

PLAN PRESENTED TO PREVENT AUTO STEALING

J. N. (Dock) Bradford, a one time resident of Gresham but now of Hood River, has a novel plan for preventing automobile thefts. Mr. Bradford's scheme, which calls not only for a regulation license plate, but an accompanying badge to be worn by the driver or operator, has interested the local automobile men of Hood River. Plans are under way for embodying the principle in a law. A bill, carrying the provisions suggested by Mr. Bradford will be introduced at the next regular session of the legislature.

While perhaps the plan has some good points it seems to entail added expense to the auto owner and extra trouble. A member of the family who wanted to use the car would be obliged to wear the tag or run the possibility of being arrested for driving his own car. A little studying of the proposed plan will reveal the possibility of many complex and perplexing situations.

A more severe penalty and strict enforcement of the law would be a helpful factor in the prevention of auto thefts and not entail added expense and trouble to the auto owner who is already regulated by many laws.

TACOMA WOMEN KILLED FORMERLY LIVED HERE

Two former Gresham women lost their lives on December 13 at Tacoma, Washington, when an automobile in which they were riding plunged into the icy waters of Puget Sound, after it had smashed through the guard gate of a draw bridge when the span was lifted.

The women were Mrs. C. H. Reese, widow of a former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Sprague. The latter was here during the fair in September and called on some old friends in the community.

M. W. A.
My Wife's Away.
So I can play.
Now what will I do?
I'll just go down
And see John Brown
And ask him about the

M. W. A.
I will try and get in with him and be initiated and slip a \$1000 policy into sweetheart's stocking on Christmas eve.
What better can I do? NONE.

Boys and men between 17 and 45 can join the big class in the Modern Woodmen to be initiated in Gresham about Christmas. For full particulars and application, see John Brown, D. D. All applications should be in next week in order to get in the wagon and enjoy the fun and feed. Phone—Office 981; Residence 547.

When God's Revelations Come.
It was while they were watching their flocks—the common duty of their common days—that the word of Christ's coming was brought to the shepherds. It is when we are faithfully busy with common duties that God's revelations usually come to us.

PLEASANT HOME BAZAAR IS SPLENDID SUCCESS

The Ladies' Aid bazaar at Pleasant Home proved one of the most successful affairs they have ever given in spite of adverse weather which was most discouraging to those who planned it. A fairly large crowd attended and did full justice to the appetizing dinner which was served from 12 o'clock on. The many beautiful articles which had been prepared, went like grandmother's hot cakes. Practically every article had sold an hour after the sale had opened. The candy booth was very popular also. After the proceeds had been counted every one was surprised and delighted to learn that nearly \$105 had been received. There was only about \$3 expense. The ladies extend their thanks to all who attended and helped them to turn a discouraging situation into a grand success.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE ARE WED IN PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spybrock are receiving the best wishes of their many friends upon their marriage which was solemnized in Portland by Judge Gatens.

Mrs. Spybrock was formerly Miss Jessie Maybee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Maybee, who live north-east of Gresham. She is a charming young lady, a talented artist and is well known in Gresham and vicinity. Mr. Spybrock is a successful farmer of eastern Multnomah county. Mr. and Mrs. Spybrock have been very popular in the younger set. They expect to make their home in Portland.

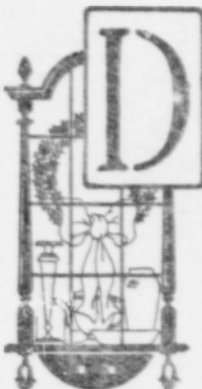
Successor to Dr. T. B. Ford.
Rev. Ernest E. Gilbert, pastor of the Methodist church at Medford, has been named by Bishop Matt S. Hughes as superintendent of the Saleth district to take the place left vacant by the death of Dr. T. B. Ford a week ago. Dr. Gilbert will commence his new duties at once. He was closely associated with the work of the former superintendent, and had traveled over the district several times for Dr. Ford.

Finding the Best Feeds.
Finding the most economical commercial feeds for farm livestock and poultry is the big job to which a state-wide conference of farmers, college and federal officers and mixed feed manufacturers New Year's day at Farmers' week. Production, storage and feeding forage under Oregon conditions will be given attention throughout the week.

Soil Fertility Studied.
The relation of lime, sulfur, phosphorus, manure and crop rotation to permanent agriculture has been made the subject of special investigations at O. A. C. and will be given emphasis at Farmers' Week.

If you can't make money enough to keep up with the parade, the sensible thing to do is to step out of the ranks and watch it go by.

A CHRISTMAS for SANTA by DeLysle Ferree Cass



DAN MORRIS had run away from his home on the farm and none of the family had heard a word concerning him in the three years that followed. Dan was the youngest of three children — "her baby," as old Mrs. Morris always said—and hated farm work.

"If brother Jim likes it, let him do it," he had told the family defiantly. "I'm going to some big city where a fellow has some chance to see life and make his fortune. I'm through with buying all day long in the scorching sun, milking cows and feeding hogs, and then having to sit in the dark on the porch listening to nothing but frogs and katydids until you have to go to bed if you want to get up in time to do it all over again next day. I'm through, I tell you!"

The family had tried to reason with Dan, but it was of no use. One morning they found him gone, leaving only the briefest note of good-by to his mother. And now the third Christmas since his going had come and the family itself was going in to the big city to spend holidays with Julia, who had married and lived there.

Ordinarily Julia and her husband, with little Bobbie, came out to the farm visiting the old folks and brother Jim at Christmas, but this year Julia had a new baby, scarce four months old, and hadn't felt equal to the trip. So father and sweet-faced mother Morris—their hair already white and with the years' anxiety for their missing Dan reflected in wrinkled faces—packed up all sorts of home-made eatables in baskets and had sun-burned brother Jim take them for the first time to the big city.

It was a bewildering adventure to those simple souls; each incident of the journey and novel sight after arrival was a never-to-be forgotten experience. Fred, Julia's brisk and



"I'm Bobbie Wallace."

heartly husband, welcomed them at the station and thrilled them with a ride out to their daughter's apartment on the elevated railway. It was a joyous reunion, but—as mother said, with a sudden break in her voice—"it can't be as if my baby, our Dan, were here with us too."

"There, there, mother," said father Morris, patting her quivering shoulder consolingly. "You mustn't think about Dan just now. He'll return to us some day when he's become rich and famous. Just look here, Julia—and you too, Fred!—all the mouth-watering stuff that Ma's brought you from the farm. Home-burned, uncolored butter rolls those are! And here's three stuffed six-pound turkeys that were gobble-gobbling around the barns not many days ago. Hey, little Bob! D'you see those pots of jam and spiced watermelon pickles? And we are the Christmas presents, all wrapped and tied ready for the tree, but not to be opened by anybody until Christmas morning. Here's—why, mother! You've got one parcel here marked wrong! It has Dan's name on it!"

Mother Morris dabbed at her eyes with her handkerchief. "Please, don't laugh at me, children," she said sadly. "It's my Dan's Christmas as much as it is that for any the rest of us, and I—I was hoping that maybe we'd find him here in the city now that we've come here ourselves."

It was pathetically absurd, that barren little hope of the bereaved old mother, but none of them even let her see them smile at it.

The afternoon before Christmas

LUSTED

A physician from Gresham was called to the home of Harris Hamilton last Monday morning on account of the serious illness of his youngest child, Vernin. The child was suffering with a bad cold which developed into pneumonia.

F. Ers and family are occupying the home farm after being absent several years. Mr. Ers is employed in a wholesale house in Portland while his son, Milton, is working in the United States National bank in Portland.

School has been closed here during the storm and will not open until after the new year.

The recent storm caught a great many of the farmers unawares and a great many potatoes and apples were lost. The cellars were good but could not stand zero weather.

Leo Dollowitch's greenhouse stood the cold weather fine and in spite of the pipes freezing did not hurt his green onions, which are ready for market.

We wish the Outlook force a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Jean Lent, who is teaching school near Clatskanie, returned home Sunday to spend the holidays.

Miss Myrtle Moulton, who was on the sick list, is now much improved. George Carpenter and family and also Mr. and Mrs. D. McHenry of Pleasant Home have moved to southern Oregon.

POWELL VALLEY

Guests at the home of H. P. Christensen on Sunday afternoon were Wendall Danielson, Henry Bottleson, Jack Meighen, and Harry Sedg all returned overseas men, and David Peterson who is home for his Christmas vacation from O. A. C.

The Luther League gave an unusually entertaining program Sunday December 21, a special number was an instrumental duet by Hakan Tredson and Emil Eckland of Portland.

The children of the primary room are looking forward to the Christmas program which Miss Lindberg is arranging for Wednesday afternoon at the schoolhouse. A good time is surely expected. Friends and parents are invited to attend also.

The Christmas program at the Lutheran church will be given December 26 in the church. A number of interesting numbers have been prepared among them two Christmas anthems by the choir and a solo by Waldaman Thoren of Gresham. All are invited to attend. Early morning services will be held Christmas morning at 5:45 a. m.

The program of the Mission Sunday school will be given Christmas evening. Song and recitations by the members of the Sunday school will be featured. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. The morning service will commence at 5:30 a. m.

PLEASANT HOME

Harry Thomas and wife, of Tillamook, are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Thomas at Pleasant Home during the Christmas vacation.

The Baptist Sunday school will give an "At Home" evening to parents and friends, on Thursday, Christmas night. The sweetest story ever told will be intermingled with familiar song, and Christmas numbers on the victrola. After the program the children will festoon the tree. The children are planning a giving Christmas and parents and friends will have an opportunity to add to the children's gift for the Armenian children. An attractive box will be filled with provisions and clothing for a needy family.

The Methodist church will hold their Christmas program at the church Christmas eve, December 24. There will be recitations and songs by the Sunday school children, among which will be two group recitations. The church choir will furnish several special numbers. A free will offering will be taken as a gift to the Armenian relief fund.

ROCKWOOD

A Christmas tree and program will be given at the church on Wednesday evening by the Sunday school, to which all are invited.

Julia persuaded her husband to take little Bobbie downtown so that he could not surprise her trimming the tree. Brother Jim and the old folks went along.

Little Bobbie naturally was most of all interested in the toy departments and hardly could be made leave home of the playthings he most fancied.

"Oh see, daddy! A horse that rocks with a mane and bridle and overthing!... And oh, grandma! look! look! There's a real live Santa Claus talking to those other little boys and girls!"

It was indeed. The big store had hired a rather shabby-looking young man that week, who for \$15 was supposed to sit at the door of an imitation snow house and solemnly encourage visiting youngsters to tell him their fondest wants in the line of presents. Little Bobbie was impatiently

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rather indignant crowd of shoppers old mother Morris was coming as fast as her trembling legs would permit, and above the noise and calls of clerks at the counters, could be heard her thrilling, quavering outcry: "Darny! Oh, Darny! Darny! I've found my lost boy at last!"

State Drainage Body Meets.
The Oregon State Drainage association will meet at Farmers' Week on New Year. The Oregon Irrigation congress will meet with the drainage body the following day, Friday, for a joint session.

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