

## INCREASING MUNICIPAL TERRITORY

Another petition was before the city council last night, asking for three separate additions to the city of Gresham by enlarging its boundaries and increasing the territory within the city limits.

A petition was circulated last Tuesday to take in a strip about four hundred and eighty feet wide along the eastern boundary from Powell street to the Section Line road. When some others heard of the move they got hold of the petition and had it rewritten so as to include two other tracts.

J. E. Stubbs is anxious to bring his property into the city and some others adjoining him are in favor of coming along with him. The petition was amended so as to take in the remainder of the high school tract, a few acres belonging to Charles Cleveland, Mrs. Clannah's property on Main street and about one-half of the O. A. Eastman tract. The proposed north line will take in Mr. Stubbs' property on both sides of Main street.

Then James Sterling and Will R. Johnson asked leave to get into the fold. Their property is on the extreme west, fronting on the Section Line road. The entire amount of land to be taken in will cover about 80 acres.

The petition, largely signed 'vas taken before the city council last night and was allowed and a special election will be called when a guarantee of expenses of the election shall be furnished to the city.

An ordinance was read before the city council on Tuesday evening which will force property owners to help some in making a "city beautiful." They will be required to cut all grass and weeds along their sidewalks from the streets to the property line between the first and fifteenth of June and between the fifteenth and thirtieth of September each year.

The matter of improving First street and Wilson avenue was again taken up, when it was found that the estimates submitted would cost so much as to be prohibitive. Nothing was done in the matter except that a lot of talk was indulged in, but the matter ended for the time-being by a motion to declare the office of city engineer vacant. The motion prevailed.

The council then felt better and unanimously voted to permit the grangers the use of the fair grounds for their field day picnic on July 24.

The following bills were ordered paid:  
Water Board, water.....\$101.45  
James McKinney salary..... 71.60  
P. R. L. & P. Co., street lights 50.00  
D. M. Roberts, salary, 3 mo.... 30.00  
J. H. Metzger, salary..... 13.00  
M. D. Kern, lumber..... 12.74  
Emery Truck, hauling..... 4.50  
Outlook, printing..... .75

At the special meeting last night it was decided to do a little hard surfacing just as a starter.

A distance of two blocks was ordered improved, extending from Powell street near the city hall around to Lindsey's store on Main. The property owners will have to share the cost, one-eighth of which will be paid by the city as the improvement will pass the city hall site on Roberts avenue.

R. R. Carlson was granted permission to circulate a petition for the improvement of Hood avenue for its entire length by grading and graveling.

There was some discussion over the proposed improvement of Third street from Hood avenue to Main street and of Fourth street from Kelly avenue to Main street.

The electric light in front of Kern's lumber yard was ordered moved to Lawrence avenue, one block south. A light on Kelly avenue will also be moved a few yards so as to make a better illumination.

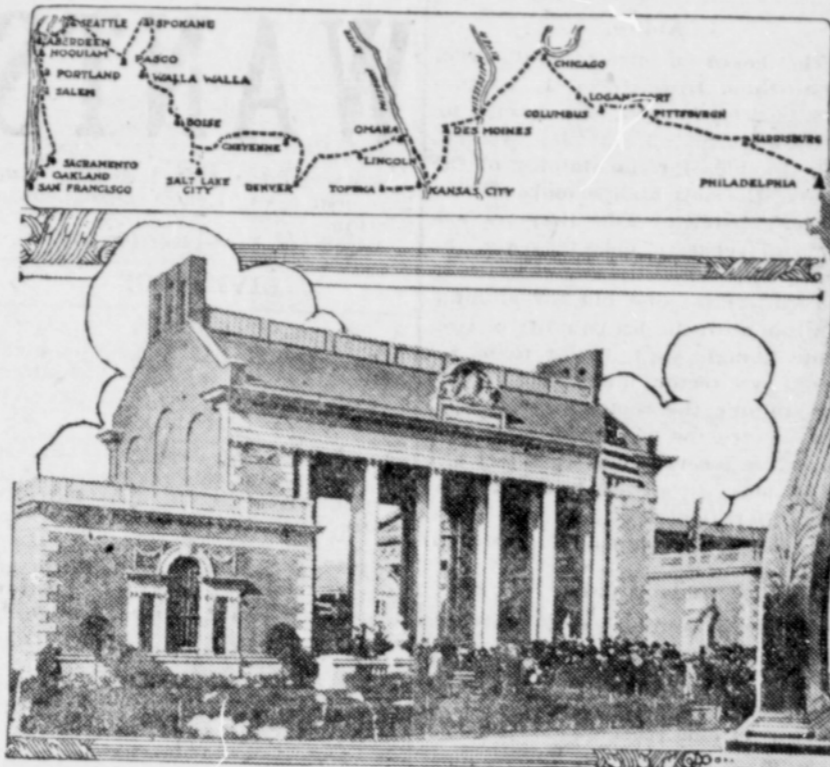
### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, also for the beautiful floral tokens of sympathy and for the words of comfort and truth spoken by God's servants, and the dear old songs.

W. H. Black and Children, Mrs. Jas. Wilson.

Special \$1.15 14-inch Stillson wrench for 90c—80c, 12-inch Stillson for 60c—Nickel plated combination pliers, 25c. At Sterling & Kilder Hwd. Co.—Adv.

## "PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF"



Above are shown the Liberty bell, Pennsylvania's building at the Panama-Pacific exposition, where the bell will be placed during its stay in San Francisco, and route it will take on transcontinental trip.



### ROCKWOOD GRANGE EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

Rockwood grange decided long ago to have an exhibit at the county fair again this year; in fact Rockwood grange never was a quitter, and it makes no difference what its standing is in the awards it comes up smiling for the next fair. Committees were appointed on Wednesday evening as follows:

Vegetables—John Bacon, Frank Anspach, M. Norby.

Fruits—Peter Weiland, Tony Schantlin.

Grasses—Herman Anspach, Robert Burgess, Lester Swigert.

Canned fruits—Belle Stockton, May Richmond, Mary Richmond.

Fancy work—Mary Richmond, Minnie Jenkins, Belle Stockton.

Knitting and sewing—Ida Burgess, Mary Jensen, Mrs. J. Bacon.

Baking and confectionery—Minnie Jenkins, Belle Stockton, Mary Jensen.

The chairmen of the above committees, with Master John Richmond, were named as a general committee on arrangements.

About twenty members of Rockwood grange will have a try-out one evening soon to select six of the best voices for the grange chorus on field day.

A surprise social will be given on Saturday evening, July 17, to raise funds for the amount pledged by Rockwood grange toward field day expenses. Admission will be five cents for women and ten cents for men.

Four candidates were initiated and a good lecture hour program was given.

### OAT CROP EXTRA HEAVY THIS YEAR

B. N. Hall, who lives near Terry, is cutting oats for farmers who have no binder. He has cut oats for the past two years and does a careful and prompt job. A guarantee also goes with the work.

Mr. Hall says the crop this year is heavier than usual. His ad will be found elsewhere in the paper.

### SCENIC

Mrs. Goodhue, of Flavel, visited Alma Bauder one day last week.

Mrs. J. A. Stephens and granddaughter are guests of Mrs. B. C. Altman this week.

Mrs. Al. DeHaven entertained the Ladies' Home Mission Wednesday.

Mrs. Heller and daughters, from Nebraska, are visiting the former's sister and niece Mesdames Von Segin and Mullenhoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Timberlake and family, of Newberg, Miss Bell Hall, of Willamina, and Peter Mason, were guests over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and family are visiting Mrs. Jones' parents. They came by auto from Winatchee, Washington.

Clifford Schneider and Miss McPherson, of Portland, were guests of Mr. Schneider's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Jack, Sunday.

Mrs. Gust. Carl Stine entertained the Swedish Ladies' Aid society last Thursday.

Mrs. Altman will entertain the next meeting of the Baptist Ladies' Aid society.

New South Wales has only one-twentieth the population of Britain.

## THURSDAY THE DATE NEXT WEEK

Liberty Bell will be in Portland on Thursday of next week, and will be the mecca and shrine of all liberty-loving Americans who can spare the time to visit the city.

Its fame is nation wide for the part it has taken in the priceless heirloom of Freedom. Next to the flag it is revered and venerated as the symbol of liberty. It is glorious in its silence now, for its silvery tone, although silenced forever, has echoed around the world carrying the message of independence for the greatest nation on earth—and in mourning for those who made independence possible.

The history of the famous bell has been told over and over again, but to us on the Pacific coast it is peculiarly appropriate to know it again at this time. This is the first time it has been so far away from its home in Philadelphia, and this will be its seventh trip. It travels with a guard of honor, and is hailed with patriotic reverence wherever it goes. Its visit to the Pacific coast will be as joyfully received as that of any national hero—but the joy will be tempered with reverence for the greatest relic of the days when the nation was young, and which its voice served to announce to the world of tyranny and oppression as the land of freedom and liberty.

### History of the Bell.

This old bell was hung and run in Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It is no longer in the tower, but in a hall below, where it is easier seen. Do you know the story of this bell? We presume you do, but we are going to recall it for the sake of those who have not heard it. Liberty Bell was cast in England and brought to this country in 1752. When it was rung on trial it was cracked by a stroke of the heavy clapper, and so it was melted up and recast in Philadelphia under the direction of Isaac Norris. When the British soldiers came into Philadelphia in 1777, the bell was removed to Lancaster. By and by it was brought back and hung in the State House. It was rung until the erection of the present tower in 1828, which had a bell of its own. Then the old Liberty Bell ceased to be used excepting on great occasions. Finally it was removed to its appropriate resting place.

### PLEASANT VALLEY

Quite a number of Pleasant Valley folks attended the celebration at Gresham last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rhoads accompanied the Odd fellows excursion and picnic at Bonneville Monday.

Keith and Glea Kesterson went on an excursion to the Cascade Locks Monday.

Mrs. C. F. Kesterson and Mrs. G. N. Sager were Damascus visitors one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stine entertained friends from the city last Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Bruns was a city visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Coffman of Lents came out Thursday bringing some friends along whom they entertained at their ranch home.

### MAMMOTH BLACKBERRY IS HEAVY PRODUCER

W. E. Wood has on his two city residence lots a blackberry vine which, true to its name, is a mammoth. From three plants set out two years ago last February there has been produced a mass of bushes which cast a shade on a large area and it is believed on anything else of the kind in the country. So prolific are they, with main stalks an inch or more in diameter, that Mr. Wood almost has more on his hands than he can attend to and is bargaining for pickers on shares. The first year the vines bore about five pounds of berries; last year he gathered fifty pounds and the prospects are this year he will have about 1000 pounds to use, sell and give away. The fruit is large and luscious, just beginning to ripen. The vines are a mass of green berries, with many new stalks in bloom. In fact, it is a perpetual bearer and will have berries until checked by the frosts in November.

### VICTORY

Victory celebrated the 5th of July in Mr. Rozin's grove. There was a large crowd, and quite a number from Gresham came out to help boost it along. There was a spread fit for a king of everything imaginable from pickles to ice cream. The afternoon was spent in singing patriotic songs and cheering for the nation's holiday. All expressed themselves as having spent a very pleasant day. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Andrews for the active part they took in making the celebration a success.

Miss Maloney returned home from Portland last Friday after a two weeks' visit.

Hector and Dolly Morgan spent the 4th and 5th in Portland.

John Eberle in company with G. W. Andrews and family motored through the Willamette valley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, form Sheridan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Littlepage from Portland, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alder.

Mrs. H. Payne with her sister Mrs. Dinwitty and daughter, spent one day last week in Portland.

Mrs. Alder received a letter from her son Carl who was at Myrtle creek Oregon, one day last week. He says he is getting along fine.

A number from Victory attended the dance at Gresham the evening of the 5th.

W. E. Morgan spent the 5th at the Cascade Locks.

G. W. Woodward with his granddaughter May Miller went to Portland Monday.

Mr. Bartsch from Pleasant Home, called on James Burns last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Foth and family spent one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dohit spent Monday afternoon in Gresham.

Mrs. S. J. McDonald from Gresham came over to spend the 4th and 5th with her daughter, Mrs. Alex. Thompson. She also attended the picnic in the grove.

Mr. Alder had the misfortune to get one of his cows hurt last week.

Cecil Duke is suffering from a very sore finger. The doctor is caring for it. We hope it will soon be all right again.

## HUMANITY IMITATES SQUIRRELS

There is a family of six squirrels in a grove down on one of the county roads—the old father and mother and four squirrel babies, and of course the squirrels in the adjoining groves are full of gossip.

They are forever chattering, and if you watch the way their eyes shine and their whiskers twitch you will see that they are rolling delicate bits of scandal under their tongues.

Now, whether the resultant scandal started the inevitable trouble or the trouble started the scandal it would be difficult to say. That is always the unanswered question.

Moreover it is not known whether the old man squirrel left his old woman squirrel when they separated a few days ago, when she shed her hair, or whether she lost her hair because he left her. It is known certainly by all the other squirrels and by most of the folks that live in that neighborhood that the squirrel who lived in the tall trees left his family at a time when his wife needed an assistant, and the four children needed a father and a nut cracker.

It is true that the mother squirrel began to shed her hair about the time of his departure. It has been suggested, as is usual in such cases, that if she had taken proper care of her looks she might not have lost her husband, but, on the other hand, it is believed by many that if her husband had not deserted her she might not have lost her hair.

One of the women of the neighborhood, a woman of practical rather than sentimental nature, insisted that the whole trouble was due to fleas. She felt that fleas were even more powerful than scandal or loss of beauty or faithlessness when it came to breaking up a home, and she believed that if the fleas were destroyed peace might be restored.

Nobody seemed to know, however, just how the fleas, if fleas there were, could be destroyed. The woman made every effort to find some means to get rid of them. She even visited the courthouse, but none of the various departments or commissions would venture to advise her. Fleas on dogs or cats they could understand and perhaps deal with, but fleas on a mother squirrel, and alas! on four baby squirrels that lived in the top of a tall fir tree—it seemed a hopeless case.

The father squirrel, evidently relieved of the cares of a family and happily rid of the fleas also, is a gay and charming fellow, flirting with the other squirrels' wives and daughters with never a fear of the fate of lazy husbands. It is no wonder that the squirrels are busy with their gossip, but all the gossip in the world can't clothe and feed the four baby squirrels.

This story may be applied anywhere, in any neighborhood, where a mother squirrel and her four babies, more or less, are deserted. There are other groves on other county roads and some tall trees even in the cities. It is only a fable, but too many fleas and a gay husband can start a scandal anywhere.

### REWARD OFFERED FOR MISCREANT

A notice elsewhere will inform the public that a reward is offered for the arrest and conviction of anyone who defaces or destroys any of the property of the school district.

It was discovered that fourteen large windows have been broken in the district schoolhouse since the close of school, and there will be a chance for someone to earn some easy money by apprehending the varmint who has been doing the damages.

Another notice calls for bids on supplying the school district with 60 cords of wood for next winter. School will begin this year the first Monday in September.

### ED. SIMONSON RECEIVES BAD CUT

Ed. Simonson received a severe cut on his left hand while chopping wood Saturday morning. The ax cut clear through the bone of the thumb into the muscle between the thumb and the index finger.

It will be six or eight weeks before Mr. Simonson will be able to use his hand. Dr. Hughes dressed the wound.

Australia has a total population of less than 5,000,000 persons.

## MERCANTILE OWNERSHIP CONTESTED

Speculation is rife as to the outcome of the contest for ownership of the Pulfer Mercantile company, or rather the stock of goods and fixtures in the two stores that did business for a year under that name.

The fight has become a sort of a legal triangle; it is now three-cornered with three separate sets of contestants wrestling in two different courts for the right of title. Mr. Pulfer is an interested spectator and seems to be out of it almost altogether.

In the beginning as everybody knows, the closing of the store was precipitated by R. L. Sabin placing an attachment on the store for about a dozen Portland creditors, whose claims amounted to something over \$1400; but before that significant action the mortgage held by George W. Kenney for \$3500 had been foreclosed, or rather, Mr. Pulfer had surrendered to Mr. Kenney before proceedings had been started. Now there is another side to the contest.

There were some other creditors who had refused to join in with the R. L. Sabin crowd, and on Wednesday they asked for an attachment in the Federal court in bankruptcy proceeding which Mr. Kenney headed off with an injunction from the state circuit court until the merits of the case can be tried out. Kenney is basing all his actions against H. J. Pulfer while the others are attacking the Pulfer Mercantile company and trying to force it into bankruptcy.

Mr. Kenney's mortgage was made with H. J. Pulfer and it is contended that there never was a mercantile company because the incorporation was never perfected and no stock certificates were ever issued. The other contestants seem to be trying to eliminate Mr. Pulfer, and as he surrendered the store to Mr. Kenney at the outset he seems to be out of all reckoning. The outcome will probably not affect Mr. Pulfer, as there are no proceedings against him personally, so far, nor are there likely to be.

A lot of perishable goods were sold by a sheriff's deputy last week and then a keeper was placed in charge of the stock for two or three days to prevent further sales. When the Federal court took a hand in the transaction the keeper was dismissed.

Mr. Kenney then went before the circuit court with a plea to prevent any further meddling with the stock and directed his warfare against R. L. Sabin and Sheriff Huriburt and included as defendants Mr. Pulfer and the Pulfer Mercantile company. Judge Morrow issued an order on petition of Mr. Kenney, making R. L. Sabin, receiver, a defendant in the suit and he was restrained from selling and removing or otherwise disposing of any part of the property.

Right there was where Judge Wolverson of the Federal court took a hand in the game on the application of Mr. Kenney. Judge Wolverson issued the order of restraint, saying that it appeared to him that in the coming suit to be tried in the state circuit court a full and fair determination could be had as to whether the property is subject to the chattel mortgage or is subject to administration by his own court as the property of the Pulfer Mercantile company. Leave was then granted to make R. L. Sabin a defendant, or any others who may hereafter be appointed.

Judge Wolverson then issued another order which effectually stops all action until the cases can be tried out. It is as follows:

"This store, stock and fixtures are in the possession of R. L. Sabin, receiver of the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon in the above matter."

And so the matter will rest until the merits of the case are fully decided. It is one of the rare cases where a Federal court was enjoined by a state court, but there are queer things in law. Meanwhile the rent of the buildings is going on and the costs are piling up and when the case is finally settled someone or perhaps several someones is going to come out loser—perhaps all of them.

Scotland is taking to the use of mechanical potato planters.

Ontario has a gross area of 407,262 square miles.