

LENTS FIREMEN ARE VISITORS

Making Plans for the Coming Tournament. New Practice Alarms.

The Gresham Volunteer Fire Department held its regular business meeting Wednesday night, it being the first meeting held since the hall was finished. Twenty-five of the members of the fire department were present and answered to roll call. The principal business of the meeting was the discussion of the firemen's tournament to be held in June. The secretary has been in communication with the volunteer fire departments of the different cities near Gresham. Several have already been heard from and they are in favor of a tournament.

The mayor of Lents, I. F. Coffman and eight of their firemen were present at this meeting and all expressed themselves as highly pleased with the Gresham fire department and the way in which the meeting was conducted. Mr. Coffman is the organizer of the Lents Volunteer Fire Department. The other members of the Lents department present were, F. E. Rayburn, chief, Wm. Boland, assistant chief, Emery Webb, Wm. Goggins, Wm. Wrisley, Capt. Hazen and Claude Lent.

Other business brought before the meeting was the matter of changing system of practice alarms and meeting calls. The matter was referred to a committee of the foremen of the different companies, J. E. Metzger, Ernest Thompson, Carl Dahl and Wm. Raney, who are to prepare a system of practice calls. Badges will be ordered for the hook and ladder company. Vernon Hopkins paid \$2.50, the value of a badge which he lost. The by-laws of the fire department were read in the meeting and were ordered printed in pamphlet form and a copy given to each member of the fire department.

The fire department secured some cups and saucers and some cookies, sandwiches and coffee were furnished by W. H. Congdon and after the business was taken care of, light refreshments were served.

During the eating of the refreshments, I. F. Coffman, E. T. Jones, and Captain Hazen and several other members of the two fire departments gave short talks. To illustrate where the Gresham Volunteer Fire Department stood in their estimation, Captain Hazen, of Lents, told a little story of an Irishman, Harrigan, who was seen writing by the wife of a neighboring Irishman Mrs. Mulkahe. Said she to him, "Shure and what are yez doin', Misher Harrigan? He replied, O'im writing the names of the men on this side of the street, oi can lick." "An' is my husband's name in the list?" said Mrs. Mulkahe. "Yes," said Harrigan, "at the head of the list." Mrs. Mulkahe bade him good bye. Pretty soon along came Mulkahe. Said he to Harrigan, "shure and what are you writing, Misher Harrigan." "The names of the men on this side of the street I can lick," said Harrigan. "Is my name there?" said Mulkahe. "Yes, at the head of the list," replied Harrigan. Mulkahe bristled up and rolled up his sleeves and said to Harrigan, "Come out and take some exercise." Harrigan was a little shriveled up, short man and Mulkahe was tall and powerful. Harrigan looked at the list of names and then at Mulkahe and said, "Misher Mulkahe, if it will suit you alright, O'll take your name off of the list." Captain Hazen said that Lents, however, didn't expect to take Gresham's name off the list.

Delegates from the fire departments of the cities interested in the tournament will meet in the town hall Monday night to complete the plans for the tournament.

Music Teacher.

Vocal and instrumental music taught by Mrs. Margaret Lawe, 5th street and Hood avenue, Gresham.

Fair Trip Easily Financed.

If you have the slightest intention of going to San Francisco in 115, you can finance the trip by commencing today to make small monthly payments at your local bank. Write to or see L. H. Stone, at Portland headquarters, San Francisco Tour Co., 333 Chamber Commerce Building.

SEES DANGER IN COMMISSION

Fearful Lest Incompetent Officers Will Be Elected in Portland Next Month.

[Special Correspondence.]

Portland, Or., May 8, 1913.
To the Editor:—From the scramble that is being made on the part of the rag and bob-tail for the offices of Mayor and Commissioners since election and adoption of commission form implies a real peril to Portland and its future. Prominent citizens have become alarmed, and well they may. Should the affairs of this \$300,000,000 corporation slip into the hands of the inefficient and incompetent crew, such as make up the great mass of those who are seeking the office of Mayor and Commissioner it would be a calamity that might be far-reaching. It would imperil the prosperity of this great city of the Northwest. It would give Portland, and the state, a back set. That Portland may be the prey of this class is startling to say the least, and yet the peril is too real to consider lightly.

Fact is, the eyes of the nation are on Portland. What will her people do about it? Let me say that the real peril to Portland is in the indifference of the citizens themselves. The crook, the inefficient and the incompetent recognize this fact.

Think of it? Out of a total registration of nearly 75,000 votes only a few over 35,000 cast their votes at the recent election. Yet there were 25,000 women voters in the city. Why this indifference? It is this startling showing that encourages the undesirable element and makes it possible for them to work their way into positions of trust.

Every section of the state of Oregon is interested in this fight that is on in Portland in behalf of good government. For the six officers to be voted for at the June election we shall have at least 176 and perhaps 200 candidates—the very thing commission form was to make impossible.

The vast powers which the commission charter confers on the Mayor and Commissioners make it necessary that none but patriotic citizens should be entrusted with these offices. A short ballot is what was wanted, but it seems that we are not going to get it. On the contrary we shall have more candidates than ever before in the history of Portland. Taking alarm at the rush to become candidates a committee of 100 leading citizens is forming at the present writing, but what can the committee do if the people avoid the polling places as if there were infectious diseases there? Nothing. Their work will be futile if the masses will not vote.

Good citizenship is on trial in Portland. The commission form is on trial. The women who now can control the election and get results are likewise on trial at the coming election. They have the votes to elect the Mayor and the four Commissioners. And so the eyes of the country are on the women of this city. What will they do? There will be 200 candidates. Records of many are bad. Will the women vote for any of them, or will they select clean, able and efficient men? Let us hope that they will.

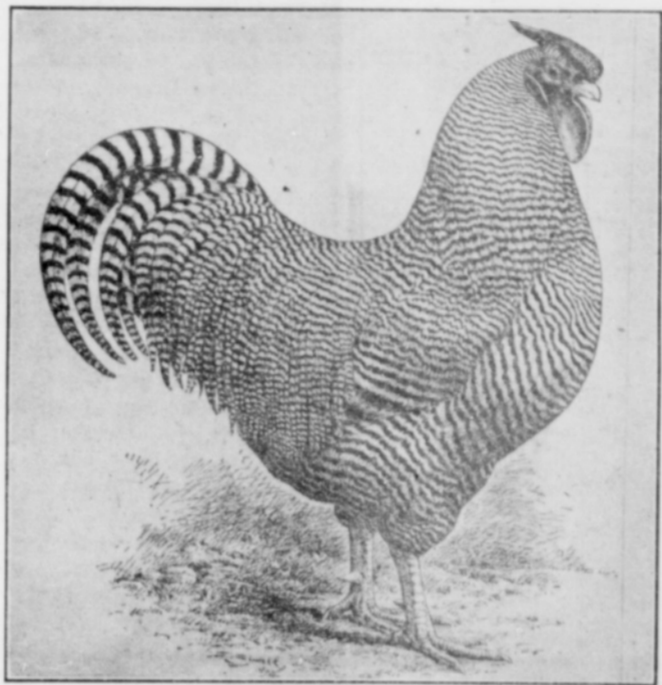
An effort will be made by the Mt. Hood Improvement association to restock the stream at and about Mount Hood with trout, and also to see that a proper fish ladder is built at the dam erected at Cheryville. The association also will see that all obstructions in the stream are removed so that fish may ascend the river. The association went on record as upholding the game and fish laws of the state. Each member of the club was appointed to help enforce the game laws.

L. H. WELLS.

Green Groceries at Shattuck's.

All the best and finest vegetables and fruits of the early spring are to be found at Shattuck's. He is making a specialty of early fruits and has been the first to place Los Angeles strawberries on the market here. Cauliflower, lettuce and asparagus make a tempting display in early vegetables.

Eat at the Gresham Grill. Home cooking. A good meal for 20 cents.



Dominique Hen and Rooster, owned by C. M. Lake. An old breed now coming into favor.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES ARE OFFERED POULTRYMEN

Department in Charge of C. M. Lake, With New Premium Offers, Should Be Big Attraction at Coming Fair.

By reference to the new premium list it will be seen that the old-time Dominique chicken is again coming into notice. The two cuts shown here were made from pictures of birds owned by C. M. Lake, who will be superintendent of the poultry division at the coming fair.

The Dominique was a familiar feature of all farm yards about 30 years ago and is one of the progenitors of the Plymouth Rocks. Its popularity has been so overshadowed by other breeds that it is practically unheard of now, but it is probably just as good a breed as any of the others so widely known.

It is an American bred fowl and

in the new premium list it will rank with all others of its class.

This year the different breeds for which premiums are to be awarded cover every thing that is known in the poultry line in Oregon. The breeds are each divided into classes and there are adequate prizes for every one of them. In addition to the regular cash premiums there will be a lot of specials, making it worth while for poultry fanciers to exhibit here. All breeds of chickens, geese, ducks and turkeys recognized by the American standard are entitled to entry for premiums; also game fowls and pigeons. The poultry department this year is going to be something to crow over.

SEVERAL CHANGES IN TEACHING STAFF

There will be several important changes in the staff of teachers at the Gresham school when this year's work ends and next year's work begins. The most important change will be that of principal, Professor Robinson retiring to be succeeded by J. E. Stubbs whose home is here but who has been in charge of the Hood River schools for several years past.

Mr. Robinson was not an applicant for the place again, having declined to be considered. Two other teachers in the high school have quit the service here. Miss Edna Goodwin has decided to leave, her place being filled by the selection of Miss Edna Kelly of Vancouver. Mrs. Woodard will also quit voluntarily but her successor has not been named yet.

Miss Mae Hughes, Miss Laura Harvey, Miss Von Wintzengerodt, Mrs. Myrtle Myers have been re-elected to their old places, but teachers for the seventh and eighth grades have not been chosen yet.

It will soon be time to spray for codling moth. Use Arsenate of Lead. For sale by Sterling & Kidder's.

BIRTHDAY FEAST BY HIS LONESOME

"Pete" Michel has the unique distinction of enjoying a birthday party all by his lonesome, with all the extras that accompany a good feast thrown in for good measure.

Tuesday last was his fifty-fourth anniversary, and some of the business men conceived the idea of a shower of cats to be given their popular townsman. So they fixed up a packing case, full of the best according to their individual tastes, and made a fake specimen through a "stand-in" with the station agent at the O. W. P. depot.

Sometime on Tuesday Mr. Michel received notice that there was a box to his address at the depot and it was delivered at the Transfer livery barn where it was duly received by its owner and sent home. Then he followed it up and found just what his tastes had been educated up to, and he enjoyed his birthday feast just as much as if he had been surrounded with everyone of the bunch that contributed to its make-up.

Mr. Michel is not quite sure who all contributed to his dinner, so he desires to thank them all collectively through the Outlook for their careful consideration and forethought.

PAGE-LAWRENCE WEDDING RITES FEW CHANGES ARE SUGGESTED

Popular Young Couple are Married and Go East on Wedding Tour.

Mr. George W. Page and Miss Grace Lawrence were united in marriage by Rev. Melville T. Wire, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence on South Roberts avenue, Wednesday, May 7 at 4:30 p. m. Mr. Joe Pateneau was best man and Miss Edith Gordon of Portland was bridesmaid. The ceremony was beautiful and impressive. The house was tastefully decorated with apple blossoms. Mrs. Aylsworth sang, "O Perfect Love" before the ceremony. The bride was beautifully attired in white crepe de chine and carried a huge bouquet of bride's roses. After the ceremony an elegant wedding supper was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Aylsworth. The happy bride and groom left at 7:30 for Portland and took the train Thursday morning for an extended wedding tour through the East, in which they will visit Mr. Page's parents.

About forty guests were present at the wedding. Among them Miss Constance Page of Portland, sister of the groom, Miss Mabel Markell and Mrs. A. Gordon, of Portland, Miss Lula Parmely of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson of Metzger and Mrs. Pearl Erickson, of Warren. Many beautiful presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Page are among the most popular young people of Gresham. Mrs. Page was born and raised here. Mr. Page has been for some time local agent of the P. R. L. & P. Co., having charge of both depots. On their return they will occupy the company's bungalow near the O. W. P. depot.

PACIFIC TRAP SHOOTERS MEET IN PORTLAND

A Pacific tournament of trap shooters will be held in Portland next Monday and Tuesday. There will be about 300 shooters trying their skill for the \$13,000 which will be offered for prizes. Gresham trapshooters are practicing almost daily and may have a squad there.

The Troutdale club holds second place in the state league. Wallowa is first. Three of the Troutdale club are Gresham men who joined that club in order to be able to shoot in the tournament. Gresham not having been entered. Henry Wilton, a member of both clubs is in Class A, and Eastern Multnomah has great expectations that he will be able to draw down a goodly share of the prize money next week.

Pete Hoolihan, J. E. Reed and Mr. Morris, of Portland, all professional trap shooters and experts with guns and revolvers, called on T. J. Halligan this week in the interests of the sport.

"MADE IN OREGON" ASSOCIATION'S SLOGAN

The "Made in Oregon" entertainment spoken of in the Outlook last Tuesday will take place in the Commercial club rooms on Monday evening next. Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered will be the principal speaker, representing the Oregon Manufacturer's association, who is campaigning in the interests of county and state industries. Her work means a better patronage of home products and factories, and it means more money for everyone in the community.

Everybody is cordially invited to be present, and a special invitation is extended to all the clubs and associations from the surrounding towns.

Eyes tested and glasses fitted. Office over First State Bank. Dr. Geo. Inglis.

Spirella Corsets (Not sold in stores.) Wear a corset to fit you. Ask for a demonstration. Telephone Mrs. M. A. Wilkinson, Gresham 515.

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

Committee of Patron-Teachers Association Reports on High School Course.

Following is the report of the committee appointed by the Patron-Teachers' association to suggest improvements and recommend a course of study suitable for the Gresham high school. It is rather a protest against present conditions than with any thought that the suggestions embody all the ideas of educational wisdom.

1st. That four years' work in English be required of all students; that Latin and German be left optional for the benefit of students preparing for college or for those whose natural aptitude inclines toward language study.

2d. That only one year of algebra be required instead of one and one-half; that geometry be reduced in time to one year. It would probably be necessary to retain higher algebra and solid geometry as options for students preparing for college.

3rd. That bookkeeping be retained as at present.

4th. That botany and physical geography be retained with greatly modified subject matter and application.

5th. That physics and chemistry be required subjects, but that the last half year of chemistry be presented in two courses, one of which, open to girls, would be an application of chemistry to the business of home-making; the other, open to boys, should be largely the chemistry of agriculture.

6th. That only one year of general history instead of two should be offered, and be left optional as at present; and that U. S. history and civics be left as at present.

7th. That a course in hygiene and sanitation be required of all students.

8th. That music and drawing be offered as optional studies throughout the high school course.

9th. That the work in manual training should be broadened to include metal work.

10th. That regular courses in debating and public speaking be offered.

11. That the physical educations of pupils should be carefully and systematically looked after by the school.

12th. That courses be worked out in which the fundamental operations involved in the various vocations would be employed, to the end that pupils would have an opportunity to discover their natural aptitudes, while in the high school.

This latter recommendation looks directly to vocational guidance, the need for which is made only too evident by the excessive number of misfits seen in every calling.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of these recommendations is that they suggest so little change in the subjects provided by our present high school course of study. While your committee has tried to suggest a number of places where time can be profitably saved from present studies, and other subjects of more practical value substituted, it was the unanimous judgment of the committee that the fault with our high schools is not so much that we are teaching the wrong subjects, but that the subject matter and methods of the whole range of present day text-books is hopelessly unrelated to present-day life. There are few if any high school text-books to be found that are written from the viewpoint of the actual life needs of the pupil. Instead the authors have considered only their subjects as a science, existing for itself alone. Hence, we have a scientific treatise on algebra for instance nine-tenths of which is as foreign to the actual mathematical requirements of everyday life as a knowledge of Sanskrit is to social conversation. What algebra we teach should touch points where life involves mathematical relations. It will not be any less valuable algebra because it is treated thus, and it will possess the added advantage of being alive. The subject will lose none of its value as a disciplinary subject, and the element of usefulness and interest will be

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