

ALL GRANGES ENDORSE COUNTY AGENT PLAN

POMONA WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENT

Last year the county commissioners were prepared to appoint a county agriculturist and had set aside a sum to pay him his salary—or one-half of it, as the state pays the other half. The granges of the county, including Pomona, and all except Rockwood grange, opposed the idea on the grounds that no such official was needed.

This year the granges, all of them including Pomona, are a unit in asking the county commissioners to make the appointment, but the commissioners have changed front, and having last year's experience before them they failed to make an appropriation to pay the one-half salary.

Thus it comes about that the county commissioners and the granges of Multnomah county are working at cross purposes and nothing is accomplished.

J. J. Johnson, master of Pomona grange, has advised the grange to keep the matter in mind and have a committee appointed next fall to wait upon the budget committee with a petition for an allowance sufficiently large to pay the one-half salary and other incidental expenses. The matter will be attended to at the September session of Pomona, and there is reasonable hope that the official will be appointed.

The opposition to a county expert last year has given way to the force of argument and the opposers are now convinced that such an expert as would be sent here from the agricultural college would be able to give the farmers great assistance.

His First Duty.

The first task of the county agricultural agent will be to travel around and get thoroughly acquainted with the agricultural conditions of the county so that any improved methods which he may suggest will be strictly applicable under local conditions. While he is doing this preliminary work there will be opportunity for him to address granges and other farmers' meetings and get acquainted with the people.

He will consult with the members of the Farmers' association and with as many other farmers as possible as to what are the chief problems in the county and what particular lines of work should be especially emphasized.

He will then undertake to demonstrate more profitable methods and to solve local agricultural problems by means of practical demonstrations in co-operation with interested farmers. Generally he will try to do a few definite things in a county-wide way rather than try to do everything at once.

Need More Clover.

As an example of how this may work out one of the important things to do may be to find out why clover fails more frequently than it formerly did and what is to be done about it. We certainly need more clover. If clover culture is decided upon as one line to be pushed the county agent will secure a number of men scattered about the county to co-operate with him in conducting field trials to determine what soil treatment is needed to prevent clover failures, or rather to demonstrate what soil treatment will produce clover most successfully.

Again, another possible problem is to determine what variety of fodder produce the greatest amount of feed per acre under local conditions. In that case the county agent will secure several promising varieties and get farmers to conduct co-operative tests in a number of places in the county.

In still other cases the introduction of alfalfa on special types of soil may seem desirable. In such cases the county agent will get all the available information about alfalfa culture and put out as many demonstration plots as possible with co-operating farmers.

In all cases, when results are secured public field meetings will be held where the demonstrations are located so that everybody in the locality may see what results were secured and learn how they were secured and the approximate cost.

It is a proven, though not generally recognized, fact that the organization of the farm business has as much to do with farm profit as the matter of yield. Consequently a careful study of the organization of the farm bus-

LOCAL BASEBALL FANS AT OPENING GAME

Tuesday, April 13 will be the opening of the baseball season in Portland with the first game of the Beavers. Plans are being made in every direction for excursions to Portland on that date. The local fans are all interested and will be there in a bunch. An effort is being made to break all previous records of attendance on the opening day.

SEVEN ANNIVERSARIES BUT ONE CELEBRATED

Last Tuesday was the birthday anniversary of no less than seven persons in and near Gresham, but so far as heard from there was but one celebration of the event. It was a surprise party in honor of the 19th birthday of Ralph Stanley at his home on the Base Line. The evening was spent in the usual enjoyable way, with games, music and light refreshments.

The following young friends and acquaintances made up the party: Miss Olive Merrill, Miss Margaret Burke, Miss Hazel Goger, Miss Mae Daugherty, Miss Marguerite Volbrecht, Miss Hester Thorpe, Miss Laura Shipley, Miss Gertrude Eastman, Miss Mabel Shipley, Miss Hazel Stanley, Emmerson Brown, Brother Brown, Earl Stanley, Oren Stanley, Frank Rogers, Guy Jones, Joe Chiodo, Walter Metzger, Harry Stanley, and Wilbur Stanley. Others who visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kaser.

COUNTY WILL REPAIR GRESHAM ROADWAY

County Surveyor Bonser had a crew of men working here last week, making surveys and estimates of the cost of filling in and otherwise, repairing the cave-in on Powell street. He made three estimates, covering different kinds of work.

The matter was taken up by the county commissioners on Tuesday. They decided to repair the roadway with piling and a fill at a cost of \$422.28 on one of the plans submitted.

One of the plans was a permanent fill which would make necessary the use of about 60 feet of private land for the embankment for approximately 50 feet in length. He estimated that the cost of the fill would be about \$600. The other method was a double strength piling job, which it was estimated would cost \$694. Mr. Bonser said the method chosen should last for over 20 years.

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. GOIT.

One right the taxpayer has is the right to pay the freight.

ness will be undertaken to determine what system of farming is giving the best results and to demonstrate the merits of that system.

Definite Plans.

Definite plans to do certain things on a county-wide basis for the improvement of agriculture as a whole will be formulated after consulting with the farmers and the agent will adhere quite closely to these plans. These special campaigns will not take up all of the agent's time and what is left over will be available to visit individual farms on request and give advice and assistance.

This matter of giving personal advice to individual farmers is far from being the most important part of the county agent's work though probably it has received more publicity than all the rest of his work. He can accomplish much more by demonstrating a thing to a whole community at once than by trying to tell it to each individual separately.

In a word, the county agent's work will tend toward putting into practice on every farm the most successful practices of the best farmers and the most valuable discoveries of the experiment stations, and the proposed method of accomplishing this is by numerous field demonstrations reinforced by plain, practical explanations right on the ground.

SENTIMENT FAVORS ROAD BOND ISSUE--- ROSE FESTIVAL IDEA

By L. H. WELLS.
PORTLAND, March 25.—Special.

—Emery Olmstead, president, and Phil Bates, superintendent of the Portland Rose Festival association, outlined in their addresses at the luncheon of the East Side Business Men's club Hotel Edwards, Grand avenue, some of the features of the Festival of 1915, and emphasized the point that every citizen should this year put forth his best effort to make the Festival a success. The two speakers declared that thousands of tourists must pass through Portland this year on their way to the Panama Exposition by the four transportation lines and that Portland must "dress up" as never before.

"I cannot tell you exactly just what the Rose Festival program will be this year," said Mr. Olmstead, "but I want to assure the people of the East Side they will be remembered. There are three features that we shall emphasize—the musical, the decorations of the city and the Rose Festival center. The parades we shall have as formerly, but these three things we are endeavoring to make prominent, for we have reason to know that many thousands of tourists must come to Portland on their way to the Panama Exposition. The music will be made a feature. The East Side will be provided with concerts. I want to emphasize the need of erecting grand stands along Grand avenue so the people can see the children's parade and the other parades in comfort. We shall make the decorations of the city a great feature this year. To this end many thousands of rose bushes have been distributed through the schools and other means, and the 30,000 school children are assisting in the work of cleaning up and making the city beautiful. I cannot emphasize the importance of the city decorations this year, and the need of every man, woman and child getting behind the twelve directors financially and every other way. These directors are all busy men, but for the past six weeks they have been giving their time to soliciting money for expenses, and are doing fairly well. The Rose Festival Center will be made a place of beauty, but I cannot tell where it will be located. Now, the East Side Business Men's club can give us material assistance, and I hope you will do what we call on this club for assistance."

Superintendent Bates spoke from the text Acts 21 and 39, which emphasized civil pride. He told of his trip through the cities of California, where he pointed out that the citizens are spending thousands of dollars preparing to receive the tourists who are coming to this coast this year. He mentioned Oakland, Pasadena and Los Angeles as examples of civic pride. San Diego, he said, with 60,000 people, had financed a \$40,000,000 fair without debt. Mr. Bates said Seattle would have thirty conventions this year, and that many of the most of them, will come to Portland.

"Boost! Boost! Boost for Portland," said Mr. Bates, "for Portland is no mean city."

At the close of these talks C. C. Hall, chairman of the day, assured President Olmstead and Superintendent Bates that they could be assured of the support and co-operation of the East Side Business Men's club and the citizens of the East Side in making the Festival of 1915 a success.

I have been attending public meetings for several days and apparently there is a tremendous sentiment in favor of the proposed road bond issue of \$1,250,000. Judging from this manifestation of sentiment there

will be substantial majority in favor of the bond issue. At a finely attended meeting in North Portland Tuesday night Mr. Yeon delivered an address, and at the close the following resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Whereas, it is planned to hard-surface 71 miles trunk roads in Multnomah county and complete the Columbia Highway through the issuance of \$1,250,000 in bonds, the trunk roads to be hard-surfaced being the Powell Valley, Section Line, Base Line and Sandy on the East Side, the Columbia Highway and the Slavin, Linton and Canyon roads on the West Side; and

Whereas, 50 per cent of this money is to be spent for labor and to remain absolutely in this county, at a time when labor is greatly needed; therefore be it

Resolved, by the North Portland Commercial club, that it indorses the said bond issue, believing that the money can be used for the construction of these high grade roads to the best advantage, thereby developing Portland and the surrounding country districts, and at the same time assist worthy unemployed men; and further be it

Resolved, That we extend to Road Master J. B. Yeon our sympathy and co-operation in his efforts for high grade roads in Multnomah county.

In Milwaukie petitions are being circulated calling for a special election in the near future to authorize the Milwaukie council to acquire the two privately-owned water plants, the Milwaukie Water Works and the Minthorne Springs Water Works, either through arbitration or by condemnation proceedings. This petition will be presented at a special meeting of the council next week. Through this special election the council will have direct authority to acquire the two plants, which the councilmen did not want to do without an expression of the people, although the charter gives them that authority to do.

B. M. Fisch, of the Milwaukie Water company, said yesterday that he preferred that the city should acquire the water plants through condemnation proceedings as arbitration had not proved successful before. Evidence on the value of the plants can be submitted to the court which in effect will be the arbitrator. Meanwhile work has started on the main that is to connect with the Portland water system.

At the spelling contest held Wednesday afternoon in the Milwaukie school Milwaukie school won the championship for this division of the western district of Clackamas county. Nine districts took part in the contest, Milwaukie No. 1, 106, 99, 54, 49, 119, 123, 103 and 47. The first division contest included pupils of the fifth and sixth grades only, and Opal Dowling won this contest. Words in 77 pages were given out.

Picked spellers in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades in all the schools engaged in the next spelling tournament, and was won by Lenora Mulder and Charlotte Nash, of the Milwaukie school. Following came the contest between Miss Mulder and Miss Nash, who had won against the other eight schools, and this was won by Miss Nash. In the general contest words from page 1 to 224 were given out, the test being a thorough one.

County School Superintendent Calavan assisted by Supervisors McCormick and Vedder gave out the words, it being one of the warmest spelling bees held at Milwaukie. The two champions of the two divisions will meet at Oregon City the other champions for the final contest in the whole county later on.

C. V. Thomas, secretary of the Pleasant Home Improvement club, was in Gresham today. He reports considerable enthusiasm among the people there over the prospect of incorporation, Bull Run water, Union high school and other local affairs.

The regular monthly meeting of the club will be held on Saturday evening, April 3, when reports will be read from the different committees having the proposed improvements in charge.

Help the firemen's benefit fund by attending the dance tomorrow night.

Cobwebs are useful in advertising a store that doesn't advertise.

AUTO SERVICE FOR CHEMICAL ENGINE

SHERIFF HURLBURT IS FINDING VOTING PLACES

Sheriff Hurlburt is making preparations for the special election to be held on April 14. He is asking for offers of polling places and so far has received 133 out of 326 needed. Offers will not be considered unless made before next Thursday. After that date the sheriff will secure places best suited in his opinion or will have tents erected for the election.

HAND EXTINGUISHER BEATS DEPARTMENT

An alarm of fire yesterday forenoon was for a blaze in a barn owned by Arthur Grant just west of Linnemann.

The Gresham department responded in double quick time with the chemical engine in tow of an automobile, but it arrived too late to be of any service. The fire had been extinguished with a hand extinguisher by Agent Cogswell of Linnemann Junction.

Had the fire gained a little more headway it would have been impossible to save two barns and the Grant residence.

Although their services were not required the firemen were heartily commended for their promptness in responding to the call and the long run taken. This is their fourth out-of-town call within a few months and they are ready for the next one.

SIX MACHINES FOR FORD QUICK SERVICE

Beginning Monday morning the Ford Quick Service company will have six jitneys on the run between Gresham and Portland with a twenty-minute schedule from both places.

A telephone booth has been erected on the sidewalk at the side door of the Gresham Drug store where a phone has been installed. The number is 901 and a traffic director is in constant attendance. The company's machines will operate on all the roads between here and Portland and call anywhere within reasonable distance for passengers. That is what the telephone is for.

The Leland Auto will continue as an independent making trips as announced in the published time card. Its phone call is 31.

A Dangerous Pastime.

Fairview, Ore., Mar. 24, 1915.

The first question an honorable man asks when he sees a girl flirting is whether she is a respectable girl or not. You see how it raises doubt at once. This being the case no modest girl can afford to indulge in this pastime among strangers. When the down is brushed from the peach its beauty is so marred that it can never be restored, and so when a girl throws lightly aside that sweet and modest reserve so becoming a maiden, she loses her greatest charm and becomes rather common and cheap.

Flirting may seem to the giddy and thoughtless girl to be wonderfully amusing, and she may even get an idea she is quite fascinating, but it is a degrading pastime and should be frowned upon by every young lady who has an ambition to be a worthy and charming woman.

MRS. J. W. BENECKE.

GRESHAM BASEBALL IN LEAGUE TEAMS

Gresham's baseball team for this year is in process of formation but the full list of players is not complete. Tom Townsend will be the pitcher with Will Bauer as catcher.

Grounds for the Gresham games have been secured on Cleveland avenue. They are being made ready for the coming season. The Gresham team will be one of a league formed to give classy baseball during the summer, and incidentally strive to win the county championship.

A full list of the officers and players will be given as soon as possible, together with the names of the other clubs in the league and a schedule of the proposed games.

H. S. Orchestra Benefit.

Coming! at the schoolhouse, Friday evening, March 26. Good program. Local talent.

Worry is a bad bedfellow.

PLAN TO EXTEND SCOPE OF SERVICE

A plan is on foot to convert the chemical engine, now owned by the city as a part of the equipment of the Gresham Volunteer fire department into an auto chemical for the protection of the surrounding farm buildings within a radius of at least three miles.

Chief Jones and Harold Kern constitute a committee which has for its principal object the raising of funds for extra cost. The chemical engine is of great value in the early stages of a fire and a few minutes saved in getting to the scene of a conflagration could easily save more than the cost of converting it into a machine to be propelled by its own power. To yank it out as a trailer of an automobile will soon put it beyond use, but when there is a call for it the necessity is great and that is the way it gets to the fires whenever the alarm is sounded.

A map of Gresham and the surrounding country for three miles in every direction is being prepared. That distance is about the limit in which a chemical may be of service if it can get there quick enough. If it were able to go with its own power only a few minutes would elapse before it could be set to work. A few minutes means everything when a fire has just started.

It will cost several hundred dollars to equip the chemical on a gas wagon, but that is the proposition, and the property owners within a three mile circle will be asked to contribute the money. It will give them some protection and the individual cost will be light. One dwelling or barn saved would more than repay the total sum to be expended.

Inside the fire hydrant district the dependance will be placed on Bull Run water, so it is not for the houses in the center of town that the chemical is to be used. The greatest benefits it will accomplish will be further away where water is not available.

A good automobile, suitable for the purpose, can be had for \$400. Less than that amount will be necessary to connect the two machines together. A canvass for funds will begin in a few days, and every house owner within three miles from the center of town will be asked to subscribe to the fund.

EDWARDS THOMPSON WEDDING SOLEMNIZED

A beautiful and impressive wedding was solemnized in Gresham Wednesday evening, when Miss Ava Joan Thompson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thompson, became the wife of T. Clafr Edwards of Pendleton, Oregon. Dr. A. Thompson read the ceremony.

A beautiful bridal arch had been made of Oregon grape, ferns and cherry blossoms, under which the couple stood, unattended, during the ceremony. Miss Pearl Ruegg played the wedding march.

The bride was gowned in cream crepe de chine and duchess satin. She wore a wreath of orange blossoms and carried Bride roses.

The house was decorated with a profusion of potted plants, pink hyacinths and pink camellias.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

The wedding guests were Mrs. Wm. Edwards of Pendleton, mother of the groom, Mrs. Stella Long of Edgewater, sister of the bride, and her little son, Dr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Metzger, Miss Auderer, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sleret of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sleret, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schwedler, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis, and daughter Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fieldhouse, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burke, Misses Margaret Burke, Beulah Caplinger, Pearl Ruegg, Emerson Brown, Forest Jenne, and Glenwood Miller.

While the guests were being seated for refreshments, the newly wedded couple, accompanied by Miss Caplinger, Miss Davis, Kirk Thompson and Emerson Brown, slipped away by a waiting auto to Portland, where they had luncheon at the apartments in which Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will keep house.