

FIRST ANNUAL VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT A VERY SUCCESSFUL VENTURE

Gresham Wins Five Events Out of Eight and Captures Both the Racing Nozzle and Silver Cup in First Fire Tournament in State.

Prize Winners at the Tournament Yesterday.

- Largest number of men in line—Gresham, prize \$15.
- Best decorated machine—Lents, prize, \$15.
- Hub and hub race, 250 yards, lay hose and make coupling—Gresham, first time, 38 seconds; prize, \$25. Lents, second time, 41 2-5 seconds; prize \$15.
- Race against time, 250 yards, lay hose and make coupling—Gresham, first time, 38 seconds; prize, nickel plated racing nozzle. Lents, second, time, 42 seconds, prize \$15.
- Girl's race—Gresham first; time, 12 2-5 seconds, prize \$15. Lents, second; time, 14 seconds; No prize.
- Ladder climbing—Lents first, by William Eatchell; time, 4 seconds; prize, \$5. Gresham second, by C. R. Wheeler, time 5 1/2 seconds; prize \$2.50.
- Coupling contest—Gresham first by Ernest Thompson and C. R. Wheeler; time 6 1/2 seconds; prize, \$5. Lents second, by M. S. Hazen and William Eatchell; time 7 seconds; prize \$2.50.
- Relay race 900 yards, Lents first; time 1:11 2-5; prize \$10. Gresham second; time 1:11 3-5; prize \$5.

Gresham firemen carried away first honors at the tournament yesterday, winning first in four out of the six events, while Lents scored but two. Gresham was outclassed in the decorations but made even on the number of men in line. A prize of \$15 went to each department on these showings, the total winnings in cash being \$67.50 for Gresham and \$62.50 for Lents. Gresham, in addition to its cash winnings, carried away the nickel plated racing nozzle donated by A. G. Long & Co., of Portland and the silver cup offered by Nott-Josslyn Co.

With an ideal day for the firemen's tournament the contests so widely advertised came off as arranged and scheduled except that only one other department appeared to contest with the Gresham firemen for the valuable prizes offered. Other departments were represented but none of them took a part in the tournament besides Gresham and Lents. This was to be regretted as the town was full of visitors to see the contests and every detail was carried out as promised.

The parade took place shortly after eleven o'clock escorted by an automobile in which were seated Mayor Shattuck, Recorder Roberts, Marshal Gullickson and members of the city council. Following it came the Sandy silver cornet band of twenty-three pieces, followed by an auto truck from the Portland paid fire department. Another interesting feature was a pony team with four children, carrying a mammoth fire extinguisher as a reminder that there will be firemen in the days to come.

Then came the Lents chemical with the contesting team from that place, and lastly the four different companies with their machines and the girls' hose teams that were later to appear in the contest at the fair grounds. The parade was excellent in the showing it made and won hearty praise from every side.

The beautifully decorated machines and the neat appearance of the firemen brought forth much favorable comment which was fully merited and fully appreciated.

In the afternoon the real contest for supremacy began. The grandstand at the race track was well filled while many more persons viewed the races and other events from different vantage positions in autos and alongside the track. The Sandy band enlivened the interludes between the different contests which came off in rapid order, with enthusiasm wound up to its highest pitch between the firemen and their friends.

The judges selected in advance were G. B. Middleton, A. Galichio and E. L. Thorpe. Neither of them were considered to be partisans of any department and their decisions were not disputed by either side.

Two of the races were run the second time. In the girls' race the time was 14 seconds flat and after

considerable debate it was decided to run it over again which was done the Gresham girls coming out victorious. The race against time, 250 yards and make coupling, was protested by the Gresham team on a claim that the Lents rear hoseman had been assisted to hold the hose down to the line while the Gresham man had been unable to do the same performance alone. The judges decided that Gresham should be allowed a chance to beat the time made by the Lents team with two men at the rear of the cart and the race was finally won by Gresham in nearly ten seconds less than it made the first run in. The Lents team refused to run again and the first prize was awarded to Gresham.

A difference in methods of ladder climbing probably lost Gresham the first prize in that event. In the absence of fixed rules the decision was not contested. The performance showed that different methods should be practiced, and in all the contests it was made plain that rigid rules should be established before a contest begins.

A most pleasant feature of the tournament was the music furnished by the Sandy band. The proficiency of the organization was remarked on every side and their unstinted dispensation of popular tunes was the most enlivening feature of the day. It was considered remarkable that a band of twenty-three pieces could be maintained at a place the size of Sandy and that it could furnish such excellent music. It was a surprise to the people of Gresham, where there are many good musicians, and the gentlemanly appearance of its members was commented upon in connection with the praises bestowed for their proficiency.

The tournament was a success in every particular and great credit is due the efforts of everyone who assisted in making it so. Among those who worked the hardest in making the preparations were Chief Jones and Assistant Chief Wheeler. All of the firemen did good work from start to finish and the whole department is to be congratulated upon the success of a new form of amusement which will from now on become one of the annual events of the volunteer departments of towns in Multnomah county and those other places near by that are seeking to place their fire fighters in trim for more effective work when their services are really needed.

The day closed with a successful dance in the Commercial club hall, and today there is an enthusiastic, happy bunch of fire boys who are more than pleased with the outcome of their first tournament.

Receipts for the tournament events from all sources were as follows: donations \$77, gate, \$69.35, dance, \$38, ice cream concession, \$15.35. Total \$190.70. This will fully cover all expenses. The Sandy band donated their services for their expenses.



Eight Grade Graduates, School District No. 28. Left to right: Harry Zenger, Robert Hendricks, Victor Hendrickson, Rowena Arthur, Teacher; Arthur Hendrickson, Glenn Harman, Opal Middleton.

GRADUATING EXERCISES IN DISTRICT NUMBER 28

The commencement exercises which were held in District No. 28, Friday evening, May 29 under the supervision of Miss Rowena Arthur brought to a close a most successful school term. The class colors were blue and white; class flower, white tea rose; class motto, "Love of Country Leads." The school room was decorated with the class colors, entwined one with the other, and there was an arch of fir boughs above at the center of the room, with wreaths of fir extending to each corner. Above the arch were two large crossed flags. The front was draped in fir, mingled with blue and white flowers. Above this drapery suspended a pennant of white with the motto in blue letters, "Love of Country Leads." Large blue jardiniere of blue and white Iris lilies stood at either side of the stage.



Robert J. Hendricks, valedictorian. Average examination standing 93 per cent. One of the youngest graduates in the state and secured one of the highest averages.

average. They are all ambitious to continue their education in high school and college.

The salutatory by Opal Middleton was splendid. The valedictory by Robert Hendricks was exceptionally good for one so young.

THE SEQUEL TO BILLY'S BEAR STORY

Welches, Oregon, June 1, '13.

To the Gresham Outlook:—Saturday afternoon at about 4:30, a large black bear was seen by Mr. Welch prowling around in the back of his hay field, Billy called the attention of those near at hand to the fact and everyone present had an excellent view of old Bruin as he perambulated along. Meanwhile Billy and Dad Cooper started out across the field to intercept Bruin. Of course, they had their trusty 30-30s and Price Jones was slipping around Mr. Bear on the outside of the field, but Billy and Dad beat Price to a vantage point which was a large stump about 300 yards from where Bruin was and Billy drew aim on Bruin from one side of the stump and Dad had a bead on Bruin from the other side, and Price was still trying to slip up within range on the outside of the field. Meanwhile there was an interested audience looking on from the balcony of Welches store. The scene enacted was about a quarter of a mile from the hotel. Well, Dad Cooper says Billy got excited and Billy says Dad was excited. Any way Billy took a shot, and then Dad shot. Five shots were fired by them. The bear was hit all right. Just then Price came tearing into view but too late to participate, but the bear, though wounded got out of the field being only a few feet from the fence and brush so the dogs were called out and set on the bear. The two terriers, Buster and Biddy, caught up with the bear and was worrying it, just as the hunters came upon the scene. The bear grabbed Biddy in his mouth and shook her like a terrier would a rat and flung her away. Then some one shot the bear in the head which put him to sleep for good. Biddy was in pretty bad shape, but by taking a few stitches in a tear in her side, she appears to be all right except the soreness. The guests at the hotel have had some excitement going out to see a real wild bear in its native surroundings. Billy and Dad Cooper are the sensations of the day. Proud! Well, yes!

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FISH WHEEL DAMAGED BY FLOATING DRIFTWOOD

The fish wheel on the bank of the Columbia about a mile below Fairview was badly damaged last week by a big drift which the strong current lodged against it, and for awhile there was great danger that it would be torn from its moorings and sent away on a trip to the ocean. The wheel has been in service there for the past fifteen years and has always done a good business. It is owned by the Stensland brothers. The Columbia river is rising rapidly and is fast spreading over all the lowlands of the whole Columbia slough district. It is feared that this year will see the highest water since 1894 as there is a great deal of snow in the mountains and the present warm weather is melting it rapidly. Beyond the wreck of the fish wheel and a few small bridges there has been no serious damage or loss reported except the flooding of numerous gardens all of which will have to be replanted when the water goes down.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WILL BE DELAYED

An effort to improve the county road leading past Martin Winch's farm and the others two miles south of Gresham will probably be a failure this year. That part which it is desired to improve consists of grading down two steep hills, making a deeper fill and building a bridge. The estimated cost is about \$2200 but the county court cannot see its way clear just now to appropriate the money. Mr. Winch and Frank Michels offered to advance the funds and take road warrants without interest for a year in order to get the work done but this offer has been refused. A further effort will be made but the matter seems hopeless until next season.

Monday's election in Portland was a victory for the Oregonian. The voters at the same time decided to get rid of the undesirables. Here's hoping that their confidence in the new men chosen will not be misplaced.

FIRE AT PLEASANT HOME DESTROYS MERCANTILE CO'S STORE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Fire Fighters Work Valiantly to Save Merchandise Stock and Household Goods of Mr. Ingram. To Begin Rebuilding Immediately.

PLEASANT HOME, June 5.—A fire which started in the rear of the building about 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, completely destroyed the fine large store building of the Pleasant Home Mercantile company, located just north of the railroad tracks. No fire fighting apparatus was available and very little water could be applied to check the flames. The volunteer fire fighters succeeded in saving much of the stock and most of the household furniture of Mr. Ingram, who resided in the building. Help came from Seenic, Cottrell, Orient, Sandy and Gresham, but could render but little assistance. For a time the lumber yard of the Straus Lumber company, located north of the store building, was threatened but the timely veering of the wind saved it as also other buildings near by.

The burned building was erected about two years ago and was fully insured. With furnishings it was valued at about \$4000. The loss to the stock cannot be determined at this time. Frank R. Frost, local representative of Umbdenstock & Larson Co., in an interview, stated that his company was ready and willing to rebuild at once and plans are being prepared for a larger and better building. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Smullen

and Mr. Heater, of the Mercantile company wish to express their heartfelt thanks for the assistance rendered by all citizens of Pleasant Home and other communities.

Pleasant Home is the center of considerable building activity, with work going ahead on the water tower, drug store building and residence of Dr. H. O. Fredal, residence of Frank K. Frost, Jr., residence of Mr. Thomas and confectionery store of Mrs. Stonehouse and remodeling of the Steinman place, the locality presents a business-like appearance. The Pleasant Home baseball team will go up against a return game with the Crescents of Portland on the home grounds Sunday afternoon. The boys will be out for blood as at the opening game their visitors won by a narrow margin. The game promises to be exciting from the start and all are invited to be on hand to see the valley team trim the city boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Day were agreeably surprised last Monday night when about two score dropped in on them in honor of Mrs. Day's birthday. Mrs. Day was presented with a dinner set, to which she responded very gracefully. Games occupied the evening, refreshments were served and at a late hour the guests departed, all voting it a pleasant affair.

BOOSTERS BUSY WITH NEW IDEAS

That the Commercial club means business and is earnestly trying to improve the conditions of the city and surrounding country in many important lines was evidenced again last Tuesday night when about twenty-five busy men met in the club rooms, to hear reports and take such action as seemed advisable. Several of the many new members who have recently cast in their lot with the boosters were present and their part in the discussions was highly appreciated.

A recommendation came from the women's council that Gresham autos carry a pennant, yellow with the letters "Gresham" in black. The club could not furnish the pennants but Edw. Aylsworth has been interviewed and he will order them at a cost of about 50 cents. The style of pennant above was adopted by the club and every auto owner is urged to get one to use during the Rose show and for all occasions.

Another recommendation came from a committee of both the Commercial club and women's council to the effect that an investigation be made as to the present cost of Bull Run water and the possibility of securing a lower rate above the present minimum for those who want to use lots of water for irrigation purposes but think the present rate is prohibitive. The idea is not for the city to make less but more by the larger consumption of water than is possible at present. A committee was appointed consisting of Elkington, Cleveland and Leonard, to enquire into this matter and report to the club at the next meeting.

The possibility of securing a high school site was talked over and the situation of the district explained. A committee of the school district will report on the matter at the annual school meeting June 16.

A committee is investigating the possibility of securing a city delivery of mails.

E. J. Gradin spoke a good word for the faithful farm boys who do quietly the important farm work and are entitled to recognition for their ability and faithfulness. He thought the fairs should place some special prizes within their reach. The suggestion was well received.

Strawberry Social. At Terry school, District No. 8, Friday evening, June 6. Good program. Strawberries and cake 25 cents.

HIGH WATER CAUSES LOSS

FAIRVIEW, June 4.—The Columbia slough is some three feet higher than last year and is rising fast and is causing some anxiety among the dairymen as it will require a vast amount of green feed. Fences as well as bridges are being washed out, the large bridge built last spring by George Zimmerman at a cost of some \$300 was carried down and lodged against the Hamilton bridge and cannot be removed as yet and should it cause a dislodgment of this bridge will cause a loss of something like seven or eight hundred dollars as it will cut off all the summer pasture. A large amount of stock is being surrounded by water.

The assembly hall at the county farm was filled to overflowing last Saturday evening to witness the closing of the moving picture entertainments that have been given there for the inmates. It was an extra program and of longer duration than usual. The most pleasing feature of the evening was when Superintendent Jackson and wife were invited to the stage and in a few well directed remarks assured of the full appreciation of the citizens of Troutdale for their entertainments. They were literally buried in flowers borne in upon them by six little Troutdale girls which completely snowed them under. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were so completely surprised that they scarcely were able to fully recover. The curtain was lowered for the last time until next fall when we were assured of another season's entertainments.

The Misses Hansen and Cosgrove of Portland were week-end callers on Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wallin of Bairdsdale station.

Karl Schram made a tripp to Portland Sunday to see his mother who is in the hospital there, and found her much improved. The doctor now wishes her to be in the open air in the grove as much as possible.

The Masonic building association of Troutdale have torn down the old Masonic hall at Troutdale and are planning to replace the old building with a two-story modern structure. The plans and specifications are now and will be at Aaron Fox's store at Troutdale open for bids until June 7. The building was erected in 1880.

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

Some More Choice Lots. For Sale in Zenith addition by the owners. The Independent Land Company. Easy terms. Buy direct and save commission. See E. H. Kelly, Ros. Third street and Kelly avenue

Garden Hose 7 to 15 cents per foot at Sterling & Kidder's. It's a good time to stain your roof. Green, red and brown shingle stain 50c a gallon at Sterling & Kidder's.