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RAILWAY OFFICIALS GREET BOOSTERS

Regular trains will be running between Portland and Gresham within six weeks, maybe sooner. The service will start with three trains at first, two drawn by locomotives and the other a motor car. They will give hourly service and make the trip each way in 45 minutes. In a short time thereafter the company will establish a ticket and express office.

Besides all of the above it is announced that a modern depot building will be erected at Roberts avenue and the Section Line, 24x48 feet in size. The company will probably establish its car shops here on the 30-acre tract it owns at the northeast corner of the city. It has not definitely promised to do so, but the officials have intimated that it may be done if free water is furnished and their property taken into the corporate limits so that sewer facilities may be had. The taxes they would pay would offset the free water and the Commercial Club will endeavor to bring the whole thing about just as here outlined.

The company has asked the business men of Gresham to go on an excursion to Bull Run in a few days and they will go. Opportunity will be taken then to ask them in return to become the guests at a banquet by the Commercial Club on a near date. For that purpose the entertainment committee has been instructed to get busy.

All of the foregoing was reported at the meeting of the Commercial Club on Wednesday evening and in addition the Club authorized an invitation reception and dance for members only and their friends on a date to be announced within the next two weeks.

The farmers of Powell Valley asked for the use of the auditorium on Monday evening. They will complete their association then.

Unclaimed Letters

The following letters remain unclaimed for at the Gresham postoffice for the week ending June 3, 1911:

Gentlemen: Roy Fielding, John D. Rudd, John G. Davis, Frank Page.

Ladies: Miss Alma Carpenter, Mrs. F. W. M. Davis.

Cards: Hammond Pokon, Denny Breckenridge, J. R. Brand, Roy Fielding (2), John D. Rudd.

Letter Office on June 17, 1911, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised," giving date of list. I. McCOLL, P. M.

GRESHAM TO HAVE OILED STREETS

Road work is beginning in earnest all over the county and the results to be shown next fall will surpass those of any previous year. With four rock crushers at work and all available teams engaged in hauling the crushed material the leading roads will be thoroughly improved wherever necessary and there will be several new roads surfaced this year that are now unimproved and almost impassable during the rainy season.

Besides the work mentioned last week along the Base Line and at Kelley Butte, by three crushers, there is a fourth crusher in operation at the Sandy bridge which is furnishing a fine quality of rock and screenings for districts east of here. Its products will be used throughout the districts bordering and beyond the Sandy river. The rock comes from a cliff and is of superior quality. Some of it was used last year.

Road Superintendent Hillyard brought

out a steam roller yesterday which is at work on the Lusted road east of Powell Valley. About two miles of surface, put down last year too late to be rolled, is receiving attention. This road will receive a top dressing of screenings if necessary and will be a fine stretch of thoroughfare when done.

The Pipe Line road to A. C. Wilton's will probably be graveled this summer. The distance is only half a mile and the cost will be about \$500. The county has asked the residents there to put up \$250 and has promised the remainder to complete the job. Mr. A. C. Wilton has offered to give \$100 of the amount and the whole sum will probably be raised.

A great deal of work has already been done this spring on the new Barr road and on the Villa boulevard. Both are still receiving attention and are still unfinished but will be completed except for a mile or so the present season.

Oiling of the Base Line is being done again this year. The road has been oiled eastward almost to the eight mile post and will receive attention as far as the Twelve Mile House, thence to Gresham through its principal streets, as before.

In Supervisor Kenney's district the work is general and much is being accomplished, especially south and west of Gresham. The roads in this district are better all throughout than in any other and will be kept up to their excellent standard.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT LENTS.

While stealing a ride on the side of one of the large vans of the Rose City Van & Storage Company, at Lents, about 9 this week, George Walrod, aged 5, lost his grip, fell under the wheels and was crushed to death.

With his chum, Benny Scholtz, aged 6, who witnessed the accident, George spent his morning by riding on the van of the company of which his father is an employe. The van was in charge of L. H. Perry and C. W. Whittle, who were moving furniture to a residence at Mt. Scott avenue and Seventh street. It was within half a block of this place that George slipped from the wagon and met his death. Not until the load was over half removed and Perry happened to glance up the street was the child discovered. Perry and Whittle immediately hurried to the child's side to find him dead. The children were riding without the knowledge of the teamsters.

POSTOFFICE DOES BIG BUSINESS

The Gresham postoffice has been a busy place during the past month. The total number of pieces handled of outgoing mail numbered 18,919. The incoming pieces numbered 38,448, making a total of 57,367. This does not mean that every separate paper in a bundle was counted, but a sack or bundle was counted as one piece. The number of sacks sent out was 49. The number of money orders issued included 332 domestic and 15 international. The number of domestic money orders paid was 110. It will be seen at once that the local office has been a busy place. But the counting of the separate pieces will not continue each month. This week is the time for the big postmasters' convention in Portland and Mrs. McColl will be absent attending that part of the time.

There should be placed in every pig yard and pasture a box with salt, charcoal, air-slaked lime, bone-meal hardwood ashes, so the pigs can help themselves at will.

SCHOOL OFFICERS HOLD CONVENTION

The meeting of the School Board Convention held here last Friday was called by Superintendent R. F. Robinson, so that conclusions reached might be taken up in the annual school meetings to be held June 19. The convention met at 10 a. m. in the Commercial Club rooms. Dr. J. M. Short, of Gresham, gave a talk on health conditions. Lunch was served in the Grange Hall.

At the afternoon session the water supply for schools, the proper care of outbuildings, janitor service, and care for floors and walls of a school room were considered. Resolutions were adopted favoring the immediate installation of heating and ventilating furnaces, supplying bubbling fountains for water, where practicable, or the use of individual drinking cups and towels in all schools, boards to supply sets of supplemental readers, and better equip the schools with maps, globes and black-board space.

Delegates were present as follows: District No. 2—J. F. Hendricks, J. E. Tanch; District No. 3—B. P. Reynolds; District No. 4—Theodore Brugger, O. I. Neal; District No. 7—William Tegart, T. R. Rowen; District No. 8—Arnold Bugger, Mrs. Josephine Blise, L. Spencer, E. E. Welling; District No. 10—Henry Jones, Mrs. R. A. Ramsey; District No. 12—Mrs. Mae Shroup, Mrs. T. M. Glass; District No. 15—B. C. Altman; District No. 16—S. Luscher; District No. 20—Francis May Fox; District No. 25—J. Fancher; District No. 27—R. Tegart; District No. 28—A. A. Zenger, Robert Holman, William Harnacker; District No. 33—L. Gertz; District No. 34—Mary R. Reeder, J. L. Reeder; District No. 35—S. M. Davis; District No. 37—R. J. Burley; District No. 38—H. A. Gaus; District No. 39—Clara Smith; District No. 40—H. A. Lewis; District No. 45—B. F. Preston; District No. 45—A. Heiman, R. Henderson, Mrs. R. Henderson; District No. 48—Sam Hult; District No. 49—John Lekker; District No. 50—R. T. Smith; District No. 51—George Tapfer; District No. 6, joint—F. A. Richey; District No. 42, joint—O. F. Cooke; District No. 62, joint—A. W. Klein; District No. 70, joint—C. M. Richmond; District No. 83, joint—L. Walsh.

Summer School For Swedish Children

The Swedish people of Powell Valley evidently realize the advantage of giving their children some instruction in their own language and have begun a summer school in which over 40 pupils are enrolled. The teacher is Professor Alfred Rydberg and he will conduct the lessons in the Swedish tongue exclusively from Swedish text books. The school is being held in the Powell Valley School house. There are probably 30 or 40 Swedish families in that district and many of their children have no knowledge of the Swedish language. They are bright, intelligent boys and girls who attend the district school faithfully for nine months and are far ahead in all their English studies. It looks rather tough to see them trudge to school again when vacation is on for all the others, but they will know a whole lot more when the fall term begins again and that is the reason they are so far advanced in all their English studies and why their examinations are comparatively easy. The Swedish summer school there has been conducted annually for the past three or four years.

Weighting and Counting of Mail

An analysis of the weighing and counting of mail on the four rural routes from Gresham last month reveals the interesting fact that 51 per cent of all the newspapers handled were sent postage free. The law provides that county papers do not have to pay postage in the county where printed, such papers being known as "free in county," hence they are carried on all trains and other routes for nothing. With over one-half of the papers being carried free of charge it is no wonder that there has been such a deficit in the postal business during all the past years.

The same analysis revealed the fact that the long-haul magazines weighed about 15 per cent of the total, leaving about 34 per cent to be classed as legitimate newspapers which pay pound rates. The magazines pay the same rate as other papers, but their haul averages 1400 miles against 100 miles for the local papers, which fact causes a big loss in their hauling and the department has de-

ecided to ask for a law compelling them to pay a higher rate of postage than other publications. The recent counting and weighing all over the United States will show how much justice there is in the claim that they should pay more than the others.

Fungus Causes Potatoes

What causes the large tubers we call potatoes to form on the roots of the potato vine? A French botanist named Bernard has been investigating this question, and he comes to the conclusion that they are a disease. They belong to the class of abnormal growths or excrescences, like the nut-galls that afflict oak trees, due to the sting of an insect, he says.

They are stimulated by the inoculation of the roots with a fungus of the genus fusarium, and if this fungus is not present the tubers will not develop. In other words the potatoes "run to tops," and do not "bottom." The fungus can be noted in a potato hill, where the mycelium or roots can be seen in the form of a network of white thread-like roots or fibers.

The soil all over the world is now impregnated with this fusarium fungus, which spreads with great rapidity. When potatoes are dug some of the fungus spores adhere to the skin, and each potato carries the germ principle that will, when it is planted, stimulate the formation of more tubers on the roots of the potato vine. It would be a bad practice to wash potatoes before planting them, therefore.

New varieties of potatoes are derived by planting the seed, that is the potato balls growing on the vines, but it takes several years to get these new varieties to form tubers. When the potato was first introduced into Europe the attempt was made to propagate it by planting the seed, but it was soon found that the tuber was far more certain. M. Bernard has proved they produce more heavily when the hills are well supplied with the fusarium spores; and it is probably this which makes some soils so favorable to potato culture while others are not.

Orchids produce many seeds, some of them millions to the single plant, yet they are very rare plants, and it was long supposed to be impossible to grow them in any way except by transplanting the bulbs. Success with the seeds was at last reached by sowing them in soil that had contained the adult plant. From his investigation M. Bernard concludes that the seeds germinate only after they have been penetrated by a fungus, and that infection of the soil, which would result from the roots of the older plants, is necessary for the cultivation of the young plants, as in the case of the potato.

Semi-Weekly Journal Clubbing Offer. Regular \$2.50 price, both Herald and Journal, \$2.00.

GRESHAM TO MAKE THE EAGLE SCREAM

Gresham will hear the eagle scream on the Fourth, and there will be all the other features of a big celebration. It is intended to make it the grandest ever, and as it is to be given under the direction of the Grange Fair Association it will be the genuine article—all wool and 36 inches wide.

There is promised a big excursion from Portland over the Mount Hood line. The managers of the road have said they will bring 10,000 people here on that day and we rather guess they can do it, so there will be every effort made to give them some sort of an entertainment that will just put all previous celebrations way back in the "has been" column and make this year's doin's something to remember long after we have annexed Portland and the other surrounding villages.

At a meeting of the Fair Association, held the other day, a committee of arrangements was chosen to make full preparations for the celebration. Mayor Lewis Shattuck, T. R. Howitt and F. H. Crane are the three in charge and things have begun to hum already. They were at the Commercial Club meeting on Wednesday evening and enlisted the full co-operation of the club and every member of it individually. A committee was appointed by the club consisting of C. S. Smith, W. H. Congdon and James Sterling to act with the Fair committee and they held a conference at which it was decided to do things up proper. There will be all the usual features and some extra ones.

Among the free attractions will be a roasted ox for the hungry with bread and mustard for garnishments.

The Hood River Cornet band has been selected to furnish the parade and concert music and will probably come.

Richards' orchestra will furnish music for dancing in the pavilion during the afternoon.

E. L. Thorpe, manager of the Rockwood dances, has been selected to manage the floor and will choose his assistants.

A big tent will be erected on the grounds in charge of W. H. Congdon where stacks of "eats" will be found for hungry people at reasonable prices.

The celebration will last all night with dancing in the Auditorium of the Commercial Club, with the same music and under the same management.

The business houses will be canvassed by W. H. Congdon for funds to start the celebration on its way and there will be reduced fares on the railroads, both ways.

Lots of advertising will be done and a good oration will remind the folks that it is the great natal day of your Uncle Samuel.

FOURTEEN GET DIPLOMAS.

Fourteen graduates were given diplomas last Friday evening at the commencement exercises of the Gresham High School. The assembly hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and was filled to overflowing with an appreciative throng. The program was slightly different from former occasions, consisting of selected numbers instead of orations from the class members.

Professor E. E. DeCon, of the Oregon State University, was the principal speaker of the evening, his address being on educational topics and full of advice to the young men and women who were just receiving their graduating honors.

The class numbered fourteen, as follows: Lillian Fredolph, Herbert Hoss, Roy Johnson, May Kesterson, Maud Michel, Gladys Richey, Kenneth Roberts, Marian Robertson, Herbert Ryan, Margaret Schantin, Lloyd C. Schram, Earl Thompson, Wilbur Thompson and Ethel Wilkinson.

The diplomas were presented by Arthur Dowsett, chairman of the board of directors, in a few words of cheer and congratulations. Flowers were presented in profusion by six young girls and congratulations were extended by all present.

After the exercises a banquet followed in one of the class rooms, given by the juniors with Harold Kern as toastmaster. The responses were made by Bert Hoss, Prof. R. F. Robinson, Miss Alida Culy, Mrs. Wallace, Dr. A. Thompson, Theodore Rugger, Miss Bessie Strebin and Prof. DeCon.

This was the sixth class to be graduated from the Gresham High School and the largest. The whole number of graduates is now 35, the class growing larger each year.

Remember, brother farmer, that the hot weather and hard work tax the strength of your wife. She will enjoy going to the store with you and riding slowly home in the cool of the evening.

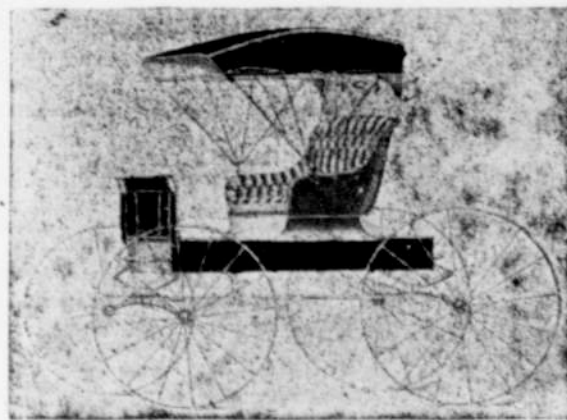
To keep moles from a bed, sink a close mesh wire netting a foot wide into the soil around, allowing it to extend about two inches above the surface. If you have no netting, use boards. Either will prevent the entrance of moles into the bed.

ONE DANCE IN JUNE

Rockwood Grange will give one dance in June on Saturday evening, the 10th. Richards' orchestra, as usual and Grange supper. Tickets \$1.00, supper extra. Following dates will be July 1, and 22.

MULTNOMAH GRANGE DANCE DATES

Multnomah Grange will give another dance Saturday evening June 3rd. The usual Grange supper will be served. Richards orchestra. Undesirables will not be allowed to remain.



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