

BASE LINE EXTENSION PROTESTED

The proposed extension of the Base Line road is a big bone of contention between two factions, one of which wants the road open and the other is opposed to it. Sam Strebin is leader of the forces that want the road opened and improved, while A. B. Conrad is heading the opposition.

Both sides are working hard, but it is noticeable that a majority of the people along the Base Line from Corbett to Montavilla are signing up Mr. Strebin's petition, while Mr. Conrad's greatest support comes from other districts away from the Base Line.

There is scarcely any doubt now but that the Base Line improvement being asked for, the extension of the Section Line and the scenic road along the east bank of the Sandy will all be made within the next two years or sooner. The scenic road has been ordered by the county commissioners, also the Section Line connection.

It only remains for action to be taken upon the Base Line extension and then there will be a road to the Sandy bridge and connection with the Columbia River Highway from Troutdale and Gresham and the Base Line territory, the last named being the most central.

Considerable opposition to the Base Line proposition was developed in Gresham through a misapprehension. It is feared that the opening of that road would operate against the Section Line opening, but that has already been ordered and the contracts has been let for clearing the right of way.

Then too, it was feared that the Base Line extension would serve to militate against the scenic road from Troutdale to the east side of the Sandy, but that opposition has been exploded by the fact that the latter road will be opened anyway and the people of Troutdale are not generally opposing the Base Line because they are to be given all they can expect and are willing to have another feeder opened up to the country east of the Sandy river.

Probably the largest road petition ever sent in to the county court will be the result of the agitation, and there will also be a lengthy remonstrance, as practically every legal voter in this part of the county has been solicited by one side or the other.

BULL RUN RESERVE TO CLOSE MAY FIRST

Orders have been issued to close the Bull Run reserve on May first, and no one will be permitted to enter except the forest rangers and officials of the water board who will be provided with passes to enter the gates on the wagon roads, which will be closed and locked against all others.

Those who are contemplating a trip to the headworks must get there before the date of closing. At that time the entire force of forest rangers will go on patrol duty.

May first is rather early for classing the reserve but it is a wise precaution as there has been no snow for the protection of the timber. Last year there were four feet of snow along the slope of the Cascades where less than four inches fell during the past winter. If a long, dry summer should ensue again it would be highly dangerous to take any risks, hence the early closing order which will be strictly enforced.

Caroline Templeton Hatcher Ill.

No lecture will be given Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union by Mrs. Caroline Templeton Hatcher, on account of the illness of that lady. All her engagements for some time have been cancelled on advice of her physician.

Mrs. Hatcher was to have lectured at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening of this week, according to announcements read in the churches last Sunday.

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

Spring Millinery.
First arrival of spring hats and new spring millinery. Davis & Son, Fairview, Oregon.

QUARTERLY GATHERING OF POMONA

Pomona grange will meet here tomorrow, the guests of Gresham grange. It will be the first quarterly meeting of the year and, following the precedents of former years, should be the best.

It will be the occasion of installing officers, which in Pomona are elected for two years. The session will begin at 10:30 and run continuously all day, except for dinner and supper and end only after the conferring of the fifth degree on a large class of initiates and the rendition of a program under the supervision of the lecturer of the grange.

Among the matters to be taken up will be the resolutions previously referred to concerning rural credits and farm loans. One of the by-laws will be amended, fixing the admission fee at 35 cents, to conform to the annual dues which is of the same amount.

The matter of holding field day within the next two months will be taken up and a site selected for the meet. Committees will be appointed from each grange to make all preparations and carry out the idea to a successful termination.

John D. Chitwood of Damascus grange, and a past master of Clackamas county Pomona, has been invited to install the officers. The meeting will be presided over until installation by T. J. Kreuder, the retiring master who will be succeeded by J. J. Johnson. The other officers to take up their duties for the coming two years are: overseer, John Welbis; lecturer, Mrs. J. W. Townsend; steward, Jacob Nelson; assistant steward, Saylor Smith; chaplain, Mrs. Eugene Palmer; secretary, Miss Edna Berke; treasurer, E. L. Thorpe; gatekeeper, J. S. Albel; Ceres, Mrs. May Richmond; Pomona, Mrs. S. Jones; Flora, Mrs. Clara Anderson; lady assistant, Mrs. Sarah Hyatt. All but one of these officers the treasurer, are new to the positions at this time, except that Mr. Johnson was once master several years ago. The treasurer was the only one of the outgoing officers to be re-elected.

FLORAL CALENDAR AT THE LIBRARY

Professor Sweetzer of the University of Oregon is publishing a floral calendar. Each month he forwards an illustration of the flower peculiar to that particular month, with a description of its characteristics. January and February have been received.

The weekly market letter from the Fruit & Produce Markets, giving prices quoted in Portland, Seattle, California, and British Columbia, has been posted on the town bulletin board.

The posted views of Panama canal and the surrounding country will be enjoyed by those who have been interested in Panama.

CASH PREMIUMS FOR SWEET PEAS

C. C. Morse & Co., the largest seed house in California with stores in San Francisco, have again made an offer of special cash premiums for the best displays of sweet peas at the coming county fair.

The prizes will be \$5.00; \$3.00 and \$2.00 and competition is open to everyone without any restrictions. Now is the time to plant sweet peas, and with proper care, they will be at their best in September. Morse & Co. are the largest dealers in sweet pea seed in the world and have every known variety. Those who desire to win one of the prizes should write them for information as to planting and culture.

Ground has been broken for the construction of the great inter-state bridge which is to connect the city of Portland with Vancouver, Washington, and which will be an important link in the Pacific Highway, one of the most remarkable thoroughfares in the United States. As far as possible all contracts for the work have been let to local firms and preference will be given to locally produced materials and to local labor. Necessary funds are available for driving the work to early completion.

Coming—new spring line of Lawn Mowers to Sterling & Kidder's Hardware Store.—Adv.

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

THREE MORE CLAIMANTS FOR ESTATE

Three more claimants have appeared for a share in the John K. Bell estate in England, for which Thomas W. Bell was supposed to be the sole American heir.

When the Outlook first told the story of Tom Bell's great expectations last week it was not known that any other members of his family were here. He knew that they were somewhere but kept the information to himself.

Fred Bell, who lives at the Everett Hotel in Portland, who is a former bank clerk; Lester Bell of Centralia, Washington, and Brenton Bell, a vaudeville actor, are all half brothers and their existence may complicate matters somewhat in the division of the estate.

Thomas Bell's mother is known to be dead but the mother of the three half brothers may be living. If so her whereabouts is unknown.

Fred Bell has made a statement in which he says:

"With Thomas and his father, who is also my father, I came over here in 1885. My two brothers, Lester and Brenton, also accompanied us. I have lost trace of my mother. In fact I am not sure whether she died before we came to America or not. I know that Thomas' mother was dead, but his father married again, his wife being my mother.

"As for my father, the last I heard from him was at Fort Canby, Oregon, where he was a cook with the life-saving crew. This was 12 or 15 years ago."

Fred Bell for a time was placed in the Orphans' Home in South Portland, when he first reached Portland from his trip across the ocean. Later while his father was seeking work was "farmed" out to a family who lived on the Columbia between here and Astoria. He later took up work for himself, he said, and when he grew up worked his way into the banking house of Ashley & Rumelin, from which he retired, several years ago on account of ill health, to take up outdoor work.

MR. CONRAD REFUTES UNTRUE STATEMENT

Gresham, Ore., March 12.

It is strange how reckless some people can handle their breath and not disturb their conscience in the least. There has been a report circulated quite freely in the last few days that I have threatened to hold up the county court for \$1500 or more in case they made a change affecting a certain road running through my farm and that the reason I opposed the extension of the Base Line road was that I might land this snug little sum.

The fact however is, I have intimated to the county court as well as others that all I would ask in the way of damages if the proposed change is made is that the county remove the gravel from the old abandoned road. There is quite a difference between removing a few pebbles and \$1500.

A. B. CONRAD.

GRESHAM GRANGE ELECTS DELEGATES

Gresham grange took in eight new members on Saturday last five of whom were received on demit cards, with three initiates in the first and second degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snashall, Valentine Snashall and Mr. and Mrs. Mart Kronenberg were admitted to membership on withdrawals from Pleasant Valley grange. The new members taking the first two degrees were Mrs. Ellen Pomeroy, Miss Lucy Adams and Mr. Ray.

There was a large attendance, a bountiful dinner and excellent program. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cavanaugh were elected delegates to the state grange; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brugger alternates.

A. B. Elliott of Powell Valley has rented his 25-acre farm within the city limits of Gresham, to John Robertson, who recently came with his family from Ohio. Mr. Elliott will reroof the house on the place, put in new floors and otherwise improve the dwelling for the use of his renter. Mr. Robertson is a son-in-law of Mrs. McBain of Gresham and a brother-in-law of Jas. McBain of Powell Valley.

Use Calol Liquid Gloss on your polish mops. Costs less, at Sterling & Kidder's.—Adv.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY PIONEER

The 82d birthday anniversary of Grandman M. B. Sleret was celebrated Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Bert Lindsey, all her living descendants being present except one daughter, Mrs. C. L. Idleman of Caldwell, Idaho. On this occasion there were present seven children, thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The "in-laws" increased the number by ten. They were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sleret, Mr. and Mrs. John Sleret, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ruegg, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sleret, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. George Bornstedt, Mr. and Mrs. George Ruegg, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hockenson, Earl, Eva and Josephine Townsend, Wesley and Hazel Shattuck, Helen and Mildred Sleret, Albert, Donald and Dorothy Lindsey, George and Allen Bornstedt, Freddie and Baby Ruegg.

Grandma Sleret is one of the honored pioneers of this locality. She came with her husband and several children from Ohio, nearly fifty years ago. The trip was made across the plains by way of the "Oregon Trail," by horse teams. The ill health of Mrs. Sleret made a complete change of climate necessary and the stories of the wonderful attractions of the Oregon country pointed to this as the mecca of health and prosperity. The savings of the family had been put into fine horses, from the sale of which it was hoped to start business anew in the new land. All went well until they had all but reached their destination. The deserts and plains had been left behind, the summit of the Cascade mountains passed, when the party camped for a few days' rest while the father rode one of the horses to Portland to arrange for a house for the family. On his return he found all his remaining horses dead from poisonous grasses which they had eaten. The discouragement, homesickness and trials which followed can only be understood by those who have like them passed through the pioneer experiences.

Later the family bought a large farm, a part of which is now within the city limits of Gresham. The school district property is on a part of the original tract. Here a home was established from which went out a large family to do honor to their name and their community.

Insurance Information.

Gresham, Ore., March 16.

Since the failure of the Horticultural Fire Relief and Oregon Merchants Mutual associations of Salem, Oregon, two or three agents for other companies are doing some under work trying to induce members of the Oregon Fire Relief of McMinnville to leave it, as it was defunct also.

For the benefit of the members of the Oregon Fire Relief association who are my customers and others who are contemplating insuring their property I will say that the Oregon Fire Relief association has on hand at last report \$266,284.19 or \$6.38 per \$1000 in force. This amount is cash and bonds and home office which can be converted into cash on demand. There are no stockholders to share in dividends, the dividends are left with the people when policy is written. The above amount is ample to justify the company to write mercantile and commercial insurance. The officers seem to be satisfied with small favors and intend to conduct the business as heretofore and be able at all times to be able to pay the cash to those who have just and fair losses.

I take this opportunity of thanking my numerous customers throughout Multnomah and Clackamas counties for their continuous patronage.—Adv.

JOHN BROWN.

List of Letters.

Remaining letters uncalled for in the Gresham postoffice for week ending March 14th, 1915:

Letters—H. Johnson, J. W. Bell, R. D. Hill, Miss Ruth Elliott, Mrs. Jack Carson.

Foreign—Joe Landree.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on March 28th, 1915, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised," giving date of list.

I. McCOLL, P. M.

ALDERMAN'S ABILITY IS ENDORSED

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, March 15—Special—At present Portland is stirred over the possible removal of City Superintendent L. R. Alderman from the head of the Portland schools. It is an agitation that should not take place, for the reason Mr. Alderman is an educator of national and international reputation, and his methods, which are progressive, have received attention not only in this but in foreign countries. I talked with leading citizens the past week and discovered that they are united in their opinion that he should be retained. Mr. Alderman came to Portland from the office of state superintendent, where he made good.

Sellwood strongly favored the retention of City Superintendent Alderman at the head of the Portland public schools and deprecates his displacement at this time by any one else, according to the statement made yesterday by A. N. Wills, president of the local Sellwood association, which was recently formed to improve the Sellwood schools, made up of representative citizens and members of the Methodist Brotherhood and Current Events club of the Sellwood Presbyterian church.

"We have taken no action expressing our sentiments," said Mr. Wills, "but the general sentiment in this suburb is so pronounced and so nearly unanimous in the desire that Mr. Alderman should be retained at the head of our schools that any action would be superfluous. Mr. Alderman is a live wire. He does things, and that is what this community likes in him. He knows what to do and goes ahead and does it. Any change that would result in his being displaced by any body else would be little short of a calamity and should not be tolerated in Portland. Mr. Alderman is a progressive citizen as well as a schoolman. I doubt very much if any such movement to displace him can succeed, and ought not to succeed."

Other prominent persons, ministers, teachers, bankers and business men are also highly in favor of the retention of Mr. Alderman. So far as can be ascertained the sentiment is unanimous. Prominent among those interviewed on the subject are Rev. J. E. Youel, pastor of the Spokane avenue Presbyterian church; Peter Hume, president of the Bank of Sellwood; H. M. Huff, president of the Sellwood Board of Trade; Mrs. M. D. Palmer, president of the Sellwood auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.; M. B. McFaul, president of the East Side Business Men's club; E. M. Orth, president North Portland Commercial club; Mrs. E. H. Ingham, president Woodstock Mothers'-Teachers' association; L. M. Lepper, secretary East Side Business Men's club; A. N. Searle, secretary Montavilla Board of Trade.

Rapid progress is being made on the construction of the Portland & Oregon City Railway through Milwaukie. Through the town the grading has been completed and most of the track laid, but not yet ballasted. Work has been started on the right of way north of Milwaukie toward Ardenwald and the Portland south line. The track through the southeast side will run near the Southern Pacific railroad. Southeast from Milwaukie the roadbed has been graded to and beyond Clackamas, and will be continued to Baker's bridge, to which place the line will be built this year. Stephen Carver, promoter of the company announced that the line would be completed and in operation on or about July 1 to Baker's bridge across the Clackamas river. When further construction toward Stone is started the Clackamas will have to be bridged.

The collection of Indian relics and mineral specimens, presented to Brooklyn school by Dr. Dav. Rafferty, are to be placed in the south end of the assembly hall on shelves and in cases which will be built in the manual training department. Measurements have been taken of the requirements. The relics at present are stored away in boxes at the home of Dr. Dav. Rafferty. When the shelves and cases are ready the specimens will be placed in them. Dr. Rafferty, who with his two brothers gathered these specimens, will mark each with a proper description telling what it is and where it came from. The collection represents the work of more than 30 years by Dr.

JACKSON F. JONES.

The Gresham Volunteer Fire Department has arranged for a dance to be given in Regner's opera house on the evening of March 27 for the benefit of the sick and accident fund which has been recently established in the department. Van Houten's four-piece orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion.

FUMIGATION AND CARE OF GRAIN SEEDS

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 13.—Editor Outlook.—In your issue of March 5th, 1915, I noticed that a request was made by a number of farmers in your vicinity, for a formula for the proper fumigation of grains effected with such insects as the weevil, grain moth and the snout beetle. As a resident of Gresham, I am very much interested in the progress of agriculture in its vicinity, especially as I am preparing myself to take up the art of the soil there also. The following information, I have received here at the Agricultural college, and I sincerely believe it is of vital importance to the majority of farmers and is worth very careful consideration.

Moist seeds, as nearly all farmers know, are easily injured by variations in temperature. Freezing does much injury to moist seeds, and changes of temperature are also very injurious to seed desired for seeding purposes. Such seed must be thoroughly dried out before freezing begins; in fact, they should be thoroughly dried as soon as possible after threshing. With seeds well dried out, low temperatures do less damage than very high ones. The insects working on stored grain do considerable damage, especially in a region of mild winters such as we have. Such insects as the grain moth, snout beetle, and the weevil which work on the grains may do much injury, especially to the larger seeds. They may be very effectively killed by the use of "carbon bi-sulphide" (C S₂). This chemical may be secured at the drug store at from 19c to 25c per pound. Carbon bi-sulphide is a liquid which vaporizes very rapidly. The vapor is heavier than air and so it naturally settles downward, consequently it must be used in a perfectly tight bin or room or it will settle down and out through openings in the sides and in the floor. The chemical is poured into wide, shallow trays placed upon the top of the grain or the bin, or high in the room. The heavy vapor settles down between the grains and kills all insects and any animal life with which it comes in contact.

The vapor of carbon bi-sulphide is ill smelling, nauseating, poisonous and may result fatally to people or animals breathing too much of it. It is therefore a very wise plan when fumigating with it to start at the back of the room and work toward the door, working as rapidly as possible. If the bins are above stables, or located where there will be the least possible chance of the vapors coming in contact with live stock, the animals should by all means, be moved during the process of fumigation. This carbon bi-sulphide vapor burns very readily when a bin is being treated with it, and all fires or flames, such as lanterns, pipes, etc., should be kept away, as when ignited, it will often cause a violent explosion, doing considerable damage, and possibly setting the building on fire. Warehouse men frequently put it in the warehouse on Saturday night and leave it until the following Monday. It generally requires from 36 to 48 hours to complete the process of one fumigation.

The amount of carbon bi-sulphide to be used varies with the temperature and volume of the room or bin in which the grain is kept. For a temperature of 90 degrees, one pound of carbon bi-sulphide to 500 cubic feet is sufficient; for 80 degrees, one pound to every 400 cubic feet; for 70 degrees, one pound for every 300 cubic feet; and for 60 degrees it is unsatisfactory to fumigate. In case the room is somewhat leaky, two or three times as much of the chemical should be used. One pound is used in from 60 to 100 bushels of grain. After treatment a thorough ventilation is necessary.

This treatment will hold good for potatoes, or anything else where an insecticide is needed, providing the place where it is used be as near air tight as possible.

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