

COUNTY FAIR TO CONTINUE BUT A WEEK

The County Fair Directors went back to their first love yesterday and voted to hold the fair but five days this year, instead of eleven as announced three months ago. Yesterday's action was taken on the advice of President Lewis who had been advised by numerous persons in Portland that it would be unwise to continue over into the second week.

Another factor entered into the plans, which is the probability that there will be no racing this year, but instead it is planned to engage a wild west show, for which a committee will seek to make arrangements. Such a show would not care to remain longer than a week and there would be nothing to attract after it had gone.

It was decided that there are to be no exclusive contracts on concessions, which will give all the refreshment stands the privilege of selling ice cream, soft drinks and candies.

Another important decision of the Board pertains to contracts for ground space. All concessions must pay one-third down on making reservations and the full amount of the remainder before 10 o'clock on the first day of the fair or forfeit the lease.

The secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for the dance pavilion concession, bids to be in by July 1.

A committee consisting of President Lewis and A. F. Miller was appointed to visit Sandy Grange with instructions to convey an invitation to make an exhibit at this year's fair. The committee will also visit several other granges on the same mission. Some of them have never made an exhibit and they will be urged to get into the game.

Charles Hunter was granted the use of one of the stock barns for three days for the purpose of holding an auction sale of Jersey cows on Thursday of next week.

GIANTS LOSE GAME, SCORE, THREE TO TWO

In a fast game Sunday between the St. Andrews club of Portland and the Gresham Giants the latter were defeated 3 to 2. There were no scores until the first of the eighth when an error by Bateman let one run score.

In the first of the ninth Gresham scored two runs on bunched hits and errors, but they could not hold the lead for St. Andrews bunched three hits off of Baker, and a muff of an easy fly by Stanley at short scored two more for St. Andrews. Stanley failed to come up to his usual standard at short. F. Hamlin at third also was troubled with a slippery mitt. The pitching of Baker was a feature of the game. He registered eleven strike-outs as to eight for Kelley. Baker had the Portland boys eating out of his hand until the error by Stanley took some of the "pep" out of him.

Bateman certainly is there with the windpads. He held them on second and at bat he got a double which scored Hamlin.

Next Sunday the Giants will show some big league class. They will be practicing every night and there will be a new infielder and a new outfielder from Portland on the team. Jack Hamlin will also be in uniform. The lineups were as follows:

Giants—Bateman, c; A. Hamlin, 2b; Townsend, rf; Quesberry, 1b; Stanley, ss; Skarek, cf; Burnett, lf; Baker, p; F. Hamlin, 3b.

St. Andrews Club—Rodgers, c; Jensen, 2b; Tobin, rf; Gynther, 1b; Miller, ss; Coon, cf; Burton, lf; Kelley, p; Oatman, 3b.

St. Andrews R. H. E.
Gresham Giants 3 6 3
Batteries—Kelley and Rodgers;
Baker and Bateman.

Summary: Runs, Tobin, Jensen, Oatman, F. Hamlin, Bateman, Walks, Kelley 3; struck-out, Baker 11; Kelley 8. Two base hits, Bateman. Umpires Merrill and Heslin.

RUSSELLVILLE.

"Tompkin's Hired Man," a typical middle western drama, will be put on by Russellville Dramatic club next Saturday evening, May 15, in the Russellville grange hall. This is an annual affair and is most certainly worth taking in. "Come and enjoy yourself," is the invitation extended to everyone.

Genuine Swedish imported scythes \$1.00 at Sterling & Kidder's.—Adv.

CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE IN ACTION

Following the proclamation of Governor Withycombe a state-wide campaign is being waged for today and will continue for a week, the object being to clean up and paint up.

Co-operating with the governor the universities and colleges took the matter up and were given assistance by all the commercial bodies in the state, all the municipal executives and all the newspapers. The people fell in line and everyone considers it a moral duty to help.

School children in many cities have been enrolled by classes as a first line of attack against the enemy dirt. Women's clubs, ministerial associations, physicians, business houses and thousands in private life have joined the army that stands for cleanliness all over Oregon.

Here in Gresham the spirit prevails. The proclamation made by Mayor Stapleton is being responded to in a loyal spirit. The city is helping and will provide teams on Friday that will take up all refuse and haul it away to a selected dumping ground. The street committee, Honey, Zimmerman and Kelly, acting for the city council is in close touch with every public endeavor and will render all assistance desired.

The accepted outline for clean-up week is to paint the house inside, and out if possible.

Rake, clean and freshen the yards. Repair sidewalks and fences. Put school grounds and school-houses in apple pie order.

Set fly traps, properly baited, to catch the breeders and thereby lessen wonderfully the summer number of disease-breeding flies.

Spray all compost heaps and other breeding spots with a solution of tree spray. It will kill all germs.

Do everything possible to clean up.

The city has been divided into four sections in charge of four prominent citizens, as follows: North Gresham, Charles Cleveland; South Gresham, D. W. Metzger; East Gresham, Dr. R. H. Todd; West Gresham, George Sleret. These men will provide a suitable dumping ground, and have announced that on Friday teams will call at every place for refuse, and are requesting that the people have everything ready in boxes or sacks in a convenient place for the drivers.

LIFE'S SHADOWS, ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

An illustrated lecture entitled "Life's Shadows," will be given in Rockwood grange hall on Thursday evening, May 6, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. W. G. McLaren of Portland, general superintendent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protection society.

This lecture is endorsed by the pastors and business men of Portland. It illustrates the great work being done by the several branches of the society.

One branch which is of special interest to this community, is the Louise Rescue Home for girls, which is now situated near Elwood station, on the property formerly occupied by the St. Elizabeth House.

It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing and seeing this interesting lecture. No admission will be charged.

Rev. Mr. McLaren has taken a lease for one year on the St. Elizabeth House property, which may become the permanent location of the Louise Home.

Miss Bessie Danksin is matron of the Home. Miss Emma Lovett, who has charge of the rescue department, has her headquarters at the home.

High School Baseball.

In a game Friday between the Washington high school and Gresham high school the Gresham high won 8 to 4. Quesberry for the winners fanned seventeen men. The high school has struck its gait now and will give some fast games in the near future. The next game will be on Friday afternoon between the Gresham high school and Portland Academy. Emerson Brown, although quite sick, played a star game at first base. "Squeake" Hamlin also played good ball at second.

May 4th to 11th is clean-up week. This suggests the use of wheel barrows, hoes, rakes, forks, lawn mowers, scythes, shovels and elbow grease. Good stock at Sterling & Kidder's.—Adv.

PIE SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Women's Society of the Fairview Presbyterian church has made active preparations for a Pie social and entertainment, to be held in the city hall on Saturday evening next, May 8, beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission will be 20 cents for adults, with 10 cents for children under twelve. Following is the program:

Piano duet.....Mrs. A. L. Stone and Mrs. S. C. Dixon
Piano solo.....Miss Ruth Shaw
Vocal solo.....Miss Eva Townsend
Quartet.....Messrs. Earl Townsend, C. E. Rusher, A. E. Lindsey, Guy Jones
Piano solo.....Miss Nellie Faris
Indian Monologue—"W. Washula".....Evangeline M. Lent
.....Mrs. Dave M. Donough.
Vocal solo.....Miss Gladys Holgate
Piano solo.....Miss Lillie Lusher
Quartet....."His Old Sweethearts."
Tableau.....

During the tableau in which Miss Nellie Faris will take the character of the bride, the story will be read by Earl Townsend. Following are the participants: Josephine Townsend, Lulu Moran, Ruth Shaw, Frances Bliss, Olive Fancher, Gladys Bliss, Lillie Lusher, Eva Townsend, Laura Dolph, Nellie Faris.

Piano solo.....Miss Olive Fancher

POPULAR AMERICAN RECREATION

Trapshooting is essentially an American sport, in fact it is a national pastime. Down at the grounds of the Portland Gun club, where several events of national importance are scheduled for this season, is the Oregon home of the sport that is almost equal to baseball.

To be sure it doesn't attract the crowds like baseball does, but there are "reasons." In the first place it is not so well understood and there is lacking the constant drill at the game among the boys. Then, too, it is a more sedate sport and has fewer thrills for the spectators.

Trapshooting is fostered by the ammunition and gun factories, and is indulged in most frequently by men who can afford the expense and time. It is a game that women can play at and there are some really good shots among them here in Oregon. They may be seen at any tournament.

It is a national game, however, and almost every locality has one or two good shots. Gresham has a champion in the person of H. F. Wilson and there are others in the state who are heading the national lists of best shots.

At the coming tournament next month there will be more than 100,000 shells dropped at the club grounds, which gives one an idea of the immensity of the sport as it is conducted for a period of three or four days. Some of the best scores in the United States have been made here, and the coming gunfest is likely to produce a record breaker or two.

To the casual observer trapshooting may look easy. When it comes to mastering the sport, however, one is pretty often apt to experience a change of mind. It is not as simple as it looks, and while only actual participation in the sport can unravel all the kinks, still perhaps a few words to the beginner may not be out of place. This idea of trapshooting as set forth is obtained from observation of the grounds here and their arrangements, supplemented by a dissertation from one of the most practical shotgun artists of the state who has medals to show for his ability to shoot and tell how good marksmanship may be obtained.

The sport gets its recruits from two classes of beginners—the field shooters who have been lured to the traps by the irresistible challenge of the flying saucers; and true novices—men or women—who have before been accustomed to the use of a shotgun.

Trapshooting consists of shooting with a shotgun at clay targets thrown into the air with incredible rapidity by a machine known as a trap. The clay target is a saucer-like object composed of silt and tar. The trap is a mechanism propelled by a strong spring and operated by two attendants—one to reload the trap as each target is thrown, and one who springs the trap at the command of the shooter.

Electricity Cheap as Gas.

A new schedule under separate meter service by which cooking by electricity will be as cheap as by gas is announced by the Oregon Power company, rates effective May 1.

The low rate will apply to current used for irons, toasters and all other household electrical equipments except lights.

Dallas and Independence are served from Dallas plant and the Springfield-Albany plant running together will supply Springfield. Eugene, Albany, Corvallis, Brownsville, Coburg, Junction City, Harrisburg, Halsey, Shedd and other small communities.

Experts to demonstrate the scope of electrical cookery will be put in the field next month.

As indicated by the number of stands, five men form the usual firing squad. These men shoot in rotation, changing their positions at the score after a certain number of shots have been fired by each participant from his original position. For instance the man at five changes to one, and each of the other men move correspondingly until each one has shot from all five stands.

As the shooters take their positions at the score, shooter No. 1 prepares for his shot by "covering" with his gun an imaginary spot just above the roof of the trap house at a point where he expects the clay target to start. When ready for the target he gives a sharp command, "pull." The puller springs the trap and the clay pigeon whirls away through the air. If the shooter succeeds in breaking the target he is credited with a "dead." If he fails he is accordingly charged with a "lost." If the target is not legal for various reasons prescribed it is termed "no bird," and the shooter is permitted another "pull" each participant shoots in turn.

From the above it might seem that trapshooting was a sort of a "lax" affair. But if any one is impressed this way it is only necessary to give the sport a trial.

Perhaps the first thing that bothers a beginner is the fact that he invariably must give the command "pull," while he is holding his gun at his shoulder and "covering" the spot above the trap—from which the target will spring. To the field shooter, at least, this position is unnatural. To the mere novice it is disconcerting. Nevertheless it is an essential if one would become a real trapshooter.

The quickness with which the average clay pigeon travels makes it necessary to "cover" the target at the start of its flight. Its flight up to gunshot range is much quicker than that of the fastest bird. To be scored it must be broken before it falls to the ground. Therefore prompt action is necessary. Also it is practically essential that the bird be hit at the time when your target is at its best or within, say a distance of within forty yards.

Concessions in Sleeping Car Service. The Great Northern Railway has cut the time from Seattle to St. Paul by eight hours, and made a concession on sleeping car service.

On through tickets an order has been issued granting stopover privileges on sleeping car tickets—something never done before.

For instance, a passenger could stop over at Spokane for a day and not have to buy a local sleeper ticket on to the coast.

The same rule applies either way going or coming and will be a great saving to the traveling public.

It is probable that the Pullman Car company will reluctantly make the same concession.

MILWAUKIE VOTERS KILL AMENDMENT

By L. H. WELLS.
PORTLAND, May 3.—Special.—I had a talk with Mayor G. C. Pelton over the result of the election in Milwaukie yesterday, and he said the defeat of the amendment at the election Saturday, requiring the city to purchase the two water plants, is a great blunder, and will mean a prolonged fight in the courts. It will be expensive both to the city and the owners of the two water companies. The votes were against the amendment and in favor of Bull Run water.

"There are two cases pending," said Mayor Pelton, "one in the supreme court and one in the circuit court, and both must be settled before we can go ahead with the construction of the municipal plant. It is my judgment that we should have purchased the two plants for a reasonable sum and ended the trouble. I would have paid a fair sum, but no more. The Milwaukie Water company undoubtedly has an exclusive franchise. It is written in its contract with the city, but it may not be legal as there can be no exclusive franchise. However, the supreme court may hold that we shall have to take care of these two water plants before installing a municipal plant on the ground as in equity we cannot be permitted to confiscate the property of the two companies. In the fight which will follow the taxpayers on one side will pay the expenses and the water companies their part, and in the end the city will win as it has the taxpayers to draw on. It would have been cheaper and better in the end to condemn the property of the two companies than to maintain an expensive fight in the courts. We cannot now go ahead and we can't pay the contractors for their work until we get the decision of the courts."

"Nor can we get Bull Run water until the matter has been settled. Portland agreed to invest \$12,000 in laying a connecting water main to Errol Heights to connect with the main Milwaukie laid from that point into Milwaukie, but Commissioner Daly emphatically declares that he will not invest a cent in this connecting main until our squabbles here in Milwaukie are settled, and the result of the election means that they will not be settled for some time."

The 67th annual session of the Willamette Baptist association will open this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Grace Baptist church, of Montavilla, to continue Wednesday and Thursday, and close with a rally in the White Temple. Appointment of committee, reading church letters, reports of the committee on enrollment and program, and the doctrinal sermon by Rev. Walter Duff will take up the forenoon. At 2 p. m. the women's session will be held with Mrs. W. B. Hinson presiding. Reports of leaders will be received. Mrs. W. H. Hurlburt will report on home education, Mrs. George McLynn on state board and Mrs. C. A. Brodie on missions for young women. An address will be delivered by Miss Harriett Cooper. At 4 p. m. Mrs. J. W. Wilkins will conduct an institute on elementary work. At 7:45 business and election of officers will be held. Dr. W. B. Hinson will deliver the address following business.

Wednesday and Thursday will be taken up with a full program of addresses and reports. Dinner and lunch will be served by the members of Grace Baptist church, Montavilla, to delegates and visitors. The Woody silver cup now held by the Tabernacle Baptist church, will be presented to the winner at the rally Thursday night at the White Temple.

"City Homes in the Country" was the subject of the address of C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the O.-W. R. & N., before the Current Events class, of Westminster Presbyterian church, Sunday and he pointed out at the start that there was no place where the business man, needing rest, can find it better than in the country. He said that one of the supremest pleasures in life is in making the world better and happier, and making two blades of grass grow where there was one before.

"In the country the man of business can be among his stock, flowers and trees," said Mr. Smith, "and take in the fresh air. These homes may not pay in money, but they do

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SELF-IMPOSED DELEGATES GO TO THE SOUND

H. A. Lewis, John W. Townsend and R. P. Rasmussen returned on Sunday from an automobile trip as far as Seattle just to satisfy themselves concerning the condition of hard surfaced roads around Centralia, Chehalis, and between Tacoma and Seattle.

They are members of the grange good roads committee and were stocking up with statistics and information to impart at a meeting to be held in the West Side library on next Friday, at 10 o'clock which is expected to have considerable influence on the improvement of Multnomah county roads to be carried on this summer. It is expected that the three county commissioners, Roadmaster Yeon and S. Benson will be there to oppose any proposition to displace Warrenite, and a big delegation from this part of the county is particularly desired to prevent the packing of the meeting by any person or persons who may try to influence sentiment contrary to the desires of the farmers.

Lewis, Townsend and Rasmussen found that Warrenite should be laid to a depth of at least five inches in the center or it would be useless and of no benefit, as the cost of upkeep would be as much as the original cost in three years. The cost of laying on the sound was \$1.55 per square yard.

Superintendent of Highways Denton, of Washington, was a strong advocate of Warrenite a year ago, but has since come out in favor of cement which he considers the best. He says it is better than brick if laid in one course, seven inches thick in the center with 5 inches of rock as a base. The cost is but \$1.10 a yard mixed in the proportions of one cement, two of sand and 3 1/2 gravel.

There is going to be a hard contest in favor of cement by the grange. Mr. Yeon has said that he will resign as roadmaster if Warrenite is not used, but it seems that the county commissioners are in favor of satisfying the farmers, and the farmers are in favor of letting Mr. Yeon resign if he wants to.

Everyone who can attend the meeting next Friday morning should do so, as it is a fight for the best at the lowest cost.

HUSBAND DIES WHILE WIFE LIVES

Edward Seidel, section foreman on the O. W. R. & N. freight road, living three miles west of Fairview, died on Saturday in a Portland hospital while being operated on for appendicitis. He was 55 years of age and leaves a family.

A peculiar circumstance is the fact that Mrs. Seidel was in the same hospital, recovering from a similar operation. She had been there several days and was ready to return home when her husband was stricken.

The funeral of Mr. Seidel took place yesterday.

List of Letters.

Remaining letters collected for in the Gresham postoffice for week ending May 2, 1915:

Letters—Mr. H. L. Gerdes, Mr. Julian Wortewicz, Edwin R. Williams.

Cards—Miss Fiada Guldenmiter. These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on May 16th, 1915, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised," giving date of list.

I. McCOLL, P. M.

For Young and Old.

There will be an all-night dance for young and old in Regner's hall on Thursday, May 13, for both young and old to which all are invited. Parson's four-piece orchestra will furnish music for all the latest dances and there will be some of the old-fashioned kind. Those who attend will be given the best time they ever had in Gresham.—Adv. 21

A boy is like a locomotive. It takes a certain amount of switching to get him on the right track.

The Portland Gas and Coke company will expend \$10,000 on East Side improvements.

Work rebuilding locks and canal at Oregon City to begin at once.

The bee that gets the honey doesn't loaf around the hive.