

WOODLAWN GARDENS HAVE NATIONAL FAME

PLANS MAKING FOR THIS YEAR'S WORK

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—(Special)—In his illustrated address to parents in the Woodlawn public school Wednesday night, City Superintendent L. R. Alderman said that Woodlawn had secured a national reputation for its gardens, and that where he had gone in the East he had heard of the wonderful Woodlawn gardens, as examples of what the pupils of the Woodlawn school had done. Mr. Alderman gave the description of the many stereopticon view that were shown by Principal Wiley, of the Montavilla school, of Portland schools. These views showed garden scenes and also illustrated the character of the work undertaken in the Portland schools. Principal Stafford announced that Woodlawn would have a community garden the same as in former years and would endeavor to excel even its former achievements. He announced that it was planned to clean up and beautify the lots on Union avenue south from the schoolhouse to Killingsworth avenue. Mrs. Williams, president of the Parents-Teachers' association, outlined the program to plant the vacant lots in Woodlawn, and announced that several blocks had been secured already. It is planned, she said to plant both flowers and vegetables in the vacant lots that had been offered to the free use of the children. Mrs. Williams said that it was planned to organize the children and get them to work as early as possible planting the gardens, so Woodlawn will be a great flow of vegetable garden. City Superintendent Alderman gave the plan to cultivate the vacant lots his hearty approval.

"Some people have criticized these community and home gardens," said Mr. Alderman, "and say they take up too much time of the school children from their studies. On the contrary we find that these gardens are a great help. They give the pupils a zeal in their work that they do not get from any other source. There is a spirit of co-operation in the school gardens. Last year we had twenty-four acres in such gardens and more than 6000 pupils made gardens. This year we want to more than double that area and want more children to make gardens. We are encouraging the making of home gardens more than before in Portland."

In his address yesterday at the luncheon of the East Side Business Men's club at the Hotel Edward, Architect A. I. Dupuy explained two sets of plans for the proposed clubhouse and office building to be built on Grand avenue near East Alder streets. One set of plans provides a room for the East Portland post-office with a back entrance on East Alder street and several sets of bowling alleys in the basement. Mr. Dupuy said that negotiations are in

POSTOFFICE IS USED AS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

Postmaster McColl has posted notices in the office lobby advising farmers and others in need of help that the government's employment agency is open for business. Anyone requiring help is invited to list his wants on blanks furnished, and they will be forwarded by the postmaster to Portland, which is made the clearance house for labor in this district. The blanks may be secured by applying to the postmaster or any of the rural carriers and are free to anyone in search of employment or needing help, either skilled or unskilled.

The commercial clubs of Polk county have issued a booklet to be distributed at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. The advantages that county offers in the lines of agriculture, fruit growing and manufacturing are set forth in detail and many illustrations will give the reader a good idea of the characteristics of the county. In addition, the county will have at the exposition a very complete exhibit representing all lines of industry.

We have a new lot of improved G. E. Electric Irons. \$3.50 Irons, now \$7.50, at Sterling & Kidder's.

progress by which it is hoped to secure the location of the East Portland postoffice in the new building. Mr. Dupuy stated that the building for the Citizens Bank, which will occupy the corner, will be separate and distinct from the clubhouse. The blue prints were displayed and examined by the club members who offered suggestions and changes. All the plans are tentative, said Mr. Dupuy, and the final drawings will depend on the success of the negotiations to secure the postoffice on the Grand avenue floor.

It was announced that more than \$19,000 of the \$20,000 required had been subscribed for the building fund leaving but \$300 yet to raise to complete the entire sum. The members of the club were delighted to hear the success of the building project. "It can't be done," said some of the weak kneed ones, but their prediction proved incorrect. Definite plans for the new building will be secured within a few days, when the contract will be let.

It now seems likely that the Central East Portland public market will be revived. A Messerve has offered to take charge and work up a sentiment favorable to the market throughout the suburban districts and organize a consumers' league in Central East Portland to support the local market. The market location will be changed so that it will front on Grand avenue on East Washington street. Even under the old arrangement the East Portland market was fairly successful, at one time twenty-eight farmers coming regularly, but owing to lack of management this number dwindled down to nearly nothing. Organization of a consumers' league it is thought will assist in the movement. If the citizens of Central East Portland will pledge themselves to support the local market it will succeed, but not otherwise. The Albina public market is a marked success for the reason that the people supported the market, and a consumers' league has been formed in that district. The Albina market is under the charge of the consumers' league composed mainly of women of the district.

Lents' City Beautiful association was organized in the Lents Library Monday at a meeting called by the local committee from the City Beautiful committee of the Rose Festival association. A. F. Hershner, chairman of the committee, outlined the purpose. Dr. E. L. Sells was elected president of the local organization. About ten sub-committees will be announced by Dr. Sell in a few days covering the entire Lents district, who will lead the movement to clear up all vacant lots and occupied lots. A special committee was appointed to ask the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to improve its right of way through any station in Lents, to ask the city to provide garbage cans for Lents and provide a foundation on Main street. There was a good attendance of residents, and much interest was manifested. Mr. Hershner urged every citizen to do his part in cleaning up Lents and making it an attractive suburb.

"ARE YOU A MASON?" TOMORROW EVENING

Regner's opera house is nearly sold out for the junior class drama tomorrow evening. The first ten rows of seats are being sold as reserved and all of them will be occupied as well as all the other chairs further back.

The players have been rehearsing steadily all this week, nearly every afternoon and evening, and are almost perfect under the skillful direction of Professor Collins.

The high school orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion and have been rehearsing appropriate selections.

Next Monday night the "troupe" including the orchestra, numbering eighteen persons in all, will go to Estacada by invitation from the high school of that place. They will repeat the drama there for a percentage and will come home with a substantial sum as a big attendance has been assured.

Furniture, Furniture.

A snap—Dining room, bed room and parlor furniture, kitchen utensils. W. Grant's residence, Roberts avenue, near Fifth street. Call evening after 8. Offer open for three days only.

PROHIBITION ACT IS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

"I think this the greatest piece of constructive legislation in Oregon history. In my opinion the passage of this act alone is well worth the cost of the legislative session, because it means so much for the state and its people."—Governor Withycombe.

Governor Withycombe signed the prohibition act on Wednesday, making the state dry on January 1, 1916, when the law will go into effect.

Reports from the state house tell of dramatic scenes attending the signature of the prohibition law. It had passed both houses, after a few changes and amendments had been made and was taken to the governor on Wednesday afternoon for his signature.

The following report of the scene is from the Evening Telegram:

The signing of the act took place in the presence of a dozen persons, who had assembled in anticipation of the event. Representative Anderson stood at the Governor's left, his hand resting upon the table, and leaned forward to watch the pen glide across the back of the bill, marking the crowning feature of the series of events adding the measure to the statutes of Oregon.

It was 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon when the bill reached the Governor. It was taken to him by Mrs. Jennie Kemp, state president of the W. C. T. U., who was appointed special messenger for that purpose by Mr. Selling after he had signed the bill as Speaker of the House.

A photographer had made preparations for a flashlight picture, his camera being in position and everything in readiness for the event which was to form the climax of prohibition legislation in Oregon. At first Governor Withycombe's native modesty caused him to demur to this phase of the program, but he was finally induced to consent by the representation that thousands of people of the state, who could not be present, would be pleased to see a picture of the scene.

"Well, as long as we are to have a picture, said the Governor, "I would like the camera focused so as to show the life-sized portrait of Governor George Abernethy, back there on the wall. I think it peculiarly fitting that on such an occasion his portrait should be included in the photograph. He was Provisional Governor of Oregon before the creation of the territory. I am informed that he signed the first prohibition bill ever coming before an Oregon legislative assembly in 1844, and that it was repealed over his veto two years later."

OPENS NEW OFFICES IN CONGDON HOTEL

The Gresham Improvement company, owners of the Congdon hotel building, have made arrangements to open a suite of office rooms in the second story, fronting on Main street.

When the Congdon was built the second story was arranged for rooms, but it has been found that there are more than are needed for hotel use. The front row contains seven fine rooms with a hallway extending their entire length. These rooms are to be used for office purposes hereafter.

The hitherto unused stairway between the C. C. store and Sterling & Kidder's hardware establishment will be the entrance hereafter to the office suites.

Dr. S. P. Bittner has taken the two room at the southeast corner and Mrs. Waltman, a well-known trained nurse, will have an office in one of the others. The other four are not taken yet.

The office will be ready in a few days, when Dr. Bittner will move his office from the present location in the Howitt building.

BIDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TO BE OPENED HERE

A notice to contractors, calling for bids for the construction of the new union high school building, will be advertised in the Outlook next Tuesday.

Architect Kroner is now preparing the plans and specifications which will be found at his office in the Worcester building, Portland, after next Tuesday. The notice will call for the opening of the bids on March 10, at 9 a. m., up to which hour they may be received.

A certified check for \$500 will be required with each bid. They will be opened by the union high school board at the Bank of Gresham.

Can you solve the puzzle shown in our window? It will pay you. Metzger Bros.—Ad.

Thus it came to pass that 71 years after Governor Abernethy signed a prohibition bill the camera has made a permanent record of the scene when Governor Withycombe's pen restored such legislation, with the portrait of the Provisional Governor in the background, giving a poetic touch to the affair. There was a murmur of approbation when the photographer changed his location and adjusted his instrument to carry into execution the happy idea of the Governor.

The bill was signed at exactly 4:35 o'clock, and was filed with the Secretary of State a few minutes later. Immediately afterwards several of those present crowded around the table at which he sat and had him indorse on engrossed copies of the bill words which had made it a legislative act. "Approved, James Withycombe, Governor, February 17, 1915."

The pen with which the Governor signed the bill was sent by him as a token of personal esteem to John F. Carroll, publisher of The Telegram. "Before we all leave," said Mrs. Kemp, "I think this a fitting occasion for acknowledgment of the debt of gratitude owed by the people of Oregon to the committee of one hundred, and particularly to J. E. Wheeler. We who have had so much at heart the prohibition cause for these long years would have been in exactly the same state as ever had it not been for the efforts of Mr. Wheeler, more than of any other man. He threw his whole soul into this movement, and gave his time, his money and the service of the paper of which he is part owner. I think now is the time for us to accord him the praise which his efforts deserve."

In addition to newspaper correspondents, the little assemblage witnessing the signing of the act by the Governor were Representative J. E. Anderson, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, Mrs. Henrietta Brown, Mrs. S. E. Oliver, Mrs. Shad O. Krantz, Mrs. Robert H. Tate, Mrs. Z. A. Rosebraugh and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hutton.

FIRE AT ESTACADA WITH HEAVY LOSS

A disastrous fire in the big store of the Cary Mercantile company at Estacada, early on Wednesday morning caused the total destruction of the stock and damage to the building to the amount of \$45,000.

For a time it was thought that other buildings would also go, but by hard work the fire was confined to the one building. The Cary establishment was the largest store in eastern Clackamas county and was constructed of concrete.

Neil Bronson discovered the blaze when he saw smoke issuing from the building at 5 o'clock. The fire had gained considerable headway before the local volunteer department arrived. It was with difficulty that they kept the blaze from spreading.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought that mice got into the matches. The stock was valued at \$35,000, partly covered by insurance, while the building, which is owned by a McMinnville man, is said to be valued at more than \$10,000. Rain prevented the spread of the blaze to nearby buildings, but even at that the Estacada State Bank caught fire on two occasions. Only the concrete outer walls of the Cary store were left standing.

Carey Bros. carried insurance to the amount of \$19,000. Amount of insurance on the building is not known.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXAMINE ROADWAY

The Board of County Commissioners was in Gresham yesterday examining the condition of Powell street. They expressed their intention of giving assistance in the matter of filling the gulch and building a restraining wall.

The county engineer will make surveys and on his report the exact nature of the work will be made known.

CONSTRUCTIVE LAWS FAIRVIEW FEATURES

Fairview C. E. Party.

A business meeting and valentine party was given by the Y. P. S. C. E. last Saturday night at the home of Mrs. A. L. Stone. W. E. Townsend was elected delegate to the state Christian Endeavor society which will meet next week in Eugene.

After the business session, games and music were enjoyed and light refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tegart, Mrs. Wetmore, the Misses Eva Townsend, Frances and Gladys Bliss, Leona Freze, Miss Moran, Earl Townsend, Willie Stone, Cedric Stone, Blane Turner, Charley Robinson, Clyde Stone, Lloyd Anderson, Albert Hensley, Willie Cree, Kenneth Harvey, Lawrence Harvey, Marshall Underhill and Charley Baird.

MURDERED MAN IS IDENTIFIED

The body found near Troutdale last Monday by Mrs. C. I. Thomas has been identified as that of Foster Downs a young man who had recently been an employee of the County poor farm. He was 18 years of age.

A tattoo mark "F. D." on the right arm of the dead man led to his identification as a man who had worked in the tuberculosis ward of the county farm. He was later a barber at the institution. Downs left the farm Friday night, and although his body was not found until Monday, his death occurred, according to the coroner's office, on Saturday night.

The man's throat was cut in a manner which Deputy Coroner Smith asserted could not have been self-inflicted. An ugly jab had apparently been the first wound received, a slash across the jugular vein following. No money was found on Downs' person, nor any weapon by which the deed could have been committed.

Downs recently came here from Kentucky. His father's name is Jackson Downs, according to the records at the hospital.

That Forest Downs was murdered by a degenerate is the theory on which Deputy Sheriffs Phillips and Beckman and Deputy Coroner Smith are now pursuing the investigation. The deputies say they believe that the murderer was an elderly inmate of the county farm.

M. L. Russell and J. C. Conkle, who were pruning trees in an orchard near the scene of the murder, saw Downs enter the woods where the body was found about 7:15 a. m. It is their description that the deputies rely upon to identify the murderer.

Free Methodist Meetings Continue.

The revival meetings which are being conducted at the Free Methodist church by Evangelist T. J. Coburn are increasing in interest and attendance.

There will be no meeting on Saturday night. There will be services all day Sunday. The subject at 11 a. m., will be "The Holy Spirit." At 2:30 p. m. will be a pentecostal service and at 7:30 p. m. the subject will be "A Rich Man Converted." We are urging that the people bring a basket lunch and unite with us for the full day. Services every night during the coming week and afternoon meetings at 2:30 beginning Tuesday.

The Sandy Fir Lumber company announces that it has resumed cutting lumber and ties at its mill near Sandy, after being shut down most of the winter. The mill has a large supply of all kinds of lumber on hand and is ready to fill all orders.

Position Wanted.

The fire which destroyed the Cary store at Estacada, left me without a position. Eight years' experience dry goods and shoes, good practical window trimmer and card writer. A 1 references from reliable Oregon merchants. Write or wire Robert Ellison, Estacada, Oregon. Phone Main 52.

Make a Guess.

Every person who sends in the correct solution to the puzzle in our window will receive a 40-cent can of Vernical 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.

PROPOSITION TO TAP BULL RUN WATER MAINS

By J. H. SCHRAM.

FAIRVIEW, Feb. 19.—Special—A special meeting of the city council was called by the mayor on last Tuesday evening, for the purpose of taking up the matter of improving some of our streets which were needing attention very much. After considerable discussion as to the price and quality of gravel it was decided to purchase the gravel at Milwaukee and have it shipped in on the O. W. P. line.

A feature of considerable importance to our city, that of city water works, was entered into and Mr. Coons of Portland was present to give estimates and answer questions. He was hindered some in his work as in drawing a plat of the proposed water system, he found a small discrepancy in the city charter and the boundary lines. Steps will be taken at once to remedy this defect and in the meantime facts and figures will be prepared and submitted by the engineer. A deep well and storage tank seems to meet with the most favor. The proposition of tapping the Bull Run at Gresham will also be looked into, as well as tapping some of the numerous springs south of town. Considerable interest was manifested and the question will be taken up again next Tuesday evening. It is expected that Mr. Coons will be on hand again with further information.

The crisis in the milk trade shows itself felt by one of our highest-standing dairymen failing in business. He has given up his dairy for his failure than the decrease in price of milk. Shortage of water, high rent, long distance to market—all have helped to bring about his present conditions. R. A. Weidman, who for more than three years has conducted his dairy on the Allesina place on the Sandy road, could no longer meet the expenses of the place. He moves to the west side of Portland, where he will find employment. He hopes to be back at his favorite occupation in course of time. He has the pleasure of knowing that many mothers, as well as the health department of Portland, were sorry to hear of his failure.

Several of the members of Lodge, No. 213 I. O. O. F., Rockwood, will pay a fraternal visit to Gresham on Saturday evening.

Mr. Allesina has rented his farm just vacated by Mr. Weidman, to a Mr. Johnson who has taken possession. He attended the Clute sale, buying some cows and a team of horses.

Otto Weidman was taken suddenly ill and was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital on Wednesday, where he was operated upon for a severe case of appendicitis. His condition today is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Nellie Marshall left this morning for Corbett to spend a week or ten days with her uncle James Ross. Mrs. Marshall expects to join her husband in Texas in a short time. Mr. Marshall has been in Texas some two or three months, and having secured a permanent situation there will make that his future home.

The public sale of Claud Clute's stock and farm implements today was largely attended and was pronounced a success. The cows averaged about \$85, one selling for \$145. The horses also brought a fair price. All in all Mr. Clute was satisfied with the outcome of the sale. Mr. Clute will leave for Nebraska in a week or ten days for a visit with the home folks, but intends to return to Oregon. He did not sell his household goods.

Work has been begun on the grading and filling of the dyke leading from the county road to the Columbia river. It is planned to build the dyke above the high water mark. A Portland contractor has charge of the work. A large number of local men and teams are employed.

A Sunday school conference was held at the Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening which was attended by members of both the local churches and which was greatly enjoyed by all. Rev. G. R. Hay and Rev. J. Hanson of Portland and Rev. C. M. Brown of the Fairview M. E. church took part in the exercises. The work among local young people was commended. A movement is on foot to start the Home Department work here.