

## LAWS PASSED OR DEAD, AND BEING MADE

There is a prospect in store for the Columbia slough district in a bill that passed the legislature on Wednesday giving the Port of Portland greater jurisdiction and power over the waters of the Columbia river and its tributary, known as the slough, which extends all the way from the mouth of the Willamette as far as Fairview. The bill grants power to develop that body of water for industrial or other purposes. This is one of the things the Outlook has been advocating for several years, as it is realized that the slough is capable of navigation if dredged, and would be a water outlet for a vast tract of the best land in the state.

Automobile owners will be gratified to know that the legal specific gravity of gasoline has been fixed at 58 per cent, which means that a lower price can be charged for a motor fuel than was allowable under the former law.

Two laws regulating railroad crossings have been passed. One requires municipalities to maintain warning signs at all crossings; the other requires railroad companies to maintain cattle guards at such places.

The voters' registration law has been so amended that registered electors may vote without further registration if the boundaries of his precinct are changed.

The new insurance code caused considerable "worryment" among the mutual companies, such as the Farmers' and the Grange, and there was a feeling for a few weeks that they would be put out of business. But the worry has disappeared and the new code gives the mutuals another tenure of existence. A. F. Miller, president of the grange fire insurance company, was at Salem four times during the days that the insurance bill was under consideration and it is mainly due to his efforts that the mutuals have been left alone. Under the new regulations the state now has full supervision over the subject of insurance, and those agents or companies which are transacting a legitimate business will not be injured, but will be protected, while the unscrupulous agent will be eliminated as well as the unreliable companies.

It will be next to impossible for the pernicious single tax bill to get on the ballot again, if the senate bill regulating the signing of initiative petitions passes the lower house, as it is likely to do. It will restrict signatures to registered voters, thus doing away with padded petitions and forgeries. All signatures must be checked over by the county court.

The fraternal societies will be allowed to write juvenile insurance in competition with outside companies; also, the fraternal must provide an adequate fund for mortuary obligations. Further, the law fixes the qualifications for membership in insurance societies.

A law aimed at snuff chewers was killed on Wednesday in the senate. It had formerly passed the house but was thought to be too drastic, as it was a "bone dry" affair, aimed to prohibit the manufacture and sale of snuff in Oregon. News of the death of the bill will be glad tidings to many persons who use snuff instead of tobacco in other forms.

The "third house" has passed a bill to consolidate the two Lewises—Senator Herman and Representative D. C. The former is long on silence and short on oratory and the other is long on oratory and short on silence. The combination would make a fair, average legislator, say the third house boys.—Oregonian.

Tomorrow will be the last day of the session and there will be a prolonged wall from the fluttering bills that are dying even now. But with all that the clocks will be set back and there will be a bending of the Sabbath long before daylight.

The senate has a measure on hand prohibiting possession of any instrument or appliance for the purpose of stealing telegraphic or telephonic service. If it doesn't apply to party lines it will not fill the expectations of a suffering public.

The bill to make women eligible to serve on juries was killed in the senate.

## WEALTHY REALTY MAN DIES AT LOS ANGELES

Word has been received from Los Angeles of the death in that city on Wednesday of Joseph H. Nash, a prominent real estate dealer of Portland. He went to the California city two months ago for the benefit of his health. His wife, Mrs. Lillian Nash, and William L. Nash, his brother, were with him at the time of his death. For more than two years he had been troubled with heart disease, which finally carried him off.

Mr. Nash came to Portland about 18 years ago. Four years ago he was married to Miss Lillian Richmond of Rockwood, where her parents yet reside. Mr. Nash was owner of considerable property in the Mt. Scott district and other parts of the county, including valuable property at Rockwood. He is said to have accumulated at least \$150,000 in such property. The family home was at 472 East Thirty-ninth street.

Besides his wife he leaves five brothers and two sisters, all living in Nebraska.

## BORING MAN TAKES BRIDE FROM GRESHAM

Hans C. Larsen of Boring and Mrs. Ella Aton of Gresham were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, February 14, by Rev. David Wolfe, a retired minister of the Oregon Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The wedding took place at the home of the groom, which had been newly decorated and fitted for the occasion, in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties. A fine oyster supper was served after the ceremony. Later in the evening a charivari was given the happy couple by friends in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen will make their home at Boring, where Mr. Larsen is employed by the Portland Railway Light & Power company as section foreman between Linnemann and Barton.

## PUBLIC INSTALLATION, DANCE AND SUPPER

There will be a gala time tomorrow night among the Maccabees of Rockwood and all their friends who care to be present at the public installation and smoker. State Commander J. W. Sherwood and a lot of Maccabees from Portland will be there, also.

There will be dancing to follow the other exercises, and those who care to may have card games. A cafeteria lunch will be served for fifteen cents a plate. The entire public is invited to be present.

## MARRIED LAST JULY ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

The announcement has just been made of the marriage, on July 6th last, of Miss Susie Stevenson of Portland and Frank Frakes. The wedding occurred in Hillsboro, Oregon. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Cora Stevenson of Overlook addition, Portland. She is a member of the June 17 class of Lincoln high school. She is living at the Frakes home in Gresham and will complete her school work in June.

## MEMBER'S MEETING AND PROGRAM

Lay Members meeting at the M. E. church, Gresham, next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program will be rendered to which you are invited. Following is the program:

Opening exercises.  
Opportunity—Responsibility, N. O. Fuller.

Vocal solo—"Teach Me to Pray," Miss Marie Wells.

Reading—"The Lost Dream," Mrs. B. L. Walrad.

Address—Phases of Sunday School Quartet—"Rock of Ages," Della Towle, Ruth Inglis, Glenn Rusher, Leslie Walrad.

Paper—"The Aim of Education and How Attained," Miss Mary Good.

Hymn—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Benediction.

## 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.

To obviate the noise of pneumatic riveting machines, one has been invented that squeezes rivets into place with a pressure of a ton.

To protect babies from drafts when being carried in automobiles, a miniature folding top has been invented.

The Brazilian state of Bahia produces one-third of the world's cacao and as much tobacco as all of Cuba.

## VALENTINE DAY SENTIMENT SUGGESTS OLDTIME POETRY

Misses, the tale that I relate  
This lesson seems to carry:  
'Tis not to choose a proper mate,  
But the proper time to marry.

While this story has to do with St. Valentine's day it is not suggested in the little verse above that the proper time to get married is on February fourteenth but it is a hint that St. Valentine's day is the commencement of the mating season which usually ends with a June wedding. But about the valentine custom:

Maybe the young man of today doesn't realize it, but he is certainly lucky to be living at a time when it is not necessary to sit up nights scratching his head and scratching out poor doggerel, for it is perfectly legitimate to send flowers to his fair one on St. Valentine's day—as much so as at any other season of the year.

The occasion has passed by for this year, and because the Outlook forgot to mention it sooner there is no reason why the aforesaid young man should forget his girl next year if he is never reminded of it again. It is not altogether too late yet to make a hasty trip to the florist or even telephone an order for roses, sweet peas or carnations, and the girl will never know but that he had her in mind all the time, but was waiting for his Saturday night check.

There is no doubt but that the young man has had a St. Valentine's offering weighing on his mind for weeks—and Sunday will do as well as any other day to make the floral present.

But as he pays the florist's bill with a sigh of relief that he has at last made tardy amends to a stricken conscience, his heart ought to go out in sympathy to his male ancestors, poor, helpless, luckless wights, shut up in solitude, bending over desks, reading paper, sheet after sheet, in their efforts to express their burning feelings. For, be it remembered, in these days the corner drug store was not as handy as it is now, and there were no such art creations as one may now buy for anywhere from ten cents to five dollars.

As the old men of today read, it was a nerve racking time, the approach of St. Valentine's day, when one had to waste both candles, and gray matter as well as paper, trying to dig out bits of sentimental verse from brains accustomed to raising harder stuff. It was had enough for custom to compel the grandfathers of today to write verse, but the worst thing about it all is its preservation and exhibition at the present time by the grandmothers after many of the worthy grandfathers are past objecting.

Some of the verses are remembered by the grandfathers who wrote them. Their tender words were meant for only one pair of tender eyes then, but somehow they have been seen by others since. Poor little messages of love, yellow with age, penned by fingers now used to

## THE LIME QUESTION IS QUITE UNSETTLED

That very important, and just now indefinite, question of agricultural lime at a price which will justify its use on a large acreage is still far from solution and it seems quite improbable that this material can be secured this year for general use.

Mr. Hall has attempted to get at least as good a price this year as was obtained last year. It seems to be impossible to obtain lime directly from the quarries—all his communications to the lime companies in Washington being referred to their Portland agents. L. R. Kollock & Company, agents for the International Lime company, quote lime at \$7.70 f.o.b. Portland, and will pay 10 cents each for the sacks which are returned in good condition, freight prepaid, to quote from their letter. The lime companies operating in southern Oregon have shut down pending the outcome of the movement for a state owned lime plant.

At this price lime can only be profitably used in small quantities on a small plot of ground in order to determine the need of the soil for it.

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

It's time to prune your fruit trees and berry bushes. All kinds pruning shears at L. L. Kidder Hdwe. Co.

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chopping wood! They were so pathetic; yet one cannot help being amused over the stilted lines ground out so laboriously.

Girls must have changed since that long ago time, for you couldn't hope to appeal to a present-day girl by angular writing that your heart your heart was all tattered and torn. A girl can be crazy over a battered-up football hero, but she'd turn up her nose at a tattered heart. In one of those old-fashioned valentines, the poor fellow poured out his dearest wish—

In the days yet to come,  
In the years yet to be,  
My wish is that you  
Will then think of me.  
Another remembered sentiment in prose, after the muse had been worked to death. It read: "Must life be a pang, with hope forlorn, when a word from thee would make it a heaven?"

It seems that any girl should have felt flattered over this, and willing to speak the one word which would make such a change, but there never was any evidence one way or the other, only silence. That's where girls had the advantage. They didn't have to answer, nor did they have to pour out their hearts on paper, to be left lying around for posterity to laugh at. Still another verse is recalled:

May I never be the first one  
Ere life's pages all are past—  
First to choose and be rewarded,  
Must I always be the last?  
And here's another:  
Thy bright eyes are quivers  
Of cupid's own dart,  
Which with unerring aim  
Has pierced my poor heart.

Talk like that to a present-day girl and she will turn you down so quick it would make the moon laugh, for, although she'd scorn the whimpering forlorn, tattered heart variety, she wouldn't tolerate one who failed or refused to come to her boldly and tell it all instead of complaining that he was always the last. Girls are queer creatures to say the least. She would rather a fellow would say it plainly to her face that her bright eyes are quivers of cupid's own dart. Nor would she care much for the swain who would write—  
Other pen's may write and tell you,  
Pledging friendship warm and true;  
Mine alone shall give the echo  
Of a heart that beats for you.

Another advantage the present-day young man has over his ancestors is that flowers will fade, and soon be consigned to the ash barrel, leaving no lasting testimony of idleness against him, so he ought to thank his stars that he didn't live in the olden times, and that it is perfectly good form to send beautiful flowers—costly but non-committal flowers—and then follow them up with a personal visit and tell her all about it.

## 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.—Hurlburt 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.

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

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

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## EUREKA CLOVER IS A JAPANESE WEED

Last spring this plant was highly advertised and promoted by certain parties throughout the county, as a valuable feed for cattle. Inquiries lead to the belief that it is again being promoted. Here are some facts concerning it:

1. Eureka clover is not a clover in any sense of the word. 2. It is a persistent perennial, belonging to the smartweed family and is a common and well known weed in Japan. 3. It is used in a limited way in various places as an ornamental plant. 4. It has been extensively experimented upon in many states in America, including various parts of the United States and in no place has been found to be of sufficient merit to make it worth while as a forage plant. 5. Claims made for this plant by parties who have been distributing it, are exceedingly extravagant.

It will not compare as a feed with our forage plants such as corn, vetch and oats, clover, alfalfa, roots and others. Beware of Eureka clover.

## DR. S. P. BITTNER WILL NOT RETURN

A letter from Dr. S. P. Bittner, dated Monrovia, Cal., February 12, gives the information that he has decided to remain there permanently. He says:

"Kindly tell my friends through the columns of your paper that I am well pleased with my new work as first assistant medical director of the Pottinger sanatorium for diseases of the lungs and throat, at Monrovia; also, that Mrs. Bittner and the children are very well and happy to have the family reunited once more. "I want to thank all my friends for their generous appreciation of my services rendered them in the past, and trust that everyone will become accustomed to the new order of things."

Dr. Bittner has turned his practice here over to Mrs. Dr. Bolcom, but his professional card will remain in the Outlook for a short time for her benefit.

## HANNCHEN BARLEY IS HEAVY MILLING

Among the large number of varieties of barley which have been tried out at the State Experiment Station Hannchen, a two rowed variety, has proved to be the best yielder over a period of several year's trials. Last year several farmers of this county planted seed from the O. A. C. strain of this variety and they all reported a yield of 50 bushels or more per acre.

In regard to its milling qualities the Sun-Dial mill people at Fairview have this to say of it. "It is the heaviest, best milling barley that we have ever run through our mill." In addition to its other good qualities this barley threshes out very cleanly—in fact when it comes from the thresher it is as free from beards as any headless barley.

The following farmers sowed this variety last spring: James Pounder, Corbett, Oregon; B. C. Altman and Bob Wright, Gresham, Oregon.

## GRAND OFFICERS AT MEETING OF MASONS

Four officers of the Masonic grand lodge of Oregon were present at the Masonic lodge meeting in Gresham on Tuesday night. They were William Moore, grand master; Judge Earl Bronough, grand junior warden; J. E. Robinson, grand secretary, and W. G. Shelleberger, deputy grand master.

## 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.

## 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.

## Valentine Supper.

And social at Pleasant Valley grange hall, Saturday, February 17. Supper served from 6 to 8 p. m. 25c a plate. All kinds of valentine stunts to follow.

To keep disk phonograph records clean an inventor has patented a small brush to be mounted in front of the needle.

A British patent covers a series of tanks attached to a cable to permit a vessel to spread oil on rough water.

## COMMUNITIES ON BASE LINE FORM LEAGUE

The Rockwood Development club was organized in the Rockwood grange hall on Wednesday evening, to which anyone living in that vicinity is eligible for membership.

About seventy-five persons were there, including a dozen or more from Ventura Park, representing the Base Line Development league. The recent concession of a new schedule on the P. R. L. & P. line from Montavilla to Gresham was the incentive for the movement at Rockwood and accounted for the presence of the Base Line visitors who are endeavoring to get a few other benefits for the district, and who were mainly instrumental in arousing a feeling at Rockwood that the two communities should join together for their common good.

Mrs. Noah Perry, from the Ventura Park district, presented the matter in a forcible address in which she recounted the success of her club and gave an outline of what they hope to accomplish in the future. She spoke of the new train schedule, which the railway officials characterize as an experiment. She stated that an intimation had been given of some other important benefits that may be forthcoming, among them a water main for supplying Bull Run water; an electric lighting system and a still better car service from Montavilla eastward. These things are all in contemplation, and by a concerted effort on the part of the people of the Base Line district they can be secured.

Remarks bearing on the formation of the club were made by several. Visitors from Gresham made promises of support and spoke encouraging words. The sentiment of the meeting was unanimous in favor of working in harmony with the people further down the line for the betterment of the community's interests and the upbuilding of the whole district.

Comparisons were made between the eastern part of Multnomah county with the west side district served by the Oregon Electric, much to the former's disadvantage. Here we have a level country near the city, but it is neglected by homeseekers and others who might make this their homes while working in the city. It was shown that this section needs a better car service and cheaper fares. If they can be had there will be an inducement for people to make their homes out this way and thus build up every neighborhood and make property more valuable.

The club was organized with the following officers: president, Mrs. William Jenkins; vice president, Mrs. W. A. Rowen; secretary, Miss Margaret Parkington; treasurer, Walter Quesinberry. The people of Rockwood and vicinity were invited to attend a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association at Russellville tonight, so as to get better acquainted and be more able to work together for their common good.

## FERTILIZER TRIALS OFFERED TO FARMERS

There is an increasing interest concerning the use of commercial fertilizers of field crops. In order to determine the comparative value of different fertilizers on our various soils in this county arrangements have been made by S. B. Hall to furnish fertilizers for corn and potatoes for a limited number of farmers in different parts of the county who wish to determine the plant food needs of their soils. He will also assist in checking up the results secured so as to secure the information that these trials will show. This information is much needed.

If you wish to co-operate in this matter he would like to hear from you at once. As stated above, there will be a limited number in each locality who will be furnished with these fertilizers.

## 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.

French authorities have opened 135 miles of a railroad in Algeria which eventually will cross the Sahara desert.

British scientists are studying a mineral found in Wales that emits a faint light in its natural state.