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**CITY IMPROVEMENT.**

Already many thousands of feet of new cement sidewalk have been laid in Gresham and much more is due to be done during the next few weeks.

In the notices given by the council to property owners, ordering new walks, the time limit set for the work to be completed was September 1. How those who will be found delinquent on September 1 will get by with the council is not known, but maybe they can give good excuses and get an extension to time. Much of the work already begun will not be completed but the evidence of beginning will show good faith.

It is a good excuse that local contractors have been swamped with work during the summer and help has been hard to secure. Some of the most urgent building will soon be finished and men skilled in cement work will be more available.

Most of the new walk laid, so far as observed, shows good workmanship and will not have to be renewed for many years.

Good walks will greatly improve the city's appearance.

There is one thing the Outlook would again respectfully urge upon the attention of the city council, and that is the condition of Hood avenue at the crossing of the P. R. L. & P. tracks.

This small piece of road between the main track of the Bull Run line and the switch track is simply abominable and has been for many months. Last summer it was poor, last winter almost impassible for autos and this summer it is very disagreeable if not dangerous to drive over. And the rainy season is again approaching.

If it is up to the city to fix it why should it not be done? If it is up to the electric company why can they not be induced to do it?

The traffic is heavy at this point. It does not add to the good name of the city to have citizens, country people or strangers getting unexpected and unmerciful jolts, endangering autos, if not lives, when driving over its public thoroughfares.

**BURNING SCHOOLHOUSES.**

The burning of schoolhouses is about the most despicable business imaginable and he must be a fiend indeed, and capable of any crime against humanity who would find any degree of pleasure for his depraved nature in such an act.

No argument or motive can be thought of which would justify such a crime. A school is public property. It exists to further individual enlightenment and public wellbeing. Hence to deliberately destroy public property which represents the intellectual and moral uplift of a community and nation is most reprehensible.

The only explanation is that the perpetrator of so meaningless and despicable a crime is a prevert, degenerate, pyromaniac, and should be behind the walls of an asylum.

If the recent Glencoe school fire was of incendiary origin and the work of young boys, as indications strongly suggest, then the boys are starting early on desperate careers which must certainly land them sooner or later behind the bars of prison or asylum.

The crime against public property is next to the crime against human life and when the perverted victim is found he should be severely dealt with.

**Drunken Drivers.**

Drunken drivers of automobiles are the worst menaces of the highways. Every day careful drivers are crowded off the roads into the ditch, some are killed, some are hurt and some cars are wrecked. And the drunken drivers get away. Sunday several automobiles were crowded off the roads, evidently by the same driver. That is only one case. It happens every day.

It has come to the point where conscientious drivers fear to go out on Sunday, risking the lives of themselves and their families because drunken drivers and reckless drivers are on the highways. On some roads there are more of these than in pre-World days. Bootlegs or patrons of bootlegs are making the roads unsafe.

Clean them up. Drunken drivers should be made to understand that they will not be tolerated. This is work for the state troopers, and motorists can help. Whenever a drunken driver menaces public safety it is a public duty to help apprehend him. Get his number, telephone ahead so that officers can watch for him. It may not always succeed, but it will aid.

And the man who menaces life by driving when he is drunk should be prevented from repeating his offense. Something must be done to make the highways safe for decent drivers. —Albany News.

**National Champion and Only 17**



Helen Wills, 17 year old California girl, is the new National Women's Tennis Champion, defeating the seven time champion, Mrs. Molla Mallory, at New York last week, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Now the youthful star is returning home to take up esthetic dancing to improve her footwork upon the courts. She will not play in any more tournaments this year.

**WHAT A SMILE DID.**

The Oregon Journal comments editorially on "What a Smile Did." The story is told of a man and his wife and children who went from a New England farm to the great city. Soon the family was destitute and the baby took sick and died. The big policeman on the beat passed the place of residence and always had a smile for the people he met. He was the only one among the confusing crowds of the sad father could call friend. He sought the policeman at the nearest precinct station but could not find him. He told the story of his need to the sergeant. The policeman became interested, contributed to the man money and assistance. Others heard of the circumstances and helped. The dead child was given a decent burial and the man was given work.

This was not paraded in the papers and a reporter accidentally caught a remark which gave him the story of what a smile and a pleasant word had brought about.

This story might be duplicated, perhaps, many times. It is not the kind of act that seeks publicity but it serves to remind all that the cheery smile and the quiet, helpful attitude is not forgotten by the one whom it helps nor is it unnoticed or unrewarded by angels who record the true story of every life.

Man is rightly called an animal. He grows like a bear when dinner is not ready and purrs like a cat after he has eaten it.



**An Invitation to the JOYMAKERS' PICNIC**

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**THE FEMALE STRANGER**

VISITORS to the cemetery attached to St. Paul's church in Alexandria, Va., seldom leave without examining the inscription upon a handsome monument which is one of the outstanding pieces of interest in the city as well as one of the most baffling riddles of identity which the passage of more than a century has failed to solve. This inscription comprises within a few lines all that the world knows of the woman in question, for it reads:

**TO THE MEMORY OF THE FEMALE STRANGER**

Whose mortal sufferings terminated on the fourth day of October, 1815, aged twenty-eight years and eight months, this stone is erected by her disconsolate husband in whose arms she breathed out her last sigh, and who, under God, did his utmost to soothe the dull, cold ear of death.

That is all—and the most determined efforts of the residents of Alexandria during the first half of the last century, failed to throw the slightest light upon the mystery.

The facts in the case are few, but such as they are, they are supported by the unassailable evidence of a number of persons who were eyewitnesses to the brief public appearance of the "female stranger." The brig Four Sons docked at Alexandria on July 25, 1816, en route from Halifax to the West Indies. The Virginia city was not a port of call on the regular route, but the captain stated that one of his passengers had been taken dangerously ill and that her husband had demanded that she be put ashore at Alexandria, where a boat was lowered, and a man and woman, the latter apparently very ill, were taken ashore.

Despite the heat of mid-summer, the woman wore a heavy black veil, and her husband secured the best suite in the Inn of the Bunch of Grapes, as well as the services of a well-known physician whom he engaged only after pledging him to strictest secrecy. Even in the presence of the doctor, however, the woman's face was kept veiled, and the husband steadfastly refused to hire a nurse, saying that he was entirely capable of handling the case and that he was able to do anything that a nurse could do.

As the weeks of scorching hot weather progressed, however, the man began to wilt under the constant strain of watching beside the bed, and finally agreed to permit two of the guests in the Inn to help him—but only after they had taken an oath that nothing they might learn would ever be divulged, an oath which was kept as a sacred trust.

During the ten weeks which followed the woman's arrival in Alexandria, she grew steadily worse, and at last, at dawn on October 4, her husband announced that she had died. Then, for fear that someone might see the face which he had kept hidden from the world, he himself prepared the body for burial, sealed the lid of the coffin, and, after attending the funeral and ordering the headstone with the strange inscription, disappeared.

On October 4 of the following year, Alexandria was surprised at the sudden and unheralded return of the husband, who remained in the city only long enough to place flowers on the grave of the "female stranger," and to see that the plot in the cemetery was well taken care of. Once a year, for twelve years, he returned. Then his visits ceased and the grave was neglected until, a number of years later, a distinguished elderly man and woman came and ordered the monument to be replaced by another and more costly headstone bearing the same inscription, with the addition of the verse:

How loved, how honored once, avails this none, To whom related, or by whom begot; A heap of dust alone remains of thee, 'Tis all thou art, and all the proud shall be.

They, too, vanished—taking with them the secret of the identity of the woman whose history and personality is forever hidden from the world behind three words "The Female Stranger."

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**LOST AND FOUND.**

LIBERAL REWARD for information leading to the whereabouts of my black and white male Lewelwey setter dog. Roy E. Cannon, phone Gresham 1351 or 1361.

NOTICE OF FILING FINAL ACCOUNT. No. 21623.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. Department of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Frederick Howitt, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as the administrator of the estate of Frederick Howitt, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Department of Probate. That Wednesday, the 28th day of September, 1923, at the hour of 9:30 a. m. of said day in the court of said court has been appointed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

GEORGE K. HOWITT, Administrator.  
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