

LIBRARY ELECTS THREE DIRECTORS

Program of Events Scheduled for the Branch Libraries in Multnomah County.

The Gresham library association met last night in the library for the annual meeting. All the members but four were present. The by-laws were changed, reducing the annual dues to 25 cents. Three directors were elected to serve three years as follows: D. R. Shoemaker, Mrs. Geo. Honey and Mrs. Schneider. It was voted to buy a stereopticon to be used at the library for illustrated lectures.

The annual tea will be served in the reading room Thursday evening, March 27, from 5 to 9 o'clock.

Dr. Edward O. Sisson, of Reed College, will lecture at the Gresham library on Mar. 20, at 8 o'clock in the evening on "Constructive Advance in Education," under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' association.

There will be no circulation of books after 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, owing to the lecture in the library by Dr. Sisson.

Program for Patron-Teachers' association, Thursday evening, March 20th.

I.
(a) Clang of the Forge, Paul Rodney, arranged by G. A. Veazie
(b) Under Freedom's Flag, J. F. Wagner, arranged by Osbourne McConathy. High School Chorus, Mrs. E. L. Covert, director.

II.
(a) The Pine Tree, Mary Turner Salter; (b) Nothin' but Love, Carrie Jacobs-Bond, Mrs. E. L. Covert.

III.
Relics of Wales, Chatterton, Mrs. W. R. Burke.

IV.
"Constructive Advance in Education," Dr. Edward O. Sisson, introduced by M. O. Nelson.

V.
(a) The Nights, Gullio Roberti.
(b) Blue are the Heavens, J. L. Frank, High School Girls' Glee Club, Mrs. E. L. Covert, director.

A series of lectures are to be given under the auspices of the Mutualist association at the different branch libraries of Multnomah county. Mass meetings and discussions on mutualism are led by Dr. Chas. H. Chapman, E. P. Rosenthal and others. The lectures are to be given as follows:

At the East Portland branch, East Eleventh and East O'Alder streets, March 19, at 8 p. m.; at the Albina branch, 350 Knott street, Mar. 26, at 8 p. m.; at the North Portland branch, Killingsworth avenue, corner Commercial street, April 2, at 8 p. m.; at the Gresham branch library building, April 9, at 8 p. m.

The attendance and number of readers at the library is steadily increasing, the new quarters having proven a stimulus to the interest taken in library advantages.

The March garden bulletin tells where to work, what you can do with flowers, some bulbous duties, starting the vegetables, what you can do for the fruits, which to do for the sake of looks and wax for grafting.

Every farmer's wife should read the books of the list on the "Conservation of the farmer's wife." They give practical and useful ideas to each and every one, assisting them to conserve their strength and time.

The woman's rest room is now open and it is hoped that all those who come in town for shopping or are waiting for trains, etc., will find it a great convenience.

Attention is called to the Oregon law, section 9, relating to the penalty for defacing of books. It follows:

Whoever wilfully or maliciously writes upon, injures or defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript or statue belonging to a law, city or other public or incorporated library shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Martin Multhauf has rented his farm for a term of five years to E. Wahl for \$1000 a year. Mr. Multhauf will move to Montavilla.

POMONA GRANGE MEETS TOMORROW

Multnomah county Pomona grange will meet at Lents tomorrow in an all day and evening session. The most important grange work during the day will be the installation of the officers elected at the session held in Gresham three months ago. State Master Spence has promised to be there and act as installing officer. Those to be installed as Pomona grange officers for the coming year are as follows:

Master, T. J. Kreuder; overseer, A. H. Black; lecturer, Mrs. Susan Wendle; chaplain, Mrs. H. E. Davis; steward, A. F. Miller, assistant steward, W. B. Young; lady assistant, Mrs. Mary F. Crane; treasurer, E. L. Thorpe; secretary, Mrs. M. M. Eaton; gate keeper, H. W. Snashall; Pomona, Mrs. W. U. Moore; Flora, Mrs. Ursula Sieret; Ceres, Miss Julia Mickelson.

During the noon intermission the grange county convention, consisting of three delegates from each of the ten granges of the county will meet to elect representatives to the state grange which will meet at Albany on the second Tuesday in May.

The evening session will be taken up with work in the fifth degree for which there is a large class of candidates, followed by an open entertainment in charge of the lecturer, Mrs. Susan Wendle.

C. E. Carter will give an address before the grange on "The Initiative and Referendum. Mrs. Mary S. Howard, state secretary, and Mrs. A. T. Buxton are expected to be present. A number of important resolutions will be considered.

New Millinery Store.

We have opened a milliner store in the Metzger building on Powell street, and solicit the patronage of all ladies. Work tastily done. Prices reasonable. The Misses Nyström.

OLD BARLOW ROAD SOLD TO E. H. WEMME

E. H. Wemme, vice-president of the Portland Automobile club, has bought all the stock of the old Barlow road across the Cascades and now owns the entire road himself. For over 50 years it has been a toll road and is such today, but Mr. Wemme has offered to make a present of it to Clackamas county as far as Welches provided the county is willing to spend at least \$12,000 a year upon it for five years. He proposes to move the gate to the Raitell place and reduce the tolls from there, but never expects to make the road pay anything more than the cost of improvements.

As the road runs through the forest reserve it may not be possible for Clackamas county to handle it beyond Welches, yet Mr. Wemme's intention seems to be for the county to eventually take it entirely over and keep it in shape for travel. If the county refuses to take it over Mr. Wemme will continue to collect the toll as usual.

The old Barlow road is one of the few remaining relics of pioneer days. For many years it was a good piece of property but it went down in value until a few years ago the owners tried to sell it to the state through an initiative bill which was defeated. Mr. Wemme has been public spirited enough to take it over so that an automobile road be maintained across the mountains. It is not known what action Clackamas county will take but the chances are about equal that the offer will be refused.

Spirella Corsets are boned with flexible Spirella stay which can be had in no other corset. Stays guaranteed not to rust or break. A wearer once, is a wearer always. Made to measure, orders taken, or appointments made at Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson. Phone 515. *t*

There will be an auction sale of farming implements, stock and household goods at the Melrose farm, Mrs. L. A. Austin owner, in the near future, announcement of which will be made in a future issue.

H. M. Shaw will entertain at a tea for the benefit of the Woman's society of Smith Memorial church at Fairview, next Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. E. Camp, of Gresham, have taken up their residence in the Townsend house at Fairview.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR WILL GET FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR APPROPRIATION

The Multnomah County Fair association will get the full five thousand dollars provided in the legislative bill that permits a levy of one-twentieth of a mill on the taxable property of the county.

District Attorney Evans decided yesterday morning that the whole amount should go to the Gresham fair, and backed his opinion up with a written statement to the county court ordering such a disposition of the entire fund.

There is one little word missing from the bill that may possibly delay the payment of the money this year, but there is no question about it for the future. In order to settle the matter A. F. Miller was sent to Salem today to get the opinion of Attorney General Crawford on that particular point. His report will be awaited with intense interest.

The Board of Directors held a meeting yesterday for the transaction of general business. W. P. Mulchay, of the P. R. L. & P. traffic department was present and assured the board that a one-way rate for round trips would be made over all the lines of that company, but that 25 cents would be the minimum rate for round trips from any point. That assurance means a 25-cent round trip from Portland.

He desired to impress the idea upon the public that tickets must be bought at the stations to get this rate, as conductors are not allowed to collect less than the regular fare. An offer of \$100 from D.N. Raymond for the riding device concession during the fair was accepted.

Leasing of the fair grounds to the Scotch societies for a Fourth of July celebration was approved on condition that the consent of the city council shall be obtained.

James Kelly was appointed superintendent of the Milk and Butter test during the fair.

Ground decoration and arrangements were left to President H. A. Lewis who will cause a plat to be made and report at next meeting.

The secretary was instructed to ask the P. R. L. & P. Co. for a 220-volt wire into the grounds for light and power purposes. Assurances have already been made that the service will be put in.

An auditing committee was named consisting of D. M. Roberts, E. S. Jenne and E. L. Thorpe.

A. F. Miller reported negotiations for the girls' band of Oak Grove, and on motion it was decided to engage the band for the full five days of the fair. This action probably assures two bands during fair week, as the racing association will have to provide its own music.

The premium list committee was authorized to get all necessary cuts for use in the forthcoming book.

The premium list committee will meet in Gresham on Monday, March 21, for a complete revision of all lists, at which time the different superintendents are expected to make any suggestions for their respective departments.

The next meeting of the board will be held on Monday, April 7, after which the work for the forthcoming fair will be pushed vigorously.

SWEET PEA CONTEST IS BEING ARRANGED

The Outlook will take up the 'idea of the Women's club for a sweet pea campaign, with a view to having a flower show sometime during the summer. The full details have not been worked out, but the Outlook has decided to give out the seeds free of cost to the boys and girls of this vicinity who will comply with certain conditions in regard to planting them and assisting with the forthcoming exposition.

Suggestions from the women's club as to the best method of procedure are invited, and further announcements will be made so that everyone will know just how to begin and how to continue until the contest closes.

Arrangements have been made with Metzger Bros. for the seed, which will be distributed in accordance with the rules to be adopted and which will be announced as soon as possible.

LAST RENDITION SATURDAY NIGHT

A final rendition of the "Doings at Elk Ridge" was given by the Pleasant Valley Dramatic club at the grange hall on Saturday evening last. The play was very good from start to finish and fully up to the standard of amateur theatricals. Meritorious mention could be made of every actor in the cast as all were excellent in their parts, but special mention should be made of the originality of the drama and some of the other features which it helped to bring out.

As mentioned before, the drama is the production of Valentine Snashall. It maintains the standard of its class in the published works to be had at the book stores, and has the separate distinction of introducing two original songs that are unique and pleasing diversions. These songs were both written by Mr. Snashall and one of them, "The Scarecrow's Song" was sung by him as an interlude during the course of the drama. He composed the music for it, also, an original air that fits the words and makes one want to hear it again. It is a character song, that to be effective should be sung in the costume of the act. Mr. Snashall has been strongly advised to have it published.

The other piece, "The Snowball Song," was sung by Miss Grace Olsen during an imaginary delay in the performance. It was typical of the scene and original in words and music. Mr. Snashall wrote this song, also, but the music for it was composed by Eugene Bayly, who played all the accompaniments and interludes during the evening.

Special mention is required of the Bayly children, a boy and girl, who appeared in singing roles between the acts. They are really clever and show careful training. They were encored a dozen times and responded every time with something different.

The club is preparing another play which will be eagerly awaited for.

DEATH THIS MORNING OF STELLA BIDDLE

Stella C. Biddle, wife of W. R. Biddle, died this morning at her home in Gresham. Mrs. Biddle has been a sufferer from cancer for the past few months, and her death was not unexpected.

Mr. and Mrs. Biddle came to Gresham from Portland about a year and half ago, and opened the Novelty Shop. Both became at once identified with the M. E. church, in which they were loyal workers, and Mrs. Biddle was for some months president of the Epworth League. She was a member of Gresham grange. Last year she taught the Cedar school, driving to and from her work in her auto. She also assisted in the store when not in school, and everywhere won the respect and love of those with whom she met. About six months ago it became certain that she was afflicted with cancer. Every effort was made to stay the disease, but without avail. Her sufferings have been intense, but all that love and medical aid could do, have been done for her relief. She was ever patient and thoughtful of others. She was ready for death, and some time ago made the arrangements for her funeral.

The services, which will be brief and simple, will be held at the chapel of the Portland Crematorium at Sellwood, and will be conducted by Rev. Melville T. Wire of Gresham, and Rev. C. C. Rarick of Portland, a former pastor of Mrs. Biddle's. Solos will be sung by Miss Echo Jones and C. E. Rusher.

Those going by O. W. P. train will transfer to the Sellwood line, which runs past the crematorium.

E. C. Morrison Will Build.

E. C. Morrison has purchased from Mrs. H. S. Stone a flatiron lot located at the intersection of Fairview road, First street and Harrison street, just north of the P. R. L. & P. Co. depot at Fairview. Mr. Morrison will improve the property with a fine residence. He will beautify the grounds and have a fine fence built around the lot.

J. Spence has rented the farm of Antone Schantine, located at Rockwood. The rental is to be \$1000 a year. Mr. Schantine will build a residence at Rockwood.

ASSESSOR REED HERE NEXT WEEK

Making a Study of Farm Values to Help in Making Even Assessments.

County Assessor, Harry E. Reed, is contemplating a visit to every section of Eastern Multnomah within the next week or two. His object will be to get into close touch with the people and to learn conditions at first hand from actual observation and conversation so that he may be able to make an equitable assessment this year, and one that will not be subject to criticism either against himself or the deputies who are to canvass the territory.

Mr. Reed is making a close study of the relative values of farm lands in every section of the county, and is endeavoring to find out just about what the average per cent of profits the farmers are earning on the present valuations of their land. His available figures are somewhat perplexing and widely different for the different localities. He is of the opinion that land values are too high to make farming a paying business, but he realizes that the farmer of this section who owns his own farm and is out of debt can afford to continue in the business even though his income would not pay interest on what his farm is held to be worth.

It is to find out about these things and learn a first hand just how much the farmer can stand in the way of taxes, without being burdened, that he is contemplating his visit here. He expects to be in the vicinity of Fairview and Troutdale the latter part of this week, and then visit the Gresham and Pleasant Home districts a few days later.

His two deputies, H. U. Welch and A. Y. Beach are now looking over the territory, preparing to organize their campaign for assessment work, and it is Mr. Reed's instructions that they shall take note of every condition or complaint which they will refer to him for adjustment.

Next year's taxes are going to be very high—probably double the amount they are his year and the matter of making an equitable assessment is going to be a delicate task. Mr. Reed is trying to please everybody, if he can, and will be glad to meet every property owner for a conference as to how he may best proceed and still do justice to himself and the county. He is an agreeable official to be confidential with and always ready to listen to his constituent on any matter that affects their public welfare.

SUCCESSFUL SHOOT HELD ON SUNDAY

Eighteen trap shooters took part in the trap shoot at Gresham on Sunday afternoon last. The score resulted as follows:

	Shot at	Killed
H. Mathison	125	109
L. Shattuck	125	78
H. Wihlon	100	88
M. Coons	100	87
D. M. Roberts	100	75
B. Edmondson	100	74
H. H. Ott	75	66
R. Baker	75	63
Geo. Crowley	75	64
T. J. Halligan	75	54
W. J. Ott	75	49
A. Hammar	50	40
Geo. Mills	25	20
H. W. Buck	25	19
F. Thome	25	18
T. Townsend	25	17
A. Leland	25	9
E. Thompson	25	4

The Gresham and Troutdale Rod and Gun clubs will probably consolidate for the purpose of joining the state association so as to engage in the regular tournaments of that organization.

Notice.

Gresham, Mar. 18, 1913.
Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Town Council will be held at the Town Hall on the 19th at 7:30 p. m. Said meeting is called for purpose of considering the grading of Lawrence avenue. All persons interested in same will please be present.

By order of Mayor Shattuck.
D. M. ROBERTS, Recorder.