

CLEONE OFFICE MAY BE MOVED

Park Rose Attempting to Get the Postoffice and Rural Route Away.

There is a movement on foot at Park Rose which if the promoters are successful in carrying through will work a hardship on Fairview and cause a complete rearrangement and Troutdale and possibly a movement of the rural routes of this portion of Gresham route No. 1. Slauson & Craig, proprietors of the town site of Park Rose are working hard with the postoffice department to have the Cleone office moved to Park Rose and the rural route to start east meeting the Troutdale route at or near the Zimmerman place on the Sandy road; Troutdale route to go south on the Rockwood road, the Park Rose or now Cleone route to go south on the Barr road. From good authority we are informed that this company has succeeded in getting the O. W. R. & N. Co., to change the name of Clarrie which is a flag station to that of Park Rose and making it a regular stopping station. The railroad company will erect a waiting room there. This much no doubt has been accomplished, and it behooves the Citizens of Fairview, and patrons of rural route to be up and doing or the moving of the postoffice may be accomplished. It is also reported that the county will open a county road from Clarrie south to the Barr road, a distance of one-half or three quarters of a mile. Reports have it that Supervisor Christensen will macadamize the Clarrie road from the Sandy road south to Clarrie station. As the principal residence part of Park Rose is made up of business and professional men who are seeking to have a system of delivery of mail such as they enjoy in Canada; reducing the mileage of of the carrier that he may make two or three deliveries a day. The mail is now brought out to Rose City Park on electric cars, about two miles west of Park Rose, they will ask for the establishment of an office there and ask that the mail be brought out on the electric car, having three or four mails a day. Park Rose has a strong Commercial club and has succeeded in having several industries located there and a vast amount of building is in progress at this time. One company has contracts for 40 bungalows to be built during the year 1913. This club is working hard to have the Park Rose and Troutdale line extended out the Sandy road to Troutdale, but are meeting with obstacles in the dairy section along the Sandy road, which now gives a chance for the clubs of Fairview and Troutdale to assist very materially especially as we are now to have the road to the river.

Business Meeting and Informal Social.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church will hold its business meeting at the parsonage on Friday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock. Following the business meeting will be an informal social hour and light refreshments. There will be no charge. All young people are invited.

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

ANTI-JAP RESOLUTION REFERRED TO STATE GRANGE

At a meeting of Pleasant Valley grange last Saturday a resolution was endorsed which will go to the state grange session next month. It is on the lines of a protest against the Japanese being allowed to own or lease land in Oregon and is modeled somewhat after the protest in the proposed new law now creating such a furor in California. The question was warmly debated when the resolution came up, some being opposed to it, but it was finally carried. It was referred to the custody of Gus Richey, who is one of the delegates from this county, to present to the state grange.

Another dance has been announced for Fairview in the new city hall, Saturday, May 3. The fine new floor and first-class orchestra music will attract all lovers of dancing.

WHY NOT KEEP THE CASH HERE

Tea and Coffee Wagons and Portland Laundries too Numerous.

While so much is being said about patronizing home industries why do not our people remember the home dealer when it comes to buying teas, coffee and spices? Two Portland concerns have been invading the surrounding territory for years with such commodities and they must be doing a thriving business or they would not continue.

The grades of their articles are no better than any of the grocery stores carry, but they masquerade under the names of "blends" that are attractive and sales are boosted with prize coupons that are good for cheap wares which have to be paid for in the cost of the goods. The only advantages to the buyer is the delivery at the home, but the latter forgets that the grocery is always convenient and has to be visited frequently for other things.

The custom of buying from the wagons takes money away that should be spent there and it is always cash. When credit is wanted the home dealer is good enough to trade with but many are apt to forget him with a few dollars in their pockets. Our country merchants would be just a little bit more prosperous if Portland peddlers were not patronized. Keep your money at home.

Two laundry firms of Portland are exploiting Eastern Multnomah for big money. Twice each week, on Mondays and Thursdays, their wagons scour the country for work and both outfits return to the city loaded with their bundles that must be worth at least ten dollars each trip for the work to be done in their separate laundries. Their work is usually well done but that is to be expected and the only regret is that it is necessary to send all that money away for work that could be done at home.

The establishment of a good laundry in Gresham has been agitated for several years, but there has been no attempt to start one. It is a matter of surprise that someone has not begun the business here before now. For a long time it was said that the business wouldn't pay, even on a small scale, and the lack of water up to a year or so ago was another detriment; but now there is plenty of good water on tap, and the business that two Portland laundries are doing here is a good indication that such an establishment would pay now.

A canvas of the community could be made for prospective customers and there are vacant buildings to be had large enough for the purpose.

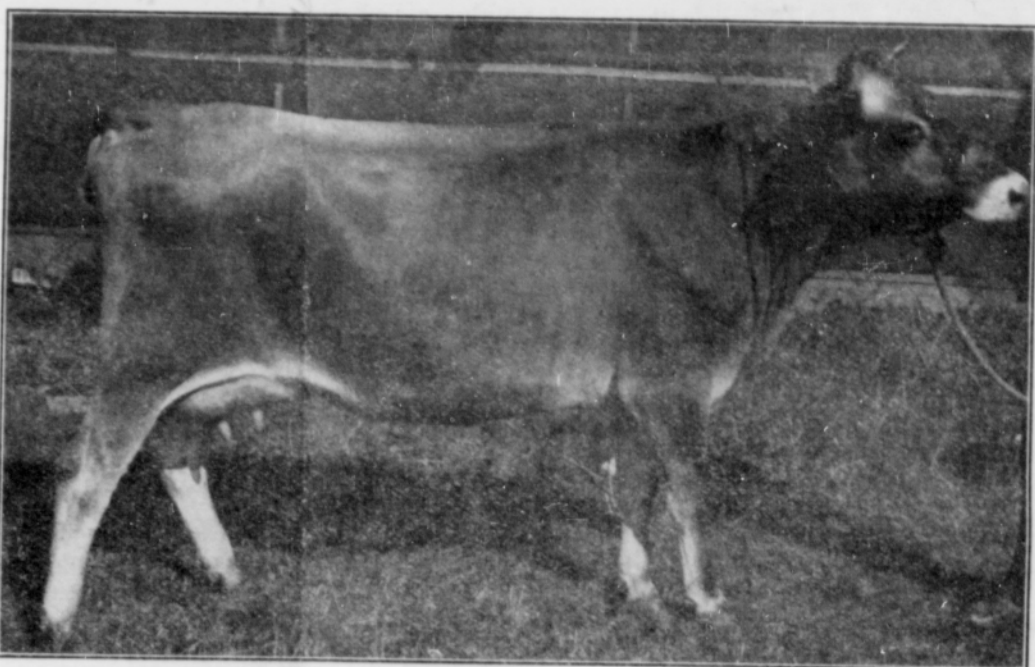
It would be a good idea for the Commercial club to take this matter up with some outside parties unless some of our home people would be willing to engage in the business.

BABY GIRL MAY BE WON BY A LUCKY NUMBER

Next Saturday, May 3, the management of the Gresham picture show has arranged to give to the one holding the lucky number a pretty little baby girl. This is not a singular thing, as the Orphans' Home is constantly looking for a good home for the unfortunate little folks who are left in the great world with no loving hand to guide their steps in the right path. Of course this baby must be put into a good home and will be handled the same as though you were to go to the home and get it yourself.

The management has been observing for some time that there are a great many families whose homes could be brightened by a baby's cheery laugh, so has chosen this method to make not only the little one happy, but the parents who adopt her. The contest will be handled the same as others have in the past. Numbers will be issued on the baby and Saturday night one number will be drawn, if it is yours you may consider yourself a papa or mama.

The borrowed umbrella is usually taken by storm.



LARGE PRIZES TO BE GIVEN FOR BEST STOCK EXHIBITS AT COMING FAIR

Work on the Multnomah County Fair Premium List is progressing so favorably that it will be issued early next week. It will contain many more prizes than ever before, especially in the livestock department, where all premiums have been doubled and many new classes created. The book is to appear in a finer make-up than ever before and has been entirely revised, and every department has been made a division, divided into classes. Of these latter there are 101, while the divisions number thirteen.

PORTLAND TO BE CENTER OF AN ELECTRIC NET OF SUBURBAN RAILWAYS

Prediction That Rushlight and Kelaher Will Be the Contesting Nominees for Mayor of Portland.

Portland, Ore., May 1, 1913.

To the Editor—Portland in the course of a few short years will become the center of a network of electric railways, which will tap the surrounding country and bring to Portland market the products of the field and valley. Of projected electric railways perhaps none are more promising than the line that is proposed to run from Portland through the southeast side, Clackamas station and on south through the foothills of the Cascade mountains. It will start at the Hill terminals on the East Side, according to the program, and pass near the Reed college ground, Harmony, East Milwaukie, Clackamas station, Logan, Viola, Redlands, Scott's Mill, Wilhoit and so on. It is hoped that the Hill interests will be induced to take up and construct this line and make it part of their Oregon electric system. Clubs have been formed at all these points with aggressive memberships, whose object is to promote the construction of this interurban electric railway.

Through the efforts of these clubs statistics have been gathered which indicate that the tonnage in timber and natural product will pay good interest on the investment. Something over 300,000,000 feet of timber are within the zone of this line at and about Logan alone, and the tonnage is estimated at 35,000 tons. This is a district rich in possibilities. In dairying alone there is one unfailling source of wealth and prosperity. In beauty and natural resources the district is not exceeded anywhere on this Northwest, according to the statistics gathered through the agencies of these local improvement associations. Photographs have been made of growing crops and buildings, which, with the data assembled, have been submitted to President J. H. Young, of the North Bank railroad, and he has promised to investigate in the near future.

Agitation for electric facilities have gone forward in this territory for several years. Before the Clackamas railway was built the route by way of Clackamas station and Damascus was urged, and surveys were made but the route up the canyon from Gresham was selected because it led to the head waters of the Clackamas river where the great power plant was developed later. By those who went over the Damascus route it was conceded that it promised more immediate traffic than the one that was finally selected and built along. The territory between the southern Pacific and the foothills of the Cascades furnishes a fine field, says the report of the East Side Business Men's club, which had a committee

go over the district and report on the prospects there. It is one of the routes that will be built over in the near future, whether the North Bank takes up the enterprise or not.

After a careful survey of the Portland situation it may be predicted that A. G. Rushlight will be nominated for mayor at the coming primary election on the republican ticket and that Senator Dan Kelaher will receive the nomination on the Progressive ticket, and that the fight will be between these old-time friends. Rushlight will have the advantage of Kelaher in that he will command the support of the present administration. Kelaher is popular with those who know him best. He is a stayer—a man who does things.

Mr. Lombard evidently committed a grave error of judgment in switching to the side in opposition of the commission charter. It is my judgment that the commission charter will get through at the election Saturday, although there is some determined opposition to it by those who do not understand it and by those who fear that it may be an instrument in the construction of a gigantic machine in Portland. It is not a perfect instrument, but it may be amended and approved as time may show its defects, say its advocates. The East Side Business Men's club, which first fathered the movement for commission form is making an effective campaign for its adoption.

A new feature at the coming election will be the votes of the women, many thousands of whom registered and will cast their votes for the first time. A number will serve as judges and clerks at the election booths. In my opinion it will be the last time these women will want that job again, for obvious reasons, especially on the night boards.

L. H. WELLS.

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.

Play Rip Van Winkle

The play Rip Van Winkle, in four acts and seven people will be produced at the picture show, by the Wright Stock Co., Tuesday, May 6. All seats will be reserved. Admission popular prices, 25c and 15c. Wednesday the seats will be put on sale at Ed. Aiysworth's Haberdashery. Get your seats while you can have your choice.

MULTNOMAH GRANGE WILL SHOW AT FAIR.

The regular meeting of Multnomah grange No. 71, was held last Saturday in their hall at Orient with a larger number present than usual.

There was one member admitted by reinstatement, and two new applications presented. The proposition of holding a grange and juvenile fair was discussed from all sides and all present seemed to favor the idea and it was decided to hold the fair on Sept. 13th the Saturday before the county fair opens at Gresham with the understanding that the grange would put in a booth at the county fair from the best grange on display at Multnomah grange hall. The display at the grange hall will not be confined to members of the grange alone, but any one in the neighborhood that so desires can bring exhibits and they will be given space the same as members of the grange. It was also decided that the committee offer some suitable prizes for the juvenile display for the purpose of stimulating the children to their best efforts.

Chinese roosters are to be seen in every field, sometimes in flocks of a dozen, but the hens are rarely visible. They are nesting now and with favorable conditions there will be an immense number next fall. The close season will end in October and they won't last long then for the city sports will get them in short order after the farmer has fed them for the slaughter during the past three years of enforced protection.

All wireless shore stations in the United States will close May 1, as the result of a strike among the operators.

LA FRANCE AND WIFE ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

James C. LaFrance and wife were arrested at Marshfield on Saturday, charged with defrauding several insurance companies and fraternal orders out of more than \$15,000. It will be remembered that LaFrance disappeared nearly a year ago and that a body found near Cazadero was identified as his and was buried from Oregon City.

The body was dressed in LaFrance's clothing and had several of his trinkets in the pockets, and the mystery yet to be solved is: where did LaFrance get the body?

Detectives have been working on the case since last fall when LaFrance was recognized by an acquaintance. His wife was trailed back eastward over several states and the two were found together at Marshfield. The woman has confessed and they will be brought to Portland for trial.

The case is peculiar in every respect and further developments are eagerly awaited.

Clarence L. Reams, of Grants Pass, was yesterday confirmed as U. S. District Attorney for Oregon.

MERITED PRAISE FOR THE SENIORS

Production that was Perfect and Successful in Every Way.

While it wouldn't do to be too specific in praising the individual merits of the actors in amateur theatricals, yet there is one thing that the critic can say in all candor and without fear of giving offense: When it can be said that every member of a company was letter perfect in the text of the production it is only merited praise and shows that all efforts were painstaking and made with the intention to please the audience.

That is what the Outlook critic has to say of the production of "The Rivals" in Gresham on Friday evening last. The staging of Sheridan's famous drama was a big task for the seniors of the Gresham high school, but it was a success in every particular and reflects the ability of our leading class to attempt great things and to carry them out to a successful termination. It reflects honor on the class that dares to do, and on the power that is welded to implant in each one the spirit of confidence and ability to reach a higher aim in life than mediocrity in all that goes to make up the sum total of existence.

"Too low they aim who aim below the stars," should be the motto of the class, for it exemplifies their fixed purpose to overcome all obstacles. It would inspire them all to future effort in their chosen vocations when their school days are over and they have gone out into the world to do battle for themselves alone and unaided.

The house was filled with a record breaking audience, for never before in Gresham was there such an assemblage to see a dramatic production; nor was there a greater sum of money taken in for a play here of any kind. It was huge, grand, successful and has left an impression that future success cannot obliterate, nor future classes overcome.

There were footlight favorites and thespian idols, even though all the actors are well known and favored boys and girls of the community. Comparisons would be invidious and would not be tolerated where each one carried out the part so well. Not that they—any of them—are in the front ranks of dramatic art, or even beyond the pale of amateur theatricals, but that each did the best, and all did well.

The seven-piece orchestra of ability in the classes now working their way through the advanced grades. Its music was appropriate and entertaining and good. The culture of a musical organization is a matter of pride to its members, and in connection with a higher education is something more than ordinary.

An appreciative public is congratulating the seniors on their success and expects something even greater from everyone when the books are closed and each one has stepped forth onto the broader stage of life, where other rivals are to be met and overcome in the broader drama of life that has to be acted on a greater stage, than that behind the footlights of the town of Gresham.

REREFENDUM PETITIONS NOT IN GREAT FAVOR

A man with a petition to refer the county attorney act appeared on the streets of Gresham Saturday with a request to everybody he met to sign it. He met with small encouragement and was "turned down" by nearly every voter. After a couple of hours in which he succeeded in getting only half a dozen names he boarded a car for Portland looking rather discouraged. Those back of the petition have not revealed themselves but they are in evidence all over the state. Their objection to the law is based on the fact that the governor shall appoint all the new attorneys and fill all vacancies between now and 1916. This, it is asserted, nullifies the power of the voters to elect such officers two years hence.

It is noticeable that very few are signing the referendum petitions for anything, so far.