

FARMERS MAY HAVE CHANCE FOR MARKET

D. C. Zink, traveling freight and passenger agent for the P. R. L. & P. company, was in Gresham yesterday and called the Outlook's attention to the fact that an opportunity is being offered the farmers and gardeners of this locality to market their produce in large quantities at profitable prices the coming summer.

The Wittenberg-King company, with a \$70,000 plant at The Dalles, is ready to make contracts with producers for any quantity of the following vegetables at the prices stated for delivery at The Dalles.

Carrots, turnips, rutabagas, \$10 per ton; cabbage, \$12 per ton; onions, \$1 per cwt.; beans, \$40 per ton, f. o. b. at Gresham or vicinity; cucumbers, \$40 per ton up to 2 1/2 inches, \$20, 2 1/2 to 4 inches; over 4 inches \$10 per ton. These prices on cucumbers are f. o. b., shipping point. Most of these vegetables are the common varieties except cucumbers, which are for the Frei Pickle Works of Portland, who will furnish the seed. Other varieties of vegetables are also wanted.

At these prices many small tracts can be made highly profitable. Acreage now idle can be made to pay its owner or renter a profit. The above companies are ready to make contracts for an unlimited supply of the above-mentioned vegetables and at a price which should make the farmers feel glad.

The above proposition is being taken up at various localities, some as far away as Estacada, Molalla and Mount Angel. Gresham being nearer the point of delivery will obviously have an advantage in freight rates.

With the Gresham cannery beginning for a larger acreage of fruit of various kinds and also corn and beans, and this new offer for the kinds of produce for which this locality is particularly noted, there ought to be no lack of stir among the farmers of eastern Multnomah and northern Clackamas county to get in on the ground floor for this year's crop. It is unusual for such encouraging offers from reliable sources to be made so early in the season and certainly means a new day of opportunity for the farmer.

Neither is this for the advantage of the large producer alone. It is especially for the small producer. If you have a lot or a half acre or more you can grow something that will bring good pay for your work. The variety of vegetables wanted is such that you can grow just what your land is best suited for.

Meetings are being held in various localities to present these offers to the farmers. If it is desired to hold such a meeting here it is only necessary to indicate the desire and the Outlook is assured that representatives from the companies interested will be present and explain in detail all matters pertaining to the offers.

The matter has been taken up with County Agent S. B. Hall and his co-operation is assured.

All who are interested are invited to communicate with the Outlook, or the county agent. If references are wanted as to the reliability of the Wittenberg-King company or Frei Pickle Works you are invited to communicate with F. D. Hunt, of the P. R. L. & P. Co.

LEISLA RUBY GIVEN SURPRISE DINNER

Mrs. A. C. Ruby gave a surprise dinner party in honor of her daughter Leisla on Tuesday evening last, at which a four-course dinner was served.

The invited guests were Miss Leisla's most intimate girl friends. They were: Miss Edith Jenkins, Miss Florence Towle, Miss Hester Thorpe, Miss Olive Olsen and Miss Eckford Cameron. After dinner had been served the evening was spent with music and singing.

Miss Eva Struggles, the retiring instructor of the union high school was also an invited guest.

INMATES OF COUNTY FARM ENTERTAINED BY SCHOOL

A play "Dinner at Six," was given at Multnomah Farm on Friday evening by the teachers and young people of Lynch district. The same play was given before Christmas for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers' association.

Norway has prohibited the exportation of coffee substitutes.

ADMIRAL IS HONORED BY A LONE FLAG

Only one flag floated at half-mast in Gresham as an honor to Admiral George Dewey, who died in Washington City on Tuesday last.

That flag was floating in the breeze at the modest home of E. E. Chipman on Division street, and it spoke mutely of the reverence in which the dead hero was held by one who knew him in life, and who was proud to remember him as the chief and friend with whom he served for several years in the United States navy under the starry folds of the banner that each in his own station sailed beneath in many parts of the world.

Mr. Chipman, who is now one of the rural letter carriers out of Gresham, was for nine years an enlisted man in the navy. It was in the early seventies that he sailed with Dewey, then a lieutenant commander and unknown to fame. The great admiral was at that time in charge of his first command, the cruiser Narragansett, engaged in more peaceful pursuits than war, and it was during Mr. Chipman's closing years in the navy that he was Dewey's coxswain, serving in the Gulf of California, and along the western coast of both North and South America from Alaska to Brazil.

Mr. Chipman joined the Narragansett at Magdalena bay in Lower California. The future admiral was engaged in charting the Gulf of California, and it was there that he was made coxswain of the second cutter with twelve men under him. It is a rare treat to hear him tell of his service under Dewey. Some of his reminiscences sound like dime novel stories.

One story reveals Dewey's greatest trait—that of observation and promptness in action. Mr. Chipman had received permission to fit the cutter with sails and a race was arranged with the captain's gig. Chipman, as steersman of the cutter, won the race and made a splendid finish alongside the man of war. His opponent made a miserable failure in landing and Dewey promptly transferred the two coxswains, thereby promoting Chipman and degrading the other man.

Mr. Chipman was under Dewey when he quit the navy because he was tired of a life at sea. He was strongly urged to stay, even by Dewey, and has been filled with regret ever since. His career in the navy was a creditable one and he might long ago have risen to higher rank along with his great commander. He says that his promotion would have been certain and that Dewey would have been his naval "father."

Mr. Chipman's loyalty to the nation and its institutions is his religion, and his greatest hero was Admiral Dewey. So it is no wonder that his flag is flying in honor of his idol.

MRS. ELIZABETH LUSTED LAID AT REST TUESDAY

Elizabeth Humphrey was born in Kent county, England, March 4th, 1825. She came to Cape Vincent, New York, with her parents when she was a small child. She was married to William Lusted January 30, 1850. To this union were born three children, Talbert E., George W. and Sarah J. Mr. and Mrs. Lusted lived in New York and Wisconsin and in 1875 came to Oregon and settled near Pleasant Home, where the family has lived ever since, and where in 1914 Mr. Lusted died. Grandma Lusted passed away at the home of her son George, January 15, 1917, aged 91 years, 10 months and 11 days. She is survived by one son, George, and by six grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for fifty years.

The funeral occurred Tuesday at the Pleasant Home Methodist church, the Rev. F. S. Ford officiating. Interment was in the Pleasant Home cemetery. A number of beautiful floral pieces attested the love of relatives and friends.

The pall bearers were A. Ruegg, Hans Koek, Ralph Neibauer, John Sleret, George Blackburn and Ed. Hamilton.

Stepping Orchestra Dance.

Given in Regner's opera house Saturday evening, January 27. Good music, good floor management. Gentlemen 75c. Ladies free.

The seraphine was a keyed musical instrument now obsolete, which preceded the harmonium.

LEGISLATURE CONSIDERING MANY IMPORTANT MEASURES

Both houses of the legislature tackled the consolidation of commissions in real earnest on Wednesday. The house committee met, organized and proceeded toward an immediate survey of state boards, commissions and bureaus with a view of recommending such changes as can be made consistent with economy and efficiency. Meanwhile the senate adopted a resolution providing for a committee of its own members to work along similar lines. While each house will have its own committee it is proposed that they hold joint meetings. The success of joint meetings of the ways and means, the insurance, military and other legislative committees is pointed to as ample justification of this plan.

The seven measures bearing on the matter are as follows:

Senate bill 18—Abolishing the state tax commission.

Senate bill 19—Establishing department of industrial insurance, in which are to be consolidated the labor commission, industrial welfare commission, industrial accident commission and board of child labor.

Senate bill 20—Consolidating the Desert Land Board with the State Land Board.

Senate bill 21—Establishing the corporation and insurance department, and consolidating the corporation department with the insurance department.

Senate bill 66—Consolidating the Dairy and Food commissioner with the State Board of Health.

The Pierce bill, Senate bill 43, provides for consolidation of the Desert Land Board with the State Land Board. Senate bill 67, provides for consolidation of the State Sealer of Weights and Measures with the Dairy and Food commissioner.

The first measure to become a law was passed on Wednesday. It appropriates \$25,000 toward the expenses of the session.

A bill by Representative Staffin would make it possible for sheriffs to summon jurors by the registered mail. It is an economy measure. Staffin points out that the mileage of sheriffs' deputies in serving jurors in some eastern Oregon counties is enormous.

Representative Anderson's bill regulating building and loan associations he said would make it easier for small organizations to exist. Women

would be able to hold office in them. Representative Thomas' bill to prohibit seines and set nets in the Rogue river promises to become one of the live topics of the session.

Yesterday the judiciary committee conducted an open hearing on a number of bills intended to improve the operation of the initiative and referendum; the consolidation committee conferred with Governor Withycombe to gain his views on the work expected of them; the committee on alcoholic traffic held an informal meeting to consider the "bone-dry" prohibition bill, and many other committees held both day and night sessions to consider questions of varying degrees of importance.

The house passed Representative Bean's bill authorizing the State Board of Control to issue bonds, if necessary, to match the federal appropriation of \$1,800,000 for road improvement work in Oregon. The expenditure is to be spread over a period of five years, and the state need bond itself only enough to complete the \$1,800,000 fund if that amount is not available from other sources. The government requires the state to spend dollar for dollar.

A public hearing on the Anderson-Eddy "bone dry" prohibition bill will be held in the house chamber next Monday night. Members of the house and senate committees on alcoholic traffic will preside. All interested persons are invited to attend. It is understood that wholesale grocers, food manufacturers, confectioners and others want to be heard on the provisions regulating the use of alcohol. House leaders have started an informal canvass of the house and already are assured that the bill carrying the emergency clause will have 48 affirmative votes on final passage. The canvass is not complete. There is no serious opposition to the emergency clause.

The house indulged in a spirited parliamentary squabble over Representative W. B. Jones' bill to abolish the office of county school supervisors. The educative committee reported adversely on the bill. Jones protested. Mrs. Thompson and other members of the committee defended their report. The house overwhelmingly sustained the action of the committee and sent the bill down the skids.

GRESHAM LIBRARY IN ADVANCE

The fifty-third annual report of the Library association of Portland, covering the period from November 1 to October 31, has been issued and makes a very creditable showing of the county library institution.

The report shows that during the year more money was spent for the maintenance of the Gresham sub-branch than for any of the other eleven sub-branches, the total for Gresham being \$2736.01, the next highest being St. Johns with \$2548.61. At Gresham \$187.50 of the total was spent for street improvements and at St. Johns for a similar purpose, \$123.15.

The librarian, Miss Isom, reports that during the year covered by the report 1,468,793 books were drawn for home use, an increase of 5.9 per cent over 1915. Of these volumes, 523,783 were borrowed from the central library and 621,106 from the fifteen branches and sub-branches. The balance were from the municipal reference branch, the various deposit stations, school libraries, etc. Thirty-nine per cent of the total circulation was issued to children. There are 83,387 card holders in the county, representing 36.3 per cent of the population.

In a new pencil sharpener several small blades are mounted conically at the end of a twisted wire, which is revolved rapidly by pushing a spindle along it.

The sirocco, or sand storm, of the Arabian desert, is exceedingly treacherous. It often digs pits 200 feet deep, scattering sand for miles around.

A motion picture camera that uses glass plates instead of films and also can be used to project pictures has been invented in Europe for amateurs.

The world's highest powered motor ship has been built in Italy for the Brazilian navy, its oil motors developing 6,400-horse power.

The librarian says that "the newspapers as usual were staunch friends of the library and tirelessly published news and book notes, while an occasional editorial on a certain book or author stimulated immediate demand."

The Montavilla and University Park sub-branches are referred to as having made a remarkable growth, with Sellwood and Vernon not far behind, while Lents, St. Johns and Woodstock fell behind their reports of the previous year.

The statistics presented indicate that Gresham in 1916 had a circulation of 16,258 volumes, as against 16,383 in 1915. There was a slight increase in the number of volumes to juveniles. The Gresham circulation is the lowest of any of the sub-branches. This is doubtless accounted for by the fact that the population is much less and far more scattered.

It may be added that the library is one of the best institutions in the county for its broadening and uplifting influence upon the minds and morals of the community. It is supported by direct taxation and there can be no question as to the high quality of service rendered by those having it in charge.

The 1,806,919,569 eggs New Yorkers eat in a year, laid end to end, would reach more than twice around the world, and the annual egg bill is \$50,000,000.

Profits of six principal meat companies of Argentina in 1915 reported at \$9,000,000 United States currency; their capital is approximately \$21,000,000.

A micrometer screw operates a movable blank at the end of a new rule for adjusting callipers to small fractions of an inch quickly and accurately.

Belle Isle, made famous in fiction by Dumas "Man in the Iron Mask," now is a prison for Germans of rank captured in the war.

REPORT GIVES RECEIPTS AND ALL OUTLAYS

The following financial report of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company has been mailed to each stockholder, together with the call for the annual meeting to be held next Monday afternoon in Metzger's hall for the purpose of electing two directors and for transacting any other business that may properly come before it. Retiring directors are Theodore Brugger and Walker Quesinberry.

Trial Balance, December 31, 1916

ASSETS	
Material	\$ 134.55
Line	6,343.81
Instruments, wall	4,022.35
Instruments, desk	1,014.09
Accounts receivable	1,422.90
Cash, First State Bank	701.91
Cash, Bank of Gresham	1,424.57
State fixtures	230.00
Office expense	920.10
Salaries	\$ 612.00
Postage	102.31
Printing and stat.	54.28
Rent	72.00
Light and heat	37.66
Miscellaneous	41.85
Operating	1,730.91
Salaries	1,578.85
Rent	101.80
Light and heat	37.66
Miscellaneous	12.60
Maintenance	3,403.53
Wages	2,615.05
Material	754.10
Miscellaneous	54.38
Construction	445.53
Wire	220.15
Poles	168.87
Labor	46.50
Taxes and fees	263.28
Dividend account	13.00
Storm account	1,724.90
Sandy office expense	604.40
Sandy construction	704.94
State Accident Com.	83.39
Automobile account	168.00
General expense account	2.50
Suspense account	295.72
	\$25,654.36

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$ 7,150.00
Surplus	7,403.51
Rent	9,376.48
Tolls	1,080.87
Directory account	43.50
	\$25,654.36

Balance Sheet December 31st, 1916

ASSETS	
Material	\$ 134.55
Line	6,343.81
Instruments, wall	4,022.35
Instruments, desk	1,014.09
Accounts receivable	1,422.90
First State Bank	701.91
Bank of Gresham	1,424.57
Cash	230.00
Construction 1915 and 1916	445.53
Dividend account	13.00
Sandy line and switchboard	704.94
Suspense	295.72
	\$16,753.26

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$ 7,150.00
Surplus	7,403.51
Profit 1916	2,199.75
	\$16,753.26

Profit and Loss Account, December 31st, 1916

EXPENSES	
Office expense	\$ 920.10
Operating expense	1,730.91
Maintenance	3,403.53
Taxes	263.28
Storm account	1,724.90
Sandy office expense	604.40
State Accident Com.	83.39
Automobile account	168.00
General expense account	2.50
Profit	2,199.75
	\$11,100.85

EARNINGS

Rent, Gresham Exchange	\$ 9,372.73
Tolls, Gresham Exchange	1,003.60
Rent, Sandy Exchange	603.75
Tolls, Sandy Exchange	77.27
Profit on directories	43.50
	\$11,100.85

Receipts and Disbursements, 1916

RECEIPTS

Bal. on hand January 1, 1916	\$ 1,926.24
Rentals	8,152.34
Tolls	2,528.11
Stock sold	306.82
Telephone ads	81.25
Miscellaneous	54.30
	\$11,058.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Storm account	\$ 1,474.44
Office expense	920.10
Operating expense	1,701.11
Maintenance	3,079.91
Wire	306.82
Instruments	271.12
Poles	271.56
Tolls paid to Pac. Tel. & Tel.	1,395.13
Emergency revenue tax	61.81
State Industrial Accident Com.	83.39
Sandy office expense	604.40
Sandy construction	704.94
Taxes and fees	263.28
Hall rent	2.50
Automobile account	168.00
Dividends paid in cash	132.25
Work on construction	46.50
Rent switchboard	29.80
Directory cost	57.75
Refund on telephone rent	2.50
	\$10,888.51
Cash on hand	\$ 2,126.18
	\$13,014.99

DISTANT GOVERNMENT NOT SATISFACTORY

If Cascade county is not created by the present legislature—if no other relief is given the eastern part of Clackamas county by the present legislature—ultimately, a division of Clackamas county is as sure to come, as the sun rises and sets.

The people of eastern Clackamas want a smaller county unit of their own, knowing they are able to govern themselves more economically than under the present administration, from a distant county seat—Estacada News.

Argentina is not taking kindly to foreign soft drinks.

FIRST STATE BANK CHOOSES OLD OFFICERS

The First State Bank at its regular stockholders' meeting followed its usual custom of electing the same board of directors that has governed it during most of its existence; and they in turn believing that the longer an officer or employee is connected with an institution the more valuable they should become to that institution and the public which it serves, re-elected all officers to their respective offices and all officers and employees were rewarded by increased salaries for the year 1917. The board of directors were well pleased with the report made by the two examiners who recently conducted an examination of the affairs of the bank. The president of the bank was approached by the editor as to the bank's approval of the policies recently adopted by the Portland banks with reference to charging depositors a stipulated sum for the privilege of a checking account. His reply was that there were many other irregular usages and bad practices which had found their way into the Gresham banks that should be dispensed with before any attempt was made towards placing a ban upon the small depositor.

He alluded to one of these bad practices as that of taking for deposit County Road Time checks which are not negotiable or payable without first having been audited and converted into county warrants and from county warrants to bankable paper which requires from ten to twenty days at the best.

He stated that the bank was never without some of this paper and at times had as much as \$2000 in process of collection; investigations made had shown that in other localities in the state paper of the nature mentioned was being discounted from one to two per cent and that such practices were recommended by the State Banking Board.

Such a method may work a hardship on the person receiving the time check but certainly banks should not be required to carry the burden, and if they do are guilty of thriftless habits which if carried far enough will ruin any institution and which habits are not in any degree, in conformity with the times and especially so, now that Thrift Day is so generally observed.

The county should be required to do as individuals, firms and corporations are required to do by law—that is pay only with a check drawn upon a bank.

"CASCADE COUNTY" IS REVIVED AGAIN

A special effort is being made again to create "Cascade" county with Estacada as the county seat.

The movement was recently renewed and at first met with considerable opposition almost at home because of the fact that the towns of Sandy and Boring were not included in the proposed new county. Just what the idea was cannot be explained otherwise than that it was expected the legislature would give the northern strip of territory to Multnomah county.

The opposition at home has now slumbered down to practically nothing, but there is a great majority against it in the other parts of the county, notably at Oregon City, where the people are fearful of losing something.

If the matter comes to a vote of the people it will be necessary to get a strength of 65 per cent in the withdrawing territory and 25 per cent in the remainder of the county.

Another movement to take a slice from Clackamas county and add it to Multnomah is before the legislature. It is proposed to take the Oswego country and give it over to this county. Both movements are being vigorously opposed by the Oregon City commercial club.

Black-Burt Wedding.

W. H. Black of Gresham and Mrs. Laura B. Burt of Portland were married on Thursday, January 18, 1917, at the home of the bride's son, C. A. Caldwell, 848 East Everett street, Portland. They are at home at Cosy Corners, their home at Hogan station.

A German metallurgist has invented a process using compressed air for hardening steel where only certain parts of a piece of metal require hardening.

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