

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS WIN FOR GRESHAM

The question of the ownership of railroads by the government has puzzled many of our foremost national political leaders for the past few years and is sure to claim their attention still further. It was supposed that the question would be definitely settled in the competitive debates last Friday night, but the country is as far from a settlement as ever. A team of debaters from Gresham High school won a unanimous decision on one side of the question here, and another team of Gresham debaters won two to one on the other side of the same question at Tillamook.

The statement of the question was: "Resolved, that the Federal government should own and operate all interstate railroads acting as common carriers (including all interstate lines competing with them), constitutionally waived."

In the debate at Gresham Miss Mabel Shipley and Miss Marguerite Volbrecht argued the affirmative against Carlyle Cunningham and Ferris Swisher of the St. Johns high school. Mayor Geo. W. Stapleton acted as chairman of the meeting. The judges were W. F. Woodward, Principal Jas. P. Ewing of Portland Academy and Prof. Robert C. French, educational director of Central Y. M. C. A.

In announcing the decision of the judges Mr. Stapleton complimented all of the speakers for their thorough preparation and careful mastery of the subject. The speakers all did credit to themselves and their schools, and whether they lost or won they have gained in the ability to follow a subject through in a logical manner. Perhaps the most interesting part of the debate was the closing speech of Miss Shipley, when in five minutes time, by rapid speaking, she rebutted every point in the argument of the opposing team.

M. F. Woodward, one of the judges made a little speech at the close of the exercises in which he scored the parents of Gresham for their lack of interest in this most important event, there being a very poor showing present. Mr. Woodward said that nothing short of illness should have kept the older members of the community from being present to encourage the pupils.

The debaters who went to Tillamook were Miss Ellen DeHaven and Stanley Stinson. They were accompanied by Miss Struggles of the High school.

As a result of the triangular debate between Gresham, Tillamook and St. Johns, Gresham won five points of the judges and two more for the decisions. Tillamook secured five points and St. Johns none.

The winners of the debate will meet the winners of the dual debate on the same question between Astoria and Scappoose High schools for the championship of the Columbia River district of the state high school debating league. The winners of the district will later compete for the championship of the state league, composed of 34 high schools, for the University of Oregon cup.

Teachers Do Circle Work.

Thirty-five hundred Oregon teachers will soon be doing their prescribed reading circle work under supervision of the State University. Eight hundred have received the study outlines. They are distributed among twenty-five counties. Outlines of the course have been sent to the remaining ten counties. Oregon has about 4,000 teachers in the public schools.

The reading circle work is now required under the state school law. The state gathering of county superintendents of schools, recently held at Salem, voted to put direction of the readings in the hands of the University of Oregon.

For Few Days Only.

Bargain offer on Evening Telegram. Telegram alone 1 year, \$3.50, with Outlook, \$4.50. Speak for these quick.

Notice!

Gresham Harness Shop, located in former Outlook office, opposite Pulfer Mercantile Co.'s store. tf

We are issuing 1915 hunting and fishing licenses at Sterling & Kidder's.

Eugene cannery took 2,000,000 pounds fruit from growers last year.

TWO CHOSEN DIRECTORS AT MEETING

Board of Directors.

Theo. Brugger, H. Bickford
Chas. Cleveland, A. Dowsett
E. S. Jenne, D. McKay
W. A. Proctor, John Sleret
Walker Quesinberry.

Yesterday's adjourned meeting of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company resulted in the election of Henry Bickford and the re-election of Walker Quesinberry as directors for the coming five-year term.

When the roll was called it was found that 160 shares of stock were represented out of the 274 owned by the stockholders, and there was no hitch in the business of the occasion.

The secretary's report, as published in the Outlook two weeks ago, was read and accepted.

The by-laws were amended so as to make the annual meeting fall on the fourth Monday in January hereafter. This was done in order to give the secretary ample time to issue a printed statement of all business for any year up to December 31.

A vote was taken on a resolution to reduce the number of directors to five but it was lost by a two-thirds' vote.

Then followed the election of two directors, five candidates being named. The vote stood Henry Bickford, 86; Walker Quesinberry, 84; H. C. Whilon, 83; C. F. Ruegg, 76; C. P. Christenson, 24. The first two were declared elected.

GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOL WINS FROM ESTACADA

Sixty-six persons were counted on the special car that went to Estacada on Saturday evening, bearing the boys' basketball team of the Gresham High school for a bout with Estacada High school team.

The crowd was principally made up of members of the High school classes but there was a good representation of older people who went along to boost and see Gresham win.

The game was called early in the O. W. P. dancing pavilion and resulted in a score of 23 to 14 in favor of the Gresham boys. Harry and Ralph Stanley were the star players.

A luncheon taken along by Mrs. O. J. Brown and Mrs. William Stanley was served on the car while on its homeward trip, and everybody enjoyed the evening as well as the result of the game.

ARCHITECTS' PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the new Union High school will be held next Saturday evening at the Bank of Gresham to which all the architects who are to submit building plans will be present.

Proposed plans, on which the architects are to build something tangible, call for a building to contain five class rooms, five laboratories, an assembly hall with an office for the principal and other rooms necessary for the school.

The building will be two stories in height, with full basement.

As soon as the plans are adopted other steps will be taken for the erection of the building which will be done before school opens in September.

Baby Dies From Poison.

Corinne Laura, the 19-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meeker of Ridgefield, Washington, died last week as the result of eating a quantity of pills which she found on the dresser. The medicine contained strychnine. A physician was called at once but was unable to save the child. How the baby got to the bottle, which the mother thought was out of reach, and how the little one opened the bottle, is a puzzle to the grief stricken parents.

Mrs. Meeker has many friends in Gresham, where she lived for several years. She was formerly Miss Emma Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hamilton now of Montavilla.

Graniteware. A large assortment. Prices 5, 10 and 15 cents. Mrs. E. Boughner, Novelty Store.

One firm has shipped out 94 carloads of Hood River apples.

NEW ELECTRIC LINE WILL BE OPERATED TO BAKER'S BRIDGE

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(Special)—By July electric cars will be in operation on the Baker's bridge branch of the Portland & Oregon City railway, according to the announcement made by Stephen Carver, the manager and promoter of this line.

Work is now in progress on that part that extends through Milwaukie, and it will soon be finished to the Portland limits. Rights of way have been secured through the Ladd addition into Portland, and construction on this part will soon start. For the present construction will stop at Baker's Bridge on the Clackamas river, which is 16 miles southeast from Portland. Later the railway will be extended to Viola, which is nearly 10 miles, beyond or 25 miles from Portland. A bridge across the Clackamas river must be built at Baker's bridge before this extension is undertaken. This branch will open up a great territory in the southeast, which at present has no transportation facilities other than teams of the farms. It is rich in products, and it is estimated that the freight alone will pay the operating expenses of this line. It has not yet been settled what route the line will finally select inside of Portland. East 17th street through Sellwood is wanted, and will be adopted provided the voters approve of the franchise on that route. A referendum has been called on this street, and a special election will be held about April, which will decide the route. This railroad is one of the most important improvements projected for the present year so far in Portland.

The union meetings held on the East Side have started on the third week. Evangelist Bulgin is a great expounder of the genuine orthodox doctrine. He calls things by their real names. Bulgin believes in a literal hell in which there are fire and brimstone, or something as bad. Bulgin has a perfect torrent of language on the platform when he gets started. Great crowds attend, and crowd the tabernacle. It will hold 4000 people, and it is often filled, which indicates that the people are not tired of the "old time religion" and they certainly are getting it at this meeting. There remains to be raised about \$2500 for expenses, or the evangelist will be in a "hole." Bulgin required no guarantee when he started these meetings. He contracted for the lumber on his own responsibility. He is not disturbed over the situation. He says that the money will come, that the "Lord will provide." During the ensuing week all the meetings, starting last night, till Friday night, will be specially for business, the municipal officers, the Odd Fellows order,

labor organizations and socialist. Bulgin is sure to have something specially to say to each of these organizations. He is interesting and unique whether one agrees with his methods or not.

The East Side Business Men's club went on record at the meeting Thursday night as opposed to the county leasing the railroad bridge for a period longer than one year and against the county paying the rate asked for by the railroad company, which was declared to be too high. It was the sense of meeting that the country should pay a fair rental for the bridge, but not the price the railway company is asking for. Secretary C. C. Hall was instructed to file the protest with the county commissioners.

A committee was appointed to cooperate with the Albina Business Men's club in an effort to have the Russell-Shaver street car service restored. A delegation from the Albina club was present and set forth that the substitution of the "Bridge Transfer" cars for the Russell-Shaver line was working a great hardship on hundreds of working men on the East Side, who are now required to make several transfers to reach their homes instead of the direct through Russell-Shaver line. The committee with other committees from the East Side will take up the matter with President Griffith, of the street railway company.

H. A. Calef reported the publicity campaign had been successful and that funds to carry out the plan had been subscribed. He said Albina business will co-operate.

The past week the Southern Pacific Railway company put to work several hundred men at the car shops who had been laid off for lack of work. This was a great gain for the men, who were getting very short, and reduced the number of idle men on the streets. Many of the sawmills of the country are starting up, and the indications are that there will be a general awakening throughout the northwest this spring. It cannot come any too soon. It is due with the great price the farmers are receiving for their wheat.

THOUSAND-FOOT REEL SHOWS WAR FEATURES

The German line of battle will be shown in actual fighting in the 1000-foot feature reel to be produced at Smith's Scenograph theater on Wednesday evening of this week.

It is probably the greatest war picture ever shown and shows the army in a real battle scene. There will be six big features shown, including a great 4-reel production entitled "The Evil Eye." There will also be a Keystone comedy act. In the production of the battle scene it is said that seven movie operators were killed before the reel films were completed. They were taken under the greatest danger pressure ever encountered by camera men.

COMEDY COMPANY IN NEW ENGAGEMENT

The Wills, Collins and Murray Dramatic company announces another comedy at Regner's opera house for next Monday evening, entitled, "The Way to Make a Million."

It will be a laughable production and is sure to be entertaining. Reserved seats may be had at Lindsey's after Thursday morning for 35 cents. General admission, 25 cents.

Barber Shop Moved.

Owing to the plans for tearing down the R. R. Carlson building, I have moved my barber shop to the First State Bank building one door west of the postoffice. I will be glad to see any and all of my patrons at my new location. A. E. ADAMS, nery.

NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR CANNERY

Officers Elected.

President.....H. E. Davis
Vice President.....Wm. Peterson
Secretary.....K. A. Miller
Treasurer.....Bank of Gresham
Manager.....J. H. Sterling

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gresham Fruit Growers' association, held on Saturday evening last, the above officers were elected for the coming year—except that Mr. Miller accepted the position of secretary only to the first of May when he will resign. After that date it is quite likely that Mr. Sterling will act as secretary and manager, in accordance with a clause of the by-laws that defines the duties of the two offices in such a way that the secretary is practically the manager of the association.

A pamphlet naming the varieties of fruit for producers to grow has been prepared and will be sent to each stockholder. It names the various fruits best suited for shipping and canning which should be grown for a season's work and for the markets.

INITIATORY WORK BY MOUNT HOOD TEAM

Thirty-four members of the Maccabee Tents of Portland visited Rockwood Tent on Saturday evening for the purpose of putting on the degree work and initiating three candidates.

The degree team was from Mount Hood Tent, No. 17, as were a majority of the other visitors. State Commander J. W. Sherwood and a few others present were from Portland Tent, No. 1.

The officers of Mount Hood Tent took entire charge of the meeting and conducted the degree work in a satisfactory manner.

After the lodge session closed the entire crowd sat down to a chicken supper which had been prepared by a number of the Lady Maccabees, when several interesting speeches were made by some of the visitors, all of whom gave words of praise for their reception and entertainment.

D. C. ELY PLANS FOR THREE BRICK STORES

D. C. Ely, owner of the property on which the Shattuck buildings stood before the fire, was in Gresham yesterday in company with some contractors who were figuring on a new row of store buildings to replace those which were burned.

Mr. Ely has in mind the erection of three stores, and has had plans prepared. His present idea is to build them of brick, one story high with glass fronts.

He is negotiating for tenants and will build if satisfactory arrangements can be made to lease the stores when erected.

COMMISSION FIRM HAS BUYER HERE

W. S. Hurst & Co., produce and commission merchants with headquarters at Hubbard, Or., and with branches at Aurora, Canby and Oregon City, have established a purchasing and shipping agency in Gresham with P. Michel as resident agent.

The firm deals in wheat, oats, potatoes, and onions in carload lots, and will be in the field for buying during the remainder of the season. Mr. Michel will be found at the livery barn where those who have such produce as he can handle may find out the particulars as noted here and in the advertisement printed elsewhere.

CONSTRUCTION BEGUN ON RUBY'S NEW HOME

A. C. Ruby has commenced operations on his new \$25,000 residence on the Base Line by starting a concrete garage and laying a plank roadway into the property for delivery of material.

The dwelling is to be located about 200 yards east of the old pioneer house on a slightly elevation about 200 feet from the Base Line.

The garage now under course of construction will accommodate three machines. Material for all the construction work will be delivered from now on and the structures will make imposing showings in a few months.

Albany is still pushing for a cannery.

CONTRACT LET FOR WRECKING OLD BUILDING

R. R. Carlson has let the contract for wrecking his Powell street building to R. H. Ward of Portland who will begin work tomorrow or next day.

Mr. Ward will engage local help for the work and is required to deliver the wreckage onto Mr. Carlson's vacant lot adjoining the furniture store on Main street.

Mr. Carlson said today that the building will be torn down to the ground; also the sidewalk will be taken up to remain in that condition until the county or city reinforces the bank with a retaining wall. This would indicate that he does not propose to rebuild until something is done to keep the earth from sliding against the structure.

Mr. Ward, the contractor, was the lowest bidder out of more than half a dozen, but he is a pusher and can rush things because he will require his help to work steadily while on the job. His method is to keep all outsiders away while his men are at work and not allow them to loiter or swap yarns with each other while the work is in progress. By that means he professes to save time and can make wages when others would lose money. His bid was only about twenty per cent of the highest submitted and a great deal lower than anyone in Gresham would take the contract for.

The Murphy & Metzger building adjoining, which is attached to the Carlson building by a party wall is being detached and strengthened so that the removal of the Carlson building will have no effect on it.

THIRD CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY

The third monthly concert will be given at the library next Sunday, January 24 at 3:30. These concerts have been enjoyed by good audiences and no doubt will continue to be popular events. The program for next Sunday follows:

- Humoresque (Dvorak.)
- Chorus—Oh, Come ye Ye Faithful.
- Solo—My ain countrie, sung by Lucy Marsh.
- Duet—Abide With Me, sung by Alma Gluck and Louise Homer.
- Chorus—Unfold, ye Portals Everlasting, from Gounod's "Redemption."
- Processional of Knights of the Holy Grail, from Parsifal.
- Solo—He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd, sung by Louise Homer.
- Chorus—Hallelujah Chorus, from "The Messiah."
- Traumerel (Schumann)
- Solo—Believe Me, if all those endearing young charms, sung by David Bispham.
- Solo—The Last Rose of Summer, sung by Elizabeth Wheeler.
- Spring song, (Mendelssohn.)
- Flute solo, The Nightingale, (Donjon.)

Post and Corps Install.

The installation of officers for the coming year took place Saturday at the meeting of the M. A. Ross Post G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps.

Comrade Huntington, of Lents, installed for the Post. Following is a list of the officers: commander, Wm. Butler; S. W., Geo. Knierlem; J. W., Geo. Murray; chaplain, Edgar Murray; quarter master, Joel Bates; officer of the day, O. S. Murray.

The officers installed in the woman's organization are: S. W., Lillian Chipman; J. W., Clara Kane; treasurer, Emma Gilmore; chaplain, Susie Sherwood; conductor, Maggie Crow; guard, Hannah Bond; assistant guard, Amanda Johnson; patriotic instructor, Ara Lusted; press correspondent, Emma Gilmore. Mrs. Kate Neal of Portland was the installing officer.

Notice!

Owing to the fact that the yards and horse stalls at the Free Methodist church are getting so wet and muddy, we feel it a necessity to close them for a while. D. M. CATHEY, Chairman of the Board.

Coming! New lot of Hardy Spray Pumps and accessories to Sterling & Kidder's Hardware store.