disloyal and in Nebraska where the council of defense put the "yellow" brand on several League heads, the same heads proceeded to bring libel suits against the officers of the defense council, causing the latter to back up and take it back. Then the League ticket swept North Dakota like a whirlwind in the primaries and cast such a large vote in the Minnesota primaries as to become the balance of power. The old parties in every state where the League is organized and in fighting trim, have something to worry about and keep them in hot water. Perhaps if the old parties had gone in for a little more "reform" themselves, they would not be plagued by a third gang.—Polk County Post

## RUSSIA HAS CORNER ON PLATINUM SUPPLY

The needs of platinum in war industries and in the sciences are explained by Dr. Charles L. Parsons, chief chemist, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, in an argument for discontinuance of the use of platinum in jewelry.

"The war can not be won without platinum," says Dr. Parsons, "and it is equally essential in times of peace if our country is to excel Germany in the development of chemical science and industry. With the aid of platinum from one ordinary wedding ring about 100 pounds of nitric acid can be made every 24 hours. This 100 pounds of nitric acid converted into high explosives will send a number of 3-inch shells against the Germans and help to bring the boys back home.

"Platinum rings, pins, cigarette cases, and mesh bags are not factors in winning the war—explosives are. I wonder if the purchasers and wearers of platinum jewelry know that explosives can not be manufactured without the use of sulphuric and nitric acids; that the manufacture of these acids requires the use of supplies of platinum; that airplanes must have platinum for important instruments they need; in the manufacture of special pyrometers; that pyrometers are necessary in all steel treatments; and that no guns can be made without the use of pyrometers.

"There is a shortage in the supply of platinum. Russia has a corner on the world's supply, and Germany is in Russia. Our domestic production of platinum is negligible, while our military requirements are increasing at a rapid rate."

## PLEASANT HOME

Miss Nellie McCreary is visiting in Portland a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hale visited Mr. and Mrs. Ickler one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Roberts entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Snover and Mr. and Mrs. John Snover, old friends and neighbors of this locality, who now reside at Vancouver, Washington.

## FIELD DAY ASSURED TO BE SUCCESS

Everything has been set for the Great Farmers' picnic next Saturday. Posters and programs were circulated all over eastern Multnomah county and north-eastern Clackamas and many went to Portland localities where members of the grange could give them out for advertising purposes.

Publication of the line of exercises to be held at the picnic has stimulated the enthusiasm of hundreds who say they will be here Saturday. Only stormy weather will prevent the assembling of a large crowd.

The literary and musical features will be of great excellence, besides which the presence of Dr. F. Burgette Short as the principal speaker will in itself be sufficient to insure the attendance of all who care to hear a forceful speaker on the most important subject before the nation today.

All the refreshment and amusement concessions have been sold and there is promised a full line of everything in those necessities at a celebration of this kind. The Red Cross women made a request for the privilege of selling coffee in quantities and they are expected to be on hand with a supply for everybody.

In case of rain the fair ground buildings will be thrown open to the crowd. Some farm tractor demonstrations are promised for the benefit of the farmers. They will do plowing stunts and otherwise show their adaptability to the needs of the farm.

The committee was unable to get a band this year, but there will be good music and singing on the platform. The athletic games will prove interesting, as they will be for prizes. Great interest is centered in the contest for the Staples Relay trophy which is now held by Pleasant Valley grange. A spirited attempt will be made to give it a change of ownership.

Committees from all the granges will meet on the fair grounds on Thursday of this week, at 10 o'clock, to clean up the grove and arrange the speakers' stand. Considerable rubbish has collected in the grove and a lot of weeds will have to be cut down. When that is all cleared up the grounds will be in full readiness for the biggest farmers' picnic ever held here.

## FAIRVIEW

Miss Helen Bliss underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils at Good Samaritan hospital this morning.

While walking to Sunday School last Sunday, Mabel Baker was hit by a passing automobile and thrown to the pavement. She was badly bruised about the head but is reported to be improving.

Several persons were painfully hurt in an accident on the Sandy road in Fairview on Sunday evening, when an automobile load of people ran off the road down a steep embankment at the creek near the Bert Stone place. Those in the machine were Mr. and Mrs. Blowers of Portland, their friend Mrs. C. A. Benbow of Los Angeles, California, Waneta Holden, aged 12, Russell Oliver, aged 6. The little boy was severely bruised and cut about the head and face and his injuries were at first thought to be fatal. Mrs. Benbow suffered a broken wrist and Mrs. Blowers was internally injured. The injured were taken to a Portland hospital, where they are doing well. The driver attempted to pass another auto, and after he turned out was unable to bring his machine into the road again on account of some trouble with the steering gear.

Mrs. Fred Wagner of Cottrell visited on Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Kesterson.

Melvin Moller is spending the week in Portland with Fred Shaw.

An ice cream social will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Peterson on Saturday evening, July 27, for the benefit of the Methodist church.

At the last meeting of the M. A. Ross Post G. A. R., attention was called to the fact that some may not understand the protection which has been given to the badge of the order. It was stated that for one to wear the brown button without being a member in good standing in the Grand Army was a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of fifty dollars. Former membership does not give one the right to wear the button, it was stated.