

## IRATE BUTCHER SHOOT RIVAL

Rob Simms Lets Temper and Liquor Lead Him to Commit Near Murder.

Gresham citizens in general and two or three in particular were treated to a first-class "scare" last Tuesday night at 6:30, when Bob Simms started out with a loaded revolver to find T. R. Howitt. Simms had been "tanking up" during the afternoon and was well "loaded" as well as his gun. He had evidently been brooding over some little matter growing out of competition in business and with the courage gained by use of firewater he had decided to get Howitt, his rival in business, out of the way. Accordingly he set out on a man hunt. If Providence hadn't intervened just then there is every reason to believe that this issue of the Outlook would bear a sadder story to its readers.

Some one who knew Simms' purpose headed off Mr. Howitt who was seen coming toward Simms, and sent him home around another way.

Simms then sought to wreck his vengeance on A. J. W. Brown who is Mr. Howitt's manager in the meat market.

Simms had been walking up and down the walk in front of Howitt's shop, gun in hand. He had threatened one or two men. Mr. Brown had just finished waiting on Mr. and Mrs. Emil Oswald, who had gone out, when Bob and his wife entered.

Bob asked Brown if it wasn't time to close up. Brown answered him pleasantly. Simms told him he wanted him to close. Brown said he wasn't ready, whereupon Simms reached for the revolver. Brown, who had been standing near the counter, began to back away. When the gun was pointed towards him he started for the back room. Just then Simms fired two shots. A bullet passed through the flesh of his left arm and one plowed a furrow in his left side. Brown dodged behind a partition and Simms started to get over the counter. His wife was crying and tried to prevent him. Just then two or three men, attracted by the shots, entered and grabbed Simms, holding him back and pinning the hand that held the deadly weapon. They got him out of the shop. He threatened to shoot them and struggled to get free, still tightly holding the revolver. In the struggle the gun was discharged, the bullet entering the plate glass window of Aylsworth's store, shattering the glass at the back of the show window and falling to the floor.

Marshal Gullickson had been called and, with the assistance of the men, disarmed Simms. He was immediately placed under arrest.

Brown came out to the street, asked some one to look after the shop, then started after the doctor. Dr. Short soon met him at the office where his wounds were dressed and he was later taken home.

A commitment was obtained of Justice Rollins and Simms was taken at once to Portland and lodged in the county jail.

Simms has pleaded guilty, and awaits indictment and sentence. The charge against him will probably be assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. This is a very serious charge and is usually severely punished.

A. J. W. Brown is confined to his home but is recovering rapidly and will probably be out in a few days.

**FARMERS**—Come to the meeting of the Gresham Local of the Farmers' Society of Equity tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 p. m.

Some interesting comparisons are shown by government figures on Oregon's population, just gleaned from the last census by the department of Commerce and Labor. The number of people to the square mile from 4.3 in 1900 to 7 in 1910. The drift of population during the decade was toward the cities and away from the farms. Ten years ago the percentage of people in cities of 2500 or more was 32.2 and on the farms 67.8; in 1910 this was changed, with 45.6 in the cities and 54.4 in the rural Oregon. Harney Lake and Malheur counties average less than one person to the square mile.

## COUNCIL ORDERS SPECIAL ELECTION

Passes Upon Many Important Matters. New Committees Named.

The first regular council meeting of the year 1912 was held in the town hall Tuesday night. After being called to order by Mayor Shattuck the newly elected councilmen, Kenney and Patenaude took the oath of office and were assigned places at the council table. T. R. Howitt was absent.

The petitions for annexation were presented by the committee on Ways and Means. They were read and were declared to have the requisite number of names. One was signed by voters in territory it is proposed to annex and the other was signed by voters inside present limits.

The petitions were acted on favorably and the recorder was asked to call a special election to be held on February 10, 1912, at which time, if a majority of the voters in the territory to be annexed vote in favor of annexation and a majority in the town favor it, the proposed limits will be extended on all sides of town, about doubling the territory within the town boundaries.

Those whose names are on the petition from outside are, C. Cleveland, F. C. Jones, E. T. Jones, H. M. German, C. H. Lane, S. S. Thompson, J. A. Jennings, S. E. T. Oepelman, Ellis Davidson, A. Dowsett, A. Meyers, B. E. Witter, D. W. Metzger, Theo. Brugger, J. C. Hessel.

The petition from citizens urging the closing of the motion picture shows on Sundays was presented and also the remonstrance. These were first before the council about one month ago and an ordinance was asked for on the matter. At that time the council questioned the advisability of considering names of outside residents on such a petition. The recorder was asked to strike out all such names. He gave the result as 121 names for closing and 138 names against closing. The ordinance failed to pass.

The standing committees were called on and reported various activities. The committee on public property reported favorably on the purchase of the small building on the town property, owned by Dan Metzger. It is now used by the water superintendent, B. W. Emery, as a shop and store house.

E. R. Ernsberger and Mr. Trego, of the Mt. Hood Railway and Power company, were present and presented an ordinance relating to the purchase of water by the company. Some time ago the town agreed to furnish water at a nominal cost to the company on condition the company located its shops here.

A temporary building, a portion of the shops as planned, has been built, which is taken as showing the good faith of the company. The present ordinance provides for a contract to furnish the company water at a stipulated price for a term of years. As the town could not give the company water, the price is regarded as nominal. It is likely the town cannot contract for more than two years which is the term of its contract with the Portland water board.

The proposition to employ Messrs. Graham and Belknap, the young attorneys who have established an office in Gresham as the city attorneys, was presented. The mayor, who has the appointing power, appointed them and the council ratified the appointment.

Major Shattuck announced the following standing committees:

Ways and Means—S. Clair, Kern, Health and Police—Patenaude, Kern, Kardell.

Street and Public Ways—Kenney, Howitt, Kern.

Fire and Water—Howitt, Patenaude, Kenney.

Public Property—Kardell, S. Clair, Kern.

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

Those milk reports are going fast. They are just the thing for the dairyman. Each sheet will do for 16 cows one month, morning and evening record. Very cheap at Outlook office.

J. M. Howell, a popular druggist of Greensburg, Ky., says, "We use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our own household and know it is excellent." For sale by Gresham Drug Co., and all Dealers.

## CLUB BANQUET CALLS FORTH GOOD WORDS

Interurban Railways Represented by High Officials Who Vie Pleasantly Saying How Great Their Interest in Us.

### C. C. CHAPMAN CONGRATULATES CLUB

Over One Hundred Members, Distinguished Guests, and Their Ladies, Enjoy Feast of Food and Thought. Bull Run Water Drawn from Town Pipes.

One hundred and six covers were spread for the guests at the Commercial club's house-warming banquet last Wednesday night and every place was taken.

It was a merry throng, seated at three large tables, members of the club, their ladies and invited guests. It was a fine feast, provided by Will Congdon for the delectation of the appetite, not the least feature of it being Bull Run water from the new system. During the feasting Miss Gladys Miller presided at the piano and Miss Viola Mathews sang several beautiful solos.

Chas. Cleveland presided during the speechmaking which occupied a large part of the evening.

The following officials and employees of the Mt. Hood Railway & Power company were present: S. G. McMeen, the new president of the company, with his wife and daughter; W. C. Chace, assistant general manager; A. H. Trego, auditor, and wife; E. R. Ernsberger, manager railway department, and wife; E. W. Bowness, manager power department, Wm. Blonder, contracting freight agent, A. M. Burke, train master, and J. O'Reilly and wife, agent at Gresham.

The following representatives of the Portland, Railway, Light & Power company were present: F. D. Hunt and wife, traffic manager; W. T. Buchanan and wife, publicity manager; R. M. Townsend and wife, property agent; J. R. West and wife, purchasing agent; A. P. Campbell, private secretary to Mr. Josselyn; B. N. Campbell, chief clerk to the chief engineer; E. A. West, assistant engineer, light and power department; and Geo. W. Page, agent at Gresham.

Other guests were C. C. Chapman and W. L. Crissey of the Portland Commercial club and H. B. Dickinson of Montavilla.

As the invitation was to members and prospective members there were several of the latter present.

The first speaker introduced was S. G. McMeen, who recently came from Los Angeles to become president of the Mt. Hood company. He said the reason big things were undertaken and accomplished in this part of the country was because of the unanimity of the people. "This very meeting," said he, "is undertaken in that spirit and is therefore a success." He was very happy in his remarks and in the stories he told.

Mr. Buchanan spoke as follows: Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am rather sorry I am not the writer of that distinguished article about Gresham, and with reference to the "apples of gold and pictures of silver," Mr. Bennett, who is one of the staff of the Oregonian, prepared the article and brought it to me and said, Mr. Buchanan, I have not read the Bible in twenty years and I am not sure whether it is apples of gold or peaches of gold and pictures of silver. I replied that I was in about the same boat so let it go just as it is, and he left it apples of gold and pictures of silver. The article has already received quite a large number of answers and as they are received they will be forwarded to the secretary of this club.

The P. R. L. & P. Co. has for the past year or so, used from two to three pages in the Pacific Monthly which they have devoted to the advertisements of their electrical energy and sale of their own individual land, and when it was my providence to handle the advertisement of this company the fact came to my mind that we could be doing some benefit by using the space we had in advertising the various communities along our line and advertising that community to their own benefit, and that if they can secure additional settlers along the line, we will prosper ourselves as well

as the community to which the settlers go.

I have felt always a deep interest in Gresham as I believe with Mr. Bennett, who prepared this article, that Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas are the very best part of the grand state of Oregon. I brought him down here to prepare a half page in the Oregonian. I remember of telling him that I believed that Eastern Multnomah and this community was deserving of recognition, that I thought it was the agricultural locality in the state of Oregon. We went down to Estacada and on coming back he insisted that he knew of no better place to stop than Gresham.

We arrived at Gresham one afternoon and Mr. Meyers, your banker, kindly loaned us his auto and we went around in the immediate vicinity of Gresham. He was simply wild with delight with this country. He had never been in Gresham before and when we drove out towards the Columbia river and away over here on the hills and he looked down on the Cotton farm, he said it really was the finest part of Oregon, and if we never accomplished anything more for Gresham and the good opinion of Mr. Bennett that the effort was amply rewarded.

The fact comes to my mind in connection with the natural development of Oregon that we have a wonderful future before us and I think that Oregon has wonderful opportunities, and a few moments ago in conversation here I was given the benefit of quite a little evidence to illustrate that point. I believe that we will receive on the Pacific coast a tide of settlers for the next 100 years. I think the largest portion of these settlers will come from the middle west, or in other words, from the northern line of Minnesota to the southern line of old Missouri. He who has spent his winters in that cold country has always found the people heavily robed wearing big mittens and big over-shoes. They are the greatest consumers of coal to be found in the country, particularly in Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas. Owing to the rigorous conditions which exist, there lives within their minds a desire to go to some country where the climate is better.

We have been sending out literature for twenty years, and the picture which is sent out is indelibly impressed on their minds. If you will pick up any literature which has been issued by the different organizations, you will find this is an ideal place to live. It is different from the literature of Minnesota and Dakota. It is scenic and a climatic condition which cannot be excelled. You are made to believe all you have to do is to pick a prune and live happy ever after. Now the fact you have conveyed to the settler in the East, or rather in the Middle West, is that this is the one spot to live. Why? Climate. I believe the mental picture will live forever and as he grows older and his neighbor gets the picture, the tide of people will gradually come out here.

It is superior, too, in homelike qualities and for that reason there will be a continuation of those people to come here to live for the next 100 years.

It is because of that picture that has been created in the Middle West that the desire to come out here will continue. We want to receive them in untold numbers, but they are coming, and that is the reason why I say in my own judgment I am convinced that the Pacific coast eventually is going to be the most settled and highest type in the United States.

The P. R. L. & P. Co. are willing to carry their share of the burden of taxes, etc., and are anxious for Gresham to grow. They want you to develop and Gresham has a chance to become a manufacturing center of considerable strength. You will find the strongest manufacturing centers in the suburbs. Our transportation facilities are ample. There is no reason, under those conditions, why, like other suburbs of large cities, you cannot be a manufacturing center of strength. We want the people of Gresham to know that the P. R. L. & P. Co. is ready and anxious to aid in the development of this community in every way.

H. B. Dickinson of Montavilla, who always has new things to tell

## ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION HELD

Descendants of Baron Metzger Renew Acquaintance and Review Past.

As their custom is "The United Descendants of Baron Theobald Metzger von Weibnom" assembled at the Grange hall on New Year's day for their annual reunion. If appearances count for anything this seems to be one of the happiest days of the year for the Metzger family. Gray headed grandfathers down to cooing babies rejoiced to be with their seemingly innumerable kinsfolk to spend the day in reminiscences and revelry.

The dinner was not the least feature of the day's pleasures as was evidenced by the bountiful repast of roasted fowl, chicken pie, sauces, salads, cakes, custards, pies and other pastries.

After dinner followed a very entertaining program.

J. H. Metzger, president, Opening address.

Recitation, Conrad Metzger.

Vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth.

Instrumental duet, Isabel Metzger. Jokes, The entire company.

Instrumental solo, Mrs. S. E. Toepleman.

Reading, Floyd Metzger.

Why I am glad I came to Gresham, E. W. Aylsworth.

Recitation, Conrad Metzger.

Vocal solo, Jennie Oswald.

Violin solo, S. E. Toepleman.

Charade—"A Dress," J. H. Metzger.

Historical Review of the United Descendants, Geo. W. Metzger.

Business meeting by the assembly Committee on Arrangements—Mrs. Rose Metzger, Mrs. Geo. W. Metzger, and Miss Grace Lawrence.

Committee on Entertainment—Mrs. S. E. Toepleman, Mrs. J. E. Metzger and Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth.

Committee on Fire and Water—S. E. Toepleman, Bert Metzger and J. E. Metzger.

Closing Address, Wm. C. Metzger.

Closing Song, "God be with you till we meet again."

A number of new members have recently been added to the circle.

## F. S. OF E. FORMS COUNTY UNION

The county convention held yesterday at Orient hall was attended by nineteen of the twenty-four delegates elected by the Farmers' Society of Equity.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock and C. M. Lake appointed temporary chairman. A committee on credentials was appointed and reported seventeen present entitled to seats in the convention, two delegates arrived later making nineteen. It was voted to form a county union and nine directors were chosen, two from each of the four local unions and one at large. These are as follows:

C. R. Keller, president; Wm. Hicks, vice president; Wm. Rogers, J. F. Wilmarth, Hans Anderson, H. G. Mullenhoff, H. P. Christensen, M. O. Nelson and Theo. Brugger, A. R. Lyman, secretary.

The work of organizing being completed, several important problems were taken up and discussed. Committees were appointed to look after the Cannery proposition, the Market question, and a committee to further the work of organization throughout the state.

The date of the next county meeting was set for 10 a. m. the first Thursday in April. In the meantime the various locals will hold several meetings and the committees will be at work, while a meeting of the directors will be held in the near future to consider and act on reports from these committees.

The work is progressing somewhat slowly but a good foundation is being laid and those present yesterday took up the work with determination.

**FOR SALE CHEAP**—100 cords good dry wood on Powell Valley road at Linneman Junction. Phone 65. Forbes Bros. x

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## WOODMEN HOLD INSTALLATION

Pleasant Affair With Program and Banquet. Order Is Growing.

Members of the local lodge of Modern Woodmen of America, together with their ladies, enjoyed a program and banquet in connection with their installation ceremonies on Tuesday night.

W. H. Bachmeyer acted as installing officer and the following were inducted into office:

Consul, E. G. Kardell; Advisor, Jas. Butler, Clerk, A. W. Metzger, Banker, W. K. Hamilton, Escort, Guy Fieldhouse, Watchman, Franz Albrich, Sentry, Richard Kunz, Physician, Dr. S. P. Bittner, Manager, Jas Schmitling.

The program consisted of music and short addresses. John Fieldhouse rendered pleasing selections on the violin, being accompanied by Mrs. Kardell. Mr. Bachmeyer's solo was highly appreciated.

The banquet was an enjoyable feature of the evening to which the sixty or more guests did ample justice. E. G. Kardell, with his native wit was at his best as toastmaster and many and netertaining were the responses to the toasts.

The Modern Woodmen is one of the progressive lodges of Gresham. It has a membership of over 40, having added about twelve new members during the past two months.

It is proposed to add a ladies auxiliary lodge of Royal Neighbors in the near future.

The meetings are held in the Odd Fellows hall the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

## WANT ADS.

**BERKSHIRE HOGS** for sale. A few bred sows and some young sows barrows and small pigs. Sweet Briar Farm. Phone 493. tf

**S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS** for sale. We are closing out our entire stock consisting of choice cockerels, pullets and hens and will make a reasonable price on the entire lot. Phone 93. C. W. Alberston. tf

**LOST**—Two yearling heifers, one black and the other brindled, branded J. R. on left hip. Left my premises several months ago. Anyone giving information as to their whereabouts will be suitably rewarded. John A. Richie. 91

**LITTLE PIGS** for sale by B. C. Altman. tf

**OATS Wanted** — Gresham Feed Mill. tf

**WOOD FOR SALE**—Dead and live. Will deliver promptly in Gresham and Fairview. Frank Gustafson, Gresham. Phone 289. 110

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

**FOR SALE**—Crystal White Orpington Cockerels, Kelerstrass strain at \$10, \$5, and \$3 each. David Wolfe, Boring, Oregon. 89

**FOR SALE**—S. C. White Leghorns, both cockerels and pullets. Nels Rodun, Gresham, R. 4. tf

**FOR SALE**—Baled hay. Delivered anywhere; also team of draft horses. Phone 61. S. S. Thompson. tf

**BIG SHIPMENT** of fine shoes for women just received at Aylsworth's. See ad. on last page. x

**FRESH COW** for sale—A. F. Johnson, 1 mile southeast of Gresham, R. 4. 89

**\$1600 to \$2000** wanted on good town property. Enquire Outlook office. 91

**PURE BRED POLAND CHINA** boar. Service reasonable. G. W. Metcalf, 1 mile south of Linneman. Phone 75. 96

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