

SCORE CARDS AS ARRANGED FOR GRANGES

An arranged meeting between the premium list committee of the Multnomah County Fair and the masters of the granges of Multnomah county was held at the fair grounds on Wednesday for the purpose of rearranging the score card for grange exhibits at this year's fair.

As heretofore the grange contest will consist of farm and household produce by the membership of a grange, or assembled by a grange from its community. Each exhibit is to consist of not less than 100 articles to be shown as a collection. The following new score card was adopted:

Vegetables green and dried, and seeds, 15 points; fruit, green and dried, 15 points; grain and grasses, sheaf or shelled, 15 points; neatness and arrangement, 15 points; fancy work and household skill, 20 points; quality, 20 points.

The scoring for fancy work and household skill was continued in four divisions, but the points were changed as follows:

Canned fruit and jellies, 5 points; fancy work and embroidery, 3 points.

Sewing, knitting, etc., 5 points. Cooking, baking, confectionery, dairy products, cured meats, honey, soaps, etc., 7 points.

The proposition of the fair association to offer the premiums in three prizes of \$120, \$110 and \$100 met with the approval of the masters and they will be awarded as follows: Each grange scoring 90 points or upward to be given the first premium; all scoring between 80 and 90 points to be awarded second; all falling below 80, down to 60 to be awarded the third prize. It is possible by this arrangement for every grange to win first money. The ribbons will be awarded in the order of per centages attained and will be purely honorary.

It was also provided that each grange will be provided with enough small cards to label every article shown. On these cards will be printed the name of the grange with the words, "article" and "owner." These cards must be filled out and attached to everything exhibited.

Also, after the premiums have been awarded, the standing of each exhibit will be printed from the judges' score cards and exhibited along with the ribbon awarded during the continuance of the fair.

There will be four judges this year—two men and two women, who will pass upon the articles displayed by their sex only. They will work in pairs but keep separate score cards to be submitted to the fair association.

The entrance fee will be 10 per cent of the first premiums.

The matter of individual farm exhibits was discussed but final action was deferred until a regular meeting of the board of directors. It was tentatively decided that the score card should be as follows: vegetables, 15 points; fruit 15 points; grain and grasses, 15 points; arrangement of display, 10 points, other products, 25 points; quality, 20 points.

This arrangement may be changed; also there is a possibility that the size of the premiums may be changed somewhat.

It was reported that there is a prospect for more premium money than the \$3000 promised from the county. The state legislature is considering a fair appropriation bill which will probably be passed.

Make a Guess.

Every person who sends in the correct solution to the puzzle in our window will receive a 40-cent can of Vernish floor and Varnish stain free. You need not buy anything in order to enter the contest. It is free for everybody, so get busy whether you are a customer of ours or not. Contest closes February 28. Mail or bring your solution to our store before that date. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

"Dope," a strong underworld drama showing 125 scenes will be the feature Saturday night at Regner's opera house. There will also be special music by Mr. Ingram, piano player from the National theater in Portland. The Misses Ferrin and Curran will feature grand opera, ballad and comedy singing. A two-hour show for five cents and ten cents. Curtain, 7:30.

R. F. D. RULES AND POSTAGE TO GERMANY

Owing to the fact that there have been numerous inquiries as to what are the requirements of R. F. D. patrons to receive the service, I will submit the following regulations which will give a little insight as to what they consist of.

When a carrier finds unstamped mail in a patrons' box, and the requisite amount of money for postage properly wrapped or placed in a coin holding receptacle, he shall collect the mail and money and affix the necessary stamps. Carriers are not supplied with money to make change when selling supplies; therefore if you do not wish any more supplies than what is necessary for the mail you wish dispatched, leave the exact change or else, if you have nothing but large change ask the carrier to bring the change the next trip. It would be well to make it a rule to try and always have a few stamps on hand.

Packages which you do not know the weight of, always give the carrier sufficient to insure full payment of postage, and any excess will be returned on the next trip. Carrier shall not accept checks for payment of supplies.

Mail which has come into the custody of a rural carrier shall not be returned by him to any person. An application for return of a letter or parcel shall be referred to the postmaster at the distributing office.

Persons residing on road traveled by two or more rural carriers may select the carrier by whom he prefers to have his mail delivered and collected, in which case, only the designated carrier shall handle his mail; unless such selection is made, by the patron, each carrier passing the box shall deliver mail into, and collect therefrom any mail which he can expedite in dispatch or delivery.

Mail for delivery by rural carriers shall be addressed to patrons individually. Matter which is undressed, or which is addressed to the box and route number, only is undeliverable.

Parcels too large for the box, shall not be left outside of the boxes by the carrier. If the carrier cannot call the patron, he is to leave a notice to meet him at the box the next trip, unless called for at the main office in the meantime. If the patron fails to meet the carrier, the parcel will be retained at the post-office and treated in accordance with the regulations.

Mail boxes erected on rural routes are intended exclusively for the reception of matter regularly in the mails, and any mailable matter, such as circulars, bills, etc., deposited therein is subject to the rules governing the mails, including addressing, and payment of postage at the regular rate.

Boxes should be erected on the road regularly traveled by a rural carrier and in such position as to be easily and safely accessible for the delivery and collection of mail by the carrier, without leaving his conveyance. Patrons should keep clear the approaches to their boxes, by prompt removal of snowdrifts, or other obstructions by which the delivering of mail into them would be rendered impossible or difficult, without the carrier leaving his conveyance.

Rural carriers should report all boxes which do not conform to the regulations, or which are improperly erected.

I would suggest that all patrons of the Gresham postoffice examine their mail boxes to see if they come up to the requirements of the postal regulations, in regard to condition and location. If found wanting in any respect, I advise your early attention to same, for they will be inspected in the near future, according to orders received from Washington, D. C., and if found deficient in any respect will have to be reported. Your carriers can tell you how they should be, if you do not understand.

Postage to Germany raised as a result of the war conditions in Europe, the postmaster-general has issued an announcement that the postage charge for letters from the United States to Germany henceforth will be 5 cents instead of 2 cents.

Any other postal information will be gladly given, when requested. I. McCOLL, P. M.

APPROVAL OF BLUE SKY LAW AS ENACTED

Gresham, Feb. 11, 1915.

Editor Outlook:—I have recently noticed in the Outlook several references to Oregon's Blue Sky law. I believe this law to be a good one. The Kansas Blue Sky law is an eminent success, driving off the market millions of unreliable and fake stocks. The fact that once in a great while an honest and well meaning corporation finds it difficult to comply with the law does not invalidate its success. This is more than offset by the fact that dishonest and irresponsible men are forbidden to peddle bogus stocks through the country. If somebody says, "people ought to be more discriminating" it may be answered that that doesn't bring back lost money or avert many of the tragedies of life which arise from the purchase of bogus stocks. Sometimes old people, or people not used to the ways of the business world find themselves suddenly possessed of a considerable sum of money. They need it for future comfort. But, naturally seeking to use it, and derive therefrom an income, cast about for an investment. The plausible gentleman with the impressively embossed stock certificates is always on hand. The uninitiated ones buy with great expectations. The stocks soon prove worthless and as a result little children may be deprived of the necessities of life or old people lack the ordinary comforts. Such cases are not isolated, but have happened times without number. Even with people of good business ability, it often happens that in the bottom of their boxes in safety deposit vaults are stocks that were purchased years ago and today are not worth the paper they are written on. A Blue Sky law prevents this. The only trouble with ours in Oregon is that we didn't have it 25 years ago.

Says R. A. Watson, corporation commissioner, in a recent article: "The Oregon law has made good. In the first 13 months of its administration it has driven 33 fake companies from the state and has by that action driven off the market of the state more than \$27,000,000 of bogus stocks and bonds. It, during the same period has caused corporations coming under it to squeeze more than \$12,000,000 of 'water' out of their capitalization. It forced promoters to tie up in escrow and in pool more than \$19,000,000 of promotion stock issued in exchange for fictitious services, vague patents, unproven mining claims and what not, until such time as the corporations shall be able to show by their operations that the stock has a market value, and can be sold without defrauding the purchasers. * * * * * What Oregon needs is the corporation that wants to sell its output rather than its stock certificates."

In submitting this letter my only object is to express my approval of a law which is enacted for the protection of the common man. The irresponsible corporation has had too much rope in times gone by, we are glad now to see it snubbed up to the post in our fair state of Oregon.

Respectfully,
MELVILLE T. WIRE.

SIX DOLLARS MONTHLY SAVED TO DISTRICT

A saving of about six dollars a month to the school district was effected yesterday by the simple device of regulating the electric current which operates the ventilators at the schoolhouse.

Charles Cleveland, chairman of the Board of Directors, had noticed that the power bill was unduly large and began an investigation. He sent for J. D. Scott, of the P. R. L. & P. Co.'s power department who came here yesterday, and by making certain changes in the motor and the system of pulleys, together with a reduction in prices to be made the saving will be effected.

OPERA HOUSE FEATURES TOMORROW NIGHT

"Dope," one of the most attractive photoplays now on the movie circuit will be shown at Regner's opera house on Saturday evening. In addition there will be expert piano playing and topical singing by noted artists. Curtain will rise at 7:30, admission, 5 and 10 cents.—Ad.

How old should a lawyer be before he ceases to be a rising young lawyer?
Sterling & Kidder's.

CROP SHEETS ARE WANTED BY MANAGER

At the yearly meeting held January 11, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that crop estimate sheets be furnished each grower so he could make an estimate of the amount of fruit he now has bearing, and the crops he is willing to grow and deliver to the cannery for canning or selling fresh."

These estimate sheets were printed in simple form and one mailed to each stock holder that was known to be a grower; 160 of these sheets were mailed January 27 and up to the present date I have received the large number of 18. Not a very large number, considering the time it would take to make up one of these sheets is it?

Now, members of the G. F. G. A., what kind of a deal are you going to give me? Do you expect me to go ahead, sell your fruit and produce and not have at least a rough estimate of your crops? Can I make contracts and arrangement for selling your fruit and vegetables and be safe on making delivery if I do not know how much there is to sell? Do you realize that the success of this association depends largely on just such an estimate of the crops it has to handle? Are you aware it is a very hard thing to make good business deals if you are not posted on your end of the game? Can you have a successful organization if you do not do your part of the work?

Can I make a successful manager if I am not given all the support of the members that it is possible for them to give? These are a few little things I want to call your attention to. Then I will ask you to please fill out your estimate sheets promptly and send or bring them in. If you do not have anything to sell this year return the statement stating the fact. I cannot do good business without them.

JAS. H. STERLING,
Manager G. F. G. A.



T. J. COBURN.

Evangelist T. J. Coburn, of Portland, will preach at the Free Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The services will continue every evening during the week. Good singing in charge of David Cathey. All are cordially invited to attend these interesting and helpful services.

SEEKING TO JOIN TRAINMEN'S UNION

It is reported that the conductors and motormen of the P. R. L. & P. Co. are organizing for the purpose of becoming members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The most of them are said to be affiliated with the Order of Railway Employees, but it is claimed that the scope of the latter organization is too limited and they are seeking to join with a body of greater scope and influence.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen comprises practically every employee of the great railway systems of the United States, with branches in every large city. It is one of the strongest national unions in existence, and the men on the electric lines are in many places seeking to become members. With the constant increase in the number of electrically operated lines there are thousands of men who feel that they should be a part of the greater organization.

Children's roller skates 65c at Sterling & Kidder's.

NEW HOME FOR BANK AND CLUB

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 11—(Special)—The East Side Holding company was formed this week with James A. Lyons, H. H. Fitzpatrick and J. D. Sherman as incorporators, representing the subscribers to the stock of the association and the East Side Business Men's club. The capital stock was placed at \$25,000 with 250 shares of stock at \$100 a share. Nearly 190 shares have been subscribed for. Officers of the Holding company will be elected the ensuing week, when plans and estimates of the proposed clubhouse and office building, to be erected on Grand avenue and East Alder street will be called for. A combined structure covering the quarter block 100x90 feet, will be erected. The clubhouse will occupy the inside lot 90x60 feet and the outside on the corner will be occupied by the building of the Citizens' Bank 40x90 feet. Two-stories will be built at present, but the foundation walls will carry two additional stories when needed. The combined building will cost about \$30,000. Work will start about April 1. The clubhouse proposition has proved a very popular movement in Central East Portland as it will be the "home" of the business men and young men of that district. It will be provided with bowling alleys, reading, billiard, reception and committee rooms and a general assembly hall. There are forty-two subscribers to the building fund all members of the East Side Business Men's club.

Mrs. Josephine Sharp, president of the Alberta's Women's Improvement club reported at the meeting of the club Tuesday night at her home that 54 vacant lots in different portions of the city had been donated for the free use of such families as may desire to use them. These lots are located in Sellwood, Lents, Portsmouth, University Park, Vernon and other sections. Mrs. Sharp reported that many of the owners are willing that the lots should be used for two years, but that would depend on the use the families make of the lot. Mrs. Sharp outlined the plan for the use of these lots. "They will be free of rent," said Mrs. Sharp, "and it is the opportunity of many families for this year. They can secure one of these lots, put up a tent, cultivate the lot and cease paying rent. The tents are to be supplied, but to be paid for by the families and it will be made possible for the families to pay for the tents and the tools used in cultivating the lots. Many families can become self-supporting on these lots and cease paying rent."

Mrs. Sharp has been working along this line for the past year, but only recently has she been able to get a hearing from the public, as her efforts had been regarded as a joke rather than anything serious. Some idea can be formed of what can be done on even 54 vacant lots. Families can secure tents and stop payment of rent, and raise vegetables on the vacant lots. It remains of course, to be seen how many families will take advantage of this offer. Mrs. Sharp plans to make the Alberta Public market a place where the children there can secure a market for their produce.

The temporary injunction of the Milwaukie Water company restraining the councilmen and mayor from contracting for the erection of a municipal water plant having been dissolved in the Clackamas circuit court, the council Tuesday night signed up the contract with the Glish & Joplin company, of Portland, for the construction of the initial mains of the plant. The contract price is \$16,400. An 8-inch main will be laid from Milwaukie to a connection with the Portland water system through Eroll Heights at once. A 6-inch main will be laid in the lower portion of the town. The local water companies sought to prevent Milwaukie from building a water plant until the town should have purchased the local plants. The city has something more than \$20,000 for the erection of the municipal plant. Bull Run water will be furnished by Portland through a meter.

The council authorized the issuance of \$5000 in improvement bonds to pay for the improvement of Harrison street, and passed an ordinance assessing the most of the improvement of Laurel street, to the amount of \$3500.

SPLITS LOGS AND PULLS BIG STUMPS

F. E. Kenney, the man who invented the vacuum cleaner, was in Gresham yesterday arranging for a demonstration of a new method of removing big stumps from the ground. He expects to be here again tomorrow with his machine and promises to do herculean tasks in a few minutes that have heretofore been deemed impossible.

Besides removing stumps from the ground without the use of powder, he will also demonstrate the practicability of splitting big logs. He will tackle the biggest fir stump to be found, splitting it into quarters and then pulling the quarters out of the ground. Stumps only two feet through are yanked out bodily by the roots, leaving only the hole.

His machine is a hydraulic jack, weighing less than 400 pounds, and is operated by hand. It only needs to be securely anchored, so as to exert a strength of 150 tons of pressure.

The method of splitting stumps is to force a huge steel wedge into them, quartering the stumps. Then a reverse operation pulls the quarters out. The wedge is of the finest steel, about 18 inches long and six inches square. This wedge is guaranteed to split the biggest stump that ever grew.

The greatest force imaginable is the application of a wedge, the jackscrew is the next, and Mr. Kenney asserts his ability to raise the largest buildings with his machines.

A person can easily imagine what a saving there would be in reducing the cost of clearing logged off land. The present methods of blasting and charring are costly and slow. With the hydraulic splitter, which a boy can operate, two persons can do more work of that class in one day than can be accomplished in a week by the old methods.

Mr. Kenney's demonstrations will be somewhere near Gresham, where monster stumps are to be found, and will be public. If the work is as successful as he claims it will be he will be able to sell several of the machines here. Their cost is less than \$300 apiece. They are portable, being mounted on a sled which can be moved anywhere.

TRAVEL INCREASING WITH JITNEY SERVICE

Jitney service between Gresham and Portland is on the increase. Arthur Leland put a Ford on the run during the week and has a time card in the Outlook, making four jitney ads now running, three of which give hours of departure from both terminals.

With the cars operating about every hour and half a dozen jitneys filling in the time, the service from here is almost down to the fifteen minute limit.

One remarkable feature that has been noticed is the increased travel that has been developed. The jitneys, with their signs are good advertisements and a great many people in the city who have had very few auto rides are attracted by the cheap service and make the trip. A large number of strangers have been seen here within the past week who never saw Gresham before.

The same idea of cheap auto rides and the novelty of the service has stimulated travel from this end of the line. Some are traveling to the city who seldom went before. The business is growing.

TEAMS IN HIGH SCHOOL DEBATES

Miss Mabel Shipley and Miss Marguerite Volbrecht, the Gresham affirmative debating team, will meet the negative team of the Astoria high school tonight at the Gresham high school building on the question: "Resolved, that the Federal government should own and operate all interstate railroads acting as common carriers (including all interstate lines competing with them), constitutionality waived." Gresham's negative team, consisting of Miss Ellen DeHaven and Frank Rodgers, left early this morning for Astoria to meet the latter's affirmative team.

This is the second round in the debates under the state high school debating league. The contest in the Columbia River district has narrowed down to the Gresham and Astoria schools, St. Johns, Tillamook and Scappoose having been eliminated in the former debates.