

### EXISTENCE COVERS 2 CENTURIES

A remarkable piece of antiquity—a venerable clock with two centuries of existence to its credit, is the priceless possession of Sutliff Bates who lives at Springdale just a mile or two east of the upper Sandy bridge.

F. E. Bates, who furnished the following story to the Outlook, is a son of Sutliff Bates. B. F. Fisk, who was the last previous owner of the clock, was a former resident of this locality. He lived here about six years, moving to Buchanan, Michigan, about three years ago, where he now resides.

Mr. Bates says in his narrative that the exact age of the remarkable old clock is not known, but it is believed to be over 200 years. The record is clear for all but five years of that period. It has not been running all that length of time, but it has been well taken care of and is capable of marking the hours even yet.

The inscription on the clock is "Samuel Mullickin, Bradford."

Following is the story, as written by F. E. Bates:

**An Old Clock.**

S. Bates, residing at Springdale, a few miles east of Troutdale, has in his possession no doubt the oldest clock in the state that is running and keeping good time. The exact age of the clock is not known, but a record that has been handed down from generation to generation, dates back one hundred and ninety-five years. It was then bought second-hand, as the following abridged record shows:

Bought (second-hand) by Timothy Morse in 1720; transferred to John Morse in 1788, thence to Ephraim Fisk in 1816; to David Fisk 1848; to B. F. Fisk 1877, and to Sutliff Bates in 1912.

Its appearance and make-up corresponds with its age. Being of the wall-clock type, it has but one hand, the hour hand, and the dial is divided off into quarter hours. One weight runs both the time and striking parts. It was made altogether apart from machinery, which can be plainly seen by the marks of the hammer on all the posts, bars, and levers. The face is of brass which was also plated out with a hamper.

The last time the old clock was brought into service previous to the last few weeks, was in 1867, when Mr. Bates was first married and commenced keeping house. Having no clock, his father-in-law, David Fisk, offered him the old clock to use if he wished to make the few necessary repairs which he did, and it served him faithfully, until a more modern time-piece crowded it off into some dark closet or garret, not allowing its honest face to be seen; only on certain occasions to be brought out to be viewed as an ancient relic and not as a clock that was able to measure off time as well as any of the modern clocks, if only it had the opportunity to do so.

The following was written by David Fisk in 1848, shortly after he came in possession of the clock:

**Apostrophe to an Old Clock.**

"Thou venerable time-piece! What strange mutations in the affairs of men, have taken place since first thy form was fashioned!

"Thou hast stood erect and with thy iron hand hast measured out the time on which was hung the destiny of many an ancient nation.

"When proud old mother England tried to rob us of our dearest rights and privileges, or wage a cruel war against her infant colonies, 'twas even then thy aged voice was heard giving thy faithful warning.

"Thou didst descend from sire to son, from son to grandson, thence to great granddaughter, from her to me, who fain would sing thy still more ancient history. But record fails to tell it.

"But who can tell what destiny awaits thee? Thou mayst survive the wreck of worlds and only stop because time has no more occasion for thy faithful service.

"Well, ever tick! Meanwhile let us be ready that when our days are measured out by thee, and we no more can hear thy warning voice, we one and all may 'enter in' and be at rest, where services like thine no more are needed."

Yes! tick on old clock, and may thy untiring service from henceforth be not hindered and may the still, small voice which echoes from every

### GRANGE ENDEAVORING TO GET 1916 SESSION

The matter of securing the 1916 session of the Oregon State grange for Gresham was taken up at the meeting of Gresham grange on Saturday and was thoroughly discussed.

A committee consisting of H. E. Davis, D. E. Towle and N. O. Fuller was appointed to conduct a campaign throughout the different granges of the county, each of which will be asked to give assistance. The eight delegates from this county will be instructed to carry the invitation to the state grange next month and an effort will be made to secure next year's session for this city by all honorable means.

The delegates from this county to Tillamook are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cavanagh, of Gresham; Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Dunbar, of Fairview; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Niblin, of Evening Star; and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Dufur, of Woodlawn. These delegates will be requested to meet here on May 1, for a conference, but as every grange will meet again before the state grange session the campaign will be carried on so as to get their endorsement and support.

### SUNDAY BASEBALL LOST BY GIANTS

Sunday's baseball contest between the Gresham Giants and the Celso-Kalo club was a victory for the latter by a score of 9 to 8. Gresham was seven to three in the sixth inning but the margin was overcome through the Giants changing batteries. Townsend and Bauer began the battle but gave way after the game was cinched to Hamlin and Bateman.

The visitors tried three pitchers, Dillard, Livingstone and Gravell. Jorgensen served as catcher through the nine innings.

Gravell won the game for Portland, but the Gresham team proved to be the best battery. Following was the line-up:

Gresham	Portland
Douglass.....s.....	Gravell
Hamlin, J.....r.....	DeMain
Bateman.....c.....	Debney
Hamlin, A.....lf.....	Cordy
Stanley.....l.....	Smith
Shaw.....2.....b.....	Sigal
Hamlin, F.....3.....b.....	Garner
Fownsend.....j.....	Dillard
Hamlin, F.....d.....	Livingstone
Bauer.....	Jorgensen
Bateman.....	Gravell

### SEVENTY-FIVE ACRES IN NEW CLEARINGS

Seventy-five acres of new land is being opened up for cultivation about five miles west of Gresham, along the Powell Valley and Bell Rose roads.

One tract of 40 acres is being developed by Mr. Starbird, who has offices in the Spalding building, Portland. W. C. Burch of Gresham has the contract of "shooting" the stumps and is making good progress. He is using more than a ton of dynamite in the work.

A second tract owned by P. G. Carlson, containing 25 acres, is also being cleared. Other smaller tracts are receiving attention in that vicinity, the combined area reaching more than 75 acres.

### DISASTROUS RESULT FROM INHALING GAS

A near fatality occurred at the high school laboratory yesterday afternoon. While experimenting with some chemicals Wilbur Stanley accidentally inhaled the fumes of a vial of chlorine gas.

He was immediately overcome and had to be taken home where he was attended to by Dr. Blittner, who pronounced the case serious but not necessarily fatal. His condition today is somewhat improved but is far from being out of danger, and it will be several days before he can fully recover.

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swing of the pendulum and each toll of thy bell ("time is swinging us away") be heard by young and old, and not only heard, but heeded!

For since all the streams of time empty into the great ocean of eternity, how it behoves us, each and all, to heed the divine warning and admonitions, "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

F. E. BATES.

### GRANGE ENDORSES ROAD BOND ISSUE AND HEARS TALKS

**Gresham Grange Resolution.**

Whereas, It is planned to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,250,000 to hard-surface the trunk roads of Multnomah county; that the contracts for paving these roads shall be let through open competitive bids; and in view of the fact that Gresham is about to establish a co-operative cannery, which needs the best roads for success, and in view of the fact that the County Fair is held at Gresham, every year, therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Gresham grange that we approve of these bonds as the best plan to secure good trunk roads through the farming districts and to help relieve the labor situation by providing employment of 1700 to 2000 men;

Resolved, That we commend the county commissioners for pledging themselves to the plan for competitive bids in letting all road contracts, thus permitting all paving concerns opportunity of securing portions of the proposed road work.

Ex-governor Geer and County Commissioner Holman were the principal speakers during the lecture hour of Gresham grange on Saturday last. They spoke in favor of good roads and the bond issue which is to be voted upon tomorrow. Mr. Geer's talk was convincing and vigorous. He closed with an appeal for every man and woman to do their part.

Mr. Holman's talk was more explanatory, and he believes that the proposed hard-surface will be inadequate in ten years because of the appearance before that time of the 20-ton truck. He said in part:

"The water bound macadam road properly located and drained, was as near a perfect solution to the road-surfacing problem in the days of exclusive horse-drawn vehicles as any road surface may ever expect to be, in its day and generation; but during the past ten or twelve years the automobile or self-propelled vehicle has made its appearance in constantly and ever increasing numbers and weights, until today there is a constant procession of them traveling our main arterial highways at rates of speed unthought of in the days of the ox-cart."

"The old macadam road was not designed to meet this new demand, nor is it possible for our road department to properly maintain them under these new conditions."

Now, during all this time, the forests have been retreating before the sturdy woodman's axe and the farmer's plow, and giving way to green pastures and fertile fields, but we are still making the same old roads.

A revolution in road building is upon us, brought about by the new conditions, and we must face it, and we must solve it. For the last ten years other communities have been working on the solution, while we have watched their experiments. Now we can profit by their failures, and do those things which have proven elsewhere both economical and expedient.

No thinking person, who is correctly informed as to the facts, and who is honest in his convictions, will contend that it is not financially economical to improve by hard surface the main roads of Multnomah county.

What a blessing it is that we can make this improvement when there are no less than 15,000 men out of employment in our city, many of whom have wives and little children dependent upon them, and that we can, by voting these bonds, spread the cost over 15 years, rather than pay for them in five years by direct taxation, as we will be forced to do if the bonds fail to pass.

Now, when the commercial enterprises all over our country are at a standstill, is the time to make public improvements. The laborer must be employed, and he who got the profits in the years of plenty, must provide for the needy when depression prevails in the land. It is the responsibility of wealth. If we do not provide work, properly and economically handled, we must provide for the distressed through our Relief Department and charitable organizations.

If the bonds are voted, and the seventy miles of main traveled roads, are paved, these funds provided for in the budget for their improvement and maintenance, will be released, so that those roads which are remote

from the centers of population can be properly graded, drained and repaired out of this surplus.

Then after the country roads are all in excellent condition, in addition to properly meeting the demands of ordinary commerce, they will have made available to the tourists and sight-seers of the world, those unsurpassed treasures of nature with which we are blessed. We have snow-capped mountains, great fir forests, magnificent rivers, wondrous water-falls, fertile valleys, ocean beaches and a perfect summer climate. God has been generous with us. Let us utilize the good things He has put here, and let us encourage the tired and weary to come here to rest and recuperate.

The tourist crop is real, and it is tangible. Every tourist is worth ten dollars a day to this community. We can harvest a million dollars a week from May to October every year from this crop, and it will not exhaust our soil, devastate our mountains, ruin our water-falls or affect our climate, and these tourists' dollars go directly into the hands of the wage earners, merchants and producers. It is to the teamster, the barber, the newsboy, the boot-black, the laundryman, the farmer and the waiter that the tourist directly pays his fare, and they in their turn spend it for these things which they so greatly need, with the merchant and manufacturer.

Observe Switzerland and be convinced. Switzerland does not produce from her soil enough to feed and cloth her people, yet in utilizing her scenic resources by means of roads of various kinds, she has been gathering the tourist crop for years, until she is the richest nation per capita in Europe. And she sells to these tourists the best watches and clocks in the world; cotton and silk goods, woodenware, etc., for most of which she must import the raw material. In other words, the great tourist travel brings the market to her doors and stimulates her industries instead of the raw material and industries seeking distant markets, as we do at the present time. These reasons for voting the bond issue are in addition to those sound reasons

familiar to all of us, wherein a good road lessens the transportation cost of the farmers' crop, and thereby makes farming a more profitable industry and also the lessened transportation cost of farm produce reduces the high cost of living to the dweller in the city.

Then observe Los Angeles. But must I repeat? If you care to live in a land flowing with milk and honey, where your children can grow into industrious citizens, and where your friends and neighbors will meet you with that happy smile that betokens a serene and contented mind, vote for those road bonds next Wednesday, and after it is all over, you will wonder who opposed them and why they did it.

"Now, if you do not think the present commissioners will efficiently and honestly handle the \$1,250,000, then vote against the road bonds. If you do not think they have the back bone and the integrity necessary to spend this money effectively, then vote down the bonds. You can judge by the past whether you can trust the commissioners. The report that the commissioners have already settled the contracts for the trunk roads, if the bonds carry, is absolutely false. It is the plan of the commissioners to let these contracts on open specifications, and no pavement will have the preference. All first-class pavement companies may submit their bids, and the best will receive the contract. You may be sure, you farmers, that for every dollar there shall be a dollar's worth of work done or we won't spend a cent."

"There will be a ten-year guaranty on these paved roads, and for that time the county will not pour out money for their maintenance, and we can do other things and can improve the laterals."

In answer to a question, Mr. Holman said: "It is not possible to use the money planned for these roads elsewhere. The report that all the bond issue might be used on the Columbia Highway to the neglect of the other roads is absolutely false. The funds have been divided and must be used on the roads that have been designated."

### COTTRELL SCHOOL NOW STANDARD

The Cottrell school received its standard pennant Monday evening, March 29th. This means that the school has met the standard requirements in the following way:

- 1st. Flag flying when weather permits.
- 2d. Schoolhouse properly lighted.
- 3d. Equipment, teacher's desk and chair, desks for pupils properly adapted and placed; good blackboards, window shades in good condition.
- 4th. Heating, Waterbury special furnace.
- 5th. Rooms attractive at all times.
- 6th. One new standard picture.
- 7th. Clean grounds and four features of play apparatus.
- 8th. Sanitation, pure drinking water and drinking fountain, two good sanitary outbuildings.
- 9th. Library, good selection of books, case for the books, books kept upright in good condition and recorded according to law.
- 10th. Attendance averages over 92 per cent and tardiness less than two per cent.
- 11th. Term of nine months of school.

Supervisor E. S. McCormick gave a talk and Superintendent Calavan presented the pennant. A short program was given by the children.

The Patron-Teachers' association held a very enthusiastic meeting, March 31st. They are taking a very active interest in the improvement of the school, and plan to give an entertainment in the near future, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase various things for the school.

The teachers at the Cottrell school are Miss Ethal Wilkinson and Miss Helen Hoss.

### ANOTHER UNION HIGH IN FORMATION

A result of the meeting held at Orient last Saturday evening, on which occasion State Superintendent Churchill and County Superintendent Armstrong addressed the people on the union high school question, is an effort to organize Union High School District No. 3.

Notices have been published calling for another special school meeting to be held in each of the four adjoining districts on Saturday, April 24, for the purpose of voting on the location of a union high school building in case such a district is organized.

The required number of notices have been sent to the chairmen of the four districts by County Superintendent Armstrong. The calling of the meeting will not obligate a district to unite with the others for high school purposes, its object is only to decide on a location.

Similar notices have been sent to A. Ruegg, chairman of the Lusted, school board; John Ickler, Victory; J. S. Albel, Orient; V. E. Hengstler, Cottrell.

### MAN HUNT ON IN CLACKAMAS

Clackamas county has a man hunt in progress and deputies are scouring every avenue for signs of his presence. His name is Len Parker, an escaped convict from the penitentiary.

It was supposed that Parker was hiding in the woods near New Era, where Smith, the other escapee was killed, and a deputy is stationed there to see that he does not board a train. He is believed by some to be making his way in this direction, but no good description of him is available, so that he wouldn't be known if he were seen.

### BRAINS MISPLACED IN COURT STORY

Last Friday the Outlook said something about a trial in Justice Rollins' court which was afterward found to contain two errors. As an opener it should be stated that the two defendants mentioned were brothers, named William and Charles Byers—not father and son.

The remark attributed to Professor Quicksall was addressed to his pupils, his exact statement being that "It doesn't take brains to fight." There was no controversy with the Byers brothers concerning pugilism.

**A Cure for Sour Stomach.**

Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson, of Battle Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been troubled with indigestion, sour stomach and bad breath. After taking two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets I am well. These tablets are splendid—none better." For sale by all Druggists.

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 Combination, 1 year..... 8.00

### JOHN B. YEON ILLUSTRATES ROAD SPEECH

Last night's meeting in the interests of good roads and the bond issue was a gathering of interested voters who came to hear, and who went away convinced.

The speakers were John B. Yeon and George W. Stapleton, their speeches being followed by a series of pictures representing principally the Columbia River Highway.

Mr. Yeon's address was a resume of the arguments that have been made heretofore. They are embraced in the following:

"The passage of the present bond issue and the immediate distribution of \$1,250,000 (80 per cent amongst labor) will open the flood gates of prosperity to this community.

"Every dollar expended on good roads, excepting a small fraction thereof, remains in the community affected and provides employment for thousands of men.

"A bond issue for paved roads will help relieve the unemployed.

"Paved roads will develop the farming country of which 50 per cent is now uncultivated.

"Multnomah county has 3 1/2 miles of paved roads outside the city. King county (Seattle) has 110 miles and a prosperous farming community. Let's make Multnomah county more prosperous by securing 71 miles additional of paved highway including all the main trunk lines leading into our city.

"Seventy miles of paved roads will cost only \$5.40 for each \$1000 assessed valuation. This \$5.40 spread over 15 years or only 36 cents per year.

"It won't hurt the small taxpayer. Fifty-three per cent of the taxpayers are assessed at \$1000 or less. Seventy-three per cent are assessed at \$2000 or less. Fifty-two per cent of voters pay no taxes. Six per cent of taxpayers pay 75 per cent of taxes.

"The cost to maintain our present system of roads is more than the cost to pave them.

"A guaranteed article at the same price as one not guaranteed is preferable. In the matter of roads this holds good. A road guaranteed for 10 years is cheaper to the taxpayer than a macadamized or other road, as the yearly average maintenance expense for 10 years exceeds the original cost of a good paved road.

"One of the greatest of all crops is the tourist crop for a state like Oregon, with its scenic wonders and its unlimited resources. Good roads are the means to an end to secure this harvest all the year around not mentioning those who will take up a permanent residence."

Mayor Stapleton, in his address last night, told the voters that the hard surfacing of Powell Valley road would come eastward as far as the fountain. That is cheering news and indicates that the county will eventually continue the improvement through Gresham, and on to the county line. It also indicates that when the laterals are improved the hard surface will be seen on Main street from the Twelve-Mile corner to the fountain. It will only remain for Gresham to make the surface wide enough to reach from curb to curb.

### Library Notes.

Gibson pictures of characters from Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop, David Copperfield, Cricket and the Hearth, Martin Chuzzlewit, Christmas Carol and Pickwick of Pickwick papers have been posted.

Those interested in the war will enjoy Collier's Germany and the Germans, Bernhardt's Germany and the next war, Cramb's Germany and England, Higginbottom's three weeks in Holland and Belgium, Hueffer's England and the English and Whitman's German Memories. The weekly market bulletin has been posted.

The garden magazine has an article on the culture of the strawberry and grafting fruit trees made easy.

### Gravel and Sand.

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