

PLEASANT HOME

A special meeting of the Girl Reserves was held on Saturday, December 10. This meeting will take the place of the regular meeting on December 17. The next meeting will be held December 31 when each girl of the Reserve is requested to be present. Seven or eight members are eligible to initiation and the initiation work will be put on. Each girl is to bring some gift not to exceed 10c in cost and these will be given to the different girls in a fair exchange of some sort. Also the girls plan to have a taffy pulling bee to close the afternoon. There will be no more meetings until December 31.

The Girl Reserves plan to again sing Christmas carols to the shut-ins this Christmas. The plan now is to

sing these carols Saturday evening, Christmas eve. The girls have invited any of the young people who wish to join them on the trip to do so and the slogan is "The more the merrier."

A new set of library books has been received by the Pleasant Home library station which is in charge of Miss Lulu Eddy. Those who are interested in securing books may do so by being at the Methodist church on Saturday afternoons. Miss Eddy announces that the library will be open Saturday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 o'clock. The library will not be opened on Tuesday.

The assortment has many of the popular fiction books of the day as well as some of the more serious books. The librarian can obtain any book that is requested from the central library.

ADVOCATES CLUB FOR COUNTRY YOUNG PEOPLE

By MRS. S. D. HARDING.

Every wide-awake town or village nowadays recognizes the need of a central or community clubhouse where the young people can meet for entertainment and social purposes.

There was a time when the church and its affairs and the home entirely filled the lives of the young people, but conditions have changed, and whether we care to acknowledge the fact or not, it is nevertheless true, and since that is the case, what are we going to do about it?

Now in that district east of the fair, in the wedge of land bounded by the two rivers, there are probably no less than 200 or 250 young people between the ages of 14 and 25. What is being done for them in a social way? Nothing.

At a recent gathering between 70 and 80 boys and girls had come together for a good time. Did they have it? No, not very, for some were backward and shy, some didn't care for the sort of games started, but some of the boys who stood around doing nothing would have loved an evening at basket ball or wrestling or boxing. It is safe to wager that but few of them talked on their way home about what a glorious good time they had enjoyed.

Now suppose this community had a clubhouse. Where? Oh, most anywhere on some cross road, at Corbett or Hurlburt or Springdale, wherever some public-spirited person would give a bit of land, or sell at a low price for the public good. Surely everyone who has a boy or girl would be glad to get behind such a social proposition and subscribe to a fund to be used to build a clubhouse where both young and old could meet for the social good times that are the desire of all normal people.

The building, when built, (and it need not cost a large sum of money) would be owned by the members of the club with the understanding that on certain nights of the week the basket ball team should have its exclusive use—one night would be for the boy scouts; one for the camp fire girls; one for entertainments, plays, moving pictures or musicals, and one could be kept for the benefit of the club members for invitational affairs where some member who wished to entertain might do so with more ease than would be possible in his or her own home. It would be safe to say that the building would probably be in use from 20 to 26 evenings per month. What is of the most importance, all of these young people would have an opportunity to do some of the things they like best to do and their energies would be diverted into legitimate channels.

If the church could not keep in touch so as to direct the entire social life of all of the young people we might not need this outlet, but it is

impossible for the church to do this, so we must do our part by those the church does not reach and this is the only way we can do it.

The first voice in opposition to this plan will ask "Who is going to chaperone these gatherings?" The parents, of course. Two or three could be chosen by the board of directors who would have the management in charge, to serve on certain nights, and with the membership it would probably have, no one person would need to serve probably more than once or twice a year.

The second opposing voice will say just as they said recently in opposition to building the necessary addition to the high school: "But we are going to have to pay taxes on the fair, I don't think we ought to do anything now until after the fair."

Yes, we will have to pay fair taxes, but can't you see that these thousands of visitors who will come out through this section at that time are going to be much more favorably impressed with the community at large and much more liable to invest their cash in a section of territory where the size of the high school, the condition of farms and buildings and grade schools and the lack of weeds and thistles in the fence rows indicate a thrifty, forward-looking class of people, who have also had the welfare of their young folks enough at heart to get behind this clubhouse proposition and push it to a finish?

Now please don't dismiss this as a vision of the future. Your boy or girl will then be grown and perhaps estranged from you. Help them now.

Yes, and talk it over with the next dozen people you meet. It will do you both good.

Greetings from the King's Messenger

"Merry Christmas to you, each and all!"

Thus begins the proclamation sent from the throne of the Divine. It continues, "I, Jehovah, wish for every citizen of Multnomah and Clackamas counties the very best gifts of life on this Christmas day and every day of the coming year."

"My granary is filled with ripe, golden grain and the luscious fruits of the natural world. Enter and feast thereon."

"My Mind, the Universal, the Omniscient, has gathered the greatest thoughts of all the ages; nay—I am the storehouse from whence these thoughts came. Enter and feast upon the intellectual food of life."

"From my heart has gone forth the love which is the source of all true fellowship and friendship among men. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"From my Being has gone forth the Christ-Child, symbol of the Father's love and revealer of the path of salvation. All these blessings are provided for you. I withhold none of these things from any who will accept them. Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." All who are my children will seek.

"May you experience the joy of which the angels sang. May you possess the joy and good will they proclaimed and may this Christmas season be filled with good cheer and may the new year be crowded with increasing service and happiness."

As a messenger in the service of the King, I only act as the bearer of these thoughts and good will from God.

From my own heart goes the wish for all my friends, young or old, those whom I have known intimately and those whom I have yet to meet and know, that they may find in their hearts continually the peace which passeth all understanding.

So, as Tiny Tim said, "Merry Christmas, and God bless us, every one."

EARL B. COTTON,

Pastor Pleasant Home and Sandy M. E. Churches.



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Some years after I came to Oregon, I was principal of La Creole Academy, at Dallas. Hon. J. D. Lee, then (1884) State Senator, was its secretary, or, more properly, the executive head, for the main burden of its management rested upon him. I had a chance to study his resourcefulness at short range. When there was no other alternative, I have known him to meet demands from his own pocket.

While a friend to the institution and to education in general, he was generous and helpful to the students. Personally, I know of no other man who accommodated and aided so many young people as did he.

As a merchant for about a score of years, he helped many struggling people to their feet, sometimes carrying them year after year, that they might build up homes and educate their children.

Of his public service for the last forty-two years, in and out of the legislature, I need hardly speak. Their monuments may be seen in railroads, institutions of learning, and other constructive achievements.

He has reached the iron-gray stage of life—that maturity when calm judgment dominates impulse; when experience steadies action and directs it speedily to the largest and best results; when broad and discriminating comprehension accurately surveys the field of endeavor, discounting the unimportant, appropriating the essential and imbuing the spirit of the times.

If, at that period, mental and physical vigor are present, one can be more useful to the commonwealth than at any other time in life. This is true of Mr. Lee in a remarkable degree. He is a man of courage, moral and physical. He has an impressive personality, indicative of his reserve power and sincerity. He has never betrayed the confidence of the people and deserves promotion for the unselfish and efficient performance of his duties.

S. A. RANDLE.

Mop Stick.

Cut the old mop stick off at a convenient place, bind a number of black stockings on and use it to clean your stove.

GOVERNATORIAL RACE IS ENTERED BY J. D. LEE

Representative J. D. Lee, retiring director of the Multnomah county fair association and well known here by reason of his work for the Near East Relief committee two years ago, has announced that he is a candidate for governor. Mr. Lee is the first to have made an announcement of his candidacy.

Mr. Lee says, "I feel that I can do my native state a genuine service. My wide experience in business affairs and my long time intimacy with conditions in Oregon's public affairs should enable me to be both economical and progressive."

Mr. Lee has had eight years' experience in the Oregon senate and four years in the House of Representatives of which he is now a member. For four years he was superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary and has been active in many ways for the welfare of the state.

Prof. S. A. Randle, Grand Army man and retired teacher, writes of Mr. Lee's candidacy as follows:

A RECOMMENDATION.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 10, 1921.
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TROUTDALE

TROUTDALE BUSINESS RALLIES FROM STORM

By MRS. C. I. THOMAS

Troutdale was pretty hard hit by the November storm. Light and telephone poles were generally broken down, but repairs have been made as fast as possible and soon things will be running as usual.

At first it was thought the celery was injured by the ice but it seems to be just as good as before. The worst damage to the industry was the tie-up of trains just before Thanksgiving, preventing the heavy shipments usual at that time.

If the present mild weather continues till Christmas, much of it will be shipped yet, making a good profit to the growers. As celery growing is one of the principal industries here, many residents are interested in it. The main celery growers are Wilson Brothers, J. Simon, H. McGinnis, Jas. Spence and Japanese growers.

Dr. Cornelius has rented a portion of his Troutdale farm to Japanese gardeners, and is building a residence for them on the property. Harry Bramhall has also rented his farm to Japanese, reserving his residence.

The old Douglas farm has been divided into three parts and sold to foreigners.

While there has been little of new building in Troutdale, it has had a steady growth—quite a number of new families here, as evidenced by the larger school enrollment under the able management of Herbert Bradley, principal, and Mrs. Araminta Scott, primary. The Parent-Teacher association is alive and active, with Mrs. Morris McGinnis, president. At present the members are spending profitable time with biographies and current events.

Some changes of residence property are noted within the year. Lou Harlow has sold his residence property to Lee Evans, who expects to occupy it some time in the future. The Harlows have bought and moved into the Fred Harlow home. J. R. Knarr has bought the property down by the Sandy river formerly occupied by Wm. Crawford and family, who have moved into Mrs. Tiller's house near the postoffice. Mr. Knarr is making extensive improvements on his new purchase, expecting to sell the present home and move to the new.

The past year has marked the passing of our postmistress, Mrs. Nellie Hatfield. Z. G. Schanck is acting postmaster at present.

The Troutdale bank had its vault blown open, and the building was all but wrecked last spring, but it has been repaired, and is in business again.

As the recent Ladies' Aid bazaar was a representative affair, it should have a place in this letter. It was given December 3d, planned to be in the Highway hall, but storm conditions made it necessary for the hall to house an army of linemen and their equipment, so up to the church basement went the bazaar. The annual supper has become so popular that it takes quite a space, so the basement was considered adequate for only the refreshment tables, consequently upstairs in the main auditorium went the booths containing the articles of the Christmas sale. Nearly every family in the community is concerned in some way in this annual bazaar, and all turn out and patronize it very generously. Kind friends loaned gasoline lamps and lanterns, made kitchen shelves, tables and benches, donated coal and wood, for which, and all other help, the members are very grateful. Total gross receipts from the supper and sale are about \$230. Mrs. Wm. Spence is president of the Aid society. Net receipts are used for the benefit of the Methodist church at Troutdale, of which Rev. F. L. Smith is pastor.

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