

PAVING WORK ON BASE LINE AND HIGHWAY

Work on the underground crossing of the railroad track at Fairview is progressing rapidly, but it is going to be a long time before it is finished. Its completion will make a great change in the appearance of the familiar old road, as it will be about twenty feet deep at one point. Such a deep cut for more than two blocks in length requires the road to be cut to its full width at the top of the banks, and that infringes on the adjacent property to such an extent that the front door yards are made narrower.

The porch of the hotel building will have to be cut off and the sidewalks will overlook a deep cut. The gulch at the south end of the cut, over which there has been a narrow roadway, will be filled level and full width of the street. Some adjacent property is being leveled, notably that surrounding the Presbyterian church and the property of D. S. Dunbar.

The excavation is being made through almost solid rock. Just below the surface is a ledge of giant boulders, requiring the use of blasting powder. When the road is ready for the hard surface material it will represent a vast amount of hard labor and a cost of nearly \$10,000, besides making a vast change in the familiar topography of the central part of Fairview.

The Clarke-Henry paving plant at the Base Line crossing near Ruby is being put in order for operations. A train load of "hot stuff" in barrels was unloaded there yesterday and other material is on the way. It has not yet been revealed where operations will begin but it is probable that the work of resurfacing the Base Line will be commenced soon, and perhaps the same plant may be used in hard surfacing the Gresham-Fairview road which will begin sometime in June.

The connecting link on the Columbia River Highway, between the two bridges above Troutdale, will be finished early next week as far as grading is concerned. The heavy blasting heard so frequently during the past few months is all done and it only remains for the roadbed to be placed in condition for the hard surfacing which will be done by the Warren Construction company.

To more easily do the work, the plant at Fairview is being moved to Troutdale from where operations will be carried on. When the new road around the bluff is finished the small unfinished piece through the underground crossing west of Troutdale will be completed and then the hard surfacing will be practically completed on that portion of the Highway.

Work will begin in a few days on the Base Line extension from the Troutdale road at the foot of the Baker hill to the Automobile club-house at the upper Sandy bridge.

The crew which is just finishing the road along the eastern bank of the Sandy between the two bridges, is moving camp to the club grounds and will do a complete job of grading so as to make the extension ready for the hard surface.

More work will be done at the Baker hill, reducing the grade. About a quarter of a mile there is yet to be hardsurfaced and the road at the foot of the hill will be raised with dirt taken from the extension. A much easier grade will then have been established. The Clark-Henry plant will lay the "hot stuff" when everything is ready and then the Base Line will be the main feeder of the Highway, affording motorists an opportunity to make a loop through a splendid scenic section of the county near at home.

Fine Cobbler Prospect.

With the fruit trees putting on their spring ornaments of pink and white it seem almost certain that the Oregon fruit crop is going to be safe, with prospects fine for an average yield worth a million or more. There is some assurance for us in the midst of the many uncertainties of this time, that we shall not go cobblerless, even though the supply of iridescent clothing shall be restricted and gasoline shall continue to Zep-pelin zenithward.

There are about 1,000 kinds of mosquitoes.

SHERIFF HURLBURT TO POLICE THE HIGHWAY

Two thousand and more motor vehicles will visit the Columbia River Highway Sunday, and most of these will pass through Gresham and on from that great driveway.

Sheriff Hurlburt with the co-operation of Roadmaster Yeon, president C. C. Overmire of the Portland Automobile club, Harry P. Coffin, chairman of the Public Safety commission and others, has arranged for a strict patrol of the Columbia Highway, also the hard surfaced roads that lead to and from.

The occasion will be the clerks' jaunt in 1000 machines as guests of the Portland Automobile, Ad, Rotary and other clubs. The purpose of the outing is to give the clerks, men and women, in Portland an opportunity to see this great drive and the roads leading to it, so they may talk intelligently to the many thousands of shoppers whom they will wait upon in the Portland stores this summer.

Another thousand and more machines will take other thousands of pleasure seekers over the highways Sunday. To prevent accident and to guard the roads against violations of the highway rules and regulations, Sheriff Hurlburt will have three deputies on motorcycles policing the roads that lead to the Columbia River Highway. Mr. Yeon will have three men under his supervision on the big highway east of Sandy river bridge. The Portland Automobile club will have twenty or more deputies authorized by Sheriff Hurlburt to watch for and stop speeding. Also there will be a company of Oregon National Guard on duty during the day. They will be distributed along all the road. Every precaution is being taken to avoid any accidents or infractions of the road rules.

Next week Sheriff Hurlburt, Roadmaster Yeon, Mr. Overmire and Mr. Coffin will co-operate in the organization of a regular system of policing of the highways for the summer. The plan is to train a corps of efficient men for this work and they in turn will educate the motor vehicle users in and about Portland in the use of the driveways. These in turn will be an example to the visiting motorists this summer. Thousands of the latter are coming as guests of Portland for the dedication formally of the Columbia River Highway in June and after.

NEW BRICK BUILDING FOR BEN F. MATHEWS

Ben Mathews has let the contract for a two-story brick on his lot adjoining the Congdon hotel, on Main street. The north wall of the Congdon will be used and the other walls will be of brick, the front to be finished to correspond with the hotel.

A stairway will lead to the second floor adjoining the Congdon wall, and a light well the same width as the stairway will furnish light for the new structure above, besides allowing light for the Congdon windows.

Maxwell Schneider will occupy the second floor with his photographic studio, but the lower floor has not been leased yet. E. T. Jones & Co. are the contractors. They began the excavation for a basement yesterday.

MRS. ANNA SIEFER LAID TO REST TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Siefer, whose death occurred at her late home at Boring last Wednesday, April 12, was held from the family residence this afternoon at 1 o'clock, the remains being laid to rest in Damascus cemetery.

Anna Kling was born at St. Louis, Missouri, April 26, 1868. She came to Oregon with her parents in 1870 and made her home in Portland. She was married to Leon Siefer in 1896. About twelve years ago the family came to Boring, where they have lived ever since.

Mrs. Siefer leaves to mourn her death her husband and one daughter, Augusta Siefer and a host of friends in Boring and elsewhere.

Serves Mt. Hood Cream.

Powell's pharmacy has made arrangements to handle Mt. Hood ice cream and is prepared to serve it at all times in any quantity, either at the tables or an order for delivery. The Mt. Hood product is the cream that made Mount Hood famous. It is of unsurpassed quality, pure, wholesome and delicious.

I find it is very necessary for the welfare of Mrs. Bittner to make a short visit with her at Pottinger sanitarium, Monrovia, California. I will return before May 1. Dr. S. P. Bittner.—Adv.

Don't overlook the Want Ads.

INSPECTION PLANT FOR THE COUNTY

By L. H. WELLS.

PORTLAND, April 13.—Special—Location of the proposed Bible training school, authorized by the recent conference of the United Evangelical denomination held in this city remains unsettled for the present, and will so continue until the meeting of the Evangelical association at Bellingham, May 19. It is planned to locate the school with some large Oregon educational institution, but all the trustees will not be selected until the latter conference meets and decides whether it will affiliate with the school, which is considered probable, and if it does it will elect seven trustees to act with the seven already elected by the United Evangelical denomination. Offers of facilities have been received by several Oregon educational institutions all of which will receive consideration at the hands of the trustees. The location and general character of the school and disposition of the \$35,000 from the Dallas college, will be in the hands of the trustees, headed by Rev. C. C. Poling, who was elected president. This school is mainly Mr. Poling's proposition. It is desired to get it established and under way next September.

Meat Inspector Chase has established a meat inspection station at East Seventy-ninth street and the Base Line road, or East Stark street, where farmers may take carcasses of animals butchered for food and have them inspected and tagged. This station is convenient to all roads leading into Portland from the eastern portion of the county. This station will be opened Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week from 8:30 till 11:30 a. m. It is thought that this inspection will be of great convenience to the farmers in the eastern part of the county.

Changes made by the recent Oregon conference of the United Evangelical church in the Portland pastors will be made effective within the next two weeks. Rev. C. C. Poling, presiding elder Corvallis district, will be in Portland two weeks before moving. He preaches next Sunday morning and Rev. J. A. Goode, the next pastor, in the evening, in the First United Evangelical church in Ladd addition. Rev. Poling will visit Corvallis this week to arrange for moving. Rev. G. L. Lovell, of Ockley Green church, moves to Salem next week. He was four years in charge of the Salem church before coming to Portland and hence goes back among friends. Bishop U. F. Swengel now making a tour of the churches of Willamette Valley, will return to Portland April 28 and will preach in the First United Evangelical church Sunday, April 30, at 11 a. m. hold a union meeting in the First English Evangelical (Association) church 3 p. m. and preach that evening in St. Johns.

Milwaukie will have what is called a civic superintendent if the ordinance introduced into the council Tuesday night is passed, which is considered likely to do. This ordinance consolidates the functions of the office of city marshal, street superintendent and manager of the municipal water plant, now under construction. Economy and efficiency is the aim of the ordinance.

Eggs in Water Glass.

An enquirer asks the Oregonian to state if there is any ingredient in the composition of "water glass" for preserving eggs which might be injurious to health, eggs being absorbent. Some people seem afraid to use many eggs preserved with it.

To which the Oregonian replies: "Water glass" for preserving eggs is a solution of silicate of soda or potassium (potash), and when the eggs are dipped in these solutions the pores are filled up by the same, which prevents the air from passing through the shell to the substance of the egg. There is nothing in the composition as used that would be detrimental to health.

Auto for Sale.

Judge Langguth, at the Municipal Court in Portland, will sell his "Cole" touring car for \$600. If you are in the market for an auto, see it.

Beginning tomorrow morning, April 15, the Ford Quick Service will run a car leaving Gresham at 7:15 a. m.—Adv.

BONNIE HORTON MAY DAY QUEEN AT UNION HIGH

Last Monday morning at Assembly in union high school, the freshman class under the able leadership of Miss Lettie Gregson, decided to observe Monday afternoon, May 1st as May Day with fitting exercises. The class hopes to make this an annual custom for the school.

On May Day regular class work will be done in the morning but the real festivities will begin promptly at noon and will continue until evening, a picnic lunch being served by the several classes just after the adjournment of school at 12:15.

The girls of the entire school will open the exercises by a march to the school athletic field where each one will drop flowers to form the school initials, U. H. S. At the close of this march, Miss Bonnie Horton of Rockwood, who was elected by the student body at a meeting held for this purpose this week, will be crowned queen of May. After this beautiful exercise has been concluded, twelve white robed girls of the freshman class will wind the May pole with the school colors, blue and white.

The Athletic association of the school is planning a match game of baseball to take place following the May pole dance. The exercises will close with the freshman-sophomore tug of war. The challenge by the freshman will be accepted by the sophomores and there is to be some fun.

As this is to be freshman day this year there will be ice cream, lemonade and candy stands where every one may get refreshments and at the same time support financially this undertaking by the freshman class—the largest class in the school.

All partons and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present and witness the first presentation of the May Day exercises at Union High School No. 2. Why not take a whole day off and visit the school the first part of the day? You are always welcome.

BOUNDARIES ARE FIXED FOR CONSTABLE AREA

To settle a question raised by candidates for the office of constable, the county commissioners yesterday morning established the boundaries of the Portland constable district. The district will include all of the land in the city and the precincts of Fairview, Rockwood and Sycamore. Petitions circulated by some of the candidates calling for an election by voters of the entire county will have to be changed.

By the new arrangement the Multnomah district, of which B. F. Rollins is justice of the peace and M. M. Squire the constable, will run no farther west than the western limits of Gresham precinct No. 9, and Stanley avenue except south of the Powell Valley road to Sycamore precinct. At Fairview the eastern line of the district will reach nearly half way to Troutdale, and half a mile up the Base Line east of Terry. Litigants in the Portland district will have to go to the city for service in the district courts. Up to the present time it was considered that the line was the eastern boundary of Portland.

Funeral of Mrs. Mary Timmerman.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Timmerman, who died Monday at the home of her son, J. J. Timmerman near Boring, was held Wednesday afternoon at the M. E. church, the sermon being preached by Rev. E. A. Leonard. Mrs. Timmerman was born March 3, 1839, at Trice, Bohemia, Germany. Her age was 77 years, 10 months and seven days. She leaves a husband, Fritz Timmerman, two sons, Julius and Charles, a sister, Mrs. Dan Welch of Powell Valley, and a brother, Mr. Herz of Boring.

Why Constipation Injures.

The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

Piano Lessons.

Will give piano lessons either at my home or will go out. German method. Experienced in teaching. Grace Hessel, Gresham, phone 68.

Money saving bargains—want ads.

CLACKAMAS POMONA FAVORS HIGHER DUES

DAMASCUS, Ore., April 13.—Special.—In his address on rural credits yesterday at the meeting of Pomona Grange State Master C. E. Spence said he opposed any system of rural credits that loaned money on a greater rate of interest than 5 per cent, which he said was as such as the farmers should carry. Others spoke along the same line, including A. C. Thomas, of Sandy, favoring 5 per cent interest.

The grange went on record as favoring setting aside 80 per cent of the proceeds of the sales of the Southern Pacific railway land grant in Oregon, 40 per cent for the irremediable school fund and 40 per cent for road construction, leaving 20 per cent for reclamation.

A resolution was adopted favoring the continuing by the state grange for the ensuing year the assessment of 20 per cent per capita per quarter for extension purposes. Another resolution was adopted favoring the reenactment of the law requiring fathers to support their children after divorce, which was repealed at the last session of the legislature.

At night a large class was given the fifth degree, and State Master Spence delivered a lecture on grange work.

NINE BALLPLAYERS RELEASED BY ROSS

There was a slaughter of the innocents in Inter City baseball circles yesterday, nine of the Giants being released.

Gresham had more men signed to parchments than any other club so Manager Ross got busy with his ax. He released Alec Nagle, Hans Gravelle, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Paul S. Ogden, infielders; Joe O'Leary and Joe Wiley, outfielders; Johnny Newman, catcher and George Kelly and Tom S. Townsend, pitchers. Townsend was released temporarily only. The veteran is a dandy chucker, but his arm has been bothering him of late. He will be put back on the payroll as soon as he rounds into shape. Ross cut off two extra heads so that he could sign Ray Kennedy and Chet Hughes, outfielders. Kennedy is a veteran and played with the Sellwood club last season. Hughes played with the East Side club last summer and is a crackerjack hitter.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY SET FOR APRIL 22

The members of the junior class of Union High School No. 2, are working hard on their play, "The Jonah," which will be presented in Regner's opera house, Saturday evening, Apr. 22. Miss Hazel Cartan, the class advisor for the juniors, is directing the rehearsals.

"The Jonah" is an exceptionally bright three-act comedy with a cast of characters of eleven. Those in the cast are, Andrew Brugger, Ernest Quesinberry, Archie McKeown, Robert Hendricks, Leslie St. Clair, Clyde Ruegg, Della Hughes, Eckford Cameron, Bonnie Horton, Edith Jelkin, Hazel Robinson.

GRESHAM LODGES MEET WITH ROCKWOOD LODGE

A big Odd Fellow-Rebekah meeting was held last night with Rockwood lodge, at which several prominent Portland men were present. A fine musical program was given and several of the visitors spoke on Odd Fellowship. A chicken supper was served at the close of the evening. About twenty Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from the Gresham lodge were among the visitors.

As a sample of how quickly an idea will sometimes be taken up we would refer back to Tuesday's article on a national guard constabulary. The article came to the attention of Sheriff Hurlburt who applied the idea at once, although in a somewhat different manner than the editorial suggested. That the story may have had some effect on the policing of the Columbia River Highway is a compliment to the influence of the Outlook in this particular.

Safe Medicine for Children.

"Is it safe?" is the first question to be considered when buying cough medicine for children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has long been a favorite with mothers of young children as it contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. It is pleasant to take, too, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. This remedy is most effectual in relieving coughs, colds and croup. For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

Japan is producing artificial coffee.

NEW SCHEME FACILITATES COLLECTIONS

Sheriff Hurlburt's newly installed system in the tax-collecting department this year saves time and money to taxpayers, says the Oregonian. Also it has facilitated collections. Taxpayers, and there are thousands of them, who have been affected by its operation, hail it as a boon.

Until this year taxpayers who went to the courthouse to get their tax statement, had ordinarily to wait from 20 to 30 minutes and in many cases longer. These statements were made up as they were called for. Sometimes as many as four of the big tax books lying about in the spacious office had to be consulted in making one statement.

Loss of time was greater and tedium heavier during the rush periods, entailing anywhere from an hour to several hours in many cases. The wait was so dreaded that thousands avoided the inconvenience by "beating it" until a convenient season.

But that has all been abolished by Sheriff Hurlburt's new method of handling tax statements and those who come after them.

The element of time counts as well in paying one's taxes as it does in other ordinary transactions. A half hour or an hour saved by the housewife who has gone to pay her tax means much. And since she is most numerous to pay at the tax-collecting office, she has been the first to note and comment favorably upon the rapidity and facility with which she this year discharged the tax-paying duty.

One may now go to the tax collector's counter, ask for one's tax statement and within a minute receive it from a clerk. Within another minute or two one may complete his or her mission there by paying a cashier the amount of the statement. What formerly required anywhere from 20 minutes to hours to do is now done in less than five minutes. And with the payment of taxes made so easy, collections have been larger and the clerical work almost halved.

There is approximately \$8,000,000 to be collected this year by Sheriff Hurlburt in this department—city, state and county taxes—over 100,000 persons. Moreover, some will pay upon more than one piece of property. This necessitated additional statements. Therefore the total number of statements may exceed 125,000. It would have been a physical impossibility to have drawn them off of the tax warrant or rolls this year, since the rolls did not reach Sheriff Hurlburt until January.

Every piece of taxable property as it was then taxed, its owner, its description and other data was placed upon the new 1916 statement form, carboned, the originals going into loose-leaf books alphabetically arranged and the carbons carefully carried in indexed cases. Therefore, when the tax warrant reached Sheriff Hurlburt for collection every name, parcel of ground and improvements had been methodically embodied in the individual statements and made ready to be handed out upon a moment's notice as they were called for.

Another feature, not secondary in importance, is the cost. Before 1916 twenty-five were employed regularly in the department. This year there were twenty-two regulars. And instead of forty-five extras for February, March and April, there are only twenty. There will be saved several thousand dollars to the county this year.

Notice.

Fairview, Oregon, Apr. 6, 1916. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up within the city limits of Fairview, one bay mare, and one roan and white gelding, both animals lame in front feet, and unless the owner or other persons having interest in same shall claim possession and pay all costs and charges of the keeping of same together with the cost of advertising, these horses will be sold at public auction by the undersigned at the city hall, Fairview, April 21st, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

R. HUNTER, City Marshal.

Tailoring.

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

For garden making hoes, rakes, spades, wheelbarrows, etc, priced at Sterling & Kidder Hdw. Co.

In India the presence of peacocks denotes that there are tigers in the vicinity.