

PROGRAM GIVEN BY GRADE SCHOOL

A splendid Christmas program was given by the pupils of the Gresham grade school this afternoon. The crowning feature of the auditorium was the handsome new curtain which was used this afternoon for the first time. The front view of the curtain shows a rural landscape scene of trees, foliage and flowing river. It was put up hurriedly for the occasion of the afternoon with but two extra wings. Before another week, 15 or 16 extra wings will be added. These curtains are artistic and fill a much-needed want in the auditorium equipment.

The front of the room was decorated with a group of nearly a dozen beautifully-trimmed Christmas trees, some of which were lighted with colored electric lights. Each room contributed a number to the program which was enthusiastically received by the hundred or more visitors present. After the singing of "America" and invocation by the Rev. E. G. Judd, "Writing Letters to Santa Claus" was given by pupils from the second and third grades. "Christmas Wishes" by the first grade captivated the audience. A motion song, "Jolly Old Santa Claus" and a Christmas tree dance showed careful drilling and were much enjoyed. Jack Morgan recited "The Plan That Failed," assisted by Douglas Johnson as Santa.

Other pleasing numbers were, "Christmas Dolls," by eight little girls, "Holy Night, Silent Night," by the glee club, "Darning Christmas

THE PLUMBER HAS HIS DAY.

The plumber has come into his own, so to speak, these days, and while he may be the butt of innumerable jokes in fair weather, far-sighted individuals are careful to give him no offense when the chains are clanking on the rear wheels and when the gentle zephyrs from Mt. Hood are cooling the brow. There is a familiar saying, "Every dog has his day." Well, the plumber is getting a week of it right now and no one envies him his job. Some folks say a plumber likes to see a bad spell of weather, but then some people are naturally sarcastic anyhow. Take it all around, a plumber is a good natured sort of fellow, and what if he did forget some of his tools and have to make a second trip back to the shop, the storm is over, Christmas is coming and "we should worry."

Stockings," a song, "Jingle Bells," by the school and a piano duet by Ruth Sterling and Anna Brunner. A dialog, "The Christmas Spirit," and the song, "Star of the East," followed, after which the announcement was made that Santa was due to arrive. Principal Quicksall made an investigation but reported that he had landed upside down in a snowdrift. He finally arrived, much to the relief of the children, with a candy-making machine. After considerable delay and a telephone message to his headquarters at the North Pole, he proceeded to grind out candy canes which were distributed to the boys and girls.



"PAGE MISS JOHNSON" WHICH MISS JOHNSON?

"Miss Johnson, Gresham business woman," a letter so addressed might be sent to a number of persons who would answer that description before the right one was found. No doubt Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Gresham's efficient postmaster, who has held that office since 1922, would be the first one to "give it the once-over." If it did not appear to belong to her it would probably next go to Miss Emma B. Johnson, who is the Miss Johnson best fitted to claim the distinction, since she has been employed for nearly fourteen years on the Outlook force as linotyper, where she has become expert in her line of work. The next try would be either Miss Cora Johnson, for a year and a half stenographer for the county agricultural agent and the county club agent, or Miss Florence Johnson, who for about the same length of time has greeted customers at the store of Wack & Company with courtesy and careful attention to their wants.

At last "Miss Johnson, Gresham business woman," has been found. "She" is in a class by herself. A composite of her shows she is efficient, attractive, and gives the most conscientious attention to her duties whether in office store or printery.

COLD WAVE ABIDES WITH SLIGHT RISE

Hopes that had been entertained Monday of a decided rise in temperature were lessened appreciably this morning when from his Portland office, Edward L. Wells, district meteorologist, sounded the forecast of "fair and continued cold" for the following 24 hours, indicating that a sudden break in the weather conditions was not to be expected. Relief was anticipated to western Oregon in the rain which visited the southern part of the state, but at present there is no indication of either moisture or chinook wind to break the cold spell.

While Oregon has been experiencing an unusually severe spell of weather for the past week, the famous western brand of winter is now asserting itself with slightly rising temperature and lessening of wind velocity.

The climax of the storm came on Saturday. Snow began falling about the middle of the forenoon, a blustery wind rose and drifted the snow as it fell, and by evening, the storm took on the nature of a veritable blizzard, making it unsafe to venture far from shelter. The fury of the storm evidently spent itself during Saturday night, as the following day the wind had subsided and the temperature had risen several degrees.

The snow plows sent out by the county have been doing efficient work in keeping the roadways cleared of snow. Plumbers and garage men have been working energetically along their respective lines in assisting the householder and car drivers out of their difficulties. The plumbers especially have been unusually busy, as the sudden cold snap found many unprepared as to the protection to water pipes. One business man awoke one morning during the week and found the lavatory stationary washbowl unhitched from its moorings and deposited bottom side up on the bathroom floor.

There is still much need for remembering the little feathered friends with bread crumbs and bits of fat, as snow still covers the ground and therefore much of the birds' food, as grass seeds and weeds, also bugs and worms are out of their reach.

Although large numbers of crows are in evidence over the fields of this locality, spring does not seem to be imminent. The temperature still ranges from 10 to 15 degrees below freezing. The telephone company reports but about 50 lines that are not in working order.

THE PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST MOONSHINE

Warnings have been given out by authorities in various cities against the use of moonshine and other poisonous liquors during the holidays, as a result of numerous fatalities which have been reported recently. Gresham citizens will do well to heed the warning.

Heart Disease.

Tuberculosis has been pushed from its place as arch-executioner. In its place, in most parts of the country, is heart disease, now the chief cause of death in these United States. Fortunately heart disease is often curable. It is preventable. But the effort to cope with it must run the gamut of the seven ages—from childhood when it is to be prevented, through the middle years when it may be arrested and cured, to old age when its disabilities may be alleviated. We are on the threshold of an onslaught upon it which promises rewards as rich and startling as those of which the tuberculosis campaigners dreamed daringly 20 years ago.

Last year organic heart disease killed many more people in Oregon than did tuberculosis and more than half again as many as cancer and pneumonia. Moreover it usually kills by inches. A death from heart disease has typically back of it a story of infection in childhood or early adult life, of loss of working power in the most productive years, of a decade or more of slowly waning strength, leading to invalidism, dependency and finally to death.

To prevent smallpox, vaccinate. To prevent typhoid, purify the milk and water supply. To prevent heart disease—that is not so simple. One must guard against infections of childhood and youth that may not bare their consequences for many years. One must live soundly. And one should be examined periodically for signs of disorder imperceptible to the layman. As for cure: that rests chiefly on competent diagnosis—plus character. Not what the health officer does for us, but what we do for ourselves, will check this mounting peril.

The commonest causes of heart disease are rheumatism and syphilis. Many heart diseases are entirely preventable. Some are wholly curable.

Dancing Lessons.

Mrs. Elnora Fay Fleck has transferred her dancing class from Troutdale to Fairview city hall. Classes every Friday evening at 8 o'clock for beginners. Advanced class at 9. All the latest steps. Phone 2311.—Adv.

GREETINGS FROM CHINA COME FROM MISS HONEY

An interesting Christmas letter has been received by the Outlook from Miss Florence Honey, who is an instructor in the McTycire school, at Shanghai, China. Her letter follows:

I think another Christmas won't find me so far from home although I am still enjoying my work here very much. China is so full of interesting things and the longer I stay the better I like it.

This school is delightful in its girls, its grounds, its buildings and its equipment. It used to belong to the southern Methodists. Many of the teachers are southerners. Several of the Chinese teachers are graduates of our American schools.

We have some over 300 girls here with 400 more, down town in the two primary schools. Most of our girls speak English almost as well as Chinese. We have over 100 in our music department.

Shanghai has such a foreign population, mostly British, French and American. We have felt quite safe all during the war. We have had a good many refugees here in our school, one senior class of Huchow girls, a good many of the foreign interior teachers, and we still have 80 small children, up on the third floor of the dormitory, from one of the schools in the outskirts of the city where it is still unsafe to go because of the looting. Those, I first mentioned, have returned to their own schools.

I am very anxious to come home and sometimes June seems a long way off. Several of us are considering a trip to Manila during Chinese New Year.

1,285 CITIES SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Like a snow-ball, the total number of American cities that have held outdoor Christmas caroling has increased from 30 to 1918 to an aggregate of 2025 different places, including last year's celebration. These statistics are embodied in "Christmas Caroling in 1923," a survey just issued by the National Bureau for the Advancement of Music. The actual number of cities that had outdoor caroling in 1923 was 1285, according to definite reports received by the Bureau. The information was gathered from newspaper clippings from all parts of the country, as well as by direct correspondence, and it is probable that many cities were overlooked.

According to the Bureau's records the number of cities having caroling during the various years was the following:

30 cities and towns, December, 1918
110 cities and towns, December, 1919
353 cities and towns, December, 1920
712 cities and towns, December, 1921
1173 cities and towns, December, 1922
1285 cities and towns, December, 1923

This last figure does not include 450 cities and towns included in the previous surveys but from which no reports were received as to 1923, although a large percentage of them undoubtedly observed the custom.

Gresham was one of the score of Oregon cities included in this report of last year's caroling. No announcements have been made so far as to plans for this year but it is hoped that the beautiful custom will be continued.

Zion Evangelical Church.

The Christmas program by the Sunday school will be presented Sunday evening, December 28.

On Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:30 a. m. Christmas services and Holy Communion will be held in the German language. An offering will be received for the Syrian Orphanage at Jerusalem.

PIONEER TALE REVEALS HARD CIRCUMSTANCES

An interesting story of pioneer life, which was published last summer in The Sheridan Sun, not only typifies the usual experience of the pioneer immigrant to Oregon but refers to persons closely connected with some of this vicinity. The John Metzker referred to was the father of Mrs. George W. Alder, living four miles east of Gresham, and it was in her home that he spent the last three years of his life.

The Sun's story was dictated by Mrs. Joseph Brown of Sheridan, an older and the only surviving sister of Mrs. Alder.

The story tells how John Metzker organized and captained a train of 50 wagons which made the long trip from Iowa to Oregon in 1852. They suffered the many privations and dangers so common to the brave men and women who came to this land of promise, and on the journey many deaths occurred, including those of a brother and a sister and an uncle of Mrs. Alder. The graves were made in the road and the wagons and cattle were driven over them so that the Indians could not tell where the burials were made and dig up the bodies for the clothes. Coffins were made of provision boxes and the top boards of the wagon boxes. One woman of the party who died was wrapped in a feather bed by her husband.

One day while the train was halted for "wash day," Mrs. Alder's grandfather, Robert Connor, took her brother Benjamin, then 6 years old, and a cousin, Joseph Connor, 16, on a hunting trip. He left the boys with a horse, telling them to wait for him. Unfortunately, when he started to go back to the boys he was unable to locate them. He succeeded in reaching the wagon train and a party was organized which searched all night. In the morning Mrs. Metzker started on horseback to look for the boys, and met them returning, one walking and both crying. Only the older boy had been able to get on the horse and he was not strong enough to lift the smaller boy on, so they held the bride rein of their horse all night and listened to the howling of wolves.

Upon arriving in Portland, or where Portland now is, they were met by Job Connor, an uncle of Mrs. Alder and a pioneer of 1849, who had a log house in Polk county near the present site of Dallas, and here the Metzker family spent their first winter. The cooking for the two large families was done over an open fireplace with Dutch ovens and large iron pots. Cooking for harvest hands was done in the same primitive way.

In the early day grain for grinding was taken to Oregon City, where each man had to wait his turn for his grist, and the wait was sometimes as long as a week.

The first cow which the Metzkers had was purchased for a feather bed which they had brought with them.

Bright sayings by modern thinkers are found in the want column.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT TIMBER SALE ANNOUNCED

The sale of two hundred and fifty-three million board feet of government timber on the east side of the Mount Hood National forest has just been announced by the District Forester, Portland, Oregon. The Wasco Pine Box and Lumber company, of The Dalles, Oregon, is the successful bidder. The timber is about 25 miles south of The Dalles and is on the watershed of Tygh creek and other tributary streams. It will be taken out over the Great Southern railroad, which runs from The Dalles to Friend, Oregon. The company will build approximately eight miles of logging road from Friend to tap the timber, according to the announcement.

Stumpage prices under the contract are \$2.00 per thousand for the western yellow pine and lodgepole pine, and 50 cents per thousand for the fir, larch, and other species. Pine is the predominant species in the tract. The contract runs for 11 years, but a clause provides for reappraisal of stumpage rates at the end of each 3-year period. Government foresters state that this provision is to meet increased values which are anticipated.

The operation will require the establishment of a large sawmill, probably at The Dalles. The mill will deal in commercial lumber, with the fruit-box trade as a specialty, it is said. The contract provides for what is known by foresters as the selective method of cutting. Under this method, trees to be cut are marked by forest officers and are then logged so as to do the least amount of damage to young forest growth. All brush resulting from the cutting will be carefully piled and burned. Logging will be done with horses and tractors. To secure reforestation in the pine region, selective cutting is necessary, according to the foresters. The forest service determines the method necessary to secure reforestation on each sale area and makes such method a part of the contract requirement.

"This sale again emphasizes the fact that the primary purpose of the national forests is to grow timber continuously," said the district forester, in making the announcement. "Other things, such as recreation, grazing and watershed protection are given due weight in our plan of producing the greatest good to the greatest number—but the growing of tree crops and the production of wood to meet our increasing national need, is the foundation of forestry."

In conclusion the district forester said that, although the sale area is in the Mount Hood national forest, it lies to the east of the Mount Hood Loop road, and does not encroach on the scenic beauty of the loop road region.

For Christmas Gifts.

See Mrs. W. A. Winters, Gresham, for hand-made handkerchiefs for Christmas gifts. Phone 31x1.

"When the boss refers to 'circumstances not under his control'—I just know he is thinking of his wife."

BIG HOLIDAY

DANCE

Given by Gresham Post American Legion
Masonic Hall, GRESHAM

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 27

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