

APRIL 4 DATE OF HEROES' BANQUET

Few committees have been more favored than Gresham, speaking of course in the wider sense of embracing eastern Multnomah and the adjoining section of Clackamas county in the matter of casualties among her soldiers—the flower of her young manhood, who marched away at the first call for men. Most of them are now returning to their homes, taking up their work where they left it, and fitting unostentatiously into the life of the community.

For us there has been no serious reconstruction problem to meet as yet. So we have just been quietly thankful to receive the boys home.

But with an increasing number of boys returning, the desire for a public declaration of our esteem has taken hold of us, ultimately to find expression in the tentative plans of several groups of persons who sought for some fitting way in which to convey our relief and thanks.

The time for concerted action arrived; so with Mayor George W. Kenney presiding and Karl Miller, secretary, a mass meeting of Gresham citizens was held in Metzger's hall on Wednesday night to plan for a function in honor of the returned soldiers and sailors of eastern Multnomah and Clackamas—those whose names have appeared on the Outlook honor roll, and any others whose names may have been overlooked.

Various forms of entertainment were discussed, with a view to showing the community's appreciation and at the same time give the boys a rousing good time to remember. It was finally decided to pool all suggestions, combining them in a program that would last from the dinner hour in the evening to a late hour. This was the unanimous vote of those present; and it is expected that the townspeople will get back of this program and make it a red letter night for the boys who served so gallantly and well.

The plan as adopted includes a banquet to be served to the soldiers and sailors at the grange hall at 6:30, on Friday evening, April 4. The committee in charge of this feature of the program is composed of three mothers of soldiers, Mrs. O. A. Eastman, Mrs. J. H. Metzger, Mrs. D. C. Ross. Let there be no apprehension; these mothers know a soldier boy's capacity.

Forming in line on Powell street our heroes, from 75 to 100 strong, will march to Regner's hall where they will be the guests of the people of the community at a reception and entertainment until 11 o'clock. A competent committee, composed of Karl A. Miller, Rev. E. A. Leonard and O. A. Eastman will be in charge.

An excellent program will be arranged by Prof. Elmer F. Goodwin, George Honey and Mrs. J. Montcalm Brown. It is understood that Judge George W. Stapleton has been urged to extend to the soldiers the wholehearted welcome-home and appreciation of the people. Those who listened to Judge Stapleton's speech on the night we celebrated the signing of the armistice are confident that he will say it all for us. Other features will be announced later. Responsible for the decoration of the halls is a committee composed of Frank C. Jones, John Brown and Charles Cleveland, who will summon to their aid a corps of assistants to help deck the premises in a festive style, befitting this joyous occasion.

At 11 o'clock the hall will be placed at the disposal of the soldiers to use at their pleasure. John Cannon, W. R. Burke, and Mrs. James Elkington will be present as a committee to see the wishes of the honored guests are fulfilled.

It is expected that this announcement will serve as an invitation to the soldiers and sailors returned from all branches of service to be present and give the citizens this opportunity to honor him.

Plans for another reception, probably during the summer months, have been discussed. There is a possibility of several such functions as the boys returning to us in the coming months.

St. Patrick's Celebration.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Schantz where a St. Patrick's party was given. The evening was spent in playing 500. Highest scores were won by Miss Burns and J. Lynch and lowest by Mrs. A. McMillan and D. Meyer. There were between 35 and 40 people present.

MURDER STILL DEEP MYSTERY

The mystery of the murder of Alfred Mills remains unsolved, though the sheriff's office has been at work on the case since Monday, when Mr. Mills was discovered dead in his doorway with a bullet in his head by his brother-in-law, J. H. Kesterson.

Mr. Mills' life prior to the time of his marriage to Miss Louise Giese, had from all accounts available, been full of unusual and weird experiences. He seems to have made several bitter enemies along the way. His friends and acquaintances have recalled that he expressed fear of foul play at the hands of these unknown people on numerous occasions.

Brooding over these fears seems to have unsettled his mind for a time; and resulted in his having been placed in the state asylum at Salem for a year. At all times of a morose disposition, easily antagonizing those about him, Mr. Mills would appear to have left a rather unfavorable impression on the Linnemann community where he lived for a time with Mrs. Mills. Several of the residents expressed fear of him.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills, the latter a daughter of a pioneer family of this section, resided for several years on the farm inherited by the wife from her father's estate. After repeated threats against herself and her family, Mrs. Mills applied for a divorce, claiming the farm as hers. Mr. Mills defended the suit, engaging Milo C. King as counsel. He claimed a half interest in the farm on the ground that he had built the home and cleared and cultivated the land. Upon the advice of Mr. King he took possession of the place, against the wishes of Mrs. Mills and her people.

A further development in the past of the murdered man to the fact that when he married Miss Giese, he apparently had a wife and child living in England, from whom he received numerous reproachful letters. Bigamy was alleged in Mrs. Mills' suit for divorce.

According to Mr. Mills' statement to Milo C. King, the greatest secrecy surrounded his committal to the insane asylum at the alleged instigation of the Giese family. Mr. King states that his client was spirited away by two strangers, who rushed him to Portland from which place he was hurried to Salem and committed to the asylum without any examination as to his condition. He remained there almost a year before being discharged as cured. It was Mr. Mills' insistence on telling these experiences and other troubles to patrons of the railroad company that lost him his position on the run between here and Portland. For this reason he lost several positions in quick succession. This embittered him and brooding over his grievances made acquaintance with him increasingly difficult.

The coroner's office has concluded that Mr. Mills met his death at the hands of an unknown assassin, who called him to his doorway early Saturday evening, shortly after his return from Portland, and shot him as he opened the door. He had many times expressed fears of someone in Texas who harbored a grudge against him, also an unknown enemy in Salem. Footprints about the premises indicate that the murderer first stood under a window observing him, walked to the door to summon him and left hurriedly, clearing the fence and running away at top speed. None of the neighbors heard any shots or other disturbance; and the body lay there until Monday evening, when Mr. Mills' brother-in-law, J. H. Kesterson, not having seen him about the place for several days and fearing he was ill, went to inquire for his welfare. He at once reported the gruesome discovery to the coroner by phone, thinking Mr. Mills had died of pulmonary hemorrhage. It was not until the body was removed to Portland that the murder was discovered. Unceasing work by the sheriff's office has as yet uncovered no clue to the identity of the murderer.

An interesting development at the coroner's inquest last night was the fact that Mr. Mills had also been struck on the head with a blunt instrument, probably by his assailant. The authorities first thought a bruise on the forehead the result of a fall, but the position of the body when found, and examination of the wound disproved this theory. Present at the inquest were Mrs. Mills and her brothers, J. H. Kesterson, Lloyd, and O. G. Giese, who testified that their relations with Mr.

POMONA ELECTS OFFICERS AND PASSES IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Multnomah County Pomona grange met in quarterly session with Russellville on Wednesday in one of the most notable sessions it has ever held. A splendid attendance at all features of the program bespoke the interest of the members and the excellence of the ceremonies.

The hall was a bower of beauty having been dressed in gala attire by the Russellville grangers who always start well and finish strong. Great quantities of ferns and bright jonquills were used in profusion.

A business meeting with J. J. Johnson, master, in the chair, opened at 11 o'clock with a full attendance. It is estimated that at least 200 grangers were present. One hundred and fifty members paid their dues to Pomona grange through the treasurer, Eugene L. Thorpe.

At noon the Pomona grangers sat down to a bounteous table of all the good things of the season. It was a royal banquet that Russellville prepared for its guests.

Following the grange dinner the biennial election of officers took place and as is usual the installation ceremonies followed at once. T. J. Kreuder, for eight years, master of Lents grange, installed the newly elected officers, using the beautiful and impressive rituals, so full of noble sentiment and admonition to those who accept the responsibilities. It seems to grow in beauty with repetition.

Master J. J. Johnson was elected for his third successive term without opposition. The other officers chosen were:

It-44 unit yarn (?s.-mh-ong). Overseer, John Melbis; lecturer, Mrs. Mary Palmer; steward, H. A. Lewis; assistant steward, W. A. Young; chaplain, Mrs. Clara Smith; treasurer, E. L. Thorpe; secretary, Mrs. Anna Lehman; gatekeeper, Jno. Sleret; Ceres, Mrs. Carrie Townsend; Pomona, Mrs. Alice Welbis; Flora, Mrs. Belle Stockton; lady assistant, Mrs. Jessie Miller; musician, Mrs. Vera I. Dixon.

The executive committee, headed by the master, was augmented by the addition of F. H. Crane and A. W. Orton. The members of the legislative committee are:

J. J. Johnson, H. A. Lewis and Mrs. Cliff Kern. Delegate to the state grange is R. W. Gill, with A. P. Miller as alternate.

Standing committees for the term were appointed as follows:

Resolutions, R. W. Gill, F. H. Crane and Miss McNea. Finance, T. J. Kreuder, W. N. Green and H. A. Lewis. Condolence, A. F. Miller, E. L. Thorpe and Mrs. Clara Smith.

In memory of Governor James Withycombe, lately deceased, the following resolutions were adopted:

Mills had been friendly, though they had not visited him since his release from the insane asylum. Mrs. Mills has been employed in Portland and has made her home there.

ARE YOU A KEEN OBSERVER?



What is unusual about this picture? Stop now without reading further and see if you can find the unusual thing which prompted the editor of this paper to print this photograph. If you have prided yourself upon your observing faculties this will furnish a test. If you want to try—DO NOT READ FURTHER—because the answer is given below. The man is Gerardo Gulliano of New York—a pickpocket—a light fingered gent—with FIVE fingers and a thumb on each hand. Well—have you?

Governor James Withycombe.

Oregon beautiful Oregon, his adopted land. How he tolled for it, how he loved it. As chief executive of the state, his death was an irreparable loss. A most worthy citizen, a 100 per cent American, a true Christian, a loyal granger. What more can be said? It is our earnest prayer that heaven's richest blessings may rest on his family as a lasting benediction.

Resolved, By Multnomah District Pomona grange, the combination of the grangers of Multnomah county, that the grange has lost a loyal member and co-worker and his family a loving husband and a kind father and while he has been demitted from this world to brighter fields on the other side, we know that soon we shall again clasp the hand in brotherly greeting.

Resolved, A copy of this memorial bespread on the minutes of this grange and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Ray Gill of Russellville read and explained the county unit bill, otherwise known as Senate Bill 45 to the grangers. In the discussion that followed it was patent that the bill would receive little support from the grangers of Multnomah county, the community concerned over its adoption or rejection. Those speaking most forcibly against the measure were Senator A. W. Orton, Thos. P. Campbell of Pleasant Valley A. F. Miller of Lents, Mr. Palmer of Lents and Ray Gill of Russellville. Resolutions were unanimously adopted denouncing the bill as vicious and obnoxious. A committee of three attorneys with J. J. Johnson, chairman, was appointed to study the bill with an eye to detecting possible jokers tucked in somewhere. A copy of the findings of this committee, together with copies of the bill, will be mailed to all the subordinate granges of the county for consideration and action.

The heated discussion of the thoroughly aroused grangers whetted their appetites for the good supper served them by Russellville. Like the noon dinner, the supper was a triumph. Jest and good fellowship abounded.

In the evening the initiation of eight members into the fifth degree was undertaken, one of the candidates being W. R. Kern of Gresham. A fine program was presented. Miss Johnson, daughter of the grange master, rendered some pleasing violin numbers. Other entertainers came out from Portland as the guests of Rufus Holman, presenting vocal solos, dancing numbers, and dramatic readings.

With the release of the grangers from many war activities, the work of the organization will proceed along broad and constructive lines this year. Efforts towards feeding our suffering allies will not be slackened, however. On the contrary, efforts along that line will be redoubled. The grange looks forward confidently to a banner year along all lines of grange endeavor.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU GUESTS OF GRANGERS

A community meeting of the Multnomah County Farm Bureau will be held at Pleasant Valley grange hall, Saturday, March 22. The meeting has been announced for 1 o'clock, but the grange has extended a very kind and cordial invitation to come for the grange dinner.

The program of work which the Farm Bureau has adopted for this year will be discussed at this meeting. The county agent and the committee of the Pleasant Valley community urge all those interested in the agricultural development of this county to attend. And be sure to come to dinner.

Spurred on by the Highway Commission road construction program, the good people of Bend will expend \$350,000 on streets this year.

Jungle Lecture.

An event anticipated with more than ordinary interest is the lecture scheduled for Tuesday night, March 25th, at Metzger's hall. Under the auspices of the Baptist church J. Carveth Wells, explorer and lecturer will tell of life in the jungle on the Malay Peninsula. Mr. Carveth spent six years there in the service of the British government and has a thrilling tale to tell of his acquaintance with elephants, jungle birds, alligators, crocodiles, butterflies, peacocks, parrots, tigers, tarantulas, snakes, scorpions, monkeys and apes. Do not fail to hear this entertaining and instructive lecture.

CULL POTATOES wanted for feed. E. W. Aylsworth, phone 43. tf

O. E. S. LECTURE A HAPPY EVENT

The members of Gresham Chapter Order of the Eastern Star were hosts to the members of the Masonic order and their families at a lecture and program in Odd Fellows hall on Tuesday night.

Early in the evening a short business session of the Eastern Star was called by the worthy matron Mrs. Carrie Cameron, the lodge members attending. A reception committee of Benjamin Cameron, worthy patron of the lodge, Mrs. James Elkington and Mrs. George F. Honey assisted in making the guests comfortable.

A most instructive lecture by Mrs. Jennie Reinhart, past grand worthy matron and state lecturer of the Eastern Star was the principal feature of the very enjoyable evening's entertainment. Tracing the origin of the order through several centuries she brought it up to its present excellent standing in an entertaining manner. Judge Stapleton spoke briefly, complimenting Mrs. Reinhart on the excellence of the lecture.

Miss Maxine Telford contributed two very happy violin numbers to the piano accompaniment of Miss Renner. A vocal duet by Mrs. Elfreda Hedge and Mrs. Anna Brown, with violin accompaniment by Carl Hawkins, called for an encore graciously given.

A reading by Mrs. J. Montcalm Brown was enthusiastically received and persistently applauded by the audience who insisted on hearing more. Mrs. Brown's readings are always perfectly delightful and this springy strawberry patch number was no exception. As a gruff old bachelor she was most amusing. And in a moment she was lisping in the tantalizing manner of a sweet young thing at said dour gentleman.

Mrs. Ed. Aylsworth rendered two vocal solos in charming manner. Her pleasing voice and Mrs. James Sterling's sympathetic accompaniment made the number especially enjoyable.

A delicious supper was served by the Eastern Star members in the banquet hall down stairs. In charge of this most satisfactory feature were Mrs. O. A. Eastman, Mrs. J. C. Shultz, Mrs. J. E. Metzger and others. A bevy of attractive young maidens, daughters of the Masons present, served the guests, under the direction of the busy banquet committee.

The community is indebted to the ladies of the Eastern Star for a most delightful entertainment.

A little Fourth of July run to The Dalles and back this year will be a pleasurable excursion. Work has been started on the Hood River, Mosier section of the highway.

Get the habit—the want ad. habit.

ATTORNEY GENERAL FIGHTING QUAKER



The case of a "big" man not being recognized at home has again been exemplified in the appointment of Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General, Pa., has just started strutting in all the importance of being the home of the Attorney General, when all the time Washington knew Palmer's real ability. He fills the place vacated through the resignation of former Attorney-General Gregory. He is a fighting Quaker.

MORE OF 'DOC' ROGERS' STORY

The following is an account of the experiences of B. F. Rogers, Ph. M., U. S. N. Med. D. A., who is in Germany with the 1st Battalion, 5th marines:

Continued from last issue. The day had turned out to be a beautiful autumn day and by this time my weary and rain soaked body was again dry, so after we had dug in, myself and one of my companions went after water which was about a kilometer away and when we returned our battalion had moved, another outfit had taken their place, and no one seemed to know in which direction they had proceeded. We finally decided that it would be better to rest for the night and to start out and look for our company in the morning, so we threw down what blankets, etc., we had collected on our way back from getting the water and turned in for the night.

Early the next morning we started out and searched all day over the surrounding heights of Thiancourt and at about noon we received some hot news from an army outfit and in the evening found our company in the German camp just over the hill from where we slept, and here we had been searching all day. When I got the hot news I became so excited that I left my toilet articles behind, so I now had nothing to worry about except myself.

This night, September 13th, we moved into Janby in which village the Germans once had a large field hospital and when they evacuated they left many hospital and other supplies behind. The hospital and grounds had not been touched by our shell fire, but at the end of the next day Heine had literally plowed up the courtyard and wrecked all of his outdoor wards.

We experienced much shell fire while here, but never-the-less it did not stop us from roaming around and we feasted upon grapes, fried rabbits, apple butter, honey and German brown, soggy bread.

After being relieved from the St. Mihiel Salient we went toward the back areas and finally wound up in Mount Vignoble, a small village eight kilometers from Toul for a few days rest. Here we boarded a train and disembarked at Chaloux-sur-Marne and went into some French Billets in Courtilles where we were sung to sleep and also awakened by the reports of the big guns. We left here by Camous in the later days of September and after lying in the woods two days with some French artillery went into the front line trenches just to the north of Sonne Py. We relieved the French at 1 a. m. on the morning of October 2.

There was not much action this night, just a spurt now and then from a machine gun, a few star shells and an occasional "sea hog" now and then.

At about 10 a. m. we took up a further advanced position in a lower trench and upon exploration of this trench we found several antitank guns, which resemble an enormous rifle. The cartridge is about seven inches long and looks like a young 75. They are shot from the shoulder and have a terrible "kick." Our position was just in front of Blanc Mont Ridge and on the evening of the second of October our artillery certainly did comb said ridge, besides putting a large steel observation tower out of commission. At dawn of the third they again started sending Heine his usual supply of iron rations, besides giving him a little more than his regular allowance. First the artillery combed the ridge with high explosive, connecting with a large ammunition dump, then shrapneled the area between the ridge and Heine's front line trench, then tore his front line trench to pieces with H. E. and at this opportune time we jumped off for an advance of about eight kilometers, on our right and left we were supported by the French and our greatest difficulty this day was their failure to bring up the tanks.

After we dug in on the evening of the third and had just settled down for a little rest we received orders to move to a more advanced position. We moved far enough, all right, for the whole battalion slept in No Man's Land this night but did not know it until just before dawn when we were again moved October 4, 1918. We stopped to fill our canteens at a well and while doing this

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CENTENARY PROGRAM AT PLEASANT HOME

Be sure to hear the lecture on "Rebuilding the World" by Dr. E. E. Gilbert Saturday evening, March 22, at the Pleasant Home Methodist church. This is probably the greatest lecture that will be given on the centenary movement in this part of the county.

Dr. T. B. Ford, district superintendent of the Salem district will have charge of the morning session which begins at 10:15. The program of the day includes: Rev. J. Montcalm Brown, "The Place of the Layman in the Centenary Movement;" Mrs. Alta M. Gentry, "Stewardship of Prayer;" A. B. Wood, "The Unit System;" "The Stranger Within Our Gates;" E. N. L. Shriner; "Rural Problems, G. H. Bickford; "Life Service, Mrs. M. Lennartz.

The afternoon session, following a basket dinner, begins at 1:30. The evening session at 7:45. If you want to know more about the centenary be present.

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