

## RACE EVENTS ON JUNE FIFTH

**Firemen's Contest with Entries from Seven Cities Competing, Is Announced.**

Bills for the coming firemen's tournament, Thursday, June 5th, will be out tomorrow. The contests will be held here beginning at 11 o'clock with a parade in which the departments of Lents, Estacada, Tremont, Saint Johns, Woodstock and Linnton will take part. Other places have been invited to participate and several others may be here to take part.

The tournament will begin upon the arrival of the visiting departments, the first event to be a grand parade at 11 o'clock for which prizes will be given each for the best decorated machine and the largest number of men in line. The line of parade will cover the principal streets of Gresham and will end in time for dinner which will be the most important feature before the real program begins. All the events will be held on the race track at the fair grounds to which an admission fee will be charged of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. The six events scheduled and for which cash prize will be given will come off in the following order:

- 1:30 p. m.—Hub and hub race, 250 yards, lay hose and make coupling.
- 2:00 p. m.—Ladder climbing contest.
- 2:30 p. m.—Race against tin—250 yards, lay hose and make coupling.
- 3:30 p. m.—Coupling contest.
- 4:00 p. m.—Relay race, 900 yards.
- 4:30 p. m.—Girls' hose team race, 100 yards, open to all contestants.

Gresham company No. 1 has issued a challenge to all comers for a water fight for \$25 a side. This event is not listed as a part of the program as it may not come off but it would be the most interesting feature of the tournament. It is worth the money for the boys to get soaking wet and they would strive to win.

The day will close with a grand ball at the Commercial club hall, to be given by the firemen. All lovers of dancing are invited to be present and help to swell the funds of the department, as the costs of the tournament are going to be heavy.

The matter is in the hands of competent committees and further announcements will be made before the great day arrives.

### Killed by Auto Crank.

Struck on the forehead Friday evening while cranking his automobile and not realizing the extent of his injury, Charles T. Potter, an electrical contractor, 790 Division street, continued his duties until yesterday morning, when he went to bed complaining of a headache. A few hours later he was dead.

Mr. Potter was 44 years old and left a wife and four children. He was an officer of the Artisans and Ancient Order of United Workmen. He conducted a funeral for the Artisans Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Potter was a brother-in-law of Arthur Leland of Gresham. It is stated that the deceased took a dose of headache tablets just before his death and an inquiry will be made to determine whether he died from their effects or from the blow of the auto crank.

## GRESHAM GRANGE TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR

Gresham grange held a meeting on Saturday evening last and decided fully on its plans for entering the fair contest. H. E. Davis volunteered to take charge of grain, grasses and nut exhibits. Theodore Brugger was appointed chairman of the fruit committee. E. E. Welling will have charge of the potato division. W. B. Parsons was chosen to head the committee on small vegetables. Frank Hodge will look after cabbage and cauliflower. R. R. Carlson is chairman of the committee on arrangements. Mrs. M. D. Kern will be in charge of the committee on fancy work.

Save heat by using the Electrical Stove and Iron on the warm days. Sold by Ray H. Todd.

## MEMORIES OF M. A. ROSS POST AND MEMBERSHIP

By L. H. WELLS.  
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To the Editor:—I see by the Outlook that the M. A. Ross Post, G. A. R., of Gresham, will observe Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies. A flood of memories are revived over the history of the M. A. Ross Post, linking the present with past years—a link reaching to many a cemetery where some of the original members of this post now sleep. It was my high honor to have been a "brother-in-law" of the M. A. Ross Post, which is as near a relation as an outsider could hold to the G. A. R., and my connection with that post was one of the highest honors I ever received.

In early days 15 years or more ago the M. A. Ross Post was located at Pleasant Home, beyond Gresham. Almost every acre of the territory surrounding that district are sacred to the memory of the leading spirits of the post at that time. I can see them now, holding their annual reunions when great crowds gathered from Portland and the surroundings in the old grove numbering thousands. The first Fourth of July celebration I attended at Pleasant Home was more than fifteen years ago, under the auspices of the M. A. Ross Post and I had the honor to make the address. Then every year for ten or more years these annual reunions were held on the old ground. Gone are most of the active spirits. Chief among the men who made the Post the foremost in the state was Jiles G. Stephens. There was a man of true patriotism. He was the "packhorse" of the community. If there were a public improvement wanted Stephens was the man to carry the burden. If a road was to be opened he was the man to do it. When Pleasant Home

wanted free rural mail delivery it was Jiles G. Stephens who drew up the papers and got the matter under way. He carried the burden of the work of getting up the reunions. He was chairman of all the committees. But he passed away several years ago and is forgotten, but not

by the writer. Then there was Robert Pool. He was another promoter of the reunions at Pleasant Home. He died a few months ago. Henry Kane, another leading spirit of the Post, has gone. I can see the old camp grounds again with the long line of tents

and the platform for the speakers. All have given way to the march of improvement.

General Owens Summers, General W. H. Compson, Rev. Rockwell, John E. Mayo, Rev. G. W. Richey, D. W. Ward, M. L. Pratt, Mrs. L. H. Addison, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway and others were among the speakers. Mayo, Summers, Compson, Ward and others have answered the final call, but a few remain with us. Just how many of the old members of the M. A. Ross Post live now I cannot tell, but probably not many, but I think it safe to say that no single Post in the United States ever maintained year after year so fine a series of reunions as were held at Pleasant Home. Some of the leading men in the Northwest considered it a high honor to be invited to deliver addresses on these annual occasions—educators from the state institutions.

And so it has seemed to me appropriate to recall the history of this Post and what it accomplished in the long past. Let the present members of the Post, whoever they may be, give a silent prayer for those grizzled men who have dropped out of their ranks and place a special wreath in the hall to the memory of the men who were active in its early days. They covered the graves of their fallen comrades in the cemeteries about Pleasant Home, with flowers with simple ceremony, they cared for the sick and needy, then kept alive and burning the fires of patriotism on the altar of the Post and by example and precept taught the young men and the young women of the country love of God and love of country. Then let the memory of these early veterans of M. A. Ross Post never grow dim, but be kept green to the last.

### MEMORIAL MEMENTO

Dedicated to the Veterans of M. A. Ross Post, G. A. R.

Where the breeze from the ocean is gentle  
As it fans through the leaves on the hill,  
And wafts the sweet essence it gathers,  
The hero lies quiet and still.

For quietly there, as the dew-drops  
Fall where the palm-trees wave,  
The soldier is sleeping forever,  
His laurels—a soldier's grave.

A comrade off duty and waiting  
The sound of the last reveille  
That shall call not to arms, but to judgment,  
The heroes, the blue and the gray.

Waiting the morn when the Captain—  
Shall call for the last tattoo  
To muster them into His service  
Together—the gray and the blue.

Let him rest, he is weary of fighting,  
And guarding the lines 'gainst the foe;  
No call of the bugle may wake him,  
No order may tell him to go.

For quietly there, as the dew-drops  
Fall where the palm-trees wave,  
The soldier is sleeping forever,  
His laurels—a soldier's grave.

Then weave the bright flowers into garlands,  
And scatter them over his bed,  
These tokens of love be the tribute  
That memory still gives to the dead,

Who are waiting the morn, when the Captain  
Shall call for the last tattoo  
To muster them into His service  
Together—the gray and the blue.

—EUGENE L. THORPE.

## INTEREST IN PREPOSED HIGH

**Committee Making Investigation for Report at the Annual June Meeting.**

Interest is being revived in the proposed county high school with the near approach of the June school meeting. It will be remembered that a committee was appointed at the December meeting to make recommendations for a site somewhere in Gresham and the members of that committee have been making investigations, the result of which will be announced when the voters are gathered together at the annual June meeting. The committee consists of H. E. Davis, E. C. Lindsey, John Palmquist, David Cathey and R. R. Carlson.

While there are several desirable sites in view it is known that one or two of them would not be advantageous to the business interests of the town. It would seem to be advisable to locate the new school so that the present business houses would be in the track that leads to it. To locate the building in some out of the way corner just because a tract of land might be had a little cheaper than elsewhere would be a poor policy, although it might be the means of helping to boost a new district that in time would become more central.

After all, the building of a new high school would be in the hands of the people who would be taxed to pay for it as well as the ground. Those same people might refuse to consider the matter at all, but such a thing is hardly probable because of the prestige to be gained by having such a school here, and because the people as a rule are nearly always ready to help pay for the erection and maintenance of better schools as a matter of loyalty to the idea of a higher education and as a matter of public policy.

The sentiment in favor of the new school for Gresham is growing but much depends on the nature of the report of the committee which it is anticipated will be favorable to a good, central location.

### Kodak Kontest Kiosks.

Next Saturday, May 31, will be the last day of the Eastman kodak contest which is being conducted by W. R. Burke, the jeweler.

## SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES AND OTHERS LESS LUCKY

The eighth grade examinations in the Gresham school were very difficult and those who succeeded in passing should be given great credit. Some of the questions were not quite fair, not being based on the text used. Out of fourteen taking the examination three—one girl and two boys—passed in everything. These lucky ones being Della Hughes, Andrew Brugger and Archie McKeown. Four others passed in all but two. The other seven have a second trial June 5 and 6, and a third trial in September. The four other successful ones are Eva Hamlin, Hazel Robinson, Wesley Shattuck and Frank Brown. Mrs. Minnie Dauffenbach was the instructor in the eighth grade. Those who did not succeed in passing were uniformly poor in attendance. The total number of days attendance is 170 if perfect. Mary McCool, Cleo Mathews, and Bonnie Metzger attending an average of 160 days, Marie Lane, 149 days, Hazel Robinson 131, Lottie Wihlon, 125 days, Dorothy Martyn, 97 days.

## FIRST BASE BALL GAME AT FAIRVIEW SUNDAY

Fairview will open up the baseball season in this vicinity next Sunday afternoon on the new grounds near the P. R. L. & P. station. The Fairview club has been fully reorganized with C. E. Morrison, manager again this year. Sunday's game will be with the Columbia Park club which is a number one team.

The line up of the two clubs is not obtainable for this issue of the Outlook but it is stated that Tom Townsend will be the pitcher. There will be a few changes from last year, but all are good players, some of them from Gresham. A small admission fee will be charged at the game to help defray the cost of the improvements to the new grounds.

In Baker's public schools, including the high school, 44 instructors are now employed. The latest addition is an assistant in the domestic science department.

## CAPACITY AUDIENCE GREET'S GRADUATES

The M. E. church was filled to its capacity Sunday night by friends and relatives of the graduating high school class who gathered to hear the address of Rev. C. C. Rarick of Central M. E. church, Portland, to the class Mr. Rarick preached from the text, "One is your Master, even Christ." His sermon was eloquent and inspiring and held the audience in closest attention. He spoke of Christ as the master in literature, science and in all the affairs of life, and showed the necessity of taking Him as master if one would get the most out of life.

The music was lead by a double quartet which rendered an anthem. Miss Lois Elise sang a beautiful selection. The church was beautifully decorated with the class colors and with pink roses and evergreens. No services were held in the other churches that evening, the pastors and congregations uniting in the baccalaureate service.

Scythes, Sickles, Lawn Mowers, etc., at Sterling & Kidder's.

## TO DECORATE GRAVES IN GRESHAM CEMETERY

Grand Army exercises next Friday in honor of Memorial day will be confined to decorating the graves in the Gresham cemetery. Mr. O. Thomas, a member of M. A. Ross Post, has been designated to place an American flag at the grave of every veteran buried here which he will do early in the morning.

Strewing the graves with flowers will be done at 10:30, at which time all the children of this vicinity are requested to be at the cemetery with blossoms for that purpose. The entire public is also invited to be present as a mark of affection for the dead, and bring flowers for the decoration of all graves.

### Oddfellows Attention!

Initiation May 31, followed by refreshments. Visiting brothers invited.

### Spirella Corsets

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

## RURAL SCHOOLS FALLING BACK

**Severe Arrainment of the System that Keeps Country Schools in Background.**

Everyone in a rural district is interested in knowing how to improve it and is eager for any suggestion, which will assist him in handling the problem. We are told how we have retrograded and how little are our efforts toward improving our conditions compared to what the results should be, yet the problem is still to be solved.

On the program at the conference on the conservation of human life held at Reed college during the first of the month Prof. E. P. Cubberley, of Leland Stanford University gave a very able address, although to his hearers too brief, on the conservation of Rural Life. Mr. Cubberley spoke of the disintegration of the rural social life of yesterday and stated that in his opinion, the problem of the conservation of rural social life depended on the rural school. In a monograph we have just received, edited by Henry Suzzallo, of Columbia University, we have Mr. Cubberley's Improvement of Rural Schools.

In the editor's introduction, the neglect of rural school has been brought out and the attention received by the city schools. He states that the rural school has not participated in the advantages of the educational progress that has swept over the country. The disadvantages of the rural schools and need for fundamental changes in rural administration are clearly demonstrated. Mr. Cubberley's monograph opens with the problem itself, viz: recent educational progress; interest in the rural school problem; improving the teacher; enriching the instruction; limitations imposed; and permissions granted. He gave the results of these expedients and insists that the rural problem is not an isolated one. In a few of the more progressive communities he has noticed that some marked improvement has been made by consolidating the small schools and the transportation of pupils to a central school, but it has not made the progress that its merit warrants. He then gives the reason for no greater improvement. The rural school as it

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## HARD SURFACE FOR BASE LINE

**Work Is now Possible and May Be Done, Together with Lighting System.**

Hard surfacing the Base Line road gives promise of being the next problem to engage the attention of a good share of the people of Eastern Multnomah.

The late lamented legislature passed the measure which will make it possible for the county court to order the work done. It will have to come about by petition of those interested and owning property along the Base Line and for half a mile each side of it, and the county will pay one-half the cost from the road fund. The other half will be assessed to the property inside the half mile limit in different rates according to the nearness to the road.

In the absence of definite information it is not known just how long or how short a piece of road may be improved—probably a mile or more—at one time and it must be brought about by a petition signed by a majority of the property owners. The work west of Russellville will be done and all the cost charged up to the property, because it is already in the city limits.

Here is a hint to those who are in favor of the pavement: while any territory is outside the city limits the county must pay half the cost. Then, too, there is the argument against the further annexation of any more territory to the city of Portland until after the improvement is made.

It is planned by the Automobile club, whose members were instrumental in getting the law passed, to have the work done. The present idea is for a hard surface of 20 feet wide in the center, but it has been pointed out that such a strip would be monopolized by automobiles, while vehicles would be obliged to take the side tracks made up of mud or dust. This would hardly suit the farmer who has paid for his share of the improvement.

It is believed that the project will take some tangible shape before long. The automobile club people are anxious to have the improvement made and will undoubtedly make an effort to get as long a distance as possible. The numerous property owners at the western end are in the majority and their share of the cost would be light, individually, while further out it would cost some of the farmers a good round sum. It is estimated that the cost would be about \$12 to the front rod for the property's one half.

The law has not been published yet and its provisions are not fully made public, but enough of it is known to make it certain that the automobile club is already making plans. One of the inducements the club has to offer for the hard surface pavement is an electric lighting system all the way out to the club grounds on the banks of the Sandy. The club, it is said, will install this system without cost to the public and keep it in operation. Such an inducement is certainly worth something, besides the other fact that a well paved road is sure to make the value of property along the Base Line more stable and stationary, if not greater.

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## MISSION FURNITURE SHOWN AT CARLSON'S

A fine display of mission furniture is on display in R. R. Carlson's show window, made by the manual training class of the Gresham school. Among the articles is a library table of quarter sawed oak made by Jackson F. Jones. About twenty pieces are shown, all of which reflect great credit on the ability of the class and the instructor in that branch of study.

### Use of Ground Free.

Will give entire use of two acres of ground for garden purposes for season, will fence same if desired. This ground is located partly in the city limits on the northeast side of Gresham. Call Frost, phone 75x2

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