

## OFFICERS FOR 1914 FAIR

**Fair Officers, 1914.**  
President.....H. A. Lewis  
Vice-President.....R. W. Gill  
Secretary.....E. L. Thorpe  
Treasurer.....Theodore Brugger

**Executive Committee**  
A. Lewis, F. H. Crane,  
W. Gill, D. M. Roberts,  
P. Miller.

receipts of the Multnomah Fair association for the year were \$9157.21. The expenses were \$796.58 leaving a balance for this year of \$360.63.

The last meeting of the old board of directors was held in the city yesterday forenoon at which all business connected with the fair was completed before noon, the principal event of which was the election of the finance committee who will handle the books of the secretary and treasurer neatly and systematically and tallying with each other.

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A few other ideas for civic betterments were expressed, including a clean-up day and all the other things that go to make a city beautiful. The matter of sewers was spoken of as a far away and unattainable object, as they are very costly and the septic tank system will be sufficient for awhile yet.

When there is such a general desire for better streets the public should be enlightened as to how to proceed in the way of their attainment. Mayor Shattuck is in full possession of the details necessary to start with, but the cost is a problem to be considered. That it will be considerable is conceded, but perhaps the county will undertake to share the expense by paving the center of some of the streets, especially Main and Powell, for a width of sixteen or twenty feet. In that case the efforts to induce property holders to engage in the work would be easier and more could be accomplished.

The methods to be pursued are either by resolution of the council or by petition of the property owners. If the council passes a resolution to do the work the people would have the right to remonstrate. If no remonstrance is filed the work could proceed in short order.

The other plan of procedure, that of getting the petition first, is more sure to bring results, as there would probably be no remonstrance and the danger of delay would be minimized.

After the work has been authorized the payment for the improvement can be made easy by bonding the abutting property for the period of ten years at 6 per cent interest. It is likely that the bonds would sell at par.

As large an area of such street work could be made as the people desire. The more work to be done the cheaper it would be, comparatively, for no contractor would accept a small job, at the same price per square yard that he would do a big job for. As many of the other streets than the two mentioned could be included at first as there are property owners willing to stand the cost, but Main and Powell streets, which are most in need of a hard surface would probably get county assistance making the work on them a great deal the lowest priced.

**Prize Ball.**  
There will be a prize ball at Metzger's hall on Friday evening, January 16, at which prizes will be given as follows: Fifty tickets sold, \$2.50; sixty tickets sold, two prizes, \$2.50 each; seventy-five tickets sold, two prizes, \$5 and \$2.50; 100 tickets sold, \$10 and all the others as above.

There will be music by a union orchestra; good management. Everybody welcome. Tickets \$1.00, spectators, 25 cents.

The board adjourned to meet again on Monday, January 26, at which time all of the former superintendents are requested to be present with suggestions for the new premium list.

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## PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT IN LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

### NEED HARD SURFACE

The coming year should be one of improvement in Gresham. Aside from the growth of the town in the erection of new buildings, there is the matter of municipal improvements that have lagged somewhat since the water system, city hall and fountain were built.

The question was put to several of the most prominent persons in Gresham as to what they considered the most important object in view or the most important improvement needed and they were unanimous in making their first answer. In fact they had no other tangible idea as to what Gresham needs the most. Or at least they were timid about expressing themselves on other subjects.

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### TRAIN THE CHILDREN

**ALL'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD.**

"The year's at the spring  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hillside's dew pearled;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the Thorn;  
God's ni his heaven—  
All's right with the world!"

Robt. Browning.

J. E. Stubbs, principal of the Gresham schools, quoted the exquisite gem from Browning, given above, and said:

Truly, we of the school world share the optimism and buoyancy of spirit of Browning's little silk weaver this balmy morning, and from our viewpoint "all's right with the world."

The school of a century ago made men receptive; of 50 years ago, reflective; of today, we hope, largely executive. We must train the boys and girls so that they may become of service to the community in which they live. At the same time, culture must be inculcated, so that they may appreciatively live their lives while making a living. We can think of no one individual who better typifies what a well-rounded school training should produce than President Woodrow Wilson, a gentleman of breadth and culture and our chief executive. How good he is in execution was shown by the recent passage of the currency bill at his behest.

Old customs and usages have gone; we must meet the issues of today. How well we do this determines our efficiency. The old monetary law, applicable at the time of the civil war, has given way to the new currency law which we hope will meet the present needs of the country. And, as with the nation, so with the school; we must meet the needs of today.

We are told that our pupils in the schools as a whole are somewhat lacking in gumption. That is, they do not use the wit with which they are endowed. This is an issue that we are striving to meet. We must be practical in everything we teach. History, for instance, should train the judgment, and not merely the memory. What an asset it is to the man who has formed the habit of correct judgments! Have you ever known a man, who has pronounced views on current topics, but, unfortunately for him, his views are nearly always wrong. His is the habit of incorrect judgments. He has failed to use his endowment.

The schools must aid in the formation of habits of industry, train minds to plan, and hands to execute. I have read somewhere "If the student is getting something day by day which, in his senses, is going to help him succeed as he sees success, he will pursue his other studies with greater willingness and better results, all of which tends to higher scholarship within the school, as well as to greater efficiency afterward. The home credit plan is designed to aid in the formation of the habits of industry, and hands are trained to execute in manual training, in the laboratory, and, soon we hope, shall be in the domestic science department.

John B. Yeon, the newly appointed road master of this county, in an interview in yesterday's Oregonian attributed his present success in life to service, as he stated it, "always doing more than was expected of him." Today, one of the students in high school reported to class with nearly 100 pages of arithmetic in advance. "Always doing more than expected." Will she be successful later on in life? No question about it.

I wish that time and space were mine so that I might fully develop my thought; but I must pass hurriedly along, barely touching on what I feel the Outlook wished me to give.

The high school has an enrollment of 76. Of these sixteen are taking the teacher's training course. There are thirteen in agriculture. There should be 40 in this department, because it is intensely practical and typifies our requirements.

### WOMEN WILL WORK BOOKS AND READING

**A Little Pledge.**

I want to make our town a pleasanter place to live in by helping to keep yards and streets and alleys clean; by making gardens and keeping lawns in good condition; by beginning at home and then helping others.

**John Ruskin Says:**

"When men are rightfully occupied their amusement grows out of their work as the color petals out of a fruitful flower."

When Mrs. Charles Cleveland, president of the Women's Civic Improvement club, was asked for a brief synopsis of the coming work of her organization she quoted John Ruskin.

The quotation breathes the spirit of progress that permeates the club and gives a forecast of the ideals in view. Then she said:

"So you want me to tell you what the committee of Women voters is planning for '14. Our plans are all contained in the idea of the home beautiful and the city beautiful. They should go together. Beautiful homes, beautiful public buildings, well-kept lawns and clean streets go far toward the health and happiness of our children's minds and bodies.

"Every community should have a committee urging standards of beauty, and protesting against everything that is ugly.

"The planting of trees and flowers, and clean streets will help to beautify.

"We intend to organize a floral league and with the co-operation of the city government we hope to do much good work in this direction. Too late last year we talked of flower shows, but this year we will have them. Prizes will be given. We are interested in all things beautiful.

**Our motto is—**  
"For all that is good and right—  
"Our work is divided into sections which are—

Civic Improvement, home industry, social, music, good roads, laws and legislation.

"We hope next year to have a good report of what the club did for the town during 1914.

"Why can we not all sign a little pledge to do our part in making our homes better, our surroundings more beautiful and by helping others to do the same?"

The Parent-Teacher's association will hold its second meeting sometime in the near future at the schoolhouse. The present plans are to have a speaker from elsewhere, songs by the high school chorus, music by the high school orchestra, exercises by the primary pupils, no other meeting announced for that night and consequently a large attendance.

In this vicinity. I hope to see a strong agricultural department at Gresham, and I also hope to see the 1915 legislature pass a state aid law for agricultural departments in high schools. Minnesota already has such a law. We hear "back to the farm." Yes, if they know the fundamentals of farming, when they get there. Let's begin at the fountain head in this matter.

The high school has its debating teams, basket ball, indoor baseball, and tennis organizations and all are planning a busy season, and we shall give more attention to organized play in the grades this spring.

We can build up the high school by conserving the pupils in the grades. This means a good teacher in every grade. Next year's freshman class will be the largest in our history, because we are going to conserve our eighth grade class. Twenty-two of them!

In athletics, we have what we term "team work." In school, we call it co-operation of home and school, unity of purpose in the pupils and harmony in the teaching corps; but, whatever the name, the ends are the same, and with strength of purpose and by "hewing to the line" we shall certainly attain success in whatever laudable endeavors our efforts may direct us.

## STOCK HOLDERS RULE MEETING

Yesterday's gathering of stockholders of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone Co., was attended by the largest number ever assembled together before belonging to that organization.

The cause of the large attendance was the interest taken by many in the proposal of the board of directors to buy a site and put up a telephone exchange. It developed that the greater majority were opposed to the plan and the board was instructed to do nothing of the kind during the coming year.

It was known that the board, or a portion of it, had taken an option for 60 days on George Kenney's property west of the Odd Fellows' hall, paying ten dollars therefor. After a heated debate on both sides a decided vote settled the matter for this year, at least.

The election for directors to hold during the next five years resulted in the selection of John Sleret and A. B. Conrad to succeed themselves.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTS OFFICERS

The Sunday school board of the Methodist Episcopal church met last night and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: superintendent, Mrs. L. C. St. Clair; secretary, Miss Margaret Burke; assistant secretary, Keith Lyman; treasurer, Mrs. Arza Smith; superintendent of the primary department, Mrs. C. E. Rusher; librarian, Miss Gertrude Eastman; organist, Miss Gladys Neal chorister, C. E. Rusher.

Teachers for the eleven classes were confirmed by the board. Those in the primary department are Miss Helen Hoss, Mrs. George Page, Miss Margaret Creecy and Miss Echo Jones. In the intermediate department the two classes of boys, the K. O. T. and the Junior K. C. T., Rev. Melville T. Wire and Mrs. Myrtle Myers are the teachers and Mrs. Lillian Pullen has the class of girls. The junior department comprises two classes, one for young ladies and one for young men. Miss Aurilla Hoagland teaches the former and Miss Mina Gilbert the latter. Mrs. L. C. St. Clair has the young peoples' Bible class and James Lawrence the adult Bible class.

A resolution of appreciation was passed by the board for the services of H. L. St. Clair, the outgoing superintendent, who has held that office for the last nine years.

### HIGH SCHOOLS WILL DEBATE

The long expected high school debates will be held on Friday evening next between the contestants of the Gresham High and Tillamook in the assembly hall here. The Gresham affirmative will be handled by Laura Davis and Mabel Shipley. On the same night the Gresham negative debaters will meet the St. Johns, the two debaters from here being Hazel Goger and May Doherty, with Keith Lyman as alternate. The question is the same for both—Resolved, that the U. S. should maintain a large navy.

### DR. J. N. POWELL BACK TO FRISCO

Dr. J. N. Powell left yesterday for his home in San Francisco, having spent a month here in connection with settling up the Dr. J. P. Powell estate, of which J. N. Clanan is administrator. There are 15 heirs, five children and ten grandchildren living in Oregon, Washington and California. The varied and complicated conditions have made it very difficult to bring about a settlement satisfactory to all.

The value of the estate is in the neighborhood of \$25,000, involving 50 acres of land in Gresham and vicinity.

### NEW COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE

The Gresham common council will meet tonight for organization when the two new councilmen will take their seats and a third will continue where he has been for the past two years by choice of the voters. The new ones are George F. Honey and R. H. Todd. Joe Patenaude will succeed himself.

It is expected at least it is rumored that Councilman Kardell will resign and that George W. Kenney will be re-elected to fill the vacancy, he being one of the two who go out. T. R. Howitt is the other.

## DEBATE

Gresham H. S. —versus— Tillamook H. S.  
Affirmative Negative

HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL  
Friday, January 9, 8:30 p.m.

United effort builds up the School. You are needed