

AGATE SHOW ATTRACTING MANY EYES

Many are Found in Dredging Operations on Willamette

A. E. Kessler's display of agates, jasper, jade, cornelian and other semi-precious stones is attracting considerable attention from those who stop to gaze into his window in the Metzger hall building. The collection is large and rarely beautiful and is worth several hundred dollars.

It is becoming quite a fad to look for such stones in every place where there are rocks or gravel, and once in a while an excellent specimen is found on the bank of the Willamette river at Milwaukie and there are other known specimens that have been picked up in unlooked for places.

Many of the stones in Mr. Kessler's collection came from the bed of the willamette river, having been thrown out of its depths by the dredges that have been filling the low places of Portland's front. Yet many beautiful specimens have undoubtedly escaped notice, so that it may be said truthfully that many buildings are standing over modest treasures that if found in time would have been worn as ornaments in many of the most common forms of jewelry.

Some of the ugly-looking stones seen in their rough state are the products of a close scrutiny by persons acquainted with their formation. Many persons have stumbled over a stone or kicked it out of their way without a thought of its worth.

About twenty years ago, when dredging operations first began, there was considerable excitement over the report that some opals had been found in the sluicings from the Willamette. Hundreds of people searched for them and some really fine agates were found, but no opals. Those gems come in a solid rock formation far away from the river beds. Although no opals were found in the Willamette, their quest inspired Ella Higgenson to write a poetic gem that served to assist in the further search for hidden beauties, and it may be said that the agate craze had its beginning at that time.

A resident of this vicinity has six Alaskan garnets taken from a ledge at Fort Wrangell, where there is an inexhaustible supply. They are beautiful and ornamental curiosities, but practically worthless, commercially, although they are 24 carat pure. The gems are regular polygons, beautiful in color, and, when fresh from the mines, have a dash of and brilliant luster, but when exposed for a time they become dull and opaque. The crystal varies in dimensions from the size of a pea to that of a walnut, and to the novice are quite fascinating and have the appearance of much value for ornamental and other purposes.

The lapidaries, however, have failed to utilize them for any purpose whatever, except as a curio and to demonstrate the certainty of the unerring law of nature which governs every phenomenon. Every plane of the polygon is of the same form, every angle is of the same degree, and every gem is the equal and like of its fellow. The mining and shipment of these gems has become quite a business. The rock containing them is worth twenty dollars a ton on the wharf, and it is shipped to all parts of the country to fill the cabinets of the wealthy and the collections in private homes or in public institutions.

TWINS LEFT AT HOME OF JACKSON WARREN

It evidently required two storks to visit the home of Jackson Warren at Bull Run on Saturday morning last, or else the same bird made two trips. At any rate the bird or birds left a boy weighing seven pounds and a girl weighing six and one-half pounds. All are doing well.

Home-like Rooms.

Modern, up-to-date rooms, with hot and cold water, steam heated and baths. Rates reasonable. First State Bank building, formerly occupied by Mrs. Waltman. Mrs. H. F. Bauer.—Adv.

For Sale.

White Leghorn hatching eggs, chicks and cockerels. Laying pullets, \$18 per dozen. H. W. Cooley & Son, Troutdale, Oregon. Phone 434.

Best and most complete line of bicycle tires ever shown in Gresham at L. L. Kidder Hdwe. Co.

Bargains in the Want ads.

NOTED LECTURER AND MASONIC INSTRUCTOR

Dr. R. H. Coleman of Louisville, Ky., was the guest of the Masonic lodge last night. He was greeted by a large membership of the order and gave some helpful instructions in the Masonic work. Dr. Coleman is very high and prominent in masonry, well known and influential. For thirty-five consecutive years he was grand chaplain of Kentucky and was also for many years the supreme chancellor of the Oriental Order of Pythian Knights.

His office extends over the whole world. He is highly educated and speaks several languages fluently. He has traveled extensively and has spent many years in the old world studying Biblical and Masonic history.

While conducting his researches in Palestine and Syria he, by request of the Oriental Masons of Damascus instructed the twenty-third and twenty-fourth grandsons of Mohamet and used the sword of the old sultan of Turkey in the consecration ceremony.

His lecture was given last evening at the Baptist church for men and Masons only. His address indicates that he is no ordinary man, yet he is unostentatious and unassuming. His presence here has been very beneficial to the members of his order.

NEXT SUNDAY, "GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST."

The "Girl of the Golden West," about which Portland theater goers are talking these days will open at Baker Theater in that city Sunday matinee, February 18, as announced in a previous issue of this paper.

To witness a production of this drama is like being transported back to romantic California during the famous days of '49 and '50. It is so far above the average play that no comparison can be made. It is just the world-famous Belasco production written about those golden days in the Sierras, and produced on a scale of scenic magnificence that will be a revelation to most people, especially those who have never seen it. There are three great characters, the Girl, the Outlaw and the Sheriff, and a score of others, everyone created and acted to fit into what history and tradition tells us the California life was in those days. If you can possibly take a trip to Portland the coming week do so. It will be worth your while, for you may not get a chance to witness a play of this calibre soon again. The Baker management announces that special care will be given to out of town mail orders accompanied by money order and stamped envelope for return of tickets, and to our personal knowledge many people of our city have signified their intention of seeing "The Girl of the Golden West." Our advice is not to wait till you arrive there to get your seats. You might be disappointed. Send in ahead, for the Baker is a popular theater and always crowded. It will be especially so for this play.

GROUP OF FIFTEEN FORM LOAN BRANCH

The first move in Multnomah county toward the formation of a branch of the National Farm Loan association was made by a group of fifteen farmers in the Corbett Heights section of the county, who met Saturday evening in the Columbia grange hall.

County Agricultural Agent Hall explained the details in the organization and operation of the farm loan association. Owing to a lack of the necessary blanks for preliminary organization a committee consisting of J. Pounder, A. S. Woodard, Grant Bell and F. H. Lasley was appointed to call another meeting when those blanks were available and to canvass that part of the county east of the Sandy river for the purpose of determining all those farmers who are desirous of joining a farm loan association.

Again in Business.

B. F. Bauer, who has been managing a barber shop in Portland, has taken charge of the barber shop formerly run by A. E. Adams and it is now open for business. The shop has been remodeled and new fixtures put in; also first class bath room in connection. Come in any get acquainted.—Adv.

Tailoring

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

Stepping Orchestra Dance.

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

LOST—Game Warden's star No. 729. Finder please leave at Outlook office.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR TO GET \$3,500 FROM STATE FUND

Anti-Cigarette Law Has Been Modified so that Minors Only May Not Smoke Them.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSES MAY BE DOUBLED NEXT YEAR

By provision of the regulations made in the county fair appropriation bill, as it passed the legislature yesterday, the Multnomah county fair has been given the consideration for which the Outlook exerted its best efforts last spring when the legislative candidates were seeking nomination. All that was asked of them was legislation giving the Gresham fair an even break with the other expositions drawing public money. A report from Salem this morning says:

A liberal increase in cash funds is granted the Multnomah county fair at Gresham under the terms of the Multnomah delegation's bill passed yesterday. The fair hereafter will get \$3500 instead of \$1000. Under the existing law Multnomah county is entitled to \$15,000 out of the state fair fund. The money is to be distributed as follows: Gresham fair, \$3500; Manufacturers' and Land Products show, \$4500; Pacific International Livestock show, \$4000; Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock show, \$2000, and National Dairy Show, \$1000.

Under the existing arrangement Multnomah county collects only \$12,500 of its fair money. The balance is distributed among the other counties of the state. The outside counties will not get this extra money under the new bill.

The Eastern Clackamas fair at Estacada also will get \$500 under Representative Stephens' bill, which passed the House yesterday. The money is to be paid from the Clackamas county fair fund.

From the above it will be seen that Multnomah delegation, or those of it who made definite pledges to help the fair have redeemed their promise.

With H. A. Lewis, president of the fair board in the senate, and Conrad Olsen, who made a public pledge in a speech here, the work of the lower house members was heartily endorsed. The fair association will hereafter be on a more even footing and can give larger premiums, thus encouraging the exhibitors to do their best.

A "safe and sane" anti-cigarette bill was passed by the House yesterday and probably will go through the senate and become the law of the state.

The bill is sort of a compromise

EIGHT DISTRICTS ARE REPRESENTED

The County Council of Parent-Teachers' association held its regular February meeting at the Gresham library on Saturday, when representatives were present from a number of Parent-Teachers' circles through the county. School districts represented at the meeting were: West Portland, Dist. No. 13; Lynch, Dist. No. 28; Troutdale, Dist. No. 29; Gresham, Dist. No. 4; Rockwood, Dist. No. 27; Fairview, Dist. No. 5; Russellville, Dist. No. 40; Orient, Dist. No. 6 Jt. A representative was also present from Sauvie Island, although no Parent-Teacher circle is organized there. Mrs. E. J. Stack, on behalf of the West Portland circle, invited the County Council to meet at that school for the April meeting. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

A message was given from Miss Wood of the main library, calling attention to the exhibit of the Industrial club work, which will be held at the main library on May 12, and inviting children to bring anything they have made either at home or in school in manual training, sewing, cooking, etc. No prizes are offered but credit will be given on the work in connection with school work.

County Superintendent W. C. Alderson was present and read communications from the state superintendent's office on the work of the rural schools. He urged co-operation of all in making the schools of the greatest benefit to the rising generation.

Dr. Hart of Reed College was the principal speaker of the day. He pleaded for the consolidation of rural schools under a county system, in

which the larger and stronger school districts should absorb the smaller ones to the end that they might bring the advantages of the larger to the smaller schools. Dr. Hart pointed to the analogy of the county library system and suggested that the schools should follow some such plan. "The best use of money," said Dr. Hart, "is to transform it into ability and power." This can be done by a closer unity between the school and the home, and a realization of our social responsibility. The country district should be a social center. It should have a social, educational and moral self respect. It should face the whole problem in regard to these things, because of the boys and girls who are growing up. Dr. Hart believes that the most of the education of the boys and girls does not take place in the schools. The schoolhouse and the schools are but incidents in the larger education of the children. The work of the children and the conditions under which it is performed are among the most important educational factors. The most desperate problem is in connection with those who drift and loaf and are trifling. The biggest reasons for facing these problems squarely are the boys and girls who need to grow up into energetic, active, worthwhile men and women, believing in work.

The musical program was carried out as announced and was greatly appreciated. Dinner was served the visiting delegates in the Gresham Parent-Teachers' circle, in the lecture room of the library.

Warm Rooms to Rent.

Mrs. H. F. Bauer has taken charge of the rooms in the First State Bank building, formerly occupied by Mrs. Waltman, and has modern, up-to-date steam-heated rooms with hot and cold water and bath for rent.—Adv.

between the Sweeney bone-dry bill and the conservative Stott bill, both of which were passed by the House last week, later recalled and tabled.

The bill passed yesterday is a re-draft of the Sweeney bill. It strictly prohibits the sale of cigarettes to youths under 21 years of age and makes it a misdemeanor for a minor to smoke cigarettes.

It provides heavy penalties for violations. It authorizes the district attorney and other prosecuting officers to enforce the law under pain of becoming criminally liable themselves.

At the suggestion of Representative Kubli, the provision against billboard advertising was stricken out.

In its amended form, the bill represents the views of a special committee composed of Representatives Brand, Burdick, Bean, Sweeney and LaFerty, who were appointed by Speaker Stanfield to make the revisions.

Licenses on automobiles and automobile trucks are to be doubled under provisions of a bill passed by the House yesterday and the proceeds will be applied to the state highway fund for distribution in counties outside of Multnomah.

This bill is a part of the legislative road program; was prepared by the joint House and Senate committee on roads and highways, and is a companion to the general road code put through the House last week.

It is expected to raise approximately \$280,000 in cash next year and to increase from year to year as the number of automobiles in the state increases.

The money is to go into the general highway fund and to be expended under direction of the State Highway commission.

The present law requires the money to be sent back to the respective counties in the ratio in which it was paid.

The Multnomah delegations in the House and Senate have consented to an amendment that will permit all the money to be used outside Multnomah county. They believe that this will aid most substantially in developing the general road improvement throughout the state.

Weather Forecast.

Pacific States: Normal temperatures; generally fair weather in California, and overcast with rains for Washington and Oregon.

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NEW DATES ARRANGED FOR MOLE MEETINGS

The series of mole meetings which were postponed from the week of February 5 to 10 have now been arranged for the week from February 19 to 24. These meetings will be in the form of demonstrations on means of trapping moles and the preparation of the skins for market.

Due to the heavy schedule which Mr. Scheffer has to fill only nine meetings could be scheduled for this county, and they are to be held in those communities which have signified the greatest amount of interest in getting rid of moles. Following is the list:

Monday, February 19.—Hurlbert schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Corbett high school, 2:45 p. m.

Tuesday, February 20.—Victory schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Orient schoolhouse, 2:45 p. m.

Wednesday, February 21.—Russellville schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Pleasant Valley grange hall, 2:45 p. m.

Thursday, February 22.—Gresham high school, 10:45 a. m.; Springdale schoolhouse, 2:45 p. m.

Friday, February 23.—Bellrose schoolhouse, 10:45 a. m.; Hillsdale schoolhouse, 2:45 p. m.

Saturday, February 24.—Fairview schoolhouse, 10:00 a. m.

MASONIC RITES FOR JOSEPH A. FRAKES

The last rites were said yesterday for Joseph A. Frakes, whose death occurred on Friday, February 9, following paralysis, with which he was stricken on January 29. He passed away peacefully, in the presence of members of his family, without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Frakes was born in Missouri, May 11, 1867. He came to Oregon twenty-seven years ago and was for many years a successful grocer in the Nob Hill and Laurelhurst districts in Portland and in Gresham for the past year and a half. On January 19, 1896, he married Miss Mattie Kenney, who survives him, together with their son Frank, aged 19 and daughter Mae, aged 13. A brother, J. G. Frakes of Zilla, Washington, and two sisters in Missouri also survive. Mr. Frakes joined the Christian church at the age of 18 and has since been an active and consistent member, being deacon and elder, also a Bible class teacher for many years. He belonged to the Masonic order, being a member of Columbia lodge in Portland.

The funeral services, which were held from Finley & Son's residence chapel in Portland, were largely attended by friends of the family in Gresham and Portland. Words of admonition and comfort were spoken by the Rev. Mr. Sawyer, pastor of the East Side Christian church. Columbia lodge attended in a body. The interment was in Rose City Park cemetery, where the beautiful ritual of the Masonic order was spoken by W. H. Congdon, chaplain of the Gresham lodge, A. F. & A. M., supported by the members of the Gresham lodge. A profusion of flowers marked the last resting place of Mr. Frakes and indicated the love and honor in which he was held.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy in our time of sorrow and especially the Gresham Masons for their assistance.

Mrs. Mattie Frakes, Frank Frakes, Mae Frakes, George W. Kenney and Wife.

OLD MEN FOR THE WAR, YOUNG MEN FOR WORK

Newt. Mewhirter, of Gresham, a man with ideas who watches the progress of "preparedness" and the events of the war at the same time, has suggested that if this country is going to raise a big army for active service that it take the old men first. His reasons are given that the preservation of the young men are necessary for the future of the country and that the old men are actually better fitted for soldiering than the boys. He is an ardent advocate of the forty-five efficiency club but seems to disagree with the precept of "young men for war, old men for council."

Some will agree with him on the hypothesis that the old men should be killed off first, anyhow, so as to make room for coming generations.

All Night Dance.

The stepping orchestra will give an all-night dance in Regner's hall, Wednesday night, February 21. Good music, good floor management. Gentlemen 75 cents. Ladies free.

Oregon is the valentine state. Her 55th anniversary will be tomorrow.

HOME PACKING COMPANY HAS MADE SUCCESS

Steady Increase has Built a Growing Business in Gresham

One of the really growing institutions of Gresham is the Home Packing company. Under the management of H. J. Stocker, and the destinies of the plant presided over by Mrs. Stocker, it has not only been a success for three years but is in a fair way to become one of the leading industries of eastern Multnomah and possibly of the state. It only needs to keep on a few years more to become the rival of the largest concerns of its class.

The Home Packing company so far has specialized only in jellies, fruit juices and strawberries packed in barrels. It is not a cannery, all its products being put up in glasses, pails or barrels. It is not a competitor of the fruit cannery, but fills a place of its own and has a payroll as well as being the distributor of a considerable sum of money each season to the growers of such fruits and berries as it can use.

Mrs. Stocker began the enterprise four years ago by making jelly from Evergreen blackberries. The product was sold locally and attracted attention. Since then she has supervised the output of the plant. Three years ago the principal production was 200 gallons of loganberry juice along with more jelly and about thirty barrels of strawberries. Two years ago the fruit juice industry had increased to 2000 gallons. Last year it reached 20,000 gallons, and in addition 3000 pails of jelly and 100 barrels of packed berries. Gross receipts for the products of the plant during the past three years have been about \$30,000.

The company paid \$6000 for fruit last year, the payroll being about \$1500. This year both will be larger, as Mr. Stocker is in the market for 150 tons of loganberries and as many tons of strawberries, raspberries and cherries as can be had. He will also take a large quantity of Evergreen berries; also Astrachan and early tart apples.

GRESHAM REMEMBERED IN BOY SCOUT YELL

Patrol No. 1, Boy Scouts of America, of Gresham, with Scout Master Geo. F. Honey, motored to Portland Saturday evening and took part in the celebration of the seventh anniversary of the organization by appropriate exercises at the central library hall. The boys enjoyed the exhibition of Boy Scouts films showing how they may be useful in many ways. There were probably 400 Boy Scouts present and one of the most impressive exercises was when they all stood up and recited in unison the Boy Scout oath which is as follows:

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

A lesson in patriotism consisted in the singing of "America" and other patriotic songs between films. The different patrols present broke the silence occasionally by giving their respective yells. Our boys gave the following yell:

"A-M-E-R-I-C-A
Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts,
U. S. A., Gresham!"

ANDERSON

The unwelcome visitor that is calling at nearly every house, "the grip," Wm. Mueller, of Haley, is preparing to take unto himself a wife soon.

Mrs. W. T. Looney, of Estacada, spent the afternoon with Mrs. C. M. Lake one day last week.

The warm days last week brought a number of plows out of winter hiding in this locality.

The young couple that was going from place to place asking for work to get money to go to Bull Run, was finally taken to Gills by one of our good citizens and their fare paid to Bull Run. It was learned a few hours later that Sheriff Wilson was looking for a couple that tallied very well with the one above mentioned.

Agates Polished and For Sale. Jewel stones cut and polished in Gresham now. No better work done anywhere. Large selection of cut agates on exhibition and for sale reasonably. Kessler's Barber Shop.

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