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GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL VERSUS HOOD RIVER

Big Debate Scheduled for next Wednesday in the New Assembly Hall.

Rah, for the Gresham high school debaters!

The first of the winter's debating contests is announced for next Wednesday night, December 23, at 7:30 sharp, in the school assembly hall. The subject for this debate is, "Resolved, That municipalities should own and operate the light plants patronized by the general public." The opposing team is from Hood River high school.

The Gresham school will be represented by Hope Anderson, Florence Fieldhouse and Earl Thompson. The Hood River debaters are, Lena Newton, Grace Edgington and Estey Brosious.

This will be the first time a debate with another high school has been held in Gresham and every one will help to give the visitors a royal welcome. The use of the large, new, electric lighted assembly hall of the school will give the occasion an added interest. Its capacity will certainly be taxed and it is needless to say a rare treat awaits all who attend.

XMAS BALL

—GIVEN BY—
GRESHAM BASEBALL TEAM
—IN—
METZGER'S HALL
GRESHAM, OREGON

Dreamy Waltzes and Popular Two-steps by
Gresham Concert Band
—AND—
Snashall's Orchestra

Best Dance Floor in This Neck of the Woods - Attend!
IT'S THE HIT OF THE SEASON

GRESHAM TO HAVE FAST BALL DIAMOND

Prospects of High-class Ball the Coming Season — Giants Have Strong Team.

Baseball fans will no doubt be glad to learn that plans are under way for a season of league games here during the coming year. The local diamond is to be converted into one of the fastest in the state. It is proposed to lower the outfield to a level with the infield and the whole scraped and rolled. A Grandstand and bleachers will be erected.

To do this the boys are endeavoring to raise sufficient funds to carry on the work and complete it before spring and have it in readiness for the opening of the season.

The Giants have their team complete for the season and have what they consider, the best yet. The town is proud of her ball team and the boys are striving hard to maintain the public's good opinion. Their record for the season of 1908 is one of the best of the amateur teams of the state, and their record for shut-out games the best, having shut-out such teams as the Spantons, Wabash, The Dalles and several other crack teams of the state.

The boys will give a big Xmas Ball on Xmas eve at Metzger's hall for the benefit of the grand stand. The Gresham Concert Band has decided to assist the boys and together with Snashall's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. This is one of the series of dances to be given this winter. The hall is being beautifully decorated and all together it promises to be a brilliant affair.

Grand Masquerade Ball.

Grand Masquerade Ball at Johnson's Skating Rink, Gresham, Oregon, on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1908. Four grand prizes will be awarded. Good music by Richard's orchestra. Best of management. Everybody cordially invited.

C. H. Lane makes an important announcement in his ad, which every one who raises stock or poultry should read. Write him for the Watkin's almanac—you can't keep house without it.

COUNTY GRANGE MEETING AND BIENNIAL ELECTION AT ROCKWOOD

Multnomah County Pomona Grange met at Rockwood Wednesday, Dec. 16. The educational features of the session were limited by the time required for the biennial election. Miss Isom of the County Library was present and gave an interesting talk about the use of books and branch libraries.

The real work of the session began with the election, which resulted in Napoleon Davis, Fairview, for master; P. N. Gill, Russelville, overseer; Mrs. M. Kronenberg, Pleasant Valley, lecturer; Donald Feury, Lents, steward; E. C. Huffman, Russelville, assistant steward; Mrs. Mary Shattuck, Gresham, chaplain; W. E. Creswell, Multnomah grange, Orient, treasurer; Mrs. M. M. Eaton, Evening Star, secretary; Fred Benfield, Columbia, gatekeeper; Mrs. Sue Wendell, Woodlawn, Ceres; Mrs. A.

Creswell, Multnomah, Pomona; Miss C. Klasmussen, Columbia, Flora; and Mrs. Mary Crane, Rockwood, lady assistant.

The excellent dinners that were served must not go unnoticed. Rockwood did herself justice in this as in other efforts it has put forth to promote the good of the order.

A number of fine numbers were presented during the lecture hour. Mr. Byers of Fairview with Mrs. Kronenberg as accompanist, gave a solo with encore; Miss Harriett Johnson of Tremont rendered two very fine vocal solos, Mrs. O. J. Brown sang to her own accompaniment and Mr. Dolph also sang one number; Napoleon Davis presented a paper on the "American Farmer and his Products," and Miss Florence Gould gave a reading, all very entertaining and profitable. The evening after 9 was given over to a social and dance.

GRESHAM LOCALS

Earl Townsend will open a restaurant and shortorder house in the Carlson building on Powell street. The partition between the barbershop and room adjoining has been moved to make space for it and a neat little dining-room is thus secured.

The first snow of the season in this locality fell Tuesday night. It melted almost immediately but the next morning Gresham butte loomed up white as a small Mt. Hood. Were its sides not so rough it would attract the boy with a sled. There have been stiff frosts for a few nights.

Gresham had its electric light troubles last Friday night when all the lights in town were out for about ten minutes, leaving stores and houses in total darkness. The trouble was caused by a grounded wire.

J. N. Faris has gone to eastern Washington for a short stay.

Miss Lena Harwas captivated the audience by her charming soprano solos; Miss Griffin showed splendid mastery of the art of elocution in her several selections; Marshall Koempel, of the Oregon Conservatory of Music, rendered several fine selections on the cornet, and Miss Lillian Datesman presided at the piano. We hope to hear them again under conditions more favorable.

A special school meeting of legal voters of district No. 4, Gresham will be held at 3 p. m. Dec. 29 to vote a special tax.

All should attend the debate between the Gresham and Hood River high school teams next Wednesday night in the assembly hall at the Gresham schoolhouse.

The first meeting of the Old Folks' Pedro Club was held at the home of R. R. Carlson on Tuesday evening. There were twenty members present and a delightful evening was spent. Mrs. George Kenney and Mrs. Alva Hevel tied the highest score for the ladies. The highest score by the gentlemen was won by Dan Metzger. The next meeting will be at the home of Geo. Leslie next Tuesday evening and all members are invited to be present.

Miss Maud Rowley has gone to San Francisco for a holiday visit.

Roy Gibbs moved this week into his

new cottage east of town. He will build a fine house soon.

The Sunday school of the Methodist church will hold its Christmas entertainment on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:30, in the church. There will be appropriate songs, recitations, etc. Santa Claus is expected and everybody is invited. Gifts for the tree will be received by a committee. A voluntary offering is asked to help defray the expenses and same may be handed to the pastor.

Special services will begin at the Free Methodist church next Sunday, December 20th. The workers, who have just closed a successful meeting at Damascus, will assist the pastor, Rev. S. P. Roper. These ladies, Miss Harriet Griffin and Miss Culbertson, are highly recommended and have been very successful in their work. There will be service every night to which all are invited.

At the Methodist church next Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. M. R. Paroungian, will preach the Christmas sermon. He will also preach in the evening and there will be special music at each service.

Mrs. J. N. Faris has been quite sick this week with the grip.

Don't forget the high school debate at the schoolhouse next Wednesday night.

W. H. Hamilton of Vancouver was in town yesterday.

The Methodist church choir is preparing to give a concert after the holidays.

It is announced that Miss Floy Johnson and Harry Crenshaw, former Gresham young people, were recently married in San Francisco.

The funeral of Frank Moke, an account of whose accidental death was given in last week's Herald, was held at Carlson & Henderson's undertaking parlors last Sunday afternoon. Rev. M. B. Paroungian preached the sermon. The service was well attended by people of this community, no relatives of the deceased having been found. The burial was in the Gresham cemetery.

The concert given by the Tabor Concert company at the Grange hall, Gresham, last Friday night, while not a success as to attendance on account of a bad night, was of a high quality and won much praise from those present.

FIRWOOD ORGANIZES A LIVE BOOST CLUB

Farmers' Institute to be Held in Spring—Active Work Planned for Year.

The people of the Firwood district in northeastern Clackamas county have a knack of "doing things," that causes their neighbors to sit up and take notice. For the purpose of mutual benefit and boosting their locality, they recently organized a Progressive Association and it is already planning active work. Places of more inhabitants than Firwood might well copy their example.

Secretary Kehres writes: "The Progressive Association held a rousing meeting on December 12. A letter from the state Agricultural college was received stating that the Farmers' Institute was scheduled for Firwood early in the spring in co-operation with this organization. The following officers were elected:

Pres., J. G. DeShazer; V. Pres., A. Malar; Sec., Harvey E. Kehres; Cor. Sec., A. L. Milliron; Treas., E. D. Hart. Mrs. E. D. Hart, librarian, will have charge of the State Library at her home about the first of the year. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 9, with a basket social and entertainment. Everybody welcome to come.

Do you want a piano for Xmas? Then read Sherman Clay & Co's. ad in this issue. They tell you how you can get one for only \$10 cash.

J. W. Benecke, the Fairview merchant, deserves commendation for the fine line of goods he carries and the interest he is taking in local improvements.

THREE ROAD BILLS IN NEXT LEGISLATURE

"Good Roads" Sentiment Dominant Throughout Entire Oregon State.

(Special Correspondence.)

Portland, December 14, 1908. To the Editor—At the coming session of the Legislature there will be three bills applying to the construction of roads in Oregon. One bill will provide that thoroughfares be built by the state, county and community—the state paying three-eighths, the county three-eighths and the community through which the road passes, for a distance of two miles on each side, one-fourth of the cost another bill will enable the counties of this state to issue bonds for road construction to the amount of \$500,000; and another bill will enable the several counties of this state to employ convicts in the state penitentiary in road construction.

The first bill is somewhat similar to the Johnson bill which was passed at the last legislature and then vetoed by the Governor, only it has reduced the cost to the abutting farm property from one-third to one-fourth. What the other details are is not yet known.

Without discussing the merits of these bills it is well to urge farmers to inform themselves about them. The idea of building a road through the state has been condemned and I have been informed by Judge L. R. Webster of this county that he had abandoned its advocacy. He says that the object is now, to build in Oregon a system of roads connecting the rural sections with the markets and business centers that can be used the year round, winter and

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Notice to the Public!

I Wish to Announce that to Anyone Purchasing a Cas- ket of me I will Furnish Rough Box and Hearse FREE . . .

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B. W. Emery, Undertaker

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OUR HOLIDAY STOCK has all arrived and we are prepared to take care of your wants in this line. We can save you money in any class of goods you may select.

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Let us show you our line of Furniture including Rockers for old and young, Dining Chairs, Sewing Chairs, High Chairs, Lounges in velvet, velour and pantosie coverings; Dressers and Chiffoniers. Very fine Iron Beds, something swell to select from.

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We have a very fine line of Men's Neckwear, Fancy Suspenders in individual boxes, Garter and Sleeve Supporter Sets, Handkerchiefs in a great variety, Silk Mullers and Scarfs in a variety of colors and prices.

Have secured from the factory direct a nice line of Ladies' Side and Back Combs, as cheap or as high as you want up to \$5 each.

Something new in Ladies' Sweaters. Must be seen to be appreciated. Are a very appropriate Holiday present.

A Suggestion

Make someone a present of a Hat. Buy your order and present the order to anyone you wish. They can bring the order to the store and select the fit and color of hat they want—a nice and appropriate way to suit the person.

"GOODS OF QUALITY" LEWIS SHATTUCK GRESHAM, OREGON