

COUNTY FAIR BOARD READY FOR BUSINESS

The 1916 Board of Directors of the Multnomah County Fair association finished up all its business yesterday and passed out of official existence.

The session, which lasted but an hour, was presided over by Theodore Brugger and was mainly devoted to cleaning up some minor affairs connected with the last fair, such as paying a few belated bills and rectifying some mistakes in premium awards.

After the old board had made its final adjournment the 1917 board was organized, each director present being sworn in by K. A. Miller. Only ten of the fifteen were on hand, the others being absent for various reasons.

J. J. Johnson, who was elected a director at the stockholders' meeting, declined to serve and the new board placed David McKeown back in his old place. This change makes the board just the same as it was last year.

H. A. Lewis was re-elected president, although absent. His work for the fair was highly complimented by his colleagues, and there was a unanimous feeling that he should be retained as head of the board for another term.

A. J. Kreuger, the newest member of the board, was chosen as vice president.

Mr. Lewis was again made manager and the election of secretary and treasurer was deferred until another meeting.

The 1917 premium list will be printed at the Outlook office again this year, its management having been given over to E. L. Thorpe, one of the board of directors. Each department head was instructed to make suggestions for its improvement and everyone interested in the fair is requested to assist.

The list has to be revised each year to meet changing conditions. The expected increase in appropriations will cause a larger increase in the prize offers, if the money can be had; besides, there are other features which will need revision.

A premium list committee will be appointed later on by President Lewis, which will embody all suggestions made and make equitable apportionment of whatever premium money is available.

The next meeting of the board will be held on the first Monday in February.

FORMER GRESHAM FOLK VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

In a recent letter from Mrs. M. C. Hargrove of Newcastle, California, she tells of a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newman of White Salmon, Washington. Mrs. Newman will be remembered as Miss Mae Dougherty, a graduate of the Gresham high school in the class of 1915. Mrs. Hargrove says:

Mr. and Mrs. Newman spent the week-end with us, the 6th, 7th and 8th. They came to San Francisco about two weeks ago on the Great Northern steamer. They have visited Mr. Newman's mother at Stockton, also other relatives, at Berkeley and Sacramento. They will visit Folsom and Fresno for a few days and return to their home about the last of this month.

The weather is fine and they are having a great time "hiking" a few miles each day, kodaking and sight-seeing.

CHERRYVILLE FARMERS LOSE MANY CATTLE

Woe be unto the man or men who are profiting through the theft of cattle from the ranges in the Cherryville vicinity, over in Clackamas county, say the good residents there. During the present winter season 20 head of cattle have been missed from the ranges and it is not believed that so many would die from natural causes. A rustler is at work, the farmers believe, and they have vowed vengeance if he is apprehended.

The grass on the ranges is very good this winter and stock owners do not feed as much as usual. For this reason they have not been watching their herds as much as in past years and there may be more cattle gone than the losses already discovered would indicate. Twenty head have disappeared to date, it is said.

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LEWIS AND MARKELL ARE BANK DIRECTORS

In accordance with the law governing state banks the stockholders of the Bank of Gresham met this week and elected a board of directors for the ensuing year. The number of directors was increased from five to seven; the old board, consisting of A. F. Miller, F. A. Halliday, Gust Larson, Emanuel Anderson and K. A. Miller were re-elected, and the two new members are State Senator H. A. Lewis, president of the Multnomah County Fair association and Mr. W. E. Markell, the well known and popular merchant of Pleasant Home.

The annual report of the cashier was read and was received with much enthusiasm as it showed the total resources of the bank to have reached the \$100,000.00 mark and also made enough profit during the year to be able to declare a dividend, the first one since 1912.

The board of directors held their meeting immediately following the stockholders meeting and elected the following officers: A. F. Miller, president; W. E. Markell, vice president; K. A. Miller, cashier and Emelie M. G. Anderson, assistant cashier.

The bank is to be congratulated on securing Mr. Lewis and Mr. Markell on the directorate as they are strong men financially and socially and will, no doubt, add very materially to the standing and progress of the bank in this community. Both men have had wide experience in business affairs, and with Mr. Markell in the vice president's chair he will be able to lend valuable assistance in the conduct and management of the affairs of the bank.

COUNTY UNIT SYSTEM IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The advocates of the county school unit system have had their plans badly upset for the present at least, since it is found that their scheme is unconstitutional.

The county unit plan is briefly this: abolish all the school boards of the county schools in each county and elect one board by the people of the entire number of school districts, the county school superintendent to be ex-officio member of the board.

Or, if the above plan could not have been put over in the legislature a plan leaving the school boards as they are and making the county school superintendent and ex-officio member of each district board was to have been put through the legislature.

This proposed legislation is about the most pernicious ever contemplated. It would open wide the avenues of graft wherever a dishonest or incompetent man was serving as county superintendent.

Teachers of the rural schools were planning to fight the proposed law vigorously as they feared to be placed absolutely in the power of the county superintendents. It's advocates also practically said to the people: "You are not competent to hire your own teachers through your chosen representatives, but you are competent to pay the bills."

The whole matter will have to be submitted to the people if its advocates wish to go further with it.

PARENT TEACHERS MEETING, WEDNESDAY

The meeting of Parent-Teachers' association will be held Wednesday, January 17, at 3 p. m., in the assembly hall of the grade school. The following program will be given:

Song by the school children.
Paper, A Few Facts for Parents, by Miss Hughes.

Solo by Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth.
Talk by Principal McCormick.

A short business meeting will be held at which plans will be made to entertain the county council of the Parent-Teachers' association, on Saturday, February 10.

This will be an interesting and important meeting and all parents and friends of the school should plan to be present next Wednesday.

A freak of nature is the lost river in Kentucky. It is known as the Hidden river, because no one knows its origin, and it vanishes into a cave leading no one knows where.

Several French lighthouses have been equipped with lenses that enable their lights to be seen fifty or sixty miles at sea.

A new electric water heater that takes current from a light socket can be used to make any faucet yield hot water.

The steel mast of an Atlantic coast oil barge is used as a smokestack from the galley.

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

That six per cent tax limitation measure, adopted by the voters in November, compels greater economy in state expenditures. This fact is recognized by Governor Withycombe in his message to the legislature wherein he eliminates \$461,000 from the amounts asked for the maintenance of the various state institutions.

The total amount asked for is about \$1,800,000, and some proposed legislation will yield something like \$260,000 if adopted. It is probable that the appropriations will figure up close to the million and a half mark, which will be within the revenues of the state.

The governor gives the reasons for reductions in expenditures, the penitentiary item being less than asked for by \$10,000, owing to the decrease in population there. He also tells why other departments should be reduced, giving good reasons therefor and says: "Lastly, I have ventured to suggest a decrease in expenditures of this legislature. It should not be difficult to accomplish this, and certainly economy may well begin at home."

Prohibition enforcement cost the state about \$4,000 in the last two years, \$3,000 of the last appropriation having been returned to the treasury. The governor is now asking for \$5,000 for use in the next two years for the same purpose.

A small appropriation is asked for the commencement of a new penitentiary building, the labor to be done by the prisoners.

The Labor commissioner is unnecessary, according to the governor. He recommends the abolishment of the office at the close of the present incumbent's term, believing that the work can be done by the accident commission.

He also suggests a change in the method of taxing inheritances, and another in the taxation of revenues of insurance companies. A charge of 2 per cent on the gross premiums of such companies and the other recommendation would yield the additional revenue spoken of.

Legislation putting the "bone dry" amendment to the constitution into absolute effect is urged.

Military training in the state university and high schools is recommended.

Legislation giving the vote to Oregon soldiers, when on duty away, is urged.

Steps looking toward the general elimination of the mentally unfit, feeble-minded and criminals are advocated by the adoption of an act providing for sterilization.

Probably one of the most important bills to be considered this session is the one which provides that auto licenses shall be sold by each county treasurer.

Under the provisions of the bill each county would issue licenses, each license bearing a number designating the county from which the license originated, as well as a number designating the state number of the machine. The license fee for motorcycles would be \$5, for electric vehicles driven for pleasure \$10, and for steam, gasoline or other hydrocarbon driven vehicles, 50 cents for each hundredweight of the machine and 50 cents for each horsepower, up to 26 horsepower.

Two bills are to be introduced on the prohibition question, which will probably result in making the state "bone dry" about February 1.

An attempt is being made to show that consolidation of departments will be of no benefit or economy to the state.

The legislators are cutting the state budget already, even to lopping off big sums on appropriations recommended by the governor.

Senator H. A. Lewis has introduced a bill to require members of county central committees to be

A reel to be attached to an automobile wheel has been invented to enable linemen to pick up or pay out wire much more rapidly than can be done by hand.

The Australian state of Victoria is electrifying its railroad system at an expense that eventually will exceed \$25,000,000.

The greater part of 4,000,000 tons of herring caught yearly in Japanese waters are used to fertilize rice fields.

The earth under a blanket of snow is usually ten degrees warmer than the air above it.

present at meetings, instead of by proxy. It is intended to keep "busy-bodies" from control.

Representative D. C. Lewis has presented a bill allowing the intermarriage of whites with negroes, Kanakas or Chinese.

A bill to require the appointment of road supervisors by petition has been introduced, making it mandatory on the county courts to make such appointments.

A bill to appropriate \$25,000 for two years for the Pacific Northwest Touring association, contemplates the drawing of a vast number of visitors here. It has been favorably received.

A measure introduced by Senator Dimick prohibits any person from feeding wild ducks with wheat or other food with intent to attract them so as to shoot them. The bill makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine of \$50 to \$500 or imprisonment of 30 days to bait wild ducks in this manner or to shoot them within 200 yards of any duck lake so baited. This measure is likely to draw the ire of Multnomah county sportsmen against whom it seems to be directed. There has been complaint from the southern part of the state that the practice of the northern sportsmen in feeding ducks keeps the ducks there so long that they migrate later than normally and do not stop en route, thus depriving the southern sportsmen of their duck hunting.

Two economies in election expenses are proposed by Representative Kubli, chairman of the House ways and means committee. These include the discontinuance of the state publication of pamphlets for candidates and a proposal for the short ballot. Figures show that during 1915-16 the state expended \$11,787.25 for the candidates' pamphlets for the primary and general elections. The candidates leaving a net cost to the state of \$8752.25.

If a bill which Representative Bowman, of Hillsboro, has introduced in the House becomes a law, it will be impossible for the courts to commit dependent children to any sectarian institution, or for the state or any county to appropriate money for the support of any children hereafter committed to sectarian institutions. This measure would affect seriously a number of important sectarian institutions now receiving state aid. During the last biennium an aggregate of about \$113,344 was paid by the state to various institutions, sectarian and nonsectarian, for the support of dependent children.

One of the most certain things in the world at this stage of the session, at least, is that the senate doesn't intend to let anybody inveigle it into an argument, much less a jangle, over the prohibition issue. Let any member so much as breathe the word "prohibition," no matter how softly, and twenty-nine senators straightway sit upright in their chairs, compress their lips and make haste to vote "Aye" on the question, whatever it is.

The measure advocated by Sheriff Hurlbut, of Multnomah county, to take out of the hands of the sheriff the feeding of county prisoners and all attendant profit thereon, which has been a source of much good revenue to sheriff's in the past, was introduced today by Senator Farrell, of the Multnomah delegation. The bill is limited to counties of 100,000 or over. The county either may feed the prisoners by direct appropriation, or by letting a contract to a low bidder under its provisions.

Senator Lewis yesterday introduced a joint memorial calling on the President to cause the speedy return of the Oregon troops now on the border.

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Australia avoids orphan asylums by sending parentless children to private families, which are paid for their care until they are 14 years old.

Because of the war Switzerland has increased its acreage under cultivation in grains by more than 20 per cent. over the 1914 figures.

Farming and pig rearing are the staple industries of Serbia.

GRESHAM OUTLOOK IS GIVEN HIGH PRAISE

When Frank Lee, of the Northwest Pacific Farmer, in getting up his Primary Campaign and Gresham Booster number last May, asked the editor to write a story of the Outlook's plant, the editor little dreamed to what wide publicity it would lead. The story was praised locally and words of congratulation came from various sources on the Coast. But the latest comes from New York and appears in the December number of The Linotype Bulletin, a trade journal, of world-wide circulation among linotypers and printers.

The story is printed in full and in the center of the page is a facsimile of the Outlook's editorial heading, as seen at the top of page two of every issue.

In introducing the article the editor of the Bulletin comments as follows:

"The Gresham Outlook is published twice a week in the little but lively town of Gresham, Oregon. The editor, H. L. St. Clair, is one of those men who is vitally interested in his community, and takes special pride in keeping his paper in advance of actual requirements—thereby setting an example for progressiveness that cannot but make a favorable impression not only on the Outlook's readers and advertisers, but also on the business men and citizens in general of Gresham and vicinity."

Mr. St. Clair's work is well known along the Pacific Coast, and when the Northwest Farmer, of Portland, Oregon, wanted someone to prepare a special article of general interest the editor of the Outlook was selected. Naturally Mr. St. Clair chose for his subject the two things which are always uppermost in his mind—his community and his paper, under the title "Gresham's Newspaper Uses Modern Methods," a comparison and a moral is drawn which will interest readers of the Linotype Bulletin, and the text is reprinted in full as it appeared in the Northwest Pacific Farmer."

The article then follows. It was recently reprinted in the Outlook.

EVENING STAR GRANGE OPPOSING BILLBOARDS

A committee was appointed by the master of Evening Star grange last Saturday to investigate the billboards along the county roads, with the object in view of determining how dangerous they are to public travel. Evening Star is the first grange to take the matter up. All the granges will follow in line and endeavor to create a sentiment that will cause their permanent removal.

Officers of Evening Star grange were installed by Mrs. E. A. Niblin, assisted by Mrs. P. L. Lerch and an escort of four, consisting of Miss Ella Johnson, Mrs. Small, Miss Bernice Elliott and Miss Nora Holm. Following are the officers installed: master, J. J. Johnson; overseer, S. H. Covell; lecturer, A. L. Keenan; steward, E. J. Spooner, re-elected for his fourteenth term; assistant steward, H. E. Hall; chaplain, Mrs. W. W. Amburn; treasurer, Miss Wilda Buckman; secretary, Mrs. Mary R. Gebhardt; gatekeeper, Mr. Nichols; Ceres, Miss Ethel Amburn; Pomona, Miss Dana Small; Flora, Miss Irene Elliott; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Josephine Pickard, and pianist, Miss Bernice Elliott.

S. H. Covell and H. L. Johnson were elected on the executive committee.

MILK SITUATION TO BE INVESTIGATED

Regarding the milk situation as discussed at Pomona grange December 29, Multnomah grange at its last meeting in December appointed a committee of one and voted to ask each grange in the county to appoint a committee of one to meet at some convenient place. The dairy inspectors office in Portland was suggested and on the earliest date possible to form some plan to follow for bettering conditions.

There will be a social dance at Rockwood grange hall tomorrow evening. The charge will be 50 cents for gentlemen, with supper extra. Good orchestra music is promised and everybody is welcome.

If the sea should rise one-twenty-sixth part of its depth, one-half of the land would be under water.

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RESOLUTIONS DEPRECATING WET STRENGTH

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Gresham W. C. T. U. yesterday at the library was interesting and active.

After the usual routine, the attention of the meeting was directed to the proceedings of the legislature which convened at Salem last Monday, and especially to the attitude and action of seven members of the House, of whom six are from Multnomah county, some of whom posed as "piously" dry before election. The discussion closed by passing the following resolution.

Whereas, The sentiment of the state of Oregon is overwhelmingly in favor of a dry state and nation, as shown by the defeat of the Brewers amendment, by a majority of fifty-four thousand votes last November.

And whereas, Multnomah county returned a substantial majority against the Brewers' amendment, And

Whereas, The senate of the Oregon legislature on January 8th passed a memorial, without a dissenting vote, petitioning congress to pass a bill pending, to make the District of Columbia dry. And

Whereas, The House passed this memorial with only seven dissenting votes. Be it

Resolved, That the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Gresham, deprecate the action of representatives Callan, Lewis, Kubli, Corbett, Mackay, Stott and Schimpff, known as the "wet" strength of the House, in opposing this dry memorial to our national government.

Next Thursday, January 18th, the Multnomah county W. C. T. U. institute will be held in the M. E. church Gresham, commencing at 11 a. m., also afternoon session, conducted by Mrs. Mattie Sleeth, county president. A number of the unions of the county will be represented. Lunch will be served in the church for visiting delegates. This meeting day, is the day set apart by the National W. C. T. U., as "National Prohibition Day," the program will be along this line. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

U. S. Capital in China.

The professions of Japanese statesmen concerning the investment of American capital in China are not exactly in accord with recent acts of their government and leading bankers. * * * Japan has objected to the contract with a subsidiary of the American International Corporation for the construction of railroads and the improvement of a part of the Grand canal, and her bankers have protested against the recent loan of \$5,000,000 to China by a Chicago bank. In each case the grounds are insufficient. * * * China has now only 6,000 miles of road. She needs much more, and, as her minister at Washington says, "the Chinese people are especially keen in their desire to develop business relations with the United States." The commercial attaché of this country in China, saying that there is a great opportunity for railroad construction, adds that "the door is open, but we don't go in." The railroad contract is proof, however, that we are trying to go in, but have been confronted by protests. * * *

Reports from Japan say that there is great interest in trade with China, and that merchants are planning to meet the competition of this country in China after the war, striving to obtain some advantage before the declaration of peace. Japan is enjoying great prosperity. Her exports of manufactures have been very largely increased. With the aid of unwise legislation here, her shipping interests have grown rapidly. She is about to establish a new line to Brazil. While her trade with India, Australia and South America is quite satisfactory in extent and profits, she is intent upon what can be done in China. If it is true that she would be glad to see American capital at work there, she should withdraw the objections which tend to prevent that co-operation which she professes to seek.—New York Times.

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