

STREET LIGHTS ARE IMPROVED

BETTER LIGHTS AT REDUCED COST

LAVEL ROBERTS AVENUE

Property Owners Want the Street Improved From Powell to Division.

There was a full attendance of councilmen at the adjourned regular meeting last Tuesday night, because many citizens and visitors who are interested in matters to be presented.

A representative of the P. R. L. P. company showed the council what it could improve the street with and a contract was drawn up and ordered signed by the recorder. The terms of this contract, which expires next October, the town agrees to purchase and use tungsten lamps. The new lamps will be 50 candle power instead of 32 as at present and will cost the town \$1 each a month instead of \$1.50 as heretofore.

The first cost of the lights will be a little more, but the maintenance will be less. The light will be increased nearly 50 per cent and the cost reduced one third. The tungsten is a nice white light, giving maximum of light as long as they last.

The town is now using 18 lights. The town will set additional poles and pay for installation it can have more lamps for what it has been paying.

A delegation of property owners on Lavel Roberts avenue was present and presented a petition signed by a majority of the property owners, to have the street graveled between Powell street and Division street. The council acted favorably on the petition and the recorder was authorized to call for bids. The matter is open for bids up to 5 p. m., March 25. Details can be had from the recorder, D. M. Roberts. A special meeting will probably be called to consider the bids. It is proposed to gravel the street with a heavy coat of coarse gravel and 10 feet wide.

The treasurer's report for February showed \$2479.92 on hand. Bills were allowed amounting to \$285.

The location and purchase of property for a city hall was left over to obtain more definite information.

There was considerable discussion over forcing property owners to clean up some of the foul places especially along Johnson creek, and there was some talk of filling in the canyon crossing First and Powell streets.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS DULY CELEBRATED

Thursday evening at their home in this city Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Moran were given a surprise in honor of their seventh anniversary, by their relatives and parents in Portland. The evening was spent in conversation and a fine lunch was served. The host and hostess were presented with a fine cut glass fruit set. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wheeler, hostess; Mr. and Mrs. B. Tooker, Miss Pearl Wheeler and Gus Wheeler, all of Portland.

BIRTHDAY PARTY ON GRESHAM YOUNG LADY

A party was given at the home of Arlie Gibbs in honor of her 18th birthday. Games were played and refreshments were served. Those present were: Maggie Winters, Ava Thompson, Velma Metzger, Anna Mackerraw, Arlie Gibbs, Katie Camp, Ruth Winters, Vera Smith, Ada Doan, Azalea Bell, Marie Lane, Lucy Peterson, Melvin Sunday, Roy Stafford, Floyd Metzger, Roy Peterson, Fred Wagner, William Raney, Wallace Wilkinson, Dewey Gibbs and Kirk Thompson.

A SONG OF THE SHAMROCK

The country of America is broad and free and great,
She takes unto her mighty heart the stranger at her gate;
I landed here a ragged boy, without a single groat,
Without a friend, without a place, without a Sunday coat.
She fed me and she prospered me, she filled my pockets lank,
She gave to me a little home and money in the bank,
But once a year my soul goes back to places far away,
And wanders o'er the bogs and brooks upon St. Patrick's day

I smell again the smoky peat upon the cabin hearth,
I see the settle by the door—the dearest spot on earth;
I hear the music, glad and sweet, of Nora's silver voice,
While up the wild and windy glen the peevish pipes rejoice,
And then the best and bravest lads that ever saw the sun
Come marching by at early morn, both full of fight and fun,
With emerald feathers in their hats, and silken sashes gay,
A blackthorn stick in every fist upon St. Patrick's day.

Old Erin's harp in silence hangs upon a willow tree,
Her sons are scattered far and wide o'er alien land and sea,
Her mischief-loving leprechauns are dead as last year's rose,
But close against her bosom still the little shamrock grows.
For while a bit of Irish sod is there its roots to hold,
The shamrock dear of Ireland will flourish and unfold;
And while an Irishman is left above the churchyard clay
He'll wear a shamrock on his breast upon St. Patrick's day.

MINNA IRVING.

Christian Weidler has sold his 10-acre tract on the Base Line road just east of the Twelve Mile house, the consideration not being made known, but it is an up-to-date figure.

WELCOME THE HOMESEEKERS

People Must Back Up Work of Railroads in Securing Settlers.

It has been noticed the last few days that a number of strangers have been coming to Gresham and going into the surrounding country with a view to locations and many have manifested their desire to make Multnomah county their home. Yesterday afternoon several autos carrying well-known Portland real estate men and some newcomers were here and went on toward the eastern part of the county.

In speaking of the great rush of strangers to the west and that over 2000 colonists came to Portland in one day this week the Oregonian has the following interesting statement to make, of which are used a few quotations:

One thing that impresses the observer of the incoming crowds is the fact that there is no hesitancy on the part of any of them as to what they want to do or where they want to go. All seem to have a fixed destination. But nearly all first want to visit Portland. Among yesterday's arrivals were several who intended to take up residence in Hood River and The Dalles. While they passed through those places, they first came to Portland to see the wonders of this remarkable city.

"We ought to do something to show these people that we are glad they came," said William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines. "It seems to me that the commercial bodies ought to have representatives at the passenger trains to advise the visitors and tell them where to go. Every city in the state ought to have an agent on the ground. We have gone to a great deal of expense and spent much time in inducing colonists to come here. Now, since they are here, we don't even as much as say 'Hello.'"

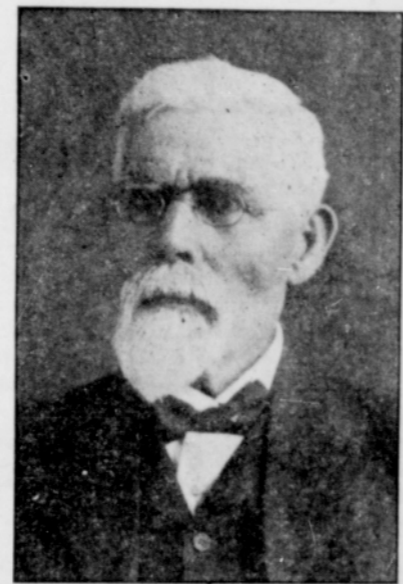
Welcome Should Be Extended.
"It would be the same as inviting a man to your home and then not being at the door to greet him when he arrives. There is no time when a helping hand is more appreciated or when it is more needed

TELLS OF EXPERIENCES IN EARLY OREGON DAYS

When Wild Game Was Abundant and the Cost of Living Was Extremely High.

In the fall of 1832 my father, mother and three children started from the meadows of Dan in old Virginia to come west. The first winter of this westward trip was spent in Boone's Lick, Howard county, Missouri. On February 5, 1833, the subject of this sketch was born. My father purchased land in that vicinity and stayed there until 1840. Thence he moved to Pope county, Missouri. His next location was Cedar county, Missouri. About the time of the Mexican war he next moved to Jackson county, settling about 20 miles southeast of where Kansas City is at present. About six or seven years later my two brothers and myself started for the far west. We joined a company of about 50 or 60 people whose leader was Joab Powell. Leaving Jackson county about May 2 we finally reached Oregon City about October 4. Owing to the great number of

At that time the land obtained from the government was known as "donation claims." Previous to 1851 a section of land was allowed as a donation claim, but that law was repealed and a half section was then allowed to a man and his wife. My claim was in Clackamas county near what was afterwards known as Damascus. Gresham was unknown then. Portland was a village of possibly 400 people. Oregon City was a larger town than Portland. There were few neighbors living near us at that time. Game, such as bear, deer, panther, wolf, were plentiful. Some nights it was almost impossible to sleep on account of the howling of wolves. Often a bear would come and help himself to a pig or a panther would relish a young calf. Then a hunt would be organized and we nearly always came home with the victim. Grouse and native pheasants helped supply the larder. The birds were here in great numbers and it was an easy task to get them. Wild blackberries and huckleberries grew in profusion. Now the huckleberry is hard to find because the stock consumed the bushes. Probably the first orchard in this vicinity was started by William Arthur. He obtained seeds from my wife's father and brought them with him when he came, in about 1845. Fruit was almost worth its weight in gold in those days. A young man living near the Clackamas river had an orchard of grafted trees—yellow Bellflowers I believe they were. When the trees first began bearing he picked a small basketful of the apples and took them to Oregon City. He received \$15 for his apples.



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people who crossed the plains that summer we found provisions were very scarce and high that fall and winter. Good flour was \$50 per barrel, bacon 50 cents per pound, pickled pork 40 cents a pound, beef from 25 to 35 cents a pound, potatoes \$3 a bushel, and fruit was out of the question entirely. It was a very hard matter to get work, and when you did find it to do, it brought you about a dollar or a dollar and a half per day.

The fact that the heads of families could each obtain a quarter section of land from the United States government was what had called the emigrants from their eastern homes.

WINTERS CHILDREN FALL HEIRS TO MONEY

A Gresham man recently purchased of Kenneth Lauderback five acres of land near Cottrell, in Clackamas county. When the title was looked up it was found that the property had been sold some years ago on a default judgment. It then belonged to Lorenzo Winters. On investigation it was found that the papers had not been served legally, the names were not correct and other defects existed. This made the attachment null and so the title was clouded. To clear this up the Winters children, heirs of Lorenzo Winters and wife, were induced to sign a quit claim deed. For this they were paid \$250.

The Winters children, all under age, are Willie, Ruth, Maggie and John. J. N. Mewhirter is their guardian.

Mystery Supper.

To be given at District No. 8 school house evening of March 24. Program will succeed supper, which is from 7 to 9 o'clock.

than when a stranger steps into a strange land. A little encouragement and advice would go far in making these people feel at home." Fred W. Graham, western industrial and immigration agent of the Great Northern, arrived in Portland yesterday to handle the crowds at the local North Bank station. He said that of 114 the inquiries received by the Great Northern offices in St. Paul and elsewhere, nearly 85 per cent were about Oregon and that a great majority of the new arrivals were scheduled to come to this state. Central Oregon and the line of the new Oregon Trunk railway will receive thousands.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

Mrs. Claud Heslin was a guest of Mrs. W. B. Steele last Sunday.

Mrs. Jenne and Mrs. Del Regal made a business trip to Gresham Thursday.

Paul Bliss has purchased a fine, handsome new auto. L. H. Young also has bought one.

Grandpa Grant, who has been sick for quite a while, is reported to be about the same.

Miss Daisy Dickson is much improved and will take a trip to California in the near future to regain her strength.

Mrs. W. B. Steele and family will depart for Los Angeles in a few weeks to join her husband and remain for a while until Mr. Steele has completed his contract for erecting a large cracker factory.

An enjoyable birthday party was given by Mrs. Arthur Grant for her little girl Elizabeth, who attained her fourth year March 14. Those present were: Master Phillip Moll, Agnes and Catherine Moll, Grant McMillan, Arthur Grant, and Veronica Grant, all little friends of the young hostess; Mrs. J. J. Moll, Maude Johnson, Cecelia Moll and Mrs. Arthur Grant.

The delegates to the county convention met at Evening Star hall Wednesday, March 15, and elected delegates to the state grange which will be held May 2 at Corvallis. The meeting was called to order with W. J. Black of Woodlawn grange as chairman and Fred Crane of Rockwood grange as secretary, after which a committee on credentials was appointed consisting of J. W. Mills, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Snashall. All being found correct, they proceeded to elect, election resulting as follows: Fairview grange—Regular, Master Cedric Stone; alternate, Mrs. Carrie Townsend. Multnomah grange—Regular, Will Craswell; alternate, Mr. Wheeler. Russellville grange—Regular, J. W. Mills; alternate, Raymond Gill. After which they adjourned, every one being pleased with the election.

PREPARING FOR LEADER

Grangers Will Hear Mortimer Whitehead in Gresham March 24.

Mortimer Whitehead has written to the secretary of the grange here that he is satisfied with the date made for his appearance in Gresham, Friday, March 24. The private meeting in the afternoon at the Grange hall is for members of the various granges. The lecture will be at 2 o'clock. Arrangements have been made for a lecture to be delivered in the evening by Mr. Whitehead at the M. E. church. This lecture is free and the public is invited to attend.

The following extract will give an idea of how the veteran grange builder is received and welcomed in other localities:

I note with great pleasure that you have been so fortunate as to secure Mortimer Whitehead as a part of your working editorial force and I want to congratulate you in being able to secure this loyal grange worker and rural home builder to assist in your good work of the upbuilding of the agriculture of the country. We in Connecticut have very warm hearts for Brother Whitehead for the great work he did here years ago, when the grange was young and needed just such cheering words as he alone can give.

I am sure that your announcement will meet a warm welcome in many a grange home and that Brother Whitehead will be invited to visit many of our Connecticut granges on the co-operative basis you mention. Only just let the farmers know that you have put Whitehead in the field and it will awaken an enthusiasm that will win back the old patrons and stimulate many others to join the grange. Keep Whitehead at the good work and thousands of our farmers will surely be led to join the grange and get the benefits of co-operation in thought and action.

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The Oregonian this morning stated that Mortimer Whitehead would speak in Gresham Saturday, March 25. This is entirely wrong. The date is Friday, March 24.

NEW DIRECTORY READY SOON

LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY GROWS

OVER 460 USERS ON LINES

Long Distance Calls Number from Fifty to Seventy in a Day.

Next week the new telephone directory, being printed by The Outlook, will be mailed to the telephone subscribers, numbering over 460, about 100 more than at the time of printing the last directory. During the past few days Manager Keller has been busy driving to various points in the county attending to the changes in the wires so they will work in unison with the new numbers. By the time the new directory reaches the subscribers Mr. Keller hopes to have the wires all in good order. In making these alterations it will be necessary to drive over 100 miles of line along the county roads.

During the last few months many new phones have been put in and the new directory is so arranged that facilities at the central office will be greatly improved.

It can be said at this time that the telephone company is and has been for some time giving extra good service considering the large amount of business handled from the small office on a small switchboard. Of course in that as in all other lines of business there are a few who get hold of a "hello machine" and act more like a lion with a piece of fresh meat than a business man and blame the "hello girl" for everything, cuss the service and condemn the company.

The Outlook perhaps uses a telephone as much or more than any one subscriber and satisfaction has always been the result of our use of the phone.

Besides the local business handled in the Gresham office there is also a large long distance business transacted, the calls with Portland sometimes numbering as high as 70 a day, averaging about \$220 the last few months.

Misses Winifred Osborn and Minnie Lawrence are at the central office and while they are kept busy they are giving universal satisfaction with the subscribers as to promptness and correctness.

GRESHAM HAS A PROGRESSIVE INVENTOR

In conversation with John Lucky yesterday it was learned that he has secured several patents on vehicles and implements in the blacksmithing and wagon work. Mr. Lucky has conducted a blacksmith shop in Gresham for some time and has been preparing for his putting on the market of some of his work in the line of mechanical skill. His latest stunt is a process by which he treats iron to make it hard enough to cut glass and after receiving this high temper the metal can be bent as if in its original state. By this process Mr. Lucky expects soon to be able to save the farmers on the amount of shop work on shoeing, harrow teeth, rake teeth, etc.

PIPE BEING LAID ON SECTION LINE ROAD

The contractors for the Bull Run pipe line are laying the big tube on the Section Line road. Men are at work west of Kilgaver and also between the Grange hall and South Mount Tabor. In the course of a few weeks the pipe will be under ground on the Section Line to a point opposite the upper reservoirs at Mount Tabor.

Celebrates 78th Anniversary.

Mrs. M. B. Sleret was given a birthday party Tuesday afternoon in honor of her 78th anniversary. The following relatives were present: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Addleman, Mr. and Mrs. George Sleret, Mrs. Fred Ruegg, Mrs. George Ruegg and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Townsend. The afternoon was pleasantly spent and Mrs. Sleret was the recipient of some handsome gifts. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Lindsey, Mrs. Sleret's daughter.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 83c; club, 80-81c; red Russian, 79c; Valley, 80c; forty-fold, 81c.

BARLEY—Feed, \$23.50-24 per ton; brewing, nominal.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, \$20-21 per ton; middlings, \$27-28; shorts, \$21-22; rolled barley, \$25.50-26.50.

FLOUR—Patents, \$4.75 per barrel; straights, \$3.85; exports, \$3.60; valley, \$4.80; graham, \$4.50; whole wheat, \$4.70.

CORN—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 per ton.

OATS—No. 1, white, \$27-27.50 per ton.

HAY—Track prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon No. 1, \$20-21; mixed, \$16-20; alfalfa, \$11.50-12; grain hay, \$13-14.50; clover, \$11-12.

Dairy and Country Produce.

POULTRY—Live: Hens, 19-20c; friers, 20-25; turkeys, 20c; ducks, 23c; geese, 12-13c; dressed turkeys, choice, 23-25c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 19-20c per dozen.

CHEESE—Full cream, twins, 15c per lb.; young America, 16c pound.

BUTTER—City creamery extra 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 31c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 11c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 12-12½c per pound.

Vegetables and Fruits.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots 85c-\$1 hundred; parsnips, 85c-\$1; turnips, 90c-\$1; beets, 90c-\$1.

APPLES—Fancy, \$2-2.75; choice \$1-2; common, 50c-\$1 per box.

POTATOES—Oregon, buying price \$1.25-1.50 per hundred.

ONIONS—Buying price, \$2 per hundred.