

BUSINESS MEN GET TOGETHER

In response to a call for the business men of Gresham to meet and talk over important matters about 29 gathered at the Bank of Gresham last night and decided to ask the council for the appointment of a night watchman.

Judging from the expressions of opinion the merchants and business men generally have become thoroughly aroused as a result of the recent night burglaries and feel that the need is imperative for an assistant marshal, with full authority to make arrests, and who will make it his especial business to be on duty at night.

After selecting K. A. Miller as chairman of the meeting, the many questions pertaining to this matter were discussed, such as the expense, the need of a night watchman from the standpoint of fire protection, and the general safety and welfare of the entire city, and the conclusion was that the funds were available and the need should be immediately met.

The present marshal has many duties in addition to policing the town and it was thought he could not be asked to police the town at night.

It was decided to present the need to the council at its next regular meeting, on Tuesday night. The following were appointed a committee to present the matter: H. L. St. Clair, W. R. Burke and A. J. W. Brown. At last night's meeting agreed to be present and all other business men are asked to attend the council meeting.

The initiatory steps were also taken at this meeting to organize the business men of Gresham into an association for mutual protection and general upbuilding of the commercial affairs of the locality. It was not the intention to copy after the usual commercial clubs or cover the broad lines usually taken up by such organizations. As temporary officers, J. Cannon was elected president and C. J. Lundquist, secretary. After thorough consideration of the possibilities and helpfulness of such an association a committee was appointed on organization to report at a meeting in the near future on call of the president. The committee consists of A. Dowsett, A. W. Metzger, L. L. Kidder.

OVERFLOW ITEMS FROM THE LOCAL COLUMN

E. F. Andre was in Gresham on business yesterday. He is moving with his family to his farm near Pleasant Home, after spending several months in Portland working in the shipyards.

Interesting services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday, beginning with Sunday school at 10 o'clock, where there are classes for all. The pastor, Rev. J. Montcalm Brown, will preach both morning and evening. Epworth League will meet at 6:30 and will be led by the Misses Mildred and Winifred St. Clair. Miss Violet Coe will report on the world program conference and others of the local chapter will take part.

FARM RECORDS SHOW INCOME TAX

Farmer's income taxes may be figured from their farm records if kept in the Oregon form of farm record books or other approved system. The books must show receipts, expenses, inventory at end of each year, and net returns. The farm record forms prepared by R. V. Gunn, farm demonstrator of the O. A. C. extension service, meets the approval of the federal treasury department and also of the Oregon Banker's association.

HOUSEWIVES ON TRIAL OF FOOD PROFITEERS



American housewives are now on the trail of food profiteers. Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives' League, has issued an order asking all housewives in the land to boycott all retail food dealers who have not reduced prices to conform with the reductions made by the wholesalers. It is reported that great stores of foodstuff are being hoarded in the attempt to keep prices up and save the food speculators millions invested under war conditions.

LIME SHIPMENTS TO BE POOLED AT ONCE

The meeting called Wednesday evening to discuss orders of lime from the State Lime Plant at Gold Hill, met with a good response, an enthusiastic meeting being held in the county agent's office.

It is evident that there is a need and desire for the lime on the part of the farmers of this vicinity, and there are three or four more carload orders in prospect. A carload will go to the McKeown holdings; several Linnemann farmers will take another one, Rockwood another, Pleasant Home and Gresham at least one apiece. Those interested in the Powell Valley section should communicate with A. G. Anderson.

One of the difficult problems seems to be when a number of farmers want small quantities of lime, as the lime comes loose in the car it makes it a little extra work to weigh out small quantities. This can be easily overcome by community cooperation.

The question of freight rates was discussed, the opinion being that the rate from Portland to Gresham over the O. W. P. was almost as much as from Gold Hill to Portland. A committee composed of S. B. Hall, R. L. Anderson of Pleasant Home; H. A. Lewis of Russellville; Theodore Brugger of Gresham, and C. D. Minton, manager of the county fair, was appointed to investigate the matter. This committee met with Mr. Caldwell, general superintendent of the O. W. P. yesterday and found that the rates were not as high as reported. After a thorough discussion of both sides of the project, the railroad has taken under advisement the matter of further concessions to the farmers.

THE CLEAN-UP MAN.

Pete Kilduff, of the Chicago Cubs, says that some naval officers have too been a sense of comedy. Kilduff, all in his navy blue arrayed, dressed up just like a horse, was promenading by the rail of his battleship, when an officer halted him.

"Young man," said the officer, "you are Kilduff, the noted ball player of the Chicago Cubs, are you not?" "Aye, aye, sir!" saluted Kilduff.

"Ah, yes," resumed the officer. "You were, I believe, so highly regarded by the management that they made you the clean-up man?"

"Aye, aye, sir!" replied the flattered Kilduff.

"Then," said the officer, "you are just the man I'm looking for. Take this pall and clean up this deck!"

Twenty per cent off on heating stoves. L. L. Kidder Hardware Co.

CURTIS HENDRICKS COMPLAINS OF TREATMENT GIVEN SOLDIERS

Wrs. J. W. Hendricks has submitted interesting letters from her son Curtis, in which he expresses patriotic devotion to duty, but complains of hard conditions imposed upon the soldiers overseas who are eagerly awaiting their opportunity to come home. Here are the letters:

Arthannay, France, January 24, 1919.
My Dear Mother:—I am becoming anxious, as I have not heard from you for almost two weeks, and its almost time I was getting mail direct to this company.

We had inspection this morning, and it was very cold, but, thanks to having a good lieutenant there, we were not kept standing long.

I suppose you are expecting me home soon, but remember that peace must be signed before any combatant troops will be sent, and the way it looks, it will be some time next spring, unless they get down to business. They seem to be taking their time in order to punish the Germans, but they do not stop to think that many men over, do not worry about me for I will be some great exposures made, when the troops return, and some so-called great leaders, who intend to run for political jobs, will be out of luck. If you read the Literary Digest, you will remember the article referring to the casualty reports, at the beginning of the war, the government promised to be frank with the people, to publish the full lists and as soon as possible. They did neither. They promised to protect the men's health in the training camps, and to supply them with ammunition and equipment in the trenches. Did they do it? Why did they send General Edwards back? Because he refused to dirty work. I could write many pages but I suppose it would be censored, however, do not worry about me for I will come back, safe and sound. I am well, and reasonably comfortable, though I am anxious to get home, and I do not see the necessity for keeping us here so long. You hear that many soldiers are returning, but those reports are exaggerated. If one writes to Washington to find out when a division will leave, they simply tell you it is not on the priority list, that is all the information they will give you, but who is in the priority list? They tell us we must get our health report up, before we will be scheduled and that will never come until summer is here, although they did not worry about that when we came over. They also tell us we must be thoroughly clean, with new clothes, and equipment, and displayed so as to make a creditable appearance. Did they worry about that when we were in the trenches? Going about in rags, with no bath for months at a time. You will remember that Secretary Daniels said that it took a year and a half to get us over here, with the help of England, and that it would take a finer organization than the American navy is at present to get us back in a year. They brought us over, during the last four months of the war, at the rate of slightly over 250,000 a month. Now they have more ships, less food and supplies to bring across, a shorter route, on account of the lifting of the submarine menace, and England and France have offered their help in taking us back, and yet they say they cannot return two million and less in twelve months. They are merely trying to blind the American public of the bare facts. Another excuse they bring up, is that the war is not over, that Germany is liable to renew the fight. Did they not say that the armistice conditions would be such that the Germans would be powerless to start again? And they are. Never have I regretted that I fought for such a

splendid cause; never have I faltered in the execution of my duty, never have I been sorry that I enlisted, and shed blood, but I do protest against being kept, where there is no need, and being told that enough transports are not available to get us back again. I do not write to complain. I merely want you to know, and understand why we are not coming home, and what is keeping us here, and if every person in the United States knew or thought of these facts, we would be sent home in the shortest possible time.

January 26th. I received your letter of December 13, tonight and am very glad to hear that you are well, for I was becoming worried, not having heard for about two weeks. I am sorry that I could not write oftener when I came out of the hospital, but it was next to impossible to get writing material. However, we are better fixed now with a Y. M. here and we were paid \$15 last month. My service record is here now, and I expect to get all my pay next month, and will send most of it home.

I was figuring the other night how far I had traveled since I left home, and I came to the conclusion that when I get back in Oregon I will have about 16,900 miles to my credit, or almost two-thirds of the way around the world. I will enclose a little souvenir worth about a dime in our money.

January 27. I received your welcome letter of January 3rd tonight and was glad to hear that you were well. I received the money Dad sent me, but the money order you sent has not yet come. You spoke of me writing to the captain of my old company, but that is impossible for all the officers were killed the day I was wounded, and I do not know who is in command now. However, the mail is sent to Tours when one is not with his organization. I have written there, but as yet have received no old mail. I also wrote to my old company and what came in after that was forwarded promptly.

They do not have stores in this country, and only drug stores in the large cities. They have small shops big enough to accommodate about three customers at a time. Their wares consist of nuts, sardines, and sometimes candles. You get a handful of nuts for 20 cents, a can of sardines for 60 cents, a candle about the size of those we use for Christmas for 10 cents. If you go into a shop in a large town, your eyes meet an assortment of trash somewhat resembling one of our 5-10-15 cent stores—that is, all except the prices.

They took the men's names some time ago, who had not received their Christmas boxes and I believe an effort is being made to find them. That effect is due to the fact that the people in the states are becoming aware that there is crooked work going on, and are raising a kick. We could too, but they can keep us quiet, and no one will be the wiser; that is the principal reason for the censorship.

Write just as often as you can, for remember I am more anxious to get mail than you, and I imagine you get pretty lonesome. You have certainly done fine, and I know that if every woman in the United States did her bit as you have done yours, and as uncomplainingly, that even the heroic women of France could not have equalled it. I long for the time when I will be back. I cannot see why they cannot settle peace before another month is gone, but I suppose it would be too hard on the peace delegates to spend more than two or three hours a day in conference, although it wasn't too hard for us to fight week after week with no relief.

Well, I will close for the present. Write soon. Your loving son,
CURTIS

CHARLIE DEHAVEN MAKES MANY TRIPS

The following are excerpts from a letter written by Chas. De Haven to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. De Haven of the scenic neighborhood. The letter was written at different times between January 21 and February 15, on board the U. S. E. Madawaska, to which the young sailor is attached. The letter was started two days after the ship left New York and was finished on the day of its return to the same port.

We are headed now for Bordeaux. I am sure glad to go to a new place and get to see more of France, for I have made four trips to Brest and five to St. Nazaire. I have been on the Brest for six days. I took them for one of the boys who is sick. We saw land last night and lay in the bay last night and came in today.

The weather is cold here and has not been clear since we came into port. They are loading on troops and we are going to leave today. We did not get to go ashore. I did not care very much but I would like to see what kind of a city Bordeaux is. We are not taking on many wounded men this time. Nearly all are able-bodied men.

We left port on the 31st of January and it was pretty cold. Well, mother, I have been in the U. S. N. 14 months now but it does not seem that long to me, as a month passes so quickly when we are at sea.

We had some pretty stormy weather here at sea but it is not so rough now. I am feeling pretty well and hope that I will get to come home this time and not have to make another trip.

We arrived from France all O. K. I was sure glad to get the letters from home. I got 13 letters altogether from you folks and from friends. I am sure glad to get back to the good old U. S. A. once more.

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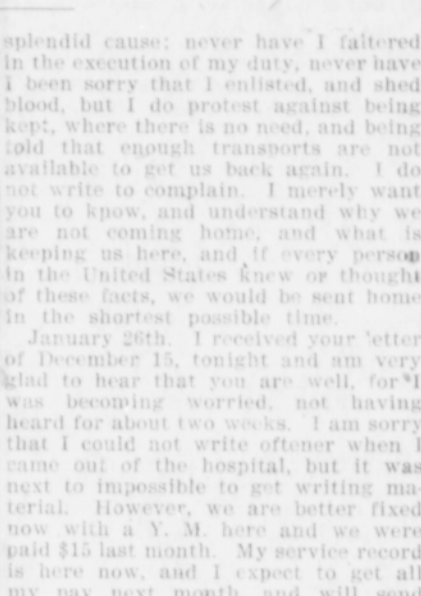
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Following the program a social evening was enjoyed. Many gathered about the piano, singing old favorite heart songs. Others chatted, and all partook of the hospitality of the members of the union, who served coffee and cakes, Mesdames Wostell, Stanley, Zimmerman, Sleeth, and others pouring.

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FARM BUREAU WORK PLANNED

The present week has been an exceedingly busy one for the county agricultural office. On Tuesday evening the executive committee of the farm bureau met with the chairman, H. A. Lewis of Russellville in County Agent S. B. Hall's office in Gresham. The most important business accomplished was the districting of this section and arranging a schedule of meetings for the work.

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock the people of Lynch district will hold a community meeting in Lynch school house, at which time each person will be given the opportunity to enroll in one or more of the projects to be undertaken by the farm bureau.

The Corbett district embraces all that county east of the Sandy river. A meeting is called for Monday evening at half past seven in the Corbett high school, at which a full attendance is desired.

The district representatives show much enthusiasm for their work and a full year with much good accomplished is their hope. Present at the meeting were H. A. Lewis and John Wilbas of Russellville, Herbert Lynch of Lynch district, H. E. Toppleton of Pleasant Valley, O. L. Neal and S. B. Hall of Gresham, Ward Evans of Corbett, J. Strebin of Cedar district, Donald Fary of Gilbert, and others.

Interest in the formation of a local branch of the poultrymen's association is quite general. Many inquiries and suggestions regarding it have come into the agricultural office during the week.

WORLD PROGRAM CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

Methodism all over the Oregon conference, as well as members of other denominations, are vitally interested in the Portland world programme conference, which will be held in Portland February 23 and March 1. The conference, which is bringing to Portland nationally-known speakers and preachers, is expected to be the biggest event Portland religious circles have ever known.

The pastor and two or more lay delegates from every Methodist church in the entire district covered by the conference are expected to attend the conference, while in Portland the pastors and their wives will be the guests of the entertainment committee of the conference.

The world programme conference is declared to be the most important and constructive convention ever held in the northwest.

Twelve to 15 of the greatest speakers and nation-wide leaders in Methodism will be at the conference. The Methodist centenary programme marks the beginning of the after-the-war reconstruction plan of the Methodist church, while at the same time the raising of the gigantic centenary fund as a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Christian missions in America.

"The centenary is the beginning of a great religious renaissance, which so many people have anticipated as a consequence of the world war," declare leaders of the movement.

"The centenary movement, the greatest religious effort ever made, will have the spirit of the American 'revival' and something of the fervor of the Crusades."

OLD FASHIONED GARDEN PLANNED BY LIBRARIAN

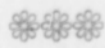
The library's back yard will be an old fashioned English posy garden, if Miss Montague's ambitions are fulfilled, and all the flower pets thrive. It likewise will be a friendship garden; for she is asking everyone who likes posies to give of their surplus. Hollyhocks, Delphiniums, Canterbury bells, anemones, Shasta daisies, gladioli and chrysanthemums are desired most of all. The color scheme is to be confined to shades that will harmonize with the brick of our quaint library building.

Many of the ladies of the Red Cross auxiliary are planning flower gifts to this little garden. Others will no doubt wish to share their treasures with Miss Montague, our popular librarian.

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