

HISTORY OF A POPULAR DAY

Thanksgiving Joys Are Legion Let our altars, wreathed with flowers...

It is near Thanksgiving time. Let us stop and count our blessings. As a nation and as individuals...

Thanksgiving is a legal holiday in the United States, where it is generally observed as a day upon which to return thanks to God for the blessings of the year...

Thanksgiving day is now celebrated by union services among the Protestant churches; and since 1888 by reciting prayers for the state and nation...

Thanksgiving Mask Ball. D. E. Weir's orchestra will furnish the music for the masquerade at the Rockwood grange hall next Wednesday evening...

Thanksgiving Dance. In Commercial Club hall, Gresham on Thursday night, November 27.

CITY TICKETS AT TROUTDALE

Troutdale's municipal election is to be held next Tuesday for a full set of city officers. Following are the names for the different places as put in nomination at a recent mass meeting...

For mayor—S. A. Edmundson; Mrs. Clara Larson. For recorder—G. C. Bates; L. Jean Larson. For treasurer—Louis Kummer. For marshal—James Monahan; George Richardson.

The building of a new city hall is the most prominent question before the voters and will be a factor in the campaign. A recent effort to have one built was squelched by an injunction from the circuit court.

GRESHAM HIGH DEFEATS ALUMNI

A basket ball test for superiority between the Gresham High school team and the High School alumni, on Friday evening last at the skating rink was a victory for the Highs.

The line-up of the High school was Center, Gladys Michel; left guard, Olive Merrill; right guard, Evelyn Metzger; right forward, Hester Thorpe; left forward, Laura Shipley.

The score at the end of the first half stood two to four in favor of the Alumni. Marguerite Michel throwing two free balls in fouls, with one field throw by Maude Michel.

During the last half four points were made by Evelyn Metzger and Gladys Michel throwing one field ball each, making the score 5 to 4 at the end of the game in favor of the High.

The star players for the Alumni were Marguerite Michel and Maxie Schantlin; for the High Evelyn Metzger and Gladys Michel. Referee for the game was Earl Thompson; umpire Harold Kern; time keeper, C. E. Rice; score keeper, Walter Metzger; coach for the High, Miss Jessie Young.

PROFESSOR STUBBS ON THE PROGRAM

The annual session of the Multnomah county teachers' institute began yesterday in the Central library building. All the teachers of the county, outside of Portland, are to be present for three days.

J. E. Stubbs, principal of the Gresham school, is scheduled as one of the speakers, the program being a combination of text books and general subjects dealing with matters somewhat out of the usual line of such addresses expected at school institutes.

GIRL INJURED BY GIANT CAP

Word was received from Hueson, Wash., on Saturday last that Blanche the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rowley had been severely injured by the explosion of a giant powder cap. The girl who is about seven years old, had found the cap proceeded to drive a nail into it. The explosion lacerated one of her hands and her side in a frightful manner.

STATEMENT SHOWS MUTUAL COMPANY TO BE PROSPEROUS

OFFICERS. President, Theodore Brugger. Vice-Pres., E. S. Jenne. Secretary, Eva C. Anderson. Treasurer, First State Bank.

The Year's Business. Collected for rent, \$7,048.50. Collected for long distance, \$2,694.18. Paid Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co., 1,359.53.

Gresham's local telephone company, the Multnomah & Clackamas Mutual, is out of debt for the first time in its existence as will be seen from the subjoined statement from the secretary which has been sent out to every stockholder.

Conservative management during past year has achieved this result in the face of some severe drawbacks that crippled the company's resources the year previous, and some extensions that have been made and the cost of necessary repairs.

From the report it will be seen that the system has cost nearly \$20,000. Of that amount only \$6,850 was paid in for capital stock. The balance of nearly \$13,000 represents the earnings of the company which have been returned for betterments. During all the period of its existence the company has given the best of service for the lowest price of any telephone company in the state with its facilities for accommodating the public.

The state law which compels the full collection of rates from stockholders as well as subscribers, was also responsible for a return dividend last summer. There will be another after the present payment of rates by the stockholders, amounting to 20 per cent during the year. In reality they have been getting dividends right along. It is only an overcharge returned. Collections for this month from this source will be all net gain to the company, and there is a prospect of increased dividends in the future as the following will indicate:

To the Stockholders of the Multnomah & Clackamas Co. Mutual Telephone Co.:

Gentlemen:—In submitting the enclosed statement to you we take pleasure in calling your attention to the financial condition of your company. The indebtedness is practically paid up, only the current bills being due, and more than enough money on hand to pay them.

Top Buggies, open Buggies, Hacks, Carts, Bain and Old Hickory Wagons, Waterloo Gas Engines, New Idea Manure Spreader. Talk with Hessel.

Daily and Sunday Oregonian and Twice-a-Week Outlook, special combination, 1 year, \$8.99.

Notice of City Election

GRESHAM ORE., Nov. 18, 1913

Notice is hereby given that the annual town election will be held in the Town Hall on

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at 1 P. M., for the purpose of electing three councilmen for two years each and town marshal for one year. Polls will close at 7 P. M.

By order of Town Council, D. M. ROBERTS, Town Recorder.

lines, buy telephones and other equipment, and otherwise spend more of our earnings than we could at first foresee. Again, the sleet and snow storms have caused a great expense, but with all of this the company has been gradually going forward, until today we compare favorably with the best telephone systems in Oregon outside of the large cities.

Another dividend of 10 per cent will soon be declared and the prospects for a substantial increase in dividends are very bright.

Respectfully yours, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The financial report of the secretary for the fiscal year ending November 1, shows the standing of the company:

Table with columns: Receipts, Disbursements, Net Earnings, Capital, Assets, Liabilities. Total Receipts: \$7,048.50. Total Disbursements: \$4,353.95. Net Earnings: \$2,694.55. Capital: \$10,990.00. Assets: \$13,244.65. Liabilities: \$2,253.42.

Authorized, \$10,990.00. Paid in, \$6,850.00. By cash, \$5,335.20. Labor notes, \$1,514.80.

Capital stock, \$10,990.00. Bills payable, \$243.92. Damage by snow storm, \$1,999.94. Amount expended on repairing and building lines, \$84.00.

B. F. Bauer, who formerly had a barber shop in the John Metzger building, is now located in the Carlson building, across the street from his old stand. A strictly quiet and moral place to visit. Laundry agency.

CITY SCHOOLS PROGRESSIVE

PORTLAND, Nov. 24—(Special)—With the coming of City Superintendent Alderman there has been a complete change in the Portland school system. There is more flexibility, less arbitrary control, and the principals and teachers are given more latitude in initiation. The result is seen in the progressive actions taken. In the Lents school Wednesday, November 26, the boys and girls will show what they have done in raising chickens. More than 110 boys and girls have entered a contest there and will show more than 300 birds. They have raised since this contest was started more than 1000 birds, and the pick will be shown at the contest. The pupils have made their own coops and taken care of the chickens which they will show. Prizes will be given. Meier & Frank donated 100 books. The Portland Commercial club will present a silver cup to the boy and girl who makes the best showing. Phillip Bates will present the cup in behalf of the club. C. C. Chapman, of the club, will present a flag to the class room which makes the best showing. This show is along the line of industrial instruction.

Byron Reynolds, who owns a large farm on the Sandy road, offers to pay for the hard-surfacing of the road in front of his farm if the county will do its part. He says that he is anxious to have the improvement made on the Sandy road that it might be an object lesson to other property owners on that road. He expresses the hope that all the owners on the Sandy road to Fairview may be lined up in favor of hard-surface improvement. He declares that he wants work to start on the pavement as soon as possible. His offer was referred to the advisory committee of the highway board. It is highly probable that Mr. Reynolds' offer will be taken advantage of, and that many miles of hard-surface pavements will be laid on the roads of Multnomah this year.

Just now there is a big row over a letter L. M. Lepper, president of the Greater East Side clubs sent to the mayor and city commissioners, criticizing the city administration. This letter is purported to have the endorsement of 54 civic clubs and is signed by Mr. Lepper as president. Practically all the clubs have repudiated the letter, and now Mr. Lepper comes forward and says that the letter was simply his own expression and was not intended as an expression from the clubs. The incident is considered unfortunate as Mr. Lepper has been a very useful man on the club work of Portland. The result of this incident may be the disruption of the Greater East Side clubs as delegates from the active clubs will probably withdraw. The consensus of opinion is that the city administration should be given time in which to demonstrate what it can do before any set of clubs "jump on it." "Give the city commissioners opportunity to show what they can do," is the consensus of opinion. L. H. WELLS.

Additional Gresham Locals. A popular means of advertising public events these days is by means of posters. The Outlook shop has recently turned out nearly a score for dances, shooting matches and other affairs. They keep the public posted.

A silver medal contest is being arranged by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, to be held on the evening of Dec. 4, in the Commercial hall. Nine contestants will take part and several fine musical numbers will be rendered.

Miss Anna Hoecker returned Saturday from a three weeks' visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kehm at Ilwaco, Washington.

The Gresham Library will be closed all day and evening on Thursday.

Word was received from Ashland on Sunday that H. M. Kirschbaum had died there that morning. His nephew, Ed. Speth, was with him, also his aged sister Mary. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon. Mr. Kirschbaum was 72 years of age and had been ailing for several years.

Thanksgiving being a holiday there will be no delivery on the rural carrier's window will be open will be open from 9 to 10 and the general delivery from 9 to 11.

AN EXTENDED BASE LINE

With the announcement that the sum of \$900,000 is to be spent on the public roads of Multnomah county next year then has been an interest reawakened in an old project to extend the Base Line road from its present actual eastern terminus at the intersection of the Troutdale road near the foot of Baker's hill.

John B. Yeon, the new roadmaster is in favor of a new road from the bridge at Troutdale along the west side of the Sandy river to the other bridge at the automobile club's resort, but it is said that an effort will be made to have the Base Line road extended instead unless it is found desirable to open both of them.

About two years ago the extension of the Base Line road was suggested and faint efforts were made to have the work done. Nothing came of it, however at that time, and it is now suggested again. The extension will cover about one mile, and will be easy of construction except the bridge across the Sandy river. From that point the proposed road along the Sandy would lead direct to the club house. It would be one of the most important pieces of road building in the county.

The opening of the road would require another substantial bridge across the Sandy and the usual work of clearing, grading and graveling. It would bring all the territory east of the Sandy into closer connection with Portland and all the western part of the county. Heretofore those who live east of the Sandy have been obliged to make wide detours and climb steep hills to get into the leading thoroughfare to the city, but the opening now contemplated will give them a direct road without hills and make a saving of several miles in distance.

The land through which the proposed extension of the Base Line road is to be made belongs to Samuel Strebis, E. T. Williams and A. B. Conrad. All of them agreed to donate the necessary right of way two years ago for a road 60 feet wide and they offered to assist in every other way to have the extension made. They are probably of the same mind yet. The new bridge across the Sandy would be the greatest expense, but there seems to be enough money to carry out the project. The fact that there would be but slight grade would make the new road the most traveled of any in that vicinity.

Surveys have been made showing the practicability of the extension and the project has the endorsement of the road supervisors on both sides of the Sandy river.

An effort will be made to have the new roadmaster consider the project with a view to having the work done.

MRS. NANCY T. JONES PASSES AWAY

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Nancy T. Jones at the Good Samaritan hospital where she had been taken for an operation.

Mrs. Jones was 73 years of age and had lived in Oregon for the past 23 years, being a native of New York. She was the mother of Mrs. L. E. Chipman, of Gresham, other surviving children being J. B. Jones, of Cottrell; Albert Jones, of Concordia, Kansas; Beacher Jones, of Hillsboro; Mrs. C. M. Byrson, of Beaverton, and Mrs. Lottie Kerr. She had been living with the last named at Hillsboro, from where the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Jones was quite well known in this vicinity, having lived here and at Cottrell with her daughter and son at different periods. Another daughter, Mrs. Irene Koellmeier, died about two years ago.

The Hotel Condgon will serve a turkey dinner with all the usual trimmings on Thanksgiving day from 12 noon till evening. The price will be 50 cents.

Prescription: Just a few drops of want ad. oil applied twice a week.

Roset your Thanksgiving meals in a Savory Roaster. From 50c to \$1.75. At Sterling & Kisser's.

E. C. Lindsey and wife and granddaughter, Miss Helen Metzger will go to Warren tomorrow to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Erickson.

If you find out that something you have no use for has "got your goat" try a want ad.