

MILITARY COMPANY WILL BE ORGANIZED HERE

Gresham has been selected as the location for the headquarters company of the 2d Battalion of Oregon, the federalized military organization for this district, according to information received this week by C. G. Schneider from Colonel George A. White.

The company will be organized here within the next few weeks at a maximum strength of 47. For more than a year local men have been working on the proposition and it is expected that a military company would be formed here. That Gresham should have the headquarters company of the battalion is considered a distinct honor by those who are interested. For a number of months men have been signed up for the tentative organization and only a few vacancies remain to complete the company.

The 2d Battalion will have one company at Hood River, one at Cottage Grove, one at Medford and one at Portland, besides the headquarters company. Already the Portland and Medford companies are completed and mustered in. The other two companies are being formed and when they are complete the headquarters company will be organized. The commanding officer of the local company will be battalion adjutant.

Just how the officers of the new company will be chosen has not been stated but it is likely that the commissioned officers will be elected and recommended by their comrades and that the non-commissioned officers will be appointed. Officers will receive pay for their services and men will be remunerated according to the detail or drill work which they do.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The first Sunday of the year is a splendid time to renew your relations to the Church and to the Kingdom. In keeping with a long established custom the morning service will be observed by the reception of new members into the church and of announcing the transfer of the membership of others. Many have already signified their intention of beginning the new year in this fitting manner.

The topic of the morning sermon by the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Hisey, will be "All Things Made New." The evening sermon will be evangelistic in nature, the topic being "The Great Reckoning."

The choir has prepared some excellent music for both services. In the morning H. W. Strong and Miss Gertrude Alexander will sing "Hold Thou My Hand." In the evening the choir will render the anthem, "Forget Not All His Benefits." Mr. Strong will lead the congregation in twenty minutes of singing in which every one is invited to take part.

The topic for the Epworth League will be "The Heavenly Challenge." Robert Booth will be the leader.

MRS. J. J. ROBERTSON SUCCEUMS TO STROKE

Mrs. J. J. Robertson, a pioneer of this section, passed away at her home near Gresham this morning following a stroke of paralysis which she suffered about two weeks ago. She was nearly 79 years of age. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Will and Jasper and two daughters, Mrs. M. Davies and Miss Minnie Robertson.

Funeral services will be held from the Gresham Baptist church on next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. B. F. Smalley of Woodburn. Interment will be in the Gresham cemetery.

MASONIC AND STAR JOINT INSTALLATION

The joint installation of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, held in Masonic hall last Tuesday night, was one of the pleasantest affairs of the lodge year and one long to be remembered by the many members and friends present.

The impressive Masonic installation occupied the early part of the evening, followed by the beautiful installation service of Order of Evening Star. A few entertaining numbers followed and the evening closed with an enjoyable banquet.

Judge Earl C. Bronaugh, past grand master of Oregon, was the installing officer for Gresham Masonic Lodge No. 152. Geo. Kinneer, past master of Sellwood lodge and past grand steward, acted as installing marshal. The following officers were installed:

W. M., A. F. Hammar; S. W., J. E. Metzger; J. W., A. Meyers; treas., C. J. Lundquist; secretary, W. L. Gorsage; S. D., E. W. Aylsworth; J. D., Walter Metzger; S. S., A. W. Metzger; J. S., U. G. Smith; tiler, J. V. Cogswell; chaplain, Max Schneider; marshal, Geo. F. Honey.

Mrs. S. B. Hall, past worthy matron, was installing officer for the Eastern Star, with Mrs. O. A. Eastman as marshal.

The following were installed: worthy matron, Mrs. Carrie Powell; worthy patron, W. R. Johnson; associate matron, Mrs. Mildred Metzger; secretary, Mrs. Clara Pulfer; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Cameron; conductress, Mrs. Emma Smith; associate conductress, Mrs. Amy Altman; Ada, Gertrude Alexander; Ruth, Mrs. Olive Ekstrom; Esther, Mrs. Gertrude Bangs; Martha, Mrs. Minnie Aylsworth; Electa, Mrs. Gertrude Schanno; chaplain, Mrs. Anna Lundquist; organist, Mrs. Mabel Ott; marshal, Mrs. Madeline Elkington; warder, Mrs. Ellen Raker; sentinel, Glenn Bangs.

Following the installations, Judge Stapleton was called upon to preside during a short program, consisting of piano solo by Miss Florence Honey, violin solo by W. L. Gorsage, and sleight-of-hand performance by Mr. Adrian.

Two long tables had been spread in the larger hall and those present were invited to partake of a satisfying luncheon, consisting of oyster soup, wafers, cake and coffee. Short talks were made by Judge Bronaugh, Judge Stapleton, Rev. A. S. Hisey, A. F. Hammar, Mrs. Carrie Powell, and Will Congdon.

LUMBER YARD IS PUT UNDER COVER

The Jones Lumber company has expended about \$1200 on improvement on their local yard the past few months and when the work is complete, the total will be between \$1500 and \$2000.

The entire yard has been put under cover and the customers may now load lumber and other supplies in the dry. Not only this advantage is noted but also the absence of mud in the driveways adds to the convenience and comfort afforded the patrons of the company.

J. G. Mast, manager of the local yard, is in charge of the work and secures local help as needed to complete the work.

The new Ru-ber-oid roofing carried by the company is used in the new construction work.

The local yard has just received large and complete supplies of this roofing and of Pabco wall board and is prepared to supply all sorts of building material needed.

Phone want ads. to 1561.

REV. D. Q. BARRY ACCEPTS BAPTIST PASTORATE

Rev. David Q. Barry of Bellevue, Washington, has accepted the unanimous call to the pastorate of the Bethel Baptist church and the same denomination at Pleasant Home and will begin his work on New Year's day.

Rev. Mr. Barry will preach in Gresham on Sunday morning, taking for his text "Watchword for the year." This service at 11 o'clock will follow the Bible school which convenes at 10 a. m.

At Pleasant Home the service will be in the evening and Rev. Mr. Barry will take for his topic "Present Opportunities."

Rev. Mr. Barry and his wife, who is said to be a splendid church worker, will move here in the near future but definite plans will be made later.

The new pastor sends the following message to the members and friends of the two churches:

GREETING:— We are facing the New Year together, you and I. Will its burdens be a little lighter, its sorrows a little easier borne, if each is conscious of the other's interest and sympathy? Perhaps so.

The poet has truly said— "If I help you and you help me, We both are helped, that's plain to see. And I am sure (and are not you?) 'Tis what our Lord would have us do. Then when we do, we're sure that He Will help and bless both you and me. I'm sure my creed will stand it, brother; Will yours? If so, we'll help each other. Then deeds and creeds will well agree. When I help you and you help me."

In the spirit of the above, as pastor of the Baptist church I greet you, and assure you of my desire for your success and happiness. A thousand words could not convey to you more of love and sincere desire for the welfare of you and yours than I extend to you in this simple token, "God bless you."

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Your friend and brother, D. Q. BARRY.

C. G. SCHNEIDER HEAD OF LOCAL POST OF A. L.

At a well attended meeting of the Gresham Post, American Legion Tuesday, December 27, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Commander, C. G. Schneider; vice commander, H. I. Smith; adjutant, H. J. Buzick; treasurer, Milton Fox; sergeant at arms, Frank Southard; chaplain, Cecil Pulfer.

The following were named on the executive committee: A. W. Metzger, Dr. H. H. Hughes, S. S. Pugh, Roy McArthur and E. D. Raker.

At this meeting it was voted to let the ladies' auxiliary have the use of the Legion club room for their meetings at any time when the meetings of the two organizations do not conflict.

There was some talk in favor of holding two Legion meetings each month instead of only one. There was no action taken, however.

Dues for 1922 are being collected and may be paid to the adjutant at Raker's garage.

CHRIS ERI WILL BE BURIED SUNDAY

Chris Eri, well known in the Kelso neighborhood, died at the Milwaukee Open Air sanatorium on Thursday after a long illness.

The funeral services will be conducted from the Pleasant Home M. E. church at 1 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 1. Interment will be in the Sandy cemetery. Rev. S. F. Pitts officiating.

The advertisement tells and the display sells.

WAR TAX ON EXPRESS WILL BE ELIMINATED

The public will save approximately \$1,500,000 a month as a result of the elimination of the war tax on express shipments, according to Geo. C. Taylor, president of the American Railway company. An announcement to this effect was made today by Burt Northrup, the local express agent.

The "Revenue Act of 1921" eliminates the war tax of one cent on every twenty cents and fractions thereof in transportation charges on all express shipments. This tax during the year of 1920 amounted to \$17,502,918. The average transportation charge for each express shipment was approximately \$1.50 and the average war tax for each shipment was eight cents. The elimination of the tax, therefore, Mr. Taylor states, will virtually amount to a decrease in rates of a little over five per cent. Mr. Taylor believes that this should have a tendency to stimulate business and thereby accelerate the rapidly improving conditions throughout the entire country.

"The American Railway Express company handles approximately one million shipments a day or nearly four hundred million shipments a year." Mr. Taylor goes on to say, "The elimination of the tax will relieve the American Railway Express company of an immense amount of labor which has been involved in calculating, entering on waybills and collection of tax, not to mention the expense of checking and accounting entailed."

The treasury department has requested express carriers to advise all claimants who have claims pending, for overcharges, or who file such claims after December 31st, 1921, that claims for refund of tax should be filed separately on Treasury Department Form No. 46, with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue within four years from the time tax was paid, claim being barred by statute of limitations if received after such time.

Mr. Northrup pointed out that as the Revenue Act becomes effective January 1st, 1922, the tax on all shipments forwarded "prepaid" on or before December 31st, will be collected. On shipments forwarded "collect" and arriving on or after January 1st, the tax will not be assessed.

JAPANESE SERVICES INTEREST MANY

Services in the Japanese language were held at the Free Methodist church on Wednesday and Thursday evening of this week by the Rev. A. Youngren of Seattle, for 18 years a missionary to Japan. Much interest was manifested by the local Japanese and both evenings some of their number accepted Christianity.

It was planned to have the meetings continue indefinitely but on account of extensive plans by the Japanese to celebrate the New Year festivities, it was decided that no more meetings would be held for them until February, when Mr. Youngren will return to take up the work.

The usual services of the Free Methodist church will be held next Sunday by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Hopper.

Dignity is something that a man puts on after he has lost an argument.

The difference between a good and a bad doctor is that the former sometimes knows that he does not understand a case and the latter never does.

WM. R. BUTLER DIES SUDDENLY AT CORBETT

William Richard Butler died at the home of his uncle, D. G. Butler, at Corbett on Wednesday after an illness lasting only a few days. He had only been ill about a week and was not considered in a serious condition until the last few days.

Mr. Butler's father, Richard A. Butler, is in the northern part of Canada and will not be here for the funeral. There is also one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Mills of Zillah, Washington, who survives him. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Butler are residents of Fairview. Mr. Butler was 22 years of age.

Mr. Butler has lived in Fairview until recently where he was city recorder until a few weeks ago when he resigned his position. He also was well known for the work he did as cow tester in this part of the county. He was a graduate of Union High School No. 2 of the class of '19 and took post graduate work in the school the following year. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Troutdale and also one of the charter members of the Ross Post, Sons of Veterans, at Gresham. In this latter organization Mr. Butler was treasurer.

The funeral services will be conducted from the Methodist church at Fairview Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. A. S. Hisey. Interment will be in the Evans cemetery at Corbett where his mother is buried.

Co-operation Among Dairymen.

Liquidation of the Oregon Dairymen's League is to be simply the preliminary to a new organization which will profit by the mistakes of the old. The merits of co-operation have been too well proved for one failure to cause abandonment of the whole system by the dairymen. Not all districts in Oregon were included in the disrupted league, for some successfully practice the system independent of the league.

The causes of the old league's failure are not hard to discover and avoid. It was started on too large a scale by trying to cover too wide a field in its infancy. It was inadequately financed and it undertook to operate too many industries, probably paying too much for them. By centralization it brought the local interests of districts into conflict. Add to all this the personal enmities and ambitions of the officers, and there was plenty of material on which the league's enemies could work.

But co-operation in the farming industry has come to stay, for adversity has taught the farmers the necessity of stopping every leak on the journey of their products to the consumer, while spread of information as to the cost of present methods of distribution has proved that these leaks are many. The great boon that co-operation has been to the fruitgrowers, poultrymen and potato growers of California shows that this system, well organized and managed, stops these leaks and pours much money into the pockets of producers, whence it spreads prosperity through whole counties. With the aid of such able men as the dairymen have called into their councils they should be able to organize as successfully as their neighbors to the south. They will doubtless avoid the mistake of over-centralization and build up from local leagues on the federal plan.—Morning Oregonian.

Matinee Gresham Theater 2:30 Sunday.

The "Money Changers" a powerful drama of New York life—the glittering splendor of the richest city's highest society and the colorful mysterious drug-laden atmosphere of the oriental underworld. A wealth of pathos, humor, romance and warm human qualities. Saturday and Sunday with New Year's matinee.

Nothing saddens an older person like seeing two young people marry who, he thinks, are bound to make a failure, and few things irritate him so much as to find out later that they haven't.

Rich men don't really deserve as much sympathy as some poor men think.

PETER LENARD, Tailor.

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR GRAPHICALLY PORTRAYED BY THE OUTLOOK'S STAFF CARTOONIST, PARKS

