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AVAILABLE POWER IS A PROBLEM

A year ago the Outlook had an article dealing with the proposition that Gresham should be the owner of a power site which could then, and may be yet, had for a trifling filing fee.

The uses to which a water power might be put would be the furnishing of electricity for lighting, heating and other purposes.

City Engineer H. J. Stocker has been figuring out the proposition something like this: He finds that the town of Gresham, publicly and privately, is paying out about \$4000 a year for electric juice.

The water power referred to would operate a 1000 kilowatt plant which would furnish all the lights, power and heat needed for the city.

The present cost of water for Gresham is over \$3000 a year. That sum would be interest on about 40,000 at 8 per cent.

All this is speculation, but it is not visionary. We are now paying nearly \$8000 a year for water and electricity, to which the cost of fuel might be added.

CUCUMBER CONTRACT PORTENDS PICKLES

Field Manager Sterling has contracted for 35 acres of cucumbers which will be handled by the Gresham cannery on an agreement with the Frei Pickle company of Portland.

The thirty-five acres have all been spoken for. The chance was eagerly seized by local growers. Fred Kaster is busily engaged in putting in the fruit canning machinery.

An ice plant is being installed for the sale of ice and for cooling shipments. Henry Bottelson as solicitor will be sent out next week for orders to be delivered on a regularly established route.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. Benj. Cameron next Wednesday, May 5th, at 2:30. This is the regular business meeting and tea of the society.

Rev. Melville T. Wire went to Sandy on Thursday, where he presided at a quarterly conference for the district superintendent, Dr. Jas. Moore of Salem.

LOST—Chauffeur's badge No. 977. Return to Guerdon Humason, Gresham.

SEVENTEEN CITIES TO CELEBRATE

By W. S. STRUBLE. PORTLAND, April 29.—Special.—Seventeen cities of the Columbia River and its tributaries have perfected arrangements for a series of celebrations commemorating the opening of The Dalles-Celilo Canal of the Columbia River, at Big Eddy, Oregon, and the Willamette Locks of the Willamette River at Oregon City, Oregon.

The work of the various local committees, while strenuous, has been performed in the spirit of mutual cooperation, which provides a remarkable example of community effort.

Programs of distinctive character, embracing many unique features, have been prepared at every celebration point and the curtain is now ringing up on a commercial and development drama which will be observed in its performance by probably the largest number of people ever gathered together for a common purpose in the Pacific Northwest.

Supplementing the efforts of the principal actors in the play, are representatives of the multitude of cities and communities on the Columbia waterway, who will take minor, but none the less important parts in the great commercial presentation.

Plans at every point involve features that will not only provide entertainment for the multitude, but set forth fully the practical bearings of the open river to the development of a great region exceeding the German Empire in extent.

The human interest of the occasion centers in the participation of the old-timers, who have been prominent in the development of the Pacific Northwest, as well as in the visitation of the great men of the nation and of the Northwest who will be the guests of honor at various points, and the orators of the week.

While great features are proposed at all points of celebration, interest naturally centers in the formal dedication exercises of The Dalles-Celilo canal at Big Eddy, where the United States Engineers and their staff who have had the responsibility of construction will have the happy privilege of turning over the completed work in the presence of a vast con-

WHAT CLEAN-UP DAY MEANS

A recent number of the Pictorial Review contains in part the following hints for clean-up week:

Clean your own home first, because no woman can throw herself heart and soul into a municipal house-cleaning campaign if her own home needs her attention.

Have you municipal garbage and refuse collection? If not, agitate for it, but in the meantime, do your part in disposing of what may be a germ-breeder.

First cousin to a refuse-strewn alley is that weed-choked lot between you and your neighbor. Under the weeds lurk tin cans with putrefying foodstuffs hugging their tin sides and breeding flies and mosquitoes.

As we have no street cleaning department in this city, and have no municipal fund for the purpose, even if they need paving, it is all the more important that you should do your part in keeping your particular house front clean.

TRACK MEET TOMORROW GRESHAM VS. FRANKLIN Another track meet has been arranged for tomorrow, this time between the Gresham school and the Franklin school of Portland.

THOSE WHO MAY VOTE AT SCHOOL ELECTIONS Inquiries have been made concerning the qualifications of women voters at school elections.

From information to be had it is found that in districts of the first and second class a property qualification is necessary; but in third-class districts such a qualification is not required.

Anything assessable and taxable qualifies a person to vote, including women; but if a woman has no assessable property she is barred from voting except in districts of the third class.

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MILWAUKIE PROJECT IS FACTIONAL

By L. H. WELLS. PORTLAND, April 29.—Special.—F. C. Harlow, W. T. Houser, W. H. Counsell, M. L. Roberts, N. B. Harvey and H. N. Hopkins, committee of Milwaukee property owners, have issued a statement in opposition to the purchase of the Milwaukee Water Works company and the Minthorne Springs Water company, as proposed by the amendment to the charter requiring the city council to purchase, to be voted on next Saturday.

It is set forth that the arbitration board offered the owners of the former company \$6500 and the property of the Minthorne company \$5717. The former refused and the offer and the citizens remonstrated against the latter offer.

There are numerous other such dangerous holes in the ground that have been neglected or forgotten. Several of them are in Gresham. Almost every farm has one, and as their use is discontinued they remain as a menace to all kinds of loose stock and even to human beings.

An instance of neglect but of corrective action was furnished only a few days ago. An old well near the Mount Hood station which had been in use before the water system was installed was noticed open mouthed for a victim.

The Gresham agent, George W. Page, was notified, and he in turn informed the General Superintendent G. C. Fields. Yesterday morning a letter was received from Mr. Fields, conveying appreciation for the information and closing by saying that the well had been filled and that he was glad of the "opportunity of promoting the principles of our 'Safety First' campaign."

What the railroad company has done should be done to all the unused wells everywhere. "Safety First" is just as important to the individual as to the corporation.

Rockwood school district has elected teachers for the coming year, three new teachers having been engaged. They are Miss Gertrude Liggett of Gresham, Miss Frances Turner of Montavilla and Miss Vyola Mathews of Gresham.

Miss Liggett was elected to one of the grades of the Gresham school but will probably refuse to accept, as she has been chosen principal at Rockwood.

Miss Turner has the distinction of being Rosarian queen for the San Francisco exposition, while Miss Mathews is a well-known graduate of the Gresham high school, now teaching in Wasco county.

A peculiar feature of the election at Rockwood was the rejection of Miss Mazie Schantin whom the voters of the district asked to be re-elected. A petition signed by every voter in the district but the clerk and the three directors asking for her re-appointment was ignored. Political reasons are supposed to be the cause.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD LANDMARK An alarm of fire on Tuesday evening sent the department out to quench a blaze that was destroying the old Metzger house on the James Lawrence property.

It was occupied by Harve Metzger and caught fire in the roof. The building was so badly damaged that it has since been torn down, a total loss. The furniture and other effects were saved.

The old house was a landmark of Gresham and was about 30 years old. It had once been the residence of Mr. Lawrence and several of the Metzger families.

The next meeting of the Tuesday Study club will be held at the library on the evening of May 4. The general topic will be, "The Territorial Government." A paper will be presented by Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman on "The Extension of the Protection of the United States to Oregon, and Organization as a Territory. Miss LeHuquet will discuss Indian Wars, under the divisions of Cayuse, Rogue River and Yakima Wars. "The Pacific Railroad and Governor I. I. Stevens" will be the subject of a paper by Mrs. B. L. Walrad. Native shrubs will form the topics for roll call. Mrs. K. A. Miller will be the hostess.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES PICNIC A hike, picnic and surprise party were all combined in an outing enjoyed by three classes of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school last Tuesday afternoon.

The two divisions of the K. O. T.'s, taught by Rev. Melville T. Wire and Mrs. Myrtle Myers, walked to Hogan station, taking with them the "makers" of a feast. They found a suitable camping place and prepared their camp fire, when they were surprised by the arrival of Mrs. Lillian Pullen with her class and Mrs. Myers. The latter added their contribution of good things to the supply already on hand and a sumptuous feast was prepared. Roasted wienies, fried bacon and eggs and coffee, prepared in true camp style, and pickles, cake, fruit, etc., made a meal which was a feast indeed.

After supper, games were played until evening, when all enjoyed the walk home by moonlight.

MRS. ELLEN POMEROY ENTERTAINS CLASS Mrs. Ellen Pomeroy entertained her Melrose singing class on Tuesday evening at her home on the Section Line road and Cleveland avenue.

Music and games were enjoyed and luncheon was served. Those present from Melrose were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stafford, Orrie and Lester Conrad, Leslie and Henrietta Wiles, Ethel Wood, Laura Jones, Fred and Anna Morgan, Cecil Duke and Will Fritz. Mrs. Pomeroy was assisted by her sister Miss Adams and the Misses Ebbie and Bernice Hargrove.

Mrs. Pomeroy has formed another class, made up of Melrose young people, which comprises the most of the former class besides a number of new ones.

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