

## AWAKENING OF INTEREST IN AFFAIRS

Gresham is on the eve of an awakening of interest in civic conditions and affairs, if the attendance at the last commercial club meeting and interest taken in the matter presented is any indication.

With President Stapleton in the chair, and a live board of managers; with new members coming in and all gladly digging down in their pockets for the 25c a month dues; with everyone bubbling over with plans and suggestions for betterment of conditions in all lines, surely a new zest is being given the affairs of the old slow-going organization which is going to make it the liveliest factor in the upbuilding of the commercial interests of eastern Multnomah.

Fortunately the organization was named the Gresham District Commercial Club. If the scope of the work being undertaken by the club means anything it means that a few larger districts than Gresham, as a city, will feel the uplift of its influence.

At the meeting last Friday night progress was reported in the matter of preparing the way for securing water for general use and fire protection for the Beaver State Motor company's plant. With its growing plant the company will be a heavy user of water and the citizens themselves should take an active interest in making possible the most adequate fire protection possible for the plant.

The club has in view making the thoroughfare called Main street in Gresham, which is to be hard surfaced this summer as far as the Twelve-Mile crossing, an attractive boulevard and to this end is working to secure rounded corners at the Base Line road. A committee reported that Mr. Brugger had agreed to give the necessary ground at his corner and it is hoped to secure the same concession from Fred T. Merrill. The county road authorities have agreed to improve the corners on the same plan as they intend doing at the two turns near the gravel pit.

The club is also considering adopting, and recommending to the council and to the county commissioners, a name for the road which will also probably apply to the street in Gresham. It was reported that the Outlook had on file a score of names for the Gresham-Fairview road suggested by interested citizens of eastern Multnomah county and would cooperate with the club in selecting a suitable name. A committee consisting of St. Clair, Pateneau and A. W. Metzger was appointed to receive and report on the names.

The question of the advantage of the 25 cent round-trip excursion rate on the electric lines on Mondays and Fridays came up for a careful consideration. It had been intimated that it might be a disadvantage to the local merchants. There were several of the latter present and the opinion was almost unanimous that the rate was an advantage to the people of the locality and what helped to bring people here and benefit the farmers could not permanently hurt local business. What was needed here, many said, was a lower fare and faster service, especially an early morning and an evening train. Mr. Zinc, representing the P. R. L. & L. company, was present and gave the club some fine suggestions on a "trade at home" campaign.

Messrs. Pateneau, Cannon and Frakes were appointed a transportation committee. Messrs. Pateneau and Burke were appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of organizing a band.

The next meeting will be held Friday night, May 5, at 8 o'clock, at the city hall.

**Rug Demonstration.**  
The Northwest Rug company will have a demonstration at Frake's grocery store on Thursday and Friday of next week, May 4th and 5th. Orders will be taken.

That pecan nuts are destined to be the most important of all products of nut-bearing trees in the United States is the opinion of the department of agriculture. The output of these nuts more than trebled between 1899 and 1909.

Panamas are woven under water.

## SENIOR ANNUAL MIDDLE OF MAY

"Munhinotu," the high school annual to be issued by the senior class of the union high school, will make its appearance about the middle of May.

So successful has the class been in securing material for its pages that it is now believed that the magazine will go to nearly one hundred pages. It will be nearly half filled with photographic illustrations made by Max Schneider and a special list of appropriate cartoons.

There will be 200 copies issued and the subscription price will probably be one dollar a copy. The advertising ranges through practically every business pertaining to Gresham and the school, yet there is room for a few more. Those who want to be represented should make quick arrangements for space, and the limited number of books that will be printed call for prompt subscriptions which the committees from the school are now soliciting. The work will be high grade in every respect.

## SUBSCRIBERS WARNED TO BEWARE OF AGENTS

Recently a newspaper canvasser took several combination subscriptions for the Portland Journal and Outlook without authority to take them together. So far the Journal has not received any money on them, nor is it likely to, but as the agent was not authorized by it to take subscriptions it made good to the Outlook for six names. However, there are at least two more, and perhaps others, who paid the agent for both papers and have his receipt, and there is small prospect that any of the money will ever be paid to the publishers.

The public is warned not to pay money to unauthorized or unknown persons for Outlook subscriptions. The best way is to come to this office for payment of money on either single or combination offers. Authorized solicitors for the Outlook will have written credentials.

## BUILDING NEW SWITCH AT NEAL GRAVEL PIT

A new switch is being put in by the P. R. L. & P. company at the Neal gravel pit, a mile west of town. It will leave the main line at the east end of the cut and run into the gravel bank so as to facilitate the loading of cars, as the west switch is unable to reach the gravel that is to be moved.

As the company owns about an acre of untouched gravel deposits there the new track will run directly into it from the new switch. About half a dozen loaded cars are taken out every day, that being the most important pit and containing the best gravel anywhere along the company's system.

## Lime Testing.

Under the supervision of the county agent twenty-four farmers are going to use lime this year. It will be tried on several crops, such as grain, potatoes, clover, cabbage, vetch, corn, and vegetables. A careful check will be kept on the work throughout this year and next year to determine the effects upon the various crops.

A. F. Chase has secured a lime spreader for applying the lime, and it can be seen in operation at his place in the near future.

## Kicked Around Too Long.

Many people think Candidate McCormick has a splendid argument for the county school superintendency nomination. McCormick is a man of wide experience in country school work. And our country schools surely should get the benefit of the best experience obtainable. They have been "kicked around" too long.—Daily News.

## Lents Grange Rally.

Lents grange will give a social and entertainment on the night of May 13. Admission 15 cents, children under 14 years, 10 cents. Refreshments will be served for the small sum of 10 cents. The public is invited to a good time and hear Judge Gatens give one of his talks. The Staples family will be one of the features; also the team of Multnomah camp W. O. W., and others.

The Queen Esther circle will meet next Saturday evening at the home of Miss Helen McCormick. All members are urged to come and bring their mite boxes.

## FAIR BOARD BEGINS WORK IN EARNEST

Fourteen floral beds will adorn the fair grounds this season, all of large size and in competition for prizes offered by the association. The spaces between will be worked over into lawns and a much larger area will be covered than ever before. There will be other flower beds besides, one of which will be a dahlia garden of circular form in front of the entrance to the art room.

A committee of the floral societies of Portland has made a diagram of the grounds and will make their own exhibits where they want them. The whole plan will make a rare design of beauty.

It is proposed to make an auto drive through the grove and provide a parking place there for the accommodation of those who have no desire to drive into the race track enclosure. Also, the strip of land north of the stock barn will be leased from N. L. Smith, to which the swine and sheep pens will be moved and the remainder used for auto parking. The north fence will be moved to enclose the strip and then a ditch will be dug to drain the whole property adjacent into the conduit that will drain the race track.

A rustic arbor is to be built in front of the pavilion and the front doors will be placed on rollers. The effect will be more pleasing than the blank front of the building, as it now appears.

It is the intention to use the dancing pavilion for exhibits hereafter and a dance floor of another type will probably be built. It will be covered with canvass and removable after the fair is over.

The furrow concessions will be changed about so as to give more room, with new pathways and greater conveniences provided.

The president and secretary have been given authority to arrange for races at the coming fair, and will put on a good program with suitable premiums.

On Wednesday, the second day of this year's fair, the churches and Sunday schools will have their day. After that the days will be devoted to other societies and the Portland clubs by an arrangement that will be satisfactory to all.

## FISH PEDDLERS MAY BE AROUND SOON

Legalized salmon fishing began yesterday the whole length of the Columbia river. Gill nets, seines and fish wheels began taking their toll and the season is on.

The nearest fishing station to Gresham is on the bank of the Columbia north of the F. H. Crane farm, two miles west of Fairview. The next nearest is at Corbett. In a few days we may expect to see the peddler wagons around with a fine quality of steel heads and possibly a few samples of the royal chit too.

Up to the present, since the fishing has been in operation at Oregon City, that place has supplied all the salmon in market with a retail price of 22 cents a pound.

## INDUSTRIAL AGENT VISITS THE SCHOOL

H. C. Seymour, state agent for industrial clubs, and Superintendent A. P. Armstrong were in the city today visiting the Gresham schools.

While here they addressed the Industrial club. Mr. Seymour also took two pictures of the club.

Mr. Seymour expressed himself as well pleased with the work being done in the Gresham schools. He spoke very highly of the practical work along industrial lines.

From Gresham they went to Powell Valley and from there to Troutdale and Fairview.

**Letter of Thanks.**  
The undersigned wishes to bring forth his sincere thanks for the invitation received on Wednesday evening, April 26, 1916, and furthermore give his thanks to those who so kindly guarded the entrance to A. G. Anderson's place, where the undersigned is staying at present. Although I feel sorry for those guardsmen that they lost their night's rest while I was enjoying a peaceful sleep.  
EMIL LIND.

**Cottage Burned.**  
The cottage of G. W. Bowen, on the Section Line road about four miles west of Gresham, burned late Saturday night. Some of the contents were saved.

## QUEEN BONNIE MADE RULER OF FESTIVAL

Before a large number of spectators, besides nearly the whole student body of the high school, Miss Bonnie Horton was crowned Queen Bonnie I, of Union High School No. 2, by Prime Minister Roy Gibbs. With the following coronation speech he placed the crown on her head and placing in her hand the scepter gave her the authority to rule over the students as their queen:

"Princess Bonnie, by virtue of the power vested in me by the students of this school, I crown you Queen of May, and give you this scepter, which is an emblem of your authority. May you rule wisely, having the interests of your subjects always before you.

Students, you have chosen this queen to rule over you. May you prove loyal subjects, ever ready to perform her bidding, and so make the years of her reign prosperous and happy for all."

Queen Bonnie received the crown with the following speech:

"My dear subjects: I thank you for this honor which you have conferred upon me, for it is a very great honor to be chosen the first queen of Union High No. 2.

Knowing that today I was to be crowned your queen I have studied long and seriously and conferred with my prime minister about the new laws by which you shall be governed, and I have decided that the one law which this empire now has, the new Rule of Three is sufficient,—is the best law which this kingdom ever had,—to the right, single file and keep moving."

My Subjects, I caution you to observe this law in the future as you have in the past and so long as you do, I shall see that parliament shall enact no other.

I shall always try to serve my country as a faithful and just queen. I shall always stand for the right. If you should ever have any grievances against this empire I shall feel highly honored to have you make them known to me, and I assure you that I shall strive to make this empire a government like that of the greatest nation in the world—a government 'of the people, by the people and for the people.'"

Immediately after the crowning of Queen Bonnie I, twelve girls all dressed in white, twined the May pole with the high school colors, blue and white.

A lively baseball game played between Union High and Washington high, in which the local team was victorious, made a very enjoyable feature of the afternoons festivities. The score was 5 to 1. Good playing on the part of both teams marked the game. Batteries for Union High: Quesinberry and E. Brown; Washington high: Nelson and Johnson. Quesinberry struck out 16 men. M. M. Squire umpired the game.

The freshmen class won 3 out of 4 in the freshmen-sophomore tug-of-war.

## ASSAULTER RETURNED, BAIL INCREASED

William Lind, the assaulter of Rudolph Salquist with a wagon spoke on Wednesday last was again brought to Gresham yesterday by Constable Squire and his bail increased.

He was again released, pending the hearing of his case before Justice Rollins tomorrow. It was erroneously stated on Friday that the assaulted boy was named Soderquist but it was Rudolph Salquist instead.

## Notice.

We will sell privately the Baptist church and lot of one acre of ground at Cottrell.

B. C. Altman, R. I. Anderson, J. G. Denney, Trustees.

## Very Careless.

Dolly—Mrs. Bronson has divorced her husband on account of his failure to understand the needs of family life. Polly—How so? Dolly—He used to go out after coffee and come home with milk.

Tom Longboat, famous Indian runner, was enlisted in the Canadian forces and will no doubt make a fine soldier, although his peculiar qualifications are not those especially sought in soldier men outside of Kutel-Amara.

## FOR THREE WEEKS A MILLIONAIRE

Sheriff Hurlburt was a "millionaire" for twenty-two days on other people's money—taxes paid in by Portland and Multnomah county property owners—during the first week in April. He relieved himself of that temporary burden Friday morning, when he wrote his name to the biggest check that any sheriff of this county ever signed and had honored.

The check was made payable to the order of County Treasurer John Lewis and represented \$1,421,294. It was the largest "turn-over" of taxes collected that had ever been made by a sheriff here at one time. To be exact there were six checks on as many local banks, where Sheriff Hurlburt deposits the county moneys as they are collected.

About \$482,000 of the total went to the city of Portland. The balance of nearly a million dollars was distributed as follows: School District No. 1, \$359,000; state \$155,198; county general fund, \$140,828; county road fund, \$112,000; county schools, \$77,599; Port of Portland, \$55,711; library, \$25,866.

The total amount of taxes to be collected this year is about \$9,000,000, including delinquents. More than half of this has already been paid in to Sheriff Hurlburt, and he has apportioned it out to the city and other funds in installments from time to time. The bond for the sheriff as tax-collector is \$100,000.

## THE POLITICAL BUG BITES FRANK JONES

When the political rally and fireworks, scheduled for the fair grounds on Saturday evening was declared off, the only person in Gresham who failed to hear of the postponement was Frank Jones. Being a democrat, he is excusable for not keeping posted, and so he went to the fair grounds early in order to see the fireworks. Politics don't interest him, because the democrats don't stand any show, now, and while he waited for the demonstrations he fell asleep in the bandstand.

Along about 11 o'clock he heard the band playing and the bombs bursting and became so enthused that he heard some one calling him a republican. That made him mad and he started to puff his coat—and awoke.

The band and bombs were his own snoring and the calling he heard was one of Harry Osman's horses in the stock barn.

Last night he attended the rally at the drug store corner and kept himself awake by cursing all republicans from Roosevelt down to Constable Squire.

## DUPLICATE BUTTONS WILL ADMIT FREE

Mrs. J. N. Clanahan has received a consignment of tickets, window cards, etc., for the Chautauqua assembly to be held here in June. The full program is expected soon and will be made public as soon as possible. A meeting will be called in the near future to organize an association and begin active work in preparation of the coming event.

A unique plan has been devised for advertising the Chautauqua. Celluloid buttons have been sent, which will be distributed, one to each purchaser of a season ticket. These are numbered, and in the consignment are six duplicates. When duplicates are matched up, those holding them may take them to the management and receive their money back. This must be done, however, on or before the opening day of the assembly.

## Splendid Record.

Representative D. C. Lewis who made a splendid record in the last legislature is one of the leaders in the race for renomination. Mr. Lewis has an excellent faculty for spotting defects in bills that are introduced in the house, and is therefore valuable to his constituency. If his prohibition bill, which was considered too drastic, had been made a law instead of the Anderson bill, the dry law would be better enforced than it is today.—Sellwood Bee.

## Going Too Far.

"Why did Ferdy drop out of business with his father?"  
"Well, the old man said he could stand for college flags and posters, but the positively would not have any sofa pillows around the office."

Fox trapping on the Pribilof islands has been very successful.

## OPPORTUNITY TO USE MAILS BY GROWERS

With the fruit and berry season approaching the farmer has an opportunity open for him to utilize the parcel post—that first aid to the ultimate consumer. It has offered its services in the quick and safe transportation of the products mentioned.

Although it will be several weeks before the home-grown product is ready for market it is even now possible to procure early crops from other points, and a little later it will be easy to anticipate the home product by receipts from southern and eastern Oregon.

All postmasters have been notified by the department at Washington that care should be taken in accepting shipments, and the same injunction is obligatory on shippers. In speaking of soft fruits and berries the order says: "It has been found that these articles, while apparently solid and firm when offered for mailing, quickly ripen and become soft, and when slightly crushed tend to liquify, causing wrappers to break and other goods enclosed in the sack or pouch to be damaged. Such articles should be shipped in a container of sufficient strength to prevent their being crushed, and be prepared so that nothing can escape from the package. All such parcels should be marked 'perishable.'"

The extension of the parcel post on foodstuffs, has caused a new industry to develop. There are now to be had various special boxes and containers designed for the safe and quick carriage of eggs, liquids, soft fruits or other perishable goods. A large display at the Multnomah county fair last fall indicated to what extent these different cases may be used for.

Among them were samples of cartons, made in standard sizes of paraffin coated cardboard. These containers are practically liquid-proof and when placed in an outer container sufficiently strong to withstand necessary handling in transportation, make ideal containers for berries and small fruits. They are light in weight, dustproof, sanitary and are inexpensive. Experiments made last season demonstrated that fruit shipped in such boxes arrives at destination in excellent condition.

Having the service, the rates, and the containers, all that the consumer need do is to look over the postoffice list of producers, select a berry grower, enter into correspondence, fill out a contract.

Buying berries without preliminary inspection, and receiving them by mail, might be more satisfactory were the growers, as well as the container manufacturers, required to maintain a standard.

## REASONS WHY McCORMICK SHOULD BE SELECTED

E. S. McCormick, of all the candidates for county school superintendent, has had the most experience with rural children and rural schools. He is the only candidate who has had experience as county school superintendent and rural supervisor.

He holds the best certificate obtainable in the state of Oregon.

He is in accord with the state department of education, the Agricultural college, the State Normal school and the University of Oregon, and the county agriculturist and is pledged to work with them in all things for the betterment of the rural schools.

He has no fads to impose upon the taxpayers to increase the already heavy burdens they have to bear.

He is the only candidate pledged to cut down the expenses of the office to a minimum.

The county school superintendent has no jurisdiction over the city schools of Portland and therefore we believe that the country people should be allowed to select the one official whose acts concern them and them alone.

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. A. W. Metzger.—Adv.

To grow the prize winning flowers and vegetables use Wizard Fertilizer at Sterling & Kidder's Hdwe.