

PREMIUM LIST ALMOST READY

Great Increase in Prizes to be Given This Year - Many Changes in Rules

Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion to the effect that the county fair appropriation, as made by the Multnomah county court, was in accordance with the law and that the court did right in dividing the funds between the county fair and the products show.

The premium list committee held a meeting yesterday with President Lewis and is now prepared to issue the book which will be in the hands of the secretary by the first of May.

Among the changes will be found one that gives premiums for best exhibits of potatoes in varieties, instead of the 100-pound cartons. Crating of potatoes is not a commercial method and it is desired to encourage new varieties in this section.

One heretofore objectionable feature in the grange exhibits will be eliminated. The use of quilts, comforts and pictures will not be allowed, nor should any fancy work or art be allowed there.

The agricultural and live stock departments will get the bulk of the money for premiums, but stock will not be allowed to compete in more than one class except cows for dairy tests.

A number of full-page engravings from new photographs are being made for the premium list. They are all of farm scenes, fair exhibits and stock.

The new book will be divided into divisions and these into classes. The new entry blanks will be printed to correspond so that the work of the clerks will be more simplified than formerly.

In the matter of diplomas it was finally decided to grant them free of cost, except the entry fee, to all who desire them in place of the cash awards in sums of one dollar and over upon request of the exhibitor. In many cases the latter would prefer something to show instead of the money.

It has been suggested that all the business men of Gresham use county fair stationery from now on until the close of the fair. A canvas will be made to find out how many letter heads and envelopes will be taken at cost to supply the demand for the next five months.

Maid and Matron Entertain.

Two social events of interest this week have been "showers" complimenting Miss Grace Lawrence. The first was held on Wednesday night with Miss Arlie Gibbs as hostess. Aprons were the gifts presented on that occasion.

Mrs. M. D. Kern and Mrs. C. M. Oliphant entertained yesterday at the home of Mrs. Kern at a "miscellaneous shower."

Those participating in this shower were girls employed in the telephone office, or who have been in the past during Miss Lawrence's secretaryship of the office.

FOR BEST SHOWING IN CHILDREN'S CONTEST

Our last article told about the five cash prizes—\$100, \$75, \$60, and \$40, to be given to the counties that makes the best showing in the children's contest.

In any county not entering this competition, any and all one room schools may enter the district competition. The first prize in this is a Victor Phonograph and twelve records, given by the publishers of the Rural Spirit.

The second prize is an eighteen inch library globe given by the Northwestern Furniture company, a useful article in any school.

The third prize is a school flag given by the publisher of the Pacific Northwest.

The fourth prize, another school flag, given by A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank, Portland, and the fifth prize is a Babcock Tester, given by Monroe and Crissel.

Every school should show its patriotism by floating the stars and stripes. A Babcock tester should be in every school. Its use is one of the best ways to teach percentage, and it will encourage an interest in dairying.

This industrial contest is one in which every girl and boy attending school can take a part. While the pupils are thus advertising their school and county, and increasing their pride of home and patriotism, they are also learning to do something useful—something by which they can earn a living and can also make of themselves more valuable citizens.

RUSSELLVILLE GRANGE BUILDING NEW HALL

Russellville grange has begun the excavation for its new hall on the Base Line road, diagonally across from the Russellville schoolhouse. The building will be 42x70 feet with a basement the full size. It will be of only one story but will be five feet above the ground on a concrete foundation with a ceiling 14 feet in the clear.

GRESHAM VOTING TODAY FOR MORE TERRITORY

The people of Gresham are voting today upon the proposition of taking more territory within the city limits. There is scarcely any doubt but the election will be favorable to the admission of the section seeking to become incorporated with the town, as it is fully entitled to come in and the owners of the property are paying the costs of the election.

The parcel of land affected by the vote is more familiarly known as the Preston farm on south Roberts avenue, and is being built up with a good class of dwellings, among which is the new residence of Geo. W. Stapleton, just nearing completion. With the facilities which annexation will give the property for improvements it will soon rank as one of the most important of the city.

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY POMONA VOTES TO ABOLISH SENATE

Postmaster Leedy Thinks there are Too Many Farmers' Organizations for the Good of Agriculture.

Portland, Ore., April 13, 1913. To the Editor:—Declaring that the state senate has become a body obstructive to good measures and constructive legislation for the benefit of the people of the state, Clackamas county Pomona grange, in session Wednesday, voted that the senate should be abolished and that the legislative body of Oregon should consist of a single house.

This was a straw vote taken to gather the sentiment of the grangers present. There were about 200 members present from the eighteen granges of Clackamas county, and it was the best meeting held there for many years, so it was stated.

J. D. Chitwood, of Damascus, presided as master. C. Schubel, of Oregon City, delivered a comprehensive review of the measures which were passed at the last session of the legislature, pointing out what he considered were the most important bills. Mr. Schubel declared that many constructive measures were passed including the widows' pension bill, the minimum wage bill, the bill to tax water power as land, sending a delegation to Europe to study economic conditions and co-operative plans as in vogue in the older countries, the compromise good roads bills and some others.

On the whole he declared that more constructive legislation was accomplished at the last session than ever before. However, he criticized the state senate severely and declared that it uniformly opposed all good measures and only passed such measures as were forced on it. He declared that 80 per cent of all measures that were passed came from the outside like the grange, and only 20 per cent originated at Salem.

Mr. Schubel discussed the question whether it would not be better for one body to handle the legislative affairs of the state, and he was inclined to think that one body could work to better advantage provided it were given 60 days in which to do its work. What he had to say on this point called out extended discussion. It was the undoubted sentiment of the 200 grangers present that the state senate is a useless and obstructive body and that it should be abolished, and there be one legislative body left.

Miss Florence Olsen, of Milwaukie, declared that the idea of the senate had come down from the English aristocracy and had been adopted from the house of Lords to preserve the prerogative of the king, and that the time had come when it should be eliminated from the American plan of government. Others spoke along the same lines.

State Master C. E. Spence said that the senate might be regarded as an appendage that could be removed in case it should give trouble, like the human appendix, which is often removed by a surgical operation. Mr. Spence asked for an expression on the subject with the result that practically a unanimous vote favored the abolishment of the state senate.

H. G. Starkweather, one of the delegates who will visit Europe to investigate economic conditions there, gave some account of that mission. The state appropriated \$2500 to defray the expenses of the Oregon commissioners. Mr. Starkweather said that he had been making a study of the functions of the commissioners, and expressed the opinion that much good will come out of

SWEET PEA CONTESTANTS

The Outlook's sweet pea contest gives promise of being highly successful. Great interest is being taken in the idea and there are callers for seeds every day. Seeds have been given out to 56 boys and girls, mostly residents of Gresham, but there are some from several outside localities.

Miss Marion Robertson, teacher at the Lusted school, and her pupils have become interested and the applications from there number just

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO A. W. LAFFERTY

The Outlook has been giving publicity to Representative Lafferty's efforts to bring the land grant cases to a successful termination. He sends word that he has received the following letter from the attorney general.

April 1, 1913.

"Hon. A. W. Lafferty, House of Representatives. My dear Sir:—Referring to your personal visit here some days ago, and to your communications to the president concerning the Oregon and California land grant matter, I write to say that the president has called my especial attention to it, and that I shall endeavor to see that no further unnecessary delay is involved in these proceedings.

Very truly yours, J. C. Reynolds, Attorney General.

Referring to the letter, Mr. Lafferty said that he felt much encouraged by the interest manifested by the president and the attorney general in the prosecution of the Oregon & California railroad Land Grant suit, and that he hoped such interest would result in bringing the case to a speedy determination, concluding with "But if not, I shall again bring the matter to their attention in whatever way seems necessary, and shall not rest until the case is finally decided in the supreme court."

Pendleton will be the scene of an important convention on April 14 and 15, when the Columbia and Snake rivers Waterway association will meet there. Navigation matters will occupy the time of the delegates, the object of the meeting being to improve the channels of these two great rivers.

Grow Legumes—the salvation of the soil. Interesting information by addressing L. F. Shinaman, Gresham, Ore.

TROLLEY TO MAYBERRY BY FIRST OF JUNE

Work has commenced on the electrification of the Mount Hood line from Gresham eastward. It will be pushed to Mayberry as a second section of the work now under way.

Operating Engineer, R. Robley was here on Wednesday making preparations for the enlargement of the O. W. P. substation and the installation of a new rotary converter. A new lighting transformer will also be installed fully twice the size of the one now in use.

Another power cable will be run across the town which will be used to feed the trolley on the Mount Hood line eastward. It is expected that all this work will be finished by June 1.

PASTIME CLUB IS NOT INCLUDED

Members of the Pastime club have taken exceptions to the statement attributed to Sheriff Word that he would stop all forms of card playing here. The Outlook is assured that card playing is not indulged in at the Pastime club for anything more than the fun of playing, the by-laws preventing any stakes of value to be considered, under penalty of expulsion from the club. Sheriff Word, in his crusade, is not showing favors but those who don't gamble need have no fears. The Outlook only said what it was reported the sheriff intended doing, and has no other interest in the matter.

Social at No. 8.

There will be a hand-shadow social given given at No. 8 school-house near Terry next Friday evening, April 18. There will be a musical program commencing at 8 o'clock. Ladies will please bring baskets. Everybody welcome. 14n

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FAMOUS COMEDY BY SENIOR CLASS

"The Rivals" in Rehearsal for Production on Friday April 25.

The senior class of the high school will present the famous old comedy "The Rivals," by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, on Friday evening, April 25th. The class have been working on the play for some weeks and have it well in hand at present.

"The Rivals" has been one of the most popular plays of the modern stage. Since its first production in 1775 at Covent Garden it has maintained its place of preeminence in the popular favor, and shows no signs of lessening popularity at the present day. It was as "Bob Acres," one of the "Rivals," that our own Joseph Jefferson won renown as an actor. Both on the professional stage and with amateurs "The Rivals" continues to be one of the most heartily enjoyable plays since Shakespeare. Unlike most modern plays it possesses great literary merit as well as a continuous flow of perfectly irresistible wit and humor. One knows only to love old Sir Anthony Absolute, who is always "in a frenzy," or else deporting himself like a schoolboy, or Bob Acres, with his "odd kind of a new method of swearing," or Mrs. Malaprop, "with her words so ingeniously misapplied without being mispronounced."

Equally enjoyable, too, is Sir Anthony's son, Captain Absolute, who, passing as Ensign Beverley, is challenged by his friend Bob Acres, and actually carries Bob's challenge to himself after declining to act as his opponent's second in the duel; and "that blood-thirsty old Philistine, Sir Lucius O'Trigger" who would rather fight a duel than marry the lady of his choice. In fact there is not an important character in the play but has an immense store of fun on tap every minute he is on the stage.

Following is the cast that will present "The Rivals," Feb. 25. Sir Anthony Absolute..... Floyed Metzger Captain Absolute..... Jackson Jones Faulkland..... Rolland Quisenberry Bob Acres..... Russell Pugh Sir Lucius O'Trigger..... Cleveland Bliss Fag..... Ray Palmquist David..... Fred Wagner Thomas..... Fred Wagner Mrs. Malaprop..... Viola Mathews Lydia Langough..... Helen Hoss Julia..... Marguerite Michel Lucy..... Maybell Burch

Clean-up Day.

At a meeting of the council Tuesday night, Wednesday, April 23, was set aside as "Clean-up Day," and the mayor was authorized to issue a proclamation to that effect. The purpose is to give the city a thorough cleaning, and the school children will be given a half holiday to help out in the work. It was also decided to purchase a large number of garbage barrels, which will be placed on the principal corners of the business district.

In this connection the Women's league has been industriously making the following pertinent inquiries:

"Are the streets in front of your house clean?" "Are the streets in front of your business place clean?" "Are your vacant lots clean?" "Are the school children organized?" "What becomes of tin cans and other garbage?" "Who takes it away? Where?"

Judge Congratulates W. H. Bond.

W. H. Bond, of Gresham, a juror in the suit of Robert Wakefield & Co., against the city of Portland, now on trial in Judge Morrow's court, celebrated his 72d birthday Tuesday. Judge Morrow delivered a speech of congratulation from the bench. The trial has now been on nearly two months. Mr. Bond has been occupying an upholstered easy chair which Judge Morrow managed to find for him somewhere around the courthouse.

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