

OTHER LINES TO BE MERGED BY PHONE CO.

More than a majority of the stockholders of the telephone company were represented at the adjourned meeting yesterday, the canvass showing 160 members and proxies present.

Theodore Brugger and Richard Tegart were chosen as directors for the full five-year term, Mr. Brugger having been elected to succeed himself. Mr. Tegart succeeded Walker Quesinberry who was absent from the meeting but sent word that he was not a candidate for re-election.

President Dowsett announced that arrangements are practically completed for taking over the lines of the Boring company and making it a part of the Gresham system; also that arrangements are under way for consolidating the independent lines covering the Sandy, Dover, Firwood, Ames and Bull Run districts, thus eliminating a small annoyance and giving more complete service to a larger territory now without outside communication.

On motion of K. A. Miller the directors were authorized to pay themselves the sum of two dollars for each regular meeting attended by them during the coming year.

A lengthy discussion followed a motion to reduce the number of directors from nine to five. All of the directors present, eight of them, were opposed to the change, although several of them admitted that a smaller board would most likely be better for the company. But one of the directors expressed himself as not caring either way, although several offered to resign if the board were reduced in number.

A portion of the secretary's report referring to the profits of the concern during the past year was read. It has already been printed in the Outlook. It was stated that the usual dividend would probably be increased this spring by the addition of the one withheld last fall to provide a "sleet" fund, provided that no damage resulted to the lines during the remainder of the winter.

It was also intimated that a special dividend might be paid the stockholders later in the season unless some emergency arose in the meantime requiring the use of the surplus money.

GROCERY MERCHANT STRICKEN BY PARALYSIS

J. A. Frakes, the well-known grocer in the Lindsey building on Main street, was stricken by paralysis yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. His entire right side is affected, rendering him helpless and in grave danger.

He was sitting in a chair adjusting his necktie when the stroke came and fell to the floor from where his wife and other help assisted him to his bed.

He was attended by Dr. Hughes who pronounced his case very serious, as a severe attack of asthma somewhat complicates the aggravation. He was slightly worse this morning but became easier later in the day.

Mr. Frakes has been a resident of Gresham for nearly two years as proprietor of the former Pulfer grocery store. He is 49 years of age and a member of Columbia lodge of Masons which will assist in caring for him and his family. The only son of the family, Frank, is also confined to the house with paralysis of the limbs and has been in a critical state for several months.

The store is in charge of Mrs. Hattie Westell for the present. She will take care of the business until other arrangements can be made. Mr. Frakes' brother-in-law, George W. Kenney, who recently went to Los Angeles, has been notified and may return to assist in conducting the affairs of the business.

"The Texan," a Western military drama in four acts will be produced by a select cast of Pleasant Valley in German Hall, Damascus, under the auspices of Pleasant Valley school, on Saturday, February 3. The price of admission will be: children 15c, adults 25c. Everyone is invited to come.

A Bargain.
Large six-hole "Great Majestic" wood range, practically as good as new, less than half price. (Majestic.) Have just replaced it with a gas range. Will trade for wood. Geo. F. Honey. Phone 685. 97

The Argus
is for sale at either of the drug stores. Price 10 cents a copy. *96

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERS UPON SECOND HALF

Among the new students to enter the first day of the second semester are, Mildred St. Clair, Ernest Harris, Richard Anderson, Homer Gossett and Donald McIntosh. The latter is from Franklin high school. He is living with his grandmother, Mrs. D. J. Brown in District No. 27. The total enrollment to date is 180.

The music department, in charge of Mrs. Ellen A. Pomeroy, will occupy the large room in the south end of the main building, formerly used by the domestic science students. This room will be furnished with a piano and used for sight reading classes in music, chorus clubs, the orchestra and other musical organizations.

One hundred ten students were exempt from the first semester final examinations, which was a good showing under the rigid requirements necessary for promotion without examination. It is the aim of the faculty to do everything possible to encourage thorough work by all students and to keep them in school for four years or until they graduate. The school was established for the benefit of the students and this fact is always uppermost in the minds of the teachers.

At present the junior class is composed of thirty-seven girls and boys, which will mark the beginning of large graduating classes in June, 1918. The present senior class is composed of four girls and seven boys, as follows: Eckford Cameron, Della Hughes, Esther Nystrom, Hilma Stafanson, Emerson Brown, Andrew Brugger, Frank Brown, Frank Eder, Robert Hendricks, Clyde Ruegg and Ernest Quesinberry.

Arrangements are being made to have the February number of The Argus, and all future issues this year, printed by the presses of the Gresham Outlook. This monthly school magazine has become very popular among the students who look forward to its publication each month. The stories, poems, editorials and other matter, published therein are carefully chosen from contributions by a great number of students. The next number is to be best yet published.

The staff of the "Munhinotu" the school Annual, has been chosen and the contract for cuts made, so as to secure the best work and prices. The book will be published about June 1st. The editors want to excel last year's publication, if possible. Robert J. Hendricks, '17, is editor in chief.

AGRICULTURAL PESTS TO BE DEALT WITH

The great damage done to meadows, fields and gardens in this county each year by moles and gophers received considerable attention at the last meeting of the county agricultural council and it was decided that some active steps should be taken by County Agricultural Agent Hall to lessen the activities of these pests.

As a result the services of Theodore H. Scheffer, assistant biologist in the employ of the U. S. government, have been secured and he will hold a series of ten meetings in different parts of the county. He will demonstrate means of trapping and skinning of moles, and will make arrangements for the co-operative purchase of traps. Mr. Scheffer has studied the habits of the mole and gopher on this coast for the past several years.

Meetings will be held at the following places:

Monday, February 5—Hurlburt schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Corbett high school, 2:45 p. m.
Tuesday, February 6—Victory schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Orient schoolhouse, 2:45 p. m.
Wednesday, February 7—Russellville schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Pleasant Valley grange hall, 2:45 p. m.
Thursday, February 8—Gresham high school, 10:45 a. m.; Springdale schoolhouse, 2:45 p. m.
Friday, February 9—Bellrose schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Hillisdale schoolhouse, 2:45 p. m.

In 1912 the United States imported more than 38,000,000 tons of grass and clover seed, 13,000,000 of which came from Germany. In 1915 the importations were not heavy, but over three-fourths of them came from France.

The phonograph has a place in every Siamese or Chinese home that can afford one.

BONE DRY BILL PASSES HOUSE MAY BECOME LAW THIS WEEK

The bone dry bill passed the lower house yesterday by a vote of 53 to 7, those voting no being Callan, Kubli, Lewis, McKay, Schimpf, Stott and Willett. All but Schimpf being representatives from Multnomah county. The exception is a Clatsop delegate.

The bill, as passed, merely carries into effect the constitutional amendment adopted by the people at the November election prohibiting the importation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. It also remedies the existing prohibition laws so that it will be impossible to buy pure grain alcohol excepting on prescription of a physician or permit of a district attorney.

Inasmuch as the measure carries an emergency clause it will become a law as soon as it is signed by the Governor—probably before the end of the week.

Five days are allowed, however, after the Governor signs the bill, for the express companies to deliver goods already ordered or in transit.

The "bone-dry" bill went over to the senate later and was placed on first reading. It will be read for the second time and referred to committee tomorrow. Inasmuch as the committee already has passed on it favorably the measure doubtless will be up for third reading in the senate within a few days.

Extracts from a few of the most important measures affecting this section, recently introduced in the legislature are given herewith. They are now in the hands of proper committees for consideration:

Recall of Directors.
Section 1. Every school director in Oregon is subject, as herein provided, to recall by the legal voters of the school district for which he is elected or appointed.

Sec. 2. Upon the filing with the clerk of any school district in this state of the petition of legal voters of such district equal in number to twenty-five per cent of the number of children of school age in said district, as shown by the last preceding school census, the legal voters of such district may at the next succeeding annual school election recall not to exceed two directors in any district of the first class, and not to exceed one director in any other school district. Such petition shall be filed with the clerk of such district at least twenty days before the annual school meeting at which directors are required by law to be elected. Such petition may or may not nominate a candidate to be voted upon at such election for the office of each director proposed to be recalled, and in case of such candidate or candidates being named in such petition it shall be specified therein the name of the director which it is proposed that such candidate shall succeed in office.

Sec. 3. At such election the director or directors in office and who is the subject of the recall petition, shall be considered a candidate for re-election, unless he shall resign. Any director elected to succeed a director recalled shall hold for the unexpired term of the recalled director, unless sooner recalled.

Railroad Crossings.
Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to operate any steam or electric train along a railroad at a point where the same crosses or is crossed by a public highway at the grade of said railroad at a rate of speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour, unless said railroad company shall provide a watchman at each such crossing who shall be on duty at all times when a train passes any such crossing.

Sec. 2. Any person who is killed or injured, or whose property is damaged at any railroad grade crossing where a highway crosses a railroad at grade, at which crossing no watchman is maintained, shall be entitled to recover from such railroad corporation the full amount of damages sustained thereby, and in case of death of any person from injuries received at any such crossing by collision with any train, there shall be no limit to the amount of damages which may be recovered and if no watchman is maintained at any such crossing, the court in any action to recover damages by reason of a collision with a railroad train shall instruct the jury that it is the presumption of law that the individual or corporation operating said train was guilty of negligence in operating the same.

Gasoline Licenses.
Section 1. That in addition to the taxes now provided for by law, each and every person, association or persons or corporation created by the laws of this or any other state, or nation, which shall engage in their own name or in the name of others or in the name of their representatives or agents in this state, in the wholesale business of selling mineral products refined from petroleum and commonly called gasoline, distillate, benzine, or naphtha shall pay to the state of Oregon a license of one cent upon each and every gallon of gasoline, benzine, or naphtha sold, and a license of one-half of one cent upon each and every gallon of distillate sold, which license shall be paid quarterly to the treasurer of this state; provided, that upon the sale of any compound or mixture of gasoline, benzine or naphtha with distillate in which more than twenty-five (25) per cent of distillate is used, such wholesale dealers shall pay a license of one cent upon each and every gallon of such mixture or compound sold, which license shall be paid in the same manner as hereinbefore provided.

Recording Deeds.
Section 7129. Every conveyance affecting the title of real property within this state hereafter made, which shall not be recorded as provided in this title, shall be void as against any subsequent purchaser in good faith and for a valuable consideration of the same real property, or any portion thereof, whose conveyance shall be first duly filed for record, and as against the heirs and assigns of such purchaser.

Rates of Interest.
Section 6928. The rate of interest in this state shall be six per centum per annum and no more, and shall be payable in the following cases, to-wit:

1. On all moneys after the same becomes due.
2. On all moneys recovered on judgments and decrees for the payment of money from the date of the entry thereof unless some other date is specified in said judgment or decree.
3. On money received to the use of another and retained beyond a reasonable time without the owners consent, expressed or implied.
4. On money due upon the settlement of matured accounts from the day the balance is ascertained.
5. On money due or to become due where there is a contract to pay interest and no rate specified; provided, however, that on contracts interest up to the rate of ten per centum per annum may be charged by express agreement of the parties and no more.

Season for Fishing.
Bass, crappies, Williamson's whitefish and catfish, open season all year with hook and line only. Bag limit 20 pounds in any one day, provided that the bag limit for bass shall be ten fish in any one day, regardless of weight.

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He was awakened at that hour by an alarm clock, and reached over to shut it off. He fell back upon his pillow, expiring instantly.

Mr. Strebin was 59 years of age on the tenth of last September, having been born in the state of Indiana in 1857. He leaves a wife and four children, two boys, John and Robert, and two girls Jennie and Bessie, all grown.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. from the Hiff church at Melrose, Rev. A. J. Ware officiating. Interment will take place in the Douglass cemetery. A more complete obituary will be given in the next issue of this paper.

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SHADE TREES WILL ADORN MANY ROADS

After a delay of more than a year, which time was taken up in making full inquiries into the feasibility and needs of tree planting along the country roads, there is a certainty that some action will be taken within the next few months.

The Outlook had a lengthy story concerning the planting of trees more than a year and a half ago, which was from the office of the county commissioners. It gave in detail the facts concerning kinds of trees best suited for different localities, and something concerning the cost per mile. The story also related the fact that further information was being gathered as to the number of trees available in Oregon nurseries—all of which had a bearing on the proposition before the commissioners to plant trees along the county roads.

Yesterday the commissioners took the matter up and tree planting was ordered upon the receipt of a report from Roadmaster Yeon that an offer of trees had been made by the city of Portland. Such an offer doubtless gave the commissioners the opportunity they have been looking for, as it will make a large saving in the cost.

Only the 60-foot roadways can have the shade trees, as Roadmaster Yeon believes that any narrower road will not accommodate the traffic if the trees are planted on the right of way. Also, the trees must be set far enough from the pavement to insure no trouble from spreading roots.

As a result of the order trees will be planted along portions of the Base Line road, Powell Valley road, Fairmount boulevard and the Capital highway. Scotch broom will be planted along the approach to the interstate bridge.

It is not stated just how many trees will be set out this spring nor for what distance, but it has been intimated that the Base Line road will get about five miles of the shade trees between the Portland city limits and the Twelve Mile house.

FORD SMASHED UP, TWO MEN INJURED

Oscar Wallin, a friend named Ole Danielson and the former's Ford automobile were victims of a smash-up last Saturday on the Base Line road about a quarter of a mile below Rockwood.

Mr. Wallin was on the way home bringing with him his friend Danielson, who is here on a visit from Maple. A heavier machine approached from behind and Mr. Wallin drove from the paved roadway onto the sidewalk to avoid a collision, but the other driver kept on and smashed into the Ford. The two left-side wheels were taken off and the Ford was badly wrecked in several other respects.

Mr. Wallin received a severe cut on the top of his head and was otherwise badly bruised. Mr. Danielson had a deep gash made over his left eye and other minor cuts as well as bruises. They were both brought to Gresham where their wounds were dressed.

The driver of the other machine was A. V. Badley, a real estate dealer in Portland. Two other men were with him at the time. The wrecked Ford was brought to Latourell's garage where it is being repaired, but no settlement for damages has been made between Mr. Badley and the two injured men. The cost of repairs and doctor bills will probably be the extent of the claim.

AUCTION SALE IS POSTPONED A MONTH

On account of the small amount of stock listed to date it has been deemed advisable to postpone sale date for one month. In the meantime all who are interested are invited to list their articles, farm implements, livestock, etc. Blanks will be found with O. A. Eastman, A. W. Metzger, J. Cannon and Gresham Outlook. Sale will be about March 3d.

Umbrella Repairs.
Will be in Gresham until February 5, and am prepared to furnish umbrella covers and do expert repairing. Telephone 546. J. J. RYAN.

A movement is under way to turn the vacant lots of New Orleans into vegetable gardens.

At the ninth annual apple show in Spokane, 49,200 apple pies were given away.

Read the Want Ads.

ANTI-GAMBLING LAW ENDORSED BY W. C. T. U.

At the library last Thursday another interesting and inspiring W. C. T. U. meeting was held.

Willard Memorial day will be observed the early part of next month. It was decided to patch a "quilt top" for the state W. C. T. U. bazaar to be held in Portland.

The latest ordinance passed by the city council was discussed and the following resolution passed:

Whereas: For some time parents have complained that the school children of Gresham were being encouraged to play the "punch board" and other forms of gambling. And

Whereas: The operators disregarded these protests, and, admonitions from the city officers. Be it

Resolved: That we the members of the Gresham W. C. T. U., mothers and interested ones, hereby most heartily endorse the action of the Gresham mayor and council in passing the sweeping ordinance No. 89, entitled

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.

This ordinance, was published in the January 16 issue of the Gresham Outlook. Don't fail to read it. The lid is certainly on.

Stirring items of the progress of prohibition that is sweeping the country were read. Among them: "Bill, prohibition for the District of Columbia" passed by the Senate 55 to 32. It is predicted that the vote in the House will be 100 to 30. "Hurrah for a dry national capital!"

We are wondering if Congressman "Pat" McArthur will get dried out in time for the House vote.

"U. S. Senate passes bill barring liquor adds from the United States mails, if made into law, measure will keep out of dry states, all publicity of intoxicants, and solicitation of booze orders." This spells more business for the Gresham merchant, (less booze, more groceries.)

Mrs. Mary D. Russel, state W. C. T. U. corresponding secretary, was a welcome visitor of the Union.

The letters W. C. T. U. mean just what they stand for, also the bow of white ribbon. They mean good will, service and protection, not alone for the families of members, but for every home.

Temperance is only one department of our many activities. A cordial invitation is extended to every woman to visit our meetings.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved sister Leila Lane, who has been one of our most faithful members, and while we miss her, we bow in humble submission to him who doth not willingly afflict or grieve his children, but doeth all things well. Be it

Resolved, That Gresham Rebekah lodge No. 61 extend to the bereaved family their sincere sympathy and may the Heavenly Father in his loving kindness remember those who mourn and lift the clouds of sorrow from their hearts.

Resolved, That the charter be draped for 30 days, a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to the relatives and one to the Gresham Outlook.

Just a passing from our sight
Out of darkness into light,
To the land all pure and bright,
Just gone home.

MARGARET CREECY,
CORA CHILDERS,
MAYMIE HOSS,
Committee.

Weather Forecast

For the week beginning Sunday, January 28.

Pacific States—Temperatures will average below normal, with frequent rains in Washington, Oregon and the northern portion of California, with fair weather in southern California.

Stepping Orchestra Dance.

Given in Regner's opera house Saturday evening, February 10. Good music, good floor management. Gentlemen 75c. Ladies free.

Tailoring

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

A centennial exposition is to be held in Gulfport, Miss., in December, 1917.