

## UNION HIGH EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

With the commencement of the second semester of Union High school, No. 2, there is a feeling that Gresham's highest educational institution has no superior in excellence and that the attainments to be reached by the students may equal those of any other school of its class.

There are fifteen points of excellence that its patrons should keep in mind and make known to all. These points have been put forth by Principal Goodwin in the form of questions which are given as a reminder that the Gresham Union high is all that its friends claim for it. These questions are listed under the caption.

### DO YOU KNOW—

1. That Union High school No. 2 has an enrollment of 160 high school students?
2. That Union High School No. 2 has 59 students enrolled from school districts outside of Union High School District No. 2?
3. That Union High School No. 2 has an excellent faculty composed of nine (9) instructors, all graduates of standard colleges and universities, two of whom have been added recently?
4. That Union High School No. 2 is one of the best equipped four-year high schools in Oregon?
5. That Union High School No. 2 expects an enrollment of 225 high school students next year?
6. That Union High School No. 2 has one of the best equipped high school gymnasiums in the state, where all students of the school may be benefitted by a practical and systematic course in physical culture, rather than a few by athletic sports as is customary in some schools? However, we expect winning teams in baseball and track this semester.
7. That Union High School No. 2 has seven (7) courses of study to meet the needs of all students preparing for the different vocations of life or for higher institutions of learning?
8. That Union High School No. 2 has a new school building which must be enlarged soon to meet the demands of a large enrollment and new departments of school work?
9. That Union High School No. 2 has none of the attractions of the city to detract from school work?
10. That Union High School No. 2 has large classes in manual training and domestic science, and that an up-to-date commercial department will be added next year?
11. That Union High School No. 2 was established and is maintained for the benefit of its students whose welfare is at all times uppermost in the minds of sympathetic teachers?
12. That Union High School No. 2 is now considering the question of free transportation of students in the district to and from school?
13. That Union High School No. 2 students are all intensely interested in their school work, and are the happiest and most industrious girls and boys in Oregon?
14. That Union High School No. 2 wants all eighth grade girls and boys of nearby schools to pass their examinations and come to school here next year.
15. That you cannot find a better high school anywhere for Oregon girls and boys, and that patrons and friends of the school are always welcome to visit us at any time? Come and stay all day and observe the work being done in your school.

### "UNION HIGH" (School Song)

Words by E. F. G. Tune: "Aloha."  
Oh Union High so dear to me,  
My Alma Mater soon to be;  
I love thee more than I can tell  
Oh Union High I love thee well.

### CHORUS.

Oh Union High so dear to me,  
Thy praise I'll sing dear school of mine  
My fondest memories around thee twine,  
My school so dear to me.

Sweet memories will come to me,  
In future years dear school of thee;  
I'll think of these my happy days,  
And never cease to sing thy praise.

Oh join with me my schoolmates dear,  
Let's sing this song with happy cheer;  
These are, indeed, our happiest days,  
Oh Union High we sing thy praise.

Bargains in the Want Ads.

## SKATING RINK LOSS REGRETTED

The loss to Gresham of the skating rink is not quite irreparable, but it is annoying. It was one of the attractions of the town and was a source of real pleasure to the growing generation, although roller skating is not quite so popular as it was a few years ago.

Aside from the skating carnivals held there, the building was the only place in town for public basketball games and other forms of amusement that required a large space. It has sometimes held the largest indoor crowds ever gathered here.

It was fortunate that the building did not go down with its floor full of people. It seemed strong and would probably have stood up but for the great weight of ice and snow upon its roof.

Its owner, J. H. Metzger, says he will not rebuild and offers to sell the entire property to anyone who wants it for the sum of \$500, which is less than the land is worth. The wreckage would probably realize that much, as the skates on hand cost more than half the amount. Then there is the hardwood floor which is scarcely damaged and can be used again. It cost more than \$400 for the lumber alone.

The power organ is sadly battered and may not be worth much, but it is worth something with its electric motor; besides, there is a lot of good lumber to be saved.

Gresham needs just such a building as has been destroyed but it should be in a better location. Further up town it would most likely be a good investment if properly conducted by someone who understands how to manage a skating rink and kindred amusements.

## LEAP YEAR DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

The leap year girls of Rockwood grange have completed all arrangements for their dance at Rockwood tomorrow night.

There has been a great campaign going on among the girls for partners. They have held several conferences and have divided the available young men up among themselves in a way that is bewildering. The young men have nothing to say about matters, but the girls will pay the bills, so it don't matter.

## BASE LINE ROAD TANGLE IN COURT

Wednesday was the day set for by the county commissioners for taking up the report of the viewers on the Base Line road extension from the Troutdale road to the Automobile Club. The report was adopted.

The report gave Sam Strebin \$125 for the right of way and damages. A. B. Conrad was allowed five dollars. The latter was asked for \$1000, and through his attorney will appeal to the circuit court unless some compromise is effected within the time limit of twenty days.

If the case goes to the circuit court there will be some delay which may affect the opening and improvement of the extension. Mr. Conrad is represented by Milo C. King, who will carry the appeal up if the case goes that far.

A remarkable record of longevity is to be found in some of the rural parishes of France. In the village of St. Thomas de la Fliche there have been only fourteen parish priests in 309 years. The parish of St. German du Val, in Paris, has had only three pastors in 100 years, while that of Givry en Argonne has had only five in 130 years.

The most northerly coal mine in the world is one owned by an American company at Advent Bay, on the east coast of Spitzbergen.

Hawaii will be equipped with a lighthouse giving a double flash of light of 940,000-candle power every ten seconds.

A mammoth oil-driven harvester, that is being tried on Australian wheat fields, strips about sixty acres a day.

### Milk and Cream.

At Ross' Confectionery on Main St.

## ALL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS ARE CHANGED

Weather conditions are a whole lot different today and a whole lot more comfortable. The welcome chinook and the rain have made the transformation, but the expected conditions are with us in consequence. The snow has disappeared at a rapid rate causing floods that cover every depression and swelling the creeks and rivers to almost their full capacity.

Johnson creek is yet a raging torrent but it was receding slightly yesterday. The snows are disappearing and the rain has not been heavy enough to keep flood at its greatest height. It is believed that it will fall rapidly from now on.

The race track is a lake six feet deep. All the surrounding fields drain into it, and the outlet is only a small culvert at the south end that will take a week to drain the lake after the snow is all gone. The fair grounds are flooded, especially that portion near the dance hall. At the machinery hall the water is on the floor and the building has settled near the north end. The water there comes from the Smith field and all the portion of the city between the library and the Mount Hood track.

Eastman's field, north of the Automobile factory, is another lake that would float a small steambot. Where a week ago the snowbanks covered the fences the water is now doing the same. The culvert under the Mount Hood track is too small to let the water out as fast as it has been accumulating. The water is two feet deeper on the north side than on the south.

The snow is rapidly disappearing and is practically all gone on the level ground, and the drifts are disappearing. Many of the roads are open now and in a few days will all be in use again.

The first road to be opened between here and Portland was the Powell Valley which was made passable on Wednesday when the drift at Linnemann was cut through by a county road crew. Both auto trucks from here made the trip yesterday for the first time since Tuesday of last week. Leland's auto came out to Linnemann from Portland on Wednesday, the road being almost clear of snow the entire distance.

The Base Line was opened to the Twelve-mile House on Tuesday. A. G. Schanth ann Miles Grimshaw, of Rockwood used a team and breaking plow from the Red Cross dairy to Terry, making deep furrows that gave the rain a chance to slush the snow out. A good road was soon opened.

Jitney service between here and Portland was resumed today over the Powell Valley road. As the other roads are opened the regular schedule will be maintained.

Hard work on the telephone systems has been done. The Pacific States had one long distance wire in operation on Tuesday evening. The local lines around town are the only ones in use, but crews are at work on all the circuits. However it will be two weeks yet before the entire system will be in operation.

No further damage has been reported, except that which is being caused by the high water, which is inconsequential. It is thought that normal conditions will prevail by the middle of next week.

Last night the rain ceased and there was a frost which had the effect of checking the thaw. The overflowing water now has a chance to run itself out, but the remaining snow banks will not disappear so quickly as they have been going for the past few days.

The development of mines discovered a few years ago has given Tennis second rank to the United States for the production of phosphate.

The mineral production of Alaska last year is officially estimated to have been worth \$32,000,000, the greatest amount on record.

By photography, with a vibrating lens, an English scientist has timed a lightning flash at one-nineteenth of a second.

Aylsworth has a large stock of rubber boots for any emergency. All sizes, styles and fits.—Adv.

Norway will establish a museum of the whaling industry.

## IMPORTANT CONFERENCE GATHERING

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—The State Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Credits conference authorized by the Oregon Irrigation Congress will be held at the statehouse in Salem, March 9. Call for the conference has been issued by the special committee which was given the responsibility and more than half the delegates from representative state organizations have been appointed. The conference delegates are asked to formulate a plan for state guaranty of irrigation and drainage securities and a system of State Rural Credits.

It is proposed to draft a constitutional amendment for submission to the people at the next general election. The conference will probably decide whether to submit enabling legislation at the general election or, later, to the legislature.

Already there is sweeping the state conviction that no more important gathering has ever been planned in Oregon. It will have the bigness and serious responsibility of a constitutional convention. The best brains and experience from all walks of life and all occupations will be represented and will be called upon to produce the plan, which when enacted into law, and administered, will solve the state's great development problems of irrigation and drainage. All authorities—financiers and farmers, railroad men and organized labor—have made statements recognizing the necessity of action and supporting the fundamental character of the procedure outlined. The only doubt has been as to whether prejudices and differences can be laid aside in the common purpose to do now a big thing for Oregon.

Because of the great public interest in, and the significance of, the conference, many will probably journey to the state capital from all parts of the state to witness the proceedings, their concern keener, even, than if it had been a session of the legislature which they had come to attend.

John Dick's mania was life without labor. He pined for the semblances of success. To gratify the latter he brought a gold-plated chain for his dollar watch. He could not meet the installment plan payments.

When he entered an East Side grocery and purchased a bill of goods, even including candy, from the 8-year-old girl in charge, the patience of his creditors was exhausted. The little girl's mother was ill and unable to tend store. Dick walked out and did not pay.

In the courtroom yesterday his eyes were fixed upon the judge. He could not explain why the gold-plated chain was needed, nor why he defrauded the child of the grocery bill. "I'll give you a chance to cut this out, John," Judge Languth warned him. Dick promised to find work and pay the bills. He has a family.

Deve Mercer committed suicide upon April 4, 1914, decided a jury in the court of Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday. This was not the question the jury was primarily called upon to decide, but it was necessary for them to prove that the man met his death from natural causes or otherwise before they could settle the suit of his widow to collect \$2900 life insurance from the New York Life Insurance company.

The company refused to pay his amount, basing its stand on its suicide clause, and contending that the man took strychnine, with intention to kill himself. The jury decided that this was the fact.

Instinct awakened Fireman F. H. McCormack, of engine company 4, yesterday morning in time to alarm the inmates of a dwelling-house.

Asleep in his bunk at the engine-house, Fireman McCormack dreamed that he was fighting fire in swirling clouds of smoke. He woke, but the smoke scent remained. Not 100 feet away the one-story residence at 369 Third street was emitting smoke that came through the open window of the fire company's quarters.

Mrs. Rose Huber, tenant of the house, and her little child had a narrow escape from suffocation. The damage was estimated at \$50.

The Saint Peter Catholic Chapel car will be on the sidetrack at East

## STORM WAS WORSE EAST OF GRESHAM

James Burns living near the Automobile club was in Gresham on Thursday having come to within two miles of here on a sled; but he was obliged to borrow a wagon for the remainder of the trip. He reports the conditions over there as having been more severe than here. There was no mail delivery for two weeks from Troutdale except that some of the neighbors went to the postoffice three times during that period.

W. H. Cooley, of the White Knoll poultry farm was obliged to haul gasoline on a hand sled in order to keep his incubators going. One farmer, Mr. Woodward, is said to have lost two horses, a cow and two calves during the storm. Conditions were much worse a few miles east than in Gresham, the drifts being higher with more snow on the level.

Mr. Burns reported that Road Supervisors McKay and Hillyard went to the county commissioners to get aid in opening the roads after the storm and were told by Mr. Lightner that the county had put on a crew to open the Highway but that if the farmers wanted the crossroads opened they would have to shovel their way out.

## HOW AND WHEN TO PAY TAXES

The following extract from Section 3682 of the General Laws of Oregon, will answer all question regarding the payment of taxes.

"The first half of all taxes legally levied and charged shall be paid on or before the fifth day of April following, and the second half on or before the fifth day of October following.

Interest shall be charged and collected on any tax or half of a tax, not so paid, at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction of a month until paid.

All taxes remaining unpaid on the fifth day of October next following shall become delinquent and on the fifth day of November next following a penalty of five per cent shall be charged and collected thereon, in addition to the interest provided herein.

All penalties and interest shall be for the benefit of the county."

## RAILWAY COMPANY A HEAVY LOSER

Damage to the P. R. L. & P. company's system during the recent storm is estimated at \$50,000. The damage extended everywhere along all lines, but was confined principally to the power, electric light and telephone lines. Large crews of men are busily engaged in making repairs at every point.

The loss caused by delays and work of keeping the tracks clear will run into many thousands more, but fortunately there were no accidents to cars, crews or passengers.

## EETACADA MAY UNITE CHURCHES

The subject of the uniting of the Eetacada and nearby churches into a community organization, is receiving the consideration and serious thought of many people, among them being the leaders in religious circles.

At the Eetacada M. E. church last Sunday, Rev. Spiess took as his subject, "The Community Church" and a similar sermon will be given by either Elder Swander or Evangelist Williams, during their meetings, scheduled to start about March 1st.

According to the census Pennsylvania last year had 7,000 women farmers. In Georgia during the last three years the number of women farmers has more than doubled. The majority of the women go in for raising hogs, cattle and foodstuffs, leaving cotton planting to the men.

### Ranch for Sale.

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

If you want to keep your feet dry get a pair of those rubber boots at Aylsworth's. Prices moderate.—Adv.

### Don't overlook the Want Ads.

St. Johns on Sunday for a limited stay only. The car was built at a cost of \$25,000.

It is in reality a Catholic church on wheels, fitted with all furnishings usually found in a Catholic church, including altar, sanctuary, pews, sacristy, confessional, vestments, etc. The car will be open to the public Sunday from 2:30 to 4 o'clock. Sunday night there will be a lecture in the car at 8 o'clock on "What the Catholic Church Is and Is Not."

## GRESHAM MAROONS IN LEAGUE

Wm. A. Ross of Portland, owner of the electric baseball club, and Leapy Lind were in town Wednesday in the interests of the Inter-city Baseball League. This year the league will be extended to take in the West Side Beavers, East Side Redmen, McMinnville Yellow Bends, St. Helens Cubs, St. Johns Tigers and Gresham Maroons.

The teams are made up of professional players all under contract for the season. The line-up is as follows: Gresham Maroons, Frisco Edwards, catcher, C. Bleeg, catcher, C. W. Hanson, ex-Victoria player, catcher, A. Donaldson, pitcher, C. Druhot, pitcher, Wm. A. Ross, pitcher, Fritz McKeen, first base, Hans Gravelle, second base, Ike Wolfer, second base, Red Watts, short stop; Fred Garver, third base; Leapy Lind, left field; Eddie Bogart, center field; Billy Stepp, right field; Brownie Grace, right field; Cack Blanchard, utility.

All of these are league players, many of them old players and well known.

No local boys will be barred. All will be given a chance to try out for the team.

An option has been taken on the ball grounds and it is planned to erect a grandstand to accommodate about 1000 persons. The grounds will have to be fenced and the field leveled up and put in good condition. The local town teams will have the privilege of using the grounds when not used by the league team.

All this is provided the local people, lovers of the great American sport, are not only willing but interested to the extent of helping to get the work started.

Mr. Ross while here interviewed many of the former ball players and found them enthusiastic over the prospects of a professional ball team for Gresham as they consider it will be a great help for the town. It is estimated that several hundred will come out from Portland to witness the games each Sunday afternoon. The managers will spare no pains or expense to furnish a strictly winning team, scarcely second to the big league teams, as Mr. Ross has the pick of last year's City League Stars and can pick from ex-coast league players who are willing to play in the Inter-city League.

It is planned to open about April first. Last year's games were a success and this year's prospect is better than ever. It is predicted the coming season will be one of the best in ball playing.

It is considered a good winning league team will be a first-class boost for the town and all are urged to wake up to the opportunity to secure baseball for Gresham that will be worth all it costs and much more.

German scientists are said to have found substitutes for nearly all the commodities in demand, the supply of which has been cut off by the war. According to a recent consular report, German manufacturers have found a way of making willow-herb take the place of jute and hemp, which grows profusely in that country and in the United States. In Germany encouragements is now being given to the cultivation of this plant, which has been heretofore regarded as a weed.

The man who discovered Pike's peak said that it would never be climbed. Today the topmost point is accessible to automobiles.

According to French statistics, only one-fourth of the aviation accidents are due to defects in aeroplanes.

### 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.