

CITIZENS PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENTS

At the regular meeting of the council held Tuesday night two petitions were presented, one asking for lights and the other for the dedication of a new street. A renewal of the contract with the Portland water board for another two years, on the same terms as the past two years, was ordered.

The petition for lights was from residents on Metzger avenue, and other citizens who signed the petition. A light is asked for in front of Melvin Sunday's place and one at the corner of Metzger avenue and Linden street. The petition was granted, subject to favorable arrangements with the P. R. L. & P. company and the matter of working out a plan was referred to the committee on public property.

The need of lights on Metzger avenue has been recognized and requests made for them several times. There are no lights in houses on the street except one, it is said, which is so located it could get service from another street. There are four or five houses on the street that would probably use the light service if a line were installed.

It has been usual for the P. R. L. & P. company to charge the city for the installation of a new line, especially on a side street, unless there was in prospect enough light service to warrant its installation by the company.

The other petition related to the acceptance by the council of a new street which has been temporarily opened and used by the property owners in Davidson's addition in the eastern part of the town. It is a short street, running north from the Powell Valley road a little over 600 feet, and located east of Cleveland avenue.

The petition was signed by Conrad Peterson, E. A. Leonard, Chas. Woodford, Ellis Davidson, A. J. Larson and Mrs. Otto Magnuson, all living and owning property in Davidson's addition. The new street was designated as Liberty street.

The petitioners are owners of and residents of property abutting on this street.

The petition was granted and the matter referred to committee on streets and public ways.

The council will make a new contract with the city of Portland for Bull Run water covering a period of two years. The agreement with the city of Portland stipulates that the town of Gresham shall pay annually the sum of \$750 for the privilege of maintaining a connection with the Bull Run pipe line. The town of Gresham maintains this connection and a meter at its own expense and pays for water used each month at meter rates on the same basis as users in Portland. Such meter rates are subject to change without notice and the city of Portland reserves the right to shut off the water for repairs or other necessary purposes.

The city council adjourned to meet tonight (Friday), to consider an arrangement for the enforcement of a city ordinance covering the traffic regulations of the state.

RECEPTION PLANNED FOR GRADE TEACHERS

A reception will be given in honor of the teachers of the grade school at the schoolhouse on Friday evening, December 19, given by the patrons of the district. A speaker will be announced for the occasion in a later Outlook. Dr. H. H. Ott will give a euphonium solo and possibly one or two other musical numbers will be given.

The boys and girls of the 7th and 8th grades are to have a part in the affair. They are to serve punch and cookies.

Ladies' Aid Bazaar

The Ladies' Aid will hold a bazaar and cake sale on Friday evening, December 12, at the grange hall. All members and friends of the society are requested to donate one or more articles for the bazaar and each member of the society is asked to furnish a cake for the sale.

The hall will be open during the afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock. Friends are asked to bring their contributions of cakes and articles at that time.

A short program is being planned for the evening and a popcorn stand will be operated. A tulip bed is being arranged for under the direction of Mrs. T. J. Skirvin.

THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

Churches like persons have an individuality—a definite spirit. The spirit of the pioneers, who laid broad and deep the foundations of Methodism in this section, was the spirit of Religious Democracy. With them every man stood upon the same footing before God. This spirit they bequeathed to their successors and it is characteristic of our church today. Our doors stand open in genuine friendliness to all who desire to worship God.

GRESHAM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. The Home Church that serves the community.

ACTIVITIES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

A big treat is in store for all who attend the Methodist church next Sunday night, when Attorney B. F. Mulkey of Portland will speak on the subject, "The State as One of the Pillars of Civilization." In connection with this, the church service flag will be formally taken down. Boys whose stars are on the flag have received a special invitation to be present and all ex-service men are cordially invited.

In the morning, following the Sunday school, Rev. R. E. Myers, the pastor, will preach on the subject, "The Supreme Need of the Kingdom." These will be great services, gripping in their interest to young and old.

"Clear the deck for action," says the pastor. "Get ready for the big meeting in January. Our great need at the present is God. Give him a chance. Make way for the spirit."

The inclement weather yesterday interfered greatly with the attendance at the group meeting. Dr. Ford, the district superintendent was delayed by irregularity of train service from Salem. Rev. Mr. Myers took charge of the service, which was one of great helpfulness, until his arrival. A social hour was enjoyed in the evening, when luncheon was served in the League room, after which the business of the quarterly conference was conducted. Visiting pastors were Rev. J. F. Dunlop of Estacada, Rev. Earl B. Cotton of Pleasant Home and Rev. F. J. Schnell of Rockwood.

Assurance was given by Dr. Ford last night that the Gresham church would be able to draw upon the Centenary fund for the purpose of adding to its plant an adequate building for Sunday school and social purposes on a 50-50 basis. Money for this project would not be likely to become available for about a year. It is expected that the local board will begin plans at once for the much-needed additions.

Committees have been appointed to proceed at once to take a religious census of the entire community, for the purpose of systematizing church activities in all lines.

The Women's Home Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. H. H. Eling next Wednesday, December 10. Mrs. A. Hevel is the leader for the day. The study on "Christian Americanization" will be continued and some musical numbers will be given.

GRESHAM POULTRYMEN ANNOUNCE MEETING

There will be a business meeting of the Gresham Cooperative Poultrymen Wednesday evening, December 10 at 8 o'clock at the office of County Agent S. B. Hall, Gresham.

There will be important matters of business taken up at this meeting and it is earnestly desired that all members be present.

Constable M. M. Squire succeeded in locating an automobile belonging to a Portland man last night at the foot of the Fairview hill, where it had been abandoned by thieves who stole the car and are supposed to have been the same ones who stole a safe from a Portland Catholic church a day or two ago, though the safe has not been recovered. The car was out of gasoline. The culprits are reported to have tried the cars of both D. W. McKay and E. E. Heslin but found them without gas. It is not known how they managed to get away with the heavy safe.

Tailoring

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

All-Night Dance.

Every Saturday night, at Clackamas, Oregon. Six-piece jazz orchestra. Supper at midnight.—Adv.

N. Y. GIRL LEGISLATOR AIMS AT PROFITEERS



Miss Marguerite Smith, 25, Republican, athlete and teacher of hygiene, had a strenuous campaign rewarded in election. All her fight in the New York legislature is to be aimed at the profiteer, she announces.

MOTHER OF SEVEN WARRIOR SONS DECORATED



Mrs. I. M. Blue of Washington, shown at the right, being decorated by Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy, now holds the record in the Women's Legion—made up of wives and mothers of members of the American Legion. She had seven sons in the service. Mrs. Daniels is vice president of the order.

EDUCATIONAL AID OFFERED S. A. T. C. MEN

Men who served in the S. A. T. C. are entitled to the student aid offered by the state under the Financial Educational Aid Law, according to instructions recently received by Principal E. F. Goodwin, of the Union high school, coming from the secretary of state's office.

This is the opinion of Attorney General George M. Brown. The letter explaining the matter is as follows:

Salem, Ore., Nov. 21, 1919. Mr. Elmer F. Goodwin, Principal Union High School, Dist. No. 2, Gresham, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

For your information, and in the interest of any honorably discharged ex-service men who have made application to or are attending your institution, please be advised that Mr. George M. Brown, the attorney general, in an oral opinion to this department, has held that men who served in the S. A. T. C. and who were sent to the various officers' training camps, are entitled to the benefits of the Financial Educational Aid Law, regardless of whether they took the option of being discharged immediately after the signing of the armistice, or returned to their S. A. T. C., and there discharged upon the demobilization of that branch of the service, or whether they remained at the training camp until they completed the course of instruction.

"The Attorney General has also advised that men who were regularly inducted into the service of the United States by the local draft boards, and who upon their arrival at the mobilization camps received discharges from draft due to the fact that the armistice had been signed and their services no longer required, are likewise entitled to the benefits of the law.

"It is deemed advisable to inform you of these rulings for the reason that, owing to previous understandings of the operation of this law, some applications may have been returned, and to give you as early an opportunity as possible to get in touch with those men in order that they may receive the benefits of the law, if they so desire.

"The Attorney General has further advised that it is his construction of the law that those men who were discharged by reason of physical disability, whether contracted prior to arrival at the mobilization camps or thereafter and who were discharged on account of any such physical disability are not included in the benefits of the law. A fair and reasonable interpretation of the law, he says, indicates that the legislature intended to exclude from the benefits of the act those men who were rejected or discharged at the mobilization camps on account of physical disability, etc.

"We fully believe that you appreciate many of the difficulties encountered in the administration of this law, and therefore wish to assure you that it is our earnest endeavor, insofar as our duties are concerned in its administration, to be as liberal as possible within its meaning as outlined and construed by the Attorney General."

Gresham should plan to open a camp site for auto tourists early next spring. It is due the good name of our city, and the advertising it will mean for the locality. Besides, as a matter of local business, it will pay. A report recently given out says that Grants Pass last season profited about \$100,000 from the tourist travel by having a properly cared for camping ground.

The Department of Agriculture assisted the census bureau in preparing the list of questions to be asked of every farmer at the coming census.

WELL-KNOWN METHODIST DIES AT MARSHFIELD

Rev. Chas. L. Hamilton, a well-known pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, died suddenly at his home in Marshfield, Oregon, last Tuesday, aged 64 years.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Fanny Ryden Hamilton, and the following children, Dr. R. R. Hamilton of Portland; Dr. V. L. Hamilton of Coquille, Or.; Dr. C. W. Hamilton, of Dristal, Pennsylvania; Mrs. M. B. Everett and John W. Hamilton of Portland; Miss Frances Hamilton of Marshfield, Mrs. C. U. Snyder, wife of Lieutenant Snyder at Camp Lewis; his mother, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, S.F., survives him and several brothers and sisters, among them Ed. Hamilton of Gresham, living at Lusted, and W. H. Hamilton of Montavilla.

With his wife, Dr. Hamilton from Nebraska, came to Oregon in 1902, settling in Lebanon, where he filled the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal church. From Lebanon he went to McMinnville, thence to Hillsboro and Newberg, heading congregations of the same denomination in each place.

In 1909 Dr. Hamilton came to Portland, where he headed the congregation which built the Central M. E. church, which still stands at Vancouver avenue and Fargo street; then the Mount Tabor M. E. church, the University M. E. church, and the Montavilla M. E. church.

Dr. Hamilton's next pulpit was that of the Marshfield M. E. church. He was engaged in the task of directing the building of a new \$30,000 edifice in that place when death came.

Funeral services will be conducted from the First Methodist Episcopal church, 12th and Taylor, in Portland, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. Joshua Stansfield assisted by the Portland Ministerial association. The body will lie in state from 1 to 1:45. Interment will be in Mt. Scott cemetery.

The Home Builders' association held a meeting of stockholders last night, being an adjourned meeting from last Saturday night, for the purpose of making a few slight changes in the by-laws of the association. One hundred and two shares were represented and the by-laws were read and adopted. The association is fully organized, has a splendid working program and is ready to go ahead with any building projects in which its financial assistance is needed according to its constitution and rules. It is possible for the association to loan money for building projects in case one wishes merely a loan on a project which he has started. It is understood applications are coming in.

There were 6,361,562 farms reported, at the last decennial census, valued at more than forty billions of dollars. The 1920 census is expected to show more than 7,000,000 farms.

Christmas Eve Dance.

A dance will be held in Masonic hall, Gresham, on Christmas eve, December 24. A 7-piece orchestra will furnish the music. Refreshments served at midnight. Admission \$1, including war tax. Ladies free.—Adv.

1920 Maxwell, extra tire run 3900 miles—like new—a bargain. Gresham Overland Co., Phone 544.

It pays to advertise.

OREGON DAIRYMEN TO HOLD MEETING

The Oregon Dairymen's League will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, December 9 at the Central Library at 10 a.m. The feed problem one of the most serious subjects confronting the dairymen of today will be one of the topics discussed.

Alma D. Katz will preside. All the year's work will be discussed and all the important plans for the future will be made.

Directors will be elected to fill the places of J. T. Whitton, Theodore Brugger, Samuel Huelit, J. W. Pomerooy, W. D. Sappington, Arnold Schallberger, J. F. Peerenboom and U. W. Bunker whose terms expire.

The membership of the league has increased from 684 members to 1977 as shown by the report of the secretary, M. S. Shrock. The bank report showed last year \$28,078, while this year's statement shows \$148,032. In November 4000 tests of milk and cream were made and that 55 errors in statements had been discovered and 25 instances of short weight. This checking is for the especial purpose of seeing that the dairy-farmers get the "square deal" and that they are protected from any dishonesty or carelessness.

P. M. Brandt, president of the Oregon Agricultural college was one of the important speakers at the league meeting last Tuesday. Among others who spoke on various phases of the dairy industry were Marshall Dana, J. D. Mickle, C. H. Johansen, of Gresham; G. J. Hawley, of McCoy; Jacob Luscher, of Fairview; S. B. Hall, of Gresham, and J. H. Sanguinet of Hubbard.

Other important dairy meetings of this month will be the Oregon Butter and Cheese Maker's association December 17 and 18 in the Portland hotel and the Oregon Dairy Council on December 17. R. E. Cavett will preside at the former and Professor Brant, president of the Dairy Council at the latter.

SEEING THE STARS.

The past few cold, windy nights haven't been conducive to early rising but if anyone will arise before daylight on a clear morning he will behold a sight in the heavens that will repay him for all his exertion, provided he has any appreciation of astronomical phenomena. The appearance referred to is that of four bright planets and two first magnitude stars strung along in a line from east to west across the sky a little south of the meridian. The planets are Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Venus. The stars are Regulus and Spica. They range in the following order: Spica (towards the east), Venus, Mars, Saturn, Regulus, Jupiter. The earth is off at right angles to this line of heavenly bodies.

On December 17 the four planets named will be in closest conjunction with one another and the great center of our system which exerts a mighty pull on each one. Coming in line, as they will on that date, it is thought by some there may result an upheaval in our system. At any rate that the effect will cause disruptions in the sun and resulting storms on the earth.

The most eminent astronomers, however, say there is no need to fear so far as physical effect is concerned. If the planets exert an influence on human minds and wills, as many believe, it is difficult to predict what may result from this unusual juxtaposition of the heavenly bodies.

Everyone is advised to be calm and act just as if nothing unusual was likely to happen—for it may not.

FORMER GRESHAM MAN WEDS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Harry W. Buck, formerly manager of the Cotton farm, was married last week in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to a young lady of that place. Mr. Buck went east last winter to visit his mother and decided to stay there. He is engaged in the wholesale provision business.

"PRO" FOOTBALL NOW



Professional football is soon going to be America's great fall and winter sport—and here is one of the pioneers and stars who helped make it so. It is Jim Thorpe, Indian athlete and major league ballplayer who formerly was Carlisle's great grid star. After the baseball season closes, Thorpe goes to Canton, O., where he manages and captains the "Bulldogs." "Pro" games in Ohio are very popular.

ASKS FOR RETURN OF DEATH PENALTY

Officers.

C. G. Schneider, President.
Glenwood Miller, Vice Pres.
Chase St. Clair, Secretary.
Roy H. Gibbs, Treasurer.
Oscar Stone.
Sergeant-at-arms.
Arthur Strebin, Chaplain.

Executive Committee.

Ernest Brugger, Isaac W. Anderson, Dr. A. W. Botkin, Dr. H. H. Hughes, W. F. Jenne.

Gresham Post No. 30, American Legion, met Tuesday night, December 2d and elected the officers listed above for the coming term of one year. The president, secretary and first four named of the executive committee, will succeed themselves.

A resolution that Gresham Post go on record as favoring capital punishment was carried unanimously. The Post also went on record as opposed to the 4 per cent interest measure which will likely go on the ballot at the coming election. It is a particularly vicious measure and would tend to drive money out of Oregon. This bill is to receive attention from all the Legion Posts in the state.

The resolution relating to capital punishment follows:

Resolution.

Whereas, the state of Oregon has no law providing the death penalty for murder in the first degree, the old law for capital punishment having been repealed, and

Whereas, we believe there is a necessity for such a measure, for the better protection of life in this state, therefore be it

Resolved, that Gresham Post No. 30, of the Oregon state branch of the American Legion, go on record as favoring the repeal of the present law abolishing capital punishment for first degree murder and ask that it be put on the ballot at the next regular election, or that it come up before the legislature at a special session if there be one called for other purposes. And, be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Olcott, and one to each American Legion post in the state in so far as it is possible to reach them.

Frozen Water Pipes.

The state fire marshal says that many winter fires are caused by ill-advised attempts to thaw frozen water pipes.

A burning match, torch or open flame of any description should never be employed for this purpose. To wrap the pipes with oil-soaked rags and set them on fire is worse than folly; it is incendiarism.

Pipes are almost invariably adjacent to walls or partitions where there is an ascending current of air to feed and spread a flame. Even if the flame does not start a fire its sudden local heat may cause the pipe to break and flood the premises with water.

Wrap the frozen section of the pipe with cotton cloth and pour hot water upon it (even if the hot water must be obtained from a neighbor) until the ice in the pipe gives way. Rags on the floor at the base of or under the pipe will absorb the waste water. If the freezing is too severe to yield to this treatment send for a plumber.

Reputable plumbers always avoid running water pipes along outside walls where it is possible to do so. Property owners when building should look out for this. It may some time save them money and vexation.

If you fail to read the ads you lose money.

CHRISTMAS OUTLOOK BIG FEATURE NUMBER

Plans are under way for the big Christmas number of the Gresham Outlook which will be dated about December 16.

This will be a feature number with beautiful Holiday illustrations and special articles on the leading activities of the eastern Multnomah and northern Clackamas territory. There will be many articles that will interest our wide range of readers, making it a splendid number to send to friends and relatives at a distance.

It will give business men an excellent opportunity to extend holiday greetings to their patrons and announce their holiday specialties.

Correspondence is invited from all localities. Request is made that all articles reach us by the 10th or 12th if possible.

Watch for it! Speak for extra copies early. Speak for ad space before it is too late.