

GRESHAM PLANS FOR JULY FOUR

The Gresham Business Men's association met in regular session last night in the Masonic hall where one of the chief matters taken up was a fitting celebration for July 4th. It was stated that already plans were being formulated for a patriotic celebration, with horse races and other popular features. Prize money to the extent of about \$1000 will likely be put up by the racing association. The Japanese association has also signified their desire to participate.

W. A. Hessel, W. R. Burke and Chase E. St. Clair were appointed a committee to work with those of other organizations already planning for the celebration.

J. E. Metzger and K. A. Miller were appointed to take up with the council the matter of regulations for the installation of suitable fire escapes on the Masonic hall. Adequate means of emptying a large building like the hall when crowded to almost its full capacity by such affairs as soldiers' reception, high school programs, and most recently, the Odd Fellows' anniversary. The night of the soldiers' reception fully twenty minutes were required to empty the building, by the one means of exit. In case of a panic caused by an accident or fire the possible outcome is fearful to think of. It was pointed out that it would be an easy matter to provide the necessary additional exits.

There has been much talk of late of the need of a suitable place of recreation for young and old of both sexes. A place where it would be possible to exercise in a gymnasium, where physical training could be taught, and where a person could enjoy a good swim, in hot or cold water. The only possible way to obtain anything of this nature would be with a club of the same type as the Y. M. C. A.

At present there is much talk favorable to the project and it was thought the time is now ripe to make plans for something of the kind. J. Cannon, president of the Business Men's association appointed K. A. Miller, W. A. Hessel, and Dr. H. V. Adix to represent the association in any move taken, and also to do what they can to start the ball a rolling.

The attendance at the meeting was larger than usual, last night, with a good representation of the various businesses.

COUNTY SCHOOL CLUB AT FAIR ASSURED

Through a misunderstanding a report has circulated to the effect that there would be no country school clubhouse erected on the fair grounds for the use of the school children of Multnomah county. These children have been working diligently at their industrial club projects in the hope that they might exhibit their work in their own building at the fair in September.

Let there be no slackening of effort or loss of interest. That club building is a sure thing. It has the backing of the teachers, parent teacher circle, and private individuals, and the money necessary to the cost of erection is being raised by pledge by the county superintendent of schools and by school industrial club leaders. A hundred dollars has already been raised in this manner. Lynch, Powell Valley, and Riverdale schools have each pledged \$20 toward the fund, the balance is in personal pledges.

Bridal Veil, although it has no industrial clubs in the school, owing to the transient pupils in that lumber camp community, is planning a benefit entertainment to raise funds to help build the school children's club house. The ladies of the parent-teacher circle have been invited to assist the teachers, Miss Cornelius and Miss Young, with a pie social and jitney dance in the Bridal Veil Lumber company's hall on May 16th.

Gresham school is never behind when it comes to child welfare. Witness the entertainment being arranged by the grade school teachers for a large entertainment in Masonic hall on May 23d to help the building fund along. Rehearsals for this benefit are in progress at present, each room in the grade school planning to present a number on the program. Do not forget the time and place, as it will be well worth while. Other schools are planning to contribute to the fund, and it is expected that more pledges from business men will be forthcoming.

For bargain in household furniture and farm tools see H. W. Cooley's ad. in the classified columns.

SOLDIER FETE BY POWELL VALLEY

At a well attended meeting at the Powell Valley schoolhouse last evening the people of the district voted to hold a community "Welcome Home" reception and entertainment on Saturday evening, May 10th. Mr. Peterson, clerk of the school district presided at the gathering, which was called together by the parent-teacher circle of the school and the constituency of the two churches of the neighborhood Swedish Mission Church and the Lutheran church.

Of the thirty stars of the community service flag, most of the men have returned home or will have reached here by the reception date.

The plans at present consist of a banquet at which the returned heroes will break bread with the entire community. This part of the program will be in charge of Mesdames Wm. Peterson, Frank Gustafson, and K. J. Hagberg of the parent-teacher association and three ladies from each of the churches. It will take place in the Swedish Mission church, the only building large enough to house the crowd expected.

The program will be worked out by Mrs. A. Gentry, Miss Hagberg, Miss Lulu Nystrom, Miss Caroline Tallman, and Miss Florence Johnson, while the decorating will be left to Miss Nystrom, Miss Nellie Johnson, Miss Edna Daniels, Bert Olsen, Carl Johnson, Arvid Peterson and Gilbert Shuholm. C. R. Keller will have charge of the ice cream for the refreshments later in the evening, following the program. Watch the Outlook for a further announcement of plans.

VICTORY LOAN SPEAKERS AT PLEASANT VALLEY

Pleasant Valley grange held its regular monthly session on Saturday. The excellent farming weather kept many of the grangers in the fields where spring planting is in full swing now.

Following the morning business session the excellent grange dinner was served, with grange Master Gus Richey presiding. The lecture hour followed, with songs by the members and a discussion of the Mexican question by the assembly. Special topics were handled by Mr. Poppleton, who discussed business conditions in Mexico; Gus Richey, who is not inclined toward intervention in the southern republic; Mr. Johnson, who delivered a paper on the characteristics of the race, and Mrs. F. Donley, whose son is in service on the border.

Captain W. H. Maguire, recently released from service with the 4th Field Artillery, and a former instructor in the artillery school at Ft. Sill, came out from Portland to deliver a straight forward Victory Loan address. There was a punch to his speech. "Take your choice—buy a bond or settle the bill by a direct war tax, with no interest coupons attached," challenged Captain Maguire, who by the way, was in civilian dress and included himself in the "we" and "us" of his talk. "Cut all her stuff" he continued, "I am not here to pull the pin feathers from the American eagle and force you to dig down in your jeans for the price of a bond. I just want to talk business." And he did that in a convincing manner. He was driven out from Portland by Mrs. W. Gerlach, a uniformed driver of the National League for Women's service. A corps of 25 Portland women comprise this branch of service, giving of their time and cars during the loan drive.

Miss Ruth Montague, Gresham librarian, addressed the grangers regarding a branch library in the Pleasant Valley grange hall. Among favoring the project were Thomas P. Campbell, J. Frost, and Mrs. W. U. Moore. It is expected that action in regard to establishing the branch will be taken at a later meeting. A recitation by Julia Fields, daughter of the lecturer of the grange, was a pleasing number.

Mrs. W. U. Moore has received an interesting letter from her son, Lieutenant Moore, written "Somewhere in the Sea of Japan," after leaving Nagasaki on his way to Siberia. He wrote of having received heavy fur-lined trench coat, fur cap and mittens, which were sorely needed to keep out the "North pole weather." From the Honolulu and Shanghai Red Cross chapters he had received woolen socks, sweaters, and other comforts. He was not impressed with sanitation in the far East.

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

PLUCKY STEVE MARSTON OVERPOWERS CHICKEN THIEF

With the sensational capture by Steve Marston of a chicken thief in his father's poultry shed Saturday evening about 10 o'clock, it is believed that the sneak thief who has been robbing local hen roosts during the last three months has been captured. A cleverly arranged burglar alarm, quick thinking and double quick action on the part of young Marston turned the trick.

For over a month the Marstons have been missing some hens from their flock. A laying schedule tacked up in the poultry shed of his best layers gave C. Marston the intimation that something was wrong. The 160 birds in the shed have been averaging 140 eggs a day. In the middle of last month there was a sudden drop of 95 eggs. A further drop a few days later, with the hens on increased ration, caused Mr. Marston to count his flock. There were a couple of dozen hens missing. So the Marstons rigged up an ingenious burglar alarm.

Conversation with neighbors developed the fact that on three different occasions a man answering the description of the captured thief, was seen or accosted by neighbors, as he left the vicinity of the Marston runs. As nearly as can be ascertained Mrs. C. Atterbury met him on the sidewalk as he left the neighborhood with a full sack on the evening of March 27th shortly before 9 o'clock. In his confusion he fell down and recovering his load, hurried away. Two nights later Geo. Metzger saw him leaving the Marston property with a full sack. And on still another occasion he was recognized by the Atterbury children.

The Marston family had just retired on Saturday night when their burglar alarm sounded. Bounding from his bed, Steve Marston hurried out to the yard. By the light from the powerful street arc lamp he was able to discern a man in one of the sheds, just getting ready to place some of the tame white Leghorns in a sack. Without hesitation Mr. Marston jumped in and seizing him by the neck, quickly overpowered him. C. Marston, the father, was not long in joining his son. His first thought had been to switch off the alarm, that the thief might not be frightened away. He next picked up his six-shooter, and stepping to the yard, ordered he thief out of the shed.

The man dropped his two sacks and came out groaning and limping, protesting that he had been looking

for a place to sleep. The fact that he had not used the inner sliding door, but had lifted aside another partition, as he had done on his previous visits, at once convinced the Marstons that he was the culprit who had visited them on three previous occasions. So while the senior Marston covered him with his gun, Steve Marston phoned his neighbor, Constable M. M. Squire, to come for the thief.

Constable Squire gave him a severe grilling, during which the man contradicted himself repeatedly. He was taken before Justice of the Peace John Brown, who issued a warrant for his arrest. After searching the man and landing him safely in the city jail, Mr. Squire spent several hours following up clues and looking for a possible accomplice, as the Marstons expressed the belief that a confederate of the captured man, surprised at another shed, had made his escape through the grove north of their property.

His first statement to the constable was that he was in Gresham to collect a debt from B. W. Emery. He was at a loss, however, to explain his appearance at the other end of town. When accused by Mr. Squire of having stolen all of the Emery's chickens on two previous visits, he did not deny the charge.

A statement received from Mr. Emery by the constable clears up some of the erratic statements made by the culprit early in the evening when he entered the Gresham Drug store with two empty sacks and left them there for an hour or so, calling for them later. At that time and later in the evening, he stated that Mr. Emery was in his debt to the amount of \$80 and that repeated calls upon Mr. Emery had been without results.

According to the statement of Mr. and Mrs. Emery, the man had been an acquaintance of the former 20 years ago, when he purchased a butcher business from Mr. Emery. They had not seen him for many years, until one night last winter when he called at the Emery home and insisted upon Mr. Emery taking \$76 from him for safekeeping and investing it for him. Against his better judgment, Mr. Emery consented. He continued to make the Emery home his headquarters for many weeks, finally becoming ill during the influenza epidemic, at which time the Emery suggested that he go to Portland for treatment.

He demanded the return of his

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I. O. O. F. LODGE CENTENARIAN

Odd Fellowship of this end of the county was out in full force on Saturday night to celebrate the centennial of the founding of the order in Baltimore, Maryland. It was decidedly old timer's night. The founders of the community and their families were all on hand to honor the Odd-Fellows and to enjoy the fine program arranged by Gresham, Estacada, Sandy and Boring lodges.

From the overture by the high school orchestra to the last strains of America by the audience the list of events was most enjoyable. Too much credit cannot be given to the committee in charge of the celebration and to the people who gave so liberally of their talents.

There were many choice vocal and instrumental numbers, all of them applauded to the echo. Everybody gave an encore, and most graciously, too. The addresses of Wm. A. Carter, past grand master of the lodge, and Sol Garrison, past grand of Sandy lodge, were masterpieces, together with the presentation of a 25-year veteran jewel to B. C. Altman of Gresham lodge.

But the number that brought forth chuckles and shouts of approval was the buck and wing dance by J. E. Siefert of Boring. Refreshments were served to the assembly by the four lodges as joint hosts.

When Is May Day?

The Freshman class at the high school has been taking liberties with the calendar. They decided that Friday was a better day than Thursday for May Day and have announced their May Day fete for May 2d. It will be worth waiting for.

Here is the full program for the exercises to be given by the Freshman class of Union High school, Friday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, in Athletic Field.

- 1 Queen's procession.
- 2 Crowning of May Queen.
- 3 Song—"Spring."
- 4 Folk Dance—"Crested Hen."
- 5 Music—Union High orchestra.
- 6 Ox Dance.
- 7 Winding of May pole.
- 8 Song—"Land of Mine."
- 9 Klappdams.
- 10 Music—Union High orchestra.
- 11 Japanese Fan drill.
- 12 Song—"Union High".
- 13 Athletic Sports,
 - a Baseball game—Union High vs. Vancouver High.
 - b Pole vaulting.
 - c Fifty yard dash.
 - d Hundred yard hurdlers.
 - e Relay.

FACULTY STAYS; CLASS MEMORIAL

At a meeting of the school directors of District 2 at the high school Friday night, practically the entire teaching force was engaged for the next school year. Miss Crocker, Miss Wear, Miss Wyeth, Miss Hartley and Miss Good will retain their present positions. Mrs. Berneice Allen, whose marriage occurred this spring, will not be a candidate for the domestic science course. Miss Gregson, who has taught the commercial course and Latin, does not desire to serve again.

Upon the recommendation of Principal Elmer F. Goodwin, who was elected last year for a two year term, Miss Minnie Schrepel of Estacada has been engaged to succeed Mrs. Allen as a member of the school faculty. Miss Schrepel has come well recommended by the principal of the Estacada high school, where she has taught for three and a half years, and by Dr. H. V. Adix. She has also taught domestic science courses at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

Miss Gregson's places have not yet been filled. The manual training and physical culture course has been left open for the present, as the board decided to make an effort to have it taught under the arrangements of the Smith-Hughes Act, whereby the government, state, and district each assume a thrill of the expense of the work. It is not known whether Mr. Platts, who has done so well in the manual training and physical culture subjects this year will be a candidate for the position. Prof. Tom G. Taylor will teach music again next year.

In recognition of the increased cost of living the board voted to pay the teachers a fifteen per cent salary increase next year, taking the stand that properly paid instructors put forth the best effort in behalf of the students. In view of the high standard of tuition at the union high school, the increase in salary will be approved by school patrons generally.

The board of directors has extended an invitation to Dr. Willard of the First Congregational church of Portland to preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class on June 1st, presumably in the Methodist church.

Permission was granted to the members of the graduating class to remove several bricks from the front wall of the building to place a marble slab inscribed "Class of 1919" in the building. While this sort of a memorial has been used in many states it is believed that it is an innovation in Oregon, at least in Multnomah county.

Present at the board meeting were Judge Geo. W. Stapleton, D. E. Towle, H. P. Christenson, C. H. Johansen, Louis Yunker and K. A. Miller.

CORPORAL FOWLER HOME FROM FRANCE

Corporal Eugene Fowler of the 54th Regiment, C. A. C., arrived home on Sunday night, from service with the heavy artillery regiment in France. He spent a day or two here with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burch, and will report for duty at Ft. Stevens, where he had been in the regular service before war was declared. He was assigned to overseas service and was on his way to France when the armistice put an end to fighting. He will make application for his discharge and hopes to be released in the near future.

Oregon is the most beautiful of anything he has seen, declares Corporal Fowler. At Camp Devens, where he was on duty for a few weeks on his return to this country, and along the route to Oregon, winter seemed indeed to be "lingering in the lap of spring," but on crossing the Cascades he suddenly came into spring in all its beauty—fields and forests clothed in verdant green and fruit trees everywhere loaded with blossoms. It looked just like heaven to the returning soldier. He didn't half appreciate Oregon before. He now thinks it the best place in the world.

Special Grange Notice.
A session of Gresham grange will be held on Saturday evening, May 3, for initiation in the first and second degrees and practicing drill work for the third and fourth degrees. All grangers requested to be present.
E. E. WELLING, Master.
EFFIE HODGE, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fair will leave here Thursday for a trip to Lawrence, Kansas.

"THERE ARE SMILES"

