

PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT POMONA

Membership.	
Columbia grange.....	75
Evening Star grange.....	205
Fairview grange.....	44
Gresham grange.....	75
Lents grange.....	100
Multnomah grange.....	69
Pleasant Valley grange.....	59
Rockwood grange.....	79
Russellville grange.....	116
Woodlawn grange.....	52
Total	874

Road improvement problems were discussed by Pomona grange at Woodlawn on Wednesday, on a resolution asking for a committee to investigate the different phases and problems concerning the state-wide movement now under way. The committee is to hold for one year and will be named by the master, J. J. Johnson, after a consultation with others so as to be able to name those in the grange most capable of undertaking the work.

A resolution was adopted demanding a re-enactment of the law that was repealed by the last legislature, requiring fathers to support children of divorced wives.

The present law, providing that counties may rebuild bridges costing under \$500 without letting contracts if satisfactory bids are not received, was favored by unanimous vote.

A committee of women, on recommendation of the Womens' Work committee, was appointed to confer and act with federated clubs on matters pertaining to the welfare of women, children and the home. The committee as appointed consists of Mrs. E. A. Niblin, Mrs. E. D. Patmer and Mrs. H. A. Lewis.

T. J. Kreuder, Mrs. F. H. Crane, Mrs. Bateman, with the assistant steward and lady assistant were appointed a reception committee for the year.

A special committee appointed at the last session made a report on the financial condition of the state grange for the past four years. This report was brought about by a resolution from Rockwood grange, complaining that an unnecessary raise in the per capita tax had been exacted since the first of last July and demanding that the rule be rescinded at the coming session of the state grange.

It was shown that more money had been spent by the state grange than the revenues would warrant and that the per capita exacted is now two thirds of the dues paid by subordinate members on the minimum amount allowed to be collected. Many granges now being crippled financially by the heavy tax are being compelled to raise their dues.

The committee's report was sustained and the resolution was endorsed.

An effort will be made to take a special car to Washington city next November to attend the National grange. A committee was named to investigate the matter consisting of S. H. Covell, H. A. Lewis and Mrs. E. A. Niblin.

It was decided to have another field day this year, probably at the Gresham fair grounds. Invitations will be given to all Oregon and Washington to participate and the celebration will be on a larger scale than ever. A committee from each grange in the county will be appointed to make arrangements.

Eight candidates were given the fifth degree at the evening session, which was followed by an open entertainment.

Among the notable persons present were State Master Spence, Judge William Gatens and several candidates for different public offices.

The next session will be held at Rockwood in June.

Leap Year Pie Social.

A leap year pie social will be held at the Powell Valley schoolhouse, Saturday evening, March 18, for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers' association. All are requested to bring pies, which will be sold to the highest bidder, the bidders being the women. Cake and coffee will be served, besides pie.—Adv.

Money saving bargains—want ads.

MAIN STREET SEWER PLAN AUTHORIZED

If charter provisions do not prevent, the town of Gresham will now have an eighteen-inch sewer on Main street as far north as the high school building, the cost of which will be paid out of the general fund of the town.

This was the plan approved by the citizens present at the taxpayers' mass meeting in Regner's hall Wednesday night which the mayor and councilmen will consider sufficient backing to practically authorize them to order the improvement by ordinance and they will proceed at once on this plan.

Herbert Nunn, C. H. Whitmore and H. B. Chapman, connected with the county road department, were present.

There was considerable discussion of the proposal after its presentation by Mayor Stapleton and Mr. Nunn of the county engineer's office. Mr. Nunn, who is an expert on sewer work had thoroughly gone over the situation and was able to answer all questions satisfactorily. He said the size of drain proposed at the depth of nine feet would take care of the storm waters and sewage of the more thickly settled part of the city for many years to come. He explained that where the pavement was not in full width it would be very necessary to provide for storm drainage at least, and that this seemed to be the best time to provide adequate sanitary drainage at a minimum of expense.

Objections were made by some on the ground that the sewer should be paid for by property owners on the street or within an assessment district and not out of the general fund. An assurance was demanded that if this trunk sewer was paid for by general taxation others needed elsewhere in the future would be paid for in the same way.

These objections were met by the statement that the time was too short to carry through the procedure of dividing the town into assessment districts and that this main trunk drain would benefit the whole town in a material way. Heavy taxpayers living on the outskirts of the city gave assurance that they would be only too glad to pay their share in view of the general benefit. When the vote was taken on a resolution embodying the plan the support given it was practically unanimous, only one man voting against it.

The resolution reads as follows: Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the cost of the sewer on Main street be paid from the general fund of the town as far as Main street is paved; and if the hard surfacing for the full width is carried out as far as the Mount Hood railroad the sewer shall be extended north to the high school building.

The mayor and council had proposed laying the sewer for 750 feet only at an expense of approximately \$1500, and to appropriate the cost over a period of some three years. As this would leave the town well within its limit of indebtedness, they were sure of their right. They have grave fears, however, of their right under the charter to carry out the larger plan under the charter. It may yet be found necessary to create an assessment district in order to make this improvement as the citizens appear to desire it.

The matter is being carefully investigated and assurance is given that the council will proceed within its right as expeditiously as possible.

ROCKWOOD GRANGE WILL ENTERTAIN

Rockwood grange is preparing for a real entertainment on its next regular meeting night, Wednesday, April 5. Elmer S. McCormick and Edgar Whitney, two of the opposing candidates for county school superintendent will be speakers, but not on political matters. The Gresham public school male quartet will sing several selections and there will be other interesting numbers on the program during the open session, to which the public is invited.

Will Arrive Soon.

Coming, March 23, 1000 baby chicks. Hatched just the right time for winter layers. Order early, they will go fast. White Knoll Poultry Farm, Troutdale. Phone 434. tf

New Jersey factories employ more than 323,000 workers.

SPECIFIED STANDARD PRESENTED

A state-wide movement in the interest of good roads was begun in Portland on Monday when the officials of various counties met in Portland and laid plans for an extensive campaign.

It is intended to simplify the road work of the state and at the same time to simplify the road laws. Many of the present laws are vague, others are conflicting, and yet others are obsolete.

For the purpose of rectifying this condition Monday's meeting instigated proceedings to secure from the various county officials throughout the state reports of their experience with the present laws. For this purpose Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the State association of County Judges and Commissioners, will write to the officials of every county, in the state.

Meanwhile Walter H. Evans, district attorney of Multnomah county, will work with various state officials to codify the existing laws. This codification will be presented at the next meeting. The necessary changes and eliminations then can be made with some degree of intelligence.

Another committee of seven members will communicate with county officials and residents of the various counties in an effort to learn the composite intentions of the people of Oregon regarding a future policy for road work. This committee consists of F. S. Gunning, Judge of Wasco county; D. B. Reasoner, Judge of Washington county; A. L. Clark, Judge of Columbia county; Philo Holbrook, commissioner of Multnomah county; John H. Lewis, state highway engineer; John T. Dougal and C. C. Chapman of Portland.

Judge Gunning presented in brief, a plan that he had prepared for the future road-development policy of the state. This plan makes the road district the unit for the work. The districts are directly subsidiary to the counties, and the counties would work in direct relationship with the state highway department. The state highway engineer is authorized by the Highway commissioners to prescribe certain standard specifications for all road work.

Each district would pay for its own road work, levy its own taxes and do its own work. As soon as a district road measured up to a certain standard the county commissioners could take it over and maintain it, thus relieving the district of the expense.

In this manner the State Highway commission could take over the county roads and maintain them at state expense as soon as they attained a specified standard. Thus, explained Judge Gunning, every district in the state would be constantly striving to bring its roads up to a state standard.

The movement is of tremendous importance to Oregon and will be watched by the farmers' organizations as it progresses. The wide distribution of its sponsors bears testimony to the general interest in it and its objects.

There is no valid reason why all much-traveled thoroughfares in Oregon should not be uniformly good. The avowed object of the organization is to bring about this very condition, but there is the fear that the movement is in the interest of the paving companies. While such may not be the case the matter will be carefully watched by the grange as the plans are brought out.

Died Near Gilbert.

Isaac Martin died at his home near Gilbert yesterday of valvular heart trouble. He was aged about fifty-five years and leaves a widow, one son and two daughters. The son is an attorney with offices in Portland. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the chapel of the East Side funeral directors. Multnomah Camp Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member, will have charge of the services.

Pigeons.

A few pair of good workers for sale, also White Leghorn eggs for setting, best laying strain of Coast, 5c an egg. C. I. Thomas, R. 1, Troutdale, phone 151. tf

An imitation bone for cutlery handles is made of seaweed.

AMERICAN PLATFORM MESSAGES

A live wire is full of surprises, and if you don't think so, just come and get acquainted with one on Thursday evening, March 23d, at the grange hall, Corbett, Oregon. His name is William Hamilton Miller, and he is a copper wire carrying a lot of current. Mr. Miller, or as he is better known, Colonel Miller, talks faster and says more than any other man on the American platform.

The newspapers insist on calling him a humorist, in spite of the fact that he delivers a most important message. He does not pose as a university educator, but he is a practical business man, full of splendid philosophy along the line of community development.

You will miss a rare treat if you do not come. Remember the place and the date—Corbett, Oregon, grange hall, Thursday evening, March 23d, at 8 o'clock.

The following Millerisms have been selected as a sample of what may be heard by those who attend the entertainment:

The apostles' creed of old recognized but two classes of people, "the quick and the dead." Every townsman in every town must be quick or both he and the town will go dead. Throw the high gear of civic progress over into the clutch.

The man who donates a good deal of his time and thought—coupled with a little cold cash—to his community will never be overshadowed in that community by any library that Andy Carnegie can ever build there, no matter how large or architecturally atrocious that structure may be.

Time was when "The Golden Rule" in many lines of human endeavor showed only "do not go in to the foot." But it does not go any longer. If you would win either individual or community success, you must be prepared to produce efficiency and service in merchantable quantities and quantities.

In this country it is the dead ones who get their heads on the \$20.00 yellowbacks, but in the ordinary community it is the live ones who get their hands on those same bills.

You can, however, make your town both bigger and better, I hope I can help a little along that line. It is a pretty good town, just as it stands this minute. I believe it, and you know it, every minute of the day that you are not nursing some little bit of neighborhood jealousy or spite that you ought to get out of your system.

I talk just as practically as I can. I want to see every town get and keep the things it needs most—whether that be a preacher with a fireproof tongue for the vacant pulpit, or a corking good left-handed pitcher for the local nine.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO HOLD CONVENTION

The Multnomah County Sunday School convention will be held March 28, 29 at the First Congregational church, Park and Madison streets.

Principal among the speakers will be Prof. E. C. Knapp of Spokane, general secretary of the Inland Empire Sunday School association, Dr. J. D. Springston, Educational Director for the Baptist denomination, Dr. J. V. Milligan, Educational director for the Presbyterian denomination, and Charles A. Phipps, general secretary of the Oregon State Sunday School association.

Departmental conferences each day of the convention, a Temperance demonstration, a Missionary demonstration, in which children of all nationalities will have part, and a vested junior choir will be interesting features of the program. The annual banquet will be served at the church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Drainage Expert Available.

County Agent S. B. Hall, has just received word that a drainage expert is available if there are enough farmers within the county who are interested in draining any portion of their farms. The services of this expert will cost nothing. So if you are interested along this line get in touch with S. B. Hall within the next three or four days, so he can secure his services.

Mrs. F. A. Halliday Passes.

Mrs. F. A. Halliday died at the Good Samaritan hospital early Thursday morning after a protracted illness and two operations. She will be buried in the Gresham Baptist church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Her obituary will be published in the Outlook next Tuesday.

THIS NATION NOT A DUMP FOR EUROPE

TROUTDALE, March 15.—Editor Outlook:—Referring to the issue of March 10 and the editorial "After the War:"

What a discouraging outlook for the workers of the world! But will they be any worse off after the war ends than they were before it started? I don't think so because they were out of work and begging for a chance to work and produce something that they might live. There were bread strikes as well as labor strikes; in fact there were labor troubles over the greater part of Europe.

This war will bring the workers of each nation in closer contact with each other; and seeing that they had nothing before the war started they may make up their minds to have something for themselves when it ends. All they have to do is unite their forces and take control of the means of producing the means of life, and by doing so they can produce abundantly for all by using the latest modern machinery, and when their storerooms are replenished and overflowing with all kinds of goods they can take their own ships and go on an excursion and see and enjoy some of the wonderful things that nature has produced as well as man.

Nature do not need to make a dumping ground of this country for their surplus products; they can keep them for themselves and the workers of this country can do the same, and then the workers would have prosperity for the first time in all history. Prosperity means plenty of the means of life for all.

And as for the antagonistic, theory-ridden officials when the workers control the means of producing the means of life, they will control the world and be their own officials and officiate for all. F. H. FERRIS.

WILL TRADE A MULE, FORD CARS BARRED

Does anybody want a mule? It is a high-bred specimen, weighing 1200 pounds with its tail properly trimmed in the latest spring style and ears full length.

It is so docile that it will eat out of anything except a Ford machine, and for that reason its owner, Ed. Smith, the veterinarian, positively refuses to insult the animal by taking a Ford in exchange.

He says, however that he will take anything mule in exchange, even another mule of the opposite sex; or will trade for spot cash and throw in the halter. This is the rarest opportunity for a bargain ever offered in Gresham, but Mr. Smith would rather not trade the mule to his nearest neighbors for private reasons, the mule's voice being one of them too early in the morning.

WELCOME ACQUISITIONS TO GRESHAM SOCIETY

In connection with the wedding announcement of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, an account of whose marriage to Gresham was given in the last Outlook, the following, (which will be of interest to our readers:

The bride has spent the greater portion of her life in Montezano. She is a young lady of the highest character and is an active worker in church and Sunday school affairs. She has held a position in the county treasurer's office for several years and is a young lady of ability. The groom is an industrious and highly estimable young man. He has been an employe of the county in various offices for a few years and has made good. He has recently turned his thoughts toward ranch life and hopes to make a success in the fruit raising business.

Grand Opera Two Nights.

Portland is to have a short season of grand opera commencing Friday night, March 24, with a Saturday matinee and a Saturday night performance. Mile. Anna Parlowa will be the prima dona with the entire Ballet Russe as an attraction at every performance. See advertisement elsewhere for particulars.

Multnomah Grange Dance.

A dance will be given at Multnomah grange hall at Orient, Saturday night, April 1, by the grange. Music by Beers' orchestra. Good supper 50c a couple. Tickets 75c.—Adv.

Old Greece has fifteen towns with more than 10,000 inhabitants each.

EVANGELISTS REPORT MANY CONVERSIONS

Monument, Ore., March 10, 1916
Editor Outlook:—We were to have closed our meeting at this place last Sunday but were asked to stay another week. Religion is the chief topic of conversation in the town, and many old Bibles are being brought to light and the scriptures are searched.

All roads leading to the railroads are in a bad condition and know of no good way to get thither except by aeroplane but we are unfortunate in not possessing one. The shortest route is to Heppner, sixty miles, which we will endeavor to try to get over next week. The other routes are 66 and 80 miles to the railroad.

On our way from John Day we rode under the tree where the murdered S—was strung up to hang. Falling in the attempt he was shot to death, by those who were supposed to be his protectors, the sheriff and his men who were taking him over for trial. The gang was sentenced but soon paroled—a most disgraceful affair.

About \$600 worth of whiskey was destroyed at Long Creek, when an ex-saloonkeeper's cellar was raided recently.

The tick season is on and we are glad to get away from danger of their bite. There were many cases of spotted fever last spring, but no fatalities in this section. The ticks are said to be biting the stock in the ears which often causes death. The rattlesnakes are crawling out from their dens. They are plentiful at this place.

This is a great sheep raising center. Those who were fortunate enough to have plenty of feed for their herds are beginning the season with good heart, but many a small owner went broken.

We laid away a beautiful young mother today, which was a very sad affair.

There is talk of a through road from the Columbia river up the John Day river to the Idaho line near Ontario, which if completed will certainly be a boon to this whole country. Good roads from all cities would be made to the highway and that with a will. Oregon is a wonderfully large state. Two whole states, New York and another could be dropped into Oregon and then some would be left.

We are having spring-like days, though the air keeps cool.

March 14, at the Palace in Heppner 5 p. m. We closed at Monument Sunday night having received forty-five into the church, organized needy societies, Endeavor, mother's meetings, etc., to carry on the work, and bade farewell to friends Monday morning after earnest solicitations to return, and started in a private conveyance for Heppner. The snow on the mountains at the most was two feet deep. I assure you we went over some formidable looking places and the mud and water on Sun-Flower Flat was the worst part of the journey. The driver told us we were especially fortunate in getting out this very week. Last week it would have been impossible because of deep snow and an unbroken road. By another week the frost will be out of the ground, consequently the bottom of the road would be out. When the wheel hauling begins, the roads will be very bad indeed. We reached Parker's mill in the evening, where we enjoyed staying over night in a most beautiful mountain hotel-home. The climate is ideal in summer and many tourists spend a part of their time there. We came the remaining three miles today over a very good road, this end not far from dusty. We left the last patches of snow several miles back. The air is cool and the sky hazy—we wonder if it is not raining over home.

The wheat is just coming up or is very small. There are many large grain fields near here. Most of the soil around Heppner is white with alkali. In places the grain is burned out by it.

I close hoping to read this in my own home.

EVAN. MRS. CAPT. BRANSON.

Pumping Plant

For sale cheap. One Leader pressure tank, 1 horse Stover gasoline engine. Myers pump and Jack, everything complete and in good working order. E. Davidson, Gresham. Phone 509