

NEW GYMNASIUM IS DEDICATED

A large audience was present at the dedication exercises held in the new Union High school gymnasium Friday evening. Practically all of the temporary seats arranged on the main floor were filled and many of the students occupied seats in the balconies running along each side. The program announced in a former issue of the Outlook was carried out with one or two exceptions. Superintendent W. C. Alderson was unable to be present on account of the fog.

After the opening musical numbers by the high school orchestra, a fine address of welcome was made by Wm. McAllister, president of the student body. He expressed the appreciation of the school for the large attendance on the occasion and also voiced the feeling of the school when he told how proud it was to have such a fine gymnasium. During his talk he mentioned the fact that Principal Roy E. Cannon expects to place a drinking fountain at his own expense.

W. C. Lawrence, chairman of the school board, gave an interesting talk that was right to the point. He spoke of his regret at the inability of Mr. Alderson to be present but said that if Mr. Alderson was present he would ask him if he couldn't bring himself in closer touch with Union High so Mr. Alderson would realize to a larger extent what a wonderful institution it really is. Mr. Lawrence again expressed the wish that Mr. Alderson could find time to make more visits to Union High and come as a host and not as a guest.

Much praise was given Mr. Freeman, the architect, for the new gymnasium, and also the contractor, Claude Stockton. The two men were afterward introduced to the audience by Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Stockton was given special praise for making additions to the building that were not included in his contract. The work of Floyd L. Mack who did the electric wiring was also praised. Mr. Lawrence quoted Mr. Freeman as saying that it was the best job of wiring he had ever seen.

All of the numbers on the program were a credit to the two educational

institutions, the grade and high schools, which they represented. The high school orchestra played some beautiful numbers. Several new members have recently joined the orchestra. Marian Clow captivated the audience by her singing which was accompanied by the stringed instruments and the piano. A high school girl's trio furnished additional musical numbers not on the program.

Some new stage scenery enhances the appearance of the stage. A number of Gresham business and professional men have added a good cause by purchasing an asbestos curtain for the stage. Those who subscribed toward it are the Bank of Gresham, Columbia Brick Works, A. W. Metzger & Co., Dr. H. V. Adix, Geo. W. Stapleton, Bishop Bros., Hessel's Farm Machinery Co., Jones Lumber Co., Raker & Son, Outlook Publishing Co., Gresham Drug Co., L. L. Kidder Hardware Co., Walrad Mercantile Co. and Chas. Cleveland.

The new Union High gymnasium is not only going to serve as a gymnasium but as a community hall as well. This was made known by Mr. Lawrence when he said the people of Gresham should feel free to use the gymnasium whenever it was not already being used for school purposes. Mr. Cannon made the announcement that a ladies' gym class and a men's class are to be organized the first of the year. All men interested in gymnasium work are asked to meet at the high school, Tuesday evening, January 2, and the ladies are to meet there on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1923. The leaders will be chosen from the high school teachers.

The new gymnasium building is 112 feet long and 60 feet wide. It is constructed of hollow tile. The stage is 24 feet deep and is equipped with dressing rooms and shower baths on either side for the boys and for the girls. The main floor is of hard wood. When the chairs arrive which are to be shipped from the east, there will be sufficient space on the main floor to seat 1000 people and there is room for an additional 300 in the balconies.

A sum of \$20,000 was furnished for the building of the new gym and for equipping the old one with classrooms. This was not found to be sufficient to build the new building and complete the work on the new classrooms but the latter will be used as they are until more funds are secured to complete the work.

MULLENHOFF BARN BURNED TO GROUND

The quiet of the Christmas night was disturbed about 12:20 last night when the siren in Gresham sounded once announcing a fire. Information over the wires announced that the barn of H. G. Mullenhoff, a farmer living about a mile southeast of Pleasant Home, was on fire. Several automobile loads of men carrying the fire chief and some of the firemen hurried to the scene.

The barn was housing the Mullenhoff herd of thoroughbred Holsteins and among others, the famous champion milk producing cow, Stanhope Beile Johanna. She was one of the first to be taken to safety. All of the other stock was gotten out with the exception of a young heifer calf and a young steer. One cow, however, was quite badly burned before she could be gotten out. A team of horses in the barn was also rescued.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullenhoff retired for the night at about midnight and shortly afterward they saw a light in the barnyard and discovered the barn to be on fire. It was impossible to tell just what part of the barn it started in but it was thought to have broken out in the loft of the barn. While the

cattle were being taken to safety, the burning hay kept falling from above and making the work more dangerous and difficult.

There were 22 head of stock in the barn and enough hay and straw to keep them over winter. The total loss has not yet been estimated. There was some insurance. The old barn that was in use before the new one was built is being repaired and will be put into use for housing the stock.

Perhaps one of the greatest losses from the fire was that of the month's milk record of Stanhope Belle Johanna. She was on a second milk record and the records for the past month were in the barn and were burned. The cow would have finished her year's record next July. What effect the loss of the papers will have is not known. It is thought it will be hard to continue the test, even if it were possible, on account of the loss of all of the hay and feed. The cow is at present making her home in the garage.

The barn and contents is said by the insurance company to be a complete loss. The latest report also gives the complete loss of three head of stock and several others badly burned.

POULTRY SPECIALIST HOLDS MEETING

H. E. Cosby, poultry extension specialist, was to have arrived in Gresham Friday morning and have held a meeting at 10 o'clock on the J. H. Lindgren farm on the Boring road but the train which brought Mr. Cosby into Portland was five hours late. He reached Troutdale at 11 o'clock which was too late for the morning meeting and early for the afternoon meeting. He spent his spare time visiting some poultry farms that have been having difficulties.

A meeting was held at 2 o'clock at the E. A. Priest poultry farm near Multnomah station. There were about 25 interested persons present. Mr. Cosby gave a splendid talk on feeding of poultry for winter laying.

A lion in business is often a bear at home.

EDITORS WILL CLIMB HOOD NEXT SUMMER

The State Editorial association has accepted the invitation of Hood River to hold the 1923 editorial convention in Hood River at the time of the legionnaires' annual Mt. Hood climb, sometime in July. The invitation of the city and American Legion Post is backed up by practically all the organizations of the city, its two newspapers and its hotels, including the famous Columbia Gorge hotel, built by Oregon's grand old man, S. Benson.

While the event is six months away, the editors and their helpers are anticipating a great old time.

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Smallest Elephant Arrives in U. S.



Captain E. A. Cunningham went into the African French Congo and captured this pigmy elephant which he brought to the New York zoo. "Mumba" weighs 300 pounds, is now three years old and fully grown.

ORCHARDIST TELLS HOW TO PRUNE TREES

W. D. Morehouse and J. H. Spaar, of the Morehouse Orcharding company of Woodstock, Portland, were in Gresham last week looking after orcharding work in this vicinity. They do not handle nursery stock but are expert orchardists, specializing in fruit trees. There are many unproductive orchards and many that are far below standard, hence they are finding a large field for their skillful work.

They have individual methods of treating unproductive fruit trees which makes it possible to guarantee a good crop, weather conditions permitting.

This seemed to the Outlook so necessary and beneficial a work that Mr. Morehouse was asked for suggestions that would help orchardists, and Mr. Morehouse has written for the Outlook the following on pruning:

Beginning with the first of the new year, the next year's fruit crop, although still in embryo, will begin to shape itself, through the first channel of helpfulness that may be applied to it, namely, the cutting away of all useless wood and thus increasing the natural flow of the life-giving sap for the sustenance of the fruit producing spurs. Nature seems to have provided enough sap, and no more, hence the need of careful pruning. To start right is to end right, hence the need of a full knowledge of the natural tendencies of each variety, for the Newtown apple has habits, all its own, and refuses to stay put, out of its natural sphere, as do many of the other varieties. Treat them according to their natural inclinations, and there's no mistake made.

Keep the open center, as it has proven itself most valuable to the proper maturity and coloring of the fruit. The Baldwin, one of the most susceptible to non-production of all the varieties, should be severely pruned, as it will go entirely to wood unless thus treated. I do not apply the term prune, to the act of cutting back (a sure means of producing more top), for generally speaking there is a sufficiency of top in all our bearing orchards, with no necessity for more to thus hamper production.

I often see great tops cut away, simply de-horned, with but one chance in view, namely, the growing of a new top to take the place of the old, with a loss of from three to four years in the matter of production. In neglected orchards, where the prun-

ing has been long neglected, fully one-half, sometimes more, of the wood is cut away, to force product. Cut close, to allow of rapid healing of the wound, and cut in line with the tree, that no stubs are left to disfigure it.

To prune means to thin out, taking the whole limb, clean to the body, leaving plenty of room for sunlight, for it does not take a very large top to produce an abundance of choice fruit. The very best is never too good, hence our every effort to eliminate the spurious. A work well begun is half done, so be very sure that the trees are fully dormant when pruning begins, generally January 1st, sometimes where we have had a warm fall, delayed to February 1st, when the leaf system will all have fallen. This sign may always be depended upon, for the trees at this time have entered upon their winter's rest. All sap sprouts that have missed the summer pruning should not be overlooked in the winter, for the object is to eliminate all extra surplus, and thus conserve the energy of the tree for fruit.

All pruning should be done before the orchard has had a coat of lime and sulphur applied, and all the branches burned, for they are a family of idlers, are most susceptible to disease and vermin. When the time comes for summer pruning, generally July or August, all lateral growths that have appeared should be taken away, for enough is, or should be, formed in all cases, and since the top formation is sufficient, no more is required. Where, in new plantings, a low top is required, which seems to recommend itself in most cases, cut to 18 inches, or about to one's knee, and always cut to a bud. Cut slanting, away from the bud and thus insure the first beginning of top. Second year, cut to three shoots and cut back the tips. Third year, leave five or six and cut back. Fourth year, enough top will appear to supply all necessary limbs for a perfect top, except in some few cases where dormant buds have failed to mature, when the cutting back system is still followed. Prune all branches, in forming tops, so that no two are directly opposite to each other, thus reducing the strain upon the tree and all tendencies to split.

All peaches, nectarines, apricots and prunus simonii, should wait until spring for their pruning, for it is at that time that dead branches appear, which may not be seen in the winter time, and the good would be sacrificed with the bad. Let the buds show color, before pruning, and nature does the rest, for all dead wood comes off under the pruning shears.

BAPTIST CANTATA MUCH APPRECIATED

The Christmas season was truly a joyful one and will be remembered as a most enjoyable event by the members and friends of the Bethel Baptist church. The Christmas tree and decorations made the church a real beauty spot. The Sunday school program was given Saturday evening. At the close of these exercises the Rev. D. Q. Barry made an appeal in behalf of Astoria and an offering was then taken which amounted to over \$20.

The church decorations were so arranged that it was not necessary to make any change in preparing for the Sunday services. A large audience gathered to hear the choir sing the Christmas cantata entitled "The Light of the World." "Silent Night" was also sung. The beauty of the song was increased by the use of pretty colored lights on the tree while all of the other lights were turned off.

At the close of the singing, Rev. Mr. Barry, who had returned from Pleasant Home, gave a brief resume of the year's work and in a few well chosen words, expressed his appreciation of the work being accomplished by the choir, the pianist, Mrs. Mable Clow and the leader, H. W. Strong.

A Recommendation.

"I saw the doctor you told me to see."
"Did you tell him I sent you?"
"Yes, I did."
"What did he say?"
"He asked me to pay in advance."

MULTNOMAH GRANGE ELECTS OFFICERS

New officers for the coming year were elected last Saturday at the regular session of Multnomah grange and occupied the all-day session. The officers elected were R. L. Anderson, master; Joe Albel, overseer; Mrs. George Alder, lecturer; M. H. Wheeler, steward; Max Kligel, chaplain; Miss Elva Dolan, chaplain; Mrs. Bertha Ault, secretary; Mrs. Sarah Wheeler, treasurer; George Alder, gatekeeper; Mrs. Anna Thompson, Ceres; Mrs. Ida Anderson, Pomona; Mrs. Inez Lauderback, Flora; Mrs. Mary Kligel, lady assistant steward.

An executive committee was appointed consisting of M. H. Wheeler, Al Stafford and Max Kligel. An athletic club has been formed at Orient which claims 150 members with William Everett of Gresham as president. The club expects to rent the grange hall to have a place in which to play basket ball and other indoor games, and also for entertainments.

Slack Scheme.

"Our mamma is very kind to us. Every time we drink our cod-liver oil without crying we get a dime each."
"And what do you do with the money?"
"Mamma buys more oil with it."

Speaking of Furniture.

June Bride—"I would like to buy an easy chair for my husband."
Brother Williams—"Morris."
"No, Clarence."

PIERCE BUTLER.



Whose nomination to the U. S. Supreme bench by President Harding has aroused a storm of criticism. Mr. Butler is from St. Paul. He was formerly a corporation attorney.

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS AWAKE GRESHAMITES

People of Gresham were awakened early yesterday morning by the sweet strains of Christmas songs sung by a band of carolers. This is believed to be the first time this quaint and beautiful custom has been observed here and it came as a complete surprise to many who were early aroused by the singing.

The arrangements were somewhat informal and about sixteen voices were asked to participate, fourteen of whom responded. These met at 5 o'clock and arranged themselves in three autos. The drivers were, Miss Florence Honey, Dr. Will Ott and H. L. St. Clair. Practically the whole city was covered in a little over two hours, ending with a treat of chocolate and toast at Withrow's.

The list of carolers is as follows: Florence Honey, M. E. Quigley, Gertrude Alexander, Dr. Will Ott, Myrtle Rusher, Ed. Rusher, Doris Zimmerman, Oliver Gill, Willene and Eleanor Botkin, Catherine Bailey, Helen Hisey, Winifred St. Clair and H. L. St. Clair.

CHRISTMAS AT GRESHAM GRADE SCHOOL

The assembly room at the grade school was the scene of some very interesting school exercises last Friday afternoon when Christmas was ushered into the Gresham grade school. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion in the season's colors and numerous Christmas trees were placed about the room. One tree, more imposing looking than the others, was lighted during the program to the great delight of the younger pupils.

Santa Claus arrived at the schoolhouse promptly at 1:30, and began his pilgrimage about the building, visiting various rooms and spreading Christmas cheer as he went. By this time quite a large audience of patrons and friends had gathered for the exercises. Two hours were spent in a festival of song and recitations, interspersed with addresses by a number of local pastors and by the principal. The marked feature of the afternoon, however, was the true Christmas spirit which prevailed with all present.

Many excellent numbers were given by the various grades. "Holy Night" which was sung in three parts by the boys of the seventh and eighth grades was especially well given. This was their first appearance before the public. They will hereafter be designated as the Boys' Glee club.

The numbers on the program were invocation, the Rev. A. S. Hisey; song, "Christmas Time Has Come Again," entire school; "Santa's Visit," second grade. The program was here interrupted by the arrival of Santa Claus who came laden with candy and gifts for the children. The next numbers were, "Christmas Story" by fifth grade; address by the Rev. D. Q. Barry; "Christmas," first grade; "Joy to the World," sixth grade; address by the Rev. A. S. Hisey; "Christmas Song," first grade; "Jolly Old Santa Claus," fourth grade; "Santa Claus Land," third grade; "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," and "Dance of the Sugar Plums," Girls' Glee club; address by the Rev. E. D. Blackman; "Holy Night," Boys' Glee club; "Kris Kringle," Lois Kelley; Christmas carol, "Jingle Bells," entire school; address by Principal C. M. Quicksall.

Street Car and Truck Collide.

Another instance of a street car and a truck happening to be in practically the same place at the same time occurred last Saturday afternoon when a truck owned by a Mr. Thomas of Sandy collided with a Bull Run street car where the Powell Valley road crosses it east of Gresham. No one was hurt but the truck was badly damaged. It looked to be almost beyond repair but Ekstrom Truck Service hauled it into Gresham and the work of repairing it has commenced.

Oregon is planning 445 miles of road improvements.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH POTATOES?

To the Gresham Outlook:—During seasons, when the conditions for marketing potatoes are like they are starting for the season of 1922, we all begin to look for someone to blame for our trouble. The buyer blames the grower; the grower blames the buyer; they both blame the fellow at the other end; and the public blames them all. We all suffer together and we are all somewhat to blame for the very unsatisfactory conditions, for we all could help to change them for the better if we were willing to be fair and remove as far as possible the cause for blame that is nearest to us.

A Few Observations.
We will try, in as fair a way as possible, to show how the grower can help to clear himself of his share of the blame, and at the same time increase his net income from his potatoes enough to surprise him.
We must all admit that at present (December, 1922) there are more potatoes being thrown on the market (we use "thrown" advisedly) than the market can take care of at a price that will leave anything as a profit for the man who grew the crop. When we say that there are too many potatoes being thrown on the market, we mean just that! Too many bushels; too many kinds; and worst of all, too many culls.

And it too often happens that there are too many varieties in the same bag, and sometimes it happens that the bag does not contain any of the variety that the ultimate buyer expected to get, or that he agreed to pay for.

We expect to point out at a later time how the growers of this section may help to remedy the condition as to mixture of varieties.

At this time we will take up another phase of the situation that is of equal importance, viz.:
Cost of Production and Quality.
We believe that the cost of producing a bushel of potatoes is too great, and also that the quality of the product is too low. We will try to show how the growers can, by consistent cooperative effort go a long way toward helping to turn a losing proposition into an effort for gain.

We will all agree, I think, that the cost of production, under ordinary methods is practically the same per acre, be the yield large or small. That being so it would naturally follow that if we can cut down our expense per bushel, there will be more likelihood of making a net profit.

It is our belief that the average potato grower is planting too many acres of potatoes each year and paying too little attention to the quality of the potatoes that he is raising.

We also believe that it has been conclusively proven that there is bushels of high-grade potatoes, that can be sold at an advance over the market for seed, from one acre than there is in harvesting 600 bushels of poor grade of potatoes, that are a drag on the market, from three acres. Now the question very naturally arises, how may we bring this about? The most successful way to bring this about that we have had an opportunity to check on is by cutting the acreage to a basis where the grower can take the time to go over his entire acreage and rogue out the diseased plants. And these plants should be dug out thoroughly and the vines and all taken from the field.

The grower should grow a "Seed Plot" each and every year, planted with "Hill-Selected" seed, from the very best yielding, disease-free hills.

Why Cut Down the Acreage?
We will answer this by stating some things that have come under our observation. We have seen men, who were raising a large acreage of inferior potatoes year after year, with only indifferent success, cut their acreage practically one-half and raise the quality of what they did raise to the standard of seed stock, and thereby increase their yield per acre to a point where the raising of potatoes became a profitable undertaking.

There is another point that should not be lost sight of, and that is this: Whenever a grower does as indicated above there is always some show for him to sell his crop for an increase in price over the price that he would be able to secure for his poor crop of inferior potatoes, because these disease-free, high producing strains of potatoes are really very much superior for table use and are nearly always in demand for seed stock, at an advance in price over table stock prices.
Signed, YELSAI.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET

The postponed meeting of the missionary society of the Bethel Baptist church will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. Q. Barry. The program will consist of readings on the work among the Negroes. Some of the titles will be "Our Northern Negro," Christian Centers," "Spelman Seminary," "New Neighbors," and "Baptist Schools for Negroes." Reports will also be read of the work of the past 50 years among this race of people. Charts will be given by four young ladies. Mrs. D. Q. Barry and Mrs. J. N. Clananah will sing a duet.

Refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

In the Class-Room.

Well-filled college class-room in session. Very serious Professor, addressing student, who is in the rear of room:
"Mr. Smith, can you tell us something of the iron age?"
"I'm a bit rusty on that subject, Professor."
Class immediately disorganized.

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