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GREAT HASTE IS RESENTED

SPRINGDALE, Dec. 15.
Editor Gresham Outlook:—I was somewhat surprised to see the statement in Friday's Outlook that "a petition was filed yesterday with the commissioners by owners of 265 acres of property abutting on the proposed road, etc. This under the heading "Hard Surface for Part of Base Line," the parties who were circulating that petition must have been in a great hurry to get the petition before the commissioners, as they were at my place at about 4:30 p. m. Wednesday. They represented to me that the county was to bear sixty per cent of the expenses, and the property owners forty per cent; also that Mr. Yeon was at the time, out with the county engineer to devise a means of eliminating the present heavy grade. Also that the expense would be much less than the ten thousand dollars per mile estimated for the hard surfacing of the Base Line west of the Sandy river. Much of this I think will be found untruth. However, I signed the petition. Since then I have looked into the matter to some extent, and the conclusion is this: It would be folly for this strip of road from the north end of the upper Sandy bridge to Chanticleer to be hard surfaced under present conditions. In the first place, the grade is too steep for horses to stand up on; without a load and therefore, would be useless for a team with a load to pull. It would be a fine thing for the automobile speeders and that is the most that can be said of such a road. I would say, let the Base Line first be improved from Montavilla to its present terminus at the Melrose farm. And if Mr. Yeon wants to do the east end of the county a real benefit, let the Base Line be opened direct from Melrose farm to the Sandy river, put in a high bridge at that point across the Sandy, and continue the road direct; or as near as possible along the Base Line to the present level grade between section 32 on the north and five on the south side of the line. By such an improvement, Portland would be benefited. Gresham would be greatly benefited by a more direct road from east of the Sandy, and the whole country east of the Sandy would have a much improved outlet, both to Portland and Gresham, and to Troutdale and Fairview as well. I have said "east of the Sandy, but this portion is both east and north. I would say to the farmers of this neighborhood, Go slow on signing this petition for having the present road hard surfaced from the Sandy bridge to Chanticleer. But let us have the high bridge across the Sandy on the Base Line direct, and there will be real lasting improvement for East Multnomah. H. W. CANZLER.

A few extra copies of the holiday issue are yet to be had for mailing. Five cents a copy, postage paid.

Lents Grange Elects Officers.

At the annual meeting of Lents grange Saturday the following officers were elected: master, T. J. Kreuder, re-elected; overseer, W. A. Govund; lecturer, Maud K. Darnall; steward, Jacob Nelson; assistant steward, A. F. Miller; chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Miller; treasurer, Ida Fahler; secretary, Mrs. W. L. Hotchkiss; gatekeeper, L. Blaufaus; Ceres Stella Henderson; Pomona, Dora Smith; Flora, Murrel Smith; assistant steward, Mrs. J. Atkins.

LAFFERTY SECURES DESERVED PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Representative Lafferty has procured favorable committee reports since the beginning of the present regular session of congress December 1 on his bills granting pensions to the following persons of Portland: Robert D. Rector, 1100 Powell Valley road, \$40 per month; Edward D. Hamilton, 14 Fremont street, \$40 per month; Samuel W. McLean, 6821, 51st avenue, S. E., \$24 per month; and Mrs. Nancy E. Tate, 1523 Oatman street, Mrs. Rebecca Crawford, 1915 East Everett street, and Mrs. Mary E. Dager, 194 12th street, each \$12 per month. Pension bills favorably reported by the committee are passed by the House and Senate as a matter of course, and the bills above mentioned will be finally passed in the near future.

PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST church. Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; Young People's meeting 8:30; preaching at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Hoy, Pastor.

GENEROUS GRESHAM GIVES TIMELY AID

The Women's Home Missionary society of Gresham made an appeal for assistance to the needy and are gratified to say that the responses have been far in excess of all expectations. The response has been wonderful and great quantities of clothing and provisions have been sent in. The result is a credit to the spirit of the people.

Two families have been completely fitted out with clothing and provisions. A quantity of fruits and jellies were sent to the old people's home at Salem; the Portland Industrial home received a large share and the balance went to the Portland distributing center to go where most needed.

The missionary committee of Gresham consists of Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman, Miss Mabel Thomas and Mrs. Annie Hevel.

MADE IN OREGON INDUSTRIAL SLOGAN

Incidental to the expected automobile factory and canning establishment in Gresham the following is appropriate as an expression of an idea that is fast gaining ground:

"Back of the principles, a wider use of Oregon goods, lies the deeper problem of securing a larger and more varied assortment of made-in-Oregon articles," said Colonel E. Hofer, in addressing the class in economics at the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Hofer had just been introduced to the class by Dean Bexell, head of the commercial department, as "a man with ideas with which everybody doesn't agree."

"Yes, said he, "I believe in the widest possible use of made-in-Oregon products, and I consider it my mission to try to aid in bringing about Oregon factories to supply these products. Too many of our raw materials are sent out of the state to be manufactured into finished products and returned to us for our use. These window sashes and doors were grown in Oregon forests, sent to Sears & Roebuck, where they were manufactured, then returned and put into this building."

"The tendency now in political economy is to locate factories close to the raw material, rather than in the large cities. There are many reasons for this. Transportation charges are lessened, and when the finished products are consumed near the factories these charges are saved. Sites for location of factories are cheaper and more commodious. Building material is more plentiful. Interest on the investment, taxes and cost of repairs are lighter than on the city plants. Labor is more plentiful and labor conditions more pleasant and sanitary. There is hardly a county in Oregon that could not profitably establish one or more manufacturing plants."

"Our resources are varied enough to supply all our needs. Already we are producing a little of most everything that we eat or wear. Some of our factories are wonderfully successful. Such are the woolen mills, paper mills, cheese factories and a number of co-operative canning factories."

"That these should be enlarged and many more established in many parts of Oregon, I believe so firmly that I have issued a call for manufacturers and others to meet at Corvallis January 14-15, to consider these questions. A large number have already assured me that they will attend, and it is not too much to hope that we have reached the time when discussions and addresses shall give way to action."

HARD TIMES BALL NEW YEAR'S EVE

A genuine hard times dance, with two cash prizes as an inducement to wear your worst clothes, will be given at the Commercial Club hall Gresham, on New Year's eve. The gentleman who sustains the best character of hard luck will get \$2.50; the lady, \$1.50. There will be good management and a good time. All are welcome. Come and dance the old year out and the new year in to the best four-piece union orchestra ever here. Dancing 8:30 to 3. Tickets, \$1.00; gentlemen spectators 25 cents; ladies free. Supper at the Congdon. 87

A Laurel Range would suit the housekeeper for a Christmas present. At Sterling & Kidder's.

POMONA GRANGE HEARS DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS

Multnomah County Grange Membership.	
Columbia	66
Evening Star	259
Fairview	44
Gresham	75
Lents	173
Multnomah	68
Pleasant Valley	45
Rockwood	50
Russellville	71
Woodlawn	75
Total	932

Wednesday's session of Pomona grange at Rockwood was the best in every way of any session that has been held for nearly two years.

The attendance during the day and evening was more than 300, the session lasting from 10 o'clock in the morning until 9:30 in the evening.

Besides the large representation from Multnomah county granges there were visitors from Forest Grove, Vancouver, Milwaukie and Oswego. Mrs. Orla Buxton, wife of Past State Master Buxton, was a participant in the program and delivered a helpful address on "Woman's Work."

George P. Larson and C. H. Falk from Vancouver were there in the interests of the fair at Vancouver, Mr. Larson being the secretary and manager for the coming year.

He announced that the fair would broaden its scope and would hereafter be known as the Interstate fair, and that it would reach out for exhibits into Oregon and especially among the granges of Eastern Multnomah.

A new idea in securing exhibits from granges is advanced in the plan to pay for them in addition to the premiums they may win.

It was announced that the exhibits will be paid for on the distance system of one dollar per mile, the money to go to the person designated by the grange as superintendent of the exhibit. Three entry tickets additional will be allowed.

A proposition to have the members of all granges meet with the Clark county Pomona on one day of the Interstate fair which shall be known as grange day, was favorably received and acted upon. There will probably be a large attendance, as the Pomona session there lasts two days and has a large membership.

Verbal Fireworks.

A pyrotechnic outburst was almost imminent in the debate that followed a motion to reconsider a resolution adopted by the grange at the Woodlawn session last September. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas: The initiative, on account of the low rate of percentage required to initiate a measure—it being 8 per cent—is often taken advantage of by designing persons to initiate pet measures of their own that are both useless and cumbersome to the ballot, misleading and confusing to the voter, and

"Whereas: The granges of this state are and have been advocates

of good government and good laws; also standing as sponsors for the initiative and referendum.

"Resolved, That we favor the amendment of the initiative, that will require the signatures of not less than 15 per cent of the legal voters of the state to initiate and place it upon the ballot to be voted upon at the next general election thereafter."

The resolution was originally introduced in March but was laid over until June and then to September upon request of W. H. H. Dufur, who introduced it, on account of being unable to attend the June session. At Woodlawn in September, it came up and was adopted.

R. W. Gill was the first speaker in opposition to the resolution who opposed the measure as one that would be too drastic, arguing that it would be impossible for the grange or any individual to initiate a measure except at excessive cost.

But the words that almost precipitated a display of forensic fireworks were said by W. A. Young who referred to Mr. Dufur as a corporation attorney, seeking to place insurmountable in the way of everyone and everybody except the big interests.

Mr. Dufur resented this statement in vigorous language and defended his measure in a way that showed his rising wrath. Eugene Palmer poured oil on the troubled waters by a very temperate speech, and on motion the matter was made a special order for the next session at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the fireworks are expected to illumine the grange atmosphere in a remarkable manner.

Game Measure Killed.

The resolution, asking for an amendment of the game laws, permitting of the sale of game in the public markets and to prevent hunting with dogs, was killed after a speech by R. W. Gill, who opposed it. The measure was introduced by the Masters' and Lecturers' association.

Evening Star grange members to the number of more than 50, representing all the officers and the degree team, conferred the third and fourth degrees on four candidates for Rockwood grange and gave an exhibition of the harvest marches and fancy drills.

Two good meals, such as Rockwood grange knows how to provide, were served to more than 300 persons, and a splendid program was given at the close of the fifth degree with which 29 candidates were invested.

The next session will be held at Russellville in March.

AND THE FISH ALL GOT AWAY

George Shirley and W. H. Harmon made a trip to the upper Sandy after salmon, which came near ending disastrously. They struck the river above the Revenue bridge, among the labyrinth of deep gorges. While climbing around a rocky cliff Harmon slipped into a bottomless pool, and Shirley had to haul him out with a 20-foot sapling. No fish were caught on this trip.—The Oregon Sportsman.

Grand Mask Ball

City Hall Fairview

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

☞ Come and enjoy a Christmas Eve dance in this fine hall with new floor.

☞ Music by Latourell's Popular Orchestra. E. E. Heslin Floor Manager.

☞ None allowed on floor without a mask. Masks off after 11 o'clock.

☞ Prizes 2.50 for each of the two best sustained characters, lady and gentleman.

☞ Chicken Supper served in the building, plates 50c.

TICKETS ONE DOLLAR

GRESHAM MAN WINS LAWSUIT

Raleigh Adams of Gresham was victorious in a lawsuit before Judge Kavanagh last Friday and was awarded a judgment for \$5000.

Two real estate promoters, T. J. Leonard and C. O. Donovan made a deal with him for his farm at White Salmon, trading therefor a large tract of land in southern California. They showed titles and abstract, but it proved that the land was still owned by the government and that the papers were forgeries. Several other persons were caught in the same swindle and the two promoters were arrested and given a trial. One of them was sentenced to a term in the pen but is out on bail. The other O. Donovan, is now in the county jail.

Mr. Adams found enough property to satisfy his judgment and has an attachment upon it, but he will be unable to get his farm back as it was sold to an innocent third party within five days after the trade. That was the method the two promoters took to get money out of their deals.

PARCEL POST LAW FAVORS BOOK SALES

Cheering information comes from Washington that patrons and managers of county, local and circulating libraries will profit by the early admission of books to the parcel post. Postmaster-General Burleson favors such admission and it is understood that the approval of the Interstate Commerce commission may give effect to an order of the postoffice department extending the parcel post service as indicated. This was the original plan of the parcel post bill as framed by Jonathan Bourne, but because of the vigorous protest of printers who had been led to believe that their interests would suffer, this provision was eliminated lest it might endanger the whole bill.

So far as Oregon is concerned, libraries will be most affected by the admission of books to the parcel post. The Oregon Library commission has several small libraries which it sends to rural districts of the state, now sending them by express. The express service is not only expensive but is unsatisfactory because it does not extend to remote sections.

With books admitted to the parcel post a package of 20 pounds could be sent 150 miles, air line, for 24 cents. By forwarding the books from one location to another, the distance would never exceed the 150-mile rate, an exceedingly low charge, especially where the transportation is all or in part over a stage line.

Application of parcel post rates to books also will be of great benefit to rural patrons of local libraries. The present rate on books is one cent for each two ounces, or 8 cents a pound. The parcel post rate on rural routes is 5 cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional two pounds. By arrangement with the librarian, a family could obtain three or four books at one time, thus making the postage charge inconceivable.

Ever since the adoption of the parcel post law, efforts have been on foot to have books admitted to the list of articles mailable under the low rates.

The chief difficulty has been to draw a distinction between books and pamphlets and to leave circulars the present rate of one cent for each two ounces, regardless of distance, and to avoid the apparent inconsistency of giving books the old rate of 8 cents a pound regardless of distance, whereas the eighth zone rate under the parcel post is 12 cents a pound.

Senator Bourne thought he had the most practical solution of this difficulty by combining the third (printed matter) class and the fourth class, in the parcel post, giving circulars a rate of one cent per ounce. It is not known how Postmaster Burleson has worked the matter out, but it is understood that he has submitted a plan to the Interstate Commerce commission, whose approval is required by law before an extension of the parcel post can be effective.

Time Extended.

An extension of 30 days will be given on subscriptions to the Weekly Oregonian at bargain rates. The price for it and the Outlook in combination for one year is \$1.75. This offer will positively close on Jan. 1.

Weekly Oregonian subscription offer extended.

GRESHAM FOR COUNTY SEAT

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(Special)—If Portland and Multnomah county, should consolidate it would likely mean that Gresham would be made the county seat of a new county. According to the enabling act passed at the last session of the legislature a vote will be taken next November to enable cities of 100,000 people to consolidate with the county in which the city is located, which applies only to Portland and Multnomah county. The matter will go on the ballot automatically next November, and if this amendment to the state constitution is carried it will then be possible to initiate a measure to consolidate the city and county. According to this act none of the territory outside the boundaries of the city could be made a part of the consolidated city and county, but the territory outside would either have to be annexed to the adjoining counties or be formed into an independent county. So if Portland and Multnomah county are merged there would be enough territory east of Portland out of which to erect a new county with Gresham as the county seat. Gresham could demand and collect a portion of the money that has been spent in the erection of the \$1,000,000 court house. Since the act has been explained there is not quite so much enthusiasm for the measure, yet it may be brought about in about four years.

Considerable progress has been made toward the construction of a macadam road from Sandy to Pleasant Home. According to the latest reports about \$2000 had been pledged toward the construction of this road besides the \$1000 pledged by E. H. Wempe, of Portland, and the special taxes levied. This road will follow the bluff above Sandy river and will be at once one of the scenic roads of the state.

Sandy people are again promised a railway from Boring along the county road. The Industrial Development company submitted a proposition to the Sandy Commercial club last Thursday night which was accepted, that the club endorse the application of the company. Accordingly the club sent delegates to the Clackamas court and made it plain to the commissioners that they approved of this franchise and wanted the road. It will be a new car line and the motive power will be electric-gasoline, something new in the railways.

I was gratified on receiving the Outlook for this week to see that the editor Mr. St. Clair was generous enough to give credit publicly to E. L. Thorpe for his fine work on this special edition of the paper. It is an edition that ranks very high in point of the matter, appearance, style of composition, and the general make up of the paper.

It pulsates. There is action and movement on every page.

Without question it was one of the ablest publications of the sort issued from a country newspaper office in this state the present year. It is highly creditable to the editor and the man who wrote the matter. Of course, those of us in Portland who have known Thorpe are in no way surprised at the high character of the stories and written part. We would naturally expect him to do high-grade work. He can't very well do otherwise.

St. Johns' council has voted to purchase a \$10,000 chemical fire engine one with hose and pump attachments. It has not been decided whether the money will be raised through the sale of bonds or by special taxation. St. Johns owes about \$76,000 now, but the average man there is not concerned, as he expects to lump the burden on to Portland when St. Johns is annexed to Portland. They count on annexation coming some time, and hence why should they worry, about a few hundred thousands in bonds.

L. H. WELLS.

When you want to know what to select for appropriate Christmas presents just look over the ads. in the Outlook. They will help you.

"I ain't losing my faith in human nature," said Uncle Eben, "but I kain't help noticin' dat dere's allus mo' articles advertised 'Lost' dan dar is 'Found.'"

A new class in fundamental music training will form Saturday, December 27, 1913. Those desiring to enter please see me before December 22. MISS FLORENCE M. HONEY.

Lowden Tubular cow stanchions are here. Sterling & Kidder's.