

FRUITGROWERS ELECT OFFICERS AND MANAGER

The directors of the Gresham Fruit Growers' association held a meeting last night and elected the following officers:

President, Theo. Brugger.
Vice president, D. E. Towle.
Sec'y-Treas., Jas. Elkington.
D. E. Towle was elected manager and is ready to enter upon the task of making the cannery a success which he can do with the loyal co-operation of all stockholders and producers in this part of the county.

Various committees were appointed to solicit stock, make arrangements for the rebuilding and furnishing equipment for the cannery.

Manager Towle has the following to say to all who are interested in the success of the cannery:

It would seem at this time as though the stockholders of the Gresham cannery did not know when they were licked. After two serious reverses they rally and say the cannery must be rebuilt, and they mean it. This is surely an expression of the right spirit.

The fact is, to rebuild the cannery is the only thing to do if the fruit and vegetable growing industry is to live and prosper.

This being definitely settled, the next question is, What can I do to promote the enterprise? First I can and will subscribe for more capital stock to furnish the funds necessary, along with the cash on hand, to rebuild the cannery and equip it with the latest improved labor-saving machinery and adapted to the canning of both fruit and vegetables. To do this we must raise \$50,000. It seems like a lot of money but spread out over the locality it is only a trace, and to pretend it would work a hardship is really absurd. The fact is that in every square mile of this territory there is \$5000 invested in autos. So we cannot really plead poverty and are surely elected to come over with the \$5000 for this worthy enterprise.

Second, We should give the enterprise our loyal support by delivering our products to the cannery in first-class shape. Do not be lured away by the promise of an extra nickel or dime on a crate. Keep in mind the fact that without the cannery our competitors would let you come to them and you would feel as though you had been favored when you received a lower price than the cannery would have paid.

So we must stand loyally by the enterprise to the end that we may live and grow.

Third and last, but most vital of all, is the need of an increase in acreage of strawberries. Cuthbert raspberries, loganberries, beans and corn. We should plant 25 acres of canning strawberries, 50 acres of Cuthberts and 50 acres of logans; also 25 of beans and from 50 to 100 acres of corn this year. The beans and corn can be raised to advantage along with the Cuthberts and logans.

The cannery association is prepared to make contracts with growers for a term of years at remunerative prices and wish to impress you with the need of taking up the work of planting. There is no time to lose. Act now. February and March planting of berries is best. The work is light and pleasant and is proving very profitable. We are ready to close up a limited number of contracts now.

For particulars see Jas. Elkington, secretary of the association.

GOES TO CALIFORNIA BUT MAY RETURN

Dr. S. P. Bittner left last week for Monrovia, California to take a position in the sanitarium where Mrs. Bittner has been under treatment for many months. It is understood that the arrangements are only temporary and that Dr. Bittner may return to his practice here within a few weeks or months. Mrs. Kent and the Bittner children have gone to Portland and will leave in a short time for Monrovia, where the family will be reunited, Mrs. Bittner being able to leave the sanitarium.

Dr. Bittner's large practice here has been turned over to Dr. Emily F. Balcom, who has given up her Portland office in order to properly care for practice here. Dr. Balcom has a new home in Gresham, located on the Section Line near the western boundary of the town. Her office is in the Bank of Gresham building.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kenney left today for southern California for a visit of several weeks. They expect to go directly to Los Angeles and from there will visit other places of interest.

On account of the special meetings being held at First Methodist church, Portland, which some from here wish to attend, the regular prayer meeting this week will be omitted.

Try a want ad. in the Outlook.

LOCAL GRANGE IS OPPOSED TO HIGH LICENSES

An unusually fine meeting of Gresham grange was held last Saturday at which the newly-elected officers were installed and resolutions regarding pending legislation were adopted. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being J. J. Johnson, master of Evening Star grange, Mr. and Mrs. A. Niblin and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Elliott.

At the morning session Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Squire and Wallace Kaderly were initiated into the mysteries of the first and second degrees.

Most of the afternoon session was occupied with the installation of officers. Mrs. Alfred Niblin, a past master of Evening Star grange, was the installing officer and gave the charge to the various officers in a most beautiful and impressive way. Mrs. H. E. Davis was marshal for the occasion and was assisted by Mrs. Josephine Pickard, Miss Nora Holm, Mrs. J. B. Small and Miss Bernice Elliott, all of Evening Star grange.

The officers installed were as follows:

Worthy master, E. E. Welling.
Lecturer, Mrs. Jennie Kronenberg.
Assistant steward, Geo. Honey.
Chaplain, Mrs. R. F. Walter.
Treasurer, Geo. Leslie.
Secretary, Mrs. Effie Hodge.
Gatekeeper, J. R. Kavanaugh.
Pomona, Mrs. L. T. Lusted.
Flora, Mrs. Roy Kern.
Lady ass't steward, Mrs. Annie Welling.

Mrs. Emma Metzger, steward elect, and Miss Alberta Allen, Ceres, were not present.

Regarding certain proposed legislation Gresham grange went on record in no uncertain way according to the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it is proposed to pass legislation increasing the state automobile license tax to an amount equal to one dollar per horsepower for each car, and

Whereas, it is believed to be unjust and illegal to impose upon one class of vehicles, for road maintenance, or other purposes, a burden of taxation not borne by all other classes of vehicles, excepting such license fee as may be required for necessary recording and policing of any particular class; therefore, be it

Resolved, by Gresham grange in regular session assembled, that we indicate our strong disapproval of said proposed legislation, or any legislation which has for its object the raising of money for road purposes by unduly taxing automobiles; and that we urge our state lawmakers to vote against said proposed legislation.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the legislators and senators from Multnomah county.

The subject of billboards along highways come up for its share of consideration and the billboards were strongly condemned. Sentiment on the subject was finally crystallized in the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that Gresham grange go on record as favoring a law which will make it unlawful to place or maintain sign boards at any and all places along the public highway.

An encouraging talk was given by J. J. Johnson, who stated that during the past year Evening Star grange had maintained an average attendance of 75 per cent of its membership.

Mr. Johnson, who is also master of Pomona grange, announced that the Pomona would meet on the third Wednesday in March with Pleasant Valley grange.

Special thanks were voted to Mrs. Niblin and the team from Evening Star for their excellent work in connection with the installation.

RURAL TEACHER LEAGUE CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS

The Rural Teachers' League held their regular meeting in the court-house Saturday, January 13. About forty members were present and they proceeded, after receiving the resignations of the president and vice president, to the election of new officers. The following were elected: Mrs. Janet Grant, president; Miss Vaughn McCormick, vice president and Miss Florence Fieldhouse, secretary.

It was decided to meet once in six weeks, so all teachers can look forward to an interesting meeting on Saturday, February 24.

Mrs. Arthur Calaghan and baby, of Portland, visited several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wright.

The Venezuelan government has decided to build a highway across the republic that will be 683 miles long.

REPRESENTATIVE D. C. LEWIS EXPLAINS DRY LAW POSITION

The following letter from Representative D. C. Lewis refers to the resolutions adopted by the Gresham W. C. T. U., published in the Outlook on Friday last. The House bills referred to in the letter are on file in this office and may be seen by anyone interested:

Salem, January 15.

Editor Outlook:—Due to the kindness of someone I have received a marked copy of your excellent paper containing "Resolutions Deprecating Wet Strength."

Permit me to assure you and your intelligent readers, and those well-meaning people who passed the resolutions of mild censure that the vote on the resolution directed to congress to make the "District of Columbia Dry," in no manner voices the wet or dry sentiment of those voting "No," nor indicates in any manner how they will vote on the Dry bill when it comes before the House. Their vote was simply a protest against undue haste and the manner in which the resolution was presented. When the resolution was presented and its adoption first moved, the House was not organized. No member except the mover thereof had heard, read or been given an opportunity of reading the same.

The rules of the House provide that all bills and concurrent resolutions shall be printed and lie on the desks of the members for a specified time, thereby giving to the members an opportunity to read the same and to prepare and offer amendments providing they desire so to do.

Again, those voting "No" were pledged to use their time and endeavor to frame and pass such laws as would lower taxes if possible and improve conditions in Oregon and they felt they should devote their time along these lines, and they could see no good results that would flow from sending a resolution to Congress or wasting the time of the House asking Congress to do the exact thing it had already decided on doing.

I again repeat, the vote in no manner indicates the dry or wet sentiments of the members voting "No" on the proposed dry measure yet to come before the House; while, on the other hand, the resolution was regarded by many members as an advanced feather to learn how members stood, and that it was not introduced in good faith for any benefit that the resolution could accomplish, and this feeling caused some resentment. Some thought the resolution a political trick and I am one of those who think so. Two years ago outside influence caused a bad, so-called dry,

law to be placed on the statute books, and the same political influences are again at work. At the 1915 session, I introduced a Dry bill and worked hard for it. I voted against the so-called Dry bill of the 1915 session on the grounds and for the reason that the bill was unfair and was full of jokers and would make a few men rich through sales of liquor in violation of law. Was my judgment sound? I leave it to others who know something regarding alcoholic sales and police court proceedings. The bill I introduced would have protected the people against the late alcoholic torrent. So will my present bill if adopted, which is now before the Alcoholic Traffic committee, but probably doomed to an untimely, and possibly political, death. I trust those who mildly censured me with others will carefully read House Bills Nos. 1 and 2 now in your office and also the resolution introduced by myself calling on Congress to submit the wet and dry question to a vote of the people, then they will know where I stand.

House Bill No. 2 is one to prevent the sale of patent medicines containing alcohol in such quantities as to be a real drink producer. Do you favor such a measure? I will vote for the bills and resolution I have introduced if given an opportunity, and my bills will make the state dry. There are no wet holes in them. Is that what you and those who censure us desire?

I will not vote for a vicious bill or untimely resolution or a bill that created class privileges simply because it is dubbed "A Dry Measure." Personally, I think a dry lawyer as good as a wet clergyman, and shall keep that thought in mind when called on to vote.

House Bills Nos. 1 and 2 should be in your office as I placed your paper on my mailing list for the purpose of accommodating the Gresham readers and voters, and at your office those good people who adopted resolution of mild censure can easily learn my views on the subject under discussion as well as on other questions. If the bills are not there, I will furnish them.

I believe in orderly legislation. Last year we were censured for voting for a so-called midnight resolution which we were not given an opportunity of reading. I shall not be caught that way again regardless of the fact that the resolution pertains to alcohol or any other subject.

In conclusion, permit me to say, that at the end of forty days, the people of Multnomah county will know us by our work, and not until then.

Respectfully yours,
D. C. LEWIS.

DRAINAGE EXPERT IS COMING TO GRESHAM

One of the most important needs of a great number of farms in this county is underdrainage and this phase of farm improvement will receive considerable attention from County Agricultural Agent Hall during this year. The many requests for assistance in drainage work have led Mr. Hall to secure the services of Prof. J. E. Larson, a drainage specialist from the Oregon Agricultural College and two demonstration meetings will be conducted this week in the eastern part of the county.

On Friday, January 19, a meeting will be held on the farm of S. M. Davis near Hurlburt schoolhouse, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. On Saturday afternoon, beginning at about 1:30 a similar meeting will be held on the farm of L. R. Louderback near the Multnomah grange hall at Pleasant Home.

Both of these gatherings will be in the nature of community meetings. Professor Larson and Mr. Hall will take up the methods used in determining the location of drains, ways and means of digging trenches, and the details of laying the tile, using the immediate field as an illustration. Following the meetings on the farms mentioned visits will be made to other farms in the community where drainage is needed and proposed systems laid out.

Professor Larson will have an opportunity between meetings to visit other farms in this section of the county. This will be the only opportunity to have his services this spring and Mr. Hall is very anxious to hear from anyone who has need for drainage.

INTERESTING BOOKS IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

A map of Oregon, published by the State Board of Forestry, has just been received at the library and is of unusual interest. Burned and cut areas are shown as well as those of merchantable timber. The lecture on the work of the Forestry Department, which was given at the library last year, was so much enjoyed that another one is being planned. Announcement will be made as soon as the date can be fixed.

Among the books recently received at the branch are two by Price Collier which are proving to be popular. They are "The West in the East" and "Germany and the Germans." Some interesting books of travel are, "From Dublin to Chicago," "Seeking Fortune in America," and "Romantic California."

A few books of classical music have been received and the number will be increased if there is a demand for them.

The American Forestry magazine, The Musician, Munsey's and the Needlecraft have been added to the list of magazines for the coming year.

Weather Forecast.

Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions: except local snows Wednesday and Thursday in northern, and snow or rain in southern parts, the weather will be generally fair with temperatures below the seasonal average.

New York has an aggregate foreign trade of \$2,125,000,000, exceeding that of London by \$200,000,000.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES FROM PRINCIPAL

For the following high school notes the Outlook is indebted to Principal E. F. Goodwin:

The first semester of this school year will end on Friday, January 26th and the second semester will begin on Monday, January 29th. Second semester examinations will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 24th, 25th and 26th. The work of the students so far this year has been very satisfactory to all concerned and the number of exemptions from examinations will be greatly increased over last year. Among the new subjects to be taught next semester are Solid Geometry, Civics, Commercial Geography and Botany.

We regret to lose from our faculty, Miss Eva Struggles who has resigned to enter Columbia University, New York City, the first of next semester so as to be able to complete her work there by the end of the summer session. Miss Struggles has been with the new school since its organization and has become very much attached to the students and people of this community. She is a loyal and faithful teacher, an earnest worker and a true friend whose presence here will be greatly missed. Her work in English and Latin will be divided among some of the remaining teachers. The English classes will be taught by Miss Gregson and Miss Abright, and Miss McCormick will become teacher of second year Latin.

In honor of their teacher and class advisor the junior class will give a farewell reception to Miss Struggles at the home of Miss Gladys Neal next Friday evening, January 19.

The Argus, our official school paper, will make its second appearance in a few days, and promises to be full of school news. The editors are wide awake, being anxious to make each issue better than the last.

The attendance this semester averages 165 students which is an increase of more than 20 per cent over last year. We expect several new students at the beginning of next semester.

The senior and junior class plays will be staged early next semester. The students are planning to give the public high class productions in keeping with the high standard of the school.

A reorganization of the student body with officers working under a new constitution and by-laws will be perfected soon. On account of new conditions it was thought best to change the old organization.

Indoor baseball is the new game for the gym students. Much interest is being shown by the students in basketball, volleyball, and indoor baseball during the interim between the football and baseball seasons.

The athletic field is being fenced preparatory to the opening season of baseball. Nearly all of last year's letter men have returned and we anticipate another winning team this year. With Quesinberry and Brown as the U. H. S. battery, supported by men equally good in their respective field positions, we need not fear the outcome in our contests with other high school teams.

JOINT INSTALLATION BY TWO ORDERS

The Gresham lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held a joint installation on Saturday evening last, preceded by short business sessions of each lodge.

The installing officers were: A. W. Metzger for the Odd Fellows and Mrs. Cora Childers, deputy district president for the Rebekahs.

Odd Fellow officers installed included Albert Ekstrom, noble grand; Frank Hodge, vice grand; Ed. Aylsworth, warden; Carl Dahl, chaplain. Rebekah officers were Mrs. Olive Ekstrom, noble grand; Margaret Creech, vice grand; Mrs. Minnie Clannah, secretary; Miss Margaret Michel, treasurer; Clara McKinney, chaplain; Maud Michel, warden; Willa Metzger, conductor.

Robert Andrews, a member of the sovereign grand lodge was an entertaining speaker, the other numbers following being a solo by Miss Marian Robertson and short addresses by various members. The evening closed with an oyster supper.

Stepping Orchestra Dance.

Given in Regner's opera house Saturday evening, January 27. Good music, good floor management. Gentlemen 50c. Ladies free.

CITY COUNCIL PLACES BAN ON GAMBLING

Following is the full text of the anti-gambling ordinance, passed at a special meeting of the Gresham council on Saturday evening last and approved yesterday by Mayor Stapleton:

ORDINANCE NO. 89.

AN ORDINANCE, To prevent and suppress gaming and gambling and gambling houses and all places where any game in which chance predominates is played for anything of value; and to punish any person who engages in any such game, or keeps or frequents any such house or place.

The Town of Gresham does ordain as follows:

Section 1. No person or persons shall, within the corporate limits of the Town of Gresham, open, set up, or keep, either as the owner, proprietor, manager, or employee, with or without hire, lessee, or otherwise, any gaming or gambling house or place where any banking or any other game is played with cards, dice, machine, buttons, or any other device for anything of value, whether the same be played for money, checks, credits, or any other representation of value.

Section 2. No person or persons shall, in any house, room, or place, within the corporate limits of the Town of Gresham, set up or keep, conduct, maintain, or operate, either as owner or owners, proprietor or proprietors, lessee or lessees, employee or employees, agent or agents, any kind of gambling table, nickle-in-the-slot machine, or gambling device adopted, devised and designed for the purpose of playing any game of chance, whether the same be played for money, checks, credits, or any other thing or representation of value.

Section 3. No person or persons shall, within the corporate limits of the Town of Gresham, frequent, or go into, or visit, any gaming or gambling house or place, or engage in or play at or in, or bet upon any of the games or gambling devices mentioned in sections one and two of this ordinance.

Penalty.

Section 4. Every person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before the Town Recorder, be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars, or, in default of the payment of such fine, by imprisonment in the town jail not more than twenty-five (25) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Passed by the Common Council, January 13th, 1917.

G. W. STAPLETON, Mayor.
C. G. SCHNEIDER, Recorder.

Approved, January 15th, 1917.
G. W. STAPLETON, Mayor.

Another matter taken up by the council on Saturday evening was a proposition to change the route of the pipe line intended to supply the Beaver State Motor company's plant with Bull Run water.

The original plan was to lay the pipe on Division street, following the north side parallel with the gas company's main. After some consideration it was decided to make the pipe available to others, and an effort will be made to run it through private property for a part of the distance. If the new plan is successful the connection on Main street will be at B street, in Regner's addition, and the pipe will pass through the property of Mrs. T. L. Salls to the right of way of the P. R. L. & P. company, thence under the track to the motor company's land. From there the latter company is expected to make its own connection to its plant, but the city will also endeavor to get a further right to extend the pipe to Division street whenever it may be necessary.

The proposed new route will not require any more pipe than the old one and a better territory will be served. The sewer matter under consideration was laid over until the regular meeting next month.

GRANDMA LUSTED'S FUNERAL TODAY

Grandma Lusted passed away yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at the home of her son, George Lusted. She was past 91 years of age. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Pleasant Home Methodist church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. F. S. Ford. Mrs. Lusted lived an eventful and useful life and a more extended obituary is promised for next issue.

The Question.

Are times better or is it the reduction in prices at Carlson's furniture store that has awakened interest? The receipts have been larger during the past three weeks than during the whole eleven months prior. The same reductions apply to everything in the store, including the pianos.—Adv.