

HONEST TALK WINS PRAISE

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman has been talking to the granges. He delivered a short address at the meeting of Evening Star grange last Saturday where an audience of 200 had gathered.

At the meeting of Evening Star grange on Saturday I was impressed with the fact that Prof. F. S. Ball, principal of the Arleta school and the new elected principal of the proposed new high school had been elected lecturer and had started his work there by asking that every member do his part.

The committee appointed by Multnomah County Pomona grange to prepare an amendment to the school laws to do away with the annual managerie held in Portland, called an annual tax payers meeting, will meet this week in Portland.

H. L. Sheldon, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, in his address Sunday morning in Centenary Methodist church placed the responsibility of making Oregon dry in 1914, next November upon the women.

If State Master C. E. Spence succeeds in abolishing the state senate and the East Side Business Men's club throws out the house of representative also, and establishes a state commission form, where do we get off at? Centralization power, is it hot, with a vengeance? Destruction of the representative principle, too. Where will all this centralization end, anyway? We have 300 cities under commission form, and not one has yet demonstrated its

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ENDORSED BY SPEAKER

Friday evening's entertainment by the Patron-Teachers' association at the high school assembly room was probably the best one ever held here. With four songs by the high school chorus and one by the boys of the primary grades, and a closing act by the high school orchestra, the audience would have been amply entertained, but a lengthy address by Thomas Gentle, of Monmouth was an effort fully appreciated and one that illustrated some phases of school life but little thought of by those who have children in school.

The speaker was evidently not in full sympathy with the present day methods, and implied as much. He deplored the fact that teachers were denied the privilege of being original in school, and frankly stated that they had to do as they were told to hold their jobs.

When he said that a collegiate education was not always essential to success, and that in many instances it destroyed home associations, he was on the same track that many others are who believe that physical education is often more needed than Latin.

His paramount idea seemed to be that manual training and domestic science should be more generally taught, giving as a reason that the children would be better equipped for the future if physical work were combined with book work.

Altogether the address was the best in its line that has been heard in Gresham. The speaker was original, but evidently did not express them fully for the reason, as he stated, that he was hired to do as he was told.

The entire program was a success and was thoroughly enjoyed.

HEARD AT HALLIGAN'S WHILE WAITING A SHINE

Barber. Poor Jim has been sent to a lunatic asylum.

Victim (in chair): Who's Jim.

"Jim is my twin brother, sir. Jim has long been brooding over the hard times, and I suppose he finally got crazy."

"Is that so?" "Yes, he and me has worked side by side for years, and we were so alike we couldn't tell each other apart. We both brooded a great deal, too. No money in this business now."

POTATOES, WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THEM

Every farmer in Multnomah county and business man as well should be very much interested in the lecture and discussion to be given next Thursday, February 12, at 1:30 at Gresham Library on seed, selection and diseases of our potatoes. Every farmer and potato buyer knows there is less than 50 per cent of our potatoes that should be called first class. Let everybody come loaded with questions and don't fail to ask them, as Mr. Bailey is our potato doctor and we help to pay his salary so let's make him earn his money, which he seems willing to do, and I am sure he can help us if we will tell him our troubles. Let every man that reads this article consider himself a committee of one to get as many to come out as possible.

H. E. DAVIS.

Valentines. and Washington's Birthday cards and a fine assortment of dishes and new novelties at Mrs. Boughner's Novelty Store.

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 161.

complete success. There has not been time enough for that. Commission form for the state is pure rot. Unless the voters go to the polls no matter what sort of government there is, it will fail. The remedy of an impotent state senate is in the hands of the voters. They get what they vote for. If they send a lot of nincompoops to the senate they reap a harvest of bad laws.

PROPERTY OWNERS WANT EXPRESSION ON HARD SURFACE

Another Law That May be Adopted in the Improvement of County Roads—Signers for Proposed Street Surfaces in City of Gresham.

A meeting of the property owners who would be affected by the proposed hard surface improvement on the Base Line road has been called for next Friday night at the Rockwood Maccabee hall.

County Commissioner Holman and Roadmaster Yeon will be there to explain the situation.

It is not intended that the meeting shall be in opposition to a hard surface on the Base Line, but the idea is to get a full expression, if possible as to the advisability of having the work done and to determine whether to make a remonstrance provided the improvement is ordered by the county commissioners.

Commissioner Holman was at Fairview grange last Saturday and explained the proposition. He was at Troutdale that same evening, again dispensing information on hard surface, and made the statements generally understood and accepted as being official, explaining the conditions attached to the proposition of hard surfacing all the county roads, or as many of them as possible.

In seeking information on the subject the Outlook has heard several statements, none of which are official, however, but they may be taken as pretty nearly correct.

One of these reports has it that the hard surface petitions now in from various localities, but which are not continuous are sufficient to use up all the money available this year, which is more than \$800,000. If that statement is correct it appears as if a big start might be made despite all remonstrances, but, of course, the improvement would be in patches in some cases several miles apart.

It is further stated that the tax levy of two mills, which this year gave the road fund nearly a million dollars would be increased next year, as the limit is five mills for road purposes and more than two million dollars could be raised hereafter so as to go ahead with the work in case the property owners object to the ten-year bonding proposition.

However, that may be, it is certain that another million can be raised by taxation another year and the county can go ahead from year to year until the work is done.

It is generally conceded that the taxation system would not be opposed by property owners on any of the county roads, as the city of Portland would pay nearly 95 per cent of the taxes. It is argued that the city would be benefited as much as the country by having good roads, perhaps more, hence the farmers would be ready to pay heavier taxes when they would oppose the proposed plan of bonding their property for a period of ten years. They say that the interest on the bonds would almost equal the taxes, at two mills on the dollar.

There is another law, passed at the last session of the legislature which gives the county commissioners authority to go ahead with the improvement and pay for the same out of the road fund. A portion of the law reads as follows:

"The county court of each county within the state of Oregon at its first regular session of each and every year may determine the sum of money or monies to be expended by each road district within the said county, and if the amount thereof shall be the sum of \$1000 or over, whether apportioned out of the general road fund or voted by any road district for permanent road or highway construction or both, to be expended within said road district during the year for which the same was apportioned or voted, the county court shall instruct the county surveyors or county road master to prepare plans and specifications of the proposed improvement within said road district as to line, grade, drainage, and material or materials, and file the said plans and specifications together with an estimate of the probable cost thereof in the office of the county clerk of said county.

the same or any portion thereof, and immediately thereafter instruct the county clerk to advertise for sealed bids for the proposed improvement, etc."

It is freely stated by some who profess to have heard it that the county commissioners will proceed with the work on the Base Line under the provisions of the above sections. They can undoubtedly do so and in that case no remonstrance would be necessary, nor could anyone make serious objection. This idea, which may not be the correct one is strengthened by the semi-official statement that the road between the Portland city limits and Chanticleer probably will be improved in three units, the first extending from the city limits to the top of the hill on the west side of the Sandy river; the second unit from the foot of the hill to Chanticleer, and the third unit to the long hill going down to the Sandy river on the west side. New grades on both sides of the river are under consideration. To equalize the assessment and cost of improvement, the advisability of the county standing the cost of macadamizing the east end of the road from the Sandy to Chanticleer and the expense of the new grades at the river is being considered.

With all these things in view, and with other ideas which may be advanced, there is going to be a big crowd at Rockwood on Friday night next. Everyone interested is urged to be there to hear or take part in any discussion that may arise.

Progress of Petitions.

Hard surface petitions for Main street, Powell street and South Roberts avenue are still being circulated with about even prospects that enough names will be secured to begin the work.

- George W. Kenney, in charge of the Main street petition reports the following signers with the number of feet frontage, which is considerable less than a majority: J. A. Pateneau... 75 John Brown... 33 C. E. Osborn... 75 D. C. Ely... 120 E. C. Lindsey... 120 M. H. Clannahan... 52 C. M. Kenney... 330 Mrs. Jennie Smith... 68 Mrs. C. Belt... 54 Paul Hoetzel... 35 H. H. Ott... 100 M. C. King... 400 W. J. Ott... 122 Gust Larson... 25 P. Michel... 25 First State Bank... 42 Arthur Leland... 150 Emma Ross... 65 I. McColl... 100 G. F. Honey's petition on Powell street is far from being complete but it shows the following signers: Metzger Bros... 109 D. W. Metzger... 110 T. R. Howitt... 165 C. M. Zimmerman... 52 M. D. Kern... 100 G. W. Kenney... 90 First State Bank... 78 S. S. Thompson... 895 E. Schwedler... 1324 Theodore Brugger... 775 L. P. Manning... 188 M. S. Shoemaker... 350 F. A. Holliday... 109 E. G. Kardell... 157 O. A. Eastman... 104 P. Michel... 130 C. E. Osborn... 100 Dave Weaver... 200 Mrs. Maude Burke... 125 A. J. Fieldhouse & Son... 101 A. E. Leonard... 50 W. W. Cotton... 660 F. H. Freund... 160

On Roberts avenue the signatures are not so numerous, nor is there any where near enough. They follow:

- M. D. Kern... 75 E. Aylsworth... 88 S. P. Bittner... 85 Mrs. Gilmore... 110 S. E. Toepelman... 92 D. W. Metzger... 725 Metzger Bros... 150 Frank Helney... 100 Emil Oswald... 80
- Prospects are favorable for all the three improvements as there are several who will sign up who have not been seen. However there are many more names needed to insure success.

COMMUNITY IDEAS ON CITY BEAUTIFUL

Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful your premises. You owe it to yourself and to your community to make your place or property as attractive as possible.

The opportunity to sell native maples, which some boy or man in the country can deliver here, is still open. Report number and price to the planting committee.

We would urge our people as far as possible to patronize the home nursery. For cheapness and quality the lines of roses and trees grown by Mr. Dabney cannot be excelled.

The Planting committee will meet Wednesday night in the library committee room. The committee consists of Mrs. Belt, Mrs. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cleveland, Geo. F. Honey and H. L. St. Clair. The Outlook on Tuesday erroneously gave the name of W. F. Honey.

The Outlook in behalf of the planting committee would urge our many citizens who have ideas on the planting of flowers, shrubs and trees, especially any scheme for beautifying our streets, to give the community the benefit of their ideas and experience, either through the committee or through the Outlook.

In response to a request for shade trees for the beautifying of the streets of Gresham, Dabney & Clannahan have offered three varieties at the following prices delivered anywhere in the city: Silver leaf maple, about 1000 at ten cents each or \$7.50 per 100. Carolina poplars, one hundred, at the same prices. Mountain ash, fifty trees at 20 cents each.

The first work to be done in any scheme of improvement, large or small, is to clear away the rubbish. This should be done now before the new growth of grass would interfere. The next necessity is a plan, as comprehensive as possible. With a plan in view the preliminary arrangements can be made and each requirement will fit into its proper time and place.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF HARRY K. WOOD

The many friends of Harry Kenneth Wood in and about Gresham were shocked to hear of his sudden death on Sunday morning at his home, No. 53, Seventy-fifth street, North.

Harry, as he was more familiarly known, was 31 years, 10 months and 28 days old and was born at Axtel, Kansas. He was married in Oklahoma about ten years ago to Mary E. Rigg and came to Oregon six years ago. He lived for nearly a year at Troutdale. After leaving there the family moved to Gresham, where he worked as a barber for nearly three years. Since then he has been in business with his brother Guy C. at Montavilla.

The deceased leaves a wife and one son, Guernsey, aged 8; his father, W. E. Wood, and Grandmother Wood, living in Gresham; and three brothers, Guy C., Roy M. and Wallace W. Wood.

Death came to him very suddenly about 2:30 on Sunday morning last, resulting from heart failure.

His funeral took place from Carlson's undertaking chapel yesterday afternoon, the services being conducted by Mrs. Percy Proctor, assisted by Miss Lily E. White, of the Christian Science church. Interment was made in the Gresham cemetery, the pallbearers being Bert Lindsey, T. J. Halligan, H. H. Ott, Art. Leland, James McKinney and S. E. Toepelman.

Friends of the family who attended from Portland were Mrs. Mabel Mead, Mrs. Ata Riley and Mrs. Leighty; also Mrs. Callie Cutter of Vancouver. Mrs. Leighty will remain a few days with Grandmother Wood before returning home.

Bert Edmondson and wife of Troutdale old time friends of the family in Oklahoma, were also present at the funeral.

At Gresham Rink this week Friday Night G. H. S. vs. ESTACADA H. S. This promises to be a great game. You should see it. Usual prices.

MISSING MAN NOT FOUND

Nothing has yet been heard from the missing land contractor Leonard, whose mysterious disappearance was reported in the Outlook last week. All the details as given on Friday were practically correct, except that Leonard is a Belgian instead of an Italian.

He and his brother Angus came to Gresham intending to take the car here for Portland but missed it and walked to Linnemann Junction, where they waited for the next one. When it came Leonard allowed his brother to go abroad but remained there himself and called upon Alec Franzl an old friend living just north of the depot. After staying there awhile he left stating that he was going over to the Section Line road, and that was the last seen of him.

He had very little money, neither had his brother very much, as they had failed to get their pay for work done on their contract and had thrown it up because they were unable to pay for provisions.

Last Sunday William Stanley and William Sales, for whom Leonard had done considerable clearing, went to Linnemann and made a long search through the timber there but without results. Still it is believed that he is lying dead somewhere between Linnemann and Mt. Tabor, and as there are hundreds of acres of timber his body may lie unnoticed for a long time if it is there.

Leonard had been complaining of being sick and was greatly depressed because of a heavy loss of money about a year ago. He was held up and sandbagged by footpads on the Section Line road and was robbed of \$265. The blow he received and the loss of his money had a depressing effect from which he never fully recovered, as he was anxious to return to his native land but has been unable to raise the money since. He was heard to say, recently, that he was very sick and did not expect to live long.

His brother has been making an active search, but has about given up hope of finding his brother alive.

Leonard was quite well known all over Eastern Multnomah, where he has worked for nearly 20 years, and he would be easily recognized if seen, but no one has seen him since his disappearance two weeks ago last Saturday.

INTERESTING SUBJECTS AT GRANGE SESSION

Gresham grange extends an invitation to all citizens of Gresham and vicinity to meet with them next Saturday, February 14, at 1:30 p. m., at which time R. W. Gill will give a lecture on "The Home Garden and Propagation of the Soil; selection of seed and varieties." This subject is one that interests all as a good garden is one half the living of a family and something that is neglected too much, for the more we know of the art of gardening the more benefit and pleasure we get out of it. Bring your memorandum book and pencil for Mr. Gill will tell you more about gardening for home and market than the most of us can remember. There will also be a good talk by L. H. Wells on the subject, "Relations of the Grange to Civic, Political, Educational and Social Problems." Also, music and singing.

EQUITY COMPANY INCREASES CAPITAL

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Equity Warehouse Co., held in Portland last Thursday, it was voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$2500.00 to \$10,000.00. The offices are now located at 54 Front street in connection with the Sales Department, where the company has nearly 7000 square feet of floor space. General Manager John M. Tees spent a week in California recently where he arranged for the sale of several hundred car loads of potatoes for the members of the Farmers' Society of Equity.

BASKETBALL At Gresham Rink this week Friday Night G. H. S. vs. ESTACADA H. S. This promises to be a great game. You should see it. Usual prices.