

REASONS GIVEN WHY BONDING MAY BE WRONG

FAIRVIEW, March 5, 1915.—Editor Outlook:—As a member of the common council of the town of Fairview, and a resident and taxpayer of the town, I want to reply briefly to the article of Mr. J. H. Schram in your issue of March 2d, and also to advise the taxpayers as nearly as possible what a bond issue of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) means to the residents and taxpayers of this town.

Mr. Schram makes one statement that is correct—that the interest on the bonds will have to be taken care of by the consumer. Now there are about fifty houses in the town, and assuming that they will all be water consumers, which is doubtful, I will take that as a basis for estimating the income of the proposed water works; but let us first take the cost and maintenance of the works which I have figured very conservatively as follows:

Annual interest on \$12,500 bonds at 6 per cent.....	\$ 750.00
Cost of operation, running pump, oil, electricity, repairs, lights, \$70 per mo. Amt. to be placed in sinking fund each year.....	840.00
1250.00	

Total cost per annum	\$2840.00
Cost per month.....	\$ 237.50
Cost to each house or consumer, per month.....	\$ 4.75

Now any person can figure this for himself. If you cut out the running expenses entirely, and pay the interest on the bonds and the one-tenth of the bonds each year which must be done by way of creating a sinking fund, you have a cost of \$2000, or about \$3.50 per house.

It is useless to say that a portion of this can be paid out of the general tax for the reason that we are limited to ten mills upon the assessed valuation, which last year was \$170,000, and raised on ten mills, \$1700.00, together with the income from the hall of \$70.00, made \$1770, and the annual expenditures of the city are approximately as follows:

Lights.....	\$243.00
Salary city attorney.....	60.00
Salary marshal.....	100.00
Salary recorder.....	40.00
Salary treasurer.....	20.00
Estimated cost of fuel.....	12.00
Insurance.....	43.00
City hall lights, estimated.....	30.00
Necessary to finish city hall and ordered.....	275.00
Interest on indebtedness on hall.....	96.00

Making a total of.....\$919.00

To this must be added necessary repairs to streets, street crossings, library, and other incidentals; and also a \$500 note now due, which would make a total of \$1419.00, plus repairs for streets and cost of library.

I am as much in favor of improvement and progress as any one in Fairview, but I hesitate to put a mortgage upon all of the property of the town, for \$12,500.00, and at the same time place a burden upon water consumers by an unreasonable cost of water to them.

The building of water works would not take care of the surface water that Mr. Schram complains of, nor the ofal, and other unsightly things that he mentions in his letter. Those things can be reached in another way.

I make this statement so that each and every taxpayer and property holder within the town will know exactly what he is doing when he votes a bond issue for \$12,500, and he must know that these bonds and the interest thereon, must be paid, and he will have to pay his proportion of the same, and it is for him to decide whether or not he is going to get a corresponding benefit.

D. W. McKAY, City Treasurer, has informed me that the assessed valuation last year was only \$156,926, from which he received a total of \$1560.24.

New Blacksmith Shop Open. I want to announce to the people of Gresham and vicinity that I have opened a new blacksmith shop on Second street between Main street and Roberts avenue. General repairing of all kinds. Horseshoeing, carriage and wagon work. All kinds of grinding including plow points and discs.—Adv. L. GOYT.

Dr. S. P. Bittner has moved his office to the Gresham Investment company's building over the Bank of Gresham.—Adv.

Lime and Sulphur Spray, also Niagara Soluble Sulphur Spray. Any quantity. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

COLLAR FACTORY MAY COME HERE

William Sharkey, who owns 80 acres of land about two miles south of Gresham, is preparing to build a house on the tract the coming summer. He has about eight acres cleared and in cultivation, but expects to clear several acres more and set out apple and walnuts.

In conversation with Governor Withycombe not long since he was advised that the hills south of Gresham are the best adapted for walnuts of any section in Oregon. The governor is familiar with land conditions all over the state and is competent to decide.

Two of Mr. Sharkey's brothers, Ed. and John, each have 80 acres adjoining. Their land is in a wild state with considerable standing timber. They may decide to improve their property also in the near future.

Ed. Sharkey, who is the senior partner in the firm of Sharkey & Son, horse collar manufacturers in East Portland, is seriously considering the proposition of moving his factory to Gresham. The rent he now pays in two or three years would pay for a lot and a frame building near the Mount Hood railway, and for his business it makes no difference where the factory is located, as he ships the entire product to other points. Then, too, he would be nearer the source of one of his greatest needs—a good quality of rye straw for filler.

Here would be another opportunity for a commercial club to do something for the town. There are other lines that might also be shown the practical side of having their factories in Gresham.

FARM DEPARTMENT WITHOUT A HEAD

The Outlook mentioned the departure of Mr. T. W. Cross for Newberg last week. Temporarily the railway's agricultural department will be dispensed with, until a successor is found to take Mr. Cross' place.

The following concerning the work done by Mr. Cross is taken from the Estacada Progress, where much of his energy was centralized:

Mr. Cross has done a good work in this community during his year of work. While having no precedent to work by and having to feel his way along cautiously, he has furnished sufficient information for his employers to continue the work on a more extensive and comprehensive basis.

Recently, Mr. Cross had been requested by a number of the neighboring farmers to furnish them with a formula for the proper fumigation of grain, peas, beans, potatoes, etc., to exterminate the weevil and other diseases in the seed.

BOSTON MUSICAL COMPANY STRANDED

A combination of actors and singers, advertised as the Boston Musical Comedy company, gave a performance at Smith's theater on Wednesday evening which was said to have been a good show but it lacked sufficient patronage to pay for the expense attached.

After the performance was over the manager is said to have left in a hurry with the surplus proceeds, leaving the remainder of the troupe at the Congdon hotel with no money to pay their way either for accommodations or to leave town. Seven of them the girls of the troupe were here today and were given a good dinner by Mrs. S. T. Crow, the Congdon management having held their baggage and refused them further credit.

TWENTY-TWO CANDIDATES FOR SATURDAY EVENING

Rockwood grange is preparing for an unusual event, to take place tomorrow evening at a special meeting of the grange which has been called for the purpose of introducing twenty-two candidates who will be initiated at that time.

The candidates were elected at the regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, and they will be initiated with the assistance of J. J. Johnson, master of Evening Star grange, T. J. Kreuder, state deputy and several others grangers.

Rockwood grange is preparing for a carpet rag social on Saturday evening, March 13, to which the public is invited. The evening will close with a social dance.

Millinery News.

First arrival of new spring millinery now on display at the Gresham Millinery store, Main street.

MRS. W. E. WOOD, Prop.

COLUMBIA SLOUGH INTAKE CURRENT FUND IS WASTED

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, March 4.—(Special)—The North Portland Commercial club passed resolutions at the meeting Tuesday night in the branch library on Killingsworth avenue condemning in vigorous terms the use that had been made of the \$2000 that was appropriated May 13, 1913, to open up the intake of Columbia slough to produce a current from the Columbia river strong enough to carry off sewerage. A committee visited the intake Sunday and found that nothing had been done. George S. Shepherd read an itemized statement showing what had been done with the \$2000, which indicated that 90 per cent of the money had been expended for other purposes, and Mr. Shepherd declared that most of the \$2000 had been wasted, and none had been applied directly to opening the intake. He said that by deepening the intake a strong current from the Columbia river can be diverted into the Columbia slough that will carry off sewerage from the Peninsula, the cost of which would be about \$3000 or less.

It was announced that the present administration had spent more than \$10,000 in getting data for a general sewer system for the Peninsula, and favored the construction of an intercepting trunk sewer running from Parkrose to the mouth of the Willamette river, paralleling Columbia slough, which will cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000. It was the sentiment of the meeting that the cost of this trunk sewer will be more than the property can bear, and favored the use of Columbia slough as an outlet for the Peninsula district. Mr. Shepherd said that while at first the use of Columbia slough for sewerage had been opposed and the people of the Peninsula had recalled Councilman Joseph Ellis they had come to the conclusion that Columbia slough can be made the outlet by opening the intake. E. M. Orth said that to build the trunk sewer would cost double the cost of dredging Columbia slough, which was estimated to cost \$650,000. G. A. Carter, representing the East St. Johns Improvement association, said that efforts were being made to dredge the slough for a ship channel and that the matter had been taken up with the United States engineer. Mr. Carter said that the East St. Johns club would co-operate with the other Peninsula organizations in getting Columbia slough dredged for all purposes, gested that a lot of material will be boats and for sewerage. It was suggested to fill up the two approaches to the Interstate bridge which might be taken from Columbia slough.

It was decided to call a mass meeting of property owners on the Peninsula for the evening of March 20 in the assembly hall of the North

W. H. M. S. Program.

The next meeting of the Women's Home Missionary society will be held at the home of Mrs. Benj. Cameron on Wednesday afternoon, March 10, with Mrs. Dr. R. H. Todd as leader. The general topic will be The Red Man and His White Neighbor. Members will respond to roll call by giving the names of Indian tribes. Mrs. J. E. Stubbs will review the chapter for the month and Mrs. L. L. Kidder will present a paper on missionary work among the Indians. Mrs. C. M. Oilphant will report on the Chemawa Indian school and Mrs. A. Hevel will read a story. A vocal solo will be rendered by Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Todd.

A social hour and luncheon will follow the program. Mrs. Cameron will be assisted by Mrs. O. A. Eastman and Mrs. J. N. Clananah.

MACHINERY ORDERED FOR NEW CANNERY

The greater portion of the machinery to be installed in the new cannery has been purchased, including the boiler and two capping machines. Four tanks to be used as syrup holders are being made in Portland, and six cooking tanks will be made here.

Superintendent Sterling is assembling the remainder of the machinery and tools that will be needed. There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Gresham Library tonight.

Portland library, Killingsworth avenue and Commercial streets, to discuss the question of sewerage for the Peninsula, and decide whether they would favor the proposed trunk sewer running from near Parkrose to the Willamette river or the use of the Columbia slough as the sewer outlet, according to the plans of ex-City Engineer T. M. Hurlburt. City Engineer Dater will be asked to attend this meeting and explain what plans, if any, had been adopted.

The dredging of Columbia slough would open a ship water way as far as Fairview, and would open up all the vast district between Sandy road and the Columbia river. It is a great and highly important enterprise. Far-seeing men believe that Columbia slough will be made a great ship channel and much of the shipping business and industrial enterprises will be on the Peninsula. There has been agitation for this great improvement for many years, and there are good prospects that it will now materialize into something definite.

Four hundred pupils of the Lents school will make home gardens this year, according to the announcement made yesterday by Principal A. F. Hershner. Some of the pupils have already started to cultivate their gardens. In size the home gardens will range from a full lot down. Some pupils have secured vacant lots. Principal Hershner said that the Lents school plans to make a specialty of home gardens for the reason children taken more interest in them than the community garden and besides they are permitted to market what they raise if they so desire. Later a committee will be appointed to inspect the home gardens and twenty of the best will be photographed to be made into slides for general exhibition. This will be done to stimulate each pupil to do his best to get into the 20-class and have his garden photographed.

What is called a "kitchen garden" will be cultivated on a tract 80x80 feet near the Lents school, the produce to be used by the school cooking class. This will be the only school garden maintained. It will be used for demonstration purposes.

Revival Continues.

The last of a series of meetings held under the leadership of Evangelist T. J. Coburn was held at the Free Methodist church Wednesday evening. Brother Coburn's messages have been clear and convincing, and under his stirring exhortations several have felt their need of seeking the Lord. Special interest was manifested on the part of some in the service of Wednesday night, and seemed to warrant a continuance of the meetings.

Rev. Mrs. E. M. Arnold of Portland will succeed brother Coburn in the meetings which may continue indefinitely as the interest may warrant. Mrs. Arnold has had wide experience, having labored several years in the city mission and evangelistic work. The services of Thursday afternoon and evening were of special interest, inquiring souls being present at each service. Services as follows: Friday 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. No services Saturday, Sunday preaching at 11 a. m. Pentecostal service at 2:30. The evening service will be at 7:30. Subject, "The Second Coming of Christ."

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Old Carpet for Sale.

The Ladies' Aid will sell the old carpet now in the M. E. church, next Monday, March 8 at 3 p. m. Good portions will be sold at 20 cents per yard. The rest will be sold at 7 cents a pound. MRS. L. OSBORNE, Pres.

LECTURE ON OREGON LAST THURSDAY EVENING

The illustrated lecture given Thursday evening at the library by George H. Himes was enjoyed by many. Mr. Himes is one of Oregon's most enthusiastic historians. He was a pioneer of '53 and for many years past has devoted his time to the gathering of data on the history of the Oregon country. He is the custodian of the museum of the Oregon Historical society, which is located in the Tournay building, 205-207 Second street, Portland.

In his talk Tuesday evening Mr. Himes referred to the first visit of an American to Oregon waters, when Capt. Robert Gray discovered and named the Columbia river in 1792. Captain Gray was also the first American captain to circumnavigate the globe. The next event of importance to this western country was the sending of the Lewis & Clark expedition in 1805-6. This was the first expedition of the kind launched by the infant republic. Congress appropriated the exorbitant sum of \$2500 to cover expenses. Next came actual occupation of the country by the Astor party in 1811.

Mr. Himes showed a large number of pictures of people and places entering into the early history of the country. He gave an exceedingly interesting talk.

SOCIAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ISSUED

Attention is again called to the conference of physicians, educators and others on moral hygiene, which will be held in Metzger's hall on Thursday evening, March 11.

The program will begin at 8 o'clock and is for men only. Mayor George W. Stapleton will be the chairman and introduce the speakers, prominent among whom will be Dr. J. M. Short, J. E. Stubbs, Wm. F. Woodward and Theodore Brugger.

Admission will be by invitation which is being sent out. A large attendance is assured. The meeting has been arranged for by a local committee consisting of K. A. Mier, Arthur Dowsett and J. E. Stubbs.

It is a call for sane and constructive action to formulate a plan for combatting the effects of social vice and there will be a place in the campaign for every man in the community who is legitimately and earnestly interested in the protection of our boys and girls. There will be no admission charge at the meeting, nor collection.

DISTRICT DEPUTY MAY BE NAMED

Vigilant activity on the part of Sheriff Hurlburt and his deputies has resulted in the arrest of eleven law breakers in Eastern Multnomah during the past two months. The two industrious chicken thieves mentioned last week are included.

One dastardly murderer near Troutdale and the man who shot another on the Paul Bliss farm have not been arrested yet.

Sheriff Hurlburt is making an attempt here who will be paid a reasonable sum for his services. A petition from here would probably secure the appointment and an order from the county commissioners, providing the compensation. The deputy would have the serving of all papers in this section and be available in emergencies.

DIES OF PNEUMONIA AFTER ONE DAY'S ILLNESS

James McGuire, aged 57, who has lived with his family on McGuire's Island in the Columbia, nearly opposite Fairview, died on Friday last at a Portland hospital and was buried in Greenwood cemetery on Saturday. He leaves a wife, one son and five daughters.

Mr. McGuire had been in his usual health until about eight days before his death when he was taken with pneumonia following a trip to Portland. He was brought over to this side of the river by the Fitzgerald brothers who took him to Portland on Thursday. Next day he died.

He was at one time a deputy fish warden on the Columbia between Vancouver and Cascade Locks. He owned his island home, where he had lived with his family for the past twenty years and was well known all along the river.

Daily Oregonian, 1 yr. reg.....\$6.00
Twice-a-Week Outlook, 1 yr..... 1.50
Combination, 1 year..... 6.00
Eyes tested and glasses fitted.
Dr. Geo. Inglis.—Adv.

SCHRAM SAYS A BOND VOTE IS IMPORTANT

By J. H. SCHRAM.

FAIRVIEW, March 4.—Special.—There has never been a subject in the city of Fairview that has received the attention that the subject of a water system is receiving at the present time, and a petition is being circulated asking that a special election be called that the city may be bonded for the erection of the system. It is receiving a heavy support while a remonstrance is also being largely signed. The opponents are offering the following arguments: A \$10,000 debt will prevent people from settling here, a wooden tank and water pipes will be a breeding place within two years for typhoid. They cite the healthfulness of our city now, the perpetual 10 mill tax, our city's present indebtedness, the possibility of having a dead horse on our hands should Portland extend her limits to the Sandy river, that the consumption of water will only pay the running expenses, leaving the interest and principal to be paid by taxation only. The other side is claiming enhanced value of property, inducements to business and private citizens locating here, building up our societies, churches and school, the reduction of insurance, the establishing of a sewer system, the protection from fire and upbuilding of our city in general. The election is no doubt a foregone conclusion, and should be held that the sentiments of the citizens be ascertained and let the majority rule in everything.

The entire city of Fairview is urgently requested to be present at the next council meeting Tuesday evening, March 9th. Several ordinances will be up for final passage and of vital interest to the public; in special, the ordinance on Sunday closing which prohibits anything being sold, prevents our ministers from occupying the pulpit, prevents a doctor from entering our city on professional calls regardless of how important the case, and even prevents us from having our eggs fried on Sunday morning. Come out and hear the ordinances read for the third time and see how our councilmen vote so you can remember him at the next election.

Postmistress Heslin has received word from the postoffice department that the petition prayed for by residents of Parkrose for extension of mail route has been denied.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church are hard at work preparing a program for their basket social to be held March 20th. Some outside talent will assist and it is now predicted that it will be something unusual in this line of socials.

Mrs. Bertha Beckwith, better known as Bertha Smith, living near Troutdale is quite sick at this writing.

Antone Schantin, of Rockwood, will spend March 5 and 6 at Albany as a delegate from the Maccabee lodge at Rockwood.

Roadmaster McKay has a force of men and teams gravelling the Barker road from the Barr road north to the Sandy, thus completing the gravelling of this road from the Base Line to the Sandy—a very much needed piece of work indeed.

Owing to the nervous breakdown of A. Kronenberg he has been compelled to seek rest and quiet and has gone to the St. Martins springs for a few weeks.

Ernest Wahl, who has been farming the Barker place the past two or three years, has moved down to the B. P. Reynolds farm lately occupied by Cunie & Krebs.

Paul Fisher, who was burned out a short time ago at Columbia View, has purchased the old schoolhouse of the district and is having it moved over on to the site of the old home and will remodel it and have an up-to-date bungalow made of it, as the schoolhouse is in first class shape.

Utah Land Plaster, big stock on hand at warehouse in Gresham. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

Gravel and Sand. I am prepared to furnish gravel and sand in any quantity from Beloit. Also teaming, grading and excavating. J. H. Hoss. Telephone 79x.—Adv. tf

H. S. Orchestra Benefit. Coming! at the schoolhouse, Friday evening, March 26. Good program. Local talent. tf