

## ATTENDANCE WHICH BROKE ALL RECORDS

Regner's opera house was formally opened on Friday evening with a grand ball which broke all records for constant attendance until late in the morning following. While the numbers present were not counted it was estimated that 650 persons took supper in the cafeteria, and the dancing floor, spacious though it is, was barely large enough to accommodate the dancers without crowding—and there were a great many who did not dance.

Aylsworth's four-piece orchestra furnished the music for the dancing, programs being used for the numbers which embraced every popular dance. The floor management was under the direction of Joe Patenaude and Ed. Aylsworth.

Supper was served from 10 o'clock until after two. The dancers and other visitors went to the tables as they felt like eating, the viands being free to all. As only the men were charged for admission, which entitled them to all privileges, there was double the number of women present over the males, but everybody was welcome and all enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Those who were not inclined to dance were entertained by social visits with each other, by listening to the music and watching the beautiful evolutions of the rhythmic figures of the mazy waltz, the lively two-step or more sedate steps of the schottische, three-step and hesitation.

If anyone feared the presence of disturbers or the more obnoxious forms of dancing, the fears were quickly dispelled. The gathering was composed of Gresham's best and more orderly people. More than a third of the town was there with a good sprinkling from the country around. Although a public dance those outside of the pale of the elite circles were conspicuous by their absence.

Several descriptions of the new building and its arrangements have been made, but unique features in connection with an auditorium are the cafeteria and reception rooms for men and women. In the former the plan suggests a dining room in which the meals are served in true cafeteria style. On Friday evening the idea was carried out to its fullest extent by a chef and his assistants from the Peerless cafeteria of Portland. Needless to say that every detail was perfect and the viands tempting in their quality, profusion and array.

Mr. Regner made his first impression to a discriminating public on a most auspicious occasion, and in a neat little speech he expressed himself as being pleased with the favorable impression his new venture had made. He announced that he would give another similar entertainment next Friday night, which will be a masquerade. It will be followed by other dances, always on Friday nights.

The polished floor of maple is one of the best in Oregon. The stage with its settings is especially adapted to dramas, plays and entertainments, and some will be staged as the opportunity offers.

Mr. Regner is to be congratulated upon his enterprise in furnishing Gresham with its best public hall which, in the language of Mayor-elect Stapleton, "is a distinct credit to the town." Everyone else is of the same opinion and there is a prospect for many more enjoyable affairs such as was participated in on Christmas night.

## NEW YEAR PAPER OUT ON THURSDAY

Another holiday coming on Friday next, the Outlook will be issued again on Thursday.

It is necessary to have advertisement changes and news items in one day earlier.

The cost of experting the books of Marion county for the past year by the accounting department of the state insurance commission was \$1523.11 as against an average cost in the past of about \$300. Simply another illustration of the beauties of government regulation as compared with private enterprise.

### Notice.

Gresham Shoe Shop has moved from the old location to John Metzger's building beside the Tailor Shop. CARL DAHL, Prop.

## AVAILABLE MONEY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

High school funds available for the 1913-14 school year were distributed on Saturday by County Superintendent Armstrong. Gresham receives \$1712.50; St. Johns \$1637.50; Troutdale \$240. These ratings show the three districts had 65, 59 and 6 pupils, respectively, attending the high school grades during the year that closed June 30.

Apportionments have not been made for the present school year, commencing July 1. The enrollment in the Gresham high school is now 97, which will materially increase the amount to be received. The probable cause of the long delay was to ascertain Portland's course in regard to the state fund.

It will be noticed that the high school attendance in Gresham last year was six more than at St. Johns. The reason is not ascertainable, except on the supposition that many of the pupils from that district attended the Portland high school.

## THREE PER CENT LESS IF PAID IN FULL

People of Oregon will pay one-half their taxes April 5 and the remaining half October 20, they will be penalized 1 per cent a month for delinquencies and be allowed a discount of 3 per cent on advance payments if recommendations adopted last night by the Multnomah legislative delegation are enacted into law by the legislature. An additional penalty of 5 per cent is provided for delinquencies beyond the second-payment period and the discontinuance of the publication of delinquent tax lists in the newspapers is proposed.

These were the conclusions reached after many hours of discussion participated in not only by the members of the delegation but by state, city and county officials. There was much diversity of opinion, especially over the time for paying taxes.

## Additional Gresham Locals

A delightful day was spent on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wood by a party of relatives and friends. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings and daughter Ruth, Miss Edna Vogel, Lynn Wood, Guy C. Wood and children, and George Hoar all of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood and baby Harold of Rockwood, Isaac H. Rigg of Ft. Canby, Wash., Miss Margaret Creecy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Truitt and baby June, Mrs. Mary Wood and son Guernsey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Kidder had as guests on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cook and daughter Gayle, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Miller, Miss Gladys and Glenwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Clanahan and Dr. J. E. Clanahan. Miss Gayle Cook remained for a few days' visit with the Kidder and Miller families.

A watch night service will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Shoemaker on Thursday evening which will be participated in by the members and friends of the Baptist church. A New Year party was held at the church this afternoon for the children of the Sunday school.

Edgar Smith, of Fairview, son of Percy Smith, is suffering from a broken leg as the result of cranking his auto while it was in gear. The machine ran over him with the above result. The accident occurred on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Muckle and Harley Turner of St. Helens, Ore., spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Turner.

Mrs. Ella Aton and Mrs. C. E. Rusher were callers Sunday afternoon on Mrs. A. J. McClung at her home in Boring.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thompson entertained on Christmas Miss Bula Van Horn of Portland and Frank Rodgers.

Mrs. Vesta Raney, of Middale, Idaho, recently had the misfortune to break her wrist just above the joint.

Mrs. Etsel Jones is entertaining for a few days Mrs. Woodward and two children of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Emery and son Mark spent Christmas in Portland.

Woman's Federation will try to establish a hospital for crippled children with state aid.

## THE FAVORED OF ALL

With the near ending of the present year, and with this last publication for 1914, the Outlook again wishes its readers and all others a happy and prosperous New Year.

The year just closing has been turbulent everywhere, but less so in the United States than anywhere else. With this nation at peace and with all the world looking toward it as an asylum and refuge, there is congratulation among ourselves that we of the Pacific Coast are in the most favored zone of any section on earth.

Strife and war has convulsed all Europe; contentions have arisen on this continent among some of our national neighbors; difficulties have shown themselves within our own borders, but this western part of our great country has been singularly exempt from all disorder, and is seemingly the haven of the dove of peace.

For all of the blessings of prosperity and contentment, and with the hand of charity open to our suffering brethren of other nations, we are literally in the paradise of the world. For this we have reason to be grateful and to consider ourselves the favored of all God's creatures. May the peace we are now enjoying remain, and the prosperity that is ours continue to abide with us; and as we close the book and wish each other a Happy New Year, let us include in our wish the people of a universe.

## DOUBLE BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED TONIGHT

Sixty years ago today two events happened which were widely separated geographically, but which the evolutions of time have brought together in Gresham.

Mayor George W. Kenney and Maxwell Schneider first saw the light of day on December 29th, 1854, and have been living as neighbors here for a number of years without knowing that they were near twins until chance remark the other day revealed the coincidence.

They have made arrangements to celebrate the event tonight at the home of Mayor Kenney, of which further reference will be made in the next issue of the Outlook.

## LUSTED SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOR

The following is the roll of honor for the past month of Lusted school of which Miss Ethel Wilkinson is principal and Miss Helen Hoss primary teacher: Alfred Kock, Alta Beers, Cecelia Hutchins, Dorothy Griffin, Robert Booth, Alfred Andrews, Anthony Hengstler, Evelyn Bates, Mable Hauglum, Roland Brook, William Booth, Albert Ault, Carrie Brook, Emma Kock, Glen Jones, Geo. Hauglum, Peter Hauglum, Eugenia Proctor, Clyde Corder, Jay Radford, Fred Bates, Kathleen Jones, Kenneth Proctor, Elbert Bates, Fern Hutchins, Amil Killin, Ellen Jones, Esther Jones, Ruth Barnes, Kenneth Hutchins, Vesta Barnes, Jane Brook, Lilah Hengstler, Arthur Griffith, George Kock, Willie Corder, Nellie Corder, Ervil Adams.

## MAYOR STAPLETON HONORED BY MASONRY

Al Kader Temple, Knights of the Mystic Shrine, held its annual election in Portland on Saturday evening. George W. Stapleton, of Gresham, was elected Illustrious Potentate. He was also chosen as one of the delegates to the Imperial Council which will assemble in July at Seattle.

During the evening Mr. Stapleton was presented with a beautiful gold and diamond insignia of his office as a memento of the occasion and a tribute to his services in the shrine. He is very proud of the badge and is showing it to his friends with a great deal of pride and satisfaction.

## EVENING ATTRACTIONS REMAINDER OF WEEK

Tonight there will be a basketball game on at the Gresham rink—the Athletics and the Portland Academy.

Tomorrow night there will be another game between the high school and Pleasant Valley.

Thursday night a dance will be given at Troutdale; also at Boring. Friday night Regner's masquerade ball will be given in the Gresham opera house.

Saturday night Rockwood grange will wind up the festivities with a dance in the grange hall.

The Heppner Semi-Weekly Herald devoted 24 pages to Morrow county interests in a very well-constructed promotion number December 15.

The brick industry of Eugene objects to competing with prison brick.

## PROCESS EXPERT SEEKING CONTRACT

The Gresham Fruit Growers' association is endeavoring to secure the services of Fred Kaster of Brownsville as process man when the new cannery begins operations in the spring.

He made application for the position and a contract has been drawn up which was sent to him for his approval and signature. By its terms he is to receive \$1000 for seven months.

The matter of enlisting the services of competent and reliable brokers to handle the goods is under consideration and will be taken up at the annual meeting to be held in the Grange hall, January 11.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS FAIRVIEW CHURCH

A series of lectures on the prophecies of the Bible relating to the end of time, the European war, the battle of Armageddon, and the second coming of Christ began in the M. E. church in Fairview, Oregon, last Sunday night, December 27, and will continue for several weeks. The house is well heated and lighted. Meetings every evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited to come and bring their Bibles and friends. Elder P. W. Province of the Adventists faith is the speaker. The meetings are made especially interesting by the use of blackboard, charts, and good singing.

### List of Letters.

Remaining letters uncalled for in the Gresham postoffice for week ending December 27th, 1914:

Letters—Vergil May, Geo. Smith, W. L. Smith, B. E. Peckerman, (Reg.) Miss Nellie Johnson.

Cards—J. W. Powell, Miss C. Tawney, Mrs. I. V. Wilson.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on January 10, 1914, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised," giving date of list.

I. McCOLL, P. M.

### Fire Sale of Harness.

S. E. Palmquist is conducting a sale of slightly damaged odds and ends in the harness line at prices below cost. His new location is in the former Outlook quarters in the Sell building.

The Pendleton East Oregonian says the United States will never have cheaper beef as long as land prices soar and the packers have it in their power to adjust prices to the growers and to the consumer according to their own sweet fancy.

The publishing industry has been boosted of late in this state by Ada B. Millican printing her legend "The Heart of Oregon" and Col. E. Hofer his sociological study "Jesus and the Unemployed."

While millions have been added to investments by public service corporations in Clatsop county, the total assessed valuations this year are \$20,000 less than last year.

Carload of America Fence in all styles to arrive about January 1st. Also a small lot of Royal Fence we are closing out to make room. Remember if you need Fence we have the kind you want at the prices you should pay. Metzger Bros.

## BRIEF STORY OF A GREAT CORPORATION

It was announced on Friday that the O.-W. R. & N. Co. would on the first of the year be merged with the Union Pacific system, which for several years past has been its virtual owner.

This final disposition of the greatest of all western transportation companies marks the beginning of the end. The announcement brings up many memories of a famous corporation, the old O. S. N. Co., which was the predecessor of the great O. R. & N. Co. of later years and the grand-parent of the O.-W. R. & N.

Its history has been written before, but much of it is unknown except to those who were here fifty years ago, and who have seen its rise and watched its expansion. Now it seems to be passing away altogether.

It was many years ago, in a small way, that the Oregon Steam Navigation company was first started. Captain J. C. Ainsworth, R. R. Thompson, S. G. Reed and W. S. Ladd were among its incorporators. They took into partnership Put Bradford who owned the portage at the Cascades and two small steamers on the Upper Columbia. It was successful from the beginning and made money fast, but its halcyon days were in the early seventies, when it made "barrels" of money and had everything its own way, and its boats were run in a style that even now is looked back upon regretfully by the traveling public who yet survives.

It was regular "Mississippi style" of the days of Mark Twain. If a captain or a purser or a steward wanted to "chalk" a man's hat from Portland to Astoria or The Dalles; if a prominent employee saw fit to bring a friend to dinner on the trip, it was "all right." The company was making plenty of money, and the liberal way it allowed its officers in no manner diminished its profits.

The old O. S. N. Co., occupies a warm spot in the hearts of a good many who remember its workings and its courteous employees. It helped to build up the country, and to make the people feel satisfied with themselves.

When Jay Cook was booming his Northern Pacific stock in '71 and '72 he considered it necessary to buy large blocks of the O. S. N. Co.'s stock, and when the crash came in '73, and he went down under the ruins, this stock was his most valuable asset. It was all bought back by its former owners and they kept right on making money.

In 1879 Henry Villard came on the scene. He saw at once the possibilities that, rightly managed, would develop into certainties, and in his fertile brain originated the idea of the O. R. & N. Co. and the Oregon Transcontinental. Then he raised the necessary capital and made the first move in the great and finely planned financial game that was played from 1879 to 1883, and which completed the Northern Pacific.

He secured an option on the O. S. N. Co. which cost him \$100,000, and another on the Oregon Steamship Co. and was commander of the field, for a time at least.

On June 12, 1879, he organized the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. It was capitalized at \$6,000,000 with bonds payable in 30 years.

Henry Villard tried in vain to interest Jay Gould in the scheme, but in 1884 that wily railroader pulled Villard off his pedestal. The latter then went to Germany to regain his standing, and finally secured control of the O. R. & N. Co.'s plant. It then began to "boom" things and began building the railroad up the Columbia and extended its operations in other directions. The stock went to 200 and was increased eventually to \$15,000,000. At the close of the Villard boom the assets of the Oregon holdings were \$15,055,000, while the same shareholders held stock in the Northern Pacific amounting to \$5,588,000.

The transition to the O.-W. R. & N. Co. only a few years ago is still fresh in the memory of most people. It has been just as successful as its predecessors were, but since its last change has virtually been a part of the Union Pacific system. Now it seems to be passing away altogether. After the next move it will be only a memory.

## INSPECTION OF ALL SEEDS TO BE MADE

"The Oregon Pure Seed law is to be put into full and immediate effect," said Professor H. D. Scudder, chairman of the State Pure Seed Board and in charge of the seed testing laboratory at the Agricultural college, "and all seed dealers throughout the state should take notice that beginning with the new year their stocks will be inspected by the state commissioner's office and the provisions of the law will be actively enforced. It is also felt by the board that since the laws are designed to protect the farmer from inferior seed, farmers and the general public should co-operate in all ways possible, and especially by notifying the commissioner's office whenever seed stock is offered for sale without being properly labeled, both as to purity and germination qualities. In essence the seed law is:

"Every package of seed of one pound or more in weight that is exposed for sale within the borders of the state of Oregon must be correctly labeled with the name of the seedman, the name of the seed, and the purity and germination thereof; and further, that no seed containing certain noxious seeds, such as dodder, Canada thistle, and the like, can be sold at all in Oregon.

"With the seed law actively enforced Oregon will cease to be a dumping ground for inferior agricultural seeds that are not salable in any of the adjoining states—all of which have good seed laws. Further, the reputable seedman that wishes to do nothing but an honest business will not be compelled to compete with low grade, inferior, cheap seed, which is never cheap at any price. And most important of all, the farmer will not buy this inferior seed without knowing that it is inferior.

"The result will be not only a more prosperous and desirable business for the seed dealer, but an increase of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in the farmers' incomes, through the use of better seed."

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## CANNERY MEETING WAS SUCCESSFUL

Last Saturday morning at the Estacada hotel, a meeting was held between the representatives of the Gresham cannery, F. D. Hunt, traffic manager of the railway company, and a few interested local fruit growers.

Much was accomplished at this meeting, as it resolved itself into a discussion of concrete facts and figures and the local growers report that the proposition "looks good" to them, and part of them have expressed a willingness to co-operate with the Gresham people.

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## THIRD SERVICE CAR MAY BE PUT ON

Roberts & Rau, proprietors of the auto service line between Gresham and Portland, have been doing a successful business since putting on the second car and now announce that if the business continues to increase they will put on a third.

Their trips now include the Base Line and Powell Valley roads but their intention is to cover the Section Line. At present the two cars cross the Willamette on the Hawthorne bridge, but with another they will route one of them over another bridge, probably the Burnside.

So far the railway company has done nothing to meet the opposition, but it is rumored that an application is to be made to the Railway commission for a reduction in passenger fares between Gresham and Portland.

### Burglars at Fairview.

Three unsuccessful burglars were reported from Fairview on Sunday morning. Entrance was made to the postoffice, the O.-W. R. & N. Co.'s depot and the office of the Sundial mill, but as nothing valuable was to be found the burglars went away empty handed.