

SMALL INCREASE IN DISTRICT NO. 4

School District No. 4, embracing the whole of Gresham and some of the surrounding country has just 351 children of school age, according to the annual census completed by District Clerk D. M. Roberts on Wednesday last.

A comparison of the census rolls of last year with that of this year shows that about 25 children have moved away, their places being filled with the same number and eight more, but the gain in population would show a greater percentage.

By reference to the census returns for the preceding years it is shown that the increase has been steady for several years and that it has never gone backward.

The annual school meeting for the purpose of levying the yearly school tax will probably be held sometime during the interval between Christmas and the first of the year.

The district will be called upon to vote a tax for the maintenance of the high school and other necessary expenditures and at the same time may vote for proposed gymnasium.

GRANGE MASQUERADE IS GLITTERING SUCCESS

The masquerade at Rockwood on Wednesday evening was on all respects the most enjoyable dance ever held in the grange hall, and there have been many of them in the more than four years since the hall was built.

Numerous rich, fancy and fantastic costumes graced the floor, the revelers keeping up their incognito presentations until 11 o'clock, when the grand march was called.

Fred Crane, Jr., took first gentlemen's prize as a "bold soldier boy." Mrs. Edna Lee, as the most original character in the role of "Sis Hopkins" was winner of the second ladies' prize.

The dance was such a complete success that the crowd clamored for another good time sooner, and it was decided to give another public ball on Saturday evening, Dec. 21.

RAILWAY AFTER RIGHT OF WAY

More railroad rumblings percolate through the ambient atmosphere and rumors fly on the wings of thought. That is the main reason why vague wisperings are seized upon as a steady diet to satisfy the public longings for news.

This time the news is more reliable than mere rumor for it comes first hand. The extension of the Multnomah Central is assured beyond the town of Sandy, as far as Cherryville at least, for the right of way is being secured between those two places.

Among those who have signed deeds granting the railroad company the right of way across their property is Paul Hoetzel, the proprietor of the City Bakery of Gresham. Mr. Hoetzel owns 80 acres about three miles beyond Sandy and is so enthusiastic over the prospect of a railroad through his property that he donated free of cost the right to the railroad company to cross his property.

Cherryville is about seven miles beyond Sandy and a growing community of considerable importance. That the Multnomah Central has started toward it is a matter of congratulation to all the people between the two towns and even further beyond, because it shows that the road will eventually be extended further and probably cross the Cascade mountains into central Oregon.

Another railroad rumor, but one that cannot be verified yet is flying about concerning some important changes to take effect right here in Gresham before the end of another year. It is a rumor that a new power station will be built on the company's property near the Mount Hood station.

INTEREST IN ELECTIONS

The election scheduled for next Tuesday promises to be the most lively and important ever held in Gresham. Heretofore, too often, the people have been willing that the same councilmen or officers should be re-nominated and hold over from year to year.

It is apparent that this attitude of the voters was neither normal nor safe and it is gratifying to see a proper interest taken in the coming elections. It is not necessarily discrediting to anyone who has been in office that the voters want a change.

One thing is certain. Very few citizens who haven't taken an active part in the government of the town appreciate the services and efforts of those who have been elected to manage the business of the town.

without remuneration, often would charge. The recorder, marshal and treasurer are the only officers receiving a regular salary and that is not in any case large enough to buy gasoline for an automobile much less the machine itself.

The past two years have been arduous ones for the councilmen, with very frequent meetings and much outside work to look after. After several years of experience on the council and close observation we can positively say that the purpose and work of the present council has been honest, fair and progressive and we believe the citizens should combine rather than find fault.

We think there should be more frequent mass meetings of citizens to discuss policies and methods, giving voters a chance to say what they want the council to do or not to do and giving the council and officers a chance to explain their policies.

A new and untried element will this year enter into the election—the vote of the women. What effect it will have is uncertain but it is confidently hoped the women will not be moved by mere sentiment but will look upon the city government as a business affair and vote for the cleanest town morally and physically that the conditions can be made to produce.

SMALL CITY TAX NEEDED

Some time during the closing week of this year the necessity for a tax levy on the assessed valuation of the property inside the corporate limits of Gresham will have to be made, which levy will be somewhere near 6 mills on the dollar.

In this connection it is proper to state that there is now considerable more territory inside the city limits than at the date of the last tax levy; also, there are several new buildings to be assessed, including the Congdon hotel structure and the First State Bank property.

While it is of very little importance whether the treasury is full or empty if there are no debts or interest to pay, yet conservative management must be observed in advance of any change in financial resources.

Miss Mary Isom, head of the Portland library, and W. L. Brewster were here recently inspecting the new building in course of construction for the Gresham sub-branch.

Court Gresham, No. 81, Foresters of America, gave its first ball last evening at the Commercial club hall. It was a pronounced success, the hall being filled to its most comfortable capacity.

Court Gresham is one of the coming fraternal and social organizations that will make for itself a place here. The charter is still open for those desiring to join.

Manufacturers of Oregon formed a state-wide organization during a convention in Portland the past week that will, undoubtedly, be productive of much good.

Strictly Fresh Ranch eggs 45c at Duke's Confectionary. 79

CATTLE STILL DISSAPPEARING

Cattle rustling seems to continue as a favorite pastime and a profitable business by the gang that has been stealing calves in this vicinity for the past few months.

West of the Sandy there is a herd law in force that requires all cattle to be kept off the county roads. East of the Sandy there is no such law and cattle run at large which makes them easy victims.

From reliable sources and from actual count it is known that 32 calves have been taken between Mount Tabor and the Sandy. East of that river the number is just 30, all of them more than a year old. The total valuation is estimated at nearly \$2000.

Daily and Sunday Oregonian and Outlook, 1 year.....\$7.75

TOWN NEEDS DRAIN SYSTEM

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Learn to look in the ads. for bargains.

WANT ADS.—The Outlook's Bargain Counter—WANT ADS

Advertisement containing various classified ads under categories: LIVESTOCK, REAL ESTATE AND RENTALS, Real Estate and Rentals, Miscellaneous, Auto for Sale, Trained Nurse, and Help Wanted.

The Outlook's Christmas Number Will Be a Hummer!

MANY INFORMED THROUGH EXHIBIT

Carrol S. Smith writes the Outlook from Minneapolis under date of Nov. 24, that the great land show there is over and that he is returning home.

Editor Outlook:—With an attendance of 117,200, or 14,000 more than last year, the Northwest Land show closed in Minneapolis last night after a successful run of ten days.

Those present to represent Oregon and boost for their locality were A. J. Duryea, secretary Eugene Commercial club, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Freytag, secretary Oregon City Commercial club, Oregon City; J. E. Sawhill, secretary Central Oregon Development League, Bend; and myself representing Gresham and Pleasant Home.

At the Free Methodist church on next Sabbath, services will be as follows: sermon school at 10 a. m., morning saturday at 11 a. m. All welcomed and urged to attend these services.

That the Willamette Valley loganberry will supplant the grape in supplying a pleasant and refreshing drink for a people of this country is the prediction now being made.

Crook county won honors at the Minneapolis Land show, taking the Northern Pacific cup for the best display of forage plants.

Oregon Agricultural College will have the full co-operation of the federal government in its back-to-the-farm work.

The Oregon Pure Bred Livestock association, in session the past week, recommends the passage of the livestock registry bill by the next legislature.

Good apples, good cider, a good fire in the evening and the weekly Oregonian makes life on the farm a pleasure. It and the Outlook one full year for \$1.75.

Patronize home industry.