

SCENIC

Mrs. I. N. L. Shriner visited her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Deitrich, one day last week and met another daughter, Mrs. Fred Fredeen, who was leaving for her future home in Dunsmuir, California.

Earl Jack visited his mother and children last week just before leaving for Seattle, where he has the clock circuit out of Seattle for the W. U. T. Co.

Ed Bruns and family and mother were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Altman of Newberg, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Altman.

Sunday guests at Mrs. D. D. Jack's were Mrs. Ella Schneider and daughter Clara of Portland and Miss Mona Timberlake of Newberg.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Mrs. White and Miss Henderson of Bellrose visited Mrs. J. W. Frost one day last week.

Mrs. M. J. Jewell has gone to Battle Ground, Wash. on a visit for a couple of weeks. She formerly lived there.

Mrs. Amy Dobson of Portland spent the week end at the home of her brother T. R. Berry.

Miss Laura Moore spent several days last week visiting friends at Colton, Ore.

Mr. Hill Kesterson was home over Sunday from Gales Creek where he is working in a camp.

Mrs. Ellingham and Mrs. Godfrey of Mt. Tabor visited with Mrs. G. N. Sager Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Moore entertained relatives from Corvallis, Or. over Sunday.

Half Slave, Half Free.

In discussing the alarming decrease in gold production and methods by which it could be stopped, the Mining and Scientific Press says: "Because value is still expressed in terms of gold, you cannot fix its own value at a higher level, for if you do the credits piled to such a dizzy height in representation of services rendered in the past, gauged as they are by this golden measure, will at a single stroke have been blotted from the account to the extent that the arbitrary weight of gold in the dollar may be changed. The basis of industrial confidence would be so shaken by it that the world would experience the calamity of a plunge into commercial and industrial chaos."

There is but one way to protect both gold and general industry; and that is to build up the gold reserve faster and faster as a foundation adequate to sustain the growing national indebtedness. That indebtedness means services loaned, but the repayment must be made in currency the only guarantor of which is the royal metal.

The way to re-enthroned gold as the arbiter of commercial value is either by crystallizing the prices for all commodities, or by letting all markets regulate themselves on the ancient principle of supply and demand. Half-slave and half-free it is certain that industry, commerce, banking, and insurance, will presently fall into a slough of difficulties from which we may not extricate them before appalling age will have been inflicted not alone upon the economic life of our own day, but upon that of generations to come.

Tribute Paid Insurance Industry

Insurance companies are to be congratulated for the conservative caution which has enabled them to keep clear of the entanglements of politics and the constant exactions of party support. Here is at least one department of trade which has asked but few favors, and has not been greatly bothered by labor problems. Yet to quote figures of the volume of finance transacted in insurance would be to compile data comparable only to the budgets of the government when at war. If thus far paternalism has not reached out to bring ownership and operation of insurance under Federal aegis it is the insurance man himself who is to be congratulated.

Can it be the insurance companies show better judgement and greater capacity in the organization of large staffs of operatives than is manifested in other lines of enterprises? Why is it that there are no insurance bankruptcies or receiverships to speak of, no mutual recrimination between Government and private management, no ownership? Is it because the management of these companies approaches details and difficulties with the sole desire of unaided, unsubsidized achievement?—Wall Street Journal.

Don't forget that corn syrups may be used in canning, replacing one-third the amount of sugar. Use your ingenuity to help win the war, and pass along a good recipe.

Chronic Constipation.

It is by no means an easy matter to cure this disease, but it can be done in most instances by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and complying with the plain printed directions that accompany each package.—Ad.

BANKERS OPPOSE THE GUARANTY OF DEPOSITS

The New York Clearing House association has passed resolutions condemning the measure pending before congress to establish a guaranty fund for all deposits of less than \$5000 in national banks. An overwhelming majority of bankers are opposed to the guaranty of deposits, and the agitation for it is almost wholly from people whose knowledge of the banking business is from the outside. It is a theoretical proposal and the theory of it is unsound.

The argument is from the insurance principal, but there is a vital difference between the guaranty of deposits and either life or fire insurance. The average man will take the same precautions to preserve his life, whether it is insured or not, and the fire insurance business would certainly be on an unsafe basis if it did not insist, as a fundamental condition, that the insured shall always have an uncovered equity sufficient to make him concerned in behalf of the usual precautions against fire. The guaranty of deposits is designed to relieve the depositor of all responsibility and any possible loss in selecting a banker. The guaranty of deposits eliminates the value of character in the banking business and takes away the legitimate reward of safe and conservative banking policies. It strengthens the competition of the banker who resorts to doubtful expedients to attract business. All of this is opposed to the real interest of depositors as a class and of the public generally, for it encourages wasteful and unsound practices.

It is very desirable that public supervision over banks shall be made constantly more effective to the end that unsafe and dishonest practices shall be exposed, condemned and rooted out. That is real reform, but it is a step in the wrong direction to relieve the public of all obligation or occasion to discriminate in the selection of a banker.—National City Bank.

Worms in Gooseberries

Oregon canneries have experienced much difficulty in getting gooseberries this year free from worms. The berries do not always show the worms when brought in but soon become worthless and of course a dead loss.

The gooseberry and currant maggot spends more than 10 months of the year in the soil about the roots of the bushes and may be destroyed to a large extent by thorough and frequent cultivation of the top two or three inches of earth especially close around the plant. From now on this year and next spring are the best times to do this cultivation. Chickens pick up many of the insects where allowed free range following cultivation.

Make one spoon of sugar do the work of two, each day until the war is through.

The Real Test

—of gasoline is in its boiling points. In "Red Crown" they form a continuous, uniform chain,—giving easy starting, quick acceleration, power and mileage. Look for the Red Crown sign before you fill.



The Gasoline of Quality

C. A. McCARTY, Special Agent Gresham, Oregon.

H. W. Snashall, president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Association, reports the association has broken all former records in 1917. The annual statement shows 283 new members gained, 17 fire losses paid, aggregating \$4911; \$1,036,677 of insurance written, one assessment levied, and \$700 invested in liberty bonds during the year. The association is entering its 14th year, and has over 4000 members carrying \$4,250,000 insurance. It has made an annual saving of over 50 per cent to its members. At the annual meeting in January Andrew Brugger of Gresham was re-elected director for the ninth year. Farmers desiring to join may obtain information from H. W. Snashall, Gresham, R. A., or Herman Loeding, secretary, 409 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland.—Adv.

# Base the Future Upon the Past

THIS Company is one of Portland's most important public utilities. Its big generating plant at Gasco, now producing 7,500,000 cubic feet of gas daily, is one of the largest in the country. From this plant is supplied the gas for Portland, Vancouver, Oregon City, Gresham, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, and the territory between. Over 60,000 meters are served through 1,040 miles of gas mains.

Portland Gas & Coke Company has paid 7 percent dividends regularly upon its Preferred Stock. Now, with a need for capital to expand our service in keeping with the demands, we are offering for the first time Preferred Stock directly to our customers.

## 7% Preferred Stock Available to Patrons on Cash or Partial Payments.

For cash you may purchase as many shares as you desire, or as we may have to offer, the price being \$100 per share, plus the accrued dividend to date of payment.

On Partial Payments you may secure any number of shares up to 25, paying \$10 per share down, and \$10 per share each month until the purchase price of \$100 per share is paid—final payment to include accrued dividend from the last preceding dividend date.

## A Safe Partial Payment Plan

Should purchasers of Stock on time-payments fail to maintain their payments, or for any reason wish to withdraw, all money paid in will be returned with 6 per cent interest, upon 10 days notice to the Company at any time prior to date of final payment.

## Quarterly Dividend Dates

The dividend dates for this Preferred Stock are—February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st. An investment in this stock provides a source of income which has proved itself reliable.

## Where the Stock May Be Purchased

All our employees are thoroughly familiar with the details of this plan to interest patrons financially in a business which they know and patronize. Ask any employee about it, inquire at the General Offices, or any Branch Office. If more convenient, a request by telephone or mail will bring you full particulars, without obligation.

# Portland Gas & Coke Co.

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"Passed by the Capital Issues Committee as not incompatible with the National Interest, but without approval of legality, validity, worth or security. Opinion No. A. 630."

GRESHAM STATION

Arthur Dowsett, Gresham Drug Co.

Serial No. 10

Late Potatoes Need Spraying

There is danger that the late potatoes are already destroyed and others are severely injured with more damage to follow.

To prevent potatoes from flea beetles spray with Bordeaux 4-4-50 taking particular pains to treat the under side of the leaves. In the home garden "3 in 1" dust may be used. The dust may be bought at the seed store or a good dust may be made by mixing one part dry lead arsenate with 10 parts sifted ashes or lime.

Get your wood now. Call Ekstrom Truck Service. Gresham 851.

We must feed 120,000,000 allies and our big army at the front. Food must go across the water and you must make it possible for that food to go. We can save in many ingenious ways, besides denying ourselves the foods most needed overseas. Let us save till it hurts, and be glad of the chance to suffer a little inconvenience for the sake of those who are giving up their lives.

Utility commissions in all states are recognizing necessity for increased rates to save public service industries from bankruptcy which would be a calamity to nation.

The Washington Bar association adopted a report that the state is burdened with unnecessary laws which are resulting in a constantly increasing tax rate, proving not only irksome to citizens, but tending to drive manufacturing institutions seeking to locate in the west to other states. Other states can profit by the example set.

Use dairy products, the Food Administration urges. Always give the children plenty of milk, milk products and eggs. Use them yourself freely and thus conserve other foods for export.

Summer Complaint.

During the hot weather of the summer months some member of almost every family is likely to be troubled with an unnatural looseness of the bowels, and it is of the greatest importance that this be treated promptly, which can only be done when the medicine is kept at hand. Mrs. F. F. Scott, Scottsville, N. Y., states, "I first used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as five years ago. At that time I had a severe attack of summer complaint and was suffering intense pain. One dose relieved me. Other members of my family have since used it with like results."—Ad.

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