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COMMERCIAL CLUB IS BOOSTING GRESHAM

Makes Great Progress During the Week—Many Applications for Membership.

Gresham is entering upon an era of development and publicity such as has come to many other cities less worthy, lifting them out of nonentity into a state of happy prosperity. And this is what will happen here.

The Gresham Commercial club is getting into shape for the right sort of work. During the week it has been active in securing new members and getting the co-operation of business men and citizens. Upwards of 40 members are now enrolled and others are coming. The mark is set at 100 and it is believed that number will be reached before the summer is over.

At the meeting held last Saturday night for the purpose of discussing Constitution and By-Laws, the committee reported in favor of adopting the constitution and by-laws of the former league, except that the supervising power, which was formerly in a board of five trustees, be now vested in a board of governors who shall be the heads of standing committees. There will be committees on Public Improvements, Immigration, Publicity, Finance, etc. It is planned to have an Information Bureau, which will be of great service to visitors and strangers or persons seeking locations or investments.

A big meeting is looked for tonight at the Grange hall when the board of governors, as provided for in the proposed constitution, will be appointed. The standing committees will be selected. Let all the members and everyone interested be present. A big publicity banquet is being planned for the near future, possibly next week, at which special speakers from Portland will be present, and some interesting disclosures will be made in regard to big development plans for Gresham and it will pay you to get in on the ground floor.

Leaflets and advertising pamphlets will be issued soon and given wide circulation through the mails and at the Portland Rose Festival, the Seattle Fair, etc. It is proposed to enclose leaflets in sacks of potatoes, boxes of fruit, etc., telling of the resources of eastern Multnomah.

Superior and Evans Potato Planters, Disc, Spring and Spike-Tooth Harrows and all kinds of Cultivators, at J. C. Hessel's, Gresham, Ore., opp. postoffice.

LENTS GRANGE HALL READY FOR OPENING

New Structure is of Concrete Construction and Will Cost Nearly \$6,000.

Something like six months ago the members of the Lents Grange began to talk about erecting a hall. The obstacles seemed for a long time to be many and unsurmountable, but the absolute necessity of better accommodations forced them to do something, so a committee was appointed to consider plans and as a result the Lents Grange Hall Association was formed, with a capital stock of \$3500. The stock started off well, but long before it was all sold the demand declined and other means of raising money were devised. Soon after the committee reported its incorporation, the stockholders elected A. F. Miller, A. F. Hershner, T. J. Kreuder, O. E. Lent and Donald Feury as directors, and the success of the undertaking is mainly due to their persistent efforts to carry the enterprise through. It was early decided to erect a concrete building, because it would be a good thing for the town, it would be more lasting and it would stimulate the erection of more substantial business houses.

It was thought at one time that the undertaking would have to take a rest, money came in so slow and loans seemed so difficult of obtaining. About this time an opportunity was offered to rent the entire lower floor for a store, and having this good prospect in view a loan was arranged. The building is mostly done and the lower floor has already been opened for one of the largest general stores in the county. That the people of Lents appreciate this new institution was evidenced by the large number that attended the opening on last Tuesday.

But the story is not complete. The hall has already been leased for ten nights in the month, and as a grand opening the Grange will be the first to occupy it on Saturday evening of this week in an entertainment and ball. Thus will the entire community celebrate the first really well constructed building in the town and the most expensive piece of Grange property in the county, for this building when complete will cost between \$5000 and \$6000. A general invitation is extended to the public to assist in celebrating the event, and already a very large attendance is assured.

When writing or talking with our advertisers please mention that you saw their ad. in The Herald.

GRESHAM LOCALS AND PERSONAL NEWS AND DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Gresham is Now Enjoying Renewed Prosperity and Indications Point to Continued Growth and Expansion During Ensuing Year—Boost, Boom, Build.

They're coming! "3000 in 1910." Fall in line—be a booster. No knockers in Gresham.

Earnest Beers and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Beers, parents here. Mr. Beers is now head sawyer for the Portland lumbering and logging company, one of the largest concerns on the coast.

Mrs. Boone and daughter, our popular milliners, spent Sunday and Monday visiting friends at their old home in Salem.

Those who attend the big dance given by the Gresham Concert Band here Saturday evening, are assured of a rare musical treat, for there will be music by the band and a seven-piece orchestra.

Mrs. C. W. Doane is somewhat improved this week, being up and around at times.

We who live here, are apt to overlook the wonderful scenic attractions of this vicinity when speaking of our town. Take a stroll up on Gresham Butte some bright, clear day, and behold the beautiful panoramic view of Powell and Willamette Valleys, with Portland, the Columbia river and three snow-capped peaks in the distance and our picturesque little city in the foreground, nestling in a valley of green fields and orchards that resembles a huge checker board. One needs only to see this to be convinced of the wonderful fertility of this section.

The Columbia Brick Works are running full blast now, employing about 25 men.

Otto Wabbles was in Gresham a few days last week. He is employed as lineman on the North Bank road.

Frank Gibbs has moved to his new home in Regners addition. Mr. Bradley, who is soon return to Gresham, will occupy the house on Fourth street.

The First State Bank has had several large placards printed at the Herald office for use in its real estate business.

The Methodist church choir is preparing special easter music, under the direction of Miss Burton.

Auction Sales are all the go these days and this office is kept on the jump turning out bills. The latest is the sale of Chas. Buhler of Troutdale, who will have a sale Monday afternoon. R. H. Casswell is auctioneer in most cases.

Geo. B. Whitcom of Lebanon is in town in the interest of some mining properties recently discovered on the Santiam, 40 miles east of Lebanon.

The Eastwood Nurseries are shipping nursery stock to eastern Oregon points. By the way, have you noticed the improvements and arrangement of their stock they are making? They deserve commendation.

Mrs. Grace Metzger was in town on Monday. She reports her recent Millinery opening, both here and at Arleta, a grand success.

At last! The gulch running through the business part of town has been cleaned of its debris and trash (and other things) and the sore spot of the town obliterated—April fool!

Are you willing to do for Gresham what Gresham has done for you? Then boost.

R. H. Casswell has recently returned from Vancouver B. C., where he was called suddenly by the illness of his daughter.

Harry Thomas was a caller on Monday. Mr. Thomas is engaged with the Oregon Paint and Varnish Co., and recently moved here from LaGrande.

Mrs. J. M. Short and children and her mother, Mrs. King, have returned from a brief sojourn in California.

Ed. Johnson is assisting in the surveying of the Independent Land Co's. new addition, now being platted and has the contract to clear and grade the streets.

Ralph Shepherd has been transferred to Oregon City and M. G. Telford comes here from Estacada.

Help your Home Paper by dealing with our advertisers. Tell them you saw their ad. in The Herald.

Wm. Johnson of Monfort, Wis., is here visiting friends and seeking a location.

O. Thomas has been sick with the grip and is much missed from his usual post in the band room.

Basket Social at Cedar Schoolhouse

The Young Ladies Single Blessedness Debating society will give an entertainment and basket social at Cedar Schoolhouse, Saturday evening, April 10th. Admission free. All come.

Inquiries for Land.

The O. W. P. Land Co. Immigration Bureau has daily inquiries from the East, in fact all parts of the country, for land, acreage, ranches, and is in position to show and sell your property. Call at Hessel's Realty office, correspondent O. W. P. Land Co. Immigration Bureau, Gresham, Ore., opp. postoffice.

If in need of Quality Buggies, Hacks, Road Wagons, Wagons, please call at John C. Hessel's, Agent, opp. postoffice, Gresham.

Death of Mrs. C. L. Crenshaw.

News of the death of Mrs. C. L. Crenshaw was received here from Oakland on Wednesday evening. It came as a great shock to the members of the family who had been informed only the day before that she was much improved and might be expected home soon.

Mrs. Crenshaw leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn her untimely departure. She had been married twenty-three years. A son, Harry, recently married, lives in California. The other children are, Essie, Gladys and Frank.

She has been a great sufferer from cancer of which she died while undergoing treatment. Mr. Crenshaw has done everything possible to relieve his wife's sufferings. She had gone to Oakland for special treatment.

The family has the sympathy of the entire town and a wide circle of friends in their sorrow. The body will arrive Saturday morning and the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Methodist church.

Wedding at Marmot.

The wedding of Mr. Ernest J. Aschoff and Mrs. Ellen Mundy was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Aschoff at Marmot on Sunday. Mrs. Aschoff is of Portland and the couple will reside in that city during the summer. Their many acquaintances join in wishing them a long, happy and successful married life.

When you want to sell your town property, acreage, ranch or farm, list same at Hessel's Realty office. Correspondent of O. W. P. Land office, Immigration Bureau, Powell street, Gresham.

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FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Large Variety of Artistic and Tasty Designs to select from. Expert Trimmers in Charge.

Our prices defy competition for we sell the cheapest in the county.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

Mesdames Boone and Metzger

Howitt Bldg. Gresham

WILL BORE FOR OIL IN THOMPSON'S ADDITION

Portland Capitalists Convinced That Petroleum is to Be Found Here.

A new corporation has just been formed and its field of activities will be for its center the town of Gresham. This corporation has for its purpose to prospect for oil, gas or minerals right at our door. Do you realize it? It has been known to many of our citizens for some time that there were evidence of minerals in one or more springs in this city, and aside from the presence of iron and sulphur and magnesia, it is apparent that some oil is to be found. How much oil remains for this company to ascertain. It is prepared to drill a well 2000 or more feet deep in search of this oil, and for that purpose the company will begin with a stock of \$500,000 fully paid, besides 250,000 shares of treasury stock, par value of \$1 per share. Among the organizers of the new company the names of J. C. Lewis, of the Pacific Construction Co., Robert Ashley, of the City Delivery Co., F. D. Smith, of Robinson Co., and N. L. Shafer, who will act as general manager. The board of directors have not been elected yet, but it has been disclosed that some of Gresham's best citizens will be among the officers, and a number of leading Portlanders will complete the organization.

At the present time considerable interest is attached to the mineral water that flows from a spring in Thompson's addition. It undoubtedly has some good qualities and it is not so extremely strong as to be so offensive as many of the mineral waters that have gained popularity. If it proves to be of medicinal value it would be of undoubted popularity, since it would not be in the least unpleasant to use. The water is being tried for its medicinal virtues now and any one who wishes to test its qualities may do so now without money or charge.

AIRSHIP ATTEMPTS FLIGHT FROM BUTTE

The Success of the Attempt is to Be Seen Clinging to Wire Fence, Wrecked.

Will some one please inform us who the gentlemen were who invaded the peace and quiet of our burg via the aerial route, causing no end of excitement? Now this is "on the quiet," for the gentlemen said so, (but things will leak out you know) so mum's the word. Well, about 10 days ago a big van from Portland arrived in these parts and its mysterious cargo secretly (?) transferred to the summit of Gresham Butte, which is several hundred feet altitude, and then wonder of wonders!—it was an airship! A real airship, about 20 feet long, with wings like a huge bird, lightly yet strongly constructed. And of course it would fly—and solve the problem of aerial navigation! But—it didn't, and the gentlemen, deeply disappointed, skidded and left their airship, wrecked and smashed, right where it had fallen, across a barb wire fence.

It has been whispered about that they will come again, with a new model, with all the defects of this one remedied and this time they will fly—so it is said. Perhaps it is figured to establish an aeroplane depot and station on the Butte, the only stopping point between Portland and Mt. Hood, with little cable cars running up and down the hill. Or perhaps it will be the start and finish of aerial races, or perhaps—well anyway whatever comes of these whisperings, we are deeply interested in this "kite-flyin'" and shall expect to see the first practical "air devil" make its debut in the air from Gresham Butte.

Blue-Ribbon and Quick-Deal Buggies, are good vehicles. Inspect the samples at J. C. Hessel's agency, Powell street, opp. Postoffice, Gresham.

SATISFIED CUSTOMERS

Are our best advertisement. Cash customers are satisfied customers, and you can always tell them by that self-same look. "Our low cash prices have caught the town" and our army of "cash buyers" is increased every day by people who have been convinced of our low prices and honest business methods—people who want to save 10 per cent of their grocery and feed bills. We guarantee to give the "most in quality and quantity" at lowest prices in the county. Our goods are just a little better and 10 per cent cheaper than elsewhere. The man that buys here is enabled to start a bank account—is on the road to wealth.

Farmers Beware of Cheap Clover Seed

That is floating on the market in this vicinity. Compare the quality of our seed with others and you will readily see the difference. Poor seed means poor crops. Can you afford a poor crop? We will send samples of our seed anywhere on request. A No. 1 Seed, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.; No. 2, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Groceries		Princess Flour \$1.35	
Fruit Sugar, 17 lbs. for.....	\$1.00	This Flour is not made by a Trust which enables us to sell it at this low price. Princess flour is the highest grade made, it's the perfection of flours. Other good brands as low as \$1.15	
Beet Sugar, 18 lbs. for.....	1.00	PRICES ON FEED	
Best grade of Coal Oil, per gal.....	15c	Shorts, per ton.....	\$29.00
Dried Currants, per lb.....	8c	per sack.....	3.15
Dried Raisins, ".....	8c	Bran, per ton.....	27.50
Dried Peaches, ".....	8c	per sack.....	85
Dried Apricots, ".....	10c	Corn, per cwt.....	1.80
Dried Apples, ".....	10c		

Nails Nails Nails		
Big Supply on Hand. Builders here's your chance. Prices, Keg, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Full line of builder's supplies coming—to arrive soon. Don't buy till you get our prices.		

WE ARE PAYING THE FOLLOWING PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCE THIS WEEK

Butter, per roll,	- - - - -	60 and 65c
Eggs, per dozen,	- - - - -	21c
Veal, per lb.,	- - - - -	10 and 10 1-2c
Hogs, per lb.,	- - - - -	9 1-2 and 10c
Beef, per lb.,	- - - - -	4 and 4 1-2c
Mutton, per lb.,	- - - - -	5 and 5 1-2c
Hides, per lb.,	- - - - -	8c
Chickens, per lb.,	- - - - -	15 and 16c
Springers, per lb.,	- - - - -	18 to 20c

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SEEDS For the garden, field or flower bed, in bulk or package. "The kind that grows." Our seeds are grown from the choicest stock and put up by men who know their business. If you want early vegetables and lots of 'em you must have good seeds. Get your seeds of us.

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Because it is equipped with every facility for the protection of funds entrusted to its care.

Because it is managed by a Board of Directors composed of men who have been successful in their own business affairs and are known for their integrity and ability, and know the details of the business of the bank and know what is being done each day—something besides an office-holder.

Because this bank accepts small accounts subject to check, and its officers extend every courtesy and attention to all depositors without regard to the size of their accounts.

Because sooner or later you will want an accommodation from the Bank and you will not then be a stranger to its officers as you most likely would be in a large bank.

Because this Bank pays interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum on time deposits and accepts small amounts at the convenience of the depositor.

You are cordially invited to open an account with us.

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GRESHAM, ORE.
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