

## COUNTY COUNCIL HOLDS FINE MEETING

The various Parent-Teacher associations were well represented at the meeting of the County Council held at Troutdale last Saturday. True to their reputation for hospitality, the ladies of Troutdale served an abundant and appetizing luncheon at the noon hour in the basement of the church, after which all adjourned to the main floor for the program and business meeting.

The part of the program furnished by the children was well carried out and elicited hearty applause. This was followed by an able lecture by Dr. A. Grant of the Oregon Social Hygiene society deserving of thoughtful consideration. Dr. Grant, speaking for the society he represents, advocated the same teaching of sex, along with biology, in the grade schools.

At the business meeting, Mrs. J. Lynch, president, presiding, a rising vote of thanks was given the Troutdale ladies for their generous hospitality. It was voted that a representative be present at the next meeting of the county fair board requesting that the children's club building be given a more central location, also that space be reserved for a nursery and rest room where the children of mothers attending the fair could be cared for by attendants from the various Parent-Teacher associations.

A letter was read from the rural school committee of the Portland Art League asking for cooperation in the beautification of the grounds surrounding the rural schools by the mass planting of shrubbery. This has been successfully carried on in California school districts for some time.

Definite action was postponed until the matter had been voted on by the local associations.

It was voted to send resolutions of condolence to the treasurer, Mrs. Milne, recently bereaved of her husband.

Reports were given by representatives of local organizations showing that much is being accomplished.

The Lusted school extended an invitation for the next meeting to be held at Pleasant Home the third Saturday in April, which was accepted.

## CEDAR AND VICTORY

Another big slide has blocked the Base Line extension near the cement bridge. The road crews are busy clearing out the highway. This is only one of a series of slides large and small that have been coming down into the road all winter.

Mrs. A. H. Burns and children spent Monday visiting with Mrs. Henry Fritz.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Stafford and children and Mrs. Alta Gentry and son Russell were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hayden, Sunday.

A number of local people attended the Multnomah grange circus at Orient last Saturday evening. A number of them took part in the plays and different stunts which made up the program.

## Station Uses Three Silos.

Three silos are used in the experimental feeding tests at the eastern Oregon branch experiment station, Union. One is filled with corn ensilage, another with peas and barley, and the third with sunflowers. Besides all this material the station produced 250 tons of alfalfa hay and several thousand bushels of grain in 1920.

Many rainfall farmers of western Oregon have gone back to the intermountain regions of Montana and Idaho looking for new land, forgetting the marshes and tidelands in their own back yard, which, if drained, become the most profitable lands in the state for such crops as garden truck and vegetables, and small fruit and berries. Drainage specialists will help them find out when and how the lands may be reclaimed.

Better results are obtained when fowls are fed according to appetite than according to rule. There are no best poultry feeds or rations except those that supply the necessary food elements most economically. Hens cannot do well on a whole grain ration.

Mrs. L. T. Lusted was in Gresham on business yesterday.

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## WASHINGTON-LINCOLN SOCIAL GIVEN BY LEAGUE

Nearly 50 members and friends of the Evangelical League met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brugger for a Washington-Lincoln social Monday evening. A most delightful evening was spent in a social time and a pleasing program was rendered. Miss Frieda Ramser, Miss Elizabeth Schwedler and Melvin Brugger gave appropriate readings which were interspersed with songs and music.

Among the prominent guests present were Geo. Washington (Melvin Brugger) and his good wife Martha (Katherine Ratzel), Abraham Lincoln (Walter Ramser) and his good wife, (Louise Hemrich), also Sambo (Edward Schwedler) and Mammy (Virginia Curran) representing the slaves whom Lincoln freed by his proclamation. Miss Elizabeth Schwedler was costumed as an Indian maiden of the days of Geo. Washington.

These characters from the past added much to the novelty and enjoyment of the evening. The house was attractively decorated with the national colors. At the close of the evening a dainty lunch was served.

## Baptist Roll Call.

The Baptists are to have an all-day meeting at the Bethel Baptist church Saturday, February 26, beginning at 10 a. m. The object is consecration, business and roll call. Every member and all interested are urged to be present.

Qualified young people from Portland will furnish music Sunday evening, for both the young people's meeting at 6:30 and evangelistic church service following.

Owing to important business to be considered and new members to be voted on, every member of the church is requested to be present at the prayer meeting Thursday evening at Mrs. Frank Westells.

REV. JESSE E. BROWN, Pastor.

## FAIRVIEW

Mrs. O. Wain entertained with a handkerchief shower in honor of her mother, Mrs. G. Olby, who is visiting with her, the occasion being Mrs. Olby's birthday. The afternoon was spent in tying out a quilt which was made by the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid. Those present were Mrs. G. Cristenson, Mrs. M. Markinson, Mrs. B. Sands and children, Misses S. Olby, V. Olby, and H. Cristenson, all of Portland; Mrs. Dr. Peterson, A. Husby, S. Lockwood, Mrs. Grigley and children, Mrs. Lewis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Wain and Mr. Olby.

Members and friends of the M. E. church gathered on Friday to help beautify the church grounds. A wonderful improvement was made before the day was over. The ladies brought well-filled baskets which were spread on a table in the church and a bounteous meal was given the men at noon.

Ed. Burlingame has improved the looks of his property by having the old fence taken away. If a few more of Fairview citizens would catch the clean-up spirit they could improve the looks of their places also by tearing down old fences and cleaning up.

Miss Daisy Crocker, who is teaching in Hood River, spent the weekend with Mrs. James Burlingame and family.

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## Experiment Station Report.

Scientific farm practice as developed and recommended by the Oregon Experiment station should be kept years in advance of general farm practice, in order that the new methods, crops and varieties may be fully tested before offered to the farmer, says James T. Jardine, director, in his report for 1918-'20 just off the college press. Much information that has added to the profits of farming, and even more facts under investigation with promise of eventual solution, are explained in the report. Copies free on request.

## Team Work

Am prepared to do all kinds of team work. Wm. Booth, phone Gresham 33x3.

## Spray Now.

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## Main Street Garage.

This garage is now open for general repair work of all kinds by experienced workman. Norman Smith, phone 51.

## FORMER BORING MAN WEDS PORTLAND GIRL

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized last Wednesday, February 16, at the home of the bride's aunt in Portland, when Miss Edith Mays of Portland became the wife of Horace Knox, a well known Boring man.

After the ceremony the happy couple left for southern Oregon where they are spending their honeymoon. On their return they will make their home in Portland.

Mrs. Knox has been employed for a number of years at the Meler & Frank company store in Portland and the employees of that company gave the bride and groom such a shower of gifts, both beautiful and useful, that it required an auto to move them to their new home.

Mr. Knox owns a large farm at Boring and also a beautiful home in Portland, where they will make their home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Knox are members of the Laurelwood Methodist church in Portland and both are active workers.

Friends here wish them every success in life.

## PLEASANT VIEW

Mr. McKinley and Mr. Bader, whose birthday came on St. Valentine's day, were honored with a birthday dinner given them by Mr. and Mrs. R. Larson. A few friends were invited to spend the evening in games and dancing after which ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Helen Wilhelm entertained a few friends at her home with Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Woodle on Saturday evening, February 12th.

John Bramhall of Tumalo, Oregon, visited with his brother here one day last week.

Mrs. Wm. Morton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodard.

The epidemic of music that has struck Pleasant View and Springdale has laid hold of as many or more victims than did the epidemic of flu two years ago. Last week we reported the forming of the "Springdale Pep band" with 15 charter members, and this week "Sinclair's orchestra" with 17 charter members has been organized. As a matter of common interest and self preservation among the parents, we would like to suggest the advisability of the parents clubbing together now, and renting or erecting a community house where they can rest in peace and quiet for the next few months while all of the young musicians are learning to play the "Flower waltz" around the grave of "Old Black Joe," "Down on the Swanee River" near "My Old Kentucky Home" in our good old "America."

## PLEASANT HOME

Mrs. Myrtle LaDue has rented the place south of the Methodist church which was recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lake, and she expects to spend the summer in Pleasant Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Volbreck, Mrs. M. E. Markell and son, Wilfred Markell of Portland, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edsol Markell Tuesday, (today). Mrs. Volbreck and Mrs. M. E. Markell are the sister and mother of Edsol Markell.

Mrs. C. B. Steenman, Mrs. Myrtle LaDue and Mrs. Edsol Markell were Gresham visitors Monday.

Herman Walters is ill with measles. Rev. Earl B. Cotton is driving the Ford which was recently purchased for the use of the pastor on the extended territory which he serves.

Friends will be glad to learn that the Ickler family are all on the convalescent list.

## Basket Ball.

Do you want to see a fast game of basket ball? If so see the game scheduled for February 25 at Orient grange hall between the Orient team and the G. S. Waverly club of Portland. Game begins at 8 p. m. Admission 25c.

## Clothing Projects Save Money.

Schools for training leaders in special phases of the clothing projects conducted in Jackson and Coos counties were attended by 58 women representing 19 communities. On the 70 garments made a saving of \$135.36, was reported. The kinds of work in which most women of the communities are interested were done, and the women who attended the schools are helping their neighbors. One woman came six miles on horseback, roads being impassable for vehicles.

## Increased Cost to Sportsmen.

Mr. Kidder has received word that the price of anglers' and hunters' licenses has advanced. The new price established has not been stated.

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The Bank of Gresham pays 5 per cent interest on time deposits.—Adv.

## OPPOSES HOUSE BILL 215.

Just how the Outlook can justify its attitude toward House Bill No. 215 after the experience we had two years ago with a similar measure known as Senate Bill No. 45 is not a little perplexing to us, as this new measure embodies practically all of the objectionable features contained in the former measure and some of its provisions are even more obnoxious.

Upon entering into a discussion of this measure we do not wish to be construed as being antagonistic to the consolidation plan for the organization and conduct of our public schools. However, we do want to go on record as being most emphatically opposed to any law that takes from any community its right to self-determination. Should this bill become a law in its present form, the people of any county which elected to come under its provisions would virtually turn their entire school management over to the five directors, provided for in this bill, and who are clothed with unlimited authority. Under this proposed law these five directors have absolute control over all of the affairs of the county school district, can re-district and fix all boundaries of sub-districts, can consolidate a district that is \$100,000 in debt with one or more that have no indebtedness, can purchase or sell school sites, buildings, equipment, etc., can purchase all supplies, levy all taxes, contract indebtedness by issuing bonds or warrants, all without consulting the people. This is undemocratic. The bill provides that regular meetings of the district board shall be held in the courthouse. To many this would prove to be a source of great inconvenience, particularly in some of the larger counties where it is possible that a member would be obliged to travel a distance of 40 or 50 miles and be remembered that no provision has been made for their compensation.

The district school board must prepare a budget, and shall call a meeting for the purpose of giving the school electors a reasonable opportunity to criticize the aforesaid budget. With an arbitrary board on the throne, we can imagine the satisfaction a humble taxpayer would get out of such an opportunity. Oregon is rated second amongst the states of the union educationally. This certainly speaks volumes for the intelligence and progressive spirit of the communities of this great commonwealth. There is a tendency toward centralization of government by commissions and boards that finds its acme and last expression in this measure. It brings the entire management of our educational institutions under the control of the few.

There has been considerable talk about the power of the school machine organized from a central head. This measure gathers up the scattered independent local communities, each solving its own problems in its own way, and concentrates them under one head to be organized for many purposes that may seem good to those in power.

The demand for this iniquitous thing comes from those in control of our school affairs and not from the patrons and taxpayers who will be governed by it and who will have to foot the bills. We are told that the measure is endorsed by the state school superintendent and by many of the county superintendents of the state, also by educators in states where it is in operation. These endorsements and recommendations are not sufficient evidence upon which we should base our reasons for adopting it. We would much rather hear the evidence of those who have to meet the requirements of the law in operation than to take the word of those in control. It is argued that this is an optional measure but it is not. Under its provisions if adopted by the county each and every district is subject to the board of five directors, whereas many districts might not want to participate. As an example, take Multnomah county. Portland could elect to bring the county under the operation of this law, regardless of the wishes of the county districts which would be affected by it, at the same time Portland as a district of the first class has no direct interest in the matter.

It occurs to us that our present consolidation law, as amended by House Bill No. 50 passed earlier in the present session of the legislature makes ample provision for the consolidation of any district that may want to do so. Under this law it is optional with each district whether or not they unite, and this is as it should be. This is self-determination. This proposed legislation is just another link in the chain leading up to centralization of our educational system, of which there is a bill now pending in congress which if passed will be the final and last act in the consummation of the most powerful political machine ever foisted upon an unsuspecting and credulous people.

Hon. B. F. Mulkey in his argument against Senate Bill No. 45 two years ago, remarked that "John Fisk has said that the cradle in which American liberty was rocked was in the 'town meeting' where each locality met and solved its own problems in the town government. The only thing today left to us as a vestige of the 'town meeting' is the county school district with its own government of school directors, clerk, etc., with its

## WALTER JENKINS TO TOUR CHAUTAUQUA ROUTE

Gresham friends of the popular community singer, Walter Jenkins, will be interested in reading the following article taken from the Sunday Oregonian. Mr. Jenkins is well known here where he has led several community sings.

The Portland idea of community singing is to be given next summer in 135 western cities through the contract just closed by the Ellison-White organization with Walter Jenkins, song leader. This will be the first organized effort to do in a wholesale manner community singing which has proved so popular in Portland. That a Portland man should have been selected is natural, especially in view of Mr. Jenkins' musical popularity.

The chautauqua circuit on which Mr. Jenkins will appear is the largest in America and is known as the seven-day circuit. It opens in Louisiana early in April, 1921, and, covering most of the larger cities through Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, it ends in late August in Montana. In each of these cities community singing will be demonstrated in the large chautauqua tent and an organization formed to assure its permanence. At the close of the circuit Mr. Jenkins will return to Portland to continue his Y. M. C. A. work and community singing in this city.

## NEW METHOD FOUND FOR RENEWING YOUTH

Class No. 10 of the Methodist Sunday school held a class party at the home of their teacher, Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman, last Friday night.

The first part of the evening was spent in outdoor games after which all went into the house and practiced athletic stunts, closing the evening by all joining in singing the class song.

As a means of renewing youth, an evening's romp with a class of boys or girls beats goat glands every time and costs nothing.

## FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY HONORED IN SCHOOLS

Elaborate programs were carried out in both schools in Gresham this morning in honor of George Washington's birthday. In both schools the assembly rooms were crowded with pupils and their friends who listened to interesting exercises and inspiring talks.

At the grade school the program of songs, recitations and exercises was well carried out and received much applause. Principal Quicksall closed the hour with a fine talk on the life of the great "Father of His Country." The pupils were dismissed for the day at the close of the program.

A dramatization of Washington's farewell address formed the main feature of the program at Union High school, which was well carried out by the young people. Several musical numbers were given by the pupils, Miss Montague and Miss Wyeth of the faculty and Judge Stapleton gave addresses.

School was dismissed at noon for the day.

## Increased Efficiency.

The railways of the United States appear to be rendering more efficient service as time goes along, and there will undoubtedly be less cause for complaint in future if the good work is continued. More cars have been made available for shippers.

The Plumb plan received its quietus on November 2d, and it is now up to the executives of the roads to adopt policies that will not give rise to complaints. The old order of things has passed away. Private ownership and operation, with government regulation, should have the effect of keeping the railroads off the shoals.

Peach leaf curl control to be certain must be undertaken by spraying with Bordeaux mixture, 6-6-50, not later than February 10. Every bud must be covered. Once in enough if put on right, and both tree and crop will be spared from curl throughout the season.

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own affairs to handle. This is the only function left to the people locally. In this age of tendency to monopoly and government by boards and commissions it seems well to retain to the people locally this last vestige of democratic government."

The question involved in this proposed legislation is one that should be submitted to the people for their consideration. Apparently the authors of it are afraid to trust the people. G. N. SAGER.

## RUTH B. YOUNG, BRIDE OF PORTLAND MAN

The following news item from the Oregonian will be of interest to Multnomah county people:

"When friends of the bride and bridegroom bribed their taxi driver to take them to the police station after the wedding Saturday night, Mrs. P. B. Parks, 686 East Burnside street, and mother of the bride, became alarmed. To placate the police she followed them to the station with a huge package of ice cream and wedding cake.

The bride was Miss Ruth B. Young, county public health nurse, and the bridegroom was Morris A. Gould. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. Parks by Rev. Frank L. Wemett of the Centenary-Wilbur Methodist church."

No more definite word than this has been received by friends of Miss Young, or rather Mrs. Gould, but those who are working with her on the county public health work have been assured that she will continue her work as county health nurse for some time, perhaps until June.

A student nurse will be assigned to Multnomah county right away and Mrs. Gould will stay until the assistant nurse is thoroughly familiar with the work.

Mrs. Geo. Honey, president of the Multnomah County Public Health association, says that when Mrs. Gould leaves a new nurse will be obtained to continue the work.

Mrs. Gould's husband is a civil engineer and they expect to make their home in the east.

## GRANGE CIRCUS BRINGS OUT LARGE CROWD

Nearly 400 persons attended the grange program at Orient Saturday evening and enjoyed the many numbers which had been arranged.

The whole evening was a series of most successful stunts and events and everyone expressed themselves as having a splendid time.

More than \$80 were cleared from the evening's efforts and the charges for everything was very low. Members of the grange who had charge of the arrangements express their thanks and appreciation for the generous support given them by the public and the help of all who took part in the program.

The program will probably be repeated in the near future at some other granges, but no definite dates have been fixed.

## POWELL VALLEY

The Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Anderson near Pleasant Home on Thursday, February 24th. A good attendance is desired.

The Parent-Teacher association will hold their regular meeting on Friday evening, February 25. Refreshments will be served and the ladies are requested to bring cake or cookies. The Home Maker's club will hold a home-made candy sale after the business meeting. This club which was recently organized is planning to raise money enough to send one of their number to the summer school at Oregon Agricultural College in June. A short program of readings and songs will be given and a social hour enjoyed.

Karl J. Hagberg is remodeling his home and making some changes that add greatly to the comfort and size of the rooms.

## Many Children Underweight.

Eleven of the 23 children under school age, and the 16 of the 46 in school, were found to be underweight in child conferences held in Langlois in December. The average percentage of underweight was 9.4, reports Miss Lattie Lane, who conducted the conference as arranged by the home demonstration agent, held in cooperation with the Northern Curry Community club.

## Wood, Wood, Wood.

Old growth fir on gravel road 3/4 mile south Cotton station at \$6.50 per cord or will deliver. C. D. Cathey, phone 97.

## Dressmaking.

Have rented Mrs. P. A. Gould's residence and am prepared to do all kinds of dressmaking. Miss Leitritz, phone 79x5.

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## NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

Extensive alterations have been made at our First and Alder Streets' Passenger Station and much better accommodations have been provided for our patrons.

This building is now being used exclusively by us and, in addition to the ticket office, lost articles bureau and express office, we have installed an "ELECTRIC STORE," where Mazda lamps and electrical appliances may be purchased; applications made for electric light and power, and where light and power bills may be paid.

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