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MAIN STREET ROAD WORK WILL BEGIN

Orders have been given to the Warren Construction company to begin work on Main street next Monday. That company has the contract for the paving of the road from Fairview to and through Gresham as far as the fountain, and it was the intention to lay the paving on the present grade of Main street unless the citizens or property owners of this town were disposed to lower the grade to conform with the sidewalk grades.

At a conference held in the office of Roadmaster Yeon the privilege of lowering the grade was given Gresham as far as the sides of the street were concerned, whether it is to be further improved or not. In the event that the work is all done at one time by the town and the contractors the Warren people will excavate or fill to the established city grade.

As no action has been taken by the property owners along Main street, a call has been made for a meeting of the Commercial club tonight when the matter will be fully discussed and some definite action authorized.

There are interested citizens who will assist those who are unable to bear the expense, which will not be great, as it is deemed advisable to have a uniform grade when the county paving is laid through the center at a width of eighteen feet. The remaining space on each side can then be macadamized at this time or otherwise improved as the property owners see fit.

A full attendance of interested citizens is requested tonight. There will be some of the county road officials present who will explain matters fully and intelligently.

COUNTY AGENT WRITES OF SILOS

The matter of silo construction will soon be the seasonal work of those farmers who are planning on putting their corn away for the winter on their farm. The silo agents, the exponents of the so-called patent silo, have been dodging about among the farmers the past few months as thick as bees around a honey jar. Did you ever stop to wonder why? Have they ever tried to make you believe that they are great public benefactors, spending their time and money in educating the farmers, and giving you the benefit of their experience all for the love of the cause?

Doesn't it seem logical that there would be so many people give up their own time to a cause like this right in the face of the fact that the U. S. government and the state of Oregon have men in the field who are devoting their entire time helping and advising the farmers on the subject of silo construction and other similar problems? These men are not only prepared by their educational experience, but have the information which has been accumulated all over the country by silo experts and the results of exhaustive trials and experiments.

I recently examined a silo purchased from an agent who has been very loud in his condemnation of the work of the government and state in helping the farmers. The lumber in this silo was unseasoned, green and wet, which is contrary to the advice of any true silo builder. The man had been lead to believe that he was getting a high class silo better than he could possibly build himself and paid for it accordingly.

The true value of a silo is in the material which is used in its construction and its selling price should be based upon that and the workmanship and nothing else. The iron fluctuates in price and the staves can be bought at figures ranging from \$29 to \$49 or better per thousand, depending upon the quality of lumber and whether it is green, seasoned or thoroughly kiln dried. The matter of the silo door is one that sometimes is used as a strong talking point and a good many dollars are sometimes invested in patent hinges and devices which are only used two or three times per year when a cheap, simple construction will serve equally well, and the difference in the price could be used to make some improvement about the farm that would save miles of walking or days of unnecessary labor during the year. This office, as well as the Dairy department of the Ore-

POMONA ACTIVITIES AT THE ROCKWOOD MEETING

SECRET COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING ALLEGED GRAFT

A secret committee of five members of Pomona grange is making a quiet but systematic investigation of all road paving contracts in Multnomah county. The committee was appointed by Pomona Master J. J. Johnson in compliance with instructions given him at the March meeting, but he will not divulge the members' names until they have ended their investigations and made report.

Just how soon they will be able to report to Pomona is not certain, but it is believed that they will have completed their labors by the time of the next meeting, the third Wednesday in September.

It was explained at the Pomona meeting, held on Wednesday at Rockwood, that a series of articles had been prepared by a writer who had looked into what some persons were inclined to believe was a huge graft in connection with the paving put down by some of the companies last year in Multnomah county, and that he had tried to get his articles published in the Portland papers.

The grange passed a resolution requesting that the executive committee of the Oregon state grange have 200,000 copies of the story published in pamphlet form to be sent all over the state. Should the state grange take the matter up it is said that some astonishing revelations will be made. The condition of the bitulthic roads, which are in so much danger of being made impassable in hot weather, was discussed but no further action was taken concerning them than the resolution mentioned.

It is the intention of the grange and its committee to push the investigation along and make full report to the public in some way, as it has been shown that the Portland papers refuse to publish anything that would in any way reflect on the paving companies.

Several verbal reports were made concerning the condition of the Base Line road and the Columbia River highway, and it is a certainty that the reports were true. The pavement pulls up in great chunks under the traffic on a hot day and a crew of men is constantly at work with sand, crushed rock and rollers trying to protect the surface from becoming so badly torn up in some places that it will soon prevent the roads from being used until cold weather.

Some harsh language was used by those who spoke of the paving business, directed against everybody who was interested in the paving matter. They were accused of keeping people in the dark and of "working" the county officials. It was asserted by some that the matter must be probed to the bottom and if necessary the subject would be laid before the grand jury. It was freely stated that the taxpayers had been deliberately robbed of about one-half of the money spent for hard surfaced roads.

LARGE PREMIUMS FOR FLOWER BEDS

The county fair association has appropriated the sum of \$250 for flower garden prizes this year and the beds have been laid out by the association which will be filled with various plants by the members of the floral society of Portland.

The floral society has requested that the grounds around the flower beds be made into a lawn, which is being done. A new system of water pipes has been laid which will not necessitate tearing up the sod hereafter, and there will be one of the beauty spots of the county at the fair grounds when the fair opens in September.

Prizes that have been offered are in cash, divided into first and second premiums. They are as follows: Tender annuals, \$25 and \$15; hardy annuals, \$25 and \$15; hardy perennials, \$25 and \$10; roses, \$25; dahlias, \$25 and \$15; cannas, \$25 and \$15; gladiolus, \$20 and \$10.

Auction sale of doors, windows and furniture at Mathews' pool room, Saturday, July 1.—Adv.

gon Agricultural college, is always ready and willing to give impartial information on silo construction as well as on other similar lines.

S. B. HALL,
County Agr. Agt.

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP IS FLUCTUATING IN THE COUNTY

There has been a slight decrease in membership in the granges of Multnomah county during the three months since Pomona grange met at Woodlawn in March, the actual membership as reported at that time being 874. Reports from the ten granges of this county at the Rockwood session on Wednesday gave the following membership:

Columbia	67
Evening Star	204
Fairview	42
Gresham	83
Lents	97
Multnomah	73
Pleasant Valley	58
Rockwood	59
Russellville	110
Woodlawn	70

Total 863

All of the loss will be offset during the coming quarter by the initiation of several large classes by some of the granges. It was announced that Multnomah has a class of nineteen which will be given the third and fourth degree at its July meeting which comes on the fourth Saturday of that month. A degree team, either from Lents or Evening Star will be there to confer the degrees. Pleasant Valley also reported a class of fifteen ready for initiation at its next meeting. One of the degree teams will be there to put on the work.

The Masters' and Lecturers' meeting will be held at Multnomah grange meeting on the fourth Saturday in July. A large attendance is assured and all grangers are invited to be there.

A class of eleven was given the fifth degree at Rockwood on Wednesday evening, the work being faultless with J. D. Chitwood of Clackamas county presiding during the ceremony. A varied musical and literary program was given after the initiation under the direction of Pomona Lecturer, Mrs. J. W. Townsend.

Two big feasts were provided by Rockwood grange, at noon and again in the evening. A vote of thanks was extended Rockwood for its hospitality.

The September meeting of Pomona will be held at Russellville on the third Wednesday in September.

SLOUGH FARMERS REMOVING CATTLE

Farmers all along the Columbia river bottoms are busy these days removing their livestock to higher pasture lands in consequence of the high water that is now flooding the lowlands, and which is seriously threatening all the growing crops, many of which are now under water and will be entirely destroyed.

The water has now reached a stage that is but two feet lower than it was in 1894. While the stage of the river at Portland is not as high as it was in that year it is higher along the Columbia slough, in proportion. The difference is explained by the currents in the Willamette at this time.

Farmers having upland pasture are fortunate just now, those not having such pasturage being compelled to feed their stock or rent from others while the water is up. The flood will last about three weeks, but another two or three weeks will have to pass before the pastures will grow again.

MASONIC SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

At the special Masonic service at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, the pastor will preach on the subject "The Life and Work of John the Baptist." There will be special music by the choir, assisted by Mrs. Karl Hagerberg, of Powell Valley, Mr. B. C. Altman, Pleasant Home and others. The Masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters will attend in a body and occupy the center of the church. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all.

The Bible school meets at 10 o'clock a. m. The usual morning service with sermon by the pastor will be held at 11 o'clock.

Money saving bargains—want ads.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND COMMITTEES NAMED

Pomona meeting at Rockwood on Wednesday was the most enjoyable and instructive meeting ever held by the grange in Multnomah county. No detail was lacking by Rockwood grangers and the other people of the town to make the visitors welcome. Every grange in the county was largely represented, the total number of visitors during the day reaching nearly three hundred.

Aside from the social features and programs there was considerable business done of a constructive nature pertaining to grange matters, and some meritorious resolutions were passed. Among them were the matter of road paving investigation, the subject of a wholesale public market and endorsing the work of County Fruit Inspector E. J. Stansberry in protecting the state from the tuber moth which for a time threatened the potato industry of the entire state. By his heroic efforts and action in condemning shipments from California the danger has been averted for awhile, at least.

In the matter of working for a wholesale public market the resolution directed the appointment of a grange committee to take the matter up. In accordance therewith Master J. J. Johnson appointed R. W. Gill, R. P. Rasmussen, J. H. Black, H. A. Darnall and S. B. Hall.

The proposed rural credits bill, endorsed by the state grange, the Farmers' Union and the Federation of Labor, was fully explained by F. L. Maris of the O. A. C. department of agriculture. By him it was shown that the state would loan its credit for whatever amount was required but that the state would not be liable for any sum, as the loans would only be made upon farm property and the money would be raised by the issuance of bonds ranging in sums of \$25 and upward to \$1000. The state would be the custodian of this money until it was loaned out. The bonds would be issued in series as needed, and by the plan the sum of \$18,000,000 can be pledged.

The state Land Board would loan the money on approved security, as provided for in the bill, charging therefor an interest of 5 per cent. The bonds would bring 4 per cent, thus allowing a profit of one per cent for administration.

Mr. Maris went into every detail of the question. It was urged upon the members of the grange to have the initiative bill petitions ready by July 4th. Twenty-five thousand names are necessary to have the bill placed on the ballot.

Numerous petitions are being circulated all over the state and it is expected that the required number of signatures will be secured.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY GATHERING OLD PAPERS

The ladies of the Aid society, assisted by C. M. Harrison and N. O. Fuller, met at Frakes store this afternoon and prepared the waste paper, which they have accumulated, for shipment. It will be taken to Portland by auto truck next Wednesday.

Persons having old magazines, books or newspapers are requested to send them to the store before that date. The newspapers should be tied in bundles. The books and magazines may be tied in bundles or placed loose in sacks. The ladies are making a special effort to obtain books and magazines, as a premium is being offered on ten lots of that stock.

Social

The Pleasant Home M. E. church will give an ice cream social on the church lawn on Friday evening, June 30th. Coffee and cake will be served. The proceeds to go to help pay the rent of the parsonage. 34

Ben Mathews will sell all the doors, windows and furniture of the old pool hall on Saturday, July 1.—Adv.

The government of New Zealand supports and regulates the bee-keeping industry and maintains an experimental apiary, where students are trained.

FIELD DAY MEET TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY JULY 29

Pomona grange, at its Rockwood session on Wednesday, decided to hold a field day meet at Gresham on Saturday, July 29. It will be held at the fair grounds and be on a greater scale than the one held there last year, which was so successful that it will be repeated each succeeding year as long as the same interest is manifested.

The subordinate grange committees were all present, to the number of about thirty persons, three from each grange, and it was decided to meet again at the fair grounds on Sunday, July 2, at 2:30 p. m. for making more complete arrangements. Sub committees will be named for each detail of the work to be done, including speakers, music and all the other features which will go to make up a successful gathering.

It was decided to invite President Kerr of the O. A. C., the Governors of Oregon and Washington, State Masters C. E. Spence and C. B. Kegley of the two states. Other noted persons will also be invited to be present.

The cost of the gathering will be assessed pro rata among the ten granges of the county according to membership.

The committee will endeavor to secure a chorus of ten or more voices from each grange who will be under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Pomeroy if she can be prevailed upon to accept the task of directing the singing.

If the weather is favorable the exercises will be held in the grove where a platform and seats will be provided; otherwise one of the buildings will be used, either the dancing pavilion or machinery hall.

Full particulars, including the program of the day will be made public after the committee meets here Sunday after next.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR CONSTITUTED AT SANDY

A large delegation of Eastern Star members went from here on Thursday evening to be present at the constitution of that order at Sandy. Five automobiles were required to carry the crowd from here. The officers of the grand lodge joined the Gresham contingent here and proceeded with them to Sandy.

The officers of the grand lodge taking part in the ceremony were worthy grand matron, Mrs. Dora Schilke; past grand matron, Mrs. Antoinette Stiles, who acted as grand chaplain; grand marshal, Mrs. Lena Mendenhall; acting grand organist, Mrs. J. O. Brown. The chapter was granted its charter and all its officers installed.

The officers of Sandy chapter are worthy matron, Minta Deaton; worthy patron, Geo. H. Waite; associate matron, Mary Waite; secretary, C. D. Purcell; treasurer, Minnie Proctor; conductor, Myrtle Townsend; associate conductor, Augusta Bruns; chaplain, Leona Brown; marshal, Caroline Bruns; organist, Bertha Purcell; Ada, Wanda Deaton; Ruth, Alice M. Mackey; Esther, Henrietta F. Bruns; Martha, Harriette E. Beckwith; Electa, Rose E. Quicksall; warder, L. E. Townsend; sentinel, A. L. Deaton.

A sumptuous chicken dinner was served, which was highly praised by the visitors.

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.

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. 11

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

ALL FRUITS AND BERRIES CARED FOR

Mrs. M. E. Stocker's fruit preservative plant is again in full operation and is now doing a business of several hundred dollars a day. The plant has been enlarged to a considerable extent and is yet too small for the work that is being done and in anticipation for this season.

Practically every kind of fruit is being preserved or taken care of in some way. Strawberries that are too ripe for canning or for making syrup are being put in barrels with sugar, and in that form are put away in cold storage. And so with all other fruits. Every variety that can be produced here, even if they are not in first class condition, if not actually decaying, can find a ready market at the Stocker plant. They will be made into syrup and cordials if not suitable for other purposes.

For probably the first time there will be a market for rain-split cherries, and there need be no limit to the quantities brought in. It is almost impossible to get enough of cherries or berries or even apples to satisfy the demand that Mrs. Stocker will have for such products.

The Hazelwood people are having experiments made with Kentish cherry juice and have offered a liberal price, far above the regular market value, for all that can be supplied. The plant wants all the Kentish cherries in this vicinity.

Mrs. Stocker is paying cash for everything that she buys, and the grower need be at no expense for boxes or other containers. It is the fruit she wants, and in almost any quantity or fair quality.

The Stocker plant is succeeding because it is run by an individual who has been assured of financial backing and the quick disposition of the product. It would seem that Mrs. Stocker could work in connection with the Gresham cannery to a good advantage, as there are products which the latter cannot handle, and the facilities of the cannery would accommodate both. There is a growing market for all such products and no valid reason seems to exist why every kind of fruit or berry grown here should not be made to return a quick profit to the growers benefit.

WILL MOVE MONDAY AND WRECK BUILDING

Ben Mathews will move his pool room into his new Main street building next Monday and will then wreck the old building on Powell street instead of moving it to the adjoining lot as he at first intended.

The work of destroying the old building has already begun with the removal of the porches. Lloyd Axtel is tearing them down today.

It is Mr. Mathews' intention to conduct an auction sale on Saturday of next week of all the moveable portions of the building, such as the doors and windows, and such furniture as is useless to him in his new location.

Latourell & Son will begin the construction of their new garage as soon as the lot is clear.

LENTS TEAM WILL INITIATE CANDIDATES

The officers and degree team of Lents grange will go to Sandy tomorrow to confer the third and fourth degrees upon a class of candidates for Sandy grange.

The revival in grange interest throughout Multnomah and Clackamas counties is requiring that the work be put on at its best, and as there are but two fully equipped teams—that of Lents and Evening Star granges—they are in demand as often as they can be secured.

Woodrow Wilson Meeting.

The Woodrow Wilson league of Gresham, will hold a meeting in Regner's hall on Saturday evening, June 24, for purpose of ratifying the nomination of Woodrow Wilson. All friends of the president are invited. There will be a short program, after which Mr. Estes Snedecor, of Portland, will address the meeting.

D. M. ROBERTS, President.

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Bargains in the Want Ads.