

WILL MEET IN CONVENTION

Tonight's mass meeting at the city hall is just going to be one of the things that is becoming rare in Oregon. After awhile such meetings are going to become extinct—like the dodo bird—first in Oregon and then everywhere. The primary, initiative nominating system in all but full force now and the disappointments that are engendered in a convention are potent factors for boss rule, ring methods and corrupt practices. In a community like that of Gresham such things cannot prevail, for all are patriotic and the welfare of the town is the uppermost idea. Then the mass meeting is a relic of the olden time, when the secret ballot was unknown and the initiative nominating petition was not dreamed of.

But we are going to have one—of those get-together affairs where a chairman and a secretary are needed and where we are neither cats nor sheep; neither democrats nor republicans; neither men or mice but just ordinary "citizens" fully interested in picking out the best people to fill the soon-to-be vacant offices. It is a relic of the past and maybe we'll select the candidates so chosen and maybe we won't. It doesn't matter anyway, for we are only doing as the city charter directs us to do—but when the city is in need of some amendments to keep us abreast of the growing sentiment that is known far and wide as the "Oregon system."

It looks to a disinterested observer that the coming election is going to be another contest between the wets and the dries. Maybe not, but three councilmen are going to be replaced and we are going to elect a city marshal. The three who have served the city for two years are M. D. Kern, Geo. W. Kenney and Joe Pateneau, and the women are going to vote again. If either of the three are re-nominated again will they be elected? If not, who will? There can be but one municipal ticket named tonight, but the right to nominate by initiative petition is in force, and there is the opportunity and power of the strength of the voters to elect a council more to their liking if the business of tonight are not up to their requirements.

And doesn't it seem that there should have been four councilmen to nominate. How about Councilman Cardwell? It is true that he holds for a year yet, but he has been away for six months on a granted leave of absence and may take very little part in future municipal legislation. His home is here but his business is elsewhere. He hasn't resigned nor is it expected that he will until the political complexion of the new council is known. Perhaps not then. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Tonight's meeting promises to be exciting at least. One or two suggestions may be named on the ticket for the convention. In that case the city hall will be too small to hold the crowd. Let's all be there in the interest of fair play and name the best man or women for our vote on election day.

Duncan Polish Mops. The large size, \$1.25, at Sterling & Kidder's.

Top Buggies, open Buggies, Hacks, Carts, Bains and Old Hickory Wagons, Waterloo Gas Engines, New Manure Spreader. Talk with Daniel.

DRYS WILL NOMINATE FOR COMING ELECTION

Late yesterday afternoon posters were distributed calling a meeting for the evening at the Methodist church to consider names for nomination for the coming city election. "It is important," said the poster, "that every voter who is in sympathy with a dry town be present." And they came. A large number of men and women voters of the city were there, and some outside of the city came to lend their moral support. Rev. E. A. Leonard called the meeting to order, and was afterwards elected, chairman with George F. Honey as secretary. After much discussion a nominating committee was elected and given the power to choose three names for councilmen and one for marshal and present them to the nominating convention tonight. It was definitely understood that membership on this committee would not bar any person being nominated for any office. The personnel of the committee was as follows: Mrs. Gust Larson, Mrs. D. M. Shoemaker, Geo. F. Honey, S. S. Thompson, H. E. Davis, R. R. Carlson, Dr. A. Thompson, Mrs. Chas. Cleveland, Mrs. B. W. Emery, C. E. Rusher, E. C. Lindsey and J. C. Peterson.

The committee met this morning and agreed to place in nomination for councilmen, J. C. Peterson, Gust Larson and Geo. F. Honey, and for marshal, James McKinney.

GRESHAM GRANGE IN REGULAR SESSION

Gresham Grange met last Saturday in regular session with an unusually full attendance of its members. The hall was decorated with fall flowers and autumn leaves and looked very festive. The principal feature of the morning session was the initiation of seven new members. Those joining were Mrs. R. H. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stapleton, Rev. Melville T. Wire and Will Hessel. After the bounteous dinner at noon, the lecture hour was taken up. A well written paper on the origin of Thanksgiving was given by W. B. Parsons and J. E. Stubbs spoke briefly on the relation of children to the Grange, recommending a juvenile Grange. A vocal solo by Mrs. Earl Thompson and a violin solo by John Fieldhouse were much enjoyed. Some of the new members were called on for impromptu parts and Mr. Wire responded with a solo and Mr. Stapleton with a fine talk in which he expressed himself in sympathy with the wholesome, helpful teachings of the Grange. H. W. Snashall, master of the Pleasant Valley Grange also brought words of greeting.

QUARTERLY SESSION MASTERS AND LECTURERS

The regular quarterly session of the Masters' and Lecturers' association of the Multnomah county subordinate granges will be held with Rockwood grange next Saturday. There will be an all day session and a large attendance is expected, as the association embraces every grange in the county. Members of Rockwood grange are preparing for the occasion and a big dinner will be one of the features of the day.

NOTICE

The registration books for the Town of Gresham will be open for registration at Town Hall, beginning Wednesday, the 12th days of November, 1913.

Office hours from 2 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. until including Saturday, the 15th.

And beginning Monday, the 17th, books will be open each evening from 7 to 9 p. m. up to and including Friday, the 21st of November, 1913.

D. M. ROBERTS, Town Recorder.

It's a good time to grease your harness. Use Neatsfoot Oil. At Sterling & Kidder's.

TRAMP KILLED AT TROUTDALE

A man, supposed to be a tramp and as yet unidentified was shot to death near Troutdale on Saturday evening as he was sitting in a cabin along with two other a few hundred yards east of the Sandy river.

According to the story told by other men who were in the cabin at the time, a double-barreled shotgun was thrust through a window by an unknown man and fired point blank into their midst. The charge centered in the left breast of the stranger, tearing the lungs to shreds. After receiving the bullets, the man is said to have risen from his seat, ran through a door and after going 40 feet from the cabin, fell dead.

A posse was organized at Troutdale and scoured the surrounding country, but without finding a clue to the murderer. Deputy Sheriff Beckman went to the scene from Portland.

Joseph Mossi, a prosperous farmer who owns the land on which the killing occurred, was arrested on Sunday suspected of the murder.

Victor Accordi, a farmhand employed by Mossi, and John O'Brien, a tramp, are held at the county jail as witnesses. The slain man has not been identified. His body is at the morgue of Dunning & McEntee.

One of the other men, who gave his name as O'Brien told Sheriff Word that three members of a party of tramps started from Portland Friday, walking along the line of the O-W. R. & N. track to the vicinity of Troutdale, and half a mile from the town they came to an abandoned shack, where they decided to camp.

There is a fireplace in the hut and while the others sat before the fire which they had built O'Brien says he went to sleep in an alcove which had been used for the purposes of a pantry and in which there is a small window.

Beside the fireplace, which is in the center of one side of the room, is a small window. At this window, O'Brien asserts, the murderer appeared, raised his gun and fired, the buckshot landing all within an area of two feet about the vicinity of the heart of the unidentified man. Some are also supposed to have struck the other occupant of the seat, who disappeared and has not been heard from.

Mossi, whose house is across the railway track from the shack where the shooting occurred, denies all connection with the crime. In the house, newly cleaned, was found an automatic shotgun of the caliber of the shell with which the killing was done. The empty shell was found between the shack and the house. Shells of the same caliber were found in the house.

Supporting Mossi in his denial, Accordi said that they ate supper about 6:30 o'clock and went to bed about 8 o'clock. Their stories vary slightly, but both contend that they were asleep in bed when the shooting occurred. Mossi is said to have uttered threats against tramps who steal his vegetables, fruit and kitchen utensils.

Deputy District Attorney Hamersley accompanied by Deputy Sheriffs Curtis and Lumsden, visited the scene of the shooting yesterday. They secured an admission from the farmhand employed by Mossi that the rancher left the kitchen in which they both had been sitting, going into his bedroom, and was gone about 20 minutes. Accordi admitted that Mossi might have left the house, gone to the cabin, and come back without his knowing it. Officers are of the opinion that Mossi went to the cabin at this time and fired the fatal shot.

C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League, who is to head the Oregon delegation at the United States Land Show in Chicago, November 20 to December 8, has gone east to install the exhibit. Oregon will occupy two booths in the Land Show and will also have lecture room privileges. From five to eight Oregon representatives will be in attendance at all times.

The exhibit will consist of agricultural products of every sort, contributed by commercial clubs in all parts of the state and is one of the most complete ever assembled in Oregon. All of the exhibits were shipped from Portland last Saturday in a special baggage car via the North Bank, Great Northern and Burlington roads.

Wizard Fertilizer is all Fertilizer. NO Filler.

Daily Oregonian, 1 yr. \$6.00
Twice-a-Week Outlook, 1 yr. 1.50
Combination, 1 year. 6.00

NEW IDEAS OF GOVERNMENT

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—(Special)—The movement to consolidate the city of Portland and Multnomah county into one municipal government has been revived, and at a meeting of the East Side Business Men's Club Thursday night, the matter was taken up specially. Denver, Colorado, has recently consolidated with the county, and framed up a single city government. Also a commission form has been adopted in Denver after considerable court procedure. It will not be easy to work out a plan of consolidation of Portland and Multnomah, although L. M. Lepper, who is always prolific in resources, says it can be done easily. The plan, if worked out, would eliminate one set of officers entirely, or nearly so in the executive departments, but there would be required separate departments for the county roads and the city streets and separate departments for the assessment of property. However, the problem has been worked out in San Francisco and Denver, and may be worked out in Portland.

While there is yet little experience, it may be said with truth that the general run of the people of Portland are not satisfied with the commission form, although there is hardly time to form correct judgment. The principal objection to the commission form in Portland is that the new method is not what they expected it would be. The budget of expenses for the ensuing year will equal that of any former year, although several millions have been added to the taxable property. It had been expected that expenses would increase, but it was expected that the millions which would be added to the taxable property would take up and provide for the increased cost of expenses. One item that sets on edge the teeth of the ordinary taxpayer, who must either walk or take a street car, is the advertisement for a seven passenger automobile for "state occasions," to be paid for by the tax payers at the tone of about \$5000. Again, the common people miss the councilmen from the wards to whom they could go when they wanted a street improved or a sewer laid. The councilman is gone. He must go to the city hall, sign his name and state his business on a pad, hand it to a lackey who takes it to the inner-chamber. If the magnate behind the door thinks the business is of sufficient importance he hears the man, otherwise the man is dismissed without information.

That is Portland's commission form, and the average plain citizen does not like it. It may be that the fault is not with the commission form—it is with the commissioners. The little town of Linnton just north of Portland is expending \$150,000 in a water plant and \$25,000 for sewers, which is going some for a town of 1500 people. But Linnton was wise. It enlarged its boundaries so it took in the new gas plant, costing \$2,000,000, and the Standard Oil and Union Oil Works, costing about \$3,000,000, and these properties may be taxed to pay for the water plant.

Milwaukie emerged "wet" from the hot local option fight there to the tune of 48 majority. When the vote was being counted I was present for several hours. A large number of the ballots only contained one vote, against prohibition, nothing else. It is charged that the "wets" violated the corrupt practice law by bringing votes to the voting booth in automobiles and effort is being made to have the election declared illegal and thrown out.

Two pioneers, Kirk H. Sheldon and H. Sutcliffe, died and were buried this week in Portland. Sheldon was an old-time hardware merchant and Sutcliffe was a veteran of the civil war, widely known. Both leave a space among a wide circle of friends.

L. H. WELLS.

Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction at my place in Pleasant Valley, on November 21, 1913, at 1 p. m., one spotted two-year-old heifer with horns, one black yearling heifer, one brindle yearling heifer and one brown and white yearling heifer, taken up by me on September 23, 1912, and advertised according to law. PAUL BLISS, R. 3, Gresham. Phone 7x.

There will be a special meeting of the voters of Gresham school district on November 22, for levying a special tax for maintenance of the high school.

No girl should forgive a young man for stealing a kiss unless he gets busy and returns it promptly.

MRS. AGNES DICKSON ANSWERS SUMMONS

Mention was made about ten days ago of a pending divorce case in which William Dickson is the plaintiff and his wife Mrs. Agnes A. Dickson is the defendant. The family lives about two miles west of Gresham and is well known here. Mr. Dickson is 79 years old, his wife being a few years younger. Mrs. Dickson filed an answer to the complaint on Saturday last in which she says that her husband is a confirmed drinker, and during the past summer has threatened to beat her with a tarred rope. Because of her fear of her husband, her attorney, John A. Logan, asks, in the answer filed Saturday, that the case be advanced on the court docket and determined as soon as possible.

Because they were unable to get along, Mrs. Dickson says they made an agreement of separation in March, 1904, he receiving \$1000, when he left their home. Five months later, she charges, he returned and has continued to live at the old home. Mrs. Dickson denies that she was instrumental in having her husband examined for insanity, as he charged in his complaint.

The couple moved to Oregon in 1877, coming from New York, where they were married a few years before the trip across the continent. Dickson charged in his complaint that his wife had driven him from their home and as a result of a conspiracy with their two children had subjected him to many indignities, causing him to be examined as to his sanity and placing him in a position where it was necessary for him to depend on charity for maintenance.

Mrs. Dickson says in her answer that her husband visited six law firms before he was able to find one who put sufficient credence in his story to bring his divorce suit.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF CARLOAD OF CABBAGE

The first carload of cabbage ever shipped from Gresham has just been loaded at the O. W. P. depot. It was bought from farmers in this vicinity by a man named Cardwell who will send the car to Seattle or Walla Walla as a speculation. The load was made up by J. J. Robertson, E. R. Wright, Alfred Allen and a Japanese gardner. The vegetable was hauled to the depot in bulk and crated on the car.

Cabbage is a commodity that grows well here, but the market heretofore has been limited to Portland. If the shipment proves profitable there should be no difficulty in working up an extensive business for the future.

Southernland Quartette.

The Southland Jubilee Quartette will be in Gresham on Saturday evening, November 15, in typical southern concert. If you enjoy hearing the negroes sing you can not afford to miss hearing the finest negro quartet of mixed voices on the Pacific coast. Everybody enjoys their program—so will you. Men and women with well trained voices in a concert typical of their kind. Not a tiresome number, a variety that is sure to please. Classical popular, humorous and sacred numbers. Prices, 15 and 25 cents. Reserved seats, 35 cents.

Mr. Dairyman!

We have a carload of first class alfalfa hay to arrive this week. Special price on car. We have a good supply of Shorts, Bran, Middlings and all mill feed on hand.

We grind any time. Bring us your grists. GRESHAM FEED MILL. Phone 661

MORE COMING IF ENCOURAGED

The first of what may be a whole series of popular lectures will be given at the library on Friday evening next under the auspices of the Library association. Professor Frederic Stanley Dunn has been engaged to give a stereopticon dissertation on "The Seven Wonders of the World."

It is the intention to give other lectures and educational entertainments if there is a proper response to the effort being made. It all depends upon the reception of the speakers by the Gresham public. This is a rare opportunity to bring such high class entertainers here as Dr. Dunn and the first lecture should be greeted with an overflowing house.

A lively interest is being taken in the matter by the Gresham school, and there is certain to be a responsive effort from that quarter. Concerning the coming lecture Principal Stubbs writes as follows:

"To the Editor:—It is highly important that Prof. Frederic Stanley Dunn of the University of Oregon be greeted by a splendid representative audience Friday evening. He is a speaker endowed with charm, breadth, and culture, and those who have heard him before are always anxious to hear him again. Mr. Dunn lectures in various parts of the state, and has the opportunity of measuring the intellectual standards of various cities. Let's not be 'weighed in the balance and found wanting' in this respect. If a small assemblage should greet the speaker, the inference in his mind would not do our community justice.

"Then, too, it is imperative that everyone make an effort to come, because the Library association must be shown that Gresham demands high-class lectures. Splendid attendance will convince them of this, and we shall have more good things to follow than we have ever had before." Respectfully, J. E. STUBBS.

TOWN OF MILWAUKIE WINS RIGHT TO NAME

It is reported from Washington that the postoffice department, has determined to change the spelling of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, so as to end the last syllable with "kie." The city of Milwaukie, Oregon, has been spelled that way ever since it was founded in 1847 by Lot Whitecombe. He came from St. Louis and never gave any reason for giving the new town its name nor why he spelled it with a "kie," but it is known that the Wisconsin town was spelled that way 70 years ago.

Later on the Postoffice Department spelled the names differently, probably taking Lippincott's Gazetteer as authority. That was in the late 60's.

When the Oregon & California railroad was building in 1870 the railroad company tried to make the spelling conform to the Wisconsin style and has always spelled the name that way, but the postoffice people never changed it. Now the other city must change and our Milwaukie is vindicated at last.

Last Saturday's football game was a victory for Gresham High which defeated Washougal by a score of 29 to 0. Three touchdowns and two points on goal tells the whole story.

We dislike to hear a man who doesn't know one note from another attempt to sing his own praise.

Notice

GRESHAM, ORE., Nov. 6, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that a Mass Meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Gresham will be held in Commercial Club Hall on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1913, - -

at 8 P. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for three councilmen for two years each and town marshal for one year.

By order of Town Council,

D. M. ROBERTS, Town Recorder.

Great Concert of Ye Olden Tyme AT THE CITY HALL, FAIRVIEW Friday Evening, Nov. 14th MDCCLXIII.

Given by ye wimmen's society of ye Presbyterian church. Ye doors will be open at candle light and ye musick will strike up at VIII o'clock by ye watch that is on tyme. Ye tax to this greate show is fixed at 25 cents for ye grown up men and wimmin. Little children with their parents come free.

Ye First Parte.
Timist.....Sophia Sprightly
Accompanist.....Jemima Junerose
All ye singers will give many sweet songs of ye long tyme ago. Some greate big singers will give one-part, two-part and four-part songs to delight ye greate big audience.

INTERRUPTION.
Ye musick will now stop; ye olde singers will give ye audience a rest for a spell.
Extra I. A woman of four score years, Mrs. M. B. Spears, will entertain you with the story of "Der Oak and Der Vine," followed by a select story, you never heard before.

Extra II. Choice violin music by some greate musicians, who come from foreign parts, for the sole purpose of helping ye singers.
Extra III. A young singer will warble a Swiss Yodel, delighting ye greate audience, and causing much clapping of hands.

Ye Second Parte.
Ye old singers will now sing their funniest songs causing you to laugh till you cry.
Closing song, "Auld Lang Syne," will now be sung in memory of ye long tyme ago.