

UNITING CITY AND COUNTY

Efforts of Portland People to Make Gresham a County Seat.

The matter of uniting the Portland city government with that of Multnomah was touched upon incidentally by one of the speakers at the good roads meeting last Friday. As the subject was not under discussion at that time it received scant attention but it has since that time set many to thinking that such a thing may eventually come to pass in one form or another.

Down in Portland there is a certain element that is endeavoring to bring the matter about, with the paramount idea of simply embracing the present limits of Portland in the limits of Multnomah county and thus leaving all the rest of the county to be formed into a new county with Gresham as the county seat or be annexed to Clackamas county. Either way would be satisfactory to the consolidation boosters of Portland, but it will probably not be acceptable to the people residing east of Mount Tabor, all of whom will be entitled to have their say.

Letters have been received by several Gresham residents during the past few days, the idea being to enlist sympathy for a division of the territory with Gresham as the capital of the new county. A copy of the letter follows:

"There is considerable talk in Portland agitating and advocating the consolidation of the city and county governments within the city limits of the city of Portland, in other words, the plan would constitute that part of the county that is now within the city limits of Portland, the county and city of Portland. I have given this matter considerable thought and I know that the plan has worked splendidly in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago. I would like to know what the people in the county that is outside of the city of Portland would think of this plan. Without mentioning my name in connection with it, I wish you would talk with some of the influential citizens, in your community and especially farmers that you can meet during the next few days and ask them what they think of it. If you can, try and talk with that type of men who are interested in public affairs and usually think correctly. This question is coming up and will have to be settled. If the plan carried, undoubtedly Gresham would be made the county seat for Multnomah county, and while the expense of running public offices and the machinery of the public in Portland would be about cut in two under the consolidation plan, it would necessitate the building of a modest court house at Gresham and the payment of salaries to the new county officials that would be selected. Of course, the court house would not be an expensive one nor would the salaries of the officials be as large as the present county officials are now receiving in Multnomah county. At any rate, I would be obliged to you if you will give me the benefit of your investigation within the next few days."

The Outlook's Portland correspondent notes that L. M. Lepper does not think favorably of the consolidation or division plan, and there is reason to believe that the people of the country will never consent to any plan that takes Gresham out of Multnomah county. There would be small objection to a plan that would include the country east of Portland as far as Troutdale and Powell valley with the boundaries of Portland, leaving the remainder of the county to be consolidated with the eastern part of Clackamas in a new county with Estacada or Sandy as the county seat.

It is the consensus of opinion that to be left out of any plan other than one that would include Gresham in Portland would be detrimental and that in a few years there would be a burdensome debt saddled upon this community and that the roads would become almost impassable.

With Eastern Multnomah paying only 10 per cent of the county taxes the idea is not to be thought of.

Dancing at Gresham.

Saturday night, February 7. Dancing 8:30 to 11:55. Good management; four-piece orchestra, union music. Everybody welcome. Gentlemen, 75 cents. Ladies free. 98

TRANSFER DEAL CONSUMMATED

A persistent rumor that Lewis Shattuck had sold his merchandising business here and the big store building was verified on Wednesday morning when it was announced that the deal had been consummated.

The transfer included three lots at the corner of Main and Second streets, on which is located the Shattuck store buildings and the old residence on Second street.

The buyer is Duane C. Ely of Oregon City who has had twenty-seven years' experience in the same line of business there, having sold out about a year ago to the Elliott Bros. whom it will be remembered put on a big sale for Lewis Shattuck last winter.

The full terms of the sale have not been made public, but a part of the consideration is a 70-acre dairy farm near St. Helens in Columbia county. The farm is in a high state of cultivation, well stocked with everything needed to conduct an extensive dairy business and is leased for a period of three years.

Mr. Ely is here in charge of his new business and is accompanied by three of his former clerks at Oregon City. They are Clara Williams, Edith Dawson and Kenneth Dawson. They are staying at the Congdon at present but Mr. Ely expects to bring his family here in a short time and occupy his own house.

Mr. Shattuck is a member of the leisure class, as far as he can be at leisure for one of his activities, and expects to take a little rest from business cares while preparing for some future enterprise.

Mr. Ely expects to have satisfactory dealings with the people of this vicinity who have known the Shattuck store for so many years, as his long experience and former success qualifies him to meet the public in a way that insures good treatment and prompt service. He will make some changes in the different departments and may add some other lines. For the present he will get acquainted with the people and asks their full confidence and patronage.

Harry J. Pulfer, who has been Mr. Shattuck's head clerk and bookkeeper for several years, is out of a job just at present in consequence of the change in proprietors, but his abilities in those lines will soon find him other employment. He is also taking a few days of rest before endeavoring to settle down again.

GRESHAM LAUNDRY READY MARCH FIRST

Raleigh Adams has leased the Carl Shattuck building near the O. W. P. station and is preparing to establish a laundry. A brief notice last week announced that such a move was probable and it was Mr. Adams of whom reference was made.

He expects to have the necessary equipment installed by the first of March and be ready for business. He will use an auto for collections and guarantees to give good service at rates just as reasonable as the outside laundries that are now taking \$250 a week out of the town and neighborhood.

NEW STATION ON MOUNT HOOD ROAD

Information was received today that the P. R. L. & P. had given orders for a station at the crossing of Stanley avenue on the Mount Hood road, one mile northwest of Gresham.

The station will be located in the deep cut under the wagon bridge that cross the track at that point. The stop has been granted by the company on petition of the people living in that vicinity on condition that they build a stairway down to the track from the bank above, the company to furnish the lumber.

An official of the company will be here next week to complete the arrangements and the work will be done as soon as practicable. The stopping privilege there will accommodate about fifteen families who have heretofore been coming to Gresham for their traveling facilities.

Give your floors, furniture and woodwork a coat of Chinamel and note the difference. Sterling & Kidder's.

Headline says that coppers are strong features of Wall street market. Got down to matching pennies?

Don't use the mirror too often. You might see yourself as others see you.

Fence, fence, fence, at Sterling & Kidder's.

STREET PAVING PETITIONS READY FOR CIRCULATION

Petition for Improvement of Main Street.

To D. M. Roberts, Recorder, and to the Mayor and Council of the City of Gresham, Oregon:

We, the undersigned, residents and owners of real property adjacent to Main street of the town of Gresham, do hereby respectfully petition the above named city authorities for the improvement of said Main street; the same to be paved full width from the Mt. Hood railway right of way south to the south side of Powell street, and north, 16 feet in width, to the city limits; to be graded to proper grade and paved with hard surface pavement, and storm sewered with Septic tank drains, where pavement is full width of street, in all respects as in your judgment shall be best for such improvement; the cost of the whole thereof not to exceed \$6.00 per front foot; the proposed \$6000.00 per mile to be accepted from the county authorities and applied as part payment thereof; the balance of cost to be assessed to the land of all abutting and adjacent property owners on both sides of the street half way back to the next parallel street, not exceeding 150 feet in any case; said property owners to bond themselves for the payment of the same in 10 annual installments in pursuance to the provisions of the City Bonding Act or Sections 3245 to 3253 of Lord's Oregon Laws; and the said improvements to be made on said street, the maintenance thereof to be assumed and street to be taken over, by the town of Gresham.

At the special council meeting last night the matter of hard surfacing the two principal streets of Gresham was under discussion.

Petitions have been prepared by City Attorney M. C. King one of which was given in charge of Geo. W. Kenney for circulation among the property owners on Main street.

MAKING HEADWAY ON AUTO FACTORY

Fifteen men are busy on the automobile factory. Gravel, sand and cement by the carload has been arriving over the O. W. P. from Portland and is being delivered on the ground by team.

Three squads are at work mixing concrete and a gang of carpenters are making forms. Four corner and doorway forms have been erected at the south entrance into which the concrete will be poured for the big pillars and others are being formed to support the walls all the way around. The foundation for the walls will be ready this week and the work will be rushed so that the building will soon assume its proper size and dimensions.

Other buildings material will be assembled as needed and there is every prospect that the structure will be finished within the coming month.

Funeral of Philip M. Dewey.

Mrs. S. T. Crow returned last night from Glendale, Oregon, where she went to attend the funeral of her brother Philip M. Dewey, who died January 24 after an operation at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland.

Mr. Dewey had been ill about three months, suffering greatly for the last few weeks. He leaves a widow and three sons, the eldest being 16 years old. He is also survived by his father E. Dewey of Gresham, three sisters, Mrs. S. T. Crow of Gresham, Mrs. Ida Klum of Kelso, Washington, and Mrs. J. R. Penney of Portland and by two brothers J. A. Dewey of Glendale and E. D. Dewey of Portland.

The deceased was a native of Nebraska and was 39 years old at the time of his death.

Eyes tested and glasses fitted. Dr. Geo. Inglis.

It is the plan to improve Main street full width from Division street to Powell street and north from Division street to the city boundary with a 16-foot surface.

The Powell street improvement petition is in charge of George F. Honey, the plan on that thoroughfare being to improve from Main street westward full width to a point beyond the schoolhouse and from there with a 16-foot center.

The full width improvements will be done by the property owners assessed by the county at the rate of \$6000 a mile, the property to pay the remainder. The 16-foot improvements are to be assessed under the bonding act, the county paying one-half from the road fund.

The streets to be improved full width will then come under the jurisdiction of the city, the remainder will remain county roads.

There was considerable discussion over the proposition to improve Powell street east of Main street and south Roberts avenue but it was shown that to include those streets would be to assume control of the gutters, and it was deemed advisable to allow the county to make the necessary fills and build retaining walls before taken that part of the streets over.

The gulch on Powell street in front of the old city hall is the bugbear, as it will cost several thousand dollars to make a permanent improvement there and the city cannot afford the expense.

This fact is going to work against the proposed work, as those living or owning property east on Powell street or on south Roberts avenue will not sign the petition unless a complete improvement is guaranteed.

By reference to the petition printed at the head of this column it will be seen that provision is made for a sewer on the improved streets. But the astonishing thing in connection with the whole matter is the remarkably low cost. Six dollars per front foot seems ridiculously low. It represents only a small item to each lot, yet will bring enough money in to make a complete job, including the sewer. The latter alone will be worth the cost in many instances and the streets will never have to be torn up again when they may be needed. Septic tanks will be connected with them as the work progresses. The petition for Powell street is a duplicate of the one printed above.

NOVEMBER ELECTION HELD TO BE LEGAL

The state supreme court on Tuesday handed down a decision on an appeal from Clatsop county in regard to a good roads election, affirming the legality of the November special election.

Another feature of the opinion was the declaration by the court that the recognition of the permanent registration law, under which many of the voters at the election had registered, by the election officers, which was later held to be unconstitutional by the supreme court, did not vitiate the election or the result. This is one of the chief arguments relied upon by the saloon adherents in their efforts to have the recent verdicts in various cities and towns for no licenses overturned.

There was no opinion rendered upon the various local option appeals from the different towns that voted dry, including Salem, Hillsboro, Oregon City and Gresham. All of them, however, have other points of contention and the results will follow the merits of each particular appeal.

Milk, Cream and Buttermilk.

Delivered anywhere in Gresham by the green milk wagon from Rockwood Dairy. Milk bottled and prepared under sanitary conditions. Investigation invited. Phone 231.

Exchange says the rose carnival will be a cornucopia of joy. There's a big end and a little end to all horns, including the horn of plenty.

Mayor Albee has placed a ban on prize fights. Sounds familiar. All newspapers keep that dope item stereotyped ready for use.

Wheat is up to the dollar mark again and the hole in the doughnuts will grow bigger. Watch 'em and see if they don't.

POWELL NAMES ON FOUNTAIN

GRESHAM, Jan. 29 Editor Outlook.—A suggestion in the last issue of your paper to make the public fountain a monument to the early pioneers has, as suggested, found a responsive echo in the minds of many who would be pleased to do honor to those mentioned.

However, the idea seemed to imply that only James and Jackson Powell should be thus honored, presumably because they were here first; but there was another pioneer by the name of Powell who spent almost his whole life here and to whom the past two generations are more indebted than either of the others for the prosperity and advancement of Powell Valley during the past sixty years.

While James and Jackson Powell are entitled to full credit for their share in opening up this valley for settlement the late Dr. J. P. Powell was the only one who remained here until the close of his long and eventful life, and the days of the trail and the footlog were a part of his history and of the years that have passed since he came here with the first tide of immigration to hew out a home in the wilderness and leave it as a heritage to those who have followed.

James and Jackson Powell and Dr. Powell were here together and were the first settlers. They all traveled over the same Powell valley Indian trail to "the bend in the creek" and the honor due to Dr. Powell is none the less than to the others.

To inscribe the name of Powell on the fountain as a monument to them is an idea of great merit but it should include that of Dr. Powell as well as that of the others. He it was who gave us Main street for nearly a mile in length, and the fountain is at the crossing of that street with the Powell valley road. That act alone would be incentive enough to allow him the honor of perpetuating his memory. To do less would be showing favoritism to others not more worthy.

(Signed) MRS. J. N. CLANAHAN.

The Rockwood Rebekah lodge will give a \$500 party at the Maccabees hall Tuesday evening, February 3. Refreshments will be served. A charge will be made of 25 cents for the evening.

MRS. H. COTTRELL SELLS PROPERTY HERE

A brief paragraph in the real estate transfers on Thursday conveyed the intelligence that the Hattie Cottrell property at Second and Main streets had been sold to Henry Sell for a consideration of \$6000. The property is that which houses the Outlook office and the confectionery store and Beaver Acetylene gas company and is bringing in a revenue of \$57 a month in rentals.

Mrs. Cottrell is a daughter of the late J. D. Regner and with the disposal of the property has no further property interest in Gresham. The sale was made through James Elkington who has been Mrs. Cottrell's agent here.

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH SERVICES

On the first Sunday of each month the services at the Zion Evangelical church will be conducted in the English language. At the Saturday preparatory school for the children and in the Sunday Bible school for young and old, both German and English, will be used.

To all who will come, and especially to those who have no church affiliation this church opens wide the door and makes free a place to worship God, and, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, says to everyone Welcome!

Services begin at 10:30 a. m.

The Outlook nominates Col. Goethals for next president. That is where he will eventually land if he makes a continued success at Panama.

Did you pay off that grudge you owed your neighbor on New Year's day? No need to owe anyone a grudge when we can pay as we go.

The people are all taking advantage of the low prices at the C. C. Store.

There is only one penalty attached to the act of desertion from the idle army of the I. W. W.—Work.

VAST FORTUNE EASILY EARNED

Dredging Columbia Slough Makes Steamer Channel Possible.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(Special)—There is but a remote prospect that Multnomah county and Portland will ever be consolidated. The experience of Denver, Colorado, where the city and county of Denver consolidated is not encouraging to other cities and counties. It has been found that consolidation there has not worked out to any advantage to either the city or the county. According to the report L. M. Lepper received from Denver the cost of the consolidated county and city is as much as when they were separate entities. As many if not more men are employed by the consolidated administration as when the city and county were separate. The officials are not particularly anxious to cut down expenses. I am under the impression when the benefits of consolidation are ascertained it will be found that they are exceedingly small. Multnomah county and Portland had better weigh the matter carefully before consolidating.

The estate of Isaiah Buckman, who recently died, aggregated \$350,000. Much of this is in cash. This estate was piled up not by any effort on the part of Mr. Buckman, but was entirely due to the efforts of other men who made improvements all around the Buckman holdings. Mr. Buckman left \$5000 cash out of this vast estate to the Baby Home and the balance goes to his brother, sister and nieces. Just before Mr. Buckman died a delegation started out to his apartments to ask him to donate \$50,000 toward the purchase of a grand organ for the proposed Portland auditorium, but before this committee reached his home they were informed that he had died. Just what the result of their interview would have been can only be conjectured. But in view of the tremendous value that had been piled up in the case of this estate it would have been a good thing for him to do. And we wonder why socialists are increasing in this country, where such a colossal fortune can be piled up without effort.

The same old bunch, with a few exceptions may be found in the crop of candidates for governor. One or two are new men, but on the whole they are practically the same who have been coming up every four years for some time. Why not the grange trot out a strong man, a new man, and sweep the field. With politics out of the way and the man's personality the sole test I see no reason why we cannot have a chance to vote for a new man.

A new proposition to dredge Columbia slough and make it a waterway beside provide an outlet for the sewerage of the Peninsula district has been developed. At a meeting of a committee consisting of J. H. Nolte, C. L. McKenna, H. A. Rubbie and Samuel L. Woodward from the North Portland Commercial club today it was decided to put the dredging proposition before the city and county commissioners as the work would be partly out and partly inside the city. The committee proposed that the material be taken out by means of suction dredges and conveyed out into Patton, Union and Vancouver avenues filling them up as approaches to the interstate bridge. It was held that material could be moved in this way at a cost of 6 1-2 cents per cubic yard. It was the opinion of the committee that a single approach to the interstate bridge will not be enough, but that at least two approaches must be provided for. The dredging proposition looks good, especially as it will open a waterway for crafts as far as Fairview in the Columbia district.

L. H. WELLS.

Dressmaking, plain sewing, fancy gowns a specialty. Reasonable prices. Rooms in connection with the Kessler barber shop. Commercial club building. Bethina Kessler.

Portland's auto show was pulled off too soon for the Beaver Six. But just wait.

Case goods at wholesale at the C. C. Store.