

M. E. CHURCHES TO HOLD CONFERENCE

The first quarterly conference of the Gresham Social Center parish will be held at the Methodist church in Gresham Friday, January 28. The churches comprising this parish are Gresham, Pleasant Home, Fairview, Troutdale, Rockwood, Boring, Sandy and Kelso. This is the first quarterly conference to be held since the annual conference last October and is one of the most important that has ever been held by the Methodist churches in this county.

A splendid program has been arranged for the day. Dr. William Wallace Youngson, district superintendent, will preside at the meeting which will open at 2:30 with the devotional service.

At 2:45 the business session will open and reports from all points will be read. Reports from Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, Ladies' Aid and Missionary societies as well as the financial reports for local and centenary work will be received at this time. Each official board should have as many as possible of their members present at the meeting and are urged to have all reports in.

At 3:45 Dr. Youngson will discuss "Administrative Problems." Dr. Youngson is known as a clear thinker and a most able business man and he will certainly have an interesting message for the members of the churches interested in this new project.

Rev. Earl B. Cotton will discuss "The Pastoral Problems of the Outlying Field." Rev. Mr. Cotton has made a survey of the outlying territory during his two and a half years pastorate at Pleasant Home and is prepared to tell some of the problems that must be met.

Rev. Albert S. Hisey will discuss the topic "Building the Bigger Program" and will tell of the plans for developing a larger, stronger church activity in each of the points concerned.

The meeting will adjourn at 5 p. m. A basket luncheon will be served at the I. O. O. F. hall just across Powell street at 6 p. m. and every member of the quarterly conference should be present to enjoy the social hour of good fellowship and to become acquainted with the workers on the other parts of the parish.

At 7:30 the meeting will again open in the Methodist church and Prof. W. J. Herzog who has charge of the department of rural sociology at Willamette University will give a discussion on the subject, "Some Characteristic Features of a Social Center Parish."

Dr. Youngson will speak again at the evening program and there will be some special musical numbers during the evening.

NOTED MUSICIANS VISIT FAIRVIEW FOLKS

Rudolph and Julius Luscher and William Grassley of Fairview are members of the Swiss Singing club "Helvetia" which assisted in grand concert given last Sunday evening at the auditorium by Fritz Zimmerman and Mme. Grandville, famous Swiss folk singers and yodlers.

Friday evening, Mme. Grandville and Mr. Zimmerman, in company with several members of the "Helvetia" were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Luscher when Mme. Grandville and Mr. Zimmerman generously favored the company with several selections. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Luscher and daughter, Rosalie.

Saturday afternoon the distinguished guests were given an opportunity to view Columbia highway which they pronounced one of the grandest trips they had ever enjoyed. Returning they stopped at Mr. Luscher's where they did full justice to another dainty lunch.

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EXPECT HARDING TO NAME COL. THOMPSON



Colonel Thompson

When President-elect Harding announces his cabinet choices, among the men selected will be the name of Colonel William Boyce Thompson, is the opinion of leaders in Republican ranks.

Colonel Thompson is a westerner. Born in Montana, he went east to study and graduate at Columbia School of Mines. Then he returned to the west and became rich in copper mining. He became a colonel through service in the Spanish-American War and in the recent war headed the Red Cross in Russia for 18 months. He gave one million of his personal funds to Red Cross.

It was also Colonel Thompson who conceived the idea and personally financed the idea of giving the home-town paper to the boys in the trenches. Colonel Thompson has resided in New York for several years where he is one of the financial leaders.

D. D. MYERS AGAIN GORED BY BULL

D. D. Myers, who was just recovering from injuries received when he was gored by a bull last week, had another encounter with the animal Thursday and again lost out. Only the presence of Wm. Butler, tester for the cow testing association, and his prompt action saved Mr. Myers from serious if not fatal injuries.

The animal charged Mr. Myers, knocking him down and rolled him over and over in the snow. Mr. Butler rushed to the aid of Mr. Myers and succeeded in driving the bull back and getting Mr. Myers on to his feet. Before they could reach safety the bull charged again, this time pinning Mr. Myers to a post. Again Mr. Butler was able to drive the bull off and they reached shelter.

Mr. Myers was considerably bruised and shaken up and received a gash in the throat from the bull's horn but none of his injuries were serious.

SOPHOMORES WIN IN DEBATING CONTEST

Louis Maulding and Wm. McAllister both members of the sophomore class at Union High school won in the contest held last Friday at the school. The alternates were Edwin Noreen and Roba Embry of the senior class. There were 10 debaters who entered the contest and the debates Friday determined the team which will represent Union High school in the contests which will be held during the next few weeks.

Gresham will have the first debate with Vernonia Friday, February 4. They will have the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that section 28 of the Jones Merchant Marine bill should be enforced."

Gresham is in the Lower Columbia district of the Oregon High School Debating league. By the process of elimination the teams in the district will debate until there is but one left and the winner in this district will meet the winners from the other district to determine the champion of the state.

President of Holstein Cattle Club of America to Visit County.

Hon. D. D. Aitkin, president of the Holstein Cattle club of America, will arrive in Portland tomorrow evening and will spend two weeks visiting the various holstein clubs and dairy sections of the state.

Monday Mr. Aitkin will visit a number of herds in Multnomah county and will later make the Columbia river highway trip if the weather permits.

Some time during the week there will be a meeting of the breeders of Multnomah and Columbia counties to be held probably in Portland.

Thursday evening a banquet will be held in Mr. Aitkin's honor at which officers of the State Holstein Cattle club, directors of the Pacific International Livestock show, and the business men of Portland will be present.

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FUMIGATION PLANTS TAKE TRAIN OF CARS

By ROBERT FULLER. (Written Especially for Gresham Outlook)

Four huge fumigation plants, in which a whole train of freight cars is disinfected in one operation, have been erected on the border between the United States and Mexico to guard against the introduction of plant insect pests harmful to farm crops.

Some of the most destructive plant insects that ravage the crops of American farmers have come from Mexico, including the cotton boll-weevil and the recent introduction of the cotton pink boll-worm, an insect said to be the gravest menace that ever confronted American cotton growing. The American Farm Bureau Federation has recommended to congress that the pink boll-worm be given immediate attention.

The Federal Horticultural Board, headed by Dr. Charles L. Marlatt, chairman, is the control body which is entrusted with the administration of the Federal Plant Quarantine act.

All ports of entry have government stations where imported goods are fumigated if it is believed there is danger of infestation.

Just now the Mexican border is in the limelight because of the immense damage done to Mexican cotton by the pink boll-worm, which has caused as high as 83 per cent loss this year in the Laguna district, the greatest cotton region in Mexico. The insect has appeared in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

A special pink boll-worm commission appointed by the governor of Texas made an official investigation of the Laguna conditions and reported the damage found there to be not less than 50 per cent of the cotton crop. At such a rate cotton could not be grown profitably in the United States, taking into consideration the higher wages paid in this country for farm labor. Plans are under way for stricter enforcement of border regulations and inspection laws.

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THE ELECTRIC SURVEY HAS BEEN COMPLETED

A survey of the farm owners on the Powell Valley road from Gresham through to new Pleasant Home for the purpose of determining the number who want electric lights has been completed.

C. H. Johanson, B. M. Howell and Albert Quay made the survey. They report that the sum approximately \$8000 has been subscribed to the project.

The report of the canvassers has been in the hands of the P. R. L. & P. company for about a week but no word has been received from them as yet.

A man is to be sent out from the Portland office to make a new estimate on the cost, taking into consideration the many facts learned in this survey work. It has been learned that the Bruns Lumber company, near Sandy will furnish poles at a considerably less price than the P. R. L. & P. can put them on the ground for. This will cut down the cost to the community.

The route which has been submitted to the P. R. L. & P. is the one originally planned from Gresham to new Pleasant Home along the Powell Valley road with no extensions or side lines. Without doubt if this line goes through, and the prospects are considered very good, many extensions will be made, but they will each form a separate project. Cottrell has not made a canvass as yet according to late reports.

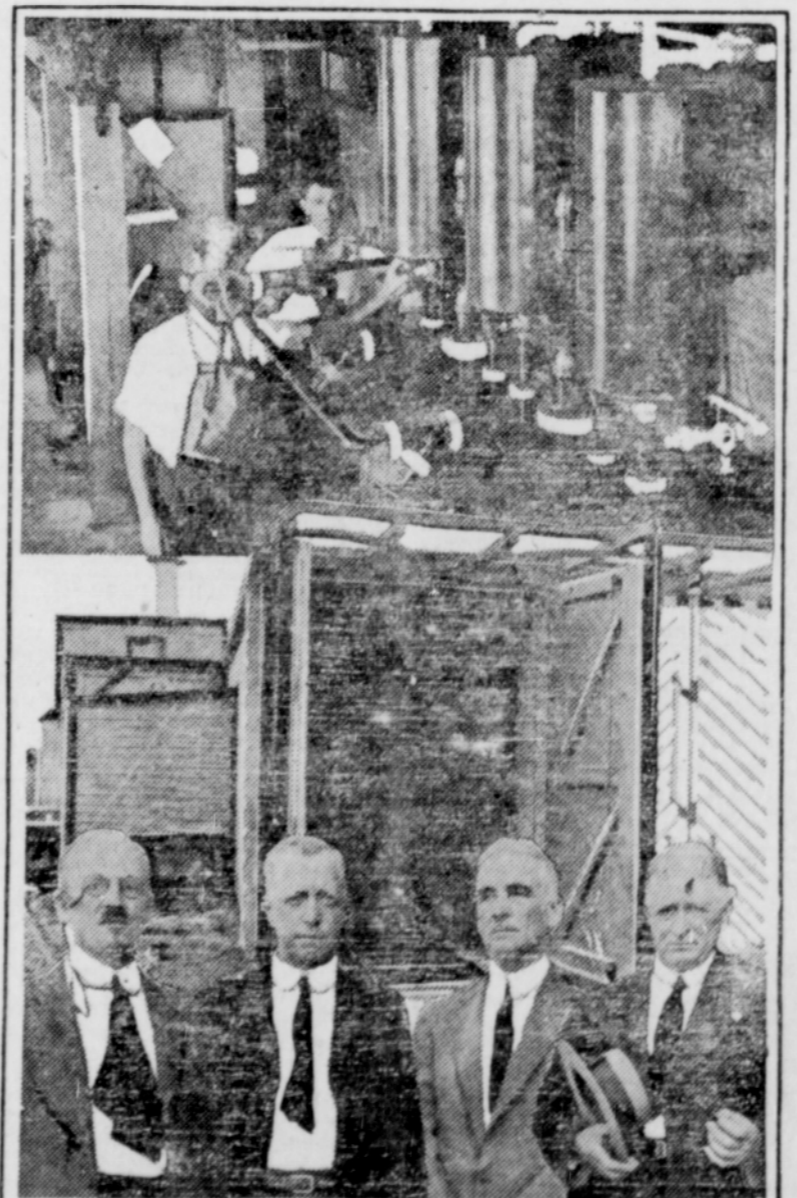
Within a week or ten days the new estimate should be ready and those who have pledged will know how the proposition lines up.

The \$8000 has been raised by subscription, each farmer subscribing the amount he felt was fair and just and as much as he was able to do.

FRESHMEN WIN UNEXPECTED VICTORY

In the second game of the Intramural basket ball series, which was held Wednesday for the possession of the liver cup the freshmen won an unexpected victory over the juniors. The final score was 27 to 25 in favor of the form. Interest was keen throughout the game but reached a high pitch when the game closed with a tie. It was decided to play five minutes more and each side made a basket, making a second tie. It was then decided to give the game to the side winning the first basket and the freshmen won. In the first game played some time ago the seniors won from the sophomores.

Uncle Sam Delouses Trains in Fight Against Crop Cooties



Uncle Sam's encounter with the cooties during the war was not a new experience. Although it is not generally known—he has been battling various kinds of crop cooties for many years to the extent that the department's work has developed until now great "de-lousing" machines which fumigate a freight train with ease are in operation. The duty of the Federal Horticultural board is to guard the United States borders and prevent the entrance of injurious plant insects. This board has saved American farmers millions of dollars. Just now the Mexican border is being watched closely against pink bollworm. The pictures show, upper, the interior of a cyanide plant at Laredo, Tex., where the poisonous gas is turned into a string of freight cars coming into the U. S. Center, exterior of a huge fumigation plant built by the Department of Agriculture. Lower, members of the horticultural board which enforces the crop quarantine laws. Dr. Karl B. Kellerman, Dr. W. D. Hunter, Dr. Charles L. Marlatt, chairman, and George B. Sudsworth.

BENEFIT MATINEE SATURDAY FOR STARVING CHILDREN OF EUROPE



MARY PICKFORD

Saturday matinee at 2:30, the Gresham Theater will give a benefit entertainment for starving children of foreign lands. Manager Adrian is cooperating with the National association of Picture Exhibitors and the Hoover European Relief Council to raise a fund of \$2,500,000 for the greatest cause that ever confronted the Christian era.

Practically every motion picture house manager in North America is assisting the leading welfare organizations in bringing quick relief to the destitute. Film agencies, producers, and every man and woman connected with the industry are giving their time, their energy and their money to put over this great drive. Gresham citizens and all eastern Multnomah county are indebted to the Paramount Exchanges for the free use of the program that will be presented Saturday afternoon only. For this benefit entertainment we will show Mary Pickford in "Hulda from Holland." A Harold Lloyd comedy, and a Pathe Review. A well balanced program, and an assurance that you will be well entertained.

The government has waived the war tax. Every cent will be turned over to a Gresham bank to be forwarded to the Motion Picture committee of European Relief Council, 122 West 49th street, New York. It is your privilege to pay as much as you like for your matinee tickets, but not less than 15 cents for children, nor 25 cents for adults. It all goes to one great cause. Remember, proceeds from the matinee only apply to this great drive. There will be a complete change of program at night.

YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN FOR NEW ACTIVITIES

The meetings of the Epworth League institute closed Friday evening with a delightful social hour which was much enjoyed by those present. The Gresham Epworth League members furnished a dainty lunch at the close of the games which were in charge of Rev. Earl Cotton.

In checking up the attendance for the week it was found that of the 43 who registered for the week there were 11 who were present every evening, nine were present four evenings and seven attended three evenings. Of the other 16, eight were present two nights and eight only came one evening. On the last evening an opportunity was given to all who wished to join the local Epworth League. There were twenty-nine who signed the roll. Some of these have been working in the League for some time but there has been no definite League before.

Monday evening the Epworth League cabinet met at the home of the pastor, Rev. A. S. Hisey, and plans were made in regard to the recreation center which it is planned to open in the Odd Fellows hall. Committees were appointed to see about equipment and outline a program for work. Miss Esther Peterson is the third vice president of the League and this work comes under her department of social service.

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GRADE SCHOOL IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

The past week was one of numerous activities at the grade school. On Tuesday at weekly assembly, Principal C. M. Quicksall arranged for a program consisting of music by the pupils of the different grades. The general expression was one of pleasure.

On Wednesday the Parent-Teacher circle held its regular monthly meeting which was interesting throughout. Several musical numbers were rendered by the pupils of the school to the delight of all present. The principal speakers of the afternoon were Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar and Miss Ruth Young both of whom spoke upon health education. These meetings should receive the attention of every patron of the school.

Friday afternoon the boys' basketball team met and defeated the Boring team in its initial game. The local boys were heavier and faster than the Boring boys with the result of a 38 to 1 score. The boys make a good appearance in their suits of royal blue and white and expect to participate in a number of interesting games this season.

The eighth grade, consisting of 28 members, recently organized and elected the following officers: Winfred Hill, president; Orville Davidson, vice president; Vada Anderson, secretary; Willene Botkin, treasurer; Carlitos Strobin, sergeant at arms; Mabel Winters, organist.

The class has selected royal blue and white as their colors, and are planning a number of activities for the remainder of the year.

The third grade deserves compliments in having again secured the honor banner, this being their third time.

The school has an enrollment of 248 pupils which is the largest in the history of the Gresham grade school.

In a recent fire drill, unknown to any except the janitor, Mr. Tacheron, the building was cleared in 30 seconds. A special gong is in place for fire alarms and fire hose are now installed which adds greatly to the safety of the boys and girls.

Mid-year promotions will be made this week.

TEXT BOOK QUESTION BEFORE LEGISLATURE

The Oregon Voter in its last issue has an article on the Effect of Free Textbooks which will be of interest to opponent and advocates of the bill which is to be passed upon at this session of the Oregon Legislature. This law is one which has been advocated by a number of people lately and is a live question in Parent-Teacher circles.

The article follows:

"Every pupil in the public grade schools in Oregon would be furnished free books under the terms of a proposed law introduced in the state senate by Senator Banks, of Astoria. The bill stipulates that the free books should go to grade schools alone, and not to students in high schools."

"Every school district is empowered by the proposed law to raise and appropriate annually, sufficient funds to purchase the books. The task of imposing rules for the safe-keeping of the books is left up to the individual school boards."

"Any teacher, or other official connected in any way with the conduct of the schools, who may be found implicated in any scheme to direct purchase of the books to any certain house, which would result in his or her personal advantage, is liable to removal from office and revocation of teaching rights."

"What the taxpayers will say about the bill is not recited. As no provision is made for new revenue to take care of the expense, so far as Portland is concerned its enactment would mean that just so much less money would be available for teaching, school buildings and maintenance. Out in the state, where school funds are voted, the six per cent limitation of increase does not apply to levies, so the people of the outside districts would simply vote a higher tax to take care of the textbook expense. In the face of other tax increases, it is doubtful whether this additional increase would be welcomed. Of course, to some extent, the families who use the textbooks are the taxpayers, although this is not always true by any manner of means. Where families buying a lot of textbooks were also taxpayers, they would be gainers if the district furnished the textbooks free to their children, and doubtless would welcome the tax as the lesser expense."

"Another matter that ought to be taken into consideration is the effect that providing things of value free has upon the pupils. Government is providing so many things free nowadays that the great majority of the people are trained to regard government as an unlimited reservoir of gifts. To implant the free idea into the child mind with reference to such valuable personal possessions as their individual schoolbooks might be a sad mistake as far as the future is concerned. This is an angle which should be given attention."

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