

REGNER STARTS NEW BUILDING

Chas. Regner last week began excavation for a new modern brick building on the east side of Main street on the J. D. Regner property, just north of the Regner place. This is considered a location for business purposes and will help to fill in one of the gaps between residences in what is becoming the trading district. The building will be of brick with red brick front and large plate glass windows. The size will be 25 by 40, with basement under part of building. A hot water heating system will be installed. It will be used for a dry goods and ladies' clothing store. It has not yet been given out who will occupy it. It seems that all arrangements have been made for its use as soon as ready.

Mr. Regner expects to have the building completed about March 15, and he will make the construction so as to add another story any time in the future. In fact, he may decide to do so this spring.

Mr. Regner was born and raised in this locality and believes in the future of Gresham. He has property interests here and has recently come here with his family to make his home. Last spring he built the Gresham Investment Company's bank on Main street.

TOWN TREASURER REPORTS FINANCES

Treasurer's annual report for the year of Gresham, Oregon, for year 1911.

| RECEIPTS. | |
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| Cash on hand January 1 | \$3967.83 |
| County treasurer | 791.48 |
| Saloon license | 1200.00 |
| Land Table license | 35.00 |
| Marshall impounding and selling | |
| Horse, etc. | 29.00 |
| Excise tax | 32.25 |
| Under license | 4.00 |
| Beets and fines | 89.00 |
| Saddlers license | 26.00 |
| Picture show license | 7.50 |
| Independent Land company | 85.50 |
| Assessments graveling Roberts | |
| Avenue | 73.16 |
| Assessments graveling Hood | |
| Avenue and Fourth street | 78.00 |
| Restling match license | 7.50 |
| Bank Escobar sidewalk, built by city | 40.75 |
| Ms. Iona McColl selling out house | 5.00 |
| First State Bank | 12.50 |
| Total | \$6484.47 |
| WARRANTS PAID. | |
| Portland Light & Power Company | \$369.20 |
| Mount Hood Ry. Company | 114.50 |
| Gresham Library | 60.00 |
| Ms. Iona McColl for lot | 1800.00 |
| Mrs. C. Kelsey, engineer water pipes | 300.00 |
| L. Smith, note given fair grounds | 1008.30 |
| Multnomah County oiling streets | 110.00 |
| Oregonian, advertising bids for water bonds | 130.24 |
| Class & Prudhomme, 20 blank bonds | 40.00 |
| Wm. Kinsell, making abstract | 10.00 |
| Building sidewalk on city property | 175.00 |
| Other small warrants to the amount of | 1344.52 |
| Total | \$5461.76 |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1911 | \$1022.71 |

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Metzger, Treasurer.

To Our Correspondents

The editor wishes to thank his many correspondents who have taken special interest in sending to the Outlook the news from their various localities especially during the busy holidays and the present stormy weather. The growth and success of the paper is greatly aided by your generous and faithful assistance. We feel the need of studying and working the more earnestly to make the little twice-a-week newspaper a real benefit to every reader in all of the many localities reached by its growing circulation.

The United States senate yesterday passed the Bourne bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for a postoffice building in Portland. Its fate in the house is less certain but it will come up with other building appropriations.

NEW BOARD OF FAIR DIRECTORS

The board of directors of the Grange Fair association for 1911 held their final meeting yesterday afternoon at the office of D. M. Roberts and closed up the affairs of the 1911 fair to date. The new board recently elected, took the oath of office and entered upon their duties. The board as now constituted consists of the following:

- Lewis Shattuck, president.
- H. A. Lewis, vice president.
- E. G. Kardell, secretary.
- Theo Brugger, treasurer.
- R. W. Gill.
- J. W. Townsend.
- D. M. Roberts.
- T. R. Howitt.
- W. A. Proctor.
- A. F. Miller.
- E. S. Jenne.
- C. M. Lake.
- Chas. Cleveland.
- E. L. Thorpe.

Those present at the meeting yesterday, were Messrs. Shattuck, Howitt, Lake, Roberts, Jenne, Brugger, Proctor, Kardell.

The following committees were named:

- Executive—Gill, Howitt, Townsend, Roberts.
- Premium List—Gill, Kardell, Lewis.
- Publicity—Roberts, Lake, Thorpe.
- Transportation—Howitt, Miller, Brugger.
- Driving Association—Howitt, Lewis, Jenne.
- Arrangements—Howitt, Proctor, Brugger.
- Amusements—Kardell, Roberts, Shattuck.

The several committees are to meet at once and begin their plans for the 1912 fair which all desire to make the very best of its kind ever held in Multnomah county. It is probable the stockholders will vote at their meeting, February 1st, to change the name of the fair to Multnomah County Fair which it is thought will give the fair added prestige throughout the county and especially in Portland on which the success of the fair largely depends.

What the county court will do to back up the fair is not known but it is confidently hoped and expected that a larger appropriation can be secured this year than last. Other counties are disposed to be liberal towards the county fairs. Multnomah has no other county fair and this as an agricultural fair is dependent for its best success on the support given it by the county.

The committee on premium list has already started on the plans for revision of the book, which it is planned to issue in February. The list of premiums will be thoroughly revised.

Land Shows Awaken Interest.

Land shows and exhibits of Oregon products in the East during the winter have had a widespread effect according to those in close touch with the exhibits, and as a result, it is said the movement of colonists to Oregon next spring, during the one-way low rate period, will be greater than ever before.

The Great Northern has done a splendid work this season, as it did last, in operating exhibit cars through the Middle West, taking a collection of Oregon products to the farmers so they might see what is grown here and learn of the state's agricultural opportunities at first hand.

Poultrymen about Aurora are dispatching and shipping day-old chicks en masse going into the business of them say 3,000,000 baby chicks were shipped into Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California last year, and that only 50,000 of this number were hatched on the coast, the remainder coming from east of the Rocky mountains. Oregon's mild climate would seem to be ideal for the business.

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.

POWELL VALLEY SUFFERS FROM SEVERE ICE STORM

Electric Car Service Crippled for Two Days. Telephone Lines Broken Bourne to Ground by Weight of Ice. Mail Carriers Suffer.

People of this beautiful quiet valley have been reading of the storm swept portions of the East and Middle West and congratulating themselves that they were exempt from the snow and cold, but the past three days have taken away much of their conceit. One of those storms peculiar to western Oregon—an ice storm—has been raging for the past three days doing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

A storm of sleet with east wind set in early Saturday and continued all day. By night electric cars had almost ceased running. Many who had gone to the city early in the day failed to get home or had to hire special conveyance. The evening mail was delayed several hours.

By evening it was almost impossible to get around either on foot or by conveyance.

Telephones Out of Commission

Many telephone lines were out of commission early in the day and by evening all communication with Portland was cut off and all but a few of the local lines were down.

About 3 p. m. the trolley wires and high power transmission wires of the P. R. L. & P. Co. began to snap with the weight of ice and for a time it was feared Gresham would be in darkness all night. Light and power service was turned off for about an hour during the afternoon.

Mail Carrier Suffers.

Most of the mail carriers made their routes without great delay, but E. L. Thorpe, on route 2, had about the hardest day of his life. His route extends east for about six miles through a section where the storm raged fiercest. Some anxiety was felt for him especially as he could not reach the main office by phone. About seven o'clock he came in looking like a huge icicle. His horse had tolled through sleet and snow until he could hardly stand. Long icicles hung from the harness and top of the buggy and the wheels were frozen nearly solid between the spokes. Mr. Thorpe had to bring back much mail for it got too dark to read addresses. The carrier could hardly walk from cold and exposure when he slowly crawled out of his rig. When asked why he didn't abandon part of his route he gave an explanation which threw light on the government's methods with its mail carriers. He said he had no right to do so and if he failed to pass over a portion of his route he was docked in pay in proportion to the distance, no matter what the cause. The thought of the hardships of the service nearly warmed him up as effectually as a good fire.

Wind and snow swept the streets, banking the doorways and filling every little nook. Overhead the telephone wires, covered with a half inch or more of ice rattled and snapped, threatening destruction.

Each tree was a mass of ice. Bushes were bent to the ground. Huge icicles hung from buildings, and the east side of some buildings was coated with solid ice a half inch thick.

Autos Brave the Storm.

Incredible though it seems autos whizzed by as though driven by the storm. Several persons including Chas. Cleveland and R. F. Walters got as far as Lents on the car line. After hours of delay, fearing they could not reach home by car they engaged an auto and arrived just as their car plowed through the snow to the depot. Even E. Schiller could not let such a storm break the record of not having missed a trip.

On all sides of town telephone wires and poles went down under the weight of ice. In most cases the poles snapped off even with the ground. It is too early to say definitely what the loss will be to the local telephone company, but it will no doubt be many hundreds of dollars, and it will take weeks to get them in good repair again. Saturday night was the time of the regular telephone director's meeting but the storm prevented.

As the trunk lines with Corbett and Damascus and Sandy are down, it is impossible to learn the extent of damage in those localities.

Gresham has three trunk lines with Portland all of which were down. Yesterday it was impossible to talk with Portland. Even the phone lines on the railroads, used for train dispatching were unusable.

The heavy steam engines on the Mt. Hood lines were hindered but little by the storm and made their scheduled trips. A big tree fell across the track at Mabery Saturday night causing slight delay. Farther on toward the Sandy river a landslide, occurring Saturday has prevented the cars going through to Bull Run. The obstructions have been removed.

Woodcutter Injured.

A few near fatalities or bad accidents have been reported.

Leo Roland, a wood cutter, employed by Rodun Bros., living in a hut about two miles south of Gresham was badly hurt Saturday by a big tree falling across his hut. He had both arms broken. He was taken by companions on a litter drawn by a horse towards Portland where he was met by an ambulance. At last reports he was in a serious condition.

What might have proven a very serious accident to the telephone company was narrowly averted. At Anderson station Sunday night a high power transmission wire fell. It happened that the telephone wires crossing the track at that point had been cut and were out of the way or the high voltage current would have made havoc at the central office.

The clear sky and sunshine of Sunday was a welcome relief from the storm conditions. There is grave fear that the rain which set in yesterday will add to the weight of ice and trees and wires and do further damage.

John Freeman, on rural route 4, found it necessary, on account of the snow, to make part of his route on foot yesterday, his substitute, Mrs. Ida Stanley, carrying part of the route in the usual way.

The mail has been very irregular for a few days past on account of the storm. The mail from the east has been delayed several days it has been delayed several days by the heavy snows in the mountains. During the time of this storm the temperature was not very low. On Monday morning it was 23 above, but most of the time it was only at the freezing point.

Last night and today showers of rain are falling and the severe spell is broken.

At Boring, the sleet storm was more severe than at Gresham and has done more damage to fruit trees, many of which have been uprooted. The rains have brought welcome relief to this section.

Large Enrollment in Short Courses.

More inquiries as to the work in animal husbandry were received by Prof. E. L. Potter this year than ever before, and dairying has reawakened the interest of many. The new dairy building is being rushed to completion for the use of the short course, and the new horticulture building is already occupied, as are also the farm mechanics, mechanic arts, and stock judging buildings. The latter pavilion is a great improvement over the previous quarters in the college barns where demonstration and judging work were done. The new building is heated and free from drafts, and the big room, 90x38 feet, is divided by a canvas curtain at times, so that two classes may be held there at once.

Testing plants for the ores of Eastern and Western Oregon mining districts have been recommended by the State Miners' association, who are following out the suggestions of Secretary Fisher of the Interior Department. It is believed ore testing stations maintained in the mining sections by the government would be of great value to the industry.

MAIL CARRIERS SUFFER IN COLD

FAIRVIEW, Jan. 8.—The rural mail carrier from this office reports the trying experiences of his trip in the storm last Saturday. On reaching Park Rose he had to break his own road through crusted snow until he reached the Base Line at Russellville school house, a distance of about four miles. On leaving Russellville store for two miles he met with difficulties such as crusted snow and ice laden timber and brush obstructing the road. On starting homeward the storm was felt in all its fierceness, the windows of his mail wagon were soon covered with ice and he was obliged to keep the side windows open for view. These were soon frozen so that he could not close them between mail boxes. The storm beat his team full in the face, leaving blood stains on the crusted snow every time a step was taken. It was by unusual severity of whip that he forced his team on and at last reaching home his team was worn out and refused to move from the lash of whip. By aid of hot water and hammer, the buckles and snaps were loosened and harness removed. It required warm water to loosen the ice from the horses heads.

The door of the mail wagon was so securely sealed with ice, that Mr. Schram had to get out of the mail wagon through one of the windows. He was nearly frozen. He says it was the severest trip he has had during his seven years' service.

The horses were a pitiful sight, completely worn out and feet bleeding badly, being two and one-half hours behind the regular time.

One lady, Mrs. Henry Schleffer, God bless her, met him at the mail box with a cup of hot coffee which was a god send indeed. Every mail box on the route had to be hammered open with a hammer before depositing or receiving mail. While it is strictly against the rules of the department to pick up loose coins from mail boxes, Mr. Schram says he had to do this and stamped several letters on reaching home in order to keep the good will of his patrons. Yet he sincerely wished that those who left money in mail boxes on such a day as Saturday were in his place for half an hour.

The Montavilla butcher's team gave out and had to remain at Fairview Saturday night, as did the Montavilla baker auto which went dead at Davis' store. No trains passed here from 11 o'clock Saturday until 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and they went double header. In the Columbia View district hundreds of fruit trees were ruined and several trees in Bliss' grove at Rockwood were uprooted. While thousand of dollars worth of damage has been done, hours and hours of solid fun have been indulged in by the young bloods coasting and skating all over town, the ice on the Slough being ruined by the sleet.

Month's Weather Record

The Outlook will publish a local weather report, recording the leading features for each day during the month. It will be a valuable record at the close of the month, especially to our many readers living at a distance. Our climate is our boast. There are few sudden and no severe changes. The flurry of snow of yesterday is melting rapidly today. It will be interesting to clip out these weather records for this locality and preserve them for reference or mail them to a friend who ought to come to Oregon.

WEATHER RECORD FOR MONTH

- January 1. Clear—freezing.
- January 2. Clear—freezing.
- January 3. Clear—freezing.
- January 4. Four inches snow.
- Jan. 5—Cloudy, warmer.
- " 6—Rain and sleet. Ice storm.
- " 7—Clear, cold.
- " 8—Snow, sleet, rain.

Call at Hotel Congdon in Gresham, Wednesday, January 17, and have Dr. Lowe show you the new glasses with which you can see all distances. No lites or seams in the glasses to catch dirt, strain the eyes. They make you feel young without making you look old. Free demonstrations.

"From Portland to the mountains look out for the Outlook."

COUNTY LEVY FIXED AT 3.7

The county commissioners yesterday fixed the county tax for Multnomah county at 3.7 mills and the county road levy at .80 of a mill.

The state tax is 3.7 mills, being 1.70 mills higher than last year. The state school tax is 1.25 mills, about the same as last year. The tax for library maintenance is .20 of a mill and for library building, .55 of mill.

The county tax is rather large, said to be on account of the erection of a \$1,500,000 court house and improvement of then ew Multnomah Farm. These it is said will be paid for by next year.

Gresham school district has levied 5 mills and the town of Gresham 5 mills.

Moving Picture Show Announcement

The Moving picture show will run only Friday, Saturday and Sunday, starting this week and continuing until after the bad weather.

Friday's and Saturday's program will be featured. A first class Western subject, a drama and a good Vitagraph comedy. Sunday's program will be announced later.

The Sunday matinee, children 5c, will continue as usual, starting at 3 p. m.

Scarcely a week of leap year has passed yet marriage proposals have piled up so fast the sporting editor has lost the count already.

WANT ADS.

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

FOR RENT—10 acre farm, near Cottrell depot. House and barn. Mike Hornung, Gresham, R. 2. 92

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

FOR SALE—Spring wagon and harness; also about two dozen Rhode Island Red chickens. S. Alexander, Gresham, phone 529. 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—From \$1,000 to \$5,000 of Gresham Water Bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest; interest payable semi-annually. Apply to D. M. Roberts, Town Recorder, Gresham, Oregon.

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

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

The Best Cows can only be selected by keeping a careful record. Get Milk Record blanks at the Outlook office. They are handy, complete and cheap.

Are You Going to Build? If so, consult W. H. Karr, Gresham, Oregon. Plans and estimates furnished. tf

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

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try it. For sale by Gresham Drug Co., and all Dealers.