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GIRL CLASSES IN TEAM WORK FOR PREMIUMS

A feature of this years fair will be a canning department demonstration on each of the five days under the supervision of Miss Helen Cowgill, state agent of girls' class, U. S. department of agriculture, Corvallis, O. A. C.

It is intended to organize five canning teams from Gresham and vicinity consisting of five girls each, between the ages of 12 and 18 and have them do team work before the public demonstration in order that they may know how to work together most efficiently.

The same product will probably be canned by each team and the work will be divided so that each girl has some definite work to do. Fruit jars will be furnished by the fair association, and the product of one dozen jars put up by each team will comprise a part of the exhibit that will be taken to the state fair.

The following division of labor will be made, each girl of the team having but one subject:

- First—Wash and grade product, wash jars; wash equipment.
- Second—Blanch; cold dip.
- Third—Prepare; help with the cleaning up.
- Fourth—Pack the fruit.
- Fifth—Attend to the sterilization; keep fire in order; keep hot water on hand for the others.

Scoring will be done on the following point basis:

Team work—Ability to work together without confusion.....	20
Skill.....	20
Neatness.....	20
Finished product.....	20
Speed.....	20

Total.....100

Three special prizes are offered. First prize, merchandise to the value of \$15, one to each girl; second, merchandise to the value of \$10, one to each; third, \$5, same division.

Miss Cowgill will be in Gresham and vicinity on July 5th, 6th and 7th. On one of those dates she will be at the library and that occasion would be a good opportunity for all the girls who would like to enter the contest to enroll themselves and get suggestions for the work.

The contest will be announced in the forthcoming premium list which will be issued in a few days and should be taken up by the girls who desire to enter before Miss Cowgill reaches here. It is desired to form two teams in Gresham and the other three from other localities such as Fairview, Pleasant Home, Rockwood or other places.

ARDENWALD-DAMASCUS RAILROAD PROJECT

Rights of way are being obtained for the proposed people's railway, which the promoters plan to build from Ardenwald, near Sellwood, to Pleasant Valley and Damascus, a distance of about ten miles. M. Thomas, the right-of-way agent and promoter of the railway, declares that farmers who have the land along the route of the proposed railway have been signing up quite freely, as they desire the construction of the railway. The route as surveyed has easy grades all the way and only one bridge to build.

It is planned in the near future to hold a mass meeting of citizens and farmers at Damascus, when the matter is expected to take on definite form, and a corporation formed to finance the road. So far the enterprise is in the hands of a farmers' committee, with L. A. Chambers as chairman.

J. D. Lee, who is interested in the line, reported yesterday that the outlook for the construction of the line was excellent. He said the farmers are willing to help all they can, as it will give them an outlet to Portland for their product. The route, he said, is through a rich and fairly well-developed district and expressed the opinion that in passengers and freight the line will pay from the start.

While the line as now projected is only ten miles long, it is headed in the direction of a big timber belt, and eventually will be extended into this timber district.

Dancing at Becker's Hall.

A big dance will be given every Saturday night at Becker's hall, Corbett. Hardwood floor 50x60. Best of music. No improper conduct allowed. A dance will also be held on July 4, afternoon and evening. If

SIDELIGHTS ON WEEK OF CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua closed its Gresham entertainments on Friday night with a concert by the Hawaiian quintet and a series of screen pictures representing Honolulu and other attractive features of the island of Oahu.

During the evening Mr. James L. White, the superintendent announced that 37 signatures had been attached to the guaranty which would bring the Ellison-White system here again next year. He stated further that it was necessary to secure 13 more, or 50 in all, to make the instrument a contract, and asked for that many more signatures from the audience. Volunteer subscribers came forward at once, affixed their signatures and next year's chautauqua is assured.

As nearly \$500 had been previously pledged for season tickets and the guaranty calls for but \$1000, the local organization will have a good start toward the fund that must be raised. It was explained that the guarantors will be held for only a pro rata amount each if the full sum is not raised. This year was made up by the guarantors paying the sum of five dollars each, and even at that the full cost of the series of entertainments was not collected, even by the sale of single admission tickets. The company claims to have lost about \$250 on their venture here, but says that such an experience is not infrequent on the first appearance in a new town. It is expected that there will be a better organization and a better attendance next year, and it is the intention to make the Gresham chautauqua a permanent institution.

A new perspective of chautauqua was given during the week. The daily entertainers follow each other in a steady trip from place to place and one set never overtakes or sees the others. The Ionian serenaders left Gresham on Sunday evening as soon as they were done and went direct to Stanwood, sixty miles from Seattle, down Puget Sound, where they gave their entertainment as usual on Sunday afternoon and evening. From there they went to another town for Tuesday. All the other entertainers followed the same road, traveling and sleeping at night on trains or boats, never stopping longer than half a day and evening in one place.

The superintendent and his assistants with the big tent, and Miss Harmon, juvenile conductor, remained here during the whole week, but left for their next town at its close, where they met the same troupes and saw them pass along in the same succession after having entertained the audiences of six other places.

The itinerary of those who were here will bring them around to Gladstone early next month where they will take up the programs of the first six days, then on they will go again, as usual. Ellison & White will furnish all the talent for Gladstone this year, hence another set of entertainers will be there for the second week.

MILITIA AND RECRUITS ON WAY TO MEXICO

The Oregon state militia is gathering at Clackamas in pursuance of the president's orders to every state in the union. The object is to settle the Mexican question.

The entire military force of the state was ready for any call by three o'clock yesterday afternoon less than 16 hours after the president's order had been received. The militia is to be sent to the Mexican border.

Aside from the militia there is a great patriotic wave sweeping over the city of Portland and many of the other towns. Thousands are joining the ranks and the guard will be mustered in without further physical test. The recruits will be examined as usual. The nation is on the verge of a dual war with Mexico, owing to Carranza's demand for a withdrawal of American troops and Wilson's refusal to accede to his demands until Villa is captured and peace guaranteed.

Mexican soldiers are invading Texas along the border and fresh atrocities are reported. At least 100,000 American soldiers will be rushed to the border and there will most likely be some sharp fighting if not actual war between the two nations.

Another thing to be glad about: The cantaloupes are losing their potato taste.

ATTENDANCE OF MANY IS IMPOSSIBLE

TROUTDALE, Ore., June 17.—Editor Outlook:—Your comment in the Outlook of June 16 in regard to the high price of single tickets for admission to the chautauqua and the empty seats as a result, moves me to write a few lines.

With a farmer living ten miles from town as we do, even in the day of the auto, it is next to impossible with the farm work and evening chores to do to attend the day and night sessions of a chautauqua or fair; so we do not buy a season ticket. It seems that the promoters of such entertainments at Gresham seem to think that a half filled house at 50 cents per seat is better than a full house at 25 cents.

Now it seems to me that the full house at 25 cents would bring the same amount as the small audience at 50 cents, and would be more appreciated by the speakers. Then, as the majority of the extra people come from the country and would buy something while in town the merchants would reap a profit which they miss with the present system.

We have a family of seven children ranging in age from one to sixteen years; now one can easily figure what it would cost for us to attend one meeting of the chautauqua. Well we did not figure much, we stayed at home or went some place else.

When we lived in the East it was the custom on July 4th for the merchants to raise a certain amount of money by subscription and purchase fireworks and offer small prizes. Then the country folks would flock to town and have a roaring time and a good many went to restaurants for dinner. The young men treated their sweethearts to ice cream and candy and everybody spent some money, so that next time the merchants repeated the affair. There was plenty of entertainment all the time. The old pelters taken loose from the plow or harvester started at the drop of a hat and made more noise than two race horses and twice as much fun also—and the fastest horse always won. Everything was free, no one thought of charging admission to horse races or ball game.

The Gresham way seems to be to get a few race horses and take the program into the fair grounds and charge admission. Then the drivers of the horses jockey for fifteen minutes or more until the patience of the spectators is pretty well worn out. So we generally celebrate some where else. We go to Gresham quite often, as we have relatives living there and always buy something if we have any money left after paying the doctor and dentist, but we don't attend the fair and other attractions very often for the reasons given above.

Now I don't know whether this view is in accord with Mr. Sias' lecture on building up the home town or not, because we could not afford to go to hear it. But if we differ I guess Mr. Sias is right.

We expected to hear some of the lectures until we heard what the price was through the columns of the Outlook. Some times newspapers as well as other people should not speak too soon.

With nothing but best wishes for Gresham and Gresham people we beg to remain,

S. M. DAVIS.

FOR LOWERING GRADE ON MAIN STREET

A representative of the Warren Construction company was in Gresham yesterday and announced that if the property owners along Main street do not improve that thoroughfare the county will put down the 18-foot center on the present grade.

If the property owners want the grade lowered they must do it at their own expense, otherwise the center will remain higher than the sidewalks, as it is now, in many places.

There is a call for a meeting of the Commercial club on next Friday evening which will be attended by a representative of the paving company and Roadmaster Yeon. Those interested are requested to be present in an effort to get together on the matter.

Strawberries Wanted.

Bring us your strawberries. We pay cash for ripe strawberries. Bring them in bulk. Boxes not needed. Home Packing Co., M. E. Stocker, phone 148.

SENTIMENT IS VOICED FOR RETURN

The Outlook has obtained a copy of a letter written to Mr. J. L. White, superintendent of chautauqua for the Ellison-White company, which we publish as follows:

June 14, 1916.

Mr. Jas. L. White, Gresham, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I missed the numbers of the Gresham chautauqua program for the first two days and may not hear those for Thursday and Friday, being unable to attend; but Mr. St. Clair voiced my sentiments for the return of the chautauqua next year and the years to come. As in a Gresham cannery and automobile factory, I would be glad to take stock in a permanent chautauqua for the town of Gresham.

I have never hitherto been interested in a chautauqua, though it was there that I first saw a moving picture move.

When it was announced that there would be a lecture on Community Development and Loyalty to the Home Town, I doubted whether anything could be said on that subject or done in this regard which has not often already been said and done in every community; but I would gladly pay the price of another season ticket to hear the repetition of that lecture alone, even for the single illustration of Mr. Sias, where the husband rued the fact that he had not done more of his kissing at home.

A chautauqua brings so many things home to us from the distance and the past, and especially to those of us who have reached or passed the meridian of life. Were it not for the Gresham chautauqua I never would have known of the school day experience of a young man who tramped over the same low soil that I did as a book seller, and which experience gave him the gift of gab that made him a great lecturer. I never would have heard the discourse so replete with edification and delight as that of Mrs. Roberson, of Spokane, where I lived with my family for thirteen years; nor the marshal preparedness debate putting the brakes on the preparedness propaganda which has as much wind in it as a football the size of a continent.

Only to be brief, I would not specialize to exclude mention of the musical numbers of the program, or others I have not heard.

I have a feeling toward the coming of a chautauqua to Gresham similar to that of an Edgar, Nebraska, boy of a preacher's family into which there was the arrival of a baby brother. He could not see the need, nor any room, nor earthly use for such a thing in his home and he was indignant as well as rebellious; but after a month or more of acquaintance with, and notice taking of the stranger, something appealed to him and he was heard to remark, "I never knew there was so much to a baby." So, I never knew there was so much to a chautauqua, and especially to the little one which has come to our little town.

I have no need for more than one season ticket, but I am subscribing for two, and I will pay for them whether or not I am in the town of Gresham at the time.

Yours truly,

MILO C. KING.

MATHEWS BUILDING PRACTICALLY FINISHED

Ben Mathew's new brick building, adjoining the Congdon, is practically completed and will be occupied by the first of July. Mr. Mathews will occupy the lower floor with his pool room, while Max Schneider will take the entire second story for his photo studio and living rooms.

The building conforms, architecturally with the Congdon hotel, making the two seem almost like one structure. It is finished outside with pressed brick and is otherwise an up-to-date structure. It is the only business building in Gresham that is piped for gas. It is also wired for electricity. The inside finishing is of superior material and workmanship with plenty of light and air both above and below to make it delightful for its future occupants.

Notice the date on the label of your Outlook. If you are in arrears your prompt renewal will be appreciated.

BANQUET BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Appreciation Expressed.

We wish to express our appreciation of the kindness shown us by the friends of the association in their willingness to help in the arrangements and for their attendance at the banquet Saturday evening; to Mr. Regner for his kindly interest and for the delightful repast which he prepared; to those who took part on the program and all who assisted us in any way.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of Union High School No. 2.

The banquet by the alumni association of Union High School No. 2, Saturday night, in Regner's hall, was largely attended by members and friends of the association and many remarked on the pleasant evening and the orderly way in which the whole affair was carried out. About seventy persons were present. The five course banquet, prepared by A. W. Regner, was without a doubt, the best ever served in Gresham, and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

Following the eating, the toasts were given. The first was by Mrs. Pearl Lindsey Erickson, of the class of 1906, the first class from the high school, to the wives. Miss Ethel Calkins of 1909 gave a toast to the teachers from the high school. Other toasts were by Roy Johnson, '11; Miss Bessie Strebin, '12, on High School Recollections; Lieutenant Floyd Metzger, '13, The Future of Gresham and Her Schools; John Honey, '14, To the U. H. S. Alumni Association; Chase St. Clair, '15, The First Class of Union High School No. 2; Miss Marguerite Volbrecht, '16, High School Principals. Principal Elmer F. Goodwin and Hon. Geo. W. Stapleton also gave talks.

Mr. Goodwin said that he was glad that a live Alumni association existed here and that the big banquet and other get-together meetings by the association were great factors in keeping up the interest in high school affairs. "The semi-annual meetings," Mr. Goodwin said, "did great good in giving the members of the association a chance to get acquainted." Mr. Goodwin said that the evening had been a very enjoyable one to him.

Mr. Stapleton, in his remarks said that one of the great secrets of success was to be honest, pay your obligations when they are due, or if such a course is impossible, go to your debtor and make an explanation, don't shun him. Mr. Stapleton praised the alumni association for the progress they had shown and thanked them for the chance to spend a pleasant evening with the graduates of the school. He also said that Mr. Regner deserved much credit for the appetizing spread and for the interest he had displayed in the arrangements for the banquet. Dr. J. E. Clananhan, president of the association, acted as toastmaster. Music was furnished by both Miss Mabel Shipley and Miss Della Hughes.

MULTNOMAH STOCK DOUBLE PRIZE WINNERS

Last year, at the San Francisco exposition, the horses, cattle, sheep and other stock from Gresham and vicinity brought home in prizes about double the money that was won by any other county in Oregon. The principal exhibitors were A. C. Ruby, with his Belgian horses; Cleveland Brothers, with cows, sheep and swine, and G. H. Dammeler with Jersey cows.

The Gresham showing made such an impression on the directors of the California state fair that they announced their intention of doubling all premiums in the livestock divisions this year, which has been done.

Mr. Dammeler having been one of the winners in the Jersey class is going to Sacramento this year in an effort to bring some more California money back to Gresham. The Sacramento fair will begin on Sept. 2d and last a week, but Mr. Dammeler expects to be here on the morning of September 12th, at the opening of Our Fair with his cows, ready to again win some of the home coin.

All of the big Oregon winners at San Francisco last fall were shown in Gresham and will be on exhibition here again this year.

WRITER CALLS FOR HALT ON HIGH GRADES

GRESHAM, June 19.—Editor Outlook:—Stop! Look! Listen!

Property owners: think what you are doing when you gravel your streets! You have paid for grading your streets once, do you want to pay for grading them a second time? Do you realize what it means to gravel the streets every two or three years? You will soon have the streets so high that you can't look across them; there will be an added and unnecessary expense of removing and hauling away that which has cost you so much to build up. Avoid this before you have wasted your money in such an unwise way.

The cost of lowering your grades will cost you equally as much as the raising of it by graveling it. This can be avoided by paving, and it will not exceed the cost of graveling it twice and removing it once.

The question is often asked why there are so many poor people. The one great reason is: they are not capable of thinking or making the money invested bring the proper results and then doing things and undoing what they have paid for doing. That is the result of bad management by graveling—it costs double. A property owner faced the other day, when asked to pave in front of his property, that he could not afford it. He was promptly told he had better dispose of it to some one who would not block the progress of things and cause the deterioration of his neighbor's property as well as his own. He replied that he could not give it away. The time is fast approaching when no one will buy property where such improvements as walks, streets and sewer improvements are not in. They will not take any chances blindly to their own interests of making those improvements.

It is not an uncommon thing to see rubbish of every description thrown into the road to dispose of it. Fine, isn't it? A little further investigation into the interiors of such peoples' homes no doubt would reveal further surprises. Echoes of the street: "What's that old fool going to do with improving over streets down here? Why don't he fix up in front of his own place? No doubt he thinks if he is successful in landing a contract for improving the streets he can get the contractor to do his part free."

"Just look at that fine stone bridge down the street! Oh, he stood in with the road authorities," and so on.

"I don't care; I haven't got an auto. He was stuck in the mud in front of our place for two hours, until he had to be pulled out."

This is spoken of as a delight at the mudhole in front of our place. Nice, is it not? The portion of our town that wakes up from its ignorant, drowsy lethargy and makes those improvements will grow and have fine homes; property will sell. Who will be first? A dollar for a sure moss or scab remover.

R. R. CARLSON.

FIVE DISTRICTS VOTE TO REMAIN OUT

The five districts that voted yesterday on the proposition to join the union high school district decided to stay out. The vote against was about three to five. The districts voting were Orient, Borling, Lusted, Victory and Cedar.

The only change in directorship was the election of H. P. Christenson of Powell Valley district who will succeed F. L. Rugg as a director of the union high district.

The vote yesterday prevents any building extension of the high school this year, and, as a consequence it will probably be necessary to exclude all outside students as the full capacity of the present building will be taken up by those who reside in the districts.

Big Free Show at Smith's Theater.

On Saturday night, June 24, the people of Gresham and vicinity will be given an opportunity to see an unusually interesting film entitled "The Man Who Came Back," or the war on Tuberculosis. This picture is presented by the Modern Woodmen of America of which there is an active lodge in Gresham. In addition the regular picture show program will be shown, and all is free. The first show will start at 8, and the second about 9:30.