

## CITY OWNER OF SITE FOR LIGHT PLANT

Gresham will be the owner of a power site when the fillings are completed. It was made known through the Outlook more than two years ago that H. J. Stocker was in possession of a knowledge of such a location that could be had for the filling fee under the law granting municipalities such privileges. At the February meeting of the city council the matter was brought up on a suggestion by Mr. Stocker and a committee was named to make an investigation.

The committee made its report at the meeting of the council last week. The report was in conformity with Mr. Stocker's recommendations and the council unanimously ordered that preliminary fillings be made with the proper state and federal officials.

By this action the city is the perpetual owner of the right upon the payment of less than ten dollars, but the right must be maintained by renewal after five years unless the city uses its right to build a power plant.

The recent agitation for a municipal lighting and power plant in Portland stimulated the council into early action, and Gresham is now in a position to operate such a plant for itself, or may transfer the right if it is deemed advisable.

The council instructed the city marshal to purchase and install a fire hydrant convenient for the use of the cannery, somewhere on Division street. I was also ordered that the mayor and reorder interview the Portland water board in an endeavor to secure more accurate readings of the water meters, so as to prevent further discrepancies.

The report of the committee on fire and water, which was instructed to report on the proposal to issue bonds to James Sterling to reimburse him for money advanced in the construction of a water main in west Gresham was deferred until the April meeting.

The council voted to appropriate fifteen dollars for making a preliminary survey from Emmet Kelly's property to Second street, thence down Roberts Ave. and to the gulch, the survey to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the cost incidental to laying a twelve or sixteen-inch tile for the purpose of draining said streets and the adjacent property. The cost of such tiling was also ordered to be ascertained.

The marshal was ordered to repair three crosswalks on Roberts avenue and make an adequate crossing on Powell street at Roberts avenue.

## ORIENT SCHOOL BOARD RETAINS ENTIRE FORCE

At a meeting of the school board of District No. 6 Jt., held on last Friday at the schoolhouse, the entire teaching force was re-elected for another year. C. M. Quicksall is closing his sixth year as principal of the Orient school. The other teachers are Miss Maude Michel, Miss Anna Neuman and Miss Gladys Michel. They have given good service to the school and are closing their fourth, third and second years respectively.

At the meeting of the Parent-Teachers association on Friday afternoon, a fine program was rendered by the pupils, which was much appreciated. Principal Quicksall urged upon all the necessity of not only keeping the school standard, but of progressing along all lines. The program for the next meeting of the association will be given by the parents.

## MEETING SATURDAY TO DISCUSS CANNING

A meeting will be held at the grange hall Saturday, March 17, at 1 p. m., to which all interested in the Gresham Fruit Growers association are invited. It is for the purpose of discussing the growing of fruits and vegetables for the cannery. Mr. Rupert of A. Rupert & Co., Mrs. S. B. Hall and others will talk on the various phases of canning. It is expected that the subject of canning vegetables during the coming season will be thoroughly discussed. This is considered a most important meeting and should call out a representative gathering of farmers and fruit growers.

Experts of our war college declare that Japan and England could land 2,750,000 men in this country in forty-five days, but they can't land them that fast in the war zone.

MONEY TO LOAN, 7 per cent interest. Bank of Gresham.

## COUNTY AGENT MAKES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Following is the report of County Agricultural Agent S. B. Hall for the month of February, 1917:

The work of the month has been very gratifying and the number of people who are coming to the office and calling in by phone indicate a growing interest in the work that is being done.

The roads not being in Ford condition in some parts of the county and possibly having too much work planned for the month, has put the work somewhat behind schedule. Also the change in assistants will slow up the work some.

However we were able to accomplish the following, besides the many details too numerous to mention.

### Drainage.

A drainage system was laid out for P. A. Soderstran on his farm east of Sprangdale. This system contains 6000 feet of tile and is to be put in this spring.

### Fertilizer.

From the results of our very limited fertilizer trials last year, a large number of farmers have purchased fertilizer this year. Some, very extensively and others in large enough quantities to try it on the various crops.

### Better Seeds Project.

All the clover seed of which we had samples of good germination quality was sold during the first part of the month.

At the present time all the seed potatoes of which we know have been hill selected and have quality have been sold. Inquiries have come from all parts of the state and several other states. A number of these inquiries have had to be informed that hill selected seed was no longer available.

Six men have already secured from the college or other Growers Minnesota No. 12 seed corn.

About one half of the supply of Hannechen barley in the county has been sold.

### Farm Records Project.

Sixty Farm Record books have been sent out. We assisted twenty-one of these in taking their inventory and starting the account. The others have been mailed out pending time to take the inventories. The appointment of Wallace Kadderly, my assistant, to the office of State Farm Record Demonstrator has delayed this work slightly. The remainder will be visited as time permits and the roads improve with good weather.

### Farm Loans Project.

One preliminary meeting has been held at the Columbia grange hall, and another meeting arranged, to establish the first Farm Loan association in the county. There was a good attendance and good prospects for a strong association.

### Rodent Control Project.

The mole and gopher campaign of the 24th of which time I was assisted by Theodore H. Sheffer of the U. S. Biological Survey, was the most successful week we have experienced in our work in this county. In spite of the fact that the weather was very disagreeable, snow on the ground all week and part of the time six inches deep, windy and slushy, we were able to secure specimens for the demonstrations. We held twelve meetings at the schoolhouse grange halls and libraries in various parts of the county on schedule time.

The total attendance at the twelve meetings was 1218 persons, 459 of whom were adults who had weathered the storm to attend. The other 768 were of grammar and high school age. A considerable time had been spent in advertising these meetings and the attendance was very gratifying.

### Exchange.

The Monthly Exchange List was published on schedule time with 46 Exchange listings. Many people are reporting results from the items listed. Requests have been received from parties in other counties, and also from Washington, wishing to be placed on the mailing list. Many people are expressing their appreciation of the Exchange List.

### Summary of Work.

Days in field, 14.  
Days in office, 10.  
Called on agent at office, 148.  
Number of letters written (not including circulars,) 119.  
Number of circular letters written, 4.  
Copies distributed, 103.

### Project Work.

Farm visits in connection with projects, 6.

## A VEGETABLE CAMPAIGN IN THE BACK-YARD GARDEN TRENCHES

Thousands Will Join the Ranks of the Home Gardeners Even the Beginner, if He Heed a Few Simple Rules, Can Look Forward to Success

"Five acres and liberty," was the magic slogan a few years ago that turned the thoughts of many a city dweller toward the country. Today the city dweller is looking no farther afield than his own back yard. Already with magnificent glances in the direction of the corner grocery, he has resolved to spade up the back yard area and raise many of his own vegetables.

It is a good resolution and it carries the indorsement of all the food experts of the government. It carries, too, the indorsement of back yard gardeners who have tried it and know from experience whereof they speak. If half the available space in Gresham or any other city, were gardened this season the high cost of living, so far as vegetables are concerned, would come down with a thump.

On a plot of ground thirty feet wide and forty feet long, conservative experts declare that one man, working ten hours a week, can raise enough vegetables to supply all the demands of a family of six from June 1 to frost. Experience proves, however, that a family of this size can be fully fed on a smaller area. Everything depends of course, on the gardener, on the character of the soil at his disposal, in selecting his seed.

An experienced back-yard gardener, who knows how to raise a succession of crops on the same area and who makes each square foot of soil produce at least two, and oftentimes three crops, who employs intensive culture and uses fertilizer freely, can supply a family of three with fresh vegetables throughout the summer on a plot of ground containing not more than 400 square feet.

This year gardening for a good many persons will be a serious matter. It is a serious matter, to be sure, with the man—or woman, either—who has been gardening in years past. No one is more serious about his work than the confirmed back-yard gardener. But, this season, with cabbage, potatoes, and numerous other vegetables flying skyward in price, genuine necessity will put the spade in the hands of many a person who, heretofore, has taken no

advantage of his back-yard space.

Some will make a brave beginning and get no further. Others, grimly determined, will persist from first to last. They mean to make a success of the venture regardless of lack of knowledge and of experience. For them, perhaps, it will be in the way of encouragement to say that the beginner, if he follows a few simple, commonsense rules, is not likely, under ordinary reasonable conditions, to fail.

The foundation of success in gardening is laid in planning. Draw an outline map of the area to be cultivated, employing a convenient scale, and on this lay out the garden. Designate where the various crops are to be planted, what is first to be planted, what is to follow it, and what, in turn, if anything, is to follow the second crop.

It may seem to the beginner, and usually does, that a plan for a restricted area is unnecessary. That is where the beginner makes his first mistake. No experienced back-yard gardener ever undertakes a season's gardening without first knowing his plan in every detail. He knows where every vegetable is to be planted, and approximately when it is to go into the ground, and when its crop should be harvested. Experience, of course, guides his judgment in many cases, but information of the same sort is to be had from the seed catalogues of reliable seedsmen.

And in this connection the beginner can profit from the procedure of the experienced gardener. The latter, for the last eight weeks, has been perusing not one catalogue, but several. From the pages of these he has drawn a wealth of information which, if tested in the light of personal experience, makes for success later. The catalogues, for instance, have acquainted him with the newest varieties. Some of these he means to try. Some, however, he rejects. But, unlike the farmer whose kitchen garden is only too often neglected, the city gardener selects varieties that are notable for their earliness, hardiness, immunity from diseases and insects, and for their quality. He plants the best seed that he may harvest the best crops.

## BURGLAR CAUGHT BY A RUSE

Following the burglary of Ben Mathews' pool hall on Thursday night the public was hardly prepared to hear on Friday morning that the confectionery store of D. C. Ross had likewise been robbed in almost the same manner sometime during the previous hours of darkness.

Mr. Ross discovered that he had lost a small sum of money, a gold watch, a fountain pen and some merchandise. The indications pointed to the same two boys who had been suspected of the Thursday night robbery but it was deemed an impossibility to prove their guilt until Constable Squire evolved a plan to trap one of them, which was done with the aid of Dr. Emily Bolcom, who had the nerve to "work" the suspected youth to the point where he was caught with the goods and was arrested.

Someone had noticed that John Tule, who with his younger brother was under suspicion, had a watch upon his person on Saturday morning. It was unusual for him to carry a watch, and as he was doing some work for Dr. Bolcom it was arranged that she should get a glimpse of the timepiece which she did by the simple strategy of accusing him of being late to work. They compared the time, and Dr. Bolcom apologized, but Tule's arrest followed as a matter of course, also that of his brother.

The defendants were locked up in the city jail until the afternoon when Justice Rollins committed John Tule to the county jail and remanded him to the action of the grand jury. The brother was discharged from custody, as there was no direct evidence to prove his guilt or participation in either of the burglaries.

While everyone believes that the two young men took a part in both robberies there is nothing to prove that either of them robbed the pool hall.

They are two of the same gang that recently raided Ezra Thomas' bee hives, for which the one now detained was sent to the reform school. He was paroled after two weeks and went to Bend from whence he returned here only a week ago. His destination this time will probably be the other and more safer place at Salem.

## NEW ARRIVAL ADDS FOURTH GENERATION

A fourth-generation male scion was added to the Landon family tree last Sunday upon the arrival of a nine-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kaser at the home of William Stanley, Mrs. Kaser's father.

There are now four persons representing four generations, commencing with G. W. Landon, followed by Mrs. William Stanley, his daughter; Mrs. Susie Kaser, his granddaughter; and now the new arrival, who has been named Landon Rudolph Kaser.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaser are receiving numerous congratulations; also, Mr. Landon, who has lived to greet his first great grandson.

## A BROADSIDE OF HOT SHOT AT M'ARTHUR

The semi-monthly meeting of the local W. C. T. U. was held at the library last Thursday afternoon.

After the usual routine was disposed of, some of the recent laws passed by congress were discussed and Congressman C. N. McArthur got a full measure of condemnation for the position he took on bills pertaining to prohibition.

On February 21st the House of Representatives at Washington passed a postoffice bill, in which is a section that forbids the sending of any sort of liquor advertising into states that have anti-liquor advertising laws.

Under the provisions all newspapers, magazines, or other publications, containing liquor advertising, as well as circulars, letters, etc., are barred from the U. S. mails.

Following is another provision:

Whoever shall order, purchase or cause intoxicating liquors to be transported in interstate commerce, except for scientific, sacramental, medicinal or mechanical purposes, into any state or territory, the laws of which state or territory prohibit the manufacture or sale therein of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment not more than six months, or both, and for any subsequent offense shall be imprisoned not more than one year.

The bill was passed in the House by a vote of 319 yeas, to 72 nays. The only wet from the Pacific states, or Northwestern states, was cast by our own Multnomah county representative, who aspires to represent us as U. S. senator. One of those present asks:

"Do the home 'makers' want him? why not?"

On February 28, with the same filibustering opposition, congress passed the "Sheppard-Barkley district prohibition bill," making our national capital "Bone Dry" by a vote of 273 yeas, to 61 nays.

If the percentage of wets and dries in congress today mean anything, we may look to our next congress for legislation toward national prohibition.

The state W. C. T. U. plans to hold its bazaar at headquarters, Dekum Building, Third and Washington Sts., March 21, 22 and 23. The county union will serve lunch at that time. You are invited to lunch there and inspect the large collection of articles donated from all parts of the state.

The next monthly county institute will be at University Park, Portland, March 15, County President, Mrs. M. M. Sleeth, conductor.

Mrs. Blake, who is visiting her daughter Mrs. Bee in Gresham, was a pleasant visiting member from the East.

Several new members joined the local union recently.

## COLLEGE CONCERT AT REGNER'S HALL

A college concert party will be given at Regner's hall on Monday evening next, March 19, by members of the Pacific University Conservatory of Music of Forest Grove under the auspices of the local Women's Home Missionary society. Those who will take part are Virginia Spencer Hutchinson, contralto; Wilma Waggener, pianist, and William Wallace Graham, violinist. Other announcements will follow in the next issue of the Outlook. Following is the program to be rendered:

- Moment Musical.....Schubert
- Romanze.....Rubenstein
- Zapateado.....Sarasate
- Voice.....
- Prelude.....Ronald
- I Dream of a Garden of Sunshine.....Johnson
- Gray Days.....Johnson
- Piano.....
- Minuetto Scherzando.....Stavenhagen
- Etude, F Sharp Major.....Arensky
- Rhapsody No. 11.....Liszt
- Voice.....
- Aria, Alla Stella Confident.....Robandi
- Violin.....
- Legende.....Weinawski
- Liebeslied.....Kreisler
- Liebesfreund.....Kreisler
- Voice.....
- Heart's Springtime.....Wickede
- Irish Folk Song.....Foote
- Daybreak.....Sharpe
- The Cock Shall Crow.....Carpenter

### Weather Forecast.

Pacific States: Temperature near seasonal average, generally fair in California and occasional rains in Washington and Oregon.

Boys' Roller Skates \$1.00. At L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

## ONE SESSION OF INSTITUTE IN GRESHAM

Instead of the old county institute held during vacation for three consecutive days, County Superintendent W. C. Alderson has planned five all day meetings for this year to be held on the following dates: Saturday, March 10th; Saturday, April 7th; Saturday, May 5th; Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st.

The first unit of this institute was held last Saturday in Lincoln High school building, Portland, and was largely attended by county teachers. Gresham and vicinity was well represented. The new plan seems to be an innovation and a change for the better, and is indorsed by the teachers. The idea is for the teachers to assemble at different points in the county on the above dates during the school year while their interest is the greatest in their work, and listen to practical discussions of different phases of school work by those who are doing that work successfully. Practical demonstrations of the work is to be given by small classes as was done last Saturday. The subjects to be discussed are to be varied so as to interest all teachers of the county from the primary to the high school.

The following teachers took part in the work last Saturday: Miss Sabra Conner of Shattuck school, eighth grade reading; Mrs. Jean Park McCracken of Couch school, fourth grade reading; Mrs. Josephine Lisser of Couch school, primary reading. The discussions and demonstrations were an inspiration to all present.

In the afternoon the teachers enjoyed a short program rendered by the Chemawa Indian String quartet in native costume; also an interesting talk by Mr. O. M. Plummer on the N. E. A. which is to come to Portland next July. Later in the afternoon the teachers assembled in the gymnasium of Lincoln High and enjoyed an hour of play under the direction of Prof. Robert Krohn.

The next meeting of the teachers is to be held at Lincoln High school building in Portland on April 7th, and the following meeting at Gresham on May 5th. Plans have been made for a big spelling bee in which pupils from each of the schools may participate. In order to further stimulate this work Mr. Isaac E. Staples has offered a good watch to the winner.

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS TO MRS. MARIE LARSON

Whereas: It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his wise providence, to remove from our society and our home, on the 18th day of February, 1917, Mrs. Marie Larson, and

Whereas: We share in common with her many friends the loss of one so highly esteemed among us and a most valuable member of the Woman's Home Missionary society, her influence, both by word and substance, always being in evidence and

Whereas: In her death we lose a faithful member of the W. F. M. S. of the Free Methodist church of Gresham, Oregon, therefore be it

Resolved: that we express to her bereaved husband our sincere sympathy by sending him a copy of these resolutions, and be it further

Resolved: that they be sent to the Gresham Outlook for publication and also be spread on the record of the local society.

MRS. D. M. CATHEY,  
MRS. ESTHER PALMQUIST,  
MISS MINNIE ROBERTSON,  
Committee.

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Or trade for some land near Boring. A quarter section of best wheat land, six miles south of Viking, Alberta, Canada. Also splendid chance to raise cattle. S. Stenberg, Boring.

## 'What Happened to Jones'

SEE FRIDAY'S OUTLOOK