

## SCHOOL SITUATION TO BE DISCUSSED

There will be a special meeting of the Business Men's club at the Union High school Wednesday evening, April 7, at 8 o'clock to consider matters relative to the situation which confronts the district in the need of added facilities for high school purposes.

Prominent speakers from districts outside of Union High school District No. 2, as well as the board of directors of this district and others who are interested, will be present. The general problem of enlarging the Union High school district, the bonding of the enlarged district and the building of a new building will be discussed.

It is promised that some definite plan of action will be thrashed out and agreed upon.

This question is one of vital importance to everyone in this part of the county whether or not they have high school pupils. Aside from the duty that all owe to the nation to provide school facilities for every pupil in the United States, there is an economic condition to face. One has only to look about them to find that many of the people who are settling in this locality are brought here directly or indirectly by the fact that Union High provides splendid educational facilities for the children while the parents may enjoy the benefits to be derived from the life away from a large city.

This community is ideally located for an educational center. Much depends upon the action taken by those who attend this meeting.

The situation as it stands is that there will be about 100 students who cannot be provided for next fall unless additional room is provided. The school is crowded far beyond its capacity now and the limit has been reached. Some action must be taken immediately.

Several plans have been discussed but no definite action has been taken. Rapid action must be taken if the work is to be completed in time for school next fall for there is only five months between now and the opening of the high school next fall.

## NIGHT SCHOOL CLASS POSTPONED ONE WEEK

The night school class in poultry keeping which was announced for next Wednesday evening, April 7, will be postponed until the next week on account of the meeting of the Business Men's club and the directors of the Union High school district which will meet that evening at the high school.

The classes will be continued next week. April 14 will be the next meeting date. The meetings have been growing in interest and helpfulness as more and more find time to attend. All are invited to join the class.

## ROCKWOOD CHURCH HAS NEW PASTOR

It was with much regret that the announcement of Rev. F. J. Schnell's removal, was received. Dr. E. E. Gilbert, district superintendent of the Salem district, has seen fit to move him to Marquam, Oregon. Rockwood church has grown in every way since his ministry began in 1917.

It is with much pleasure, however, that the news can be received that he is to be followed by a good man, Rev. Mr. Fessler. He is recently from Kansas, has had 10 years' experience, and is of an evangelistic nature, which should fit him especially for Rockwood. He, with Rev. Mr. Schnell, will conduct the services next Sunday, April 11, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Camp were very much surprised Easter morning to receive a basket with an Easter egg in it. The egg was not golden but on opening it they found a check for a goodly sum which was presented by members of the Red Cross and other friends and neighbors to assist them in replacing their recent loss by fire.

The story of an Oregon family, bravely fighting adversity to win the father free from the charge of murder; the story of a daughter's supreme sacrifice in the family's battle against odds made overwhelmingly by the influenza scourge; the story of a Salvation Army lassie's work of mercy through the long drear days of fever when a mother and seven children fought for life in cramped quarters, has come to light at Eugene, Oregon.

The death of the girl and the funeral, the gripping pathos of the stricken, accused father, alone of all the family of nine, torn by great sobs as he stood at the foot of the little grave, brought the case to the public attention. The Salvation Army had been taking care of the family for days.

Dr. Charles T. Wheeler, field representative of the Salvation Army Home Service Program for 1920, checked up on the case and it is in his report the real story is revealed. It is a chapter in the famous Charles L. Taylor murder case in which Martin Clark was convicted on circumstantial evidence, then granted new trial. The case held the interest of Oregon for weeks. Dr. Wheeler writes from Eugene:

## WORTHY GRAND MATRON VISITS LOCAL CHAPTER

A most delightful evening was spent Tuesday by the members of the local chapter of the Evening Star lodge when they entertained Mrs. Alberta F. McMurphy, worthy grand matron, on her official visit to the Gresham chapter. A number of other prominent officials of the Eastern Star lodges were present among whom were Mrs. J. J. Johnson, worthy matron of Martha Washington chapter in Portland, Mrs. A. Crawford, worthy matron of Camelia chapter, Portland, Mrs. Laura Harlow, grand electra from Troutdale chapter, Miss Nellie McKinley, grand secretary, Judge Stapleton, past grand patron of Oregon, J. Carpenter, patron of Martha Washington chapter, and numerous other visitors from Portland chapters.

The local chapter put on the initiatory work for the inspection of the worthy grand matron after which Mrs. John Cannon presented Mrs. McMurphy with a beautiful cut glass bowl on behalf of Gresham chapter. Mrs. Cannon made a charming little speech of presentation which was gracefully acknowledged by Mrs. McMurphy.

A bountiful supper was served by the efficient refreshment committee. Those on this committee were, Mrs. J. N. Clananah, chairman; Messdames James Sterling, A. Hammar, Wm. Stanley, C. J. Lundquist, Messrs. Metzger, Wm. Stanley and Dr. W. J. Ott.

The hall was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and Oregon shrubbery which was most tastefully arranged. Mrs. Maxwell Schneider and Mrs. Geo. Honey were in charge of the decorations.

The meeting closed at a late hour after a delightful evening.

## PLEASANT HOME GIRLS FORM GIRL RESERVES

Miss Ethel Mitchell of the Girl Reserve Corps of the Y. W. C. A., visited Pleasant Home last Saturday afternoon and organized a Girl Reserve Corps at that place.

The girls have been planning on this for some time and are full of energy and hope and plan to build their organization up and increase the membership. They organized with a membership of 10 but expect to add others right away. All girls 12 or over are eligible to membership.

The Girl Reserves is a new organization under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association and is a sort of cross between that organization and the camp fire girls. It is undenominational and is considered by many to be the best organization of its kind that has ever been formed.

It aims to develop a fourfold life and this aim is embodied in the following lines of endeavor: health, service, knowledge and spirit.

The following girls are charter members of the Pleasant Home Girl Reserves: Inez Bell, Agnes and Alma Larsen, Helen Moulton, Anna Lennartz, Ardis Rich, Margrute Hemmars, Clara Johnson, Genevieve Manary and Ruth Ickler. Mrs. Clara Lennartz has been chosen to serve as the advisor.

## VICTOR E. HENGSTLER DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

V. E. Hengstler of Cottrell died in a Portland hospital last Saturday morning at 8 o'clock after an illness of only a short duration. Mr. Hengstler was well known in the Cottrell neighborhood where he has lived for the past seven years.

Victor E. Hengstler was born October 13, 1871, at Monmouth, Illinois. On February 11, 1897, he was married at Lamborn, Kansas to Miss Ida R. Mead. His widow and two children, Lilah and Anthony, survive him. Mr. Hengstler was a member of the W. O. W. at Cortez, Colorado.

Besides his widow and children, he leaves a brother in Canada, two sisters in Colorado and one sister in Los Angeles, to mourn their loss.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 11 at 2 p. m. from the Cottrell community church. It is expected that the body will be shipped to the former home in Colorado for burial.

## K. & L. OF SECURITY TO INITIATE CLASS

W. J. Hopfer, representing the Knights and Ladies of Security, has secured a class of 19 new members and expects to make it 25 before next Wednesday evening, April 7, when they will be initiated.

State Manager L. M. Thomas, assisted by some officers from Portland will take part and conduct the initiation which will probably not last more than an hour. The balance of the evening will be spent in a social way and all those who are interested are invited to attend.

Mr. Hopfer expresses his appreciation of the courtesy and friendliness of the people of Gresham with whom he has been working during the past ten days.

New International Low Down wide spread spreaders, roller bearing, light draft, automobile front axles, \$195 at Gresham. Get your orders in early.

HESSEL'S FARM MACHINERY. Phone 544.

## MRS. JAMES E. BENFIELD SUCCUMBS TO SICKNESS

After ten days of serious illness, Mrs. James E. Benfield of Corbett, answered the call of the Great Reaper at 2 o'clock a. m. April 1st. Her passing cast a shadow over the community where she had lived most of the time for the past 12 years.

Grace May Spencer was born September 26, 1876, at Forrest City, Iowa, and came to Portland 12 years ago, coming to the Corbett community the same year to teach the Upper Latourell school at which place she gained the admiration and respect of both pupils and parents in that district. Ten years ago she was married to James E. Benfield of Corbett. They resided in Portland for several months after marriage and there she united with the Woodstock Methodist Episcopal church. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, four young sons, mother and father, a sister and brother.

Funeral services were held from the Corbett church, Friday, April 2d at 2 o'clock, where a large concourse of people assembled. Rev. Earl B. Cotton of the Pleasant Home Methodist Episcopal church, spoke words of comfort to the bereaved ones. The floral offerings were in profusion, one of the most beautiful pieces being sent by Columbia grange of which deceased was a member, holding the office of Pomona at the time of her demise. Interment was in the Evans cemetery.

"It cannot be that life is life since thou art gone. Oh, tragedy of life, and sweet relief of death, we are resigned, if in a brighter, fairer land than this, there has come succor from pain and brighter bliss."

## RECEPTION FOR PASTOR TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The reception for the new pastor of the Baptist church and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gale Kay will be held at the library next Thursday evening, April 8.

There will be a short program as follows: prayer by Rev. A. J. Ware, former pastor of the church here; short talks by Mayor Geo. Kenney, Rev. S. G. Roper, of the Free Methodist church; Rev. H. Gebhardt, of the Zion Evangelical church, Prin. E. F. Goodwin on behalf of the Methodist church, Rev. E. A. Leonard of the Baptist church, and a short response by Rev. Mr. Kay. A solo by Mrs. Karl J. Hagberg and other special numbers have been arranged. Winifred Beechell will give a reading.

The balance of the evening will be spent in a social way. A committee was appointed who have arranged a jolly program of games and contests which will be enjoyed by one and all.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this reception and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Another good time dance will be given at Fairview Saturday evening, April 10th. A door prize will be given.

## Senior Class in "Quality Street" Next Friday Night, Masonic Hall

The senior class will appear in "Quality Street" at the Masonic hall, Friday, April 9, 1920. This play is one of J. M. Barrie's and is staged by Miss Effie Thompson. It is said to be the highest class play that has ever been put on by Union High. A splendid musical program has been arranged. The curtain rises at 8:15 sharp.

### PROGRAM

"Silver Star," Hazel..... Union High Orchestra  
"Vertono March"..... Union High Orchestra

### ACT I.

Scene: Blue and white room of the Misses Throssel in Quality Street. Miss Phoebe Throssel, who Valentine Brown compares with a sweet, old-fashioned garden, fancies her admirer is about to offer her his hand. But instead he goes to war against Napoleon. Phoebe and her sister Susan decide to become teachers.

"Newport Bells"..... Union High Orchestra  
"Southern Bells"..... Union High Orchestra

### ACT II.

Scene: The same blue and white room ten years later, a school room. Ten years later, Captain Brown returns to find Miss Phoebe a worn-out school teacher. She fancies he cares but little for her. In order to attract him she poses as her niece, Miss Livvy, and succeeds in obtaining a request from him to attend a ball. The old maids are curious.

"Olympic March"..... Union High Orchestra  
"Margaret Waltz"..... Union High Orchestra

### ACT III.

Scene: A garden scene just off the ball room. At the grand ball Miss Livvy flirts with returned soldiers. The old maids, suspicious of her identity, come to investigate. A case of fainting! Valentine Brown as physician takes charge. It is Miss Phoebe, not the flirt, who he admires.

"When Irish Eyes-Are Smiling"..... Mr. L. E. Webb  
"Thoughts of Home"..... Union High Orchestra

### ACT IV.

Scene: The blue and white room. Miss Livvy is ill after the ball; 10 visitors are admitted. To satisfy the old maids Valentine Brown disposes of Miss Livvy. He then assures Miss Phoebe that she is still like a garden.

"Fort Gay"..... Union High Orchestra

### CAST OF CHARACTERS.

MISS PHOEBE, who is much like a garden..... Marie Tacheron  
MISS SUSAN, who could not be unadlylike..... Gertrude Dowsett  
MISS WILLOUGHBY, a very proper old maid..... Ruth Hartley  
MISS HENRIETTA, who thinks just as Miss Willoughby does.....  
ESTHER PETERSON  
MISS FANNY, much interested in romances..... Letitia Pulfer  
PATTY, who knows how to frighten her mistress..... Wilma Atterbury  
CHARLOTTE, cousin of Ensign Blades..... Benema Mathews  
HARRIET, cousin of Spicer..... Violet Gore  
ISABELLA, who wants to acquire Algebra..... Florence Richey  
Mabel Metzger  
Ida Chase

SCHOOL GIRLS.....  
VALENTINE BROWN, whom Quality Street considers dashing..... Edward Strong  
RECRUITING SERGEANT..... Emmett Welling  
ENSIGN BLADES, who won the war against Napoleon..... Lang Goodwin  
SPICER, who admires Miss Livvy..... Bayard Miller  
GEORGIE, school boy..... Oliver Peterson  
ARTHUR, school boy..... Alden Miller  
WILLIAM SMITH, school boy..... Victor Adix

## FAIR BOARD DISCUSSES GRANGE QUESTIONS

The Multnomah County Fair Board met at the Bank of Gresham Monday afternoon.

T. J. Kreuder reported for the grange committees who had made recommendations to the fair board in regard to location and prizes to be awarded at the fair next fall.

On recommendation of the committee it was voted to locate the grange booths on the south side of the main pavilion commencing with the second booth on the southeast corner of the hall. If necessary two or three of the booths will be located on the north side of the building. They will all be finished alike and lined with the same color paper.

It was voted to give a flat rate of \$100 to each grange that exhibited with \$1 extra for each point they scored over 75 points.

It was voted to offer an additional prize for each grange which has its booth in place, exhibitions and decorations complete by 10 a. m. Monday morning of the fair week.

The positions of the grange booths will be chosen by lot and it is planned to make the position permanent.

The board of directors also listened to the suggestions made by Mrs. U. G. Smith, superintendent of the art department, who came to present a list of suggestions to the premium committee.

## W. C. T. U. MEET TO HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Will Ott next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

A little playlet "Americanization" will be given by seven ladies from Portland.

The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden of Portland. Miss Ruth Young, the county health nurse will be present and present the subject of a "Child's Welfare station for Gresham" to the ladies present.

Miss Myrtle Rusher will sing an Easter song "Low in the Grave He Lays".

All members of the various missionary societies of the town are invited to attend this meeting as plans will be made for the co-operation of the W. C. T. U. with the missionary societies work. All those interested in the work are invited to attend whether they are members of any of the societies or not.

Serving committee, Mrs. E. F. Goodwin, chairman, Mrs. Karl Miller, Mrs. Jas. Sterling, Mrs. E. E. Welling, Mrs. Maxwell Schneider, Mrs. O. I. Neal, Mrs. H. C. Larsen and Mrs. Wm. Stanley.

Everyone cordially invited. Mrs. J. N. Clananah is the superintendent of cooperation with missionary societies.

Is your watch steadily losing time? If so, it needs cleaning and adjusting. Bring it to Jones, the Jeweler. All work guaranteed.

## JAMES HARVEY WILSON BURIED AT DOUGLAS

The funeral services for James Harvey Wilson which were held from the Gresham M. E. church Thursday afternoon was largely attended by his many friends and acquaintances of the deceased. Many old-time friends and acquaintances who had known Mr. Wilson for the past 30 or 40 years and one at least, Daniel Dunbar, who had met him first nearly 67 years ago when Mr. Wilson, then a small boy 13 years old, first came to this part of Oregon.

James Harvey Wilson was born in Fulton county, Illinois, September 30, 1840 and died March 30, 1920.

He was the son of James Lynn Wilson, a pioneer and Methodist minister who came with his family to Oregon in 1853 when James Harvey was a lad of 13 years. The family settled near Gresham when they endured all the privations and hardships so typical of pioneer life.

Mr. Wilson joined the army during the late days of the Civil War and was made a corporal. He was in the service 18 months and was stationed in southern Oregon.

At the close of the war he returned to Illinois by way of the Isthmus of Panama and while in the east he married Mrs. Rachel Ann Beaver. Four children were born to this union, a daughter who died in infancy and three sons who survive him.

The family lived in Kansas for a number of years and then returned to Oregon where they took up a donation land claim in 1875 which was located near his father's old home and adjoins the present auto club grounds. Mrs. Wilson died in 1890. The family home has always been on the home place until about two years ago when Mr. Wilson and his wife, Mrs. Jane Massey Wilson whom he married in 1892, moved to Gresham.

Born and trained in a Christian home Mr. Wilson early in life embraced the Christian faith and remained steadfast throughout his life. Always an active worker in church circles and until his health failed, an ardent worker in revival meetings. It has been a great trial to him that of late years he has been deprived of many church privileges on account of failing health.

Although in failing health for several years Mr. Wilson's death came as quite a shock to his family and friends. He was on his way to Portland to settle up some business matters and to visit with his son Wiley, when the death angel summoned him home. His death occurred just after he had boarded the car at the O. W. P. depot Tuesday morning, March 30. He leaves to mourn their loss his widow, Mrs. Jane Wilson, three sons, Charles of Gaston, Wiley of Portland, and Edgar who lives near Gresham, also a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ida Clark, of Portland, and several grandchildren. Besides these near relatives there are a host of friends and other relatives who will feel the loss of a sincere friend and neighbor.

Many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Wilson attended the funeral services which were held from the Gresham Methodist Episcopal church, Thursday afternoon. Many old-time friends who had known Mr. Wilson for the past 30 or 40 years were present to pay their last respects to a valued friend, and there was present one at least who had been a boyhood friend of Mr. Wilson. This was Daniel Dunbar of Fairview who was the first boy with whom Mr. Wilson became acquainted, when he arrived in Oregon 57 years ago.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. E. Myers. Mrs. A. W. Shipley, Mrs. J. C. Shultz, Leslie Wald and Rev. Earl B. Cotton sang some of Mr. Wilson's favorite hymns and Henry Barndricks, a brother-in-law, sang the beautiful hymn, "Faces We Have Welcomed", which Mr. Wilson loved best of all.

The pall bearers were, A. B. Conrad and Henry Fritz of Melrose; L. P. Manning, J. H. Hoss, J. C. Peterson, and Mr. Premo of Gresham.

Interment was in the family lot at Douglass cemetery.

## Appreciation Expressed.

We wish to express our hearty thanks to the Red Cross and the good friends of Gresham for the Easter gift presented to us to assist in replacing our recent loss by fire. MR. AND MRS. E. M. CAMP.

## BOYS UPSET CAR TO AVOID COLLISION

Carl Salquist and Sherman Everitt had a narrow escape from injury when the truck which they were driving turned over on the Powell Valley road near the grade school.

Sherman Everitt was driving the truck for the Benson Farm and was taking Carl Salquist, who was to take up the work, over the route.

The boys were coming down the hill and met a man with a load of wood. Just as they were about to pass a machine going west passed the wood wagon and to avoid the collision which appeared inevitable the boys swung out on the side of the bank and upset the car.

One wheel was broken on the machine and several other parts damaged but the boys escaped with only a few minor bruises.

Lots of new want ads. today. Look them up.

## LEWIS CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE



"D. C. Lewis, who served in the 1915, 1917 and 1919 sessions of the legislature, has announced his candidacy for state senator," says the Mt. Scott Herald.

"Mr. Lewis favors legislation that will aid in bringing the nation and state back to its normal condition; will aid in lowering the cost of living and in promoting our industries and commerce. He wants to make Portland the biggest and best port on the Pacific coast, because Portland is the logical point of distribution. He believes that our schools should be the best and instructed by the ablest teachers; that disloyalty to our nation should be wiped out and must not find a resting place to sow the seeds of discontent; that in the expenditure of public moneys there should be conservative economy practiced in every department of the state.

"Legislation in favor of the few and against the many should not be tolerated and that all laws that are detrimental to the public interests and of doubtful expediency be repealed at once.

"In a nutshell, he believes in doing what's right and fair to his fellow man and to improve conditions as they exist."

The above is from the standpoint of our contemporary down Portland way. It should be added that Mr. Lewis has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the county outside of Portland and has greatly aided the rural districts. He can be depended upon as a member of the Multnomah delegation to see beyond the big city.

## CO. COMMISSIONER MUCK SEEKS RE-ELECTION

County Commissioner A. A. Muck has announced his candidacy for re-nomination on the republican ticket.

Mr. Muck has served one term as a member of the board of county commissioners, having been elected in 1916. Having his candidacy for re-nomination on the claim that he has given all his time and attention to his official duties, Mr. Muck points to the fact that he has attended every meeting of the county board but one during his term of office.

Prior to assuming his present duties, Mr. Muck, who has resided in Portland with his family for 17 years, served a term as president of the St. Johns city council and two terms as mayor of St. Johns, being the incumbent of that office when St. Johns was merged with Portland.

Commissioner Muck's activities during the war gained him considerable prominence. He organized the territory north of Fremont street for the war savings stamp drive and had full charge of that drive in Multnomah county outside of Portland. He participated as a district leader in all of the Red Cross drives and in three of the liberty loan campaigns. In two of the liberty loan drives he had charge of all territory in Multnomah county outside of Portland.

Mr. Muck's declaration of candidacy is as follows:

"If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, favor and enforce one hundred per cent Americanism in all departments of county government; favor the development of the budget system so that the people will be fully informed in regard to expenditures; devote my entire time to the office, as in the past; continue to discharge my duties with efficiency, courtesy and economy; keep my office door open, as I have since I became county commissioner, so that people having business may consult me without delay; favor reduction of cost of government by consolidation of conflicting activities; favor home labor and home products; favor enforcement of law."

His slogan is: "Present county commissioner; always on the job; continued good service."

## Coming Events at the Library.

D. A. Thompson, of Portland, will lecture at the Library Tuesday evening, April 13, on Astronomy. Mr. Thompson will discuss the planets principally and will have many things of interest to tell. He has made this an object of study and his lectures on this subject are very popular in Portland.

When "prominent citizens" get together they spend so much time admiring each other they don't have much time left to do anything else.

Will power is something that makes you do things you don't want to do.