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GRESHAM OUTLOOK

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GRESHAM, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY and TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 and 8

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WILL ATTEMPT THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS

The question has been asked many times of late, "Who is this county agriculturist, and what is he going to do?" The first has already been answered through the columns of this paper as well as in all the leading dailies. If you overlooked these announcements it will be time well spent to call into his office in the First State Bank building while in Gresham and make the acquaintance of Mr. Hall.

As to what he is going to do, this can be summed up in a very few words: Everything he can, with the backing of the Oregon Agricultural College and the United States Department of Agriculture, to help the farmer and further his cause.

He will attempt to accomplish this in a great many ways, such as by personal visits to individual farms, where he will consult with the farmers as to their problems and aid in their solution, and gather ideas which will be transmitted from one farm to another where they are desired. He will carry on demonstrations with those men who wish to co-operate in some of the best practices in farming, where such will increase the financial income of the farm; he will aid in the control of insect pests and plant diseases.

He will help in the organizations of farmers where such will be beneficial and encourage co-operation; he will also encourage the teaching of agriculture and domestic economy in our school and homes.

In order to get at the most important phases to be taken up he will be aided by a council which is to be made up of one representative farmer from each farmer's organization in the county. This council will meet from time to time and aid in the formulating of plans, reporting conditions, and carrying on the work.

In all, he is to aid in every possible way by which results can be obtained, and is not as some have expressed, "a kind of an inspector that will come around and tell us what to do and when to do it", but is at our service.

JUSTICE B. F. ROLLINS REGISTERING VOTERS

B. F. Rollins has received a commission as deputy county clerk for registration of voters in this part of the county. He began his duties yesterday morning and is urging all who desire to register within the time limit to call at his office for that purpose.

The new registration law permits of only this one registration as long as the voter remains in the same precinct and does not fail to vote within two years. Otherwise he must register over again.

Naturalized citizens are required to show their second papers and their wives must furnish evidence that their husbands have such papers, otherwise neither of them can register.

Gresham precinct No. 309 has been divided by Main street from the Base Line to the Powell Valley road. The eastern division is now Number 309 1/2. Pleasant Home precinct Number 311 has also been divided, the eastern half now being 311 1/2.

There are no other changes in this part of the county, all the other numbers and boundaries remaining the same as heretofore.

FAIR BOARD TO MEET FEBRUARY 29

Yesterday was the day for the regular meeting of the county fair board, but only five directors were present at roll call.

President Lewis was on hand and reported good progress in revising the premium list to meet the conditions of this year's fair. Some necessary changes will have to be made in the amounts to be given as prizes, because of the smaller appropriation, but the reductions will be scattered through all the departments.

An adjournment was taken to meet again on Monday, Feb. 29.

In Sumatra the horn of the rhinoceros is esteemed as a cure for poison, and for that reason is made into drinking cups.

Milk and Cream.

At Ross' Confectionery on Main St.

Bargains in the Want Ads.

DEEP SNOWS, SILVER THAW AND FLOODS

All Business Paralyzed--Great Damage to Property--Sidelights On the Storm of the Century

Early on Tuesday evening last, just when the groundhog had woken up and was rubbing his eyes so as to be able to see his shadow, if there were one when the sun came up the next morning, the gentle rain began to descend and it seemed that the storm had forgotten us for good. But the worst was yet to come.

The gentle rain as it fell turned to sleep and a glistening coat of ice o'er-spread the surface of everything that it touched. The mercury hovered around the 32 mark all that night, seeming to be undecided whether to crawl up higher or go down lower. It finally fell and the northeast wind began to howl, bringing with it another mantle of snow that drifted into all the exposed places where it wasn't wanted, and the worst storm of the winter was at its height.

When the ground hog came out of his winter home on Wednesday morning he saw no shadow to frighten him back, but the prevalent opinion is that he crawled into his hole again, just as any other sensible animal would have done. And no one could blame him.

Wednesday morning the telephone and electric poles began going down. Before noon the phone systems had all been put out of business, not a circuit being left. There were a thousand poles lying on the ground with a mess of tangled wires blocking the roads everywhere. It was a clean sweep of the talkie-talkie systems with a loss running into thousands.

The electric power and light wires began snapping and the machinery depending on electricity was at a standstill. The lights flickered and wavered throughout the day but finally went dead as evening came and then there was a mad scramble for coal oil, lamps, lanterns and even candles. Oil stocks had run low, deliveries were difficult and it is recorded that some people had to eat supper before daylight fled and then go to bed in the dark.

A partial car service was maintained on Wednesday and the mail got through, but the rural carriers were compelled to give up any attempt at delivery. That night the trains began getting stuck and had to stop anywhere they happened to be. There was no service of any kind on either the O. W. P. or Mount Hood lines after Wednesday evening; except that the mail car got through on Thursday evening and again on Friday, until the snow was broken up and shoveled off the tracks on the O. W. P. line.

Snow fell almost steadily until Thursday noon and the heavy wind swept it scurrying over the exposed icy surface until it found lodgment in the lee of every obstruction. It piled in huge drifts in a thousand places that were anywhere from five to twenty feet in depth. Under the new snow was the hard crust formed by the sleet, making it impossible to get teams out, but where there were no drifts the walking was fairly good and a few people from the country came into town on foot for needed supplies. Otherwise there was but little business except snow shoveling where danger threatened.

The favorite pastime of a few was shoveling snow from the roofs and porches of buildings that were bearing up a burden too heavy for safety. The telephone company made every exertion to save the remnants of the system within the city. The poles here being extra heavy, in order to carry their burden of wires, had withstood the strain of the sleet but the wires were snapping in every direction. Superintendent Christensen saved a good many stretches by using a hook at the end of a long pole to clean the ice off. Half a dozen men were employed at the work, and on Thursday the job of connecting up the broken ends was begun. By Saturday night a few phones around town were in commission again, but all the country lines are still out as well as the long distance wires leading to Portland and other places.

Electric power went off on Tuesday evening within fifteen minutes after the Outlook had been run of the press. Some of the lighting cir-

cuits went off duty at the same time, and others followed at intervals all day on Wednesday. That same evening they all quit and Gresham had reverted back to the days of coal oil and candles.

To add to the uncomfortable situation there was a shortage of cord-wood. For several days there had been a brisk demand and prices had soared in some instances to five dollars a cord. But the woodsaws were snow bound and the only alternative was to operate bucksaws. Those who couldn't get wood were compelled to borrow from more fortunate neighbors with a larger supply, for with the coming of the sleet the wood teams were unable to make deliveries.

Wednesday and Thursday were dull days in Gresham, for only the bravest ventured out. Most people had a small supply of necessities that would last them over a few days, but when the skies cleared away on Friday and the sun came out there was a small delegation from every crossroad, which came for the neighborhood mail and to make a few purchases.

People were seen on the streets Friday from Powell Valley, Rockwood, Pleasant Valley, the Base Line, Hogan and other places within a radius of four or five miles. Among them were a few women and girls but they were mostly men, and all were on foot. No teams could pass the obstructions in every road, and, besides, teams could not be used because of the crust of ice, two inches thick, that would have crippled them beyond cure.

On Saturday it was the same, only a few more people were seen on the streets. The groceries and meat markets did a good business and some of the other stores made a few sales. But business was not brisk in any line.

Tuesday's Outlook was the only paper published in Gresham last week. When the electric power went off all hope of doing anything in the printing line was out of the question. Friday's paper was never issued. The Automobile Record which was to have been printed on Wednesday, could not be set up, and the United Booster, which was almost ready for the press, was temporarily forgotten until better conditions would allow the press to run. It was a critical condition but there was no help for it under the circumstances.

With no prospect of an early resumption of the electric power service it was determined to do the next best thing and a gasoline engine was secured on Thursday afternoon from the Hessel machinery store. By great exertion and hard work it was installed and connected with the linotype on Friday afternoon and typesetting was resumed for twenty-four hours. The Outlook is under lasting obligations to Mr. Hessel for the use of the engine, as it prevented a complete suspension of all work in the office and by its aid a great amount of type matter was made ready for the publications that had to be printed.

Some big stories of big snow drifts have been told and they are all true. There was no exaggeration in the statement that in some places the snow was piled as high as the tops of the telephone poles. Some of the worst drifts were formed at Linnemann Junction and in the deep cuts running north and south, especially at the Bowman hill, where the snow was on a level with both banks. To add to the fearful snow obstructions a large number of telephone poles were lying across the roads, effectually closing them for travel even where the drifts were smaller.

Even the Base Line had its huge obstructions where the winds had a clean sweep from adjoining fields, and there was something for the snow to lodge against. One such place was half a mile west of the Twelve-mile corner. There the snow was nearly twenty feet deep. These instances were only a few in the great scheme of demoralization that overspread the country.

Aside from the damage done to the telephone and electric light systems the real damage except in two

or three instances, so far as heard from, was confined to fallen buildings.

Early on Friday morning the Gresham skating rink collapsed under the terrific weight of snow and fell crashing in, a total ruin. It was a hip-roofed building, 100 feet square, with thin board walls. The roof supports were framed trusses without any supporting pillars. The heavy weight of snow was too great for the walls and the wreckage now lies on the polished maple floor where it was carried when the strain became too great. The property is owned by J. H. Metzger who has as yet made no plans concerning the future of the building.

For the first time since automobiles were introduced here there were none to be seen on the streets of Gresham, nor anywhere on the country roads, for nearly a week. It was impossible for them to get out of their garages.

Grocery deliveries were made by handsleds during the four or five days when teams could not be taken out. The proprietors of the stores and their clerks made horses of themselves for the occasion, but were only able to get around where the roads had been broken.

Numerous farmers came into town on Friday and Saturday drawing sleds and managed to take home a small supply of necessities. Some came a distance of several miles.

Only two teams were seen in Gresham last week after Tuesday evening. They were used in making a few local deliveries for the O.W.P. station. The town had to depend on the freight car for supplies--when the car could get here. The groceries and meat markets were enabled in that way to keep up the appearance of having stocks on hand.

Coasting was a favorite pastime both day and night. The most popular place was on the alopes of Gresham Butte, but other localities were extensively patronized.

Skills were in numerous evidence. Almost every boy had a pair and some of the men. A few proved to be experts, among them W. R. Johnson, who came from a place where skis are a common means of locomotion.

Every available man who wanted to shovel snow was given a job as long as the snow was dangerous to roofs or buildings. Good wages were paid, but it was necessary to get the snow off. Untold damage was probably averted by those who got busy in time.

Telephone poles and wires are grotesque obstruction to the roads in many places. At the gravel pit a telephone pole with about thirty wires fell across the road at its narrowest place, but it made no difference, as the road was otherwise impassable.

The fuel problem was the hardest feature to contend with. People were not too proud to borrow from their more fortunate neighbors and deliveries were made on handsleds, in grain sacks and even on brawny shoulders.

Rural mail delivery was entirely suspended on Wednesday and was only partially resumed on Saturday. The carriers were at the postoffice a part of each day and served as many of their patrons as came for their letters and papers. There will be no full deliveries for several days yet as the drifts are too numerous and the sleet too dangerous for horses to venture far.

Walking over fences and crossing fields on a glare of ice were of such frequent occurrence that the novelty wore off. Farmers coming to town made a bee line across meadows that were two or three feet under the snow, but the sleet had made such good walking that the shortest way was the nearest, contrary to the old adage that the "shortage way there is the longest way around."

Saturday evening the northeast wind went down to a whisper and the mercury began to rise. A gentle rain began which for an hour or two

formed a thin sleet, and then it grew warmer. The rain ceased, there was almost a dead calm and the thaw began. With the mercury a few degrees above freezing on Sunday the ice and snow began to melt and the thaw had begun in earnest. Sunday was warmer, the mercury going up to 38 degrees before yesterday morning. Rain fell intermittently and the chinook wind came up, both helping to melt the ice and snow, which began to disappear.

Electric lights were again in evidence on Saturday evening after three expert linemen had put in all day on the system. The electric power was fully available yesterday morning and there has been no difficulty since.

G. H. Dammeler's new barn was damaged somewhat by the heavy weight on the roof. It began to sag and a number of the rafters were noticed to be breaking. A force of men saved the building by putting a lot of supporting timbers beneath the roof.

The new addition to the dance hall at the fair grounds almost collapsed under the heavy strain; also one of the stock barns was damaged where a support had been taken out last fall. The total damage will be about \$50. Prompt work probably saved the cafeteria.

John Metzger says he will not rebuild the skating rink. He is willing to sell the property and skates cheap to anyone who wants to engage in the business.

Johnson creek, as well as all the other streams are overflowing their banks. No serious damage is apprehended therefrom, and the absence of rain is allowing the water to run off gradually. The Columbia and Willamette are rising rapidly and serious floods are feared.

Numerous ornamental trees and some fruit trees have been damaged. The "silver thaw" was not as heavy as it was eight years ago and there was less damage to the orchards. However the effects of the storm are to be seen everywhere.

Union high school will not reopen until next Monday, as so many of the students live such distances that they cannot get here, and it would be unfair to them to allow the others to get too far ahead.

Johnson creek is overflowing its banks since the storm broke. Hamlin flats are under water and the people there had some difficulty in breaking a channel through the ice for the passage of a boat. It is expected that the water will rise higher yet.

School bells were heard yesterday morning from the Gresham grade building, Rockwood, Lynch and Terry. Others probably opened, also.

A cattle shed belonging to William Peterson, 2 miles east of Gresham, fell under the weight of snow and one cow was killed.

A barn on the A. Bahl farm was crushed by the snow.

An old barn on the John Hall place is reported to be lying flat since the storm.

An old barn on the Linnemann place went down under the unusual weight.

Scenograph Theater News.

The last two episodes of "Neal of the Navy" will be run next Friday and Saturday, finishing this serial.

The "Broken Coin" has been set over to March 5th and 6th.

Watch space in this paper for further announcements of shows at Smith's theater.

Notice.

After February 1, 1916, my office will be in the Bank of Gresham building, over the Anchor store, entrance on Main street next door to hardware store. DR. WILL OTT.

Ranch for Sale.

My home place for sale or trade. If you want a ranch now's your chance. S. F. Pitts. Phone 32x.

Don't overlook the Want Ads.

A PHYSICAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED

Union High School No. 2, under the direction of Principal Goodwin, is making preparations for the use of the gymnasium, recently equipped.

He has prepared a physical culture card which requires of each student before entering the classes, a certificate from any reputable physician in order that the correct physical condition may be better understood.

The school is now prepared to give a practical course in physical culture for the benefit of the health and general physical condition of all its students. The new gymnasium is one of the best equipped in the state. The exercises to be given in that course, always under supervision, will tend to improve both the health and physique of all students taking the work, by a gradual and systematic development of all parts of the body.

The idea is to give every student an opportunity to engage in the pastimes of athletic sports instead of a few as heretofore. Each student, in addition to the physician's certificate, must register with the instructor. The certificate covers all necessary tests of heart and lungs, and full measurements. If the applicant is not in condition to engage in the work he will not be allowed to take the course.

The idea of a physical test is that of Principal Goodwin. His certificate plan is original and is intended to cover fully the required conditions.

SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT GRESHAM HIGH

An educational meeting has been scheduled for the 26th of this month, to be held in the auditorium of the high school building.

County Superintendent A. P. Armstrong will conduct the program and has invited Principal Goodwin to discuss the topic, "Union High School, This Year, Next Year." He will be allowed three-quarters of an hour.

Others will take a part by invitation. Principal McCormick, of the grade schools will discuss some appropriate topic of his own selection. The meeting will last throughout the day, from 9:30 to 3:30, with morning and afternoon sessions.

Further announcements will be made through the newspapers and by circulars. Teachers, advanced pupils and patrons of the schools will be asked to attend.

TWO CARLOADS OF HORSES RECEIVED

A. C. Ruby received two carloads of horses on Saturday from the East. They were nine days on the way, having been held up at The Dalles three days on account of the storm.

Mr. Ruby was with them in Iowa, where six were sold. He then started one day ahead and came through just before the blockade.

The animals were unloaded at the Base Line station on Saturday night. One was sick and had to be hauled to the barn on a shed.

All of the horses are thoroughbreds and are to replace those sold during the fall from his prize winners at the various fairs.

LEAP YEAR GIRLS' DANCE SATURDAY EVE

A meeting of the leap year girls' dance committee, of Rockwood grange, was held yesterday and it was decided to have the leap year ball next Saturday evening, as announced last week.

Nyland's orchestra has been engaged and the price of tickets for women has been fixed at 75 cents. Supper will be 25 cents per plate.

All men will be admitted free. The girls will have full charge of every detail.

Pleasant Home Bakery.

Mrs. T. H. Kennedy, Pleasant Home Bakery, Phone 271, is handling Royal bread from Portland. The bread can be secured also through Markell's Grocery, from Mrs. Kennedy.

Thousands of farmers use Lowe Brothers Standard barn paint for painting their barns, silos, fences and outbuildings. It is the most economical barn paint on the market. Ask for color cards at our store. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

Tailoring.

For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.