

TWO FORDS MAKE DIFFICULT ESCAPE FROM HIGHWAY ON RAILROAD TRACK

One of the most interesting experiences that has come to the attention of the Outlook since the big storm of Thanksgiving week is that of W. S. Raker, brother of C. I. Raker, who is known to a number of Gresham people. Mr. Raker had the unique and thrilling experience of bringing to Gresham and to his home in Portland his Ford sedan which was snowed in about 1 1/2 miles west of Bonneville. With another man, who owned a Ford coupe, and also a railroad man who understood the block signals, the cars were brought under their own power from a point near Bonneville to Portland none the worse for wear.

The trip was made on the O. W. R. & N. railroad right-of-way, and the autos were driven down the track. The two cars started about 5:30 Thursday morning and reached Bridal Veil about 7:30 with no mishaps and only one blowout which occurred on the coupe. Mr. Raker admits it was a foolhardy thing to do and is not at all sure he would try it again but it was a thrilling experience and since it ended in the right way he is glad he made the attempt.

About a week ago Mr. Raker came to Portland and then went back to take his car out, expecting to drive it to Bonneville and bring it out on the steamer Teal. Arriving there he found that he could not get the car out onto the highway and to the dock in time to catch the steamer that was making its last trip. The steamer that was taking its place could not carry cars. The only other chance was digging a road through drifts and snow up to six and eight feet deep. Between leaving his car at Bonneville for the balance of the winter and shoveling a road out to the docks Mr. Raker chose the third coming out over the railroad right-of-way. The other salesman decided to make the trip also and the two men with a railroad man who wanted to come to Portland looked up train schedules and found that there was very little chance of a train through on Thursday morning. The bridge at Herman creek was out and the work train had gone up there with a crew to repair the bridge, no other trains were running except the local which was not due until 8 to 9 o'clock.

After getting on to the railway

right-of-way there was very little chance of getting off for two wheels of the cars were between the rails and two were on the outside. The cars had to cross cattle guards, bridges, etc. Many places they went through tunnels or cuts in the snow where the sides were 12 to 15 feet high. There was no chance to get off the track and the three men were a bit uneasy for fear an unexpected train might come. They watched the semaphores and were prepared to flag the trains if necessary.

About half a mile east of Bridal Veil they found a place whereby building a couple of bridges over the drainage ditches along the highway and the railroad they could get the cars from the track to the road. They were much relieved when this was accomplished. From that point on the road was open and the balance of the trip was made safely and with comparative ease. About a half hour after leaving the track the local went east so the margin of time was not very great.

Mr. Raker, who is a district agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, was coming back to Portland on the Friday evening before the storm broke. It was raining and late before he reached Bonneville and he decided to stay over night with some friends. Saturday morning he found the rain had changed to snow and there was about 12 inches on the ground. Mr. Raker is of the opinion that had he started then he might have made it home but he waited for breakfast and the snow was falling at the rate of three inches per hour and by the time he was ready to make the start it was nearly two feet deep. After a foot or two of just soft snow, a light frozen shot snow began. It was called "taploca snow", but Mr. Raker said it was even finer and more like sago. This run from the hillsides in just the same way that sand does when one sifts it through the fingers where ever there was a steep slope or where it could run it piled up as steep slides as snow could make. The upper slopes are bare only the lower valleys full of snow which piled up like sand or like flour from a sifter which piled as high and steep as it will stand and then slides to the bottom again.

Conditions on the highway are beyond description Mr. Raker states. He said he did not believe that the highway could be opened until spring.

Above Bridal Veil there is no ice but the drifts are immense, reaching straight back from the river to the base of the cliffs in some places. Telephone poles are buried in many places and some times only the cross-pieces of 30 foot poles are visible. The longer this snow stands the harder and firmer it becomes. Being on the north side of the river it is late when the sun gets any action on the snow and the quantities of snow keep the temperature low so that it is difficult to tell when the highway can be restored to normal.

Mr. Raker said there was no truth in the reported thefts on the highway as in most cases the cars would have to be dug out of snow and ice before anything could be taken. Owners in most cases took off many parts before leaving their cars.

Seven men were lodged at the Watson Toggenberg Goat ranch in a rough camp large enough for two. Snow run into the house from the outside and made piles as high as the door knobs. On this ranch are 64 head of registered milk goats of the Toggenberg strain. Many of these are high grade registered stock, a number of which hold records of honor as producers.

Live Christmas Present.
Why not buy a live Christmas present? I have a few beautiful Hartz Mountain Roller canaries which I will let go at a very reasonable price if taken before Christmas. Mrs. Jessie Cathey, phone 97.

Old Fashioned Dance.
A dance, the old fashioned kind, that everybody can enjoy in Metzger's hall Saturday, December 10. Admission 35 cents. All welcome. Security Benefit Association.—Adv.

MARSHAL FOCH AND HIS SUITE ENROUTE TO COAST



Marshal Foch as he and his party appeared on arrival at the Union Depot, Portland yesterday. The arrow points to Marshal Foch.

FOCH IS GIVEN BIG RECEPTION IN CITY

Portland and Oregon did honor to Marshal Ferdinand Foch, of France, probably the highest ranking army officer in the world, at a banquet in the Multnomah Hotel last night. Over 500 covers were laid and without a question, it was one of the most colorful banquets ever given in Portland. A large percentage of the diners were in uniform, with here and there one clad in evening dress. The whole throng rose to its feet on the arrival of the marshal and his distinguished party, and the applause was deafening, as was also the case when Hanford MacNiden, National Commander of the American Legion, later in the evening introduced the distinguished guest and he rose to

make a short talk. People climbed on chairs and crowded out into the aisles, to get a glimpse of France's grand old man, the hero loved by the people of all the allied countries.

It was an occasion from which many will date events. Though not as grizzled as his pictures show him, the "fighter" is plainly stamped on the marshal's countenance. Beneath it all he has a friendly and peaceful appearance.

In his short talk Marshal Foch told the people that the victory might have been pushed much further, had it been wished, but to what end. It was not only the unity of the fighters, but of all the people that brought about the victory. While conditions are not as satisfactory as they could be, the same unity of sentiment by all the people that won the victory will work to the end of remedying conditions now. In closing he said, "I find myself now amongst the people of Oregon, who sent to France

some of the first contingent who entered into the war, and I therefore also find myself amongst members of the American Legion, that organization which has upheld freedom and is perpetuating American citizenship and comradeship with the peoples of all the allied countries. And finding myself among those live forces, these energetic people I again wish to pay my lasting respects and gratitude to the people of Portland and to the people of Oregon."

The escort of honor was ten Oregon veterans who had won distinguished crosses on the front. Among them was Sergeant Ross E. Read, Company D, First Engineers, who is well known here, and was formerly an employee of the Outlook office.

Among the Greshamites who attended the banquet were, W. F. Honey, John Honey, Chase E. St. Clair and A. Meyers.

The day closed with a public address in the Armory.

MRS. H. C. LARSEN WRITES OF FLORIDA CLIMATE

Mrs. H. C. Larsen, who is spending the winter in Florida, has written of her long trip from Gresham to St. Cloud. She was on the way 117 hours and 30 minutes and says that she saw many large wheat, corn, and cotton fields and hundreds of tons of beets piled up for sugar. She passed gold mines, coal mines, iron foundries. She is now in the land where pineapple fields, orange, banana and grapefruit groves are plentiful. She speaks of the "lovely gardens and a lot of fruit that I don't know the names of but that I eat and call it good." She also remarks about a variety of nut trees.

Friends here will be delighted to know that she is gaining under the effects of the wonderful climate. She writes "I don't think I have felt as well in two years. I stop to think and wonder if it is me or someone else."

JOHNSON CREEK HAS SOME FINE TROUT

A number of local people have been fishing for trout in Johnson creek lately and have caught some fine specimens. The high water has been of advantage to the fishermen and a number of 15 and 16 inch fish have been taken out.

Those who are fishing should remember that the 10-inch limit is on from December 1 to April 15 and should watch out that they are not tempted to keep any less than ten inches. The trout season closed Thursday in all streams not effected by tide water but Johnson creek like the Willamette into which it empties is in the latter class, so fishing is permissible the year round but the 10-inch limit will be enforced.

One of the state game wardens is making his home in Gresham and is under authority to make arrests.

RELATIVES OF LOCAL PEOPLE ARE KILLED

Frank and Bernice Jack, cousins of Attorney C. G. Schneider and nephew and niece of D. D. Jack, were among those killed on November 30 at Red Bluffs, California, when a Southern Pacific train struck a school bus carrying 16 high school children, killing 12 of them and injuring the others. Gill Jack, father of the victims, was a former resident of Oregon.

MEN'S MEETING AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The revival meetings at the M. E. church will continue through next week. There is a rising tide of interest that prompts the planning of three big services for next Sunday. A big service for men only will take place at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. A male chorus, plenty of stirring songs, and live topics for discussion will make this meeting of vital interest to the men of Gresham, and the community.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school are working hard for an attendance of 200 next Sunday. The classes are falling into line for a 100 per cent attendance, and new additions to make the goal, or even go beyond it.

Miss Eva Tacheron will lead the Epworth League devotional services in the study of Life Service Plans.

The pastor, Rev. A. S. Hisey will preach both morning and evening. Topic for the morning, "Clear the Way." For evening, "A Reasonable Religion."

Mr. Isaacs and Mrs. Rennison are proving themselves to be both helpful and inspiring in their leadership of the singing. Mr. Isaacs is a soloist whom you will want to hear. He will sing every evening, as well as lead the congregations in a splendid service of song.

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APPEAL MADE FOR NEAR HOME RELIEF

An appeal has been made to the Outlook by the mother of six children for heavy garments from which she can make winter clothing for the little ones. Clothing for a tiny baby is also needed.

This community has always given generous response to appeals for help for Portland charitable institutions, for China and the Near East Relief, and the Outlook believes that this mother, near at hand, will not ask in vain for assistance.

Parcels may be delivered to Mrs. C. T. Cheek, Section Line road and Taylor avenue or mailed to her at Box 65, Route A, Gresham, Oregon.

HIGH WINDS CAUSE MUCH NEW DAMAGE

A heavy wind storm, which reached a maximum velocity of 41 miles an hour at Astoria, swept over the northern and western part of the state Thursday afternoon doing much damage and putting telephones and light and power lines, which had just been repaired, in much the same condition that they were at the close of the sleet storm two weeks ago. The lines in many places had been put up only temporarily and poles were blown over. The wires were all stretched by the weight of the ice and no attempt had been made to take the slack out of the wires so many crossed wires resulted.

One of the plate glass windows at the Hessel machinery company store was broken by the force of the wind, several trees were uprooted or broken off and the roof of the Claude E. Stockton and Theodore Mercer homes, which were recently completed, were damaged. The new garage at the H. L. St. Clair home, which was under construction by F. C. Jones, was blown off of the foundations. The garage faces the south and the doors were not yet made. The force of the wind spread the east and west walls apart throwing them from two to three feet out of line.

Since the telephone lines are out of order reports can not be had from all sections, but S. B. Hall reported a number of trees down in the Fairview neighborhood. Telephone and light and power service had not been restored in that section and it was so badly damaged in the sleet storm that very little more could be broken or torn down.

W. L. Crissey of Bull Run said the wind was terrible in that neighborhood and that a number of trees fell and many branches were broken off. He did not notice any serious damage done between his home and Gresham.

Mrs. J. C. Shultz went to Bull Run Thursday morning expecting to return in the afternoon but four large trees fell across the Bull Run railroad track and there was no car service east of Cottrell after noon. She said residents of the Bull Run section did not remember a worse storm. The Bull Run neighborhood is usually free from wind storms and when Gresham and vicinity is shivering in icy blasts of east wind all will be calm and quiet there. Evidently they suffered as severely in this storm as did the local community or even worse due to the amount of standing timber.

In Powell Valley a number of small buildings were turned over, an old barn on the P. A. Johnson place collapsed and a large tree in the yard at the home of Mrs. A. A. Nordbloom fell with a crash.

In Portland numerous plate glass windows were broken, electric light signs broken and twisted. Signs of various kinds fell into the streets and in some section the walks were roped off and pedestrians had to walk in the streets.

Laurelhurst park was severely damaged as 40 of the fine firs, for which the park is noted, were broken off from eight to fifteen feet from the ground. Many others were seriously damaged.

In Salem the glass dome of the capitol building was blown in and for the first time, the flags on the supreme court building were lowered.

Oregon City, Vancouver, Canby, Grants Pass and many points along the coast reported damage by wind and floods. Heavy rains followed the storm of wind.

DAIRYMEN HAVE LIVE MEETING THURSDAY

About 75 dairymen from Multnomah and Clackamas counties gathered at the grange hall to discuss the league situation which has been disclosed by the recent call of the directors for a vote as to whether or not to liquidate at the meeting called for December 6.

Spirited discussion prevailed for the entire afternoon and interest is keen but many expressed disappointment that no more definite solution of the problem was offered.

There was a standing vote taken as to those who were willing to hold the league together and there were a very good number who were ready to stand. A number raised their hands in favor of the motion who were not enough in favor to stand. Only one man stood in favor of the proposition to liquidate. Probably one-half or more did not register a vote either way.

The Washington county delegation is anxious to keep the organization intact but are equally anxious to maintain a more direct supervision over the affairs of the organization. The final vote comes December 6.

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