

FAIR BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1920

A very important meeting of the board directors was held Monday afternoon when matters relative to the future progress of the fair was discussed.

Every member of the board was present and willing to cooperate in every way toward the success of the fair. Reports were read showing the wonderful progress made during the past year.

County Commissioners Holman, Muck and Muck tendered their resignations as members of the board of directors and their resignations were accepted.

The commissioners promised to lend their aid in every possible way, but recognizing the prevailing sentiment that the administration of the fair be turned over to the county, they felt that they should in a position to act upon the proposition if such a step is taken.

After the business of the past year was completed the directors were asked to serve for another year. The directors proceeded to re-elect H. A. Lewis president of the board which office he has successfully held for a number of years.

J. Townsend was elected vice president and A. F. Miller and Theo. Brugger were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. C. D. Minton was re-elected manager for the next year.

L. Thorpe, C. D. Minton and Edith Tozier Weathered were named as a publicity committee to carry the work and the needs of the fair before the public.

The executive committee will be H. A. Minton, A. F. Miller and J. W. Minton with H. A. Lewis, chairman. M. Lake, David McKeown, Gus Minton, C. D. Minton and Edith Tozier Weathered were appointed on the premium list committee.

The finance committee is John Sleret, E. Crane and E. L. Thorpe. The president was asked to secure one to look after the fair property and see that the buildings were closed.

It was the opinion of the board that the children's department which has been such a splendid showing last year would be even larger this year. The children have their buildings ready for next year it was thought that the enthusiasm created last year would be an aid to filling every booth with attractive exhibits this year.

WORLD'S OLDEST MAN LIVES IN KAINBUCK



Uncle John Shell of Leslie-co., Ky., has had his picture taken at last—age 132 years. He claims to be the world's oldest man—having been born in 1788. Newspaper photographers have snapped him recently—but this picture from a gallery at Louisville—is his first "regular" photo.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IS A COMPLETE SURPRISE

A very pleasant evening was spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Olsen of Powell Valley when Mrs. Olsen entertained a number of friends at a surprise party given in honor of Mr. Olsen's birthday.

The surprise was as complete as could be desired and the evening which followed will be remembered by those present as one of the pleasantest parties of the season.

After a social evening spent in contests and stunts the hostess served a delicious lunch. A beautiful birthday cake with its lighted candles was placed at one end of the long table which was attractively decorated in holiday colors.

The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palmblad, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Palmblad, Mrs. Alta M. Gentry, Misses Ellen Unis, Mabel Staffenson, Emma Johnson, and Lillie Nelson. Messrs. Hokan Truedson, Richard Staffenson, Earnest Anderson and Emanuel Lind.

NORTH DAKOTA FRIENDS GATHER IN REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Geddes entertained a number of friends at their home last Saturday evening. This gathering was really a North Dakota reunion as all of the families were formerly of Granden, North Dakota.

A very delightful evening was spent renewing the old acquaintances. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Cameron, Mrs. Cameron's sister, Mrs. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thom, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Hugabon, Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson were also invited but were unable to attend.

Determined that they should all gather one time before Mr. and Mrs. Bell left for their home at Long Beach, a surprise was arranged on Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. Monday night the same party gathered at the Geddes home and then went together to the Anderson home. A delightful social evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell, whose visit here was the occasion of these gatherings, are to leave tonight for Long Beach.

VISITOR PRAISES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ORGANIZATION; ELECT OFFICERS, MAKE REPORTS

Gresham has a volunteer fire department that is above the average for towns of this size throughout the state, according to a speaker from the state fire marshal's office who last night attended the firemen's meeting in the fire hall.

It was a lively meeting at which election of officers took place and reports were made covering the past year, showing that the department has on hand in the general fund \$322.82 and in the relief fund \$139.59.

Under the direction of Ed. Metzger, who was chairman pro tempore, the business of the meeting was expedited to make way for the speakers and the lunch which followed the meeting.

Secretary Harry Johnson reported that there were 28 members in good standing in the department, with 12 members in the Firemen's Relief association. Five new applications were voted on, bringing the present membership up to 33. The new members are, L. L. Kidder, A. W. Metzger, J. Cannon, G. E. Bangs, W. A. Hessel.

George W. Stokes, deputy state fire marshal, formerly a captain of one of the down town stations in Portland, was present on invitation and talked on the need of adequate fire fighting apparatus and the elements of efficiency in the department. He said the fire department was often sadly neglected, and related incidents that had come under his personal notice while inspecting departments all over the state.

He told how reluctant some cities had been to improve their conditions until a disastrous fire had forced them to it. He cited instances where a few thousand dollars spent on new equipment had in a short time come back to the property owners in the way of lower insurance rates.

Mr. Stokes recommended the purchase of a Ford chassis on which could be placed a 40-gallon chemical outfit with plenty of hose. He advised getting 500 or 600 feet more of hose with improved nozzles. He complimented the department on their efficient organization and said it was due them, the boys that were pledged to respond promptly and bravely in case of fire, that the town furnish them the best possible equipment to work with.

Recently an inspection of the town was made by deputies from the fire marshal's office, of which Mr. Stokes was one, and a report of conditions with recommendations was prepared which will be presented at the council meeting tonight.

Edward Campbell, of Portland, chief of the emergency corporation fire department, under government supervision, spoke to the firemen on the need of careful inspection to prevent the conditions which lead to easy starting of fires. He told incidents in connection with his supervision of shipyards and referred to government reports showing how the fire loss could be reduced to a very low percentage.

Mayor Kenney was present and stated that the council desired to do everything in its power to keep the department up to a high standard of efficiency. The election resulted in the unanimous choice of Harold Boehmer as chief of the department, with Carl Dahl as assistant chief. Harry Johnson was elected secretary, a position which he has efficiently held for many years, and C. J. Lundquist was re-elected treasurer.

A. W. Metzger was selected for fire marshal. By virtue of his office he is an assistant to the state fire marshal and has authority to enforce state or local laws pertaining to fire protection.

Fred Hoss was elected captain of Hose company No. 1, with Jack Hamlin first lieutenant and Fisher Jennings as second lieutenant.

Jas. Jennings was elected captain of chemical company No. 3, with Fred Jennings first lieutenant.

Hook and Ladder company No. 4 is in charge of Al. Hammar as captain with Herb West as first lieutenant.

The secretary's report for the year 1919 was as follows:

Table with RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS columns. RECEIPTS: On hand beginning of 1919 \$35.00, From Fourth of July fund 285.27, Sale of dance tickets 71.35, Other sources 16.50. Total \$408.12. DISBURSEMENTS: Secretary's salary and supplies \$18.50, Fourth of July donation 40.00, Halloween dance 26.80. Total \$85.30. Balance on hand \$322.82.

FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION RECEIPTS: On hand 1919 \$124.52, From dues 32.00, Interest 5.57. Total \$162.03. DISBURSEMENTS: Secretary's salary \$12.50, Benefits 10.00. Total \$22.50. Balance on hand \$139.59.

The Gresham Volunteer Fire Department was organized February 24, 1912. A. W. Metzger was the first chief. He was succeeded by Etsel Jones. On the removal of Mr. Jones from Gresham L. G. Merrill became chief and served for a few months until his removal. During the past year Jas. Jennings has been acting chief.

There are seven men who have been with the department as active firemen since its organization, nearly eight years ago, and by this service are now considered exempt firemen, but they all continue as active firemen. They are, Jas. Jennings, Harry Johnson, Fred Hoss, Carl Dahl, Fisher Jennings, Jack Hamlin, Ed. Metzger.

The lunch provided by the firemen and prepared by Mrs. Nora Withrow was greatly enjoyed and a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Withrow for her generous assistance.

The Gresham Volunteer Firemen's Relief association is an organization among the firemen themselves for mutual aid in case of need. Membership is voluntary. The members pay into a fund their dues of 25 cents a month. In case of sickness benefits are paid amounting to \$10. In case of accident or sickness resulting from fire service a benefit of \$15 is paid, or more in case of necessity.

TOO FOXY FOR COPS AT NATIONAL CAPITAL



A red fox hunt around the U. S. Capitol Building at Washington was one of the excitements of the day recently when Capitol police discovered the animal and gave chase. George M. Green, a passing motorist, captured the prize—then the little fellow was sent back to his home at the National Zoo.

LOCAL MEN ATTEND FARMERS' WEEK AT O. A. C.

The program of the Farmers' week at O. A. C. was printed this year in newspaper style and was a very successful innovation. The paper which was published every morning was full of interesting articles and notices besides the full program of each day's events.

Following are some of the items from the personal columns of the paper. D. E. Towle of Gresham, manager of the Gresham Cooperative Berry Growers' association, arrived Tuesday evening to take in the remainder of Farmers' week and get a line on the berry industry.

E. M. Grocock is vitally interested in "spuds" and is here to learn all he can about them. Mr. Grocock lives in Boring.

C. H. Johanson of Gresham, who has had good success with dairy cattle, has been keeping records since 1915 and says he appreciates their value more and more as time goes on. A. E. Jonsrud of Boring, Oregon, is attending Farmers' week and is particularly interested in subjects pertaining to dry farming.

S. B. Hall, a farmer from near Portland, says he is trying to "take in" the whole program.

IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS MADE LATELY

Krider and Elkington report the sale of two important pieces of property recently.

Phillip Bratzel has sold his home on South Roberts avenue to R. D. Cruikshank, a traveling salesman, of Portland. Mr. Cruikshank and family will take possession about March 1st. Consideration \$6500.

Mr. Darby, a farmer from Corvallis, has bought the Urban Peier farm three miles south of Gresham on the Damascus road. There is 20 acres in this tract. It brought \$5300.

POULTRYMEN WILL HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

There will be a business meeting of the Gresham Cooperative Poultrymen Friday evening, January 6th, 1920, at 8 o'clock at the office of County Agent S. B. Hall, Gresham.

As there will be important matters of business to take up at this meeting it is earnestly desired that all members be present.

D. E. TOWLE, Secretary.

Would You?

The champion freak bill proposed in Oregon is the one fixing legal rate of interest at 4 per cent and 5 per cent.

We might just as well pass a measure fixing the legal price of wheat at 50 cents, hogs, 8 cents and wool 15 cents. The only effect would be that wheat, hogs and wool would be shipped outside the state where world prices prevailed. And the same thing will happen to money if by any chance of fate such a law should be passed.

Savings accounts drawing 3 per cent of banks would close and the old shoe and stocking would be the hiding place of what little ready cash was left here. No mortgage would be renewed, notes would be called in and the man who found it necessary to borrow money would be in a bad fix, or who would loan at these rates any more than they would sell wheat at 50 cents, hogs at 8 cents or wool at 15 cents when the world price is as much higher. Would you?

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

TWO PIONEERS REST FROM THEIR LABORS

The burial of two of Oregon's pioneers occurred at the Douglas cemetery Troutdale on Friday afternoon, January 2, when Mr. and Mrs. J. W. A. Belleu were laid side by side, there to await the resurrection. For 56 years they had journeyed together, enduring hardships and privations of pioneer life, and in death they were not long divided. Mr. Belleu died at the family home in Portland on Monday, December 29, following a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Belleu, prostrated by grief over his death, passed away on December 30, just 36 hours after the death of her husband.

The funeral service was conducted in Portland at the Miller & Tracey undertaking establishment by the Rev. Mr. Bowersox, of the Memorial Evangelical church, of which church both Mr. and Mrs. Belleu were members.

The deceased are survived by four sons and two daughters, J. C. Belleu of Alderdale, Washington, B. O. Belleu, of Lebanon; Oscar and Fred of Portland; Mrs. G. G. Seely and Mrs. Elmer Depperman of Portland. Besides these there are living fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Belleu leaves two sisters and a brother and Mrs. Belleu two sisters.

J. W. A. Belleu was born in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1841. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1845. The family settled in Lind county where the early part of his life was spent. He was for 16 years deputy sheriff of that county and carried the first mail from Halsey to Crawfordsville by way of Brownsville. One of his interesting experiences was when he ran a pack train from Umatilla Landing to Boise, Idaho. This was in the year 1862. He was also a volunteer in the Rogue River Indian war.

He was married to Miss Lavina Dennison, December 24, 1853.

Lavina Dennison was born in Connecticut, February 21, 1846. With her parents she came to Oregon in 1852. The family came the ocean route going around Cape Horn. They were 11 months on the water and it was 18 months before they arrived at Salem. Her father, a minister, died while making the trip and was buried at sea.

Mr. Belleu's father was also a minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Belleu have lived at Rockwood for a number of years where Mr. Belleu owned a grocery store but the week before their death they were taken to the home of their son, Oscar.

Beside their children, they leave a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who will mourn their loss.

APPLICATION RECEIPT MUST BE SHOWN TODAY

The police department of the city of Portland announced that Monday was the last day of grace in which to send in application for 1920 automobile license tags. All drivers of cars who cannot show a 1920 license tag or a receipt for an application today will be arrested.

Many people have been inquiring whether they can drive their cars before the new license tags arrive. According to this announcement all that is necessary is that they be able to show their receipt for application.

What Does the Church Want?

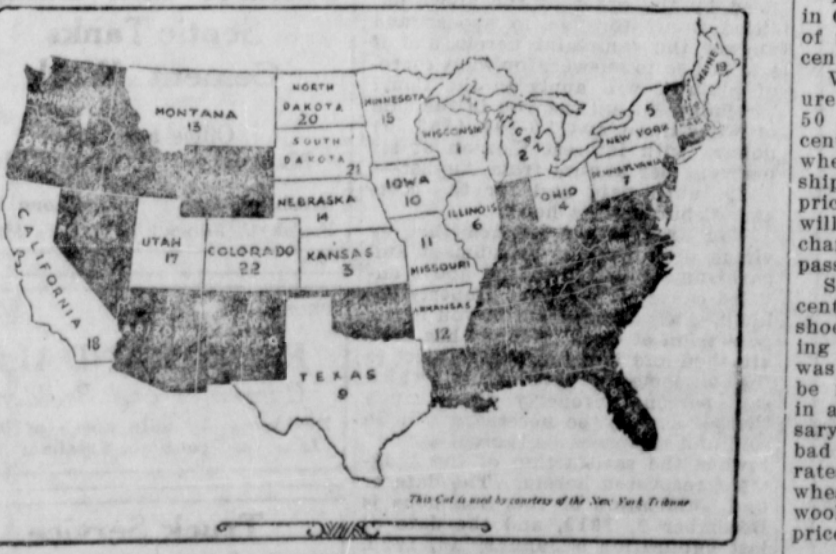
Does it seek to drain you of money? It is not only a liability? If so then it is not worthy of support. If it adds nothing to the community, close it up. If it is an asset, if it adds to the community, if it contributes a necessary element to the life of the people, then it deserves your support. But do not think support means only money. The most needed support is your moral support, in attendance and interest. To be what it ought to be the church must have the active help of the leading people of the town.

"We seek you not yours," is our principle. We are here to serve. But we must have your help to do the work you expect.

Attend the meetings now in progress. A square deal will be given you. No advantage will be taken of you. You will enjoy the singing. The message will do you good. The fellowship will be inspiring. Every night except Monday. Methodist Episcopal church, the Home Church. REV. R. EUGENE MYERS.

Storage battery repairing and recharging, starter and generator work. Raker & Son.

EIGHTEEN OF TWENTY-TWO STATES TO RATIFY SUFFRAGE ARE REPUBLICAN



Suffragists of the country, through their spokesmen, are expressing an utter lack of faith in any support from the Democratic party toward the ratification by states of the pending suffrage constitutional amendment. All but four of the states that have acted are Republican.

Berry Growers, Attention! The adjourned annual meeting of the Co-operative Berry Growers will be held in the library at 7 p. m. on Wednesday, January 7, 1920. If you are interested in berry growing and to join, you are cordially invited to attend this meeting. In union there is strength. K. A. MILLER, Secretary.

Sometimes we almost long for the days when nobody was organized and the devil was busy trying to grab the hindmost.

Why Winter Demands a Low Cold Test Oil. "If the oil in your engine will congeal, or thicken excessively, at 15 degrees above zero, you should hardly expect it to splash and flow freely at 12 degrees above zero," said Mr. C. A. McCarty, special agent of the Standard Oil Company, yesterday.

An Extra Good Buy. Overland 90, good condition, new tires, five tires, \$650. GRESHAM OVERLAND CO. Phone 544, Gresham.