

## COMMITTEE FACES QUEER SITUATION

A called meeting of Chautauqua guarantors was held last night at the library to consider steps to be taken with regard to the 1921 Chautauqua for Gresham. A majority of guarantors was present, also Lowell C. Paget, Ellison-White circuit manager, who came by invitation of the local organization to discuss the situation arising from a conflict of the date set for Chautauqua with commencement week of the high school.

Full sympathy was expressed in the meeting for the members of the senior class of the high school, whose resolutions rejecting a consolidation plan for commencement were published in the last Outlook.

Several compromises had been suggested by the local committee in a letter to the Ellison-White System early in March, all of which were rejected. It had been suggested that the Chautauqua be postponed to September, which was shown to be impossible because the circuit will have been disbanded by that time. It was also said to be impossible to postpone the Chautauqua until the 1922 season or cancel the contract or assume any deficit by the Ellison-White System.

The Gresham committee voted to secure legal advice in the matter and passed resolutions requesting relief from the difficult situation. These resolutions will receive the signatures of the guarantors and be forwarded to the Ellison-White System.

## CORN COBS ARE DIET OF HUNGRY CHINESE

That a steady diet of ground-up corn cobs and sweet potato vines is not conducive to an ideal physical condition is attested by Miss Marie Rustin, graduate nurse, well known in Oregon, who is now in charge of the Taylor Memorial hospital, under the management of the American Presbyterian mission at Paotingfu, China.

In a letter written by Miss Rustin less than eight weeks ago to the members of the Sangrael Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church in Portland, Miss Rustin tells of the appalling conditions throughout North China, where 45,000,000 men, women and children are confronted with starvation and where 15,000 are dying daily. Miss Rustin has been at Paotingfu for about three years and for many months past, like all other mission attaches and relief workers in China, has been concentrating all efforts on the task of lessening the suffering of the famine victims.

While Paotingfu is on the outskirts of the great drought-ridden famine district, just south of Pekin, Miss Rustin writes that even there all the missions and relief stations are literally swamped with the supplications of many thousand men, women and children who are half-clad in thin rags, weak from undernourishment and struggling desperately to keep alive on roots, bark or anything that offers sustenance. The situation in the heart of the famine section, she says, is simply beyond the imagination.

"We are doing all we can," writes Miss Rustin, "here in our hospital trying to build up the weakened bodies of famine sufferers who come to us in frightful condition. We are getting patients who have been trying to live on ground-up corn cobs and sweet potato vines. We have all been asked to give until it hurts, and now that it has grown so cold we do not dare to think of freezing, starving thousands right at our door. In going to a soup kitchen where we feed 670 people twice a day, I was surrounded so by the poor creatures that I thought they would crush the life out of me before I could get in and coming out it was the same way. They are so hungry and cold they are desperate. Personally I have gone without \$3 worth of milk a month that I used to use, do not eat butter at all and have only eaten bread once a day for the last three months, in order to give to the famine poor. Through this personal sacrifice I have the joy of knowing that three girls who might have been sold have been saved from a life of shame and misery and that one man will be kept alive for five months."

"A friend sent me a check the other day and I was able to save a girl from being sold and she will be put in school. Things are being started to help these poor souls, but there is a long, hard pull until the harvest time. You can all help by giving to the China famine fund and share in the great opportunities of saving life and opening the way for Christianity, for the Chinese people will surely be interested in what we have to tell them of the gospel if we are good to them now in their great trouble."

State Manager J. J. Handsaker, in charge of the executive work for Oregon for the combined China-Near East campaign, 606 Stock Exchange building, Portland, says the situation is no less serious in the near east than in China, and liberal funds must be raised for both causes if wholesale death by starvation is to be prevented, or even lessened.

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

## PLEASANT HOME GIRLS ENJOY CONFERENCE

The Western Oregon Girls' conference closed its session at McMinnville Sunday after a three-day session. Miss Faith Jones of Portland is president, Miss Gladys Turner of Portland secretary, and Miss Lucille Robinson of Forest Grove, vice president. Thirteen counties were represented in the enrollment of 310 girls between the ages of 15 and 21 years.

The theme of the conference was "Learning the Fine Art of Living" and many women of the highest type gave talks to the girls on various subjects.

One of the features was a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that a girl's influence is greater over her boy friend than her girl friend." There were no judges, but the general sentiment veered toward the affirmative.

The Messrs Anna Lennartz, Mable Sloop, Myrtle Nasshahn, and Wilma Chase, well known Pleasant Home girls and members of union high school, attended the conference and the following report was given by one of those present:

There was held in McMinnville for three days last week, the Older Girls' conference. This is under the auspices of the State Sunday school association and all Sunday schools belonging to this organization may send delegates. The delegates are girls of the ages between 15 and 21.

In McMinnville it looked as if the girls would take the town by storm. Many girls came without having registered beforehand and arrangement had been made for only 250 people, instead 310 came. The people of the town were very kind and provided entertainment for all. A person is safe in boasting for that place because in one day we had a luncheon and a banquet. Now, wouldn't you boast?

The whole conference was impressive. Several talks were given by Mrs. Ella Humbert, Dean of Women, Spokane University, Mrs. Humbert is the mother of Harold Humbert, ex-president of State Sunday School association, who has spoken several times in Pleasant Home and Gresham. Miss Elizabeth Fox, the Dean of Women, University of Oregon, also spoke. Many other ladies gave talks. They were all so nice that nearly every girl wanted to be like them.

The spirit of service for others was strongly impressed on the minds of all the girls present. The feeling of true devotion and Christianity prevailed the whole group of meetings.

Every girl there appreciated the work of Miss Georgia Parker, secretary of the Multnomah County association, who was the leading spirit of the conference.

## SCHOOLS MAY REOPEN ON MONDAY MORNING

Schools will reopen on Monday and the church services will be resumed Sunday if there are no further developments in the health situation of Gresham, Dr. H. H. Hughes, health officer, said in a statement today. There have been no new cases of diphtheria and the smallpox situation is improved and thought to be under control.

The situation might be changed during the week but it is hoped that the spread of contagion has been checked and there will be no more cases.

## FAIRVIEW PIONEER DIES AT CONDON

W. A. Townsend, a pioneer of 1846 and former resident of Fairview and Portland, died at his home at Condon, Oregon on Monday, March 21, aged 82 years, eight months and 29 days. He is survived by his widow and one son, J. W. Townsend of Fairview, both of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death.

Definite funeral arrangements cannot be made until the arrival of the members of the family with the body from Condon this evening. Announcements will be made through the Morning Oregonian.

## EX-TROUTDALE BARBER DIES AT SALEM HOSPITAL

Francis Drury, the former Troutdale barber who shot and wounded a member of the Portland police force several weeks ago, died at the state hospital for the insane, Sunday, March 20.

Mr. Drury was first committed to the state hospital from Portland about seven months ago and was later paroled. Again seized with an attack of insanity, he ran amuck, and when officers attempted to arrest him he shot one of the officers.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Josephine Helming Drury, who is employed in Gresham.

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## HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO AID ON LOOP ROAD

Work on the section of the Mt. Hood Loop Highway from Sandy postoffice to the west line of the Forest reserve will start this year if the expressed wishes of a large number of taxpayers are carried out. This was decided at a meeting held at the courthouse in Portland Monday afternoon when the state highway commissioners, the Multnomah county commissioners, the Clackamas county commissioners, the government tax supervisors and conservation commission, the district attorney, 21 selected citizens and a large number of citizens who are interested in the loop road, met in a conference to determine what could be done to get the work on the Mt. Hood loop highway started this year.

Commissioner Holman opened the meeting and introduced R. A. Booth, of the state highway commission, who spoke for his colleagues, J. B. Yeon and W. B. Barratt. Mr. Booth said that the commission was ready to match all money contributed by Multnomah and Clackamas counties for the Mount Hood loop and to start the work at once. Mr. Booth said that the commission was basing this proposition on the statements made last year through the press and elsewhere, that Multnomah had \$85,000 to put up to get the work started on the road between Sandy and ZigZag on the west line of the forest reserve.

Commissioner Holman explained that while Multnomah county did have that sum to expend last year that owing to the fact that it was not spent, it was necessary to deduct that sum from the estimated amount of the budget of this year and that therefore these funds were not available for the work at the present time. Mr. Booth said in that case the highway commission would loan the money to the county if the county would agree to repay the loan next year. This brought the heartiest applause from those present.

The Clackamas county delegation was asked to state what they were in position to do and Judge Harvey Cross of Clackamas county acted as spokesman for the Clackamas county people. "Clackamas county is going the limit in road work," said the judge. The sum of \$10,000 has already been expended for right of way in Clackamas county and more is being spent every day. Clackamas has promised to purchase the right of way in their county. It also has \$46,000 bond money; \$20,000 market road money and \$7,000 unexpended road money which may be applied to this work. This makes about \$83,000 that Clackamas is willing to contribute toward the road this year. As to future years Judge Cross would not bind his county by any promises as he said that would have to be settled by the Clackamas county budget committees from year to year. The state highway commission agreed to take chances on the ability of Clackamas county to carry out their part of the program and agreed to back them in it. There is still a little uncertainty about the legal status of the bond money of Clackamas county.

The highway commission, Mr. Booth explained, felt the proper place to start the work is from Sandy and improve the road to ZigZag so that the road which has been constructed by the government and state at a cost of \$26,000 may be made available. This road is now 87 per cent complete. The road between Sandy and the Multnomah county line was said to be in a fair condition and no one raised any objection to the statement. As a matter of fact the road is in a poor condition but the state highway commission has offered to help Clackamas keep it in shape and with proper grading and care it can be made a fair road. The grades are not bad. It is estimated that the 6.9 miles from Sandy to the Multnomah county line will cost about \$107,000.

The question of why work started

in the forest reserve was referred to George H. Cecil, district forester, who said that government aid could not be obtained in the county work but that the work must be done in the forest reserves. The original agreement of the government and state was for \$910,000 on a 50-50 basis to build the road around the mountain within the forest reserve. Mr. Cecil said that in addition to this piece of work which is known as the ZigZag government camp section, work was being done on the Hood River side where \$10,000 is being expended in clearing. The forestry department wants to contract for another six miles of grading and clearing which will leave 17 miles to be built. There is \$428,000 left to complete this 17 miles of road.

Work in Multnomah county will not be started for some time as the roads to the Clackamas county line are in good shape and it was not thought advisable to build the new road which is estimated at \$100,000 for the four miles. What the right of way would cost was not known. From Sandy to ZigZag is a distance of 17.4 miles and the estimated cost is \$503,000 which includes \$8000 a mile for macadam.

The \$83,000 from Clackamas with \$85,000 from Multnomah will make \$168,000. This matched by the state will still leave about \$165,000 less than is necessary to build the full mileage.

Mr. Booth informed the gathering that it would be better to let the 17 miles go as one job.

W. M. Davis moved that the state lend Multnomah county \$85,000 to be repaid from the 1922 county budget the money to be spent on the highway between ZigZag and Sandy. G. M. Joseph amended Mr. Davis' motion to the effect that the citizens recommend that the county commission proceed to aid and construct the road between Sandy and the west boundary of the forest reserve and for this purpose recommend the budget of 1922 provide for the sum of \$85,000 to reimburse the state and in the budget of 1923 another \$85,000 be provided for a similar purpose. All present enthusiastically supported this motion with the exception of Joseph Gagnon who did not like the 1923 appropriation. Mr. Gagnon expressed himself as being in favor of going 50-50 with Clackamas county in the proposition but did not like the proposition of taking up Multnomah's appropriation for 1923, when Clackamas county was not in a position to do likewise. It was explained that this action in no wise could react on Multnomah since if Clackamas county or the state commission did not meet the proposition the Multnomah county fund would not be used. Mr. Gagnon decided to leave his vote stand as he was not quite clear on the point.

The proposition is now up to the Multnomah county commissioners who have taken the matter under advisement. K. A. Miller, mayor of Gresham, represented this section of the county at this conference where more than a hundred persons were gathered. Whatever action is taken it is certain that the gathering was heartily in favor of the Mt. Hood loop highway and that the sentiment is strong for having the road as soon as possible. Everyone present expressed themselves as strongly in favor of a completed road by the year 1925 and earlier if possible.

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## HISTORIC CHURCH REPLACED BY NEW

The new Methodist Episcopal church at Oregon City was dedicated last Sunday with appropriate exercises by Bishop W. O. Shepard assisted by several district superintendents and pastors, among them Rev. Melville T. Wire, formerly pastor at Gresham, now, pastor of the new church.

The new church is the third to be built and dedicated by Oregon City Methodists. The original enterprise was projected in 1842, two years after the pioneer missionary work was commenced there.

The church was erected at what is now the corner of Third and Main streets in 1843-1844 and was dedicated in the latter year by Rev. Gustavus Hines. This was the first protestant church building west of the Rocky mountains.

In the late fifties, it was moved to the corner of Seventh and Main streets the motive power being a yoke of oxen owned by E. W. Swaford.

In 1890 under the pastorate of Rev. John Parsons, this historic edifice was moved to the back of the lot and superseded by a new building.

In 1903, during the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Grim, it was raised and a store building put in under it.

In 1918 an extension was placed on the building giving more store room below and a Sunday school room above. At this time the last vestige of the old first building was destroyed.

The second church building and the store under it were completely destroyed by fire on November 15, 1919.

Though the church still retains its lots at the corner of Seventh and Main streets, new church property was purchased in March, 1920, for \$8500. This is situated on the hill at the corner of Eighth and Center streets. The large residence on the property has been completely remodeled and stands ready to dedicate as a thoroughly modern and well equipped church.

Preceding the dedicatory service on last Sunday subscriptions amounting to nearly \$5000 were taken with which to make final payments on the property and building expenses and repaint the building.

That "the railroads have touched bottom and are now on the up-grade", and that "the general tone of business over the country is improving", is the statement made by Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific, when in San Francisco on a tour of inspection of the Southern Pacific lines. Mr. Kruttschnitt stated that railroad business took a turn for the better early in February, each succeeding week after that point showing a slight increase in railroad revenues. As railroad revenues provide a barometer as to business conditions, movement of freight showing that purchases are being made, Mr. Kruttschnitt expressed his belief that general business conditions are gradually getting better.

## OREGON RELIEF WORKERS HOME

Oregon's pioneer missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rambo, formerly of Baker, and for many years engaged in missionary work in India and the Near East countries, have returned to the United States on furlough. News of their return has been received by State Manager J. J. Handsaker, in charge of the combined China-Near East relief campaigns for the state, in a telegram from New York, where the Rambos landed a few days ago.

Throughout the Near East, the message states, everything is "generally amuck," with little prospect of improvement until definite action is taken by the Allies in regard to the Turk-ridden nations. Conditions in Greece and the Caucasus are touched upon, with details of the appalling situation at Batoum, where the veteran missionaries have spent several months among the 16,000 Greek refugees surviving from the thriving Caucasus colony located there before the war. The Rambos were on their way home last fall and had reached Constantinople, when the call came for them to go to Batoum and aid the refugees there until the latter could be brought back to Salonika, where the Greek government is endeavoring to make some sort of provision for returning Grecian refugees.

In letters written from Batoum, recently received by Mr. Handsaker, the Rambos tell of thousands of families being huddled together in rain-soaked tents and abandoned barracks, beset with typhus and other diseases, half-naked and starving. "And 10,000 more refugees are on their way here from Kars," the letter concludes. "These are now in the snow-covered mountains, and as many as can pull through will soon be here. What we shall do then we do not know. Everything here is unsettled and disturbing. It is considered certain that the Nationalists or the Bolsheviks, or both, will soon take the city and no one knows what will result."

## STARCH FACTORY WILL RUN AGAIN

A. Von Readen and J. W. Carroll, of Portland, have become interested in the Northwest Potato Starch & Milling company and are preparing to open the factory at Gresham and make it productive this year. J. F. Griffith, who understands the German method of starch manufacture probably better than anyone else in this part of the country, will have charge of the manufacturing end of the plant. The new men are greatly interested in the factory, see its possibilities and are backing up their interest by substantial investments. J. A. Turner was in Gresham early this week with Mr. Von Readen making the latter acquainted with the locality. Mr. Von Readen has been a successful eastern Oregon farmer and thinks Gresham is an admirable location for a starch plant and is taking up the business as financial manager with creditable enthusiasm. He states that Mr. Carroll is to have charge of the sales department. In connection with the new investments arrangements have been made for advances on credits by a Portland bank.

Additions are being made to the machinery. Three new tubs and a belt dryer are being installed which will enable the plant to conserve more of the valuable contents of the potato in the way of potato flour and starch. It is expected to start the wheels turning early next week. Farmers will be solicited for their cut potatoes, of which there are quantities in the country, and the plant expects a run lasting nearly three months. The factory has been in financial straits for about a year but adjustments have been made to satisfy all concerned and the factory now starts up with every assurance of permanent and successful operation.

## MANY COWS MAKE RECORD IN ASSOCIATION

Several Multnomah cows make good record in cow testing association. The following list of cows have made more than 50 pounds of butterfat in the past month according to the records of the Multnomah Cow Testing association:

Name	Milk	Feb. 25 days Test B.Fat
Bestie Monarch	3049	3.05 62.49
Lucy	3041	3.3 67.45
Bestie Hengervell	1834	3.3 60.52
Inka DeKol	1668	3.5 58.28
Wapato Blue Belle Hengervell DeKol	2054	3.2 75.32
Bestie Ruby Bonheur	1890	3.4 61.20
Phoebe Veeman Burlye	1674	3.3 55.24
Wayne	1498	3.6 56.92
Bestie Aggie Plum	1196	4.9 54.19
DeKol	1492	3.4 50.72

Name	Milk	Feb. 25 days Test B.Fat
Red	1162	4.5 52.28
Stein	1458	4.2 61.23

Name	Milk	Mar. 21 days Test B.Fat
Midgit	1094	4.6 50.22
Jersey	1075	5.5 59.12
Red	1229	5.1 67.77
Lassie	1196	4.9 54.19

Name	Milk	Mar. 21 days Test B.Fat
Rosa	1091	6.2 62.06
Pearl	1178	4.5 54.18

Name	Milk	Mar. 21 days Test B.Fat
Ronnie	1283	5.4 69.28
Brownie	1306	6.1 56.73
Spoty	1219	5.8 70.70
Gean	760	7.4 51.18

## T. J. KREUDER IS ACTIVE IN GRANGE AFFAIRS

T. J. Kreuder, master of the Multnomah County Pomona grange, has been a member for many years, and is one of the best known citizens of the Lents district in Portland. He has been master of Lents grange for several years, and his election to succeed J. J. Johnson was a foregone conclusion when Johnson announced that owing to having been appointed chairman of the reception committee to the national grange next November he would not stand for a fourth term as master of the Pomona. Mr. Kreuder is an Odd Fellow and one of the leading workers in the Woodmen of the World, being manager of Multnomah camp and also one of its past consuls. Mr. Kreuder was a harness maker for many years in Lents and is known to hundreds of farmers in Clackamas and Multnomah counties.—Oregon Journal.

## SANDY HAVING SERIES OF SERVICES THIS WEEK

Rev. Earl B. Cotton is holding a series of meetings at Sandy this week. Services began Monday evening and will continue until Friday. On Wednesday and Friday evenings the sermons will be illustrated with stereopticon pictures of the life of Christ as shown by the Passion play of Oberammergau. Plans are made for a special Easter program at the church Sunday evening.

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