

OLD PEOPLES' CLUB FORMED FOR DANCING

Last night's high jinks by the Old Peoples club at Regner's opera house was a rare get-together occasion for about thirty couples of old married folks and a bunch of batches and old maids.

Dancing to a violin and piano music was the principal amusement, although a few card tables were running in one corner. Quadrilles such as were all the rage thirty years ago were more in evidence than any other dance, but the old-fashioned waltz and two-step were not forgotten. These were the only varieties attempted except a Virginia reel.

The violin was furnished by Frank Gibbs, a left-handed player who used to delight the dancers of twenty years ago. Miss Ethel Merrill accompanied him on the piano.

The quadrille figures were called by Mayor Stapleton, William Childers and E. L. Thorpe.

A lunch was served just before midnight, after which those present decided that they would have a few more such occasions before the social dancing season ends, and they voted to hold five more dances of the same character. The dates were fixed for the first and third Thursday in each month.

Twenty-eight charter members were enrolled with Mayor Stapleton as president and Mrs. Alva Hevel secretary-treasurer. A membership committee was named to secure more members, consisting of O. A. Eastman, Maxwell Schneider and Mrs. H. E. Davis. The members were assessed \$2.50 each for the coming series of dances which they must all pay. With a dozen more members the money to be raised in that manner will be more than sufficient to cover all expenses of hall rent, music and lunch.

B. L. WALRAD IS NOW OWNER OF C. C. STORE

A deal was consummated yesterday which brings about a change in the ownership of the C. C. store.

B. L. Walrad, one of the partners in the late Bartlett Mercantile company, which was burned out on December 20, is the new owner and has taken possession. He bought the stock, fixtures and lease and will stock up anew, adding to it a complete line of groceries and provisions.

Negotiations for the sale have been under way for more than a week but could not be concluded until a full settlement of the fire losses had been made which was done yesterday.

VALENTINE DANCE AT ROCKWOOD HALL

Rockwood grange hall has been rented to George Beers, leader of the Beers' orchestra, for a Valentine dance on Saturday evening, February 13. Dance tickets, \$1.00.

Everybody is invited to have another good time at Rockwood. Supper will be served for 25 cents, as usual. E. L. Thorpe will manage the floor.—Adv.

If You Want Help

In any kind of work, please notify the Outlook office. There are frequent enquiries for a chance to work. Help along the man who wants a job.

BUNGLING BUNK BUNCO FAST AND FURIOUS

On Saturday, February 6, the management of Smith's theater has obtained the 3-reel comedy riot that ran at the Majestic theater in Portland recently and created such great interest among the picture fans of that city.

Bungling Bunk Bunco is not only a scream of a comedy but is filled with sensation and is a great animal picture. The wild animal part of this picture was taken in Africa and is said to excel all other animal pictures, such as Capt. Kate and The Leopard Lady. If you enjoy good comedy and a good sensational picture, you will not miss seeing this.

In addition to this great feature a 2-reel railroad story, Block Tower No. 9, a picture filled with thrills and intense interest, will be rendered, also His Mother-in-law, another big comedy, making 6 reels in all. As well balanced a production as you have seen for a long time. Admission 5c and 10c.—Adv.

BASKETBALL GIRLS LOSE CLOSE GAME

The girls' basket ball team returned home Saturday evening after spending the night before at Silverton, Oregon. They did not report a victory, but they did report a splendid time while at Silverton. The game was won by Silverton girls with a close score of 23 to 18. Iris Gullickson being the star player for Gresham, made the most scores. Laura Davis also made some of the scores for Gresham. The girls were taken to a hotel where they spent the night, after the game, to which there was a big turnout. The girls' basket ball teams were given a reception by a high school society in the high school building.

The Silverton team will come here Saturday, February 27, to play the Gresham girls.

Those going to Silverton from Gresham were, Iris Gullickson, Laura Davis, Hester Thorpe, Margurite Volbrecht, Katherine Honey, Hazel Goger, Eva Hamlin and Miss Gertrude Leggett, the coach and chaperone.

The girls' basketball team of the Gresham High school went to Hood River today for a game there tonight with the Hood River High school girls. The players will be the same who went to Silverton but the substitutes have been changed. The two latter will be Isabel Metzger and Laura Shipley.

DR. AND MRS. BITTNER ENTERTAIN CLUB

Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Bittner entertained last night with a valentine party at their home on S. Roberts avenue. The guests included a score of the younger married people of the community. Games suitable to the occasion were played, interspersed with music. G. E. Cleveland and Mrs. D. R. Shoemaker were the winners in the contests.

The decorations were unique and beautiful and consisted of pussy willows, hearts and cupids tastefully displayed.

Punch was served during the evening and at the close the guests were refreshed with delicious ice cream and cake.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Kidder, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fieldhouse and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth. The two latter couples assisted Dr. and Mrs. Bittner about the rooms.

GOOD LUCK SHOES FOR REINFORCEMENT

Using old horse shoes for reinforcing a concrete foundation would seem to be extravagant, but then the extravagance is equalized by the good luck they will bring.

When Ed. Osburn's blacksmith shop burned down on the 20th of December he had a pile of old horse-shoes at the rear of the shop amounting to more than two tons. They had accumulated for more than ten years and were not salable. He is allowing the contractors to use them in the concrete foundation for the brick walls.

If there is any virtue in a horse-shoe as a good luck sign the new Osburn building should be the most fortunate building ever erected. The workmen are careful to place them with the calks downward out of respect to the memories of the animals that once wore them, many of which have passed away. The new building will be their monument.

AUTOMOBILE WRECKED BY MOUNT HOOD CAR

Dr. Ed. Smith, the well known veterinarian, had a narrow escape today when his automobile was struck by the Mount Hood car. The machine was badly wrecked but the doctor escaped serious injury.

He was crossing the track at the Main street crossing and was run into by the 11:30 car just after it had left the Gresham depot on its way to Portland. Dr. Smith failed to see it in time with the resulting accident.

The legislature is asked to utilize state prisoners to establish the flax industry at Salem.

SLOUGH FARM IS CAUSE OF LITIGATION

A peculiar and interesting lawsuit was decided in Justice Rollins' court on Tuesday. It was a case wherein D. R. Cooper was making an attempt to regain possession of a farm on the Columbia slough which he had leased out for a year from the 29th day of last July to E. V. Nicolletti.

The terms of the lease were such that the tenant was to market the growing crops on 15 acres and pay the owner one-half of the proceeds. In November, after the crops were sold the plaintiff endeavored to break the lease and gave a ten-days' notice to vacate.

No money accounting was demanded, nothing else being demanded but the land, and the case was fought during a whole afternoon before a jury.

Judge C. A. Johns, candidate for governor last year, was counsel for Mr. Cooper. The defendant was represented by Attorneys Maston and King. The jury was composed of Alfred Hammar, F. E. Todd, L. L. Kidder, James Lawrence, E. L. Thorpe and J. J. Halligan.

The case lasted all the afternoon and finally resulted in a verdict for the defendant, who was considered to have conducted his part of the contract in good faith. He has about six acres of new crops in, besides two more acres ready for planting.

BOYCOTT ORDINANCE PASSED BY COUNCIL

Boycotting banners and other devices tending to injure the business of any person or firm in Gresham will be unlawful hereafter and will be punishable, by a fine or imprisonment upon conviction. This action was taken at a meeting of the city council on Tuesday evening, and was the result of a banner-carrying defiance aimed at R. R. Carlson a few weeks ago when he let the contract for wrecking his store buildings on Powell street.

The council referred the matter of the dangerous condition on Powell street gulch to the committee on streets and Public Ways. The committee is expected to hold a conference with the property owners there on Monday next, with a view to finding a remedy for the situation.

Marshal McKinney was appointed water and street superintendent and confirmed.

The office of city attorney was left vacant.

The city treasurer's report showed \$488.90 in the general fund, and \$10.44 in the water fund.

The committee on Fire and Water reported the purchase of twenty suits, helmets and numbers for the members of the fire department. The report was approved.

JITNEY SERVICE OVER IN CLACKAMAS

The jitney automobile service, which is temporarily hurting the railroad and transportation companies in Portland, is rapidly penetrating Clackamas county, with service to and from Oregon City, and the service from Gresham to Portland is even advertised in the form of a time table in the Gresham Outlook. The jitney service is satisfactory as an innovation, but after the first accident occurs, the public will wish they could aim their accident claim at a real financially responsible railway company, instead of a private individual, whose occupation consists of "shuffering" his only asset, the wrecked car.

It is not likely that the jtnneys will tackle Estacada, if they first interview the man who tried to operate a motor truck from here to Portland.—Estacada Progress.

Popular Young People Wed. Everett A. Stafford and Blanche I. Wiles were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon, February 3d, at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Melville T. Wire.

The ceremony was witnessed by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wiles, and by Mrs. Bessie Wire. The young people left on a brief tour to Seaside and Tillamook beaches, after which they will reside near Gresham. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

An original person is one who does the sort of things you've always wanted to do, but never dared.

SCHOOL TAXES FOR DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION

County Assessor Reed's tables of valuations gives the amounts to be paid in taxes for all school precincts in the county. That which most concerns eastern Multnomah is herewith given, together with the sums to be returned.

Following is the list:
Gresham school district—Total valuation, \$1,404,330; taxes due, \$24,555.22; amount to be returned, \$2,808.66.

Terry school district—Total valuation, \$365,265; taxes due, \$4,858.02; amount to be returned, \$182.63.

Powell Valley district—Total valuation, \$252,715; taxes due, \$4,245.61; amount to be returned, \$1,010.86.

Lynch school district—Total valuation, \$414,585; taxes due, \$6,759.58; amount to be returned, \$1,243.75.

Hillsview school district—Total valuations, \$67,090; taxes due, \$925.84; amount to be returned, \$67.09.

These five districts comprise the Union High school district, the grand totals footing up the following sums: Total valuations, \$2,593,985. The taxes to be paid from these five districts totals \$31,344.27. The amount to be returned to the five districts is \$5,312.99.

In addition to these sums there is to be a return to the Union high school district the amount of \$8,263.15 which is the sum raised on a rate of 3.3 mills. The two amounts bring the total to be returned to the five districts up to \$13,576.14. It will be seen that the high school will get a little over 60 per cent of all the school money to be distributed by the county this year.

The sum of \$8,263.15 represents the sum which will be available to pay salaries and otherwise maintain the high school for the coming season.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS ELECTED

At a meeting of the Sunday school board of the Methodist Episcopal church held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: superintendent, A. R. Lyman; assistant superintendent, C. M. Harrison; secretary, Miss Margaret Burke; assistant, Keith Lyman; treasurer, Mrs. Arza Smith; librarian, Miss Gertrude Eastman; organist, Miss Gladys Neal; assistant, Mrs. L. C. St. Clair; chorister, C. E. Rusher; superintendent junior department, Mrs. Melville T. Wire; superintendent primary department, Mrs. C. E. Rusher; superintendent Cradle Roll, Miss Ada Honey.

The teachers elected for the various classes were Miss Helen Hoss, Miss Mabel Inglis, Miss Esther Elford, Miss Echo Jones, Miss Margaret Creevy, Mrs. Lillian Pullen, Mrs. Myrtle Myers, Miss Aurilla Hoagland, Rev. Melville T. Wire, Miss Mina Gilbert, Mrs. L. C. St. Clair, Jas. Lawrence, with Miss Lena Wright assistant in the primary department and Miss Geneva Wright and Carl Gundrum assistants in the junior department.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT TO DEFRAY EXPENSES

The pupils of the Gresham High school, assisted by some outside talent, will give an entertainment Thursday, February 11, in the High school building.

A splendid program has been prepared which will consist of readings, and vocal and instrumental solos. Selections will be rendered by the High school orchestra, mixed chorus and girls' chorus. One of the numbers will be a recitation in German.

After the program a farce, "The Heavenly Twins," will be produced by members of the High school. Candy will be sold after the program. The money raised by the entertainment will be used to pay the indebtedness incurred by the debate. Admission will be 10c for children and High school pupils and 15c for adults. Tickets will be on sale soon.

TIME WASTED.

"Dinah, did you wash the fish before you baked it?"
"Law, ma'am, what's de use ob washin' er fish what's lived all his life in de water!"

PROHIBITION VOTE IS TAKEN AT TWO TODAY

Additional amendments have been made in the prohibition bill now before the House, but the measure now is ready for final consideration and doubtless will be made a special order of business some time this week. The committee on alcoholic traffic held another meeting at which the maximum limit on the quantity of malt liquors that a resident of the state can import in any 30-day period was raised from 15 quarts to 24 quarts. This was for the purpose of conforming with the methods now in use in handling beer, as 24 bottles make a case. The quantity of distilled or fermented liquors that may be shipped in as an alternative to the 24 quarts of beer has been unchanged. It remains at two quarts.

The limit on the amount of wine that may be imported for sacramental purposes has been removed. Clergymen may have it shipped into the state in any desired quantity if they make affidavit that it is to be put to sacramental uses. As a large number of persons are eager to be present in the House when the bill passes it is probable that a time will be set several days in advance when it will be made a special order. Chairman Littlefield, of the alcoholic traffic committee, believes that the vote for the bill in the House may be unanimous. A vote was taken in the bill at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The free text book law has been repealed and signed by the governor.

Leading business men of Portland, eastern Oregon and other sections of the state at a meeting Wednesday night urged the joint ways and means committee to report favorably upon the House bill providing an appropriation of \$450,000 for irrigation work the next two years. All declared that the proposed work would constitute an investment the state could ill-afford to decline to make inasmuch as the Federal government had guaranteed to give a similar amount in the reclamation of the arid lands of the state.

A new policy in financing road construction is involved in a bill that was up for third reading in the House yesterday morning. It would empower any municipality in the state to build roads beyond its corporate limits so long as they served to connect the city or town with the rural districts. Two municipalities far apart could connect each other with roads of this kind. The bill is fathered by the House committee on roads and highways and has the support of leading road enthusiasts in Portland, who have been explaining its provisions to members of the legislature. It does not specify how much road work is to be financed but leaves that detail to the municipality undertaking the work.

All profits derived from the operation of the Interstate Bridge, between Portland and Vancouver, Washington, are to be turned over to the state to apply on the interest charges on the bridge bonds, if the action taken by the House is carried to its ultimate conclusion. House bill 341, prepared by Representative Huston and Senator Moser, upon advice of District Attorney Evans, of Multnomah county, was up for adoption before the House this morning and referred back to the committee on revision of laws for the purpose of having the provision to give the state the surplus tolls inserted. The measure provides that the county commissioners and the governor shall have charge of the bridge. At the request of the Railroad commission, that body was relieved from responsibility in its management.

Senator Kellaher is endeavoring to establish a farm mortgage bureau.

A bill has been introduced in the senate providing common school holidays as follows: Sunday, January 1, February 12, February 22, May 30, July 4, Labor Day, October 12, Christmas, Thanksgiving, and general elections, where schools are used as polling places, and that a portion of Feb. 12 and 22, first Monday in September and October 12 shall be observed in the schools with appropriate exercises. Teach-

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RURAL ROUTE AT FAIRVIEW SHOWS GAIN

By J. H. SCHRAM.
FAIRVIEW, Feb. 5.—Special—Postmistress H. M. Heslin has handed out for publication the following report of business done on rural route from this office for the month of January: number of pieces of all mail delivered, 10,345 pieces; total weight of same, 1,545 pounds, 11 ounces; value of stamps on said mail, \$175.07. Total of all classes of mail collected, 2,440 pieces. Total weight 186 pounds, 3 ounces; value of stamps, \$53.91. Grand total of all mail handled by carrier, 13,785 pieces; total weight 1,731 pounds, 14 ounces; total value of stamps, \$228.98.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will be entertained on Wednesday, February 10. Postmistress Heslin will take a day of rest from official duty that day and serve tea for all those who choose to come and assures a grand treat. Considerable business will be transacted at that time. All are asked to remember the date.

Some of our citizens were heard to remark, "See how proud E. A. Whitney walks now since he became mayor." Oh, no, that is not it at all. He simply has three large boils on his knee—that's all.

The Osburn brothers are having quite a lot of improvement done on the Osburn tract, such as clearing and fencing. Richard and Henry Moller have taken a contract and are making rapid progress in clearing a tract. Abe Turner is also having some clearing done south of the O. W. R. & N. track.

Mr. Jones of Gresham, one of the contractors on the new buildings going up on the Ruby farm, has moved into J. L. Angles' cottage at Bairdsdale station.

Claud Clute, of Bairdsdale station, is preparing to have a public sale in the near future, preparatory to going east.

Richard Anderson is under the care of Dr. Bittner, but nothing serious whatever.

Mr. Prouditt has leased several acres of land of Jack Luscher and is building a house on the north bank of Blue Lake. Mr. Prouditt will engage in truck gardening, specially in tomatoes, and expects to find a ready market for a lot of his stuff at the Gresham cannery. It is rumored that several of our boys will utilize some of our vacant lots in the growing of beans and cucumbers here this summer.

J. P. Province's baby was taken seriously ill Tuesday noon and is still in a critical condition. But for the timely arrival of Dr. Bitner the little fellow would probably have died.

FAIRVIEW

The Fairview grange will meet Saturday, Feb. 6. During the lecture hour H. E. Davis of Gresham grange will speak concerning the profits to be made in raising small fruits and berries. H. A. Lewis of Russellville grange, president of the Multnomah County Fair association, will explain the new method to be used in awarding the grange prizes at the fair next fall.

AUTO EXPRESS COMPANY CHANGES MANAGEMENT

Mrs. M. B. Grant has bought out the freight interests of Andrew Hutton in the Grant & Hutton auto express truck running between Gresham and Portland, and the truck will hereafter be run under the name of the Grant Express company.

The Grants have discontinued the milk run and the truck will be available in the morning for freight as well as in the afternoon.

All accounts owing to the late firm are taken over by the Grant company, and W. Grant will be responsible for accounts owing by the late firm.

Trading stamp dealers will be required to pay 5 per cent on all gross receipts if Senator LaFollette's bill becomes a law.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to send our thanks to our friends and the Freshman class of Gresham High school for the beautiful floral offerings and sympathy given us through the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

EMIL OLSEN and FAMILY.