

## MARKS OF THE DIVINE AND THE ETERNAL

Rev. Earl B. Cotton, pastor of the Pleasant Home circuit of the Methodist Episcopal church, calls the attention of the people of his charge to the following article from a recent number of the Missionary News. He emphasizes the fact that the church can do nothing for itself or the great centenary movement unless it uses prayer:

"In this hour, when through the program of the missionary centenary, the Methodist church, as never before, definitely and purposefully faces the responsibility for the evangelization of the world, it is important that we consider the implications as well as the applications of enlarged faith and take account of resources not only human but divine.

"God has led Methodism out into strategic centers, among peoples in many lands. We boast a large membership, holding vast aggregate wealth.

"To possess these advantages is to owe a great debt to humanity in the name of the kingdom of God.

"Numbers, wealth, position, and influence, in the present world emergency, determine the measure of our obligation and the magnitude of our task.

"The church must recognize the fact that beyond its numerical strength and material wealth it has resources possessed by no other institution—the unmeasured resources which are in Jesus Christ. He is the source of every element of aspiration, inspiration, and power which will lift the centenary program and campaign above the dead level of the merely human and impress upon it and through it upon the world the marks of the divine and the eternal.

"Christ demands of His church all that it can give, all that it can do—yes, and more than it can do, without Him. This program will be different from all other programs and will succeed beyond the measure of past successes to the extent that daring faith will undertake in His name and for His sake and by His power more than is humanly reasonable and humanly attainable.

"Christ has been waiting through the centuries for a generation of those who love Him, to project a program which will leave a wide margin for the revelation of His wisdom, for the releasing of His resources, for the exercise of His power. All things are possible unto Him and through Him. Yet He is dependent upon His church to provide human agencies and instrumentalities for the winning of the world, and the church never has fully realized the fullness of His divine resources because she never has fully consecrated her own. There is a point beyond which the church never has gone. There are milestones, as yet, never passed. Beyond is a vast unknown for faith and achievement. There lie new discoveries of the wisdom, the grace and the power of God in Jesus Christ. He has resources absolutely untouched, available in this hour of need, for those who dare and do.

"Marvelous promises remain unfulfilled. No previous generation of the church has fully met the necessary conditions. God is no respecter of persons—or generations. That generation which will pray enough, dare enough, love enough, sacrifice enough, will witness the triumph of His kingdom over the earth. We behold the dawning of a new age, an age of victory for men of faith and daring in the realm of the unprecedented.

"God grant that His church may be given the vision, the devotion, the courage, that with unwavering faith it may assay the impossible, that, through Him, this age may realize exceeding abundantly above all that other ages have asked or thought."

### Card of Thanks.

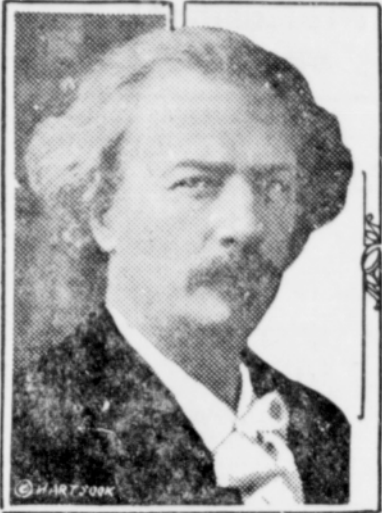
To the many friends and neighbors who expressed their sympathy, donated flowers and otherwise assisted us in our late bereavement, we desire to tender our warmest thanks and appreciation.

Charles Carlstedt and Family.

An astonishingly large number of adults are tolerated because people feel sorry for their children.

The wrong kind of friend will pursue you most of the days of your life.

## PADEREWSKI MAY SAVE POLAND



Those wonderful artistic piano fingers of the famous Ignace Paderewski seem destined to wield a presidential pen over one of the new European republics which will come out of the world war. The great Pole pianist has just returned to his revolutionary torn country and has announced that he has a great message from the United States to Poland if the people will cease the strife and form a republic. Paderewski now looms the strongest man in Poland as a presidential candidate.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE KILLING PIGS

Ernest Schwedler, a well-known resident of Gresham living first house west of the grade schoolhouse, was accidentally shot in the right breast today shortly after 1 o'clock. He and Theodore Brugger were killing hogs, Mr. Brugger holding a revolver, when the weapon was discharged.

They were attempting to get a hog in position to shoot it in the head. Mr. Brugger was waving his hands to scare the animal into turning toward him when the weapon was discharged.

The wounded man was hurried at once to Dr. Inglis' office where first aid was given. He was then taken to a Portland hospital by Mr. Brugger and Will Hessel. The wound penetrated the right lung and is considered serious but if no complications ensue the injured man will probably make an early recovery as he is of strong build and otherwise in good health.

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## YOUNG FARMER VERY LOW WITH EPIDEMIC

Clarence Stanley is lying very low at his home northwest of town as a result of an attack of influenza. He was taken down last week and his condition became so alarming on Sunday that he was given the most heroic treatment by his physician after he became unconscious.

Yesterday he revived to some extent, but it is reported today that his ailment has taken the form of spinal meningitis and that he is again very low with small hopes of recovery. Mr. Stanley is a young farmer with a wife and two children. He is a son of the late J. C. Stanley and Mrs. Amanda Stanley.

## TWENTY PER CENT DUE ON LIBERTY BONDS

Twenty per cent will be due and payable on all Liberty bonds unpaid for tomorrow, January 15. If not paid for the owners are liable to forfeiture unless arrangements are made with the banks to care for them.

The final payment on all such bonds must be made on January 31, after which the bonds will be delivered to their owners.

## KELSO WOMAN DIES OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

Mrs. Minnie O. Platt, wife of Clifford Platt of Kelso, died last week of complications following Spanish influenza. She was aged 25 days, 6 months and 19 days. She leaves a husband and little girl. Mrs. Platt was with her husband at a sawmill camp near Cherryville when she was taken ill. The funeral was held at Pleasant Home yesterday.

### Notice to Pledgers.

In order to meet the pastor's salary and other current expenses of the church during the present closing period, occasioned by the influenza epidemic, the pledgers are asked to kindly leave their contributions at the Outlook office or Bank of Gresham.

C. M. HARRISON,  
Treasurer M. E. Church.

Babies are queer institutions. They never seem satisfied with what they have and yet they don't want much.

## POSSIBLE CHANGES IN METHODS OF CONDUCTING COUNTY SCHOOL AFFAIRS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

A measure of far-reaching importance to all of Multnomah county except the city of Portland, will be presented to the state legislature by Senator Gus Moser, for passage into a law that has for its object a reconstruction of the county school system.

The bill, as indicated, will seek to provide a county school board of five persons who will have jurisdiction over the county schools in the matter of establishing and maintaining elementary schools, high schools and vocational schools; fix the days of the year and the hours of the day when such schools shall be in session; to present text books and courses of study, confining their choice to such books as are now prescribed by the state law.

The board may provide for transportation of pupils or to pay for tuition of pupils residing within the county school district and attending school in some other district. It will employ all teachers, janitors and other employees and fix their compensation; buy and lease land, build schoolhouses, furnish them with proper furniture, light, fuel and apparatus. It may also sell any property not required for school purposes.

### All Taxed Alike.

The board will be empowered to fix the annual tax levy, to be made upon a budget estimate of the county districts. By this method the entire county district—which shall include every present school district—will be taxed equally so that the burden will fall alike upon all taxpayers, and the tax levy shall not exceed 6 miles in any one year unless by a vote of all the legal voters. But the act shall in no way limit the amount of any levy necessary to be made for the paying of any bonded debt or warrants heretofore lawfully issued against any school district. The act guarantees that there shall be no indebtedness at any time to exceed in the aggregate more than \$100,000.

### Many Good Features.

The measure, while new to Oregon, has been in operation in other states. It has so many good features looking toward efficiency and economy, that it is said to be a success where given a trial. Its principal claim to public favor is the saving it effects to the taxpayers in several ways. Features of the bill in this

respect are shown in the statement that the district would draw about \$600 a year in interest on funds in the hands of the county school clerks. There would be an average of \$30,000 lying in the Portland depositories on which 2 per cent daily balances would be paid, as the county treasurer would be the custodian of all funds.

Another item of about \$1500 would be saved in the salaries now being paid to the different district school clerks, as their office would be abolished. Another sum of about \$300 now being paid for school clerks' bonds would also be saved. The county superintendents would be the only school clerk and all funds would be disbursed by the county treasurer.

Should it ever become necessary to make a 6-mill levy, which is not probable, such a levy would bring in for school purposes more than \$50,000 above the present levies of the different districts. Gresham district is now about to pay a 9-mill levy.

### Other Features.

As above stated, the office of district clerk would be abolished. But each district would continue to elect its three directors. By the terms of the act the members of the county board—five in number—shall be chosen by the chairman of the various school districts, and not more than one member shall come from any one district. Such an election shall be held within thirty days after the act goes into effect if it becomes a law. The members will be elected one for one year; one for two years, and so on up to five years, and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Succeeding elections shall be held on the first Monday in July, unless it is a holiday.

There will be but slight cost of operation as only actual expenses will be paid the members of the board. Such expenses for monthly meetings will not exceed \$200 a year.

### Few Arbitrary Powers.

The county board will be given but few arbitrary powers. Principal among these is the management of the schools. The District Boundary Board will only be able to make changes upon request of the county board, which may suggest the changing of existing boundaries or suggest the consolidation of two or more districts if such is deemed best. The principal or teacher in each district

shall be ex-officio clerk of the local board of directors. The county school superintendent shall fill all vacancies in school boards. Annual school elections will be held as at present for the election of directors.

### Highly Endorsed.

A synopsis of the act has been shown to a large number of prominent men over the county, nearly all of whom fully endorse its provisions. Among these are Judge Stapleton, all the members of the board of county commissioners, County Assessor Reed, County Treasurer Lewis and others. The plan has received the sanction of State Superintendent Churchill, the United States Commissioner of education and the head of the department of education of Stanford university. Judge Stapleton apparently is in favor of the act for the influence it will have on the Gresham high school, as it, too, comes under its provisions. Identities of school districts will not be changed except where two or more may be consolidated for economic reasons, although the various district boards will have fewer powers. The bill contemplates a consolidated federation made up of the separate units, and all will be on the same footing.

### Some Opposition.

It is expected that there will be some opposition, but as the bill only affects Multnomah county outside of Portland it may not be seriously objected to. The county at large has no representative in the legislature, and the eighteen members in the two houses may not wrangle over it. Other counties have no interest in the matter and the act is likely to become a law. It has many meritorious features, among which may be mentioned the consolidation of schools and the transportation of pupils; also the power to place a slightly heavier tax on rich districts than they are now paying. It is from such sources that opposition may be expected. On the other hand such districts as Gresham will make a clear saving of several mills annually because the tax will be uniform all over the county.

### There are some other features of the measure that will be given out after the bill has been introduced.

They are not so material as those spoken of here, but are important in providing for the conduct of the schools in case the bill becomes a law.

## FORMER GRESHAM BOY DIES IN WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. A. Belleu of Rockwood have received the news of the death at Alderdale, Washington on January 4, 1919, of their grandson, Charles A. Belleu, of pneumonia following influenza. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Belleu and lived here with his parents several years ago. The family moved from here to Sheds, Oregon and later to Alderdale, Washington.

The deceased was born in Portland May 18, 1889. Besides his parents and grandparents he leaves to mourn his departure three brothers and a sister. They are Harry of Portland, Clyde, Arthur W. and Miss Arlie May of the family home. The funeral was held at Mabton, Washington on Monday, January 6.

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## MEETING ADJOURNED TO MONDAY, FEB. 3

About fifty stockholders in the Gresham Fruit Growers' association met at the grange hall yesterday forenoon in pursuance of the call for the annual election of directors. But for lack of a majority of stockholders being represented the meeting was adjourned until the first Monday in February.

Nearly enough stock was represented, but in checking up it was found that no proxy for the 30 shares owned by Mrs. W. W. Cotton had been presented, and as she is in the east it will take two or three weeks to hear from her. Her representative was present but was unable to vote the stock without authority.

What's become of the old-fashioned store-keeper that used to have a salt mackerel swinging by the tail from a string in front of his place? And what's become of the salt mackerel?

## JUSTICE BROWN READY FOR FIRST LAWSUIT

Ex-Justice of the Peace B. F. Rollins came to Gresham yesterday and completed the transfer of the justice office to John Brown, who will hereafter be entitled to be called "Judge." His first case came up this morning on complaint of Constable Squire who brought in a man charged with leaving his automobile on the street without a light.

Judge Brown says he is now ready to marry people and hopes to have a big run of business right away. He will leave the divorce to Judge Stapleton and the others in his class.

If your youth is so far behind you that you imagine the children of your day were better behaved than those of the present, your memory has begun to fail.

Most married men think they did the proposing, but they didn't.

## PHONING AN AIRPLANE IN FLIGHT NEWEST YANK TRICK.



Talking to an airplane in flight through a wireless telephone is one of the wonders of the age, perfected by Yank ingenuity, with the necessity of war as mother of the invention. Here are members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee testing out the new radiophone. Col. C. C. Culver (with hand up to mouth) is phoning orders, and Senator Francis E. Warren (with receiver to ear) is listening in. In the foreground is Senator John W. Weeks, with Major Maurice B. Connelly.

## GRESHAM LAD AT ARGONNE AND VERDUN

The following "Dad's" letter was received by D. W. Wright from his son Frank, who is a master signal engineer with Co. B. 307 field signal battalion:

France, November 24, 1918.

Dear Old Dad:—They have made this "Dad's Christmas Letter Day," and are going to let us tell almost everything we want to, so here goes. I wish I could be there so I could tell you all about the war and eat Christmas dinner with you once more, but I expect it won't be long before I can come home again and then I can tell you all about it.

This has been some war. You can't imagine how things are in real warfare unless you have been in it once. It is hell.

The last we were in was the worst we experienced. We lost about one-third of our own men and the infantry was almost wiped out.

I will tell you a little of my time in France. We left New York on May 19 on an English ship and landed in Liverpool May 31. Left there the same day for Winchester, was there two days, went from there to Southampton, crossed the channel to La Havre, France, landing June 4. From there we went to a small town back of the lines near Toul. Was there a week and went onto the Toul front June 18 and there saw our first real war. We were there about one and a half months. We were released for a rest of a week, (I got two days), and then we took over a sector on the Nancy front. We were there until September 22. From there we went to the Argonne, near Verdun, the last and most heavy fighting but when we got there the fighting was real for sure.

I got to see about three weeks of that drive and was sent to the officers' school at Langres. I was recommended for a commission the first of August—I got examined and everything was going fine and an order came out that no more men would be commissioned without taking a six-weeks' course at the officers' school. I was sent to the school and then the armistice was signed and don't expect to get my commission as they have no more need for more officers. I am still master signal engineer though.

I am in Toul now and don't know when I will get with my outfit again. As long as I was at the front I had plenty to do and was satisfied but now that peace is almost here and I have nothing to do but wait to go back to my outfit, I spend most of my time thinking of home and can hardly wait for the time to come.

Well, dad, I have gone through this without a scratch and without being sick a day. I have gone through things that I used to think that nobody could, but it takes more, a great deal more, to kill a man than people think. For one thing, I went for eight days with my clothes and bed soaking wet and never even caught a cold. That is just one instance. Will tell you about them when I get there.

Tell mother to have something good to eat when I get there. The eats over here are not what you people think they are.

Well, dad, have a nice Christmas and I will try to spend the next with you.

Your son,

FRANK.

## "FLU" PUTS BAN ON PIE SOCIAL

Owing to numerous cases of influenza in school district No. 28, the Lynch Parent-Teachers' association has temporarily postponed the pie social and meeting which had been planned for the near future. The school has been closed for the past week.

## Farmers Asked Labor Needs.

Farmers, let your labor needs be known to J. W. Brewer, farm help specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Agricultural college. He will help you if you report specifically your individual needs.

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