

## GOOD ROADS MEETING ON MONDAY EVE

Gresham will have one of the good roads meetings on Monday evening next, April 12, when the benefits of good roads will be impressed upon the voters of this section. The meeting will be held in Regner's hall.

An active campaign is being carried on throughout the county by a special committee appointed by the Portland Commercial club, consisting of John B. Yeon, county roadmaster, chairman; A. S. Benson, J. C. Ainsworth, W. L. Boise, Frank Riley, Phil Metschan, Jr., Julius L. Meier, George Baker and E. E. Covert, will direct the work from the good roads headquarters on the ground floor corner of the Yeon building.

Meetings throughout the county have been arranged, speakers supplied, literature issued and arguments for the bond issue furnished.

The good roads enthusiasts expect to cover the county thoroughly during the time yet remaining before the election. They hope to have a meeting practically every night until April 14. Active efforts will be made to acquaint the voters with the marked improvements to follow the voting of bonds aggregating \$1,250,000, with which to hard-surface approximately 70 miles of county roads.

"Multnomah does not compare favorably with other counties of this state in regard to modern roads, although it is in the front rank of wealth," said a member of the committee yesterday.

"The city of Detroit, Wayne county, Michigan, has more than 80 miles of hard-surface roads, and Pittsburg, Allegany county, Pa., has more than 100 miles. These are two of the richest counties in the United States."

"Multnomah county, with \$325,000,000 worth of wealth, which brings it among the first four in wealth in the United States, has three miles of modern roads. Half of this is on the Linnton road and the remainder is on the Riverside road. There are no modern roads in Eastern Multnomah; not a foot.

"King county, Washington, has 105 miles and is building 65 miles additional this year.

"Perhaps the greatest benefit to follow the paving of county roads with the proceeds of the bond issue is that expenditures have been so calculated as to develop rich farming districts that are now backward. The effect of a hard surface road is to bring a farm 20 miles from the city to within five miles of town. It is just as much an effort to traverse five miles of the present roadways as it is to cover four times that distance over a modern road.

"Beyond the Sandy river, between Chanticleer and Portland, there is a territory of 30,000 acres that is absolutely wild, uncultivated land, all tillable and comparable with the best soil in the whole state.

"It is widely known as land of the first quality, yet it is unused because so far from the market. It is assessed from \$5 to \$20 an acre. When placed under cultivation, as it will be done, this same land will be worth from \$200 to \$500 an acre.

"On the Linnton road, 5 per cent of the land is tilled, while 95 per cent is uncultivated. On the Canyon road, 10 per cent is under cultivation and 90 per cent remains idle. The same conditions obtain on the Slavin road, while on the Foster road 40 per cent of the land is tilled. The mileage of the Sandy, Base Line and Powell Valley roads is double that of those mentioned and these three average 50 per cent of uncultured lands tributary to them. All three have country along them that is susceptible of the highest cultivation.

"Truck or jitney service cannot be operated on the present graveled roads, except under favorable conditions, to make it profitable for the farmer. With hard-surfaced roads, there is not a day in the year that this service cannot be maintained.

The meeting here, next Monday evening, will be addressed by John B. Yeon, S. Benson and Engineer Lancaster. The latter will show a large number of photoscope pictures, representing scenes along the Columbia River Highway and other points of interest, with contrasting views of good and poorly constructed roads.

Rid your lawn of weeds with a Hall weed puller. It gets the roots. Sterling & Kidder.—Adv.

## NICKERSON-HONEY NUPTIALS CELEBRATED

A beautiful and impressive wedding took place on Monday afternoon, April 5, when Miss Ada May Honey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Honey became the wife of Mr. Mark Nickerson of Blue Earth, Minnesota. The ceremony was read by Rev. Melville T. Wire of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride. The young couple was attended by the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Honey of Portland, who celebrated the 60th anniversary of their own marriage on that day.

The bride was beautiful in a gown of nevon over white satin. She wore a veil and carried white rose buds and lillies-of-the-valley.

Those who witnessed the ceremony were Rev. and Mrs. Melville T. Wire, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Honey and Miss Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Honey, Miss Kathryn and Frederic, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Honey, Miss H. B. Honey, Mr. and Mrs. John Honey and children Miss Glenrose and Vernon of Portland, Miss Edith Catherwood of Corvallis, Mrs. Farup of North Dakota.

Flowers were used profusely in the house decorations. The bridal party stood under an arch of cedar boughs and yellow blossoms. Apple blossoms decorated the living room and were strewn in the way of the bride and groom by Miss Glenrose Honey as they were departing.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. White roses and lillies-of-the-valley were used for table decorations. The place cards were beautiful and unique. They were beautifully tinted photographs of the Honey home, at the upper corners of which were the dates of 1915 and 1855, and the initial letters H. and N. in a monogram.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson left at once for California, where they will visit with John Honey, who was not able to be present at his sister's wedding. They will spend some time at the exposition and in southern California and will later go to Minnesota to make their home in Blue Earth.

## FIGHTERS ARE FINED, CHICKENS RETURNED

Three cockfight fans appeared before District Judge Bell yesterday afternoon, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each. The fourteen blooded cocks, taken in a raid by Sheriff Hurlburt two weeks ago, will be returned to their owners on condition that they never are used for fighting again.

The mysterious "John Doe," who was bound over to the grand jury by Judge Dayton with Steve Fletcher and Harry Osman, yesterday gave his name as Tom Micklen. In the raid 26 men were arrested. Evidence showed that Fletcher, Osman and a third man had been ringleaders. One of the 24 remaining men was wanted, but the state could not tell which one it was. Judge Dayton ordered that no bail money be returned until the third man put in his appearance. Yesterday Tom Micklen admitted that he was the man wanted.

## ODD FELLOW LODGES OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Five Odd Fellow lodges in this vicinity are making arrangements to celebrate the 96th anniversary of the order in the United States.

A joint committee meeting was held in Gresham last Sunday afternoon, representing Gresham, Boring, Sandy, Estacada and Rockwood lodges. William A. Morand was made chairman, Ray Todd secretary. Regner's hall has been secured for the anniversary demonstration. Further announcements will be made.

## HURLBURT

Vern Loucas is building his new bungalow.

Springdale is booming. The latest addition is a new garage built by Fred Salzman and Harley Bates.

Edgar Russell has a new automobile for carrying mail in on the Corbett route.

Columbia Ladies' Aid meets with Mrs. Jim Ellis Thursday afternoon.

Within a few days active work will be commenced on the north jetty at the mouth of the Coquille river, an improvement for which \$90,000 was appropriated in October. A stone quarry to be opened at Bandon will supply the stone and it is expected the jetty will be practically completed this summer.

Slaves believe in luck; their masters have it.

## RESOLUTIONS FAVOR ROAD BOND ISSUE

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, April 5.—Special.—I attended the meeting of Columbia grange Saturday where Roadmaster J. B. Yeon delivered an address on the road bonds, and had the pleasure of having resolutions passed endorsing the bond issue. It was an earnest meeting of farmers, however, not largely attended. They wanted information on the bond issue and Mr. Yeon gave it to them. Following were the resolutions adopted at the meeting:

Whereas, It is proposed to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,250,000 with which to complete the Columbia Highway and lay hard-surface on 71 miles of trunk roads in this county, and in view of the fact that 80 per cent of the money will be spent for labor at a time it is needed badly, the hard cash to remain at home and that macadam has proved unsuited for the heavy traffic; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Columbia grange here assembled, that we heartily indorse this bond issue believing that the construction of these trunk roads will greatly benefit the farmers of this county; enable more land to be cultivated and provide them with roads that can be used the year round; and that we extend to Mr. Yeon and other good roads men our co-operation, and believing that the grange should lead in the good roads movement throughout this county and state, as it has led in many improvements in this county.

Resolved, That we commend the action of the county commissioners in refusing to fix a scale of wages in advance of the election demanded by the labor union, believing that the commissioners will pay a liberal wage for a day's work.

"Removal of postal station A on the East Side and its consolidation with station E in North Portland on the West Side would be a serious inconvenience to the business men and great implement houses on the East Side, and should not be done, and I stand ready to assist in preventing such removal, and to aid in providing adequate postal facilities," said Congressman C. N. McArthur in his talk today at the luncheon of the East Side Business Men's club, at Hotel Edwards, Grand avenue. The subject considered at this luncheon was the probable removal of station A from the East Side altogether, which has been suggested by the postal inspector, according to the statement made by Wilson Benefiel, who presided. Mr. Benefiel outlined the action taken by the postal authorities, who he said he turned down all tenders of locations on Grand avenue, and had said that a large saving of money could be made by consolidating the East Side station with station E, doing away with station A entirely. Mr. Benefiel declared that such consolidation would be a serious matter for the East Side, and ought to be resisted to the limit, and also that an adequate location should be secured on Grand avenue.

L. M. Lepper then read a statistical report which showed that the business done at station A had increased steadily, until, he said the annual business done had reached the figure of \$165,000 a year, and for the past 10 years had totaled more than \$1,500,000.

"The postal authorities propose to discontinue this station," said Mr. Lepper, "in the face of these figures because they say a little saving can be made. We have 22 of the largest implement firms in the Northwest doing business on the East Side through the East Side station, and the removal would seriously inconvenience them. This office was removed to the West Side 14 years ago, but was brought back because the great inconvenience and delays to mail delivery. Same thing happened with the Sellwood post station, and it was brought back."

"I am glad to be of any service to this part of Portland," said Mr. McArthur, "and shall at once wire the department at Washington over this matter. I can see that its removal would operate a tremendous handicap on the business interests of this community. Government exists for the convenience of the people. East Side should have ample postal facilities. These big implement houses would suffer from inadequate postal facilities."

Even typhoid fever, it appears, has at least one virtue; it gives the man who has had it a chance to brag about how badly he had it.

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## CONVINCING ARGUMENTS ENCOURAGED

The Outlook's efforts to help the merchants of Gresham in their problems of keeping trade at home has met with the hearty endorsement of those most interested. There is much more to be said that would be convincing to the ordinary person, and the Outlook is prepared to continue its campaign against the eastern mail order houses if it gets the encouragement it should have. There will be no war on the Portland merchants, because they are practically home people; but the effort will be made to teach the people out here to buy in Gresham when they can, and in Portland afterward before sending their money out of the state.

Another branch of the mail order business, and one of its most vicious forms, is the so-called premium club scheme. It is an evil that sometimes comes nearer home than direct buying, but without casting any reflections on any particular concerns in the metropolis, it stands to reason, if reasoning powers be called into play, that no firm can sell \$20 worth of goods for less than that sum and make money.

By the same process of sane reasoning, it will become apparent that big concerns engaged in this kind of business are not in business for their health, or because they entertain any hope of receiving their reward in heaven.

These men are engaged in a cold-blooded business proposition—engaged in what may be a perfectly legitimate business. It is a moral certainty that they do not force people to buy their wares at the point of a gun, and if the public is satisfied with what they give for the money they receive, all well and good.

It is not the intention of this article to accuse the operators of a premium club business of being commercial yegg men or mail order thugs. Rather, it is the purpose to show the patrons of these concerns that they are not receiving twice as much for their money as they would by trading at home, as many people fondly believe.

It should be borne constantly in mind that these men figure on a certain margin of profit on every order they receive. It must also be remembered that this profit can usually be figured in dollars rather than in cents.

The item of running expenses must also be deducted from the money you send them in the hope of getting two dollars' worth for one. Their expenses are tremendous. Not alone the upkeep of the factory, but the very considerable item of postage on costly circulars and lithographed advertising matter with which these firms flood the country, must be figured in.

Take out the margin which must be set aside for the cost of labor, and how much is left? The balance is the real sum that you are spending for the finished product you receive. If you sent \$10 you can easily figure how much of that \$10 goes for the various expenses, profit, labor and other incidentals. You are anticipating \$10 worth of groceries, soaps and the like, with a \$10 present thrown in. Do you get it? Is it reasonable to expect it?

Doesn't it begin to dawn on you that in reality you are not getting even \$10 worth of honest goods? Those premiums must be paid for and the result is what you get in premium you are losing in the quality of the groceries, soaps, and so forth.

Extracts, for instance, are perhaps only half or even less than half the strength of the extracts you pay for direct with no premium to be considered. It is so with all the other articles you ordered.

In view of the facts thus far presented, it should be evident that such propositions are not, strictly speaking, "what they are cracked up to be." How much better it would be for everybody concerned if people everywhere would buy their supplies from legitimate home merchants or dealers and get the correspondingly larger volume of quality.

The town of Simla, India, is built on a hill so steep that it is often possible to step from the threshold of one house to the roof of another.

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## SECRET WEDDING JUST MADE KNOWN

The announcement has just been made that Miss Anna Kalmar, a well known nurse in this vicinity, was married on March 16 last, to Capt. John Ellison of the Steamer Bear. The wedding took place at Vancouver, Washington, and although it was known to a few intimate friends of the bride here, they kept the secret until the present time.

The romance started several months ago, when Miss Kalmar took a trip to San Francisco on the Bear, when she met Captain Ellison, who is the second mate of the steamer. They expect to spend a brief honeymoon in the south soon, and will probably make their home in Portland.

Mrs. Ellison is spending the week in the home of Mrs. Clananah, which was her first home in Oregon. Her many friends here will join in wishing long life and happiness to the happy couple.

## MISTAKEN HOLD-UP MAKES SENSATION

C. M. Dickenson of Oswego is a regular attendant upon the various granges of Multnomah county and came out with his wife in an auto to Fairview last Saturday. Arriving there he told a blood-curdling story of an attempt to hold him up on the Sandy road, an attempt which failed because he put on the power and escaped. He reported having been shot at as he sped away and there was much consternation at the bold attempt as well as congratulations over the narrow escape.

It has since been learned that the "hold-up" man was making an effort to keep Mr. Dickenson from rushing into danger. The frantic efforts made to have him stop were mistaken and the shot he heard as he sped away was a "shot" that blew a big stump across the road behind his flying machine.

## UNION HIGH SCHOOL FOR PLEASANT HOME

Arrangements are being completed for the meeting to be held at Pleasant Home next Saturday evening to consider plans for a union high school.

The meeting will be held at Denny hall, commencing at 7:30, and will be largely attended by the residents of five school districts.

State Superintendent Churchill will address the gathering on educational subjects, also County Superintendent Armstrong, whose assistance has been requested in the discussion of the proposed organization.

## A Cure for Sour Stomach.

Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson, of Battle Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been troubled with indigestion, sour stomach and bad breath. After taking two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets I am well. These tablets are splendid—none better." For sale by all Druggists.

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR LADIES' AID

When the Ladies' Aid society of Gresham begins the task of providing an entertainment that is going to be worth the price of admission it always succeeds. Realizing that something new and attractive would be required after a long winter of excellent entertainments, a new feature was brought forward in the way of a Scotch program which will be given at Regner's hall on Thursday evening next.

Genuine Scotch bagpipes with the players in Highland costume; Scotch solos; an address on Scotland and other features will fill in the time, nearly all the talent being from Portland. A few local singers will be heard in an appropriate selection. Following is the official

### PROGRAM

- Bagpipes (Highland Costume).....Selected
- MR. LOCH
- Solo.....Scotch and English Ditties
- "JIMMY" DUNN
- Short Address.....Scotland
- JUDGE GEO. J. CAMERON
- Solo (in costume).....The Wee Hoose Among the Heather
- "BILL" SCOTT
- Highland Fling (in costume).....Bagpipe Accompaniment
- MISS WATSON
- Male Quartette.....Selected
- MESSRS. C. E. RUSHER, GUY JONES, EARL TOWNSEND, A. E. LINDSEY
- Solo.....(b) Comin' thro the Rye
- (a) Bonnie Mary of Argyle
- MRS. W. K. SCOTT
- Sword Dance.....Bagpipe Accompaniment
- MISS TUTSEY WILLIAMSON
- Reading—The Twa Coortins.....David Kennedy
- MRS. DONAUGH
- Solo.....Selected
- "JIMMY" DUNN
- Solo.....A Wee Deoch-an-doris
- "BILL" SCOTT

This program is made up of some of the best talent of the city of Portland and will be a rare treat. Don't miss it.

Admission 25c; School Children 15c. Seats reserved at the Bank of Gresham, 10c extra.