

TO ENLARGE BOUNDARIES OF UNION HIGH DISTRICT

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Districts.

District Valuations.	
Gresham	\$1,404,330
Lynch	414,585
Terry	365,265
Powell Valley	252,715
Hillsview	67,099
Rockwood	370,385
Fairview	609,495
Troutdale	526,775
Cedar	216,915
Victory	100,520
Orient	367,645
Lusted	247,250
\$4,942,970	

A strong effort will be made before the annual school elections in June to enlarge the boundaries of Union High School District, No. 2.

The present high school district is composed of Gresham, Powell Valley, Terry, Lynch and Hillsview districts, and the plan is to get the consent of the voters in the seven districts adjoining to the scheme of enlargement.

There are several good, economic reasons why these adjoining districts should join the federation, and all of the reasons are for their own good.

By reference to the table of district valuations, given above, it will be seen that the present high school district pays school taxes on an assessed valuation of \$2,503,985: That sum is \$65,000 less than the other seven districts are paying, the total being \$4,942,970.

One reason, the principle one, why the seven adjoining districts should come in is found in the school attendance from these outside districts. By reference to the statistics in the district clerk's office it is found that there are now sixty outside students out of an enrollment of 160. These sixty outsiders are costing their districts \$60 apiece for tuition, and the present facilities are wholly inadequate for that number, and it will be necessary to enlarge the building in view of the expected increase next year, not to mention what may be expected in future years.

The proportion of increase will certainly keep pace with the present enrollment from every one of the districts mentioned, therefore it will be necessary for the union district to do one of two things—either take in the outside districts or bar their graduates from attendance.

The problem is one for the voters to decide. The present building is large enough to accommodate the enrollment from the present union district, and it need not be enlarged for present needs of the five districts. But it will be necessary to enlarge all the school facilities if the students are to attend from the others.

The other seven districts that will be invited to join with the five now in the union are Rockwood, Fairview, Troutdale, Cedar, Victory, Orient and Lusted. It is possible that none of them will see fit to join, but it will be in their interest to do so. All of them will have an increasing number of graduates from the eighth grade, and if they are to have high school facilities it will behoove the voters in them to join the federation.

There is no question that the present capacity of the high school building will have to be doubled if all the eighth grade graduates of the twelve districts are to be accommodated, but the five districts now forming the union cannot do the work alone except at a high cost. The other seven districts will have to pay tuition from a tax levy that will be as large as the expense of belonging to the union, so there is no valid reason why they should stay out. And if they stay out and refuse to help enlarge the building, they won't be allowed its accommodations, for it is going to be filled with the students of the five districts that now own it.

In addition to the cost of enlarging the building, it will cost about \$15,000 a year to operate the school. On the valuations given above it can be figured out what the tax rate will be each year.

The matter will be taken up at once, so as to get an expression from the seven districts at the annual June school elections. In the event of any

ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF POTTER'S CLAY

William Harris, who has a farm about a quarter of a mile south of the Orient station on the Mount Hood railway, discovered a fine vein of pottery clay last summer while digging a well. It is of a dark blue color and seems to be almost inexhaustible in quantity.

Mr. Harris had samples of the clay tested and was gratified to learn that it was suitable for very fine work. Since then he has shipped twenty-six tons to the pottery work in Portland and finds that his product is in demand, being easily worked. He is planning to get out several hundred tons this summer. The clay was used in the display of pottery shown by the Portland pottery works in San Francisco as it is the only bed of this clay in Oregon, but clay is similar quality is found in Washington which is being used to some extent.

BIRD HOUSE CONTEST, JUDGES APPOINTED

At a meeting of the Women's club at the library last night, the following judges were appointed to pass on the merits of the bird houses to be built by the boys and girls of Gresham: Mrs. Chas. Cleveland, Principal Elmer F. Goodwin of union high school, Principal E. S. McCormick of the Gresham graded school, Mayor Geo. W. Stapleton, K. A. Miller, Geo. F. Honey, Frank Jones, Geo. W. Kenney, Rev. E. A. Leonard, Dr. A. Thompson and Rev. A. C. Brackenbury. April 1 has been named as bird house day, when the cash prizes will be awarded. Five prizes are offered as follows: First, \$1.50; second, \$1.25; third, \$1; fourth, 75c; fifth, 50c. A public meeting will be held at the library at 2:30, when a musical program will be rendered and the prizes awarded. It is expected that some of the bird houses will be for sale.

A committee consisting of Mrs. H. L. Wostell and Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman was appointed to confer with the city council regarding a reduction of street car rates.

It is planned to hold an art exhibit in the near future at a date to be announced later.

SUNDAY'S STORM KILLS MAN NEAR LENTS

Multnomah county, east of Mount Tabor, was the scene of a near tornado on Sunday evening. It swept across Portland about 6 o'clock in a fierce storm of wind, rain, thunder and lightning, just as a reminder that the vernal equinox is hovering near, doing some damage, killing one man, frightening everyone else.

William Marks, living with his family southeast of Lents, was killed by a tree which fell across his house. One of the spires of the St. Francis' Catholic church in Portland was struck by lightning and a big rent made in the slate shingles. Other minor damage was reported, but nothing serious.

The storm in this vicinity was a good stiff gale with lightning and rain which lasted but a few minutes. The only damage done, so far as heard from, was to the roof of Mr. Everhard's house at Rockwood. Some shingles were blown off allowing the rain to come through. A few trees were blown down.

Pumping Plant
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of them coming into the union they will each have a director in it.

If the building is enlarged the present indebtedness will be added to and each district will share the cost pro rata. There are no bonds at present, the money having been secured on notes, and that plan would probably be continued. The notes would run for many years and probably bear interest at the rate of six per cent.

School Clerk Miller gives out the statement that the first note due on the high school indebtedness will be paid on April 1. It is for the sum of \$1500. The interest on the entire loan which is \$20,000, amounting to \$600 will be paid at the same time. Each succeeding note will be larger, but the interest will increase. The whole amount is being paid in seven years.

ENTHUSIASM RUNNING ON HIGH GEAR

Local fans are beginning to get all "het" up over the prospect of good baseball in Gresham this summer. They will be glad to hear that "Lefty" Schroeder has turned down an offer from Tacoma Northwest league so as to work in Portland for the Southern Pacific railway company. He will thus be able to pitch for the Gresham team on Sundays.

Harold Kern, who was to be the Gresham business manager, has a very flattering offer in Idaho and is thinking seriously of taking the position. Ed. Aylsworth has been asked by the league officials to succeed Mr. Kern and may be persuaded to do so.

Mr. Kern's work is very much appreciated by the local followers of the national pastime, and all the players and fans will be sorry to see him leave.

Mr. Kern will give out for publication in the next Outlook a complete report of all subscriptions and expenditures of the league team to date, as he thinks all should know how their money is being spent.

The grounds are nearly ready, and it has been suggested that the local followers should confer with Mr. Kern about the finishing touches.

The opening game will be on April 2, the Gants to play the Kirkpatrick Stars. Baker and Baker will be the Stars' battery, they being brothers of Del Baker, the Detroit American league catcher. As great a future is the prediction for the two brothers here.

Wm. A. Ross, owner of the Gresham franchise has called a mass meeting of Gresham business men and all interested in baseball to be held at the Congdon hotel on next Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. Mr. Ross will show the financial standing of the local team in regard to subscriptions, etc., and also explain the plans for the summer. It is urged that as many as possible be present.

On Friday night in Portland there will be a meeting of managers and officers of the Inter-city league. There is a move on foot to induce Mr. Ross to release some of his best star players, but he says they cannot put that game over on him, as he expects to hold those signed up until the third game when he will take his pick of the bunch and cut down the number to twelve.

"Red" Lund, one of the star pitchers of the Gresham Giants, and under contract with Ross, has been promised to the Montavilla team for the opening game by Wayne F. Lewis, secretary of the league, so it seems, but Manager Ross says he can't see it that way and Lund will be held for Gresham. This and other matters will be settled at the mass meeting on next Thursday.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS HOLD FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion of the Bliss brothers and sisters was held at the home of John Bliss on Sunday near Terry. The three brothers, John, S. J., and Paul Bliss with their families were present as well as their three sisters. The latter are Mrs. Charles Traxell, of Bonneville, N. Y.; Mrs. Harley Kerr, of Falls City, Oregon, and Mrs. Mary Robbins of Dayton, Oregon. Mrs. Traxell is here on a visit and the reunion was held in her honor. She will return home after spending a short time in Idaho.

AN ADAMLESS EDEN AT ROCKWOOD GRANGE

Rockwood grange met on Saturday last for an all-day meeting, and the peculiar situation of the gathering being all women was the particular feature. Several visiting politicians and County Deputy T. J. Kreuder were expected but all of them failed to show up.

Some of the male members were kept away on business and some had gone fishing, so the women held grange, had a banquet and arranged for an open meeting on Wednesday evening, April 5, when some extra talent will be heard and to which the public is invited.

Grand Ball.

Regner's opera house, Gresham, Friday, April 7. Dancing from 8:30 p. m. to 3 a. m. Gulls' orchestra will furnish the music. Supper cafeteria style. Admission, gentlemen, 50c; ladies, 25c. 10

PIONEER TOWN CONSOLIDATES DEPARTMENTS

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, Mar. 20.—Special.—Milwaukie, one of the pioneer towns of Oregon, is to have a general manager from about June 1, according to the action taken at the special meeting of the city council Saturday night, called to open the bids for completion of the Bull Run municipal water system. Giebisch & Joplin submitted a bid of \$15,906 and received the contract for completion of the distribution system, which was placed at June 1, at which time Milwaukie will take possession of the Milwaukie water works, and will begin to serve the town with Bull Run water.

In the interest of economy the council voted to dispose of the services of the present policeman and consolidate the offices of water superintendent, street commissioner and policeman into one office and make the occupant a general manager. He will have the general management of the municipal water works, look after the collections and see that the plant is operated economically. The general manager will look after the streets and see that they are kept in order. He will have the power to make arrests and will have police power. By consolidating these departments into the office of general manager the council expects to save the taxpayers money. His salary will be fixed later and he will begin his duties about the time the city starts operating the Bull Run water system. A water committee will also be appointed later.

Giebisch & Joplin will start laying the distribution system at once, and has ordered the pipe. It was decided not to build a reservoir at present, but instead will have a pressure equalizer placed on the tract 100x100, purchased for the reservoir, thus saving much money. The city will furnish water meters as the system is finished to the amount of about \$55,000, and will make the connections with private homes.

In deciding on a general manager and consolidating several offices in one Milwaukie has set the pace. It has been the practice to place officers instead of consolidating them, and for that reason municipal cost mounts up and taxes climb skyhigh.

Mrs. Sarah Phelps, pioneer of 1857, died at her late home, 1487 East Hoyt street, at the age of 80 years, Sunday. With her husband, H. S. C. Phelps, to whom she was married in New England fifty-two years ago, Mrs. Phelps came to Oregon by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and settled first at Oregon City and then took up a homestead near there, residing there until they moved to Portland. She is survived by her husband, H. S. C. Phelps, and was the mother of H. J. Phelps, of Halsey, Oregon; Mrs. Altha Webb, of this city; Alvin G. Phelps and Mrs. Jennie Wheeler, of Canby, Oregon; and sister of Mrs. George Randall and Mrs. Thomas Blanchard of Oregon City.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence, 1487 East Hoyt street. Rev. Elmer Smith, pastor of the Sunnyside Methodist church officiated. The body was taken to Oregon City for interment in the home plot.

Reports made at the second quarterly conference of the First Methodist Episcopal church South, Union avenue, Multnomah street, held yesterday, showed the church in excellent financial condition and generally prosperous. Advance was shown in the congregations, Sunday school and other departments. Practically, the church departments have freed from the burden of debt, this burden having been removed after quite a struggle. The church building is one of the largest in the city and cost about \$75,000. Rev. W. J. Penton is the pastor.

Presiding Elder S. M. Cheek, of this district, presided at the conference, and he expressed himself as pleased with the reports submitted. He occupied the pulpit morning and evening.

Pigeons.
A few pair of good workers for sale, also White Leghorn eggs for setting, best laying strain of Coq, 5c an egg. C. I. Thomas, R. 1, Troutdale, phone 151. 11

ONLY MALEABLE FOUNDRY THIS SIDE OF MINNEAPOLIS

MRS. F. A. HALLIDAY LAID TO FINAL REST

Elizabeth Kean Halliday was born at Perth, Lanark county, Ontario, April 7, 1846 and died in a Portland hospital, where she had undergone a serious operation March 16. Mrs. Halliday had been a patient sufferer for many months and every possible effort was made to alleviate her suffering and prolong her life, but all to no avail. She was a devout christian woman of sunny disposition and consistent life and was happy in seeing all the members of her immediate family earnest christians.

Mrs. Halliday was married to her bereaved husband, Francis A. Halliday, November 19, 1865. They moved to North Dakota in April, 1882 and to Gresham, January, 1910, where they have lived ever since. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Halliday. Mrs. Halliday is survived by her husband, four daughters and two sons. The children are Mrs. J. Halliday, Elm Creek, Manitoba; Mrs. A. A. Robertson, Toronto, Ontario; A. D. Halliday, Hensel, North Dakota; Mrs. H. W. Irwin, Minto, Manitoba; Mrs. Ernest Peterson, Shaw, Oregon, and Mrs. Ray H. Todd, Gresham.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church and were in charge of John Tony, Walla Walla, Washington, and Frank Gill, Portland, members of the Brethren sect, to which Mrs. Halliday belonged. The remains were laid to rest in Gresham cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers, which bespoke the love of her family and friends and the hope of the final resurrection. The pall bearers were Jas. McPherson Robinson, Ellis Davidson, J. C. Peterson, Dr. R. H. Todd, E. H. Kelly and A. M. Wilkinson.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who assisted us during the long illness of our beloved wife and mother, and who extended sympathy and help after her death, also for the beautiful flowers, which covered her last resting place, bearing witness to the love and esteem in which she was held.

F. A. HALLIDAY AND FAMILY.

SUIT FOR RENT TRIED ON SATURDAY

An interesting lawsuit was tried out before Justice Rollins on Saturday, the plaintiff being William Rowan, who sued J. E. Meyer, the tenant on his farm near Rockwood, for \$100 alleged to be due for rent.

Mr. Meyer came back with a counter claim for \$235 as damages, because of the failure of the water supply on the farm.

The case was tried before a jury consisting of B. S. Walrad, George W. Kenney, John Johnson, C. L. Crenshaw, E. Davidson and Chas. E. Lang. They brought in a verdict for \$50 in favor of the defendant. The attorneys on both sides were from Portland.

TWO LODGES MEET ON SAME NIGHT

The Rockwood Maccabee lodge has changed one of its meeting nights, so that from now on it will meet on the first and third Saturday evenings of each month.

The Women's Benefit association, formerly the Lady Maccabees, also hold their meetings at the same time in the lower part of the hall, so that it is now possible for men and their wives to come to the hall together, yet they must hold separate meetings. The first meeting under the new arrangement were held last Saturday evening and brought out a better attendance to both lodges.

Endorses Mr. McCormick.

Eastern Multnomah is complaining that they have no representation in officialdom at the courthouse, and Gresham will make a strong fight for E. S. McCormick for county superintendent. The county superintendent has nothing to do with the city schools yet Portland invariably elects this officer who has supervision only over country schools. It is only fair that the country districts should select this officer and we believe the nomination should go to Mr. McCormick.—Sellwood Bee.

\$2000 TO LOAN on improved farm property. Inquire of Outlook. Don't overlook the Want Ads.

Enlargement of Facilities at Beaver State Auto Factory.

The contract was let on Friday to Jas. P. Taylor & Company, of Portland, for the erection of a new unit of the Beaver State Motor company's plant at Gresham. Work has already begun on the new building.

This new addition to the plant will be 32x70 feet, exclusive of cupolas, maleable furnaces, boiler rooms, etc., and will be used as a general foundry for steel, maleable iron, brass, copper and aluminum castings. The equipment will be complete, with the latest pneumatic hoisting devices and traveling cranes. The boilers will be equipped in burn fuel oil which will be handled in carload amounts.

The new foundry will be located northeast of the main building and will be built of brick and glass—a counterpart of the first unit exceeding in size. Work on the concrete foundations began yesterday morning, local help being employed.

The contract calls for the completion of the new building by June 1st.

The important significance of all this can hardly be realized by those not familiar with the foundry business. Much of its importance can be understood, however, when it is stated that this will be the only maleable furnace located in the Pacific Northwest, and is said by some, to be the only one west of Minneapolis.

The use of maleable castings enters largely into the construction of automobiles and there is a general demand for them in many other lines of construction. They are used in autos for differential housings, brake band housings, steering gear housings, engine supports, springs, chains, bell cranks, spider control levers, etc.

The demand in the Pacific Northwest for maleable castings is greater than ever because of the difficulty of getting orders filled by eastern mills which are overloaded with war orders, and the expense for freight from eastern points is considerable.

Therefore the conclusion may be drawn that this new line will prove to be a very profitable business for the plant here. It is said that news of the prospective foundry has already brought many inquiries regarding its product from over a wide area.

It is evident the factory here is getting ready for the building of automobiles in the near future. The upheaval caused by the war has delayed the carrying out of the company's original plan. In the meantime the company has been making good on some profitable side lines and going ahead without debt, demonstrating its ability to carry out its original plan when the right time comes. The foundry now being constructed will be a most necessary and important addition to the factory and should forever dispel any doubt that may have lingered in any minds as to the motive of the company or the feasibility of the enterprise.

COMEDY DRAMA "LITTLE BROWN JUG."

Wednesday evening, March 29, the comedy drama, "Little Brown Jug," will be given at Smith's Scenograph theater by pupils of the eighth grade in the Gresham school. It is in three acts and full of interesting situations. It is now in rehearsal under the direction of Claud Smith. Following is the cast:

- Sallie Peasley.....Benema Mathews
- Mary Nutter.....Ruth Inglis
- Hannah Nutter.....Lucie McCarter
- Ned Hartshorne.....Arthur Nystrom
- John Nutter.....Thomas Parker
- Henry Douglas.....David McKeown
- Will Nutter.....Harry Carpenstein
- Jarvis Jordan.....Claud Smith

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.

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. 11