

## CITY ATTORNEY CROSSES MAYOR IN STATEMENT

Gresham, Ore., Feb. 7th.  
Editor Outlook:—A week ago tonight, at the Portland First M. E. church, there was a congregation composed largely of the legal fraternity whose ears were tickled by a discourse from Rev. Frank LaFayette Loveland, D. D., on "The Lawyer." It was evident that the reverend gentleman had studied other professions as well as his own, on the theory that the ideal knowledge is with him who knows everything about something and something about everything; that in order to know everything about the English language, one must know something about every language; which principle is also true with regard to races, and when we come to professions we have no exception.

Speaking from ripest experience in every walk of life and a last word of wisdom, much like David, the Psalmist, the Shepherd King, warrior and statesman, sinner and saint, and answering "who shall dwell in thy holy hill," the learned divine paid a tribute to the law, lawyer, and legal profession that was worthy of all acceptance if not long felt want.

"If I were to direct the training of my son for the ministry, I would send him to a law school instead of a theological school." This comprehensive statement indicates the high water mark reached in his thoughts and gracious attitude towards lawyers, generally spoken of in scripture and elsewhere as a class of persons from whom nothing good can come.

Taking inspiration, and coming down from the activities of the great city of Portland to the affairs of our little town of Gresham, the undersigned will venture an observation on the legal profession and its relation and significance to the public in general and a small town in particular; also to say something about the office of city attorney, and to correct a statement of the Gresham Outlook in reporting the proceedings of the recent town council meeting to the effect that "the office of city attorney was left vacant."

Speaking further, for the sake of brevity, in the first person, I will say first, as to the city attorneyship, that I am city attorney duly appointed a year ago, and will continue as such the same as the fire chief, or any other appointive or elective official, till I resign or the council orders another appointment, or declares my removal. None of these things have been done nor will be done in my opinion. Therefore there is no vacancy now nor likely to be. The city charter provides as follows:

"Section 6, Chapter 2, The Council may in its discretion order the appointment of a poundmaster, fire chief, a city attorney, a city surveyor, a night watchman, a superintendent of streets, and such police and other subordinate officers as it may deem necessary, and may by ordinance prescribe their duties and fix their compensation." The appointment of any of the aforementioned officers shall be by the mayor, with the approval of the council, and any such officer shall be removed at the pleasure of the council.

The charter nowhere provides that an appointive official shall not hold till his successor is appointed, but the general law everywhere provides that he shall.

"Am. and Eng. Cy. of Law, Vol. 19, page 562. Although there is authority for the proposition that an officer's function cease immediately upon the expiration of his term of office, the doctrine supported by the preponderance of opinion is, that in the absence of any express prohibition an officer holds over after the expiration of his term until a successor is duly chosen and qualified. To this general rule some of the authorities make an exception in the case of judicial officers, and possibly also of members of the legislature and the executive. In most of the States all doubt is removed by constitutional or statutory provisions, that, when an officer is elected or appointed for a fixed term, the office shall not, on the expiration of the term, become vacant, but the incumbent shall continue to hold until his successor is elected and qualified."

So, under the law, Gresham still has a city attorney ready and willing to serve the town as diligently and efficiently in the future as in the past. Why there should be any question at this time about the city attorneyship is another story which I will not tell in detail, out of deference to the newly elected mayor, to whom we should all take off our hats whenever he drops down from Portland. There is no disturbance any-

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## AUTO FACTORY NOW READY TO BEGIN WORK

Everything is in readiness to begin active operations at the automobile factory. All the machinery to be used this year has been placed in position and only the arrival of material which has been purchased is lacking to begin the work of arranging out the "Beaver Six" for this year's distribution.

Mr. P. A. Combs, president and general manager of the Beaver State Motor Co., is on a business trip to Detroit and other eastern cities in the interests of his company. Mr. Combs spent the last week of January in Chicago at the big automobile show and most of last week in Detroit visiting the automobile factories and the parts-manufacturing concerns of that city. For years Mr. Combs attended the Chicago Automobile show regularly, but it has been three years since his last trip, so he is doing the thing thoroughly this time.

Readers of the Outlook will be interested in knowing that the Board of Directors of the Beaver State Motor Co. has ordered the immediate manufacture of cars, and the primary object of Mr. Combs in going east at this time was to purchase parts and materials for these cars. Had conditions been normal the factory would undoubtedly have started early last fall, if not before that time, but conditions in September owing principally to the European war, were such that the Board decided not to start until they improved. The Board has not felt like opening the plant until since the first of the year.

In speaking of the proposition Mr. McCrillis reiterated his former statement that the Beaver State Motor Co.'s plant in the years to come will be the biggest thing in Gresham, and that it therefore should have the unanimous and enthusiastic support of all Gresham citizens. The automobile continues to be more and more prosperous and the demand for a coast made car is becoming urgent as its advantages are being better understood and the enormous amount of money sent east for cars is being realized.

"The fact that we have been organized during a period of great financial depression will be vastly to our advantage eventually," stated Mr. McCrillis. "Money has been hard to get and this is largely responsible for the conservative policy inaugurated by President Combs, who has really been making the dollars go much farther than they would have gone under more prosperous conditions. This conservative policy of economy has now become a fixed policy of the company, and it will be continued. It will save many thousands of dollars to stockholders in the years to come."

## SEEKING TO ANNUL ACTS OF DIRECTORS

Union High School District, No. 1, embracing five school districts east of the Sandy river, is the defendant in a suit begun on Saturday last in the circuit court. The plaintiffs are A. L. Maybee and 27 others, all taxpayers in District No. 25.

The suit was brought to annul the acts of the directors of that district in levying a tax and contracting for the new building now under construction.

It is alleged in the complaint that the creation of the Union District was not valid because the petition for the election provided for two other districts, 36 and 59, entering the union. It is stated that these districts failed to hold an election.

Union High School District No. 1 comprises the following five districts: Springdale, No. 25; Holbrook, No. 38; Springfield, No. 41; Mountain, No. 43 and Pleasant View, No. 48.

The two districts not voting after having petitioned were Latourell, No. 36 and Brower, No. 59.

The six districts embracing the union district went ahead with the organization under the direction of County Superintendent Armstrong and levied a tax of 5.5 mills and began the erection of a high school building at the top of the hill leading down from the Columbia River Highway to Corbett. The building is nearly completed.

Anyway, we admire a cheerful idler more than we do the other kind.

## BENEFIT PROGRAM TO AID DEBATERS

An interesting program will be given by the Student Body next Thursday evening, February 11, at the schoolhouse, for the benefit of the debating teams of the high school. The admission will be 10c for children and high school students and 15c for adults. The program will start at 7:30. Home-made candy will be on sale.

Selection by High School Orchestra.

Songs (a) The King's Champion..... M. Watson  
(b) The Blue Danube..... J. Strauss  
(c) Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep..... J. R. Knight  
Mixed Chorus.

Reading, The Lifeboat..... George Sims  
Mrs. D. Talbot

Solo..... I Hear You Calling Me  
Mrs. M. E. Coovort

Piano solo—Boute-en-Train..... E. Ketterer  
Gladys Neal.

Songs (1) Barcarolle..... J. Offenbach  
(2) The Canoe Song..... F. H. Martens  
Girls' Chorus

Recitation in German..... Selected  
Andrew Brugger

## PARCE—HEAVENLY TWINS.

Cast of Characters.

Junietta Jones, Henrietta Jones, the twins..... Guy Jones, Walter Metzger  
Miss Samantha Brown, principal of young ladies' school..... Nellie Faris  
Miss Sophronia Brown, her sister..... Pearl Ruegg  
Mrs. Professor Barton..... Hazel Gogger  
Helen Clark, Adele De Courey, girl chums in school..... Della Hughes, Margaret Burke  
Lou Brighton..... Marie Lane  
Clara Cole..... Snoda Cook  
Miss Jennings..... Lucy Peterson  
Miss Johnson..... Ellen Simonson  
Janitor..... Chase E. St Clair  
Detective..... Clyde Ruegg

## SYNOPSIS OF PLAY

Prologue.  
Student's room at college. Arrival of George's mother. "Uncle John's country air be hanged!"

ACT I.  
Scene I.—Street in town of South Hanford, where Miss Brown's select school for young ladies is located. George and Tom on the way to Uncle John's, waiting for the stage.

Scene II.—Exterior of Miss Brown's school. "I'll see that girl and don't you forget it!" Conspiracy.

Scene III.—Street. Young ladies promenade.

Scene IV.—Grounds of school. The study hour.

ACT II.  
Scene I.—Interior of school. Miss Samantha receives letter from "Twins" applying for admission.

Scene II.—Street. "In the lexicon of youth there's no such word as fail!"

Scene III.—School room. Arrival of "Twins." Burglary. Enter detective. "They might be hidin' around here somewhere."

ACT III.  
Scene I.—Grounds of school. "Twins" in clover. Watched by detective. Suspected of the burglary. Arrest.

Grand climax. Happy denouement.

## PLEASANT HOME SEEKS INCORPORATION

Last Saturday evening about 100 people, mostly members of the Pleasant Home Commercial club, met for the purpose of considering the proposition of incorporating the town, the object being principally to secure water and lights.

A party of ten representative men from Portland, headed by F. D. Hunt of the P. R. L. & P. Co.'s traffic department, came out in the official car. The others accompanying Mr. Hunt were County Commissioner W. S. Lightner, School Superintendent A. P. Armstrong, E. J. Rolfsen, Wm. Umbdenstock, Thomas Keeley, E. S. Anderson, J. Fred Larson, J. E. Werlin and Frank Motter.

The meeting was turned over to the visitors after the minutes of the previous meeting of the club had been read. Frank Motter presided and introduced the others, all of whom made short speeches in favor of the proposition to effect an incorporation.

The matter of another union high school district in that neighborhood was mentioned by Mr. Armstrong, who thinks the plan feasible.

The incorporation project will be brought up again in the way of reports and information at the next meeting of the club. The next regular session will be held on the 11st Saturday in March.

## SUCCESSFUL CONCERT NETS HANDSOME SUM

Friday evening's entertainment for the benefit of C. A. Price was the most successful function of its kind ever staged in Gresham. The attendance was 385, the total net proceeds being \$60, which were given over to Mr. Price the next day.

The program was rendered without a hitch, and the rule to refuse encores was strictly adhered to until the last number, when the enthusiastic audience asserted its right to hear the Ladies' chorus a second time. Exceptional talent was represented, all of which was donated, and it was of such excellence that a description of the parts would be superfluous. All did their best and all did well.

## REVIVAL MEETINGS COMMENCE SUNDAY

Revival meetings will commence at the Free Methodist church Sunday, February 14th. Evangelist T. J. Coburn of Portland will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Brother Coburn is a man of wide experience in revival work, having labored for



T. J. COBURN.

several years as an evangelist in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is at this time president of the Portland Ministers Holiness association. As an evangelist he has seen great victories achieved for Christ preaching the message of salvation in its simplicity and life-giving power.

All are cordially invited to come and participate in the blessings resulting from these meetings.

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.

A man has no real kick coming when his wife talks to herself.

Many an expert swimmer has been drowned in the sea of matrimony.

## PROSPERITY ADVANCING TO THE WEST

By L. H. WELLS.  
PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(Special)—

That prosperity is spreading in the east and heading toward the Pacific coast was the statement made yesterday at the luncheon of the East Side Business Men's club yesterday at the Hotel Edwards, 153 Grand avenue, by U. D. Maxon, vice-president and general manager of the Western Farquhar Machinery company, who has just returned from a six weeks' trip through twenty-one states. Mr. Maxon made close personal observations, and declared practically all the large industries are looking forward to a great year.

"During my trip East I spent six weeks and visited twenty-one states," said Mr. Maxon, "and everywhere I could see signs of revival, especially among the manufacturing concerns where there has been great depression. These concerns had let their stock run down to practically nothing, which is true of the threshing and machinery concerns. Most of these concerns are still running on short time and limited forces of men, but all expect a good year.

"While at Detroit, I learned that orders for motor trucks had been given to the amount of \$20,000,000 from over the sea to be used by the nations at war. Altogether orders from these countries have aggregated \$300,000,000, which includes blankets and all kinds of army supplies. I learned that there will be an increase of 33 per cent. in the crop area over that of last year, which will double the output of grain. The present prices no doubt will prevail, and it would seem that nothing can prevent prosperity from coming to this country. President Wilson says that congress will not interfere with business in future. If further legislation is had Mr. Wilson will not be in the White House very long.

"Returning by San Francisco I visited the Panama Exposition grounds. Thirty-eight countries are making displays. France is there. France spent \$5000 on one cablegram alone concerning its displays, and it has a \$500,000 building. Argentine is spending \$1,600,000 there. In closing I want to urge Portland to clean up. That, to my mind, is the one important item at the present time. There will be a great influx from the East this year to the exposition to the Rose Festival and the city should be made as clean as possible."

William J. Barr, representing the Pennsylvania Railroad company, recently transferred to Portland from Spokane, Washington, spoke briefly in which he referred to the fact that this company had ordered several thousands of freight and other cars as evidence of reviving prosperity in the East, which he said is heading this way.

Where the state appropriates money for irrigation purposes it should be stated specially what project the money is to be used for in advance to prevent waste, is the opinion of the committee from the East Side Business Men's club to whom was referred the resolution favoring the appropriation of \$450,000 pending in the Oregon legislature read at the luncheon last Monday. Chairman Calef said that the committee decided to favor the appropriation of the \$450,000 for irrigation if the projects to aided are designated.

"We find that much money has been wasted on irrigation projects that were hopeless from the start," said Mr. Calef. "Money has been used on irrigation projects that was pure waste. We favor the reclamation of the arid lands of the state and favor this appropriation, but we want the legislature to say specifically where the money is to be used and what projects are to be aided. We believe that the best interests of the state will be conserved by throwing around this appropriation this safeguard."

Articles of the incorporation of the Irvington Park Community club were filed last week and at the meeting of the club Friday night, at the hall on East Thirtieth and Ainsworth streets, it was announced that the returns from the filing had been received. There was a slight change in the name of the club, from the Irvington Park club to the Irvington

## OLD SETTLERS TO ENJOY REST IN THE FUTURE

By J. H. SCHRAM.  
FAIRVIEW, Feb. 9.—(Special)—

After thirty-four years of strenuous labor building up as fine a home as is to be found on the Sandy road, stocking it with up-to-date machinery, stock and buildings, Mr. and Mrs. William Tegart have decided to take their first vacation and enjoy for six months some of the hard and honestly earned money, accumulated by genuine stick-to-it-iveness. About the 15th of the present month they, in company with their daughter, Mrs. Tonseth of Portland, will start for Los Angeles and San Diego, returning by the way of San Francisco, spending a few weeks at the fair. At this point Mr. Tonseth will join the party and accompany them home. During their absence the home place will be carefully looked after by their son Earl, who is proving himself to be an up to date farmer in every respect.

After forty years of continuous living on the home place where the late Byron P. Reynolds accumulated his fortune and died, Mrs. Reynolds has given up the old home and moved to Portland to reside. About March 1st, Emil Wahl, who has been on the Barker place the past few years, will take possession of the Reynolds place. Cunie and Krebs who have been running one of the largest dairies in eastern Multnomah have dissolved partnership and will have a public sale about the 25th inst. Mr. Krebs will move to Heppner where he has purchased a farm. Mr. Cunie will locate in the Willamette Valley.

It is surely an outrage that some of our streets have been allowed to get in the horrid condition that they are in at this time without cause or provocation, as we have had the money to repair them, and it could have been done so nicely during the past cold spell when the ground was as hard as a bone. A short time ago a few loads of rock and gravel would have been sufficient, but now it will take car loads. In fact Cedar street will have to be rebuilt from Third to the county road. This part of Cedar street is now almost impassable even for a buggy to get through. It is in a deplorable condition indeed. Second street is a disgrace to the city, caused by its being turned into a county road. All traffic from and to the Sun Dial mill is over this street, it would be justice to our city that the county as well as the Sun Dial mill should aid very materially in the repairing of this street, in special the Sun Dial company, as they are the ones that should be most deeply interested. All the heavy hauling over this street is to and from their mill.

On last Saturday the Sun Dial mill, O. W. R. & N. Co.'s depot and the postoffice was broken into by breaking and prying up the windows. Nothing was taken as far as known excepting eight pennies from the depot. There is no clue whatever. The burglars did not enter the postoffice proper, only entering the public lobby. This is the fourth attempt at securing something in Fairview but without avail, as there is nothing in Fairview to be gotten these times. No not even a jitney bus.

Taking the advantage of cheap labor George Zimmerman, of Columbia View, is having some clearing done and several hundred cords of wood cut, and is unable to supply the demand for good wood.

Charley Robbins and family have moved in to John R. Hughes' house on Cedar street.

D. W. Ross, of Latourell Falls, was a business caller Monday.

A barber shop is being opened in the Cree building.

It's easier for a young man to raise a row than a moustache.

Park Community club so as not to conflict with the Irvington club. Committees for the year were appointed at the meeting Friday night. The club was incorporated for \$2000. A site will be selected in a short time and a clubhouse erected. A majority of the members favor a quarter block on East Thirtieth street and Ainsworth avenues, 100x100 feet, and it will probably be chosen as the site of the new clubhouse.