

NEW COUNCIL IS ORGANIZED

Gresham City Officials.
 Mayor Lewis Shattuck
 Recorder D. M. Roberts
 Treasurer J. H. Metzger
 Marshal James McKinney

Councilmen.
 Geo. F. Honey, M. D. Kern
 Geo. W. Kenney, L. L. Kidder
 Joe Pateneau, R. H. Todd

Standing Committees.
 Health and Police—Joe Pateneau, Ray H. Todd, L. L. Kidder.
 Fire and Water—Joe Pateneau, Geo. W. Kenney, M. D. Kern.
 Ways and Means—L. L. Kidder, M. D. Kern, Ray H. Todd.
 Streets and Public Ways—Geo. W. Kenney, M. D. Kern, Geo. Honey.
 Public Property—Geo. F. Honey, Ray H. Todd, L. L. Kidder.

Gresham's new city council, for the year of 1914, was organized on Tuesday evening with the seating of the newly elected councilmen and the appointment of the standing committees for the coming year.

The principal event of importance was the resignation of Councilman Kardell who is about to move away from the city, and the election of his successor. Two names were offered, those of Geo. W. Kenney and S. S. Thompson. The vote resulted in the choice of Mr. Kenney receiving three votes to Mr. Thompson's two.

The council was called to order by Mayor Shattuck. After reading the minutes the recorder announced that the 3 councilmen elected had duly qualified and were entitled to their seats. Those taking their places were Joe Pateneau, re-elected, George F. Honey and Ray H. Todd. The outgoing councilmen were Geo. W. Kenney and T. R. Howitt. Jas. McKinney was reported as having qualified as marshal.

The resignation of E. G. Kardell as councilman was read and accepted. A vacancy thus having occurred the council thought it advisable to fill the vacancy at this meeting. Geo. Kenney and S. S. Thompson were nominated. On vote of the five councilmen Mr. Kenney received three votes and Mr. Thompson two votes, and Mr. Kenney was declared elected. Taking the oath of office he was given a seat on the council at once.

Mayor Shattuck announced standing committees as given above.

Mayor Shattuck stated that Geo. W. Stapleton had, by the mayor's request, reported to him in regard to the hard-surfacing of the county roads between Gresham and Portland. Mr. Stapleton had been in conference with John B. Yoen, road superintendent of Multnomah county, and stated that the town could have its leading streets paved in connection with the county's work by presenting to the county a petition of the owners of abutting property asking for said improvement and agreeing to stand one-half the cost. The matter was referred to the street committee.

It was ordered that connections be purchased to place on the standpipes on Cleveland avenue so that the regulation fire hose may be attached.

The question of the appointment of water commissioner being placed before the council, the matter was referred by Mayor Shattuck to the committee on Fire and Water and the committee on Streets and Public Ways.

Ben Mathews, ex-city water superintendent, volunteered to look after the work of that department for one week free of charge.

Fire Chief Etsell Jones made a report showing an enrollment of 23 men at present. Eleven calls to fires had been made during the past year.

Recorder Roberts presented a request to the council from the Woodmen of the World, of Portland, asking for the use of the fair grounds on July 4th. On motion it was ordered that the council grant the Woodmen free use of the grounds provided there be no charge at the gates.

A communication from Attorney M. C. King was placed on file until next regular meeting.

It was reported that the revenue

TWO PRECINCTS FOR GRESHAM

Gresham precinct for voting purposes at political elections only, has been cut into two pieces. Geographically they are not halves, but they are supposed to be nearly equal in voting strength.

Gresham precinct is the only one in Eastern Multnomah so far as heard from, that has been bisected and the dividing line is Powell street. Hereafter, until further notice they will be officially known as No. 308 south, Gresham, and No. 309 north Gresham.

As the territory formerly embraced in Gresham precinct has somewhere around 600 voters, and the law allows but half that number for one polling place, it was necessary to make twins of it and the desired result has been accomplished.

All those living north of Powell street may vote, as they did the last time, in the city hall. Those on the south side will have to do the suffrage and suffrage act in whatever place the county selects—possibly in the old livery barn across from the city hall. Then the voters from the south and the north may make faces at each other with Powell street between.

An army of judges and clerks big enough for Governor West to send to Copperfield will be required for the two polling places—twenty-four in all. There will be a day board and a night board and the county will have to pay their board while on duty.

A peculiar condition has arisen: The dominant party just now is the democratic with the republicans and the Bull Moosers trailing behind. The law requires that they shall all be represented on election boards and that the strongest in numbers shall have the chairmanship. So for the first time since Johnson creek became a sewer there will be a democratic chairman at every polling place in Multnomah county. It is not reported that there will be any scarcity of material. The first clerk must likewise be a democrat and there is where some of the women get left. As a great many of them are refusing to tell which party they belong to they will have to be left out, however competent or desirable they may be.

The three big parties of the last general election are to be represented on every board and the job of finding two dozen men and women who will serve is a problem for Gresham politicians and committeemen to wrestle with.

Registration is on down in Portland and will commence here in a few days. D. M. Roberts will probably be the official to whom voters shall apply and he is slated for the job of chairman in No. 308 south, Gresham. The other 23 are not located yet but there is no lack of democrats, although it is getting to be a hard job to find a Bull Mooser.

To the Public.

I wish to announce to the citizens of Gresham and vicinity my appreciation of their patronage for the past two years, and hope you will continue your patronage with my successor in business, (Mr. W. L. Townsend of Portland) whom I think you will find to be a gentleman in every respect. I expect to remain with Mr. Townsend for a few days, and will be glad to aid my customers in getting acquainted. I ask all those indebted to me to call and make a settlement at once, as I am going away soon.

Very respectfully,
H. L. DUKE.

from the special tax of 6 mills would be \$4599 and that the probable revenue from the water collections would be \$2800.

City Treasurer J. H. Metzger reported that he had provided dog tags for 1914, and it was announced that every owner of dogs within the city must have a tag for each animal.

On motion the meeting adjourned for one week.

There was a large gathering at the session, probably the largest that ever attended a council meeting in Gresham. Among those present were several women voters, one of whom made a brief address on the water commissioner proposition, favoring the retention of the triple positions of city marshal, water commissioner and street commissioner in the appointment of one person to fill all three at a requisite salary. Her remarks were listened to with attention and the matter was referred as above stated.

HARD SURFACE RULINGS MADE FOR ROAD WORK

Hard surface pavement is becoming a common topic these days and there are many questions being asked concerning every phase connected with the proposed improvement.

R. G. McMullen, assistant roadmaster of Multnomah county was in Gresham yesterday and imparted some interesting information as to some of the proposed plans and the manner of procedure. He was accompanied by J. B. Small, supervisor of road district No. 1. They were investigating some of the conditions in this part of the county.

Mr. McMullen said that the plan is to hard surface all the county roads leading out of Portland, if possible, making complete improvements. They hope to get the work so well under way this year that it can all be finished within two years, but that it can only proceed as fast and as far as the people are willing to sign petitions for.

All of the proposed hard surface improvements must start in Portland at the end of the present hard surface pavements there. The arterial highways will be improved first, the cross roads and laterals next and it is hoped to complete the work by the end of 1915.

No road will be improved unless it connects other hard surfaced roads except in municipalities like Gresham, where exceptions will be made within the city limits. Thus Gresham or any of the other incorporated towns may get the improvement on county roads running through them, even though a connection is not made with one or more of the great arteries leading out of Portland, although it is the intention to ignore other roads that may be petitioned for.

Mr. McMullen detailed the matter of procedure as follows: First, there must be a petition from the owners of property on both sides of a county road for a distance of one-half mile, after which the county commissioners may declare a district to be assessed and mark out the lines around the different sections. The next step will be to have the county surveyor make maps, showing the owners and areas of each tract in the district.

After that a board of appraisers will be appointed to appraise the land values for the amount each owner shall pay, according to the plans made by the county surveyor and the county road master. After that a tabulated report to the coun-

ty court will be approved or rejected that body.

If it is approved by the court the matter will be advertised for five consecutive weeks in the newspapers and notices posted at each end of the improvement to be made.

For twenty days within the five weeks remonstrances may be made and received, and it will require 51 per cent of the district in area to stop all proceedings. If no such remonstrance is made, or if it is not sufficient the court acquires jurisdiction and may proceed with the improvement. It will then advertise for bids as it may elect, either in sections or miles. When a bid is approved the contract will be let and the work will commence.

The court will decide what kind of pavement may be used under the advice of the road master and the county surveyor.

The very least limit of time between the date of filing petition and letting of contract, provided everything goes smooth, is 70 days. It may be longer.

The plan of making assessments upon property has been somewhat described before, but there has been a confused idea of how it is to be done where two parallel roads to be improved are less than half a mile apart. The county commissioners have adopted the Somer system of curves which settles the problem. A half-way line is used and by a system of cross sectioning the cost is assessed in a lessening degree the further away the property is situated from the road to be improved. The system pertains to street and road extensions and improvements.

Where one road intersects or crosses another the method of equalizing the assessment is to draw a line diagonally from the point of intersection and assess in two directions, one way for each road. Thus, if Main and Powell streets were to be improved a line would be drawn from south-east to north-west, and from south-west to north-east. That plan would give four assessment districts half way to the next road to be improved. All property would pay its share in a lessening degree the further away it is.

One half of the cost will be assessed against the property on either side of a road and the county may pay the other half from the road fund. It is estimated that the cost will be \$10,000 a mile, which would include the construction of expensive concrete culverts.

COUNTY COURT ROAD BUSINESS

H. A. Lewis, of the Russellville Nurseries, petitioned the Board of county commissioners last week for the graveling of a narrow road running from the Base Line road up to the Mount Hood railway. The commissioners referred the matter to the roadmaster for his attention.

W. B. Steele, of Gresham, petitioned the Board for the improvement of half a mile of road located near his place in the Section Line road and the matter has been referred to the roadmaster for investigation.

The bid of S. P. White & Co., of Vancouver, Washington, for the boring of a tunnel at Onocenta gorge on the Columbia River Highway has been accepted by the Board upon the recommendation of the consulting engineer on roads and highway; that company being the lowest bidder.

TWO GRANGES WILL INSTALL

Lents grange and Woodlawn grange will hold a joint installation of officers at the former place tomorrow. It has been arranged to hold an all-day session to which there will be many visitors from all over the county.

Past State Master B. G. Leedy will be the installing officer assisted by the Lents degree exemplifiers, and there will be the usual welcome to all grangers and a big grange dinner for everyone.

Prune your fruit trees and avoid damage by silver thaw. Nice line pruning shears at Sterling & Kidder's.

Adjourned Meeting.
An adjourned meeting of the Gresham Local, Society of Equity, will be held next Saturday afternoon.

HARD SURFACE IDEAS ADVANCED

H. A. Latourelle, of Gresham, was with Road Superintendent John B. Yoen, and several others interested, including Lancaster, Benson, Covert and Peters viewing the Columbia scenic highway now under construction. There is no grade above 5 per cent, nor is there anything greater than a 100 radius curve anywhere on the road.

From ideas gathered by Mr. Latourelle in the course of the day it is apparent that the property owners should petition for the proposed hard surface pavement, especially along the Powell Valley road and from Gresham to the Twelve Mile house. Such a course would mean the most to Gresham.

BORING ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

Boring Odd Fellows, of Boring Lodge, No. 224, installed officers for the coming term last Tuesday evening. Deputy District Grand Master, William A. Morand officiating, assisted by Deputy District Grand Marshal Joseph Laundrea, of Sandy lodge, No. 195. The ceremony was followed by refreshments.

Following is a list of the new officers of Boring lodge:

Past Grand, J. W. Root; noble grand, C. M. Lake; vice grand, H. A. Beck; secretary, W. A. Morand; treasurer, W. R. Telford; R. S. N. G. George Tacherson; L. S. N. G., W. E. Childs; R. S. V. G., H. Johnson; L. S. V. G., J. B. Jonsrud; R. S. S., John Meyer; L. S. S., Alfred Lekberg; conductor, E. S. Hickey; warden, Wm. E. Wheeler; inside guardian, Herbert Leach; outside guardian, John Nelson; chaplain, Claude F. Cross.

Sandy lodge will hold installation tomorrow night the ceremony to be conducted by H. J. Taylor, grand master of Oregon. Boring lodge will attend in a body.

A NEW DAY IN EDUCATION

One of the most inspiring programs was given under the auspices of the Patron-Teachers' association last night at the assembly hall of the Gresham high school.

Following a short program of instrumental and social selections by local talent, Mr. M. S. Pittman, of the Oregon State Normal school, was introduced by the president, Mr. Stubbs.

Mr. Pittman spoke of the Patron-Teachers' meeting as one of the most important types of meeting today, for as the school teacher and parents do their duty effectively, there will be little need of the justice court or the revivalist to help keep the rising generation in the paths of right.

His general subject was, "The Dawn of a New Day in American Education." He spoke in a very clear and interesting way, his thoughts were inspiring and his many illustrations afforded ample amusements. There were present members of the school board, teachers from Gresham and nearby schools, many parents and some children. To each person Mr. Pittman had an appropriate message in connection with his subject.

He spoke in part as follows: Abraham in his day was the whole thing. Later the state was the head; still later the church dominated. There have been times and places where business interests have ruled a community and some times Dame Fashion holds sway.

The public school at its beginning was very different from that of the present day. Teachers formerly were mostly old maids and men who had failed in other undertakings. Now the prettiest, brightest girls are selected, who prefer a \$75 a month job to a six-bit husband.

Today we are demanding the best men and women as teachers—those who have physical and mental force and moral stamina.

The broadest minded, influential men are needed on the school boards. The school buildings must be the best adapted to school purposes, well lighted, ventilated and attractive. Plenty of pure water and sanitary conditions are requisites.

As a result of the earlier educational ideas and methods there grew up a three-fold aristocracy of degrees, of ancestry, of dollars.

Now the ideal of education is, what can you do? or efficiency. Education should prepare for usefulness.

Our school work today should have in mind a three-fold object to discover personality, inspire the child to do the thing he is best fitted for, and to provide the elementary means with which to direct the personality in the accomplishment of its best work.

The school cannot make the finished product, but can discover, and inspire and direct.

The inefficient are the greatest tax on the community today. The purpose of education is to reduce inefficiency, increase efficiency. In order to make the school today what it ought to be all the elements of its work must be made the best possible. The school board, the teachers, the parents must do their part. The board must have the encouragement and support of a progressive community. Even the public press, the speaker, thought, was an important factor in its power to create sentiment and disseminate information.

Mr. Pittman closed with the statement that the school should endeavor to give the general fundamental principles necessary to prepare the pupil for any vocation and the higher grades should endeavor to give special attention to the local vocational interests of the community.

Mr. Pittman gave an inspiring talk this morning to the high school students on the subject of dreams, and especially day dreams. "Everything," he said, "was brought into being and perfected through dreams." Day dreamers he divided into two classes, those who have one dream one day and another the next, and who never get anywhere, and those who dream a worthy dream and keep at it. He gave many examples of the latter class, including Columbus, Franklin, Morse, and Edison, Alexander Hamilton and Tennyson and James J. Hill. "The first condition," he said, "in making your dream come true, is to dream a dream worthy of your ability. Then you must have training for every-

FIREMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Fire Department Officers.
 Etsell Jones Chief
 C. R. Wheeler Asst. Chief
 Ezra Thomas Fire Marshal
 Harry Johnson Secretary
 Edw. Aylsworth Treasurer

Company Foremen.
 Harold Kern, Hose No. 1
 Lee Merrill, Hose No. 2
 J. E. Metzger, Chemical No. 1
 W. B. Raney, H. & L. No. 1.

The most important business of the evening at the meeting of the fire department Wednesday night was the election of officers for the coming year. A large proportion of the total membership of the department was present and much enthusiasm was shown in the choosing of the different officers. Etsell Jones was re-elected as chief, C. R. Wheeler as assistant chief, and Ezra Thomas as fire marshal. Harry Johnson was re-elected as secretary and Edw. Aylsworth as treasurer.

Harold Kern received the election as foreman of Hose Company No. 1 and Fred Hoss was selected as assistant foreman. The foreman for Hose Company No. 2 is Lee Merrill with Carl Dahl as assistant foreman. J. E. Metzger was re-elected as foreman of the Chemical Company and James Jennings was chosen as assistant foreman. The most interesting election of the meeting was in the case of W. B. Raney as foreman of the Hook and Ladder company. Raney, who was formerly the foreman of that company, was the only Hook and Ladder man present Wednesday night. He nominated himself and seconded the nomination and then cast all the votes for his election. He selected the only other man in the company, Earl Hammond as assistant foreman.

The following men were appointed by the chief to fill the standing committees of the department; A. Leland, Kirk Thompson and Fred Hoss as a Grievance committee, and James Jennings, Chase St. Clair and O. E. Milleson as the Auditing committee. It was decided that no committee of trustees would be appointed. Jos. Pateneau, G. W. Kenney and M. D. Kern were appointed at the council meeting as committee on Fire and Water and it was decided at the fire meeting that to appoint a committee of trustees would be useless. Accordingly the committee on the council was accepted as the trustees.

Lee Merrill, Carl Dahl and O. E. Milleson who were appointed at the meeting in December to see Geo. F. Honey and make arrangements for some athletic paraphernalia he had promised the department and also to secure a room to be used as a club room reported favorably.

Mr. Honey would loan parallel and single bars and a horse. He also said that in case there was not enough dues paid in to cover the expenses he would give one dollar a month. The club would be required to sign an agreement that none of the paraphernalia would be attached as payment for a bill to the owner of the building or any other person. Mr. Honey also said that the club would have to be a public affair. Mr. H. Jacobson, owner of the new Jacobson building, will rent for a reasonable amount per month, the upper floor of his building.

After much discussion it was decided to hold a joint meeting of the fire department and all others in the town who are interested in the forming of an athletic club. In the fire hall at 8 o'clock sharp next Monday night. Everybody who is interested is asked to come, and help to establish a good athletic club that will be a credit to the town.

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.

thing, and training means study, sacrifice, discouragement, persistence, success."

At the close of Mr. Pittman's talk a fine chorus was sung by the school under the direction of Mrs. Couvert.