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Early Morning Blaze Fought by Volunteers

Fire of undetermined origin, but thought to be due to defective wiring, came near destroying the D. C. Ely house on Hood avenue near Fourth street about 4 o'clock this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lambert, the occupants of the house, were sleeping soundly when awakened by their next door neighbor, Roy Nelson, who occupies the Bailey house on the corner. The blaze, which started in the rear of the house, apparently in the attic over the kitchen and adjoining woodshed, had gained considerable headway and it was with difficulty that Mr. and Mrs. Lambert were able, with the help of neighbors and friends, to save the better part of their furniture and clothing. As it was, their loss will amount to between \$250 and \$300, with no insurance. Among other things, Mrs. Lambert is lamenting the damage of nearly 100 quarts of canned fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are this morning rejoicing over the fact that their lives are spared, and they are both sound sleepers and in a short time their exit would have been cut off in two directions. Their bedroom is on the south side of the house, while the room occupied by Mr. Nelson is on the north of his residence. As the latter is a light sleeper, he said he soon heard the crackling of the flames and warned his neighbors of their danger. Other neighbors had by that time seen the blaze, turned in the alarm and were hastily mobilizing for the purpose of saving what they could.

Due to the recent disorganization of the Gresham fire department, the situation was in the hands of any who wished to respond. R. D. Bailey and son Leo were the first to reach the engine and started it toward the fire. Others soon appeared and three lines of hose were strung, one from Fourth and Hood, another from Fourth and Roberts and a third from Fifth and Hood. Streams of water played on the blaze with telling effect, although the inflammable wood made timber for the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are loud in their praise of the volunteers who did splendid work in combating the blaze. Although the volunteers worked under serious difficulties and with no responsible head, the work done was effective and too much commendation cannot be given those who responded to the alarm.

A number of the former members of the Gresham fire department were present and assisted in every way possible. Mr. Ely was immediately notified at his Oregon City home and was making preparations at an early hour to come to Gresham. He carried ample insurance through an Oregon City agency. He had recently had this house moved from Second street, completely remodeled and put in first-class condition. It is not known at this time just what Mr. Ely will do toward re-building the residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are for the present staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson. Their plans are indefinite as to a location. It is considered indeed fortunate that the heavy east wind of the past few days had given way to rain, otherwise other houses in the vicinity would no doubt have been included in a conflagration.

Mr. Lambert is an automobile painter, employed at the garage of Raker & Son.

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American Legion MEN!

Regular Meeting of Gresham Post No. 30 at Grange Hall, at 8 P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Joint installation of Legion and Auxiliary officers for 1928 followed by banquet by losing Legion team.

CARL R. MOSER, Installing Officer

COME!

Make Christmas Last

A Christmas Day is a beautiful thought; a Christmas Year is 365 times better; a Christmas Era is acknowledged every time a new year is written.

Here is evidence of the dominance and need of religion in human thought and conduct.

MAKE CHRISTMAS PERSONAL

CHRISTMAS MUSINGS

(By Mary E. Welch)
Watch the Christmas tree glow and sparkle!

Christmas—the gladdest and the saddest of the year. Gladdest for the children, for they forget their sorrows over night. Saddest for some of the older ones who this Christmas will have to face the vacant hearthstone for the first time.

It is surprising how much fun the old folks can get trying out the toys they buy for the children's Christmas. Kind of reminds a person of the fond daddy who doesn't care a whoop for the circus, but who has to go along with Johnny to take care of him.

Several persons in Portland asked a representative of the Outlook Saturday, why the absence of the annual Christmas tree in Gresham. They said that on previous occasions the tree had been much appreciated by those passing through here. The Christmas tree is in its accustomed place now.

A little five-year old Gresham sage has been doing some Christmas philosophizing on his own account these days. Sunday he summarized the week's coming events as follows: "Monday, mama and I are going to wash. Tuesday, we iron. Wednesday, we do the mending. Thursday, we clean the house. Friday, we do the baking. Saturday, HE COMES."

More or less is being written and said regarding forest devastation as pertains to Christmas decorations, particularly trees of good size. In driving from Gresham to Sandy Sunday Arthur Bjur counted 76 Christmas trees coming toward Gresham. Will there come a time when there are no available Christmas trees? Let us hope not, and in the meantime, let there be no reckless waste.

So many people made the remark during the time the recent quarantine hung over Gresham, "How lonely to see no children on the street." Others said on the lifting of the ban, "How good to see the children out again." Some said, "What use to have a municipal Christmas tree if the children can't see it?" Christmas and children are synonymous. What a strange world this would be without any Christmas, but how much stranger still without the children.

"You Must Make Your Own Christmas." Such was the message brought to his people Sunday by the Rev. H. V. Wilhelm. He says, "We get out of any experience what we take out of it. First, the shepherds heard the message. Second, they were not cynical, they believed the message. Third, they translated the message into action, they went to Bethlehem."

"Silent Night, Holy Night." The strains of the beautiful song were more lovely than ever as sung by a Salvation Army mixed quartet on the streets of Portland Saturday, as passers-by were invited to contribute to the kettle which has been "boiling" on the city streets for days past in the interests of the unfortunate for whom Christmas would otherwise be impossible. A timid woman, scantily clad, crept nearer to the singers, tears in her eyes. A small boy whose clothes, too, looked inadequate against the chilling wind, clutched her hand and listened enraptured. "Give 'em my nickel, ma, those poor kids need it worse'n I do." The mother slowly unknotted a corner of her handkerchief and drew forth a nickel, no telling how near the last one, and the boy proudly pushed his way through the crowd and deposited it in the kettle.

City Council Meets Fire Situation; Accepts Resignation, Makes Reply

A special meeting of the city council was held last Tuesday night on call of Recorder Schneider to consider what action to take to protect the property of citizens in the event of fire following the resignation of the fire department on Monday night.

The following five councilmen were present: Russel Akin, W. C. Metzger, T. R. Howitt, C. I. Raker and B. W. Thorne. The absent member was Dr. A. W. Botkin and Mayor Chas. Cleveland being out of the city, Russel Akin was chosen to preside.

The council unanimously accepted the resignation of the fire department, and instructed the marshal to forthwith call upon the former chief, M. J. Allshouse, to at once turn over all equipment belonging to the city, including keys to the fire hall, fire siren and small chemical extinguisher used by the chief and any other equipment furnished the department by the city.

On motion Raker & Son were directed to give the fire truck a thorough inspection and make any repairs necessary to put it in first-class condition.

The council directed the recorder to prepare an ordinance giving the council full control of the fire department with authority to appoint the chief, pay him a nominal salary, if deemed advisable, and hold the chief responsible for the conduct of the department.

The council also directed the recorder to prepare the following article for publication in the Outlook, replying to the allegations of lack of co-operation on the part of the council:

Statement of the Council
The council of the city of Gresham deeply regrets the action taken by the volunteer fire department in tendering their resignation in a body to take effect immediately.

The council feels that the charges of lack of cooperation as made by the firemen and reported in an article appearing in the Gresham Outlook under date of December 20, 1927, are wholly unfounded, and in support of this position set forth the following facts:

Every request of the department for apparatus, equipment and assistance has been met by the council with the exception of the request for the purchase of a pumper. This request has not been met for several reasons, one of which is that the council is powerless to appropriate any sum for any particular purpose in excess of \$2,500; secondly, the council does not feel that public sentiment in general warrants the council in initiating an election to authorize the selling of bonds for the purchase of pumper equipment. It is true that a petition was circulated requesting the council to vote \$3,000 for the construction of extensions to the water system, and this petition was signed by a large number of people; investigation disclosed, however, that these bonds could not be sold for this purpose inasmuch as they had been authorized for the water department only, and the bond attorneys refused to permit their sale in accordance with the petition.

In connection with the statement that the fire department has demanded the purchase of equipment approximating \$12,000 and a paid engineer to operate it "is a campaign lie," the members of the council desire to state that they are in no way responsible for the circulation of any such statement.

On one occasion at the request of members of the fire department, a salesman from a fire apparatus company appeared before the council and gave a detailed description of various types of equipment and quoted prices for the same. He recommended that the city purchase a 1,000-gallon pumper, stating that this type of pumper in all standard makes would cost \$13,500, and that to procure the best service someone should be kept in charge of it, as it would require considerable care. On another occasion, at the request of members of the fire department, a representative of the state fire marshal's office appeared before the council and also recommended a 1,000-gallon pumper. So far as the council is concerned these are the only occasions on which prices, type of equipment and the care of the same have been officially discussed before the council, and no doubt rumors relative to the purchase of equipment have grown out of these statements.

For several years past the council has maintained an annual appropriation of \$500 for the purchase of the fire hose and other equipment for the department and an additional \$100 per year has been turned over to the fire department without any restrictions and for such use as they should see fit. From time to time as requests have been made the council has purchased fire hose and now has approximately 2,400 feet of standard fire hose on hand; in addition to this, the council has purchased smoke masks, new types of nozzles, a siren for the use of the chief's automobile, a chemical extinguisher to be carried on the chief's automobile for emergency use, has paid part of the expense of the chief of the fire department to conventions at Seattle, Portland and Sacramento, has made provision for free medical services for any member of the department injured while on duty, and has during the past two years provided a blanket insurance policy for the benefit of all members of the department, the premium on this policy approximating \$150 per year.

The Gresham volunteer fire department established an enviable record for efficiency and in comparison with other similar departments throughout the state has maintained a high standard.

The council regrets the step which has been taken by the department, but feels that the difficulties in the main lie not with the department as a whole, but with certain individuals within the department.

Steps have been taken to insure adequate fire protection for the city until complete and definite plans can be mapped out, and have conditions well in hand so that no apprehension need be felt at the present time.

Steps have been taken to give the council complete control of the fire department, as the members of the council feel, since the department is being supported by the taxpayers of the city and the citizens in turn look to the council for protection of their interests, that the department should be directly under the control of the council at all times.

With this in mind the council will in the future appoint the chief of the department and will hold him strictly responsible for the conduct of the department. It is expected that when the plans are fully worked out arrangements will be made to pay the chief of the department a nominal monthly or annual salary, and that quarters and accommodations will be provided in the fire hall, whereby at least two men can be furnished sleeping accommodations in return for an agreement on their part to make their home at the fire hall and be subject to call for all fires occurring at night.

The members of the council want it distinctly understood that they have no quarrel with the Gresham volunteer fire department as an organization, and they feel that "an ounce of prevention" in the way of a little diplomacy might have prevented much of the unpleasantness which has arisen.

If the citizens of Gresham desire a pumper it can be secured by a majority vote, authorizing the sale of bonds in any amount the public may demand, which will be for a 500-gallon, 750-gallon or 1000-gallon pumper.

The members of the council appearing at the session at which the publication of this article was authorized were B. W. Thorne, Russel Akin, C. I. Raker, W. C. Metzger and T. R. Howitt; Councilman A. W. Botkin and Mayor Charles Cleveland were both absent from the city.

GRESHAMITES PRAISE CALIFORNIA SPIRIT

In a recent communication from Mrs. R. F. Walters who, with her husband, is spending some time in Pasadena, California, she states that they are enjoying very much the sunshine of the golden state and are being shown the glittering glories of the land of promise. She states that the Californians are loud in their praise of their native state, which spirit the northern Beavers might do well to emulate.

"Wonderful things ARE being done down here in the name of California," writes Mrs. Walters. "They even have the children in a Methodist church entertainment singing songs alluding to the drawbacks of other states and then they come in strong, 'Oh, California is a wonderful state, YES' etc." If Oregon boosters could get over such a unified sentiment for the Beaver state and could get this BEAVER spirit, the green hills of Oregon would respond with greater industrial, horticultural and agricultural music.

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Church Services

ADVENTISTS ANNOUNCE SABBATH SERVICES

T. F. Soule, local elder of the Seventh Day Adventist church, says: "We are happy that we are again able to meet for our regular services. Even the slight break in our regular meetings, caused by the quarantine, has helped us to understand what David felt when he said, 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.'"

Services next Sabbath, December 24, will be as follows: Sabbath school at 10 a. m.; church services at 11. The ordinances of the Lord's house will be celebrated. Following this the report of the committee on nominations for church officers to serve for the next year will be acted upon. It is hoped to be able to announce a prayer service for Wednesday evening.

GRESHAM TEMPLE SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Sunday school will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday and a short program will be given in honor of the day.

Preaching services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday, the pastor the Rev. S. F. Pitts to deliver the sermon. The choir will render a special anthem, "Hosanna to the King," and other Christmas music will be given. Services will also be held Sunday evening beginning at 7:30.

Prayer service is held every Tuesday evening and Bible Study on Friday evenings.

Everyone is welcome to all services.

SERVICES TO FEATURE CHRISTMAS THEME

Christmas will be observed in the Baptist church next Sunday in the Bible school and morning church service. The primary department will have a Christmas tree and other features of an interesting character for the scholars of that department. The choir will render three selections from the Christmas cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," by Fred B. Holton, in the morning church service which will begin at 11 o'clock. The young people will hold their devotional meeting beginning at 6:30. The topic under discussion will be, "God's Best Gift," and Marie Blom will be the leader. The topic of the sermon by the pastor in the morning church service will be, "The Birth of Christ and a Re-born World," and in the evening "Seeing the Unseen." This service will begin at 7:30 p. m.

CHOIR TO PRESENT BEAUTIFUL CANTATA

On next Sunday evening, at the Methodist church, the choir, strengthened by a number of extra voices, will present a very beautiful cantata, "The Christ Child." The music is varied, including solos, quartets, and choruses. Those who love good music centering in ever-appreciating message of the first Christmas morning, will find in this program much of delight.

The morning worship service will be given over to the Christmas message. The sermon will be preached by H. V. Wilhelm, pastor of the church, and is entitled, "The Morning Star Is Shining." At this service Mrs. Elsie Cogswell will sing "The Angel's Refrain," by Adam Geibel.

The Sunday school and the Epworth League will meet at the usual hours, the former with special Christmas features, including the presentation of an offering, the school's Christmas gift to a needy world.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH ANNOUNCES PROGRAM

The annual Christmas program and tree will be given at Zion Evangelical church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Although the time has been limited for preparation, a good program has been prepared which should be instructive as well as entertaining. The public is cordially invited.

The Sunday school will meet Sunday morning at 9:45. English preaching services will follow at 10:30. The sermon topic will be "The Deeper Meaning of Christmas." German preaching services will be held at 11:30, the sermon topic being "The Fruits of a True Christmas Observance."

Holy Communion will be celebrated in connection with the German services. Communion with the use of the English language will

Gresham Band Plays Concert Under Tree

Due to the unusual quarantine conditions which prevailed in Gresham this year at the time when preparations are usually made for celebrating Christmas with appropriate exercises, this form of entertainment has been about dispensed with. However, the order of the Christmas spirit is not lacking and the good old-time holiday will be welcomed in spite of the absence of a set program.

The community Christmas tree presents a beautiful spectacle with its 200 brilliant lights twinkling through the darkness. Many have pronounced it more handsome than ever, as the tree is not as large as the two formerly in place and therefore the lights show off to better advantage. Much commendation has been heard of C. M. Quicksall, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and the other workers who through their efforts have made the tree possible.

The band concert which was given Thursday evening by the Gresham band under the tree was well attended, despite the inclement weather which included a mild shower of rain during the first part of the evening. As usual, the band was not sparing in the number of selections and played perhaps a half dozen choice ones which were evidently appreciated by the evening shoppers and others on the street, including many children.

An effort was made to arrange for a more extensive program in connection with the municipal tree, but weather conditions did not permit carrying it out.

NEWBERG MAN WEDS MISS EDNA MEWHERTER

A recent announcement discloses the interesting fact that Miss Edna Mewherter, a former Gresham girl but later of Newberg, was married in that city on December 14 to Marvin Moore, an automobile mechanic. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mewherter, resided at Gresham several years where she was popular with a wide circle of friends, who will join in wishes for her future happiness.

She was graduated from the eighth grade of the Gresham grammar school and later attended Gresham Union high school for one and a half years. After graduating from the Newberg high school she attended the state normal at Month for a year. She then taught in the public schools of Sherwood for a year, after which she returned to Gresham and several months later organized the kindergarten, in which work she was exceptionally efficient.

Turning her kindergarten work at Gresham over to another, this year Mrs. Moore organized and is in charge of a kindergarten at Newberg, which position she plans to retain.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will reside at Newberg.

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be observed on New Year's Day. Members and friends of the church are asked to note the change of time for the Christmas services.

Coming Events

Friday evening, ec. 23.—Christmas program at Zion Evangelical church.

Saturday evening, Dec. 24.—Christmas exercises Cotrell community church.

Sunday night, Dec. 25.—Christmas cantata by choir of Methodist Episcopal church.

Sunday morning, Dec. 25.—Pleasant Home Baptist S. S. Christmas program.

Monday evening, Dec. 26.—Christmas program at Hillview Mission church.

Tuesday, Dec. 27.—American Legion and Auxiliary joint installation of 1928 officers, Gresham grange hall, 8 p. m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28.—Areme club holiday dance.

Thursday evening, Dec. 29.—Annual business meeting and social of Luther League at home of Dr. J. G. Sture.

Saturday evening, Dec. 31.—Dance at Rockwood grange hall.

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