

W. H. M. S. TO HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN GRESHAM

The fifteenth annual conference of the Womens Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church of the Salem district will be held in Gresham May 19 and 20 at the M. E. church.

A splendid program has been arranged in which many of the state officers and some of the national officers will take part in the program.

The first morning the meeting will open at 10 o'clock and Rev. R. E. Myers will lead in the devotions. Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman will extend the greetings to the visitors for the local society.

Mrs. A. A. Underhill, of Salem, district secretary of literature, will tell of the work of the literature and reading circle.

Several speakers will discuss the importance of publicity and a talk on "Systematic Beneficence" will be given by Mrs. C. A. Littler.

Lunch will be served at Mrs. Withrow's at 1 o'clock on both days. Mrs. Withrow has offered to furnish luncheon to the ladies at cost. The local society has accepted her offer.

The first topic for discussion for the afternoon will be "Christian Stewardship" and both Mrs. E. J. Swafford and Mrs. S. L. Carlyle of Forest Grove will give short talks on this important subject. Mrs. C. O. Branson, well known here, and Mrs. Doney, another active worker, will speak on Evangelism.

An address, "The Most Beautiful Thing in the World," by Mrs. Peterson will be the main event of the afternoon. Mrs. Hoffman will give a discussion on "Schemes That Work."

Wednesday evening, Mrs. Parsons of Tacoma, will give an address on "Alaska."

Thursday morning, Mrs. H. C. Jennings, one of the national officers, will give a half hour talk on "How to Get and Keep Our Young People." Other speakers, the reports of workers and election of officers will occupy the balance of the morning.

Thursday afternoon will have several speakers on important phases of the work and miscellaneous business will be taken care of before the adjournment.

These meetings are all open and free for all who wish to attend whether or not they belong to the missionary society. The officers of the society extend to all a cordial invitation to attend the conferences.

P. T. A. TO HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Patron-Teacher meeting will be held at the grade school Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. This is the time when the grade school teachers have their recess and owing to the great amount of work which the teachers have to do during this last week of school this is the only hour at which such a meeting could be held.

The annual election of officers will be held at this time and it is rumored that only those members who are absent will receive offices. This is the only date on which the officers of the society may be elected and the members and officers are planning to make the meeting as short as possible so as to interfere as little as possible with the missionary conference which will be held at the same time.

If everyone will be on hand so as to begin business promptly at 2:30 only a very short time will be needed to complete the work. This meeting will close up the work of the year but the organization plan to aid Miss Calkins in the forwarding of the Industrial club work during the summer. The Patron-Teachers are backing club work in this district.

BULL RUN CAR HITS RIVERVIEW MILK TRUCK

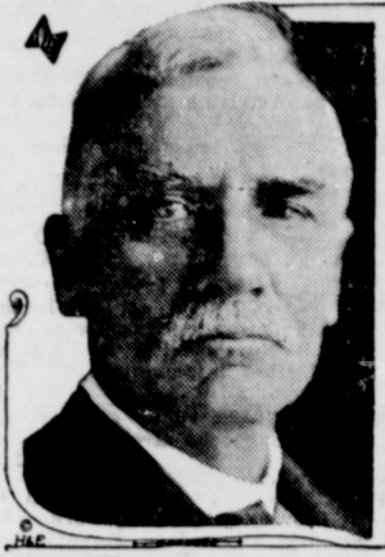
The 9:50 a. m. car on the Bull Run line struck one of the River-view milk trucks Saturday morning and completely upset the truck scattering milk cans all over the road. The milk truck was going north on Cleveland avenue and the train was headed east. It is a little difficult to see the car for any great distance from the crossing and apparently the driver didn't see the car or thought that he could make the crossing before the car arrived. That he almost succeeded is evident from the fact that the truck wheels were off of the track and the car just struck the back of the truck body. The truck was tipped completely over and milk and milk cans were thrown every way. The sign post and fence were broken down and the truck was jammed and damaged considerably.

A great deal of excitement was occasioned by the wreck but no one was injured and it is considered fortunate that no further damage was done.

Keep in style. Try one of those "classy-fed" ads.

Read what Mr. WanTad says.

PROUD OF NAVY



Hon. Thomas S. Butler

This veteran Pennsylvania lawmaker is chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs. For years he has advocated the building of the best navy in the world for the United States. Now he predicts that Uncle Sam will have the best equipped navy by the end of 1924 and he is proud of the achievement. The naval appropriation bill this year as recommended by the committee to the House carries \$425,289,574, which is a cut from the estimate as submitted by the Navy Department of \$222,341,660 and a reduction of \$189,617,427 compared with the bill last year. Economy and at the same time a good naval building program is Mr. Butler's purpose.

CLEAN-UP WEEK IS ALSO BRIGHTON UP WEEK

A number of people in this town are going ahead of the clean-up program and are also brightening up.

Powell's Pharmacy is being retinted and painted by Ezra Thoman and W. R. Johnson. These two men are also tinting and painting the upstairs of the Howitt building which has been recently remodeled.

Another business house which is being brightened up and made more attractive is the new restaurant which has just been opened by Lou Hyton on the southwest corner of Main and Powell streets.

Metzger's furniture store is also undergoing repairs and the window which was broken out by the auto accident last week has been replaced.

The new cement walks at the library are one of the most attractive additions that has been made for some time.

New sidewalks are being laid at the home of K. A. Miller and add much to the already attractive appearance of his home.

The Fred Mewhirer home at the corner of Fourth street and Roberts avenue is being painted white and is blossoming out in a most attractive style.

Attractive new signs have been hung over the business houses of Frank C. Jones & Co., and over Ben Raney's repair shop.

Evidence of a live interest in the appearance of the homes and town is on hand. Let us keep the good work up.

The men who had charge of hauling away the rubbish are sure that every body took advantage of the opportunity of disposing of rubbish, for they hauled load after load from town to the dumping place.

EIGHTH GRADE EXERCISES TO BE HELD MAY 22

To the Teachers:—Closing exercises of the Multnomah county public schools will be held at the Portland library Saturday, May 22, at 10:30. At this time diplomas will be awarded to all eighth grade graduates, and prizes to winners in the tablet contest and in the two-mill tax essay contest.

Under separate cover I am sending you questions in geography for fifth and sixth grades, in history for the seventh grade, and a test in spelling for the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. You may hold these tests Monday or Tuesday of next week. Bear in mind that these do not determine promotions, but are intended merely as an aid in determining them.

Should there be any question in regard to the promotion of an eighth grade pupil, I shall be glad to confer with you on or before Wednesday, May 19.

Your final report must be on file and approved by this office before school clerks have authority to pay the last month's salary.

Yours very truly,
W. C. ALDERSON,
Superintendent.

Sam Kozer Has Made Good. Having served as Deputy Secretary of State for more than eight years past, Sam A. Kozer, republican candidate for Secretary of State, is in a position to make good his promise to the people that he will insist on the strictest economy in the administration of state affairs. Give him your vote.—Paid Adv.

If nominated and elected Secretary of State, Sam A. Kozer, now Deputy Secretary of State, promises to give to that office that high degree of efficiency which the people are justified in demanding of a public official.—Paid Adv.

AMERICAN LEGION TO START CAMPAIGN

The regular meeting of the Gresham Post of the American Legion will be held at Carlson's hall Tuesday evening, May 8. At this meeting, plans for a membership campaign will be discussed and some line of action will be decided upon.

A national campaign for 1,000,000 new members is being started by the national organization and Oregon's quota is 40,000.

In recognition of the importance of this movement, Governor Olcott issued the following proclamation:

To the People of Oregon:

My attention has been directed to the fact that during the week from May 17 to May 22, inclusive, the American Legion will carry on a drive for new members. This is to be a Nation-wide drive, in which it is expected that over a million new members will be enrolled, bringing the strength of the organization up to two and one half million. This is an object which I trust may be carried out to a highly successful conclusion in Oregon, as well as in the Nation at large.

It is a matter of pride on the part of every good American citizen, whether or not he was in the service during the late war, to see the millions of young Americans returning to civic pursuits and joining in an organization which has for its sole object and purpose the upbuilding of the welfare of the entire nation. It has become apparent during the life of the American Legion that it is an organization built not only on sound lines of patriotic endeavor, but that it is an organization made up of men who are earnestly and determinedly carrying out the principles of the constitution and the laws of the United States and of the constitution of its own order.

The American Legion has functioned long enough to show, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that it is to be a wonderful power for good throughout the land. For that reason all American citizens will be glad to see it grow in membership and to flourish.

It is with pleasure that I may lend the endorsement of this office to the plan of "American Legion Week" when, during the dates I have mentioned, the mighty membership movement, the mighty membership movement, earnestly urge all Oregonians who have the welfare of their country and their state at heart to give such assistance and co-operation to the men of the American Legion as will aid them in making this movement the magnificent success which it deserves to be.

GENERAL COMMITTEE TO MEET SATURDAY

Principal E. F. Goodwin and K. A. Miller attended a meeting at Union schoolhouse at Damascus Tuesday evening. The meeting was very successful and much favorable sentiment was expressed by those present. Mr. Goodwin spoke on the advantages of the school while Mr. Miller discussed the financial phase of the question. A number of local people expressed themselves as being in favor of the movement.

Wednesday evening Principal Goodwin and Judge Stapleton attended the Boring meeting and report a good meeting. There was more objection at Boring as there were three who took a stand against the project. Mr. Telford, Mr. Seifer and Mr. Vedder, county school supervisor spoke against it on the grounds that the money would go out of the county and would increase taxes. There are nine pupils from Boring attending school here.

The last meeting of the series will be held at Rockwood Monday, May 17th.

Of the many districts interested in the proposition four have filed their petitions with the clerk of Union High school. These districts are Victory, Cedar, Lusted and Cottrell. The petitions of voters from Pleasant Valley, Union and Fairview are said to be ready or nearly so, to file but have not yet reached the hands of the clerk.

The general committee will meet at the Bank of Gresham Saturday night, May 15, with the central committee at which time further reports and plans will be made.

H. H. ELING LEAVES ON TRIP TO SHASTA SPRINGS

H. H. Eling, manager of the Overland company, left Portland at 2 o'clock this morning on an endurance test of the Overland-4 car.

The car is making the run from the Canadian border to the Mexican border. The car arrived from Seattle last night and Mr. Eling and one of the men in his office with a newspaper reporter took the machine. They will take the car to Shasta Springs where another party will make the next installment of the trip.

The engine of the car is kept running all of the time. These tests are made frequently by the manufacturers of the various makes of cars and the result of the tests are always a matter of much interest to the automobile owners.

A dance will be given at Fairview Saturday evening, May 22. Door prize given.

CHAUTAQUA TICKETS OFFERED AT LOW PRICE

Plans for the Gresham Chautauqua are now well under way and the sale of season tickets has begun. A committee is circulating the advertising matter and arrangements for the sale of tickets in the various localities are being made.

Two kinds of season tickets are being offered this year, one a non-transferable ticket, admitting the one to whom it is made out to any session, there being five afternoon and five evening entertainments. The other season ticket admits the bearer and party up to ten admissions, good for that number of admissions at one time or any time during the season. The price of this transferable ticket is \$3; the non-transferable ticket is \$2; student's tickets are \$1.25; children under seven are admitted free if accompanied by parent or adult. In all cases the purchaser pays the 10 per cent war tax.

The program this year is an exceptionally fine one, several of the numbers alone being well worth the price of a season ticket. Too much cannot be said regarding the general benefit to the public resulting from a season of lectures and entertainments offered by this Chautauqua. It could not be possible without the guarantee of at least 20 substantial citizens. Their guarantee has been given and the 10 programs are offered to the public at a nominal price. The guarantors hope that the response of the public will be generous and that the benefit will fully warrant the expense and trouble incurred.

The daily single admission tickets will range from 55 cents to \$1.10, including war tax.

The sessions will be held in the Masonic hall, except Friday night, which will be in the Methodist church.

The dates are May 31 to June 4, with afternoon and evening lectures and entertainments of high class each day.

A children's play ground will be conducted by a junior superintendent each day. The "Kiddies" will be given a big time.

PATRON-TEACHER SOCIAL WAS HOWLING SUCCESS

The Patron-Teachers basket social was a success from every standpoint. There was a good sized crowd who were well entertained and who generously bought baskets and helped to make it the financial success that it was.

The singing was much enjoyed by everyone except perhaps for a few minutes when every one was looking at the subject of the song.

Business men, town officials, school board members, teachers and Parent-Teacher association members all received their share of the roasting but it wasn't all lemons by any means for even the lemons were only flowers and most of the hits were bouquets.

The clever interweaving of the important questions of the day was one of the best features of the entertainment.

The sum of \$56.50 was added to the fund to provide a rest room and first aid outfit at the school, as a result of this entertainment. The committee now has on hand about one-third the amount needed to furnish the two rooms and plans for a field meet and other entertainments are under way.

TRAINING IN TRADES NEEDED BY ADULT BLIND

The practicability of training the blind in work that is remunerative is shown by the school for the blind maintained in Portland. Dozens of helpless sightless persons have been taken from the streets and taught trades and arts that have made them self-supporting. It is because of the success of this institution which is open only to the blind of Portland, being maintained by the school district, that the blind people and others are seeking now to have a state institution which will enable the blind throughout the state to have the benefit of this training.

The question appears on the ballot at the state election May 21 in the form of a bill prepared by the legislature providing a levy of one-sixth of one mill for next year to establish the institution and one twenty-fifth of one mill each year thereafter to maintain it. The amount raised will be sufficient to provide for all the adult blind of the state and taught trades and arts that have made them self-supporting. It is because of the success of this institution which is open only to the blind of Portland, being maintained by the school district, that the blind people and others are seeking now to have a state institution which will enable the blind throughout the state to have the benefit of this training.

The institution will be a means not only of making the lives of the blind happier by giving them vocational training and employment to occupy their dark hours, but it will also relieve charity of the increasing burden of caring for large numbers of them.

The committee made up of blind and others is receiving endorsements from all over the state from granges, churches, labor organizations, etc., and the prospects for the bill being adopted are considered exceptionally good. The measure has the ballot number 316 and 317. The committee is urging the voters to vote 316 X Yes.

Bargains in the want ads.

OREGON SOLON



Hon. Charles L. McNary

As chairman of the subcommittee on sugar of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Senator McNary has instituted an inquiry into reports that Cuban sugar is imported through the port of New Orleans in order to command the higher price allowed by the government for Louisiana sugar. He expects to be able to prove that sugar now being offered as Louisiana cane sugar is in reality Cuban sugar that could have been purchased by the government at five cents a pound had not the president refused to avail himself of the authority enacted by Congress last fall for the purpose.

STATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS MUSIC COURSE

In common with all educational institutions of the country the University of Oregon School of Music is now boasting the greatest year of its existence, both in point of numbers and in the popularity of the courses offered. Last year nearly 1,000 students availed themselves of the advantages afforded by the school, while the enrollment this year promises to exceed this record by at least 32 per cent. In order to accommodate the enormous influx of students it has been necessary to fit up a new teaching studio and four new practice rooms and to purchase five pianos.

There are few universities which are more liberal and thoroughly modern in the amount of recognition given to the serious student of music. It is possible for one to pursue the regular course leading to a Bachelor of Music degree or to major in music toward the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Increased attention and encouragement is being given those who wish to specialize in music, who this year represent 36 per cent of the entire enrollment.

The faculty of the School of Music is particularly strong both as to academic and technical training and represents the best educational institutions of this and foreign countries. In addition to the resident faculty, some of the strongest members of the teaching profession in Portland are affiliated with the University. Every endeavor is being made to serve the musical interests of the state in the largest possible way.

Organized each year on a competitive basis and open to all who qualify are the orchestra of thirty pieces, the Ladies Glee Club of twenty-two voices, and the Men's Glee Club of twenty, all of which are giving concerts this season. The Glee clubs are planning trips through various sections of the state in the near future. In addition to this, there are several city choirs, a large community chorus, and an opera chorus for the benefit of all those possessing a moderate ability to sing.

Special ensemble courses has been added to the curriculum this year which enables the student to become acquainted with the best of chamber music as well as the larger symphonic forms. Numerous recitals afford opportunity for public appearance. Organ pupils have the use of a large three manual Austin pipe organ and arrangements have been perfected whereby practice is made possible even during the coldest weather. The course in public school music has become deservedly popular for it combines the theoretical instruction of the classroom with actual experience in the presentation of the subject to pupils of grammar and high school age.

The training given along this line is so efficient that the demand for teachers of public school music is far in excess of the number available.

The University of Oregon possesses one of the largest schools of music enrolled in any university of its size in the country and is one of which the people of Oregon may well be proud.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE GETS CITIZENS UP

An early morning blaze at the home of H. C. Larsen got a great many citizens out of bed this morning. The heater had been taken down recently and in some manner the fire caught around the opening into the dining room both stoves lead into the same chimney. Before the fire was discovered it had burned the wall paper from two sides of the room. The fire alarm was turned in and the men responded but Mr. Larsen had the fire extinguished before the department arrived. Aside from the damage to the wall paper and the contents of the one room which was pretty generously soaked with a small garden hose. The loss was small.

The fire department was called out Thursday afternoon to aid in getting a brush fire near Ruby station under control.

Almost every day one or more persons say to the Outlook, "I am getting splendid returns on my ad."

THE CHILDREN'S BILL GETS MUCH APPROVAL

One of the most important measures to come before the voters next week is the Elementary Educational Bill which is No. 314 on the ballot. A very clear explanation of the bill and the way in which it will effect the situation in this state is contained in the bulletin put out by E. F. Carlton, assistant state superintendent, and secretary of committee who drafted the plan.

The measure has been endorsed by organizations all over the state, Parent-Teachers' associations, lodges, granges and civic organizations of all sorts have endorsed the measure and many are doing live campaigning for it. Practically every newspaper in the state have endorsed it.

The measure provides for a levy of two mills on the dollar on all of the taxable property of the state for the support of the public elementary schools. The tax will be levied for the first time in December, 1920, and then annually thereafter. Each county will receive from the fund raised by this tax the exact amount which it pays into the fund. The money will then be apportioned among the school districts of the county in proportion to the number of elementary teachers employed in the county.

This Tax Will Increase School Funds Only Where Needed.

More than forty-two millions of dollars worth of property in Oregon escapes taxation for the elementary schools excepting what it pays to make up the county school fund. The county fund is only one-fourth of the amount spent for the public schools 70 per cent of the public school funds is raised by the special school district tax. This means that all of the property not organized into school districts does practically nothing to support the public schools. Also, all of the property included in school districts which do not levy special school taxes is doing practically nothing for the elementary schools. The total valuation of these two classes of property amounts in Oregon to more than forty-two millions of dollars. The two-mill tax is to be levied upon all of the property of the state. When this is distributed on the teacher basis, it will give to the weak districts a fund sufficient to employ a competent teacher. The districts which do not need the additional funds will simply lower their special school levies.

The Present Law.

The only general tax now levied for the public elementary schools is the tax which the law requires each county to levy for a county school fund. That is to say, each county is required by law to levy for public school purposes a tax amounting to \$10 for each child of school age. This is the only county tax levied for elementary schools and there is no state tax for the public schools. The only sum coming to the schools from the state is the interest of the irreducible school fund, which amounts to about \$1.85 per child. The entire sum produced by the \$10 per capita tax amounts to only a little more than one-fourth of the money required by the public schools.

Further, great inequalities exist in the valuation of school districts. There are 500 school districts in Oregon which have a valuation of only \$50,000.00 or less. There are many districts whose valuations are so high that one-tenth of a mill special tax will produce sufficient funds for the year. There are 564 districts which levy only two mills or less. The two-mill tax will correct the inequalities. The present county fund, amounting to \$10 per child, and the interest on the irreducible school fund amounting to about \$1.85 per child, will still be apportioned on the census basis. This plan of first giving to each district a certain definite sum such as it will receive from the two-mill tax fund on the teacher basis, and of apportioning the balance of the school funds on the county and state on the census basis has been carefully worked out by all of the county superintendents and they agree that it is the most equitable plan of distribution. Through this plan all of the school districts will be insured a sufficient fund to employ a competent teacher.

This is the Children's Bill.

During one week in March, 50,000 children in New York City were sent home from the public schools, because no teachers could be secured to teach them. Coming nearer home 160 schools have been closed in Oregon this year because the districts could not pay a salary that would attract any teacher. The boys and girls in not less than 500 school districts of Oregon will be without teachers next year if this bill fails to pass. Shall the state of Oregon be responsible for the future citizenship of this state by placing the property of the state back of the public schools, or shall it allow the boys and girls in 500 school districts in Oregon to grow up in ignorance? Waiving all sentiment, looking at it as purely a business proposition, which is the better plan for the future of the state?

Right Man for Secretaryship.

"If nominated and elected, I shall always have in mind that I am acting in the capacity of a trustee of the people's interests," says Sam A. Kozer, now Deputy Secretary of State and republican candidate for Secretary of State, in the voters' pamphlet.—Paid Adv.

The regular meeting of the M. A. Ross G. A. R. Post and Corps will be held at the grange hall tomorrow, beginning with a business session in the forenoon. At noon the fine dinner provided by the Relief Corps will be the feature. Plans will be made at this time for the proper celebration of decoration day.