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MELROSE AND VICTORY

The quarterly conference of the Pleasant Home, Troutdale and Hill churches was held at the latter place Friday, Dr. T. B. Ford, presiding. It was a most enjoyable and helpful meeting in every respect.

Mrs. Alta Gentry and son Russell spent Saturday and Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayden in Victory district.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Littlepage visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allder.

The Department of Agriculture assisted the census bureau in preparing the list of questions to be asked of every farmer at the coming census.

Farmers Mutual Makes Big Gain.

The annual report of the Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Ass'n of Portland filed with the Insurance Department of Oregon shows \$1,301,634.00 insurance written by the Ass'n in 1918, and 475 new members gained during the year. The Ass'n is now in its 15th year, and has about five million insurance in force.

Since its organization, the Ass'n has made an annual saving of over 50% as compared with board rates on farm insurance, to its members. H. W. Snashall, president of the Ass'n, is agent for Gresham and vicinity. The office is at 409 Stock Exchange Bldg., corner 3d and Yamhill streets, Portland. Phone Main 5006.—Adv.

Read the Want ads

GRESHAM LOCALS

A chimney fire at the home of A. B. Witter on South Roberts avenue caused considerable excitement this afternoon. A call was put in for the fire department but it was soon under control and no damage was done.

Mrs. Geo. Vohl and little daughter Geraldine left Saturday for her home in San Francisco after a month's visit with her aunt Mrs. S. R. Bradfield and cousin Mrs. C. E. Rusher.

Mrs. Mary Patch received word Sunday that her mother, who was nearly 88 years old, had died suddenly at her home in Gardner, Kansas.

The Queen Esther Circle are planning to send a Christmas box to the Portland Settlement Center. All articles to be contributed must be at Mrs. Hevel's house on or before December 18. The Queen Esther circle wish to commence at home with their work and if there are any needy families in or near Gresham, please notify Miss Genevieve McAllister, secretary, or Miss Cora Johnson, secretary of supplies, and they will be assisted with provisions or clothing.

Miss Elsie Schultz of Hogan was married on Thanksgiving day to R. L. Tompkins of South Bend, Wash. Mr. Tompkins is in the garage business in that place and they will make their home there.

Gresham grange will meet Saturday, December 20 at the grange hall. Degree work will be put on in the morning. The election of the local officers will be held in the afternoon and the state officers will also be voted upon. There will be no program. All grangers are requested to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crosier and son Arthur, of Seattle, visited with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wiles Sunday. They came down to attend the funeral of Mr. Crosier's father, Rev. Halbert H. Crosier.

Mrs. Julia Armstrong, of Seattle, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Larsen of Boring.

Roy H. Gibbs spent Sunday at Seaside visiting his father, Frank Gibbs. He reports fine weather at the coast and that Seaside is a fine winter resort. He met Miss Rica Anderson while there.

The Union high school was closed today on account of the storm. Those pupils living in the outlying district went home at noon. The school will be closed until the weather conditions change and the roads are open for travel again.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday for A. W. Metzger & Co., by their attorneys McGuirk & Schneider. The stockholders are A. W. Metzger, W. C. Metzger and B. W. Thorne. They will run a general merchandise, general hardware, and general grist mill business. Their capital stock is \$50,000.

It was Mrs. Squire's birthday Saturday and Mr. Squire arranged a surprise in her honor. Guests who took part in this delightful occasion were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cavanagh, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Merrill of Portland, Mrs. C. Merrill, Miss Birdie Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kern. Much amusement was caused when Mr. Squire produced the refreshments of cake and sandwiches from under the bed where he had hid them while Mrs. Squire was in Portland.

Miss Mamie Hoss had the misfortune to fall on the ice around the fountain this morning and broke both the bones in her left arm near the wrist.

Packages Should Be Mailed Early.

D. M. Roberts, the postmaster is asking that all Christmas packages be securely wrapped and tied for mailing that the return address be written on the package and all other rules regarding the mailing of Christmas packages be fully observed.

The public is asked to consider that mail service to the east is cut down about one-half owing to the coal shortage and that packages must be mailed early if they reach their destination.

Box Social Postponed.

The officers of the Gresham Lodge, Knights and Ladies of Security, have decided to postpone the box social which had been announced for tomorrow night. Many of the members of the local lodge live in the Pleasant Home district and a large delegation from Portland planned to come but all will be notified that the social will not be held.

Gresham should plan to open a camp site for auto tourists early next spring. It is due the good name of our city, and the advertising it will mean for the locality. Besides, as a matter of local business, it will pay. A report recently given out says that Grants Pass last season profited about \$100,000 from the tourist travel by having a properly cared for camping ground.

Here's a Coot One.

"Say, old chap," said one returned chaser of Huns to another, after they had partaken of the hospitality of their lodge, "if you had a buggy top and a dime, what would you do with the dime?"

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EQUALITY AND JUSTICE PRINCIPLE OF STATE

In his address at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday night, Attorney B. F. Mulkey of Portland outlined the growth of the idea of a state from the day of Napoleon, who proclaimed himself the state, to the organization of the American colonies into the first state consisting of individuals joined together for the purpose of protection and the administering of laws for the public good.

Equality and justice were named as the basic principles of the state and the speaker denounced in scathing terms the tendency on the part of officers of the law to condone offences committed by persons of social or political standing, which others less fortunate would be severely punished for the same deeds.

"O, I Didn't Know It Was You," was suggested as a good topic for an address, that being the apology often offered to men of distinguished position who might be arrested for infringement of traffic and other laws. The suggestion was immediately taken up by Judge Stapleton, who will further develop the thought at the church on Sunday evening, December 21.

In connection with last Sunday evening's exercises the service flag representing the members of the church, Sunday school or Epworth League, or those families belonged, was taken down with appropriate ceremony. H. L. St. Clair made a brief address referring to the patriotic stand of all the men represented by the 34 stars of the flag and emphasized the fact that all the stars are blue—a cause for sincere thankfulness. After reading the names, the flag was slowly lowered and was given into the custody of Mrs. O. A. Eastman, who has been chairman of the committee on service flag ever since it was dedicated two years ago.

Following are the persons represented by stars on the flag, all of whom have received honorable discharges and returned to civil life:

Albert Camp, George Clark, Edgar W. Eastman, Herbert Hoss, John Honey, Guy Jones, Merrill Good, Mervin Good, Walter Kitzmiller, Harry Spencer, Clarke Stillions, Ernest Thom, Roy White, Elton Eastman, Glenwood Miller, Leslie T. St. Clair, Chase E. St. Clair, Fred Hoss, Floyed Metzger, Walter Metzger, Bayard Miller, Ray Palmquist, Glen Rusher, Cecil Pulfer, Aml Lauber, Wilbur Stanley, Keith Lyman, Harold Lyman, Ernest Smith, Frank Wright, Leslie Wiles, Richard Johnson.

RASPBERRY PRUNING DEMONSTRATION.

The raspberry pruning demonstration conducted last fall on the W. H. Strong farm near Gresham has opened up a new phase of raspberry culture. One half of two different fields were pruned after the standard method of pruning, canes being thinned from three to five in a hill and cut about 4 1/2 feet high. The other half of each field was trimmed to about the same number in each hill and the canes were left full length and wound around on wire about four feet high leaving them in a roll. This resulted in berries ripening on the tips of the canes fifteen days prior to the ripening on the trimmed canes. The crop yield on the two plots was estimated by several growers at one-fourth increase in tonnage per acre.

Several advantages to this system were evident; first, the berries are easier picked; second, there are at least two pickings early in the season ahead of the main crop when the market price is highest; third, the berries are more uniform in size, more of the berries from the tips of the vines where they have a tendency to grow small are shaded during the ripening season. This demonstration is a start in the changing in the practice of pruning of the Cuthbert raspberry in this area.

Don't Quit!
 "You're sick of the game?" Well, now, that a shame; You're young and you're brave and you're bright.
 "You've had a raw deal?" I know, but don't squeal;
 Buck up, do your damndest and fight.
 It's the plugging away that will win you the day.
 So don't be a piker, old pard.
 Just draw on your grit; it's so easy to quit.
 It's the keeping-your-chin-up that's hard. —Anon.

The official publication of Metal Trades of Pacific Coast is to be published in Portland.

Portland is planning a \$100,000 wholesale co-operative store.

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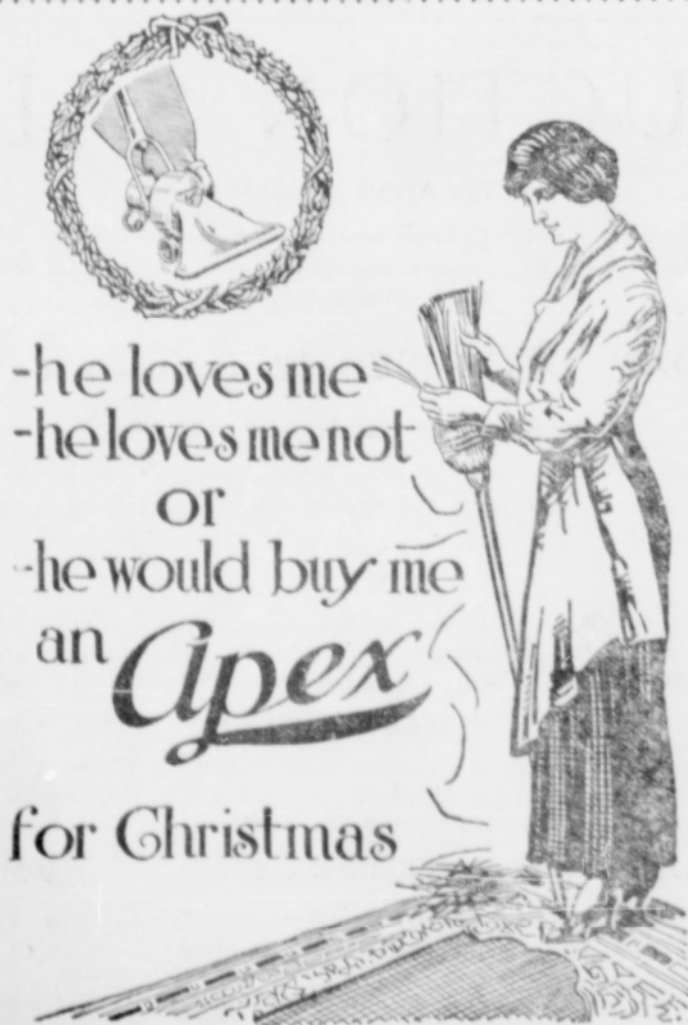
THE OLD YEAR

Will soon have passed away and we each stop long enough to take inventory of what we have accomplished during the year. It is gratifying to this bank as it must be to its customers to take from its records the facts shown below:

An increase in deposits in one year amounting to \$222,000.00 is indicative of the integrity and loyalty of this community in which the Japanese industries have played no small part.

	Deposits
December 1, 1915	\$152,221.18
December 1, 1916	218,066.27
December 1, 1917	288,518.26
December 1, 1918	365,604.94
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