

## FRUITGROWERS ENTHUSIASTIC FOR CANNERY

The Gresham Fruit Growers' Association passed another milestone in its history yesterday when the stockholders at the annual meeting passed unanimously a resolution authorizing the rebuilding of the cannery and installation of machinery to increase the scope of its future operations.

When the meeting opened yesterday it was found there were represented 208 shares of the capital stock which was well over the required limit to give the meeting a legal quorum. There were about 60 persons present when President H. E. Davis called the meeting to order.

Secretary James Elkington read reports showing the financial condition of the association and a summary of the amount and value of product handled by the cannery during the past year. His financial report was as follows:

Assets	
Lot, including foundation well, tank, etc.	\$ 1,760.00
Boiler	600.00
Salvage, machinery	310.00
Sidetrack	640.00
Cash in banks	2,199.35
Due from fruit shipments	3,600.00
Notes receivable	125.00
Due from Am. Can Co.	18.00
Due from Mason, Ehrman Company	6.36
Due from W. W. Cotton	301.62
Dr. balance	3,226.94
	\$12,787.27
Liabilities	
Capital stock, paid up	\$ 9,500.00
Notes payable	787.27
Due Cotton & Davis, 1915 account	2,309.05
Misc. accounts payable	200.00
	\$12,787.27

Thus it will be seen that counting the capital stock at its par value the association has a debtor balance of only \$3226.94, which is considered a good showing, especially in view of the heavy deficit at the beginning of the second year and the loss on account of the fire. The secretary stated that in view of the loss of the cannery records it had been difficult to compile the report accurate to the cent but the above was substantially accurate.

The report of products handled for the association gives red raspberries as one of the heaviest and most profitable with pears even more profitable. The fruit canned for W. W. Cotton was greater in amount and value than that canned for the association.

Kind of Fruit	No. of Tons	Cost	No. of Cases	Value
Red raspberries	28	\$ 2400	1951	\$ 6900
Blackberries	8	500	512	1500
Cherries	3	275	150	400
Plums	2	50	95	200
Pears	61	1200	1540	5500
Prunes	26	500	878	1840
Totals	128	\$ 4925	5126	\$15440
Fruit canned for account of W. W. Cotton.				
Red raspberries			5200	\$15000
Black caps			150	600
Blackberries			1050	2400
Totals			6200	\$18000
Grand totals			11326	\$33540

The total labor account, including process man, but not office expense, totals for the year \$3634.84.

It was shown that to make the cannery a success it was necessary to have a larger acreage of fruit, especially red raspberries. When a call was made for the members to pledge the acreage of berries which they would deliver to the cannery the response was very gratifying. In a few minutes 25 acres, estimated as producing 50 tons, was promised. Others who were not present were known to be holding their product for the Gresham cannery. It was stated the cannery would use strawberries.

There had been a rumor that some were signing contracts with other concerns, but there was no evidence of any such tendency at yesterday's meeting. In fact, loyalty was the keynote of the meeting from first to last. Many spoke most favorable and encouraging words. Every producer felt that his salvation depended upon building up a strong institution here where his products could be handled to the best advantage. Some said they had been approached by outside parties but had refused to contract, saying they belonged to the Gresham association and their interests were here. Others claimed that if it had not been for the Gresham cannery they would not now be offered good prices by others and they would rather promote the association even if it could not now offer them quite so much.

A general statement was made as

## ILLUSTRATED LECTURE WEDNESDAY EVENING

An illustrated lecture will be given at the Methodist Episcopal church next Wednesday night by Dr. Clement Burbank Shaw of Chicago, on the opera Lohengrin. This will be Dr. Shaw's last lecture before going east, where he is to appear in Chicago and other cities, and all who who heard his lectures on Tannhauser and Tristan and Isolde will be glad to hear him again. The lecture will begin at 8 o'clock. It is free, but an offering will be taken toward the expenses of the lecture. An outline of the opera follows:

Lohengrin, son of Parsifal, the King of the Grail in Gothic Spain, hears the distressful cry of Elsa, in distant Antwerp. Drawn over the seas by a swan, he reaches the Belgian city in time to vindicate her cause, overcome Frederick, her accuser, and marry her with great ceremony. In the bridal chamber Frederick endeavors to murder Lohengrin, but meets his own death. Responsive to Elsa's frantic pleading he reveals his name and station to all. This, by the law of the Grail, necessitates his departure, and the swan returns and draws him away forever, after he has vanquished the sorcery of Ortrude; and Elsa sinks in death as Lohengrin departs. The most spiritual and ethereal of all Wagner's dramas.

## JOHNSON & OLSON HAVE CAR STOLEN

Johnson & Olson, merchants of Powell Valley, made a business trip to Portland last Saturday night. When they were ready to return, their car had disappeared from the street, where they had left it. They at once notified the police department and a search was instituted, which resulted in the finding of the car on the outskirts of the city early Sunday morning. No damage had been done to the automobile. It had probably been used by someone for a joy ride and abandoned.

## SAFE IS BLOWN FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

M. E. Markell's store at Pleasant Home was entered by safe crackers on Thursday night last who succeeded in getting away with one hundred dollars.

It was necessary for the cracksmen to apply three shots before they succeeded in forcing the inside combination. Mrs. T. H. Kennedy, who has a restaurant close by, was the only one who heard the reports, but, being alone, was afraid to venture out. There was no clew left to work upon and so far no arrests have been made.

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to the prices which it was thought the cannery could pay for various kinds of fruit which seemed to average higher than former prices. The importance of knowing about what amount of products could be relied upon in order that the cannery could early contract to sell to the large buyers was clearly shown.

Hence growers will find it greatly to their own interests to report to the cannery management at an early date what they can be depended upon for and not contract their fruit to others.

The election of directors resulted in the choice of the following: H. E. Davis and Theo. Brugger, for three years; W. A. Proctor and D. E. Towle, for two years; W. C. Lawrence, for one year.

## PLEASANT HOME STORE VISITED BY ROBBERS

Markell's store at Pleasant Home was entered by burglars on Thursday night and the safe was blown and robbed. About one hundred dollars were taken, although a purse containing more money was overlooked. So far as is known, no jewelry or other articles of merchandise were taken. Evidently five shots were fired, which were heard by near-by neighbors. The sheriff's office was notified and deputies visited the store on Friday, but no clue to the robbery could be found.

Rich veins of zinc are said to exist in all parts of Japan.

## THE MENACE OF BILLBOARDS AND DANGEROUS CROSSINGS

Since the Outlook took the initiative in condemning the billboard nuisance it has been the recipient of several congratulatory approvals. This paper began the warfare more than a month ago, but, of course, no action was taken by anyone in power toward their removal. Such action was not expected before someone had been killed through their agency, but now it is time for the authorities or public sentiment to awaken to the fact that a dangerous menace to life exists.

Another menace is the grade crossings, that are lacking of signals that will warn people of the approach of a train. These death traps are too numerous for one's peace of mind, however careful he may be. They and the billboards are the two most dangerous things the autoist has to contend with. When they are found together, as at Linnemann, they form a combination that makes that particular place the most dangerous of its kind in all of eastern Multnomah county.

The Outlook does not hesitate to say that all billboards should be removed wherever they are found to be dangerous to travel. They are found at many turns and corners on all the highways and in many other places where they are unsightly disfigurements of the landscape, to say the least.

Concerning the grade crossings, there is some agitation in regard to them, and they are to receive attention. But pending their elimination there should be a bell or siren to warn approaching vehicles of an oncoming train. Each railroad should be required to install a warning signal at every dangerous crossing.

Everyone knows of several cases where lives have been lost because of the absence of any warning signal, yet there are a few bells to be found at every dangerous point, and it would seem to be economy as well as wisdom for all railroad companies to provide them willingly and voluntarily, instead of waiting for the law to force them to do a thing that is sure to be forced upon them sooner or later. The main point in an argument for more protection at grade crossings is this: The automobile has become a competitor of the steam and electric lines in the carrying of passengers, and the doctrine that railroads have the right of way as against other vehicles has now ceased to have any merit. In the state of Oregon there is scarcely a week without an accident at some grade crossing. It is true, carelessness on the part of the victims is usually chargeable with the accidents; but the deaths occur—and they came because of the grade crossings.

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## FOR LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCE AUCTIONS

Some of the business men of Gresham have organized a Livestock and Produce Exchange, the object being to give those having a few head of stock or a small amount of farm machinery or any other products or articles a place to sell the same.

Farmers can sell their potatoes, grain, fruits, hay or other produce by sample, the requirement being that the products shall be equal to the samples shown.

Such an auction sale well advertised will bring a large number of buyers, and those who wish to participate in the first big sale on Saturday, February 3d, will list their articles before the 20th of this month, at which time a list of all articles for the February sale will be made up and properly advertised. A reasonable commission will be charged on all items sold.

Any persons who have anything they want sold can list the same with any of the business firms of Gresham or with O. A. Eastman, who will be in charge of the first sale. The business firms of Gresham propose to furnish a free lunch at noon on the day of the sale.

## MRS. A. C. WIHLOW PASSES AWAY

Maria Frutig Wihlow, familiarly known to her many friends in this vicinity as "Grandma Wihlow," passed away at her home near Orient station on Monday, January 8, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, A. C. Wihlow and six children, Mrs. Elizabeth Zahn, Ridgefield, Washington; Mrs. Emma Milsted, Oregon City, Oregon; Mrs. Charlotte Westphal, St. Paul, Minnesota; Herman C. Wihlow, Mrs. Gertrude Ickler and H. F. Wihlow of Gresham.

Mrs. Wihlow was born in Berne, Switzerland, Sept. 16, 1837. She was married to A. C. Wihlow in Muscatine, Iowa, on Sept. 17, 1861. The family made their home successively at Muscatine and at St. Paul, Minnesota and moved to their home near Gresham in September, 1899. Grandma Wihlow was a member of the Baptist church.

The funeral services will be held from the Pleasant Home Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. C. C. Crowston of Springdale officiating. Interment will be in Douglass cemetery.

## Big Dance.

Given in Regner's opera house Saturday evening, January 13. Good music, good floor management. Gentlemen 75c. Ladies free. 91.

A method for constructing round, builtup table tops has been invented that gives them the appearance of being cut from solid material.

An electrically lighted cross revolves on top of a San Francisco steeple.

## COUNCIL AT WORK ON WATER DRAIN

There was a meeting of the street committee with interested property owners yesterday, investigating the condition of the drain through the property of E. C. Lindsey, A. Dowsett, Arthur Regner and D. C. Ely. This drain, which has been for years the main sewer outlet through the center of town and drains a large district east of Roberts and Hood avenues, has become stopped up. As a consequence several cellars were being flooded. The water has been diverted down Third street, across Main street and west to the lane where it floods the property of Geo. Kenney and Dan Murphy. The former is occupied by Leslie Merrill and the latter by Mr. Ackerman. These property owners are strenuously objecting to being made the dumping ground for drainage which always heretofore has had an outlet some other way.

Mr. Ely, of Oregon City, has been interviewed by members of the council in reference to the old drain which passes through his property.

It is stated that an effort is being made to get the council together for a special meeting tomorrow evening to take some action in reference to this matter.

## MEETING ADJOURNED TO NEXT THURSDAY

The meeting of the county fair board, called for yesterday, was adjourned until next Thursday afternoon at 1:30 on account of the cannery stockholders' meeting and, further, because several members of the board wanted to attend the funeral of Miss Lillie Luscher.

As there will be some matters to come up for settlement, concerning the business of last year, and the organization of the new board it is desirable that there be a full attendance. The meeting will be held at the office of S. B. Hall.

## Rosalie Luscher Improving.

Reports from Good Samaritan hospital are favorable to the recovery of Miss Rosalie Luscher, the Fairview girl who was so badly injured in the train and automobile collision at Linnemann junction on Thursday last, when her sister Lillie was killed.

## Tailoring

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

The body of a new electric stove for heating rooms or cooking on a limited scale is made of a composition of soapstone and asbestos.

A plant growing on mountains in central Europe develops enough heat to push its flower stalks through snow and produce blossoms.

The reservoir of a new fountain pen holds as much as an ordinary small bottle of ink, and is shaped to fit the hand comfortably.

Try a want ad. in the Outlook.

## ECLIPSES FORESHADOW MORE HORRORS OF WAR

A total eclipse of the moon on Sunday night was only partially visible to those who were out about midnight, owing to the heavy clouds which overcast the sky and hid the moon as well as its veil from observation.

For the benefit of the average reader who hasn't seen an almanac this year, the advance news is confided that there will be six more eclipses before the year ends,—four of the sun and two more of the moon. What a skyward tilting of astronomical telescopes these events will involve! But of this total only one more will be visible in North America.

To those who associate eclipses with comets and other celestial phenomena as portents, the program for this year will carry the assurance of the continuance of the war, with accumulated horror and hardship. Six of the seven partial and complete obscurations will be staged for the benefit of the war theater of Europe, which will appear as corroborative evidence to the minds inclined to connect celestial manifestations with untoward events on the terrestrial scene of action.

This year will bring no total eclipse of the sun, the phenomenon of such astronomical value as well as of popular interest. But in compensation there will be another total eclipse of the moon on December 28. It will also be visible all over the United States. But the regrettable feature is that it will occur in the winter season, and not in the balmy nights of June, when it might become the pretext for late saunterings by well-arranged couples. The eclipse schedule was prepared and published before this shortcoming was thought of.

## CHICKEN THIEVES GET LOOT FROM MANY ROOSTS

Numerous chicken houses have been robbed lately in several districts miles apart, covering the territory from Rockwood to the Sandy river.

Constable Squire has been informed that at least six such robberies have taken place within the past week or two, and the only evidence of the raids is empty roosts and missing chickens.

Four of the robberies are reported from Melrose district and along the Troutdale road where the losses total 96 chickens. Fifteen were taken at Bairdsdale and a whole flock was lost on the Section Line road two miles west of Gresham.

A certain auto, owned near Montavilla, has been seen in all these neighborhoods and there is a suspicion that its driver is the one who has been raising poultry according to his own ideas.

## Paget-Pitts Wedding.

L. W. Paget, an employe of the Oregon Journal, and Miss Mary C. Pitts, a trained nurse, were married yesterday at noon at Hillsboro by Rev. Walter Skipworth, pastor of the Methodist church and an old friend of Miss Pitts' father.

Mr. Paget is a brother of Axa Genevieve Paget, the talented Portland dancer.

Miss Pitts and Mr. Paget became acquainted about three years ago, while Miss Pitts was in training.

Miss Paget attended Miss Pitts and Michael Kyne attended the bridegroom.

The young couple will make their home in Portland after a brief honeymoon.

## Agricultural Year Book.

Congressman C. N. McArthur writes that he has about 200 volumes of the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture for 1915, and will be pleased to send a copy to anyone as long as the supply holds out, to any resident of this county who may ask for it.

## For Sale, 154 Acres.

The J. W. Roorck place four miles east of Gresham. Half under cultivation. Phone 25x. 91

Earth pigments and ochers have been discovered near the Cape of Good Hope and South Africa's first factory has been opened.

Lose woolen trousers for athletes to slip on over their scanty attire when resting, such as sweaters are worn, are a novelty.

Camels bred especially for speed can travel as much as ninety miles a day.

Only about 30 per cent of the natives of Spain are able to read and write.

## MISSING GIRL IS FOUND AT LOS ANGELES

Miss Gladys Opal Davis, who several months ago eloped from Fairview with an Italian section hand, and for whom a long search has been made, was located in Los Angeles on Sunday. A news dispatch from there yesterday gives the story of her elopement.

She says that at home she received no smiles, and as a result when Michael Chiamenti, an Italian who she says smiles all the time, asked her to run away, and go to southern California she jumped at the chance. Miss Davis made this statement in the county jail, following the arrest of the couple, the young man being charged with child-stealing.

The girl ran away on August 4, and, arriving at Los Angeles, went with Chiamenti to 175 North Spring street, where she admits they have been living together. Her arrest did not dampen her ardor for the Italian nor for the sunny climate of California. She said if her parents would let her marry the young man and remain there for life she never could have an unhappy moment.

Miss Davis, who is dressed like a mature woman and looks the part, said she had nothing but drudgery in Portland. She said she worked in a little grocery store. She did not object to the work, but when relatives criticized her for smiling at customers she rebelled.

Miss Davis did not complain of treatment at the hands of her father and mother. She said it was her grandmother who tried in vain to dampen her sunny disposition. She added:

"Grandma wanted me to read 'Pilgrim's Progress' and other serious stuff when I wanted poetry of the lightest vein. I simply could not stand it, and when the opportunity came to get away I went."

## OLD FASHIONED PARTY IN HONOR OF MRS. MORGAN

A genuine surprise was given Mrs. M. Morgan and family last Saturday night at their home near Troutdale, when 65 neighbors and friends came in to give them a house warming. A delightful evening was spent in games and conversation and a beautiful chair was presented to Mrs. Morgan as a token of good will by her friends. Refreshments had been brought, which were served at the close of the evening. Mrs. Morgan wishes to thank in this connection, all who had a part in the gift of the chair and in making the surprise party a success.

## MRS. LESLIE BERKE LAID TO REST TODAY

Mrs. Leslie Berke, of Pleasant Valley, whose death from tuberculosis occurred on Saturday, was laid to rest today in Multnomah cemetery. She was 23 years of age. Mrs. Berke was formerly Leona Florence Kesterson and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kesterson. A more extended obituary will appear in a later issue of the Outlook.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends who offered us their help and sympathy in the illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Stenberg, and for the beautiful flowers which marked her last resting place.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Berke and Children.

## Weather Forecast.

Pacific States: Frequent rain in Washington, Oregon and extreme northern California, generally fair in central and southern California; temperature average near seasonal normal.

Coal mine explosions are to be prevented by an application of rock dust in the mines and a machine has been invented for the purpose.

Canada has 23,000,000 acres in timber reserves, as compared with 187,000,000 acres in the national forests of the United States.

Russia's death rate in normal times is higher than of any other country of Europe. It is forty-one a year for each 1,000.

The manufacture of oil from birch bark is becoming an important industry of the southern states.

Read the Want Ads.