

INSURANCE BUREAU ORDERS MANY CHANGES

A representative of the Oregon Insurance Bureau visited Gresham recently and left a trail of woe in his path. There is hardly a business house in Gresham which does not have to have some repair work done in the electrical wiring of their buildings. Many of these changes are made necessary only to conform with regulations of the Bureau and does not necessarily mean that there is any special fire hazard.

One of the concerns hardest hit will be the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company who are ordered to put lightning arresters on all of the phones of the company. It is estimated that this would cost from \$2.50 to \$3 or \$4 per phone. With 1200 phones owned by the company it would cost three to four thousand dollars to install these arresters. It is hoped that this action will not be forced by the public service commission as the increase in upkeep would be much more and the service would suffer. Secretary J. H. Puffer says that the smallest electric storm might put out several party lines and that each phone would have to be put into shape. There has never been any serious trouble from electric storms here and officials of the company feel that the outlay of several thousand dollars for equipment which would not aid, but rather decrease the efficiency of the service, is uncalled for. It may be necessary to install the arresters but the company is not in favor of such action.

New cables have been hung on Roberts avenue and Powell street recently

SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON MONDAY, AFTER VACATION

Both the grade school and Union High school will reopen on Monday after a week and a half of vacation due to the diphtheria quarantine. There have been no new cases of diphtheria and the smallpox situation is not at all alarming. Most of the cases are out from quarantine and those who are not are on the road to recovery.

All the churches are planning special services of some kind for Easter and meetings which have been postponed are being announced for next week.

Obituary of W. A. Townsend.

Wm. A. Townsend was born in Atlanta, Georgia, June 25th, 1838, and passed away at his home in Condon, Oregon, March 21, 1921, aged 82 years, 8 months, 21 days.

Although in failing health his death was unexpected. His beloved wife, and only son, John W. Townsend and great-grandson, Robert Stone, were at his bedside when the end came.

He was a pioneer of 1846, having crossed the plains, which was a 13-months' journey, with his parents. Although he was but eight years of age he remembered well the many incidents of the trials and hardships of the trip, which are related in the histories of the early pioneer life of Oregon.

The Townsends settled in Marion county, near Salem, where the father took up a donation claim.

Here William grew to manhood and was a student of the Willamette University when it was a new institution.

June 7, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine M. Blize at Union, Oregon. To this union were born two children, a son John W. Townsend, who survives and a daughter who died in infancy.

He lived in Portland and vicinity for over 30 years, moving to Condon last May.

He was united with the Presbyterian Smith Memorial church of Fairview, Oregon, when it was organized December, 1890.

William Townsend leaves to mourn their loss, his widow, Mrs. Josephine M. Townsend of Condon, Oregon; a sister, Mrs. Rosa E. Garrett, of Wenatchee, Washington; a son, John W. Townsend; three grand children, W. Earl Townsend, Mrs. Eva Stone, and Josephine Townsend; three great-grandchildren, Robert, John and Alice Stone, all of Fairview.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at Fairview, Thursday, March 24 at 2:00 o'clock, the Rev. E. Benson officiating. Duets were rendered by Mrs. A. L. Stone and Mrs. Maude Pratt. Interment was in Mt. Scott cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to sincerely thank our friends and neighbors for the many kind expressions of sympathy and the beautiful flowers, at the death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. W. A. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Townsend and Family.

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

JOHN BENJ. KERR DIES SUDDENLY WEDNESDAY

John B. Kerr, a well known resident of Gresham, died suddenly about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, March 23, in his room at the Condon hotel. "Major" Kerr, as he was familiarly known, had been in poor health for the past week or ten days but on the day of his death had spent the larger part of the afternoon in the lobby of the hotel. He was not considered in a serious condition.

A little before 6 o'clock, John Brown, a personal friend, was visiting with Mr. Kerr and while there lunch was brought to Mr. Kerr. He ate his lunch with evident relish and Mr. Brown remarked upon his appetite. When he had almost finished the lunch he suddenly leaned forward and put his hand over his heart. Mr. Brown asked if he should remove the tray from his lap but Mr. Kerr replied that he wished to finish his tea and did so holding the cup with a steady hand and not giving any sign of pain after the first paroxysm which lacked only an instant. A few seconds later he fell backwards in bed and died instantly. Mr. Brown reached to assist him, but he was dead before he could reach him. Mr. Brown called for help and a doctor was reached as soon as possible and he pronounced the cause of his death as heart failure.

John Benjamin Kerr was born in Yonkers, New York, in 1859. He came to Gresham in the spring of 1918 with his wife, Gertrude M. Kerr, who died in Gresham on September 24, 1918.

Since that time he has lived in Gresham where he has made many friends by his agreeable ways and his willingness to help in any sickness or distress.

He has always been quite reserved about his own affairs and it is with difficulty that relatives have been reached. A nephew J. K. L. Ross of Montreal, Canada, was notified and has telegraphed, putting the funeral arrangements in the hands of Mr. Brown. Friends have heard Mr. Kerr speak of two nieces in British Columbia and a brother and two sisters living somewhere in the East.

He was a member of the Bow River lodge A. F. & A. M. of Calgary, Alberta.

Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church Saturday, March 26, at 2 p. m. Rev. Albert S. Hisey and Dr. A. Thompson will have charge of the services.

The local Masonic lodge will have charge of the burial services which will be held at the Mt. Scott cemetery where he will be buried beside his wife.

RUPERT FAILURE CAUSES NO ALARM

Although the A. Rupert company is in the hands of a receiver, local berry growers have no cause to feel alarmed if the attitude of H. W. Strong who has all of his berries contracted with this company can be taken as an example. Mr. Strong expresses himself as confident that matters will be adjusted in a satisfactory manner and is certain that the cannery will be open for business this summer.

The canneries of the state have just passed through a most trying season of high costs of production and falling prices of finished products. The canneries were forced to pay, last year, the highest prices they had ever paid for raw products, both fruit and sugar, and all operating expenses were at the top of the scale. Now there is a falling market and the cannery people have been forced to hold over large stocks of canned products. The decreasing values of canned products have made conditions especially hard for the cannery company.

The death of Mr. Rupert, who had won the confidence of the financiers was probably a contributing cause of the calling in of loans which has put the Rupert company into the hands of a receiver. The plants of the company will probably be run by the receiver or if the creditors insist on a forced sale they will be sold, though this would cause a loss which it is not likely the creditors will wish. It is more probable that the plants will be managed by some one selected by the receiver or the creditors.

Mr. Strong says he is not at all alarmed by the situation but that he expects that the prices for berries will be somewhat lower than they were last year. Mr. Strong is by far the largest grower in eastern Multnomah and has a contract with the Rupert cannery for all his berries.

Florence and Guy Risher are ill with smallpox. The family are again in quarantine with the exception of Myrtle and Paul who are not staying at home. The quarantine was lifted only a few days but the family had not had a chance to take advantage of their liberty until the children came down with the smallpox and they are again quarantined.

EASTER APPEAL AND INVITATION TO ATTEND SERVICES ON SUNDAY



NEAR-EAST RELIEF FUND HELP ASKED

J. J. Handsaker, of Portland, director China Near East Relief, has received the following appeal from Major-General Leonard Wood, Secretary of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt; Secretary of the Treasury Mellon; Samuel Gompers and others, which is given to the readers of the Outlook with the hope that it may inspire generous giving:

While this appeal is for the Near East alone, I am sure it will be read by the state in the light of the joint appeal which we are making for both the Chinese and the Near East sufferers.

"The spirit of Easter is one of sacrifice. The great sacrifice of Biblical history was made then. That sacrifice has been made since in many lands by many individuals. But never in history has a whole nation made the sacrifices for the faith that the Armenians have made. It is not 'none of our business' that happens to the Armenians. They stand for a stubbornness in what they believe—and what we believe—that makes their struggle our struggle. We can

no more refuse to help them than we could let one of our divisions holding a sector in the late war be cut to pieces when we had the reserves to save it.

We have the reserves of food and money and sympathy. We can do the job—do all of it. We can do it ourselves, without being told to do it by anybody, in any company of nations. It is not a political duty, or a matter of commercial expediency. It is an opportunity—an opportunity to make our idealism a dynamic influence in the world, not just fine phrases. The man who has least among us has more than most in Armenia. It is one of the finest things in our history that, through the Near East Relief, the American people, from the richest to the poorest, unsolicited, have kept a hundred and ten thousand children in Armenia from hunger and death; have saved a whole people from annihilation, and have done it without fanfare of self-righteousness.

I, and the American men and women who sign with me, ask that this work go on. It is an American work and in harmony with the best traditions of big-hearted American generosity. It cannot falter or pause."

EASTER MUSIC AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Services will be resumed at the Methodist church Sunday morning. The Sunday school will have its regular session at 10 o'clock. The subject of the morning sermon will be in harmony with the Easter season, on the topic, The Risen Christ. Guy D. Jones will sing a solo.

The choir will give its sacred concert in the evening, rendering the following program:

Male quartet, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me."

Anthem, "He Lives Who Once Was Slain," (Lorenz)—Choir.

Anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord," (Adams)—Choir.

Solo, selected.—Jackson F. Jones. Male quartet, (selected).

H. C. McCormick, Jackson Jones, Leslie Webb, Leslie Walrad.

Anthem, "Love Divine," (Thompson)—Choir.

Solo, Selected.—Miss Oneita Webb.

Anthem, "The Choir Angelic," (Hanscom)—Choir.

Anthem, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," (Shelley)—Choir.

Solo, "Hosanna,"—Leslie E. Webb.

Anthem, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," (Wildemere)—Choir.

Let's Go!

Where? To the services at the Free Methodist church next Sunday. The Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock and there will be preaching at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Everybody is welcome. B. J. Yates is pastor.

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GRESHAM BAPTISTS TO CELEBRATE EASTER

The regular services will be held Sunday, March 27, at the Bethel Baptist church. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching service at 11 o'clock. The topic of the morning service will be "Knowing the Resurrection Power." The Young People's Union will hold their regular service at 6:30 p. m. at the evening service at 7:45. The topic will be a "Test of Manhood." The pastor, Rev. J. E. Brown, extends a cordial welcome to the public to attend these services.

ZION CHURCH WILL HOLD COMMUNION

At the Easter morning service at the Zion Evangelical church, March 27, the preaching services will be held in both the English and the German languages. The communion service will be observed. An offering for missions will be taken during the morning service. The regular Sunday school service will follow at 11:40 a. m. All are invited to attend.

Freak Calf Born.

A calf with six legs and two tails was born on the S. J. Benson place near Gresham recently. The extra pair of legs was next to the hind legs, and all six were equally well developed. The calf was unusually large. It did not live.

Tire Shop Improvements.

The tire shop of W. S. Lovejoy on Powell street is being furnished up with paint. A fine bunch of new tires has just been received from the factory.

Carload of Tractors Received.

Raker & Son have received a carload of Fordson tractors for the spring trade. The new garage is about completed and moving into the new quarters has already commenced.

RAMSER OBJECTS TO NAME OF UNION

By WALTER RAMSER. Since the coming of the balmy, warm days, the farmers are busy as beavers at plowing, manure hauling, pruning, and other such work as is customary in early spring.

E. Schwedler is putting out a considerable amount of superphosphate with his grain.

Some time ago the electric power line started another illuminating commotion near the Schwedler home, but seems to have done no more damage than burn out several telephones. Within less than three hours the company repair outfit showed up and soon had things straight.

Olaf Gran is renting the Heacock place across the road from his farm, and intends putting in several acres of early potatoes. He bought a ton of American Wonders from Ramser.

The Gaupman family is now on the Volberg farm, and the boys immediately commenced a general clean-up.

G. N. Sager of Pleasant Valley, in the Outlook of March 4, is certainly treading on treacherous ground, when he boldly asserts, that the jury system is a failure, because of the rumor that one juror prevented the hanging of a man whom Mr. Sager terms a brute in human form. It must be admitted that the present jury system could be greatly improved upon; but to advocate its abolition without suggesting a better system is nothing more than tearing down without building up something better. We would humbly ask our Pleasant Valley neighbor to kindly suggest a better way to mete out justice than through our present jury system if he knows of one, for folks are taking exception to his above quoted sweeping assertion.

In the Outlook for February 25 a certain anonymous, who signs himself "Someone who lives somewhere south of Gresham in the land of opportunity, the county with a name, Union", more or less politely claims our community to be called Union since ancient days, and guarantees his sacred honor that it will remain thereby for ages. Since possibly it is possible, though probably not probable that Mr. Anonymous is as much of a newcomer as yours truly, therefore we take the liberty to differ with him.

In the first place, the name "Union" does not seem to be more than the nomenclature of our local school district; to test this out we frequently tell people at a distance, who ask for our place of residence that we live at Union. One party bluntly asked: Where in Sam hill is that? When reply was made that it was near Damascus, he understood. Ask any agent or buyer of produce where Union is, and he will be puzzled; but all of them know Damascus, Boring and Hogan. Our neighborhood is popularly known as part of Damascus, but as previously once mentioned, the Damascus territory is so large in area, that it seemed feasible to give the north easterly part of it, consisting of the northern part of the Union school district and the southern part of Hillsview, a separate community name. The Hogan country, extending as far south as the county line, would be our north boundary, Boring would be to the east, Damascus to the south and southwest and Cutoff country to the west. Isn't that logical enough?

Now someone may say: Even though "Union" is only a school district, why not name the community after it? For this reason, that the northwestern portion of the present Union school district has rumors afloat, that there is sentiment gaining ground to create another school district in the cutoff neighborhood as soon as the new cutoff road is put through. Then a considerable slice of Union would be carved out and that would make matters confusing. Although we are very unfavorably impressed with the division plan, still it cannot be altogether ignored.

Easter is almost here, and practically no interest has been shown in the matter of a community name, so before long these news items will come under a regular name.

Mr. Schwedler put in over 20 acres of wheat some time ago, and drilled superphosphate with it. He left a check plot to compare results.

Rudolf Mullenhoff is home for Easter vacation. He is working part of his way through the agricultural course in Corvallis by getting up at 4 o'clock in the mornings and helping with milking. Rudolf is very much in love with his studies and hopes to be able to take the full course. He will leave again on Sunday.

Miss Alice Fagrellius, a sister of Mrs. W. C. Lemke, who was the last one to get scarlet fever at the Lemke home, is getting along fine and they are in hopes to be out of quarantine soon.

Potatoes have been sold for 85

MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS CERTIFIED SEED

The state of Oregon has for some time past been face to face with the fact that its seed potato stocks have been running out, and that such a thing as a pure variety of potatoes is rare indeed. Knowing that such a condition existed, and that it was rapidly getting worse, the Oregon Agricultural college set itself to the task of giving special assistance to growers in building up the quality of the average seed potatoes of the state.

The result has been a potato certification service conducted by Walter S. Carpenter, crops specialist of the Extension Service of the College, through county agricultural agents and county Farm Bureaus. Is there a real need for such service? Look at this. In 1920 a total of 130 growers in 10 counties entered 494 acres of potatoes for certification. Only 14 of those growers were able to "get by" the final inspection. These 14 men reside in four counties. There is only a total of 2670 sacks of certified seed in the entire state.

The quantity of certified seed is not great, but the quality is good. Nettle Gems lead the list with 1975 sacks. There are 225 sacks of British Queen, 25 sacks of Early Rose and 445 sacks of Burbank.

The Nettle Gems are all in Deschutes county. Multnomah county has 425 sacks of Burbanks and 15 sacks of Early Rose. In Clatsop county there are 10 sacks of Early Rose and 20 sacks of Burbanks. In Benton county can be found the 225 sacks of British Queen.

The names of the growers owning these seed stocks can be secured from the county agricultural agents in the counties concerned, as follows: S. B. Hall of Gresham, who has a list of Multnomah growers; Deschutes, D. L. Jamison, Redmond; Clatsop, E. W. McMinds, Astoria; Benton, Geo. W. Kable, Corvallis.

Every single certified potato grown in Oregon should be planted in Oregon.

MISS HILDUR SALQUIST IS BRIDE OF OSCAR HOLM

Miss Hildur Salquist and Oscar Holm were married at the parsonage home of Rev. A. V. Anderson of the Lutheran church March 10 in Portland.

Mrs. Holm is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Salquist of Powell Valley and is well known in the neighborhood where she has grown to womanhood. After a short wedding trip the young couple will make their home near Gresham.

Recent Real Estate Transfers.

John Brown announces several real estate transfers within the past week or two.

J. H. Morrison and wife of Seattle have bought the house next to J. H. Hoss on Maple avenue of Mrs. Louisa Hardwick. Mrs. Morrison is a sister of Mrs. Hoss. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Witter are living in the house at present but the Morrisons will take possession soon.

T. E. Mercer has sold P. H. Province's 2½ acres of land on Powell street adjoining the acreage recently sold to Robert Houswirth. He has contracted to build a house for Mr. Province as soon as he has completed the one he is now building for Mr. Houswirth.

Mr. Brown has sold a 2½-acre tract at Pleasant Home belong to Miss Frances Estes of Portland to Oscar Nelson of Siletz.

Four and a half acres belonging to Mrs. Jennie Stephens opposite her home at Pleasant Home have been sold to Bernard Fritsch.

cents in this neighborhood recently, and good baled starw for \$13.

On Thursday noon Ramser started digging the basement for their new house.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Klein and daughters Helen and Josephine, lately of Spokane, Washington, paid a visit to Ramser's. They were on their way to near Chehalis, Washington, where they recently purchased a berry farm. They made the trip via the highway, and reported awful roads more awful detours. But slides and continued rains did not materially dim their enthusiasm for the Columbia River highway with its tumbling waters, and overhanging cliffs, its tunnels and arched bridges, and its wonderful view of the grand Columbia. The Kleins are determined to see it again in the summer. They made the trip in their Crow-Elkhart car.

The mail man on route 3 out of Boring is making part of his route backwards, so as to go down grade through the cutoff, for not even a Ford will any longer come up that hill.

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