

PRODUCTS SHOW FEELING BLUE

Members Discouraged and Blame is Laid to Multnomah County Fair.

Portland's land products show, an alleged fair without a foot of land or a home of any kind, except in the hats of its officers, is feeling pretty blue and will more than likely not be heard of next fall.

And if it don't come to the front with some kind of an exhibition so as to use up that little bunch of premium money—\$2593—which justly belongs to the Multnomah County Fair association of Gresham, the said little bunch of money will revert to the county road fund and be of some benefit to the people of this county after all.

One of the live wires of the land products show seems to feel quite discouraged and told an Outlook representative the other day that there would probably be no exhibition by the land products people this year. He asserted that the Gresham people had taken advantage of certain clause in "their appropriation law" to get half the money. He was sincere in his belief that the land products side show had been cheated out of half their money, and said that they couldn't go ahead with the trifling sum allotted to them and that to pull off their show they would have to raise more funds in some other way.

He was undecieved in his belief when told that the original bill was drawn up to aid "all county fairs in the state" including the one held in this county. He was further informed that the law was passed at the regular session of the legislature and that his crowd had "put one over" the Gresham fair board when the extra session was held, at which time the law was amended.

This was news to him, as he had been fondly believing that the law was first promulgated by his people and was passed at their instance.

The facts are that the land products crowds had nothing to do with the law at first, and they caught the Gresham crew asleep at the post when they got the measure amended.

There will be another nice question to come up for decision next year if the land products show is not held this season. Will it be entitled to a share of the money next year, or will Gresham be able to get all of it?

It looks rather queer to a man up a tree that money should be paid out to foster a concern that is evidently financed to some extent by the railroads, and that it should be given to a homeless corporation to peddle out to non-resident exhibitors from all over the Pacific coast, their entire collection outside of apples, being far inferior to that shown at Gresham.

The land products people feel blue because they failed to scoop the Gresham fair entirely and they are knocking our show at every opportunity. They will have to be watched pretty closely at the next session of the legislature and will bear watching all the time before. Gresham is entitled to all of that five thousand and odd dollars but won't be able to get it this year—only half of it.

Maybe things will come our way next year, but after that—look out.

ANOTHER APRIL SHOWER DURING GOOD WEATHER

April showers are always the harbingers of May productions of some sort. The one that struck Gresham on Wednesday evening at the home of W. R. Burke was a miscellaneous affair that anticipates a May wedding. It was in honor of George Page and was attended by a number of his most intimate friends, who all brought presents of different sorts and partook of refreshments, while they all had a good time generally. Those present were O. A. Eastman, Max Schneider, Arthur Dowsett, Will Hessel, Will Stanley, Will Metzger, Bert Metzger, Lewis Shattuck, Carl Shattuck, C. Binder, Dr. H. H. Hughes, W. H. Congdon, Ed. Metzger, Ed. Aiysworth, James Elkington, C. J. Lundquist, W. R. Burke and Carl Congdon.

CLEAN-UP DAY WAS OBSERVED

Banquet in Evening Followed a Day of Strenuous Labor, in Gresham.

"Clean-up day" was pretty generally observed by the citizens of Gresham last Wednesday. There still remain some untidy places, and owing to a lack of thorough organization, some of the rubbish gathered up did not get hauled away, but take it altogether it was considered a great success. It is expected that this will become an annual or semi-annual event, and that other lines of civic improvement will be undertaken. The Women's club, with whom the movement originated, has done a good turn for Gresham. In the evening a splendid banquet was held in the Commercial hall by the women as an appropriate ending to the day. An immense table, in the form of an open square, extended along the two sides and across one end of the hall. It was loaded with good things to eat, and was decorated with hugh bouquets of daffodils and branches of huckleberry with a daffodill at each place. The Queen Esther girls served the tables and contributed no small amount to the success of the banquet. An interesting feature of the event was the marching in of the firemen headed by their chief Etsel Jones. They were seated together at the table.

A splendid program of music and toasts ended the banquet. The music was furnished by Mrs. O. J. Brown and Miss Eva Campbell. Mrs. Chas. Cleveland, president of the Women's club, introduced O. A. Eastman as toastmaster, who in fitting terms proposed the subjects for the various speakers. The speeches had to do with various phases of sanitation and attractiveness as applied to a community, and besides being instructive, they sparkled with wit and humor. Those who responded to toasts were Miss Edna Goodwin, M. O. Nelson, F. L. Everson, G. W. Stapleton, E. A. Leonard, Lewis Shattuck and H. L. St. Clair.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and assistance during the illness and death of our loved wife and mother. Pat. Collins and Family.

PAT. COLLINS AND FAMILY.

Win a Kodak.

A kodak contest is to be held at Burke's Jewelry store in which every one is invited to take part. The person that can produce the best kodak picture of any domestic animal will receive a prize on Saturday, May 31st. The prize is to be a Vest Pocket kodak. Only pictures of domestic animals can be entered in the contest for May 31.

Don't forget to bring the whole family to Aiysworth's for Shoes.

FUNERAL OF MRS. COLLINS HELD ON WEDNESDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Collins was held yesterday morning from the grange hall, Rev. Father Bruenagel officiating. The Gregorian mass was said and the burial was in the Catholic cemetery west of town.

Mrs. Collins was born in Canada, 58 years ago and had lived at the Collins home near Gresham for nearly fifteen years. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Pat Collins, two sons James and Morris of Alderdale, Wash., and two daughters, Mrs. Linda Palmquist of Portland and Mrs. Leona Schultz of Gresham, all of whom were present at the funeral. Mrs. Collins was a sufferer from cancer for many months. Everything possible has been done to stay the dreadful disease, but to no avail. She has twice been for special treatment at a Portland hospital, and a short time ago went to Oakland, California, to consult a specialist. She died there last Saturday under anaesthetic, and the body was shipped here for burial, arriving Wednesday morning.

The sympathy of all neighbors and friends goes out to the bereaved family in this affliction.

The borrowed umbrella is usually taken by storm.

DEFENDING THE UNIVERSITY AGAINST ITS ENEMY, THE REFERENDUM

Program of the Opponents to the Present Plan of Higher Learning at the O. A. C. and U. of O.

Portland, Ore., April 25, 1913

To the Editor:—Evidence is plain that the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural Colleges must make the fight of their lives, if they are to stand. Forces are forming that threaten their actual existence.

At a meeting held in Portland Tuesday night on this week an organization was formed for the avowed purpose of striking a solar plexus blow at the integrity and life of both institutions. Such men as State Senator Dan Kellaheer, a candidate for the office of mayor of Portland on the Progressive ticket, Dr. C. H. Chapman, H. J. Parkinson, George W. Joseph and some others, who are more or less allied with the Socialist party, are at the head of this movement, which is to sweep away the appropriations for both the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College. Ostensibly this movement masquerades under the sounding title, "Higher Educational Betterment League." The millage bill was given a blow and the organization proposes legislation to repeal all general laws appropriating money for both the college and the university. It is the declared object of this organization to wipe out the present methods of support of the higher institutions of the state and consolidate the two in one school to be maintained by a mill tax. This organization would prohibit the legislature from making appropriations to support any of the state schools. In order to bring this sweeping change about it proposed to insinuate a measure, and then the fight will be on.

This is the program of the enemies to the present plan of state higher education. Among the granges of Oregon there is some support to this program, but the great majority of the Patrons of Husbandry still believe in maintaining the integrity of both institutions and believe that each has its field, which is separate and distinct from the other. The University of Oregon, it is claimed, occupies a field entirely separate from the Oregon Agricultural College, the latter being essentially industrial and domestic exclusively. Trend of all schools, public and private, is toward that standard that shall teach a young

man and young woman the best way to be a useful citizen, how to make a living and serve society. The Oregon Agricultural College has approached a solution of the problem of industrial education faster than almost any institution in the Northwest. It touches home life. It touches industrial life. It teaches its students the practical affairs of every day life. Through its extension courses it enters into the life of the young man on the farm. It tells how he can do his work intelligently. The University of Oregon operates in another field. It gives pure intellectual development. It gives discipline of mind. It provides high class culture. Its 700 pupils may or may not enter professional life. It does not enter into the industrial domain. To unite it with the pure industrial institution would mean, of course, the obliteration of the University of Oregon. What effect it would have on the O. A. C. can only be conjectured, but under the domination of such men as Senator Kellaheer, Dr. Chapman, Senator Joseph and Parkinson, its fate may be anticipated with some degree of certainty. These are all men of brains and standing. They know what they are after and how to get what they are after.

With revolution in the air, with a spirit of unrest permeating nearly all classes a measure which these men may prepare and submit to the leading people may find favor with the people, and the two leading institutions will certainly have the fight of their lives to maintain themselves against the attack on their integrity.

I understand that the state grange, patrons of husbandry, adopted resolutions opposed to the union of the two institutions and declaring that they should be separately managed. It was the judgment of the members that such union might impair the efficiency of the Agricultural College and not from any particular love for the University of Oregon.

It may be stated that the battle between the friends of the two state institutions and those who would throw them together will soon be on in this state, and every man and woman will be called on to take a stand on one side or the other. Which shall it be? L. H. WELLS.

CAST OF CHARACTERS AND SYNOPSIS OF SENIOR CLASS PLAY, TONIGHT

"THE RIVALS"

SIR ANTHONY ABSOLUTE..... Floyed Metzger
CAPTAIN ABSOLUTE..... Jackson Jones
PAULKLAND, "Miss Melville's Mr. Faulkland" ..Rolland Quesinberry
ACRES, A vallant country gentlemanRussel Pugh
SIR LUCIUS O'TRIGGER..... Cleveland Bliss
FAGRay Palmquist
DAVID, Servant to AcresFred Wagner
THOMAS, Servant to Sir Anthony.....Fred Wagner
MRS. MALAPROP, "An old tough aunt"Viola Mathews
LYDIA LANGUISH, in love with "Beverly"Helen Hoss
JULIA, Sir Anthony's wardMarguerite Michel
LUCY, Lydia's maidMeybel Burch
BOY, everybody's servantFrank Rogers

ACTS I, II, III, IV.—Public Apartments. Bath.
ACT V.—King's Mead Fields.

SYNOPSIS OF ACTS.

ACT I.—Capt. Absolute comes to Bath to recruit. Sir Anthony arrives unexpectedly and arranges a match for his son.

ACT II.—Acres enters the list as one of the Rivals for Lydia's hand. Sir Anthony discloses his plan to his son. Sir Lucius gets a letter from his "Della."

ACT III.—Sir Anthony and Capt. Absolute are reconciled. Capt. Absolute calls on Mrs. Malaprop and secures an interview with Lydia. Sir Lucius brings about a duel between Acres and "Beverly" over Lydia.

ACT IV.—"Fighting Bob" Acres gets Capt. Absolute to carry his challenge to "Beverly." Sir Anthony personally oversees his son's proposal to Lydia. Sir Lucius challenges Capt. Absolute. Mrs. Malaprop takes steps to prevent the duels.

ACT V.—Kings-Mead-Fields. The preliminaries of the duels. Acres' valor oozes away. Explanations are brought about by the timely arrival of Sir Anthony and Mrs. Malaprop, and congratulations instead of duels follow.

PLANT CULTURE IS DISCUSSED

New Books at Gresham Library on Gardening and Protection of Plants.

Now is the time to commence our gardens whether they are flower or vegetable and we turn to any and all sources for ideas and material on the subject. The library has a collection of twenty books that can be drawn from and probably will be of great assistance. C. L. Allen's cabbage, cauliflower and allied vegetables from seed to harvest in its introduction states that to be a successful gardener, certain principles and practices must be thoroughly understood and then expounds these principles and practices. The allied vegetables consist of collards, brussel sprouts, kale, and kohi-rabi. The injurious insects and fungous diseases are described and treatments are given.

L. H. Bailey's Principles of Vegetable-gardening is considered an authority on vegetable culture. It gives an idea of the layout of the farm, hot-beds, the soil and its treatment, seeds and sedgeage, management of the garden and the marketing and storing. The types of tools and machinery, styles of hot-beds, pits, cellars, sheds and devices of all kind are discussed and give anyone good ideas on these subjects.

Ida Bennett's Vegetable Garden is for the garden that is run on a small scale. The sanitary and economic value of the kitchen garden is discussed within the first few pages. Besides interesting information on the subjects of planning, sowing of seed, transplanting, etc., she gives us a few recipes for cooking some of these vegetables we raise.

Sam'l Green's Vegetable Garden is a manual on the growth of vegetables for home use and marketing. Professor Green has charge of the department of Horticulture in the University of Minnesota, and has written Farm Wind-breaks and Shelter Belts, also Popular Fruit Growing. He treats the subject as much in detail as Bailey.

Bolton Hall has written the Garden Yard, which is a handbook of intensive farming. He does not claim it to be a scientific work but wishes to give the everyday man or woman who has a back yard out of which he might make a living, a book that will show how to do it. It is interestingly written and contains much practical knowledge.

Mr. Hall has written Three Acres and Liberty A Little Land and a Living. The Game of Life and Things as They Are, which have interested as well as instructed the public for the past few years. Special books on celery, potatoes, onion, bean, rhubarb, tomato, mushroom and pea culture are on the shelves, filled with ideas which will be of great assistance to interested parties.

GRESHAM POSTOFFICE IS NOT VACANT

The announcement in the Portland papers a few weeks ago that Gresham postoffice was without a postmaster, caused considerable excitement. There were many who saw in it a chance to pick a political plum, and some from outside of the Gresham territory came to see what the chances were. Mrs. McCall, the postmaster, announced at once that her commission was in force, and would be for three years to come. The following telegram from Washington, published in the Oregon Journal of April 19, will set the matter at rest.

Washington, April 18—On account of applications, being received for appointment as postmaster at Gresham, notice is given that no vacancy will occur there until April 17, 1916 and that applicants must reside within the limits of the delivery at Gresham.

Don't Miss It. What?

Entertainment, dance and basket social, given for the benefit of the Boring Base Ball Team.

Where?

Live Wire Hall, Boring.

When?

Saturday evening, April 26, 1913.

Admission free.

BLUE SKY LAW WAS REQUIRED

Farmers Fleeced and Merchants Involved, While Promoters Flee.

BORING, Apr. 24.—To the Editor—We have another case in our circuit court that would not be there if we had had a bluesky law last year in this state. The Co-Operative Supply House of Portland, Oregon, was incorporated in Salem on the 29th of April, 1912, with a capital stock of \$3,000,000.00, one-half of which was subscribed by three or four "bunco artists." They were incorporated for the sole purpose of fleecing the farmers of this state out of their cash, and they succeeded in selling in the neighborhood of 17,000 shares at \$10 per share, 12,000 of which was sold for cash, and the balance was sold for notes and some farmers even gave mortgages on their home for shares in the company. The concern worked a good deal on the same plan as the Columbia Orchards Co., which went bankrupt and left so many farmers in the lurch. They sold their stock to farmers, principally, at a par value of \$10 per share, and represented that on the 1st day of December the shares would be worth \$12.50 and they would advance to \$15 on the first of January, 1913. They also represented they could and would pay dividends on their stock by the first of May, 1913, amounting to 12 1/2 or 15 per cent, as they said about Nov. 1st that their sales amounted to over \$1000 per day. The agents of the Co-Operative Supply House represented to the farmers that they owned the large 4-story concrete warehouse at East First and Madison streets which they occupied, and that they also owned all of the goods, wares, merchandise, and machinery contained in the building, and that they owned the land on which the building stood, as well as the vacant lots adjoining.

On Feb. 20, 1913, the Co-Operative Supply House was declared insolvent and R. S. Sabin, secretary of the Merchants' Protective association, was appointed as receiver. On March 8, a meeting of the stockholders was called, and a great many "suckers" attended, only to learn that they had been "bunked," some of them to the tune of \$5000. The so-called "suckers" appointed a committee of three to investigate the books of the company and they learned that the Co-Operative never owned more than one-half of the stock of goods on hand, and had only one year's lease on the building and real estate. There was about 14 carloads of canned goods, unlabeled, in the building, which belonged to several of the leading wholesalers and packers and "loaned" to the Co-Op. for the purpose of inducing farmers to "bite."

H. T. & F. E. Mellien, of Damascus, Oregon, who run a small merchandise store at that place were induced by one G. F. Emery, one of the agents of the Co-Operative Supply House, to turn over their stock of goods to the company and they received in return 276 shares of the capital stock of said company, but they never gave possession of said stock, as the company agreed to sell 75 shares and turn the money over to Mellien in order that they could pay up their creditors, and clear the title to the goods, but the company or its agents failed to sell the shares. R. S. Sabin has now taken possession of the goods as well as the building, to which he has no right, by writ of replevin, and the case will be threshed out in Judge Campbell's Circuit court on Friday, May 2, 1913. The promoters of the company were one named Moselle, president; H. Irby Knox, vice president, and one named Allen, secretary and treasurer. These three men skipped the country and left no traces, having in their places G. J. Hodder, president and P. J. Darsche, secretary and treasurer.

(signed) VICTIM.

Services at the Free Methodist church on the Sabbath are as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. morning sermon at 11. Rev. S. F. Pitts will preach in the evening, the service beginning at 8. Everyone feel free and welcome to attend each service. Edwin W. Hight, pastor.