

## MEN'S CLOTHING STORE VICTIM OF ROBBERS SUNDAY NIGHT

One of the most daring wholesale thefts coming to the attention of local or county officers for some time past is that of the robbing of the Aylsworth & Martin clothing store early Sunday evening, the thieves escaping in a Ford sedan, taking with them approximately \$500 worth of first-class clothing belonging to the firm.

If they had been selecting an auspicious time for the commission of the robbery, they could not have chosen better. During the evening considerable trouble was experienced with the lighting of the city, due to the burning out of a fuse near Main and Division streets, which left the Gresham populace rather uncertain as to the outcome. The lights flickered for a period, then were dimmed almost to the point of extinction, finally going out altogether for a minute or so. It must have been during this time the store was burglarized. In fact a lady in Gresham sat at her window in the dim light, for several minutes, watching the operations of two men at work in the store, saw them load large quantities of clothing, including suit cases, umbrellas, etc., into the sedan, saw them drive away and thought the whole performance was but a matter of a customer purchasing an unusually large order and that Mr. Aylsworth was waiting on them. The man she saw loading the things into the sedan answered very well the general description of Aylsworth, about his build and wearing a light overcoat similar to the one he usually wears. When news of the robbery was made public

Monday morning, her story checked up well in all details and it is practically certain she unwittingly witnessed the whole affair.

As near as can be ascertained the men made way with a dozen of the best suits. That they were discriminating in their tastes is evidenced by the fact they threw several of the cheaper garments on the floor and even tramped over them and selected suits of high class material. There were three of the latest style overcoats among the loot, four suit cases, shoes, shirts and other articles. It may be possible that \$500 will not cover the loss, but at least it is that much.

Entrance to the store was gained through a rear window about six or eight feet above the floor. The window, which was fastened with a catch on the inside, was pried loose, the thief stepping onto the top of a hanging press, from there to the floor. Several hundred dollars were in the safe, but this was unmolested. The firm carried no insurance to cover theft, so the goods remain a complete loss.

The sheriff's office was immediately notified by Deputy Sheriff Squire at Gresham and were on the scene of the burglary within a short time. They were able to obtain several important clues, as finger prints and foot prints, but aside from this, have nothing to work on. Mr. Aylsworth had his clothing store robbed seven years ago at about the same time of the year, his loss being about the same as at the present.

## GRESHAM POSTOFFICE WILL OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Widespread approval has greeted the recent announcement of the postmaster general that there will be no mail deliveries on Christmas Day.

Almost without exception the American public has agreed with the inherent justice of the ruling which gives to the army of postal employees some of the holiday privileges enjoyed by others, but so long denied them.

Of course the ruling applies to the coming Christmas, being in the nature of an experiment, the success or failure of which will determine the procedure next year.

The postmaster general was enabled to take the course he did as a result of the success of early mailing campaigns conducted in past years through the press and the "movies" and over the radio, which had the effect of moving the peak of holiday mailing back far enough to justify the experiment.

Officials of the department who are watching the experiment closely have the utmost confidence that it will go through without hitch and that Christmas Day of the future will be a day of rest for the postman and the postal clerk.

To accomplish this purpose,—believed to be a laudable one—the American public must mail holiday tokens and greetings in time for delivery at least before the close of business on December 24.

If there is any appreciable mail left over for delivery on December 25 it will militate against the chances of postal workers for a similar holiday in 1926.

So here's a good chance to apply the Golden Rule.

## HIGH SCHOOL WILL HAVE HOME-COMING PROGRAM

Dull care is scheduled to fly out the back door of Gresham Union high school next Wednesday beginning at 12:40, the occasion of the home-coming exercises which will be participated in and witnessed by as many graduates of the school as can be induced to attend. "PEP" will be the slogan.

Principal Cannon doesn't care a rap whether anyone studies the rest of the day or not. Anything from a whisper to a war whoop will be welcome,—anything to break the monotony. Seriously speaking, it may be possible yet to induce Bill Fritz to dance, and if he can rally his old standbys, Ray Strong and Henry Lundy, and get a substitute for Eddie Schenk, who is now in New York, there is no saying what might happen. Providing their voices hold out and the audience doesn't all leave, some operatic selections may be forthcoming.

There will be orchestra, band, and glee club numbers, talks and experiences. Miss Doris Zimmerman, of Portland, will be present and sing. If there is anything missing, you would have to look in the encyclopedia to find it. Mr. Cannon says, "If your business interferes with your being present, quit your business." President Coolidge will be invited by radio to be present, unless pressing affairs at the capital should require his presence in Washington.

It would be impossible in a brief space to give the names of all who will assist on the program, but it promises to be a full one, and not moonshine either. Those who do not care to speak will not be unduly urged to do so. A promise has been made to Mildred McGregor that she will not be called upon.

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## LOCAL MAN WINS HANDICAP SHOOT

Hats off to Bert Metzger, winner of the first prize, a 20-pound turkey, in the grand American Legion miss-and-out handicap shoot at the Portland Gun club, Sunday.

No one was more surprised than Bert himself when he stood up against many of the best shooters of the gun club and taking the blue rocks from difficult angles, went down the line until it became a contest between himself and P. V. Rexford, who finally went out on a difficult angle shot. Metzger, having won three turkeys previously, donated the 20-pound bird back to the Legion to be shot for by 10 men, the event being won by Rexford.

The two-day shoot, while not the financial success hoped for by the Legion, was well attended and paid better than was expected with such an inclement day Sunday. Forty-eight turkeys and 10 hams were disposed of.

Prizes and winners in the miss-and-out handicap, in addition to the 20-pound gobbler were, Rexford second, 10 gallons of gas donated by W. P. Tuerck; third, E. J. Jaeger, 10 gallons gas donated by Ivy Filling station; fourth, B. L. Denton, pair of gloves from L. A. Wack & Co.; fifth, R. H. Luethe, box apples from A. W. Metzger & Co.; sixth, J. L. Stafford, carton cigarettes from D. M. Roberts; seventh, E. H. Harris, box cigars by Gresham Drug Co.; eighth, Al Hammar, gallon pickles by J. L. Stafford; ninth, A. Phelps, box candy by Withrow's Confectionery; tenth, C. W. Loughry, necktie by Aylsworth & Marton; eleventh, E. H. Keiler, gallon pickles from J. L. Stafford.

The shoot, which the Legion hopes will become an annual event, was made possible through the courtesy of the Portland Gun club officials and the untiring efforts of O. N. Ford, manager of the club. Mr. Ford says that Sunday was the worst day in the history of the club that there has been a shoot and he was agreeably surprised and pleased to see that the Legion was so well supported.

## MILD WINTER CAUSES SUMMER PLANTS TO BLOOM

As a rule folks think of June as the month of roses, iris and poppies, when they are at their best, and naturally when it gets along to Christmas and New Years, one begins to don winter furs and console one's self with indoor geraniums and other potted plants. But out here in Oregon where the unusual often happens the natives think nothing amiss when nature reverses herself.

At the present time so many roses are in blossom as to excite no particular attention. It is true that the blooms are not as fragrant nor the buds and petals as choice in formation as in the proper season, but they are there just the same with coloring and detail as when the shining summer skies smiled down a welcome.

John Lee, residing on the Powell Valley road near Buckley avenue reports an iris in bloom. Those who know the habits of this dainty flower, know that the December iris is quite a rarity.

Yesterday the Outlook telephone tinkled merrily and Mrs. C. B. Allen, who lives several miles east of Gresham, said she had an Oriental poppy in full blossom, a most unusual offering for any time later than the middle of July. About a month ago this species of poppy evidently thought, in flower language, that spring had arrived and accordingly put forth a new stalk. On this stalk there are now three fine buds, one of which has just burst into bloom. It is a bright orange red and as perfect as any seen in July.

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

## COUNCIL RAISES WATER RATES; TRACT BOUGHT FOR RESERVOIR

A new schedule of water rates for the city of Gresham was adopted at the adjourned session of the council meeting on Wednesday evening of last week, which will add a burden to the householder, but which has been deemed necessary to cover the cost of the water to the city. The new rate will be \$1.75 for a minimum of 400 cubic feet, and an additional 22 cents per hundred cubic feet up to 15,000 cubic feet, these rates to apply to residents within the city. Those residing outside the city will be charged \$2.25 for the first 300 feet and an increase of 20 per cent for an amount above that. A special rate to factories using large amounts of water has been determined upon.

Two important reasons are given for this drastic increase in rates. One is that the city of Portland has increased its rates to all water districts and municipalities using Bull Run water, which rates have been in effect since the first of December. On the basis of the old rates, the water department of the city of Gresham has been running behind to the amount of \$2600 a year, which amount has been drawn from the general fund to cover the deficit, which is a direct tax upon the property owners. In all municipal governments it has been determined that the cost of water systems should be met by returns from the water sold, without the imposition of a direct tax.

Some of the items of expense of furnishing water, aside from the wholesale cost of the water, are the laying of pipes, pipe fittings, installing of meters and the services of a water commissioner. In addition to this in the case of Gresham is the erection of a water tank at a cost of \$30,000, interest on which amounts to \$1500 annually. A direct tax upon property holders to raise \$2000 a year for a sinking fund for the retirement of the original cost of installing the water

system has been in effect for several years.

Another important item disposed of by the council meeting was in regard to the plans for the erection of the water tank. The engineers submitted their specifications for the work, including tank, base and pipes, connections and valves, and orders have been given to advertise for bids, to be opened January 13, for the building of the reservoir. A suitable site for the structure was purchased a few weeks ago from W. F. Honey, on the hill west of Wallula avenue about opposite the Smith residence.

At the end of the current month John Metzger's services will cease as collector of water rents at his stand in Cecil Metzger's grocery, and the water accounts will hereafter be paid at the Bank of Gresham. It was decided to cut down the cost from 5 to 2 per cent for the collection and Mr. Metzger declined to continue serving for the lower percentage. The new water rates and the change from Metzger's store to the bank will be made on January 1.

The committee on public property reported that the work of resingling the city hall by Eastman Lumber company was practically complete. It also reported that the property belonging to Arthur Dowsett, adjoining the city hall property, was not for sale.

A street light on Main street nearly opposite Cecil Metzger's residence, was ordered moved to A street and Main, a short distance north of its present location.

An accounting firm, on its own initiative, submitted figures in regard to auditing the books of the city of Gresham and agreed to audit the books for the past four years on a basis of \$25 a day, the total expense not to exceed \$200. As a second proposition they will audit the books every three months for \$25 a quarter. It has not been decided whether the council will take advantage of either of these offers.

## Most Gruelling Motor Test Proves Silent Knight Is Best

Will Hessel, of the Hessel Implement company, local Willys-Overland dealer, is all puffed up over the news of a recent test made in Paris the results of which have put the Knight motor far in the lead. The news report of the test is as follows:

In a contest just conducted by the Motordrome National, in Paris, a Knight motor won on every point, including a continuous power development, motor cooling, mechanical efficiency and freedom from wear, according to word received by Pat Blake, manager, Willys-Overland Pacific Co.

The test called for 240 hours of continuous running at maximum horsepower with no adjustments allowed during the entire period. Practically every type of gasoline motor built at the present time was represented and the findings of the test were to help the French government determine the most efficient and reliable type of motor to use in airplane construction.

The search was for lighter, stronger, faster power plants with increased lifting power and with demonstrated ability to stand up under the most gruelling service. The motors were belted to heavy iron blocks and operated against a dynamometer which gave an accurate reading of the de-

veloped horsepower for every minute of the long grind.

The motors were started simultaneously and with wide open throttles. They were kept running at top speed until they broke down, either through over-heating, wear on the moving parts or sheer inability to stand the severe pace.

At the end of the first seven days of running, only a few of the original entrants were still running.

At the end of the ten days, the superiority of the Knight motor was so convincingly demonstrated that there was no doubt in the minds of the engineers who had watched the entire test.

For the full 240 hours, the Knight motor steadily delivered its full 550 horsepower without a fluctuation in the indicating dial. At the end of the run it was shut off. Then, without any adjustments of any kind, was immediately started again and when the throttle was opened up it showed the full 550 horsepower without the slightest sign that it had been deteriorated in the slightest by the run.

General motors company which controls the Yellow Taxicab company is installing Knight motors in all yellow taxicabs, which is another fact proudly pointed to by the local dealer.

## Several Names Are Added to Phone Directory Just Issued

Although the new telephone directory published early this month has only recently been mailed to the subscribers it has become necessary to send out a slip adding 14 new names to the list. This is partly offset, however, by five phones disconnected.

The slip which will be sent to all subscribers in a few days will contain one or two important corrections. A name, that of James H. Sterling, was accidentally omitted from the book.

Edwin M. Robinson arrived this morning from Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the funeral of his father, W. E. Robinson, which was held this afternoon at the Portland crematorium. Mr. Robinson was able to reach Gresham this morning only through the courtesy of the railway company which held his train for him seven hours at Spokane. After a brief visit with his relatives here, he will return to Cleveland.

The most persistent effort ever undertaken is being made at Washington to break down prohibition. Many bills call for modification of the Volstead act and the resubmission of the question to the states or to the people.

His phone is as heretofore 1671. J. E. Metzger's Gresham Funeral Parlors failed to get into the book. His store telephone is 1901.

Three new features were introduced in the new telephone directory for the convenience of subscribers. One is an index to advertisers. Another is a special supplemental list of Troutdale phones, and a third is the placing of a blank page in the front for recording new names, changes and frequent calls to be remembered.

Until you get used to it Oregon seems to have a very queer climate—winter all summer and summer all winter.

**Pedigree Blanks.**  
The Outlook has a supply of pedigree blanks, useful for dairymen, stock and poultry raisers. Large, very useful, at 5 cents each, 25 for 85c.

## Additional Want Ads

SWISS DAIRYMAN wants to rent a farm suitable for dairy. Near Gresham preferred. For information phone Mike Kirby, Gresham 521.  
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TWO WOOD FITTERS wanted. E. T. Canny, Gresham, phone 338.

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and a  
**Happy and Prosperous New Year.**

**L. A. WACK & CO.**  
GRESHAM, OREGON

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At this season of the year, as we think and know of the many nations torn by conflict, their peoples in poverty and suffering, we cannot help but be reminded that the all-seeing eye of the great Creator has ever been upon us and our belief in Christianity has all to do with that spirit of "Peace on earth, good will to men" that prevails today.

We of the Walrad Mercantile organization, one and all, join in thanks to you and extend to you and yours our sincerest wishes for a

**Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year**

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