

NEXT CITY LINE FARTHER EAST

Prosperous District Awaiting Annexation to Portland and Better Car Service.

Portland is coming eastward with giant strides. Each suburb is growing steadily and only needs more street car service to become inside property around which new districts would be created.

Lents will be a part of Portland on July 1st, and the settlements are extending as far eastward as Sycamore, with Jenne ready to meet it.

This entire district is prosperous. Nearly all the residents own their homes and have gardens. Much of it is yet in acreage tracts although some of it has been platted in city lots.

There has been one drawback in the past few years that will disappear soon. Considerable land around Russellville was leased to Japanese but their leases are expiring and they will mostly vacate in a year or so more.

The extension of the Mt. Tabor railway to Ventura Park is only a question of a short time. The Hawthorne avenue line will come eastward along the Section Line, thus creating a demand for more homes along that thoroughfare, and it would not be surprising to see the Montavilla line extended out the Barr road for several miles as soon as conditions demand it.

There is a growing sentiment for a consolidation of the city and county governments, and the next annexation scheme, will have to consider such a project. The time is approaching when the people will demand cheaper administration of government, and the cost of one would be less than two.

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W. W. Cotton

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COMMERCIAL CLUB HALL

Gresham, Oregon

Saturday Night

JUNE 21

Benefit of the Grange

Admission Adults 25c and Children (Under 15) 10c

GIRL'S HOSE TEAM MAY GO TO ASTORIA ON 4th

An effort is being made to have the girls' hose teams of Gresham and Lents take a part in the Fourth of July sports at Astoria, to be given in connection with the annual regatta to be held there during the first week in next month.

The Astoria committee has made an offer through Chief Jones, of the Gresham fire department of \$75 each for an exhibition contest between the two teams and a great deal of interest is being taken in arranging for the two teams to go down to Astoria on the Fourth.

A meeting of all the eligible girls of Gresham and vicinity has been called for this evening at the city hall, to find out how many will go under proper care. If enough girls are available a few tests of elimination will take place and ten girls will be chosen to represent Gresham in the contest.

SCHOOL OFFICERS CHOSEN IN ESTACADA DISTRICT

ESTACADA, June 18—One of the largest annual school meetings ever held in school district No. 108 was held on Monday evening, June 16.

One director for three years and one school clerk for one year were elected. The primaries for choice was F. Harknider, A. Demoy and Mr. Carson. The two highest for choice were Harknider and Demoy.

After demands for speeches from the candidates the vote was cast, Demoy receiving 51 Harknider 48. Those for choice for clerk were Mr. Holder and J. A. Somer. Holder was elected by three majority, the vote standing 43 to 49.

The new pavilion in the park of the P. R. L. & P. Co., at Estacada last Saturday evening was opened by a dance by the Estacada volunteer fire department. A large crowd was there. The pavilion is 40x100 with all modern improvements, neatly painted white and with very high ceilings.

There is to be a strawberry social given by the Civic Improvement club next Saturday evening on the green in front of the city hall. They expect to be able to supply everyone with all the berries, cream and cake they want to eat provided they have the price. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bartlett's new residence on Broadway is nearing completion and is a large two-story house.

Mrs. Hunt died Wednesday morning after a long illness. She has lived in Estacada a long time and was loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

The rumor of Boswell being in the market for eggs and picking out the small ones was a serious mistake, so he says, for the reason the young pullets were supplying him with plenty, so was not in need of any extra ones. No doubt this will make some of the chicken raisers sit up and take their hats off to B. O. B. and Mrs. B. who yesterday set one of the pullets on 12 eggs.

Miss Grace Hessel, of Gresham, was up to attend the opening of the new pavilion last Saturday evening.

ENTERTAINED AT FAIRVIEW

The Pomona Committees are Effort to Have Nine Months of School at Milwaukie is Questioned.

Wednesday's session of Multnomah county Pomona grange at Fairview was a very pleasant social affair but not as largely attended as usual. Nothing new was done in the way of resolutions nor were there any lengthy debates on any subject except a discussion concerning the future of the Pacific Grange Bulletin which was introduced by a member, and explained somewhat by the state lecturer.

Two resolutions held over from the last session, relating to the initiative and referendum, were deferred to the next meeting.

Master Kreuder announced the following standing committees: Finance—A. F. Miller, W. A. Young, Ida Faler.

Woman's Work—Mrs. E. A. Niblin, Mrs. Eugene Palmer, Mrs. W. E. Staler.

Resolutions—R. W. Gill, F. H. Crane, Mrs. H. L. Vail.

Press—E. L. Thorpe, H. A. Darnall, L. H. Wells.

Condolence—F. H. Crane, A. F. Miller, Mrs. W. L. Hotchkiss.

Reports from the different granges of the county showed them all to be prosperous with a small gain in membership since the last meeting. The number of members reported in the county, belonging to the ten subordinate granges was reported as follows: Columbia, 65; Evening Star, 257; Fairview, 48; Gresham, 73; Lents, 182; Multnomah, 68; Russellville, 86; Rockwood, 69; Woodlawn, 75; Pleasant Valley, 47. Total, 961.

R. W. Gill gave notice that he would introduce a resolution at next meeting increasing the annual dues in order to meet the cost of entertainment by the different granges, the present rate of 25 cents a year being inadequate with the present membership.

A splendid paper was read during the lecture hour by Mrs. A. E. Gebhart on "Naturalization Laws," and a temperance talk was given by Mrs. Silbaugh, lecturer for the W. C. T. U.

Two splendid meals were served by the women of Fairview grange to which all did ample justice.

Five candidates were invested with the fifth degree just before closing in the afternoon, there being no evening session.

Pomona will hold its next meeting with Woodlawn grange in September.

NO REDUCTION TO BE MADE IN WATER RATES

At a meeting of the Gresham Commercial club on Wednesday evening the committee appointed at a former meeting to make a report on an effort to secure lower water rates reported that the object was unattainable at this time because it would serve to lower the rates of the heaviest consumers and then the revenue to be derived for water would not be adequate to the cost of supplying it.

The matter of giving a club dance on Friday evening, July Fourth, was favorably considered and the affair was placed in the hands of E. L. Thorpe, who was given full management. The dance will be given as a climax to the festivities of the day and promises to be one of the best and biggest ever held in Gresham.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes drove out in their car from Portland Saturday to visit their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cary, who recently returned from their trip through southern California. The Stokes returned to Portland Sunday afternoon.

R. M. Staudish moved his residence from Broadway up on the hill on Main street on Mrs. Evans' lot so as to be up in the residence district.

DISTRICT VOTES AGAINST BOARD

Effort to Have Nine Months of School at Milwaukie is Questioned.

MILWAUKIE, Or., June 17.—(Special)—The school directors of this district will appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instructions to ascertain if the directors have not the power to fix the number of months taught in the year and also to elect teachers at such time as they deem best.

The taxpayers' meeting voted a nine months term instead of ten months and also instructed the directors not to elect teachers until after the June meeting. The district will have to pay the teachers for ten months whether they teach nine or ten months.

"We shall ascertain what our authority is in this matter," said J. W. Grasse, director, today, "and shall carry the matter before the State Superintendent. I think that the law gives the directors authority to say how many months shall be taught in a year and when we shall elect teachers. We do not know whether we can shorten the months taught in a year under the school law. We have ten months work to do in a year even if we have to do it in nine months. Besides it would be unjust to elect teachers after the June meeting when all other schools have been supplied. The teachers want to know whether they will be continued before that time. We shall have to pay out about \$1000 the coming year for a month they do not teach according to the result of the meeting."

There is wide difference of opinion about the merits of this connection. Some hold that the school will be injured and the standard lowered, but others contend that for a child to remain confined in nine months in a year is long enough the school year. C. B. Birkenier, a director, declared that the action of the meeting is the one measure in thirty years of which he is ashamed.

L. H. WELLS.

TENTH GRADE ADDED TO TROUTDALE SCHOOLS

TROUTDALE, June 19—The annual school meeting was held here Monday afternoon.

George Lumsden was elected director for three years and Dan Mickleby director for two years and Mrs. Carrie Larson as clerk. Arrangements were made to have the tenth grade taught the coming year.

On Monday the crew that has been employed loading ties, finished until another drive is brought down the river which will be about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, of Canby Mr. and Mrs. Scylor Bridge and daughter, of Battleground, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Brice, of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, of Camas, Washington, and Clinton, Elmer, Burt, Albert and Byron Edwards attended the funeral of Henry E. Surber which was held here on last Saturday afternoon.

D. D. Jackson, A. Fox, Milton Fox and Dr. Fairbank, of Troutdale, and D. W. McKay, of Fairview, attended Portland lodge A. F. & A. M. on Friday evening of last week.

Mrs. Rodger Birgefelt and son of Portland were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Brink.

WOODMEN LOOKING FOR SPORTING PARK

The Portland Woodmen of the World Camps are considering a plan to make Gresham one of their bi-meeting places when they go out for fancy contests and other sports. A few years ago they built a log cabin on the Salem fair grounds and on several occasions they have gone there in large numbers, much to the benefit of the fair. Last year they met with a cold reception which "cooked their goose" and they say it's good bye to Salem hereafter.

They are looking toward Gresham now and will have a committee ascertain privileges here at our annual fairs and on other occasions.

Old Fashioned Social at Cottrell. An old fashioned ice cream social will be given at the Cottrell Baptist church Thursday evening, June 26. The program will begin at 8 p. m. Old fashioned songs and music will be rendered by the young people. All will be insured a good time. Come and bring your friends. 33

Bids Open Again. Plans for the new Masonic building are again to be seen at Aaron Fox's store in Troutdale where bids for the construction of the new hall there will again be opened next Saturday evening, June 21. The other bids were not satisfactory and all were rejected.

Portland Water Power Washing machines do perfect work. See them at Sterling & Kidder's.

Want ads. will bring you anything except lost opportunities.

CALEDONIANS MIX UP WITH RACING CLUB

There is a slight mix-up between the Scotch people who will put on the Fourth of July celebration at Gresham and the racing association. The Caledonians intend to charge a small admission to the fair grounds in order to help defray expenses, and the racing people are saying that they are going to charge to the race track and that the outer entrance must be free.

The race track people have the right under their contract to cross the fair grounds unrestricted and the Caledonians have sold many tickets of admission. Just how the affair will terminate is a puzzle yet, but the racing crowd has a brilliant opportunity to either be considerate or injure the Gresham fair grounds as a resort for people from Portland just at a time when it is becoming popular. Other societies are looking this way for recreation grounds and they should be encouraged for the good it will do the town to have them come.

Those warm days during the fore part of the week lured several farmers into the belief that summer had come and they mowed down a few acres of grass. We all know what happens to new mown hay when it rains steadily for a day or two. It happened.

LIBRARY PEOPLE IN CONVENTION

Northwest Association Held at Tacoma Attended by the Gresham Librarian.

Following is a report of the Pacific Northwest Library association, held at Tacoma on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, made by Miss Clarissa Maile, librarian at Gresham:—

Nothing is more enjoyable than a gathering of people with the same aim and interest in life. Every individual, no matter to which rung of the ladder of success he has climbed, throws his heart and soul into the matters at hand whether he be near enough to catch every word of the speaker or only a spasmodic few, and the interpolation must necessarily be made by himself. And so it was with the Pacific Northwest Librarians' association. Librarians from British Columbia, Washington and Oregon were present, all enthusiastic and interested in making library work a great and successful one.

Four sessions were held. The Commercial club of Tacoma very hospitably opened its doors for the first two, and St. Luke's parish house entertained at the two later ones.

The address of welcome was given by Rev. F. W. Keaton, president of the board of trustees of the Tacoma library, and the response by E. O. S. Schofield, librarian of the Provincial library of British Columbia, and president of the P. N. L. A. A very interesting address on "Opportunity and Social Action" by Walter L. Beach, of the department of sociology in the University of Washington, followed. After the close of the session the members gathered together for a social time. Thursday morning's session was most interesting and instructive to county librarians, the topic being "Library Extension Work."

Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the Oregon library commission, conducted the meeting. Miss Marvin clearly defined what library extension work stood for in Oregon throughout the counties and other systems. Miss Metz of Dulles, Miss Northey of Hodd River and Miss Fox of Portland gave glowing accounts of their work. Miss Porter, of the Tacoma library, described the system used there. The session was most helpful to those interested in county work.

During the afternoon state meetings were held, followed by a delightful auto drive giving a view of the beauties of the city of Tacoma.

The evening session was under the leadership of J. T. Jennings of the Seattle library, the topic—"The Library and the Municipality." Mr. Fuller, of Spokane, gave the status of the library under the commission form of government. Mr. Dubois Mitchell, of the Seattle library, spoke on "Municipal Reference Work," and Miss Frances Isom, of Portland, "To What Extent should the Library Become a Social Center?"

The closing meeting was of great interest to the small librarians, the topic being "The Small Library." Two trustees of small libraries very humorously gave the trustees' point of view. The trials as well as the honors were brought forth for the delectation of those present.

Miss Grace E. Switzer, of Bellingham, Wash., presented the financial point of view, and Mr. William Wilson, of the Lowman & Hanford Co., of Seattle, the bookman's. Mr. Charles Compton closed the session and the convention with a designation of the uses of free publications which will be of assistance to members of the small libraries.

The meeting was pronounced by those "who knew" the best the association has had, and all forecast a brilliant future for the libraries of the northwest.

Dance at Rockwood. Rockwood grange is making active preparations for its first summer dance, which will be given on Saturday evening, June 28. Simonsen's orchestra, a favorite with dancers, has been engaged for the occasion and the usual grange supper will be served in the dining room. Everybody is invited.

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors who so kindly helped us in our sad bereavement, also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. L. Surber, Arthur E. Surber, Roy Surber, Ople Surber.