

## AN OUTLOOK REPORTER VISITS RURAL SCHOOLS

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The world is so full of a number of things that I have overlooked for many moons. Possibly I should confine that broad statement to a corner of eastern Multnomah county, where I received a series of surprises on Wednesday when I visited a string of rural schools along the Columbia River. I went as the guest of County School Superintendent W. C. Alderson.

We bowled along the Columbia Highway to Corbett, where there is a fine modern union high school building. It's empty, or practically so. Do you feel as "let down" as I did, when I stepped into a school room and found a class of four students reciting an English lesson? The student body consists of fourteen pupils. All of that great modern building with its pleasant library and other equipment is standing idle. I am no authority on school administration, but it seems to me it should be made to serve the rural schools of the county. My first thought was a junior high school from the surrounding one and two-room schools.

Of course, I was "twenty minutes late" with a handy solution of the matter, as that plan has been discussed out Corbett way and is now under discussion. Would it not be a wonderful thing for the pupils of the little schools out there to have that up-to-date building for the seventh, eighth and ninth grade subjects? The fourteen high school students could be brought to Gresham for a full course that cannot possibly be taught by the two teachers in charge there now. I have gotten together a few figures from our union high school library that will tell the idea to me. It cost \$74.92 per pupil to teach the students, here during the last school year. The cost per pupil at Corbett was \$154.87. There are two teachers there and eleven in Gresham.

My second surprise was the discovery of a one-room school in the high school building at Corbett, where Mrs. Minerva Powell teaches the eight grammar school grades. Her recitation schedule made me dizzy. How she accomplishes so much is beyond my comprehension. And she has found time to enroll fourteen young health crusaders in the Junior Red Cross. There are thirteen pages and nine scribes among them already. When we entered, the eighth grade was reciting an interesting civics lesson, with timely articles from the daily papers under discussion. Soon the fourth grade sanitation class was discussing the duties of health bureau officials. Time up! Third grade arithmetic step to the black board!

But to get back to the high school, just think of Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. McKay teaching algebra, geometry, physics, botany, American history, mediaeval history, English history, grammar and music to freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors!

In all the years that I have whizzed by Latourell on the highway I have never suspected that there was a large school building at the foot of a wagon road down on the river. We left Mr. Alderson's car on the pavement and walked down to the building. Only one room is in use now. There are eight children, with Mrs. Chase teaching the subjects of the first, second, third, fifth and seventh grades. During the winter the enrollment at times drops to four pupils. The majority of the children come from the Mountain school district, preferring the walk down rather than the climb up the hills. Mrs. Chase's primary grade children read for Mr. Alderson, who in turn read them the story of "Why the Rabbit's Tail is Short." At this school the youngsters were using the first slates I have seen since my sunbonnet days.

Our next stop was at Bridal Veil where I always supposed water and lumber were the leading crops. We arrived at noon and found school children springing up everywhere. There is a two-room school well filled with bright-eyed youngsters. After luncheon down in the surprisingly metropolitan hotel in the bustling little business center along the railroad, we returned to the school and enjoyed a visit with Miss Young and Miss Cornelius. The pupils of the latter gave a bull frog song in rounds for our amusement, later presenting their grammar lesson, the story of the landing of the Pilgrims. Humane

Week is being observed at the school with readings on the subject.

From Bridal Veil we returned up the highway to Chanticleer, taking a dirt road southeast from that point to another small school. We found Miss McDonald in charge of less than a dozen pupils at Mountain school. There we all used our brains, for Mr. Alderson conducted a mental arithmetic test, and I came away secretly very much pleased with myself as a result of the competition. At one time last winter there was only one pupil in attendance at this school.

As we rounded the turn on the highway where Springdale school faces the pavement, who should we meet but Miss Ethel Calkins with a score of her industrial club boys and girls—cookery, sewing, garden and pig club enthusiasts. That school will be dismissed for the summer vacation on May 2d, and as the teacher, Miss Schaffer, is leaving, the cookery club of four boys and two girls is left without a local leader. They are planning to cook some tempting dishes next Wednesday, invite their teacher and a prospective leader to enjoy them and then insist on the lady's acceptance of the post of leader. I know I should not spill the beans in this manner.

The Springdale school district will hold a meeting in June to decide on the erection of a modern school-house to supplant the one-room school now in use. There is a sentiment out there in favor of combining the first six grades of several adjacent rural schools at this point of easy access and erecting a large building to house the pupils there.

Pleasant View school is well named as I discovered after a tramp up off the highway over a heavy wagon road. Here I found two nice new school mottoes on the blackboard. Just take your choice: "Do the best you know that you may know better" and "The secret of success is constancy to purpose." When I went to grade school we copied such bore-mottoes as "The more haste the less speed." Mr. Alderson talked with the pupils about a grade school at Springdale and a junior high school at Corbett, with a wagon or car to take them to school. They're for it. Tomorrow night Mr. Alderson will address the school patrons of the district on this subject, in a meeting at the Pleasant View school-house.

So the consolidation plan may be pioneered out in this end of the county, after all. The union high school at Gresham is a sound argument for consolidated school districts.

### TEMPERANCE WORKERS HOLD SOCIAL MEETING

Of interest in club and social circles yesterday was the meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at the home of Mrs. Ella Oliphant. An attractive program built around the subject of the day, "Medical Temperance," was arranged by the leader, Mrs. Richard Beadle. Devotional services, led by Mrs. W. C. Driver, opened the exercises. The object of the medical temperance department was ably presented by Mrs. H. S. Wostell.

"The Fight on Booze in Medicine," a paper read by Mrs. W. F. Honey, was well received, as were Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman's reading and a temperance talk by Mrs. B. W. Emery. Followed then some questionnaires returned by prominent physicians, with their opinions of the evil effects of alcohol. Mrs. J. Montcalm Brown delighted her audience with one of her clever readings. Some vocal numbers by Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Driver were followed by a quiz conducted by the president, Mrs. Geo. Honey, regarding the exactions of the naturalization laws of the country.

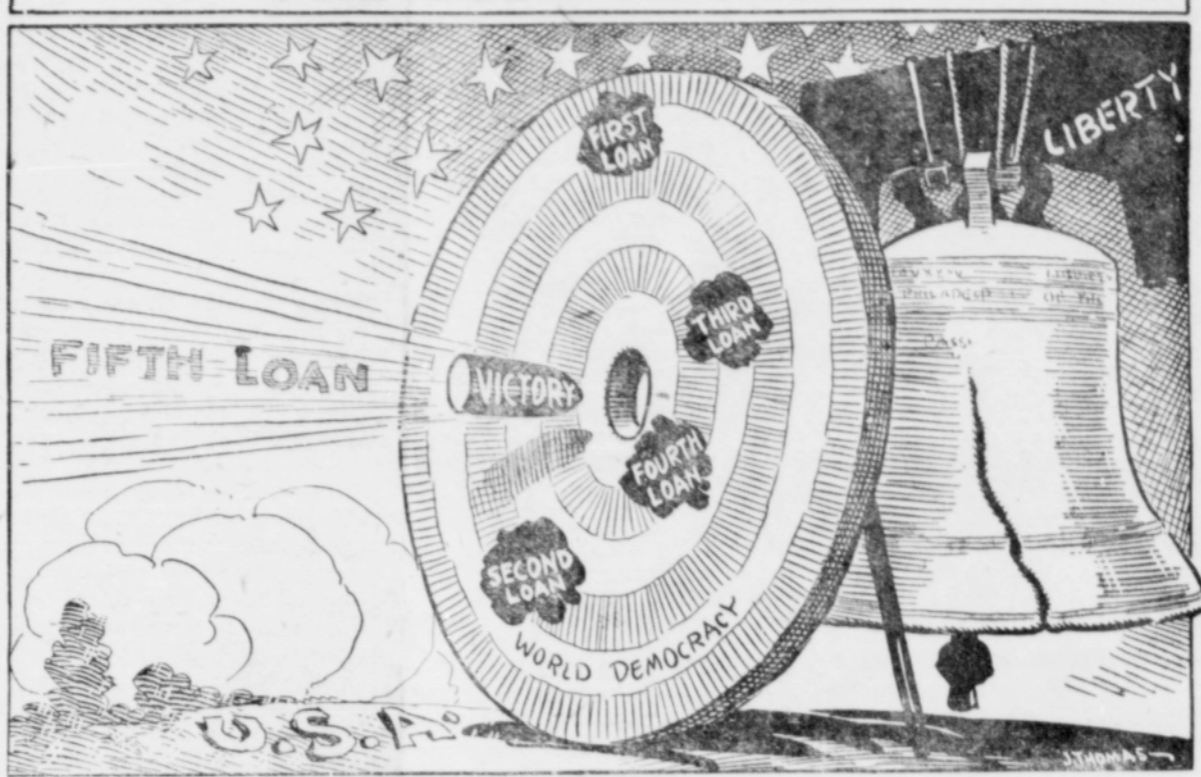
A committee composed of Mesdames E. E. Welling, Will Beegle and Theodore Brugger served refreshments. Mrs. Oliphant used lilacs and dogwood about the rooms in pleasing effect.

### Portia Club Entertained.

Members of the Portia club, an organization composed of the wives of prominent lawyers and judges of Multnomah county and Portland, journeyed to Gresham on Tuesday and were delightfully entertained at luncheon by Mrs. George W. Stapleton.

Dinner guests at the Stapleton home in the evening were Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie, Mrs. Hevel and Miss Vivian Hevel. Cards were enjoyed during the evening.

## THE BELL-RINGER



## WILLAMETTE BAPTISTS WILL CONVENE TUESDAY

The program of the Willamette Baptist Association, which will be convened in Gresham on Tuesday and Wednesday should draw a large attendance of local people, who will derive much uplift from the reports and discussions of the authorities presenting the different subjects. The song service and sacred concert on Tuesday evening, by the choir of the Arleta church, should prove especially enjoyable.

A large attendance of delegates is expected at each church in the association is entitled to four representatives beside the pastor, with an additional delegate for every hundred members or fractional part of one hundred; also a delegate for the women's societies and one for the young people's union. The Willamette association covers a large district—Oregon City and Hillsboro on the south, Hood River and The Dalles on the east, and down the Columbia as far as Astoria. The delegates will be received into the homes of Gresham townspeople for rooms and breakfast, the other meals being provided for by the local and neighboring Baptist churches.

### PROGRAM Tuesday Forenoon

- 10:00—Devotional..... Rev. W. C. Driver
- 10:10—Report of the committee on program and appointment of committees.
- 10:20—Reports on Mission Work in the Associational Field.
  - Associational Missions..... Rev. F. C. Stannard
  - English-Speaking Missions..... Rev. A. L. Black
  - German Work..... Rev. F. Hoffman
  - Italian Work..... Benj. Re
  - Chinese Work..... Miss Mary Berkley
  - Russian Work..... Miss Mary C. Ayres
  - Swedish Work..... Rev. Aug. Olsson
- 11:20—Annual Sermon..... Rev. E. Burton

### Afternoon

- 2:00—Song and Scripture Study..... Rev. F. C. Laslette
- 2:15—Reading of the Church Letters.
- 3:30—Report of the meeting of the Columbia River District.
- 3:50—Address, "Americanization"..... Mrs. W. B. Hinson
- 4:20—Address, "McMinnville College,"..... Dr. L. W. Riley

### Evening

- 7:30—Song Service and Sacred Concert by the Arleta Church Choir.
- 8:15—The B. Y. P. U.'s Ideals and Plans for the coming year..... A. D. Bosserman

### Wednesday Forenoon

- 9:00—Devotional..... Rev. W. C. Driver
- 9:10—Business and Reports.
- 10:10—Address, "Baptist Opportunity in Europe"..... Dr. A. M. Petty
- 10:55—Report and plans for the coming year, of the continuation committee..... Rev. J. E. Thomas
- 11:20—Inspirational Address..... Rev. W. B. Hinman, D. D.

### Afternoon

- 2:00—Song, and Scripture Study..... Rev. Jesse Anderson
- 2:20—The Home as the Child's First School..... Rev. R. F. Jameson
- 2:40—The Parents as Teachers..... Rev. J. E. Thomas
- 3:00—The Educational Value of Habit.
- 3:20—The Educational Value Religiously of the Preaching Service..... Rev. W. T. Milliken
- 3:40—The Relation of Religious Education to Evangelism..... Rev. A. R. Sitton
- 4:00—The Call for Re-adjustment to Post War Conditions..... Rev. A. L. Black

### Evening

- 6:30—Layman's Banquet.
- 7:30—Program in charge of the laymen.
- 8:30—Doctrinal Sermon—Dr. W. A. Waldo.

### Record Run.

The Oregonian carrier on the Portland-Fairview trip recently made a record run over his sixty-three mile route, making 249 stops along the way. In his Ford he makes the trip in four hours, and the run in a Chevrolet last week clipped one hour from the time.

### Guerdon Humason Leaves.

Guerdon Humason, who recently received his discharge from service at the aviation field at Dallas, Texas, has returned to Dallas in answer to a wire from a large machinery and farm implement concern whose vehicles he will sell. He left Gresham on Sunday to accept the Texas offer.

## MEN PROMINENT IN THE STORM CENTERS OF THOUGHT AND ACTION



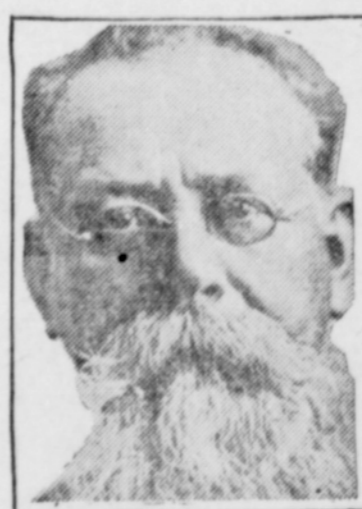
A. S. BURLISON

Postmaster General Burleson is being severely grilled by members of his own party for his arbitrary policies. He is believed to have wrecked the hopes of his party.



PRESIDENT WILSON

The President is commended by prominent republicans for his recent stand at the peace conference against recognition of secret treaties and agreements.



Gen. Carranza

President Carranza, who is called the dictator of Mexico, repudiates the Monroe Doctrine and is said to have withdrawn his delegates from Paris.

## OREGON LEADS IN JERSEYS

Are the Jersey breeders in Oregon entitled to celebrate? Well, I guess they are; and celebrate in a right royal manner. If you think they are not just consider the following reasons why.

Because Oregon owns four of the eight present Jersey World Records; Oregon has produced since 1902 twenty-one Jersey World Records; she has produced two of the eight Gold Medal bulls of the breed; she has the highest average record herd in the world bred and tested by the owner; she has one cow that holds three world records at one time; she has the greatest record cow of the breed—Oregon bred, owned and tested; she owns 12 of the 40 highest record cows of the breed, 30 percent; she stands third with the number of Jerseys now under test; and the breeders that are now bringing the Oregon Jerseys further ahead are farmer breeders of small means, with small farms and small herds kept under practical dairy conditions.

Are they going to celebrate? Yes! and do it right, beginning May 20th, with one big "Jersey get-together day" in Portland, Oregon, with noted national men to speak to them and a treat extra—President Munn of the American Jersey Cattle Club will be with them. An auto trip over the famous Columbia highway; an auto tour lasting several days, visiting all the Jersey herds and great cows possible in the Willamette Valley and adjacent district.

Every Jersey breeder and Jersey admirer in the state or who is within reach should attend the full program. This will afford an opportunity to see more high record Jersey cows than could be seen in any other section of the world.

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### AGED PIONEER ANSWERS SUMMONS OF DEATH

Mrs. Sarah A. Wilkes, a pioneer of eastern Multnomah, passed away at her home at Columbia View, where she had lived for 62 years, on Wednesday afternoon, April 23, aged nearly 80 years.

Mrs. Wilkes' maiden name was Hughes. She was born in Yadkin county, North Carolina, July 4, 1839. When 15 years of age she emigrated with her parents to Iowa, where, in 1857, she was married to Amos Rowen. In 1862 Mr. and Mrs. Rowen came by ox team to Oregon and settled in the unbroken wilderness on what is now Mt. Tabor. Mr. Rowen was ill at the time and about a year later he died, leaving Mrs. Rowen with four small children and without other relatives here.

In 1864 Mrs. Rowen was married to Wm. G. Wilkes, a pioneer of 1845, with whom she lived on the Wilkes donation land claim until 1903, when he died. The farm is located on the Wilkes road about a half mile south of the Sandy road and one and a half miles north of Rockwood.

The deceased is survived by five children, all residing in eastern Multnomah. They are W. A. Rowen, Rockwood; Thos. Rowen and Mrs. Mary Benson, Columbia View; Mrs. E. R. Wright, Gresham and E. G. Wilkes of the home place.

Her children remember her as a devoted mother, willing to sacrifice anything for the good of her family. They were always first in her thoughts. By her strong, noble qualities she became a leader in the pioneer settlement. She was a consistent Christian. She united with the Methodist Episcopal church when 19 years of age and was one of those to unite in the organization of the Rockwood church about 40 years ago.

The funeral services were held at the late residence this afternoon, by her pastor, Rev. F. J. Schnell. Interment was in the Powell cemetery, where so many of the old pioneers have been laid to rest.

### Dr. Hughes Lands.

This morning's Oregonian contains news of the landing of Lieutenant Herbert H. Hughes of Gresham in New York yesterday, in command of evacuation ambulance company No. 64. He has gone to Camp Mills. According to Mrs. A. Hughes who is leaving Gresham today, to live in Portland pending the arrival of her sons from service overseas, Dr. Hughes will return at once to Gresham to resume his practice here. Everett Hughes, who has been with Base Hospital Unit 46, is expected home within a fortnight.

For bargain in household furniture and farm tools see H. W. Cooley's ad. in the classified columns.