

## CONTRACT LET FOR WATER PIPES

The city council met last night in adjourned session to open bids and award contract for construction of the water system for the city of Gresham. All but one member of the council were present as well as the recorder and mayor. The room was also crowded with interested citizens and bidders for bonds and contracts. City Engineer Kelsey was also present.

The unconditional bids for bonds of which there were two were opened first. These bids were made by the National Bank of Commerce, Spokane, Wash., and James N. Wright & Co. One company bid \$19,750, while the other asked \$500 bonus.

On motion the bids for constructing a water system were opened. There were four bidders for this work via Keating & McLain, the Kennedy Construction company, the Jacobson-Bade Company and J. W. Morris. These bids ranged all the way from \$15,157.45 up to \$18,791.80. The Jacobson-Bade Co. being the lowest bidders and also offering to take payment in city bonds at par, the contract was awarded to this company. This leaves over \$4,000 of the bonds to be disposed of by the officials and they will be offered for sale in lots of \$1,000 or more. This small amount can no doubt be sold readily at par.

The contract for construction of the water system calls for the completion of the work by December 31, 1911, and the system will be first class in every respect. No wood pipe will be used but the entire system will be built of cast iron pipe. The location of the mains and sizes of the same will be published later.

## TRIPLETS BORN AT GILLIS

Triplets were born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trimble of Gillis. Dr. Bittner of Gresham attending. The babies, two girls and a boy, are bright and well. The mother is quite low but there are good hopes of her recovery.

## Agricultural College Expert Gives Advice of How to Tell Good Fleece

To judge sheep for wool production, one should remember in the first place that the long wool breed show a coarser fiber than those of short wool, says Mr. George R. Samson of the animal husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural college.

This coarseness should not be allowed to become extreme. The fleece should be thick and clean; the fibers should be strong, bright and free from dark or diseased spots. In the medium wools a thicker fleece is desirable—thickness sufficient to turn rain. The fibers, as in the long wools, should be relatively long, clean, lustrous and contain an abundance of scale.

To examine a fleece, the portion just over the heart is noted to discover the finest wool, and that on the leg for the coarsest. There should be as little difference in the fleece on these parts as possible. To open the fleece, place both hands, palm down, on the fleece and, showing down slightly, pull the hands apart. This breaks the fleece without tearing. If the fleece is heavy it breaks on a smoother line than if light, when the fibers are quite likely to be intertangled.

The joint line of the Oregon Trunk and the Deschutes railroad will be opened to passenger and freight traffic to Bend from the Columbia River on November 1. The new lines are now operating to Opal City.

## High Price Moves Oregon Hops.

Last Friday was a record-breaking day in the hop market on the coast. The sales in the three coast states amounted to 10,000 bales and the price was 40 cents a pound or a little better. The sales in Oregon amounted to 6000 bales. It is estimated that in Oregon, Washington and California there are yet about 37,000 bales in the hands of the growers.

Phone your orders in for Butter Wrappers to the Gresham Outlook. Phone 701.

Learn to look in the ads. for bargains.

## Fairview

Mrs. Annie Doupe of Duper, Oregon, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Copeland. Miss Doupe had the misfortune to sprain her ankle by falling from the porch at her sister's home Sunday night.

Miss Lillian Copeland will accompany her aunt to her home and expects to remain with her until January.

Rev. P. W. Province of Parkersburg, West Virginia, who is here visiting her brother, J. P. Province, preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening in the place of J. A. Richardson, who was unable to be present on account of illness. Mr. Province is of the Seven Day Adventist denomination. His sermon was very instructive and helpful. Mr. Province may take up the work in some church and live here.

W. Ellison and wife have been entertaining his brother, James Ellison, wife and two children, of Spokane, Wash., and F. S. Ellison, and uncle, with his wife from Vacaville, California.

Mrs. H. M. Shaw entertained at dinner on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Townsend of Montavilla.

Miss Daisy Smith of Gresham was a guest of Mrs. Shaw Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart entertained on Sunday, Mrs. Stewart's brother, Daves S. Stearns, wife and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, all of Portland.

Miss Ida Robinson entertained over Sunday Miss Margaret Barnes of Portland.

A Hallowe'en social will be given by the Y. P. S. C. E. in the Grange hall next Friday evening to which everyone is invited. Refreshments of various kinds will be sold, the proceeds to be applied to the church piano fund.

The Woman's Society will meet in the church on Thursday afternoon for special work.

Mrs. E. Fervel and two youngest children of Hood River are visiting Mrs. Fervel's brother, W. Ellison. D. S. Dunbar would like to see the ladder borrowed from his woodshed several days ago. When it returns no questions will be asked.

J. P. Province and son, Irving, were greatly surprised Sunday evening when some of their deaf friends of Portland called on them. They stated that they walked out from Rose City Park by way of the Sandy road, which of course, was a much longer walk than they expected. The visitors came to help wear away the lonesomeness, caused by the death of Mrs. Province. They were, Miss Flora Allen, Mrs. Sibby Hughes and son, Master Allen Hughes, Miss Hazel Allen, E. E. Allen, Jr., and wife, and C. Broden. The guests returned via the electric line.

## Troutdale

W. B. Gast of Portland was a Sunday guest at the home of Mrs. A. T. Tiller.

John Macy of Los Angeles, Calif., visited at the home of Jas. Knarr on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. F. Essig, who has been ill at her home at Troutdale hotel, is improving.

Mrs. Foreman is here from San Francisco spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Harlow.

A. J. Moore and friend, Mr. Holland, of Portland spent Sunday with Mr. Moore's mother, Mrs. A. T. Tiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fannon of Portland, and Mrs. Claud Eldred of Kelso, Wash., were Sunday guests of Mrs. Fannon's sister, Mrs. Otis Bowen.

Mrs. M. Patterson of Rooster Rock visited friends here the last of the week.

Services were held in the Evangelical church by the Christian Adventists Sunday afternoon. These people are attempting a reformation in some quarters of the town where reform work is much needed.

## See Brook's Comet.

If you are an early riser, or will see the alarm about 4:30, you can see Brook's comet. It is visible shortly before sunrise in the eastern sky, if you look toward the northeast.

## Potato Carnival at Harrisburg

The little city of Harrisburg, Oregon, is showing commendable enterprise and offering something new to the lie of publicity, by holding a potato carnival. Prof. Arthur Bouquet of the Oregon Agricultural college, delivered an address on Vegetable Growing in Oregon, and acted as judge of exhibits.

## QUEER SITUATION OVER SIDEWALK

An interesting situation has developed in connection with the making of a concrete walk on two sides of the city's lot on the corner of Powell street and Roberts avenue.

The contractor, George Durkee, who has built several walks in town, was the successful bidder, his bid for 205 feet of walk being \$175. The council voted to require a bond guaranteeing the walk for a sufficient period. On completion of the walk and delivery of the bond, and their acceptance by the council, Mr. Durkee was to receive the full pay for the walk, his bond holding him for its permanency.

The matter of making a contract with Durkee and getting his bond was left with the mayor and recorder.

Mr. Durkee in due time signed the contract agreeing to furnish the bond, and went ahead with the work.

He bought material of various Gresham merchants, including M. D. Kern and Metzger Bros. He hired men giving orders on the town for their pay. The work was finished and Mr. Durkee found that his bills amounted to about \$236 and only \$175 in sight. Mr. Durkee quietly slipped out leaving his many creditors in the lurch.

Last night at the council meeting bills to the above amount were filed with the recorder against Durkee's claim. Durkee has evidently surrendered his claim as well as his honor. The mayor asked that the claimants give a maintenance bond and their claims would be met pro-

rata to the amount of \$175. It is believed the town has a good walk. It has been tested and found good at this early stage. But what might develop later is only conjecture.

The claimants are balking somewhat at the bond proposition but they want their money and that seems their only hope.

## HALLOWE'EN FOR LIBRARY

Plans are under way for a social to be given at the Commercial club hall by the library association next Tuesday evening. This is an annual event and the only one given by the association for the purpose of raising money during the year. The great success of these Hallowe'en socials in the past is evidence that the library people know how to plan a good time. Everyone is invited to be present and help the cause along. Fuller announcements will appear in the next issue of the Outlook.

## Much Building at Sycamore

Building in the district around Sycamore station is being pushed rapidly. Joseph Caton is starting a fine bungalow on the south side of the track below the waiting room. Pete Ube is building a neat barn and will soon begin erecting a modern house. R. W. Clark is painting his bungalow. Dr. Sam'l Whitler has bought property on the south side of Johnson creek and will build a summer residence and just west of the depot a Mr. North, who was formerly a deputy assessor, will build a fine residence.

## WANT ADS.

A Department for Everybody. The Busy Man's Exchange

OATS Wanted — Gresham Feed Mill. tf

FRESH COWS wanted — T. R. Howitt. tf

CORD WOOD — Delivered anywhere within reasonable hauling distance. Phone 324. John Larson, Gresham, R. 4. 102

LOTS FOR SALE at Cedarville.— Easy terms. H. W. Snashall. Phone Gresham 74. tf

E. E. Marshall, agent for Mitchell Lewis & Stavall implements, can be found at The Congdon, phone 571, Gresham.

## Kow Kicker.

Smith's anti-cow kicker is guaranteed to do the work. A boy can put on and take off and no man's cow can kick while on. This we guarantee and two buckets of milk kicked over during this the fly season will more than pay for one. We will demonstrate this by calling on T. A. O. Stensland, Rockwood or address R. D. box 27, Cleone, Oregon. tf

FOR CORDWOOD from down timber. Phone 331. 68

## Reduction! Buy Now!

November 1st, Hessel will move this Implement store from the present location to the new building between the Harness shop and Osburn's Blacksmith shop, opposite Shattuck & Lindsey's Department store. If in need of anything in Farm Machinery, Buggies and Wagons, we will make a reduction in price before removing. Please call at Hessel's old store during the month.

WANTED—Good girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. G. F. Honey. One mile west of Gresham. 67

FOR SALE—Child's go-cart, good as new. Price \$1.00. Phone 529. 67

## Hallowe'en at Rockwood.

Don't forget the Hallowe'en dance to be given by Rockwood grange on Saturday evening, Oct. 28. Richards' orchestra and the usual grange supper. Tickets, 75 cents, supper extra. Arrangements are being perfected for the Thanksgiving masquerade. 68

A FRESH COW for sale by X F. Pitts. 8

The Oregon Journal will soon begin the construction of a fine 11-story building at the corner of Yamhill and Seventh streets.

GOOD PASTURE for rent at Anderson station. Ed. Osburn, phone 691. tf

WOOD FOR SALE — By Frank Gustafson. Phone 289. Will deliver promptly. 84

SMALL PIGS for sale. T. R. Howitt, Gresham, Oregon. tf

## School Report Cards.

The Outlook has on hand printed school report cards with envelopes. They are a neat card, printed on first

best bristol, very complete and serviceable. Sent promptly by mail. Prices, 2 1/2c each, complete. Over 100, 2c each. Postage additional, 3c for each 25.

## Every Plow Guaranteed.

Remember that every plow made by the Oliver Chilled Plow Company is offered with the absolute guarantee of being the best article of the kind that can be made for the price or kind. Oliver Plows and repairs for same can be had at Hessel's Implement store.

## AUCTION SALE

at J. M. Eberle's place, south of Sandy River, four miles northeast of Gresham, three miles northwest of Pleasant Home, five miles southeast of Troutdale.

Thursday, October 26, 10 a. m. Horses, cows, chickens and farm implements. Usual terms. Sale rain or shine. W. S. Wood, Auctioneer.

This is a good time to send in your name for a live, twice-a-week newspaper. Splendid combination offers of you want a city daily or weekly. The Outlook.

GIRL WANTED—To do general house work. Inquire at Outlook office. 69.

FOR SALE—Canvas 25x50 feet and one 5x50 feet. Good as new. Albert Doane, Gresham. Phone 516. 67

## Private Lessons

In shorthand and typewriting. Rates reasonable. Postoffice box 233, Gresham, Oregon. 69

LOST—Pair of glasses, nickle-plated, bought of Butterfield Bros. Return to Roy Gibbs, or Outlook office. 67

Better than Parker's—Coffman's chocolates—at Parker's.

NO. 2, FAULTLESS STUMP PULLER with all appliances. Inquire of C. W. Altman. 68

## FINE DISPLAYS ARE COMING

The Outlook has now a fine collection of fruit and vegetables in its front display window. Rev. J. H. Wood of the M. E. district has added materially to our collection. Among the articles are a large sweet pumpkin, a fine sample of field corn, some Kentucky Wonder potatoes, Burbanks, and a variety of apples, including, Wolf Rivers, Golden Pippins, and Northern Spys. The pumpkin is the envy of the small boys who are planning for Hallowe'en. It is also envied by lovers of pumpkin pie. The corn would satisfy a Missourian.

Brother Wood is a retired minister, but still an active worker and a successful farmer. The exhibits will be passed on to the Commercial club. It is hoped to keep on hand a good collection at the Outlook office and also help build up a good exhibit for the Commercial club.

Bennie Metzger is to be congratulated on his success as a gardener. As he has almost the entire care of the home garden it is to his credit that his products are worthy of exhibit. He was the first one to respond to the Outlook's call for articles to place on exhibit at the O. W. P. depot. Bennie has contributed a fine potato and four ears of popcorn—two red and two white. The articles have been placed in the Gresham show case at First and Alder.

## Preserve the Farm Manure.

One of the most valuable assets of the farm is the barnyard manure but the majority of these farmers realize only a small percentage of its value. Investigations have shown that the elements of fertility in the solid and liquid excrements of a well-fed cow are worth on an average around eight cents per day, or nearly \$30 per year, using the valuation placed on commercial fertilizers, and that from a horse about seven cents per day, or about \$25 per annum. Properly saved and used then, the manure from a twenty-five cow dairy herd would make a good income.

Practically half the fertility is in liquid excrement and this is largely lost by drainage through leaky floors and by leaching from the manure thrown out in the open or worse still under the eaves. This large loss may be mostly avoided by using water tight floors and draining the liquid through a water tight gutter with absorbents like fine horse manure, muck or other fine material. It is better to preserve the solid and liquid manure together and the liquid is drained into the same receptacle where the solid excrement is kept.

When the solid manure has been piled in the open for a year, tremendous losses occur. As the manure decomposes some of the elements are liberated and drained away with the rains, or if the pile is too loose and dry much nitrogen escapes as ammonia. With the heavy rainfall of western Washington probably half the fertility would be lost.

The most economical method of handling is to spread the manure, both solid and liquid, on the land as fast as made. This would not be wise when the land is subject to heavy surface washing or where a soil would be injured by puddling. Furthermore, in extensive gardening it is usually desirable to rot the manure and put the fertility into quickly available form. For this reason much manure must accumulate. The best method of keeping it is to pile it under cover in a water tight pit, mixing the manure from the various classes of stock and keeping the pile compact, packed tight and moist. If too loose or dry it is apt to heat rapidly and dry-fang, causing a large loss from escaping gas, while if kept moist and compact the decomposition goes on slowly and liberated gases are absorbed and mixed in non-gaseous forms. If obliged to pile it outdoors it should be kept in a very compact form, deep enough so heavy rains will not wet entirely through the pile, tightly packed, and be kept moist through the dry weather. Never pile it under the eaves.

With proper care in saving and applying all farm manure, coupled with thorough tillage and proper rotation of crops, there will be little need for querying over commercial fertilizer in the majority of cases.—H. L. Blanchard, Asst. Supt. of Western Washington Exp. Station.

## AUTO CLUB SELECTS SANDY RIVER SITE

Some time ago the Portland Auto club tried to sell their tract at Sandy river and the location of the auto clubhouse has been in doubt for some time.

It has now been decided to build a clubhouse on the tract of about 28 acres at the Sandy river a few miles east of Gresham and develop the grounds into a fine park. The Portland Automobile club has about 500 members. The membership is to be greatly increased. The tract at the Sandy river bridge is said to possess great possibilities for development into a beautiful park and resort.

On Thursday, October 26, at 8 p. m. there will be held at the Commercial club rooms in Portland, corner Fifth and Oak streets, a meeting of Minnesota emigrants to Oregon at which time the recently organized Minnesota society of Oregon will hold its first regular business meeting and election of officers. All Minnesotians present at that time will have a chance to become charter members. The call has been issued by C. T. Hass, temporary secretary, 914 Chamber of Commerce building.

Portland realty and business men are beginning to consider seriously the frequently suggested plan of connecting the east and west sides by tubes under the river. This is regarded as the solution of the congested streetcar traffic problem. C. K. Henry at a recent meeting of the Realty Board said that a company of representative citizens was now being formed and that a franchise would be asked for immediately for a mammoth tube under the river for all classes of traffic. Mr. Henry, one of the foremost realty men in Portland, says

"After having studied the tubes and subways in Detroit, Boston, Philadelphia and New York, I am clear to my mind that the true solution for this city to act upon is to arrange for tubes under the river to relieve the congestion that is now rapidly accumulating, and sooner or later we will have to connect up with subways under some of our principal streets."

## Book on Farm Business Free.

I wish to explain that the second edition of my publication, "The Business Side of Farming," is free for distribution on request to those interested, said Dean J. A. Bexell of the commerce school of the Oregon Agricultural college today.

There seems to have been some confusion in the minds of those who read the recent review of the book, for I find it has been mistaken for my "Farm Accounting and Business Methods," of which there was also a recent second edition. The Business Side of Farming is for free distribution to those who are interested enough to write for it.

H. L. Rees, crop pest expert from the Oregon Agricultural is investigating the Hood River orchards for mushroom root rot and prune diseases, and expects to do some field work also in his special study of apple tree canker.

## East Side Wants Auditorium.

The East Side Business Men's club has started a movement to secure for the east side the new auditorium which is soon to be built in Portland. It is claimed the east side now has 80 per cent of the population of the city.

## Thanking the Fairview People.

We wish to extend a word of thankfulness to all the Fairview people, especially Mrs. J. H. Schram, for their every efforts, during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

J. P. Province, Husband; Irving Province, son.

## Entertainment and Supper.

The Lady Maccabees of Rockwood will give an entertainment and supper in the Maccabee hall, October 28. Supper 50c a couple; 25c for dance tickets and the entertainment is free. 68

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment is superior to the affected parts and is bound to give relief. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Sold by Gresham Drug Co., and all Dealers.