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WILL ENCOURAGE FACTORY BUILDING

The Mount Hood Railway Company is endeavoring to work in unison with the ideas expressed by some of the members of the Commercial Club regarding the establishment of a payroll. D. M. Roberts reported to the club on Wednesday evening that the Gedanka tract would be platted and thrown open for the purpose of encouraging manufacturers to locate there. All necessary conveniences will be available, including sidetracks, and it is probable the road would give extra inducements to factories of all kinds.

Bids were asked for on 5,000 copies of a folder advertising the resources of Gresham and vicinity, it being the opinion of the members that the many hundreds of inquiries should be answered in that way.

The library and building committees were given further time as they were unable to report full results at this time. The matter of renting the club rooms to outside parties was referred to the entertainment committee, J. H. Sterling, chairman. For the present the auditorium may be leased as the big hall will be kept intact with the addition of a stage at the west end.

The next meeting will be held at the club rooms on Wednesday evening, May 3.

NEW STALLION LICENSE LAW

The new stallion law which was passed by the last session of the legislature will go into effect May 25. The Stallion Board has been organized and plans for the work are being made, but no licenses will be issued until after May 25. Stallion owners should, however, get in their applications before that date.

It will not be possible to register and have examined all the horses in the state in a day or two, so that some time may intervene between the receipt of the application and the issuance of the license. It is not expected that the owners stop using their horses during that period, but it is expected that no horses will be used after May 25 until an application for license has been made.

Animals having county licenses will also have to get state licenses under the new law, as there is no connection between the state license and the one issued by the county. Money paid for county licenses will not count toward securing state licenses. Copies of the law and application blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the board at Corvallis. It is not necessary, however, that the applications be made on the regular blanks. A letter will do as well, providing the necessary information is included. All applications must be accompanied by the \$10 fee, and, in case of registered horses, by the pedigree certificate. These pedigrees will be returned. For horses not pure bred the owner must give a complete statement of the horse's breeding.

GRECIAN EASTER CELEBRATED.

A joyous and exciting annual custom was indulged in last Sunday by the Greek laborers working on the Mount Hood railroad. The occasion was in the observance of the Grecian Easter and the close of the Lenten season. At the big camp near Craswell's Crossing,

where 200 men are living, was the scene of the greatest festivities but the Gresham camp was just as enthusiastic although on a smaller scale. At both places an ever-green arbor was erected from which floated the stars and stripes alongside the Grecian emblem. Inside were long rows of tables where dainty viands were spread in great profusion, including citrus fruits and various beverages of an exhilarating nature, and stacks of gayly colored Easter eggs.

Festivities began early in the morning and lasted all day. There was no set form of ceremony, but every man enjoyed himself to the utmost in dancing, singing and feasting, yet the greatest order and decorum was preserved and hundreds of visitors were treated royally to the best they had.

Many of our citizens farmers living near the two camps were invited to share in the joyousness of the occasion, and those who partook of Grecian hospitality are loud in praise of the treatment accorded them. Visits between the camps were frequent on the gravel trains that ran all day, and the Easter Sunday of the Greeks passed away in a blaze of enthusiasm and glory intensified by the feeling of patriotism our alien friends have for their native land and their adopted home under the flag and customs of America.

How to Preserve Farm Timbers

A simple and inexpensive treating plant has been set up at O. A. C. by the forestry department to teach students how farm timbers, such as fence posts, may be protected from weather, insects, fungus and other destructive influences at a comparatively small cost. It can be duplicated on any farm for \$100 or less, and will readily pay for itself in a short time in the added length of time the treated timbers will last.

To a certain extent the treatment prevents the growth of the mosses and lichens which hold moisture and thus hasten the decay of the wood. The principal action of the preservative, however, is to kill any spores of fungi that come in contact with the wood; and if there is no fungus growth there will be no decay.

The plant consists of a light frame shed with two galvanized iron tanks, both fitted with steam coils so that the temperature of the contents can easily be regulated. In one the creosote which is the principal preservative used, is heated to 212 or 220 degrees Fahrenheit and kept there while the timbers soak in it for about three hours. They are then removed to the other tank, where the preservative is kept at about 110 degrees for two hours, after which the timbers are ready for final removal and use.

Preserving the timbers adds 8 or 10 cents to the cost of each post, but it lengthens the life of the post two or three times, thus saving much labor and expense in cutting and setting new ones. Every large farm can well afford such a plant, and small farms might combine in operating one in co-operation. Such co-operative plants are common in some parts of the country.

The railroads are now using oech, loblolly pine and birch treated in this manner, although these timbers were impracticable before the treating method was inaugurated. They lasted but four or five years then, whereas they now last, with same use and exposure, about fourteen to eighteen years.

Gather pumpkins and squash before a hard frost, and store away in a dry place (not in a damp cellar.)

MILK PRODUCERS TO GET TOGETHER

A dairymen's association for Multnomah county was partially organized by about 50 of the leading milk producers. There was an earnest endeavor to form a stock company for the purpose of equipping a distributing plant in Portland, but the plan was opposed by several of those present, and the association to be formed will be in the nature of a club organized for mutual benefit, but with the main purpose of its originators left out. The prime idea was to get rid of the middleman, sell direct to the customers and add to the profits of production, which are now but 40 per cent of the gross receipts from the sale of milk to the consumers. The meeting was held in Grange Hall, Gresham, yesterday.

Incidentally, the startling statement was made that milk from tuberculosis cows is being gathered up by the route collectors and sold in Portland every day. This charge was made by C. W. Cochrane, who asserted that he knew whereof he spoke. He also further asserted that diseased cows were being killed and sold to small butchers in the city, and claimed to have the names of the offenders.

Dr. White of the State Health Board was present and admitted that he knew of such cases and that he, too, had names but that nothing could be done unless the dairymen themselves were honest. He advocated a stock company, as suggested, which organization would quickly control the milk market and bring about all needed reforms.

C. E. Fritz, who originated the idea of a company, was made chairman of the meeting, with Theodore Brugger secretary. Mr. Fritz outlined his plan, which was in effect that all must become stockholders so as to provide funds for a plant. He estimated that 15 tons of milk could be handled each day and distributed at smallest expense for about \$3000 invested. He would eliminate bad debts by having tickets sold in advance to customers and presented a plan for refunding investment if a dairyman quit the business.

H. E. Davis, manager of W. W. Cotton's farm, opposed a stock company, as did John Lusher, manager of the Portland Dairy Association. Their arguments were that the middleman was not getting rich, which statement was supported by another, that their system of distribution is too costly. It was contended that district distribution should be made, which the stock company alone could do. When the discussion had ended Mr. Davis and Mr. Lusher had won a victory as the dairymen voted for an association with its objective features left out and appointed these two gentlemen on the committee which is to report a plan of organization.

Dr. White asserted that many dairymen near the city cannot comply with the laws because of unsanitary surroundings and are furnishing unsanitary milk. He found that these conditions decreased further away in every five-mile circle until finally the conditions were nearly perfect 25 miles away.

Speaking of the slaughter of diseased cows, Dr. White stated that about 15,000 had been tested and about 970 killed. There are yet over 500 in existence which are being sold for beef. He said the present plan of distribution is dangerous and could only be remedied by the formation of a stock company with a distributing plant managed by competent persons. Another startling statement by Dr. White was that of 30 hogs sold to a packing firm all but nine had to be destroyed because they were found to be full of tuberculosis. Their condition came about from being fed the offal from cows killed for beef and sold in the city.

The committee to present a plan of organization consists of John Lusher, H. E. Davis, C. E. Fritz, A. B. Conrad and H. G. Mullenhoff. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13, at one o'clock, in the rooms of the Gresham Commercial Club.

LEAST RAIN IN TWENTY YEARS

Corvallis, Ore., April 13, "The month just past is one of the most remarkable on record during the last twenty years for the minimum amount of rainfall and the number of warm, clear, spring-like days and general fair weather," says W. L. Powers, of the Oregon Agricultural College agronomy department, who is weather observer at the college. He gives the following interesting data for the past month. The precipitation, which was .75 in-

ches, is the lowest amount on record for the last fifteen years and without doubt the lowest for the past twenty years. The nearest approach to this was last year, when the rainfall for March was 1.21 inches. The normal precipitation here for March is 4.62 inches, making last month 3.87 inches below normal. In comparison with the minimum amount of rainfall recorded for last month, it might be interesting to know that for March 1903 it was 11.70 inches, which is the maximum amount for March on record.

The deficiency for the rainfall year, beginning September 1st, was 4.08 inches at the close of March. The rainfall to date, April 11, is 2.34 inches, indicating that it will be above normal for the month. The evaporation the past month greatly exceeded the precipitation, being nearly 3 inches.

There were 19 clear days; four were part cloudy; and 8 were cloudy. This is the largest proportion of clear weather on record, and the nearest approach to this was March, 1903, with 16 clear days; 5 part cloudy; and 10 cloudy days.

On March 31 the thermometer reached 77 degrees, which has only been equaled once, and that on March 9, 1905. The coldest day was March 1, 25 degrees and the mean temperature for the month was 47 degrees, which is 2.2 degrees above normal.

The earliness of spring, and the long period of open weather during March permitted a great deal of early spring plowing and seeding to be done—much more than usual—so that, notwithstanding the unusual turn of the weather at this time, the crops, both of spring and fall planting, should be good. The danger of the variable weather in the last few weeks, probably, is to fruit crops, but as yet they seem comparatively free from injury in this locality. The minimum temperature was 29 degrees on April 2, and on April 6, 27.5 degrees.

SANDY SHOULD INCORPORATE

Another illustration of the need of incorporation is shown at Sandy this week. The mob which ruled temporarily on Monday is but evidence that the city is in need of such a government. Had it happened that the justice of the peace had been located in some other part of the precinct the result would probably have been some fatalities. As it was they got off with a fine. If the city were organized, had its own court, it could assess its own fines and provide a rock pile for those who exhibited such a surplus of energy and minimum of self control.

Then there is another reason why Sandy should be incorporated. It is at present supporting two saloons, with the prospect of having another. These places operate under county licenses. The revenues are taxes upon people of the locality and should be used in that locality. At present they go into the county fund. This would not appear so bad if all such revenues were similarly handled, but such is not true. It is the custom for Oregon City to use its own license revenues, and the same is true of other localities. If Sandy incorporates it will use its own revenues.

ADVERTISING PAYS

proportionately to the publicity afforded by the advertising medium. The HERALD has a bonafide subscription list many times larger than any other paper published in any part of the county outside of Portland. If you expect results, bear in mind these facts.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

We are all sorry that Mr. Steele has not recovered from his illness.

The sophomores returned safe and sound from their trip to Portland last Wednesday. They report a good time. As the freshmen did not get to go along with the sophomores, the latter presented each of the former with a stick of candy.

Geneva Wright came to school a little while last Monday. She is not going to attend school any more this year. She said that Lena is better.

The freshmen had a test in English Tuesday which caused some sour faces.

The seniors are beginning to practice their play in earnest.

Marian Robertson gave a review of the life of Dr. Henry Vandyke and also a review of one of his stories.

There have not been so many cases of tardiness since it was announced that those who are tardy more than five times cannot rank as honorary students.

Bert Hoss made a trip to the Portland library Thursday for material for his theme.

The baseball team will play the Oregon City high school nine on the home diamond Saturday afternoon.

SERIES OF FINE ENTERTAINMENTS

County Superintendent R. F. Robinson assisted by others gave the first of a series of educational exercises at Rockwood last evening. The others of the series will follow in order, one at Troutdale this evening, another at Linton next week and the remainder elsewhere.

Professor Robinson gave an address on educational topics, preceded by Mrs. J. J. Chisholm with a vocal solo, Miss Beatrice Kirkup in a reading, W. L. Finley with an address on birds and bird life, and lastly Mrs. Florence Gould-Menzies who was at her best in some of her reading selections. The solos and readings were encored several times. The exercises were given to a house full in the Grange Hall. The same people will appear at Troutdale except Mrs. Chisholm, who goes to Salem today. Great value is attached to Professor Robinson's efforts, as they are something new in the line of visits to the public schools and are really attractive.

Powell Valley Farmers to Organize

The farmers of Powell valley and vicinity will meet tomorrow evening, Saturday, April 29, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Equalization Organization. This is a large and growing institution, intended to promote the interests of the farmers in holding up prices for all kinds of produce. Delegates from all over this county and Clackamas are expected to be present and form the branch. It is an open society to which all producers are eligible as members.

With the society in active operation it will be the aim to establish headquarters in Portland where the farmer may go with his produce for information as to best prices and possible buyers.

The meeting will be held in the Powell valley school house under the direction of C. R. Keller and Charles Welch, who are its promoters and most active boosters.

Unclaimed Letters

The following letters remain unclaimed for at the Gresham post office for the week ending April 22, 1911:

Gentlemen, Chas. Arbuckle, J. J. Hawkins.

Cards, Peter Krodunk.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office on May 6, 1911, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised," giving date of list.

I. McCOLL, P. M.

DANCE DATES AT ROCKWOOD.

Rockwood Grange has set the date of its next dance for May 3. Following dances will be held on May 27, June 10, July 1, July 22. Richards' orchestra and the usual Grange supper. Tickets \$1.00, supper 25 cents extra.

Grange Dance at Orient

Multnomah Grange will give another dance Saturday night May 6th. The usual grange supper will be served. Richards orchestra. Undesirables will not be allowed to remain.

Opportunities are for those who are ready for them. How often have you missed an opportunity because you did not have the ready money? Be ready for the next one.

OPPORTUNITIES

We are ready and willing to give you every advice and assistance possible in the conduct of your finances. We offer you fair, courteous treatment, absolutely regardless of the size of your account, and last of all we are interested in YOUR prosperity because with YOUR success and that of every other citizen lies the growth and prosperity of this community.

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