

GRESHAM LIBRARY IS PRIDE OF THE LOCALITY; STANDS AS EVIDENCE OF WORTHY ENDEAVOR

Those who admire the beautiful Gresham library and enjoy its facilities with trained librarians in the reading room and at the high school, can scarcely realize that these privileges have come through long years of effort on the part of those who have appreciated the value of good books. Less than ten years ago, the present building was finished, its dedication being on March 1, 1913. The ten years preceding that were years of hard work and discouragement, when the foundations were laid for the association which kept ever before the people the idol of a free public library, and which backed the movement for the present building.

The way was opened for securing library privileges in rural communities when, in January, 1903, the legislature of Oregon authorized a county tax for library purposes. The Multnomah county court ordered a tax of one-fifth of a mill and entered into a

Culy, Mrs. Clara Anderson, Mrs. Grace Metzger and Miss Pearl Lindsey.

More Assistance Given.

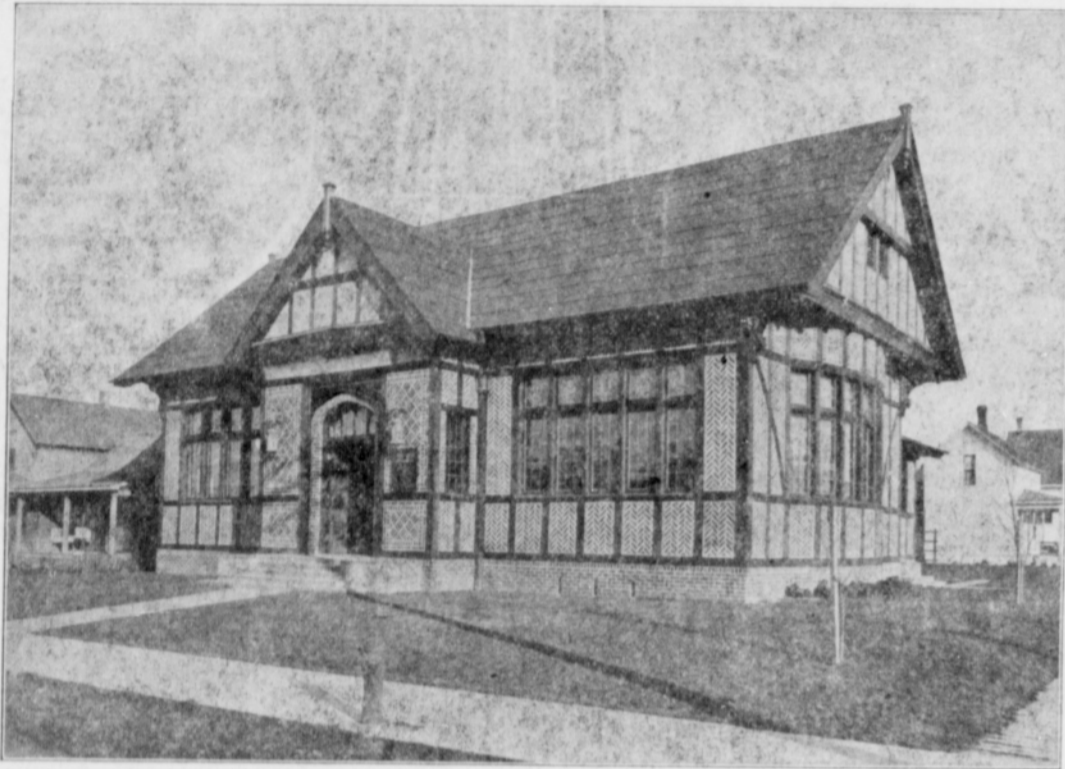
The year 1907 saw a marked increase of interest in the library. The Odd Fellows Lodge and the Gresham Development League passed resolutions pledging the support of those organizations. The city council passed an ordinance granting the sum of \$5 a month to be used toward library maintenance. The Portland Library association offered to pay for the services of a librarian every afternoon and evening of the week, and give her training, provided the books could be placed in a suitable room. The room was provided and Mrs. H. L. Wostell was appointed the first custodian under the new regime. She was later succeeded by Miss Alida Culy. There were about 400 volumes in the library at that time. Miss Culy remained in charge until February, 1912, when she resigned and was suc-

M. Short, the Rev. C. A. Nutley, Mrs. Lena St. Clair, Mrs. J. W. Shattuck, Theodore Brugger and Mrs. Minnie Clanshan.

The library has grown steadily during the years of its existence. In 1904 the circulation of books was 567. For the year ending October 31, 1922, the circulation was 20,002, which is a gain of 3,439 books over last year. There are, throughout the year over 3,000 regular books on the shelves and in circulation on all subjects and new books are received each week.

The presence of the library gives Gresham people and the students of Union High school and all of the grade schools in the surrounding country an opportunity to obtain reading material which is second to none in cities the size of Gresham.

The library is now in charge of Miss Norma Lee Peck and her assistant, Miss Clara Auclair. It is open a part of every day except Sundays.



GRESHAM BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDING, DEDICATED MARCH 1, 1913

contract with the Portland Library association to extend the privileges of the library to residents of the county. The fact was at once advertised in the daily papers of Portland and later a personal letter was sent to each postmaster in the county, explaining the library privileges and enclosing a notice to be placed in the postoffice. A number of the residents of Gresham and vicinity availed themselves of this opportunity, taking out cards through the postmistress, Mrs. I. McColl, and going to Portland for their books.

In the fall of that year the public school teachers, Principal A. F. Hershner, Miss Hattie Pierce, Miss Harriet Alexander and Mrs. Clara Anderson, became interested in the project of furnishing a reading room to which books from the Portland library could be brought. This was accomplished and volunteer custodians had charge three evenings a week.

ceeded by Miss Schaffer who soon gave place to Miss C. H. Halle.

Library facilities and patronage were slowly growing and the need of a suitable building was apparent. In the fall of 1911 the announcement was made that Portland and Oregon were in line for a number of Carnegie library buildings. The possibility of securing one of these for Gresham was brought before the library board and the Commercial club by Chas. Cleveland, with the result that the two bodies cooperated in the matter and funds were raised among the residents of Gresham for the purchase of the site of the present library building on Main street. This was purchased from Ed. Osburn and Mrs. J. H. Metzger at a total cost of \$1900.

Carnegie Library Secured.

In the meantime the Portland Public Library had taken full charge of all the branches in the county and the matter of securing a Carnegie li-

Among the librarians who have contributed greatly to the success of the library in recent years are Miss Pearl Durst and Miss Ruth Montague.

RECENT BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

OF ALL THINGS, by Robert Benchley. This is a book of fun about every day things so close to our noses we are apt to quite overlook the joy of them. Mr. Benchley is keenly appreciative of the humorous and has the happy faculty of letting the reader in on the joke.

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J. POINDEXTER, (colored), by Irving S. Cobb. Jeff, body servant of old



INTERIOR VIEW OF PORTION OF LIBRARY

On account of the difficulty of finding persons who were willing and able to give their time to the care of the library, it became necessary in May, 1905, to return the books to Portland. In the fall of that year a room was secured, a box of books installed, the reading room was reopened, and the first steps were taken toward the organization of a library association, which was accomplished by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws on November 13, 1905, and the election of a board of directors and officers on January 6, 1906. In September of that year the association authorized the opening of the reading room on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons and evenings and the securing of a custodian at \$1 a week. Miss Alida Culy was secured as custodian, which position she held until March, 1907. Volunteer custodians included Mrs. McColl, Miss Pierce, Miss Alexander, the Rev. M. L. Haldingham, H. L. St. Clair, Miss

library for Gresham was turned over to the County Library Extension committee. Miss Isom, head of the Portland library, was in New York city and added her personal influence to that of the communications already sent from Gresham. Word was received in June, 1912, that the library had been granted and in the fall and winter of 1912 and '13 the present building was erected. It cost about \$9000 and the furnishings \$1500. It was dedicated March 1, 1913.

The architectural style of the building is Elizabethan. The walls are of brick veneer, with solid timbers between the brick panels. Medallion windows greatly enhance the appearance of the building. The design of the top panel of each window is different, and each represents the trademark of a famous printer of olden days.

With the dedication of the new library the Gresham Library association ceased to function. It had been presided over successfully by Dr. J.

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FOR THE MEN

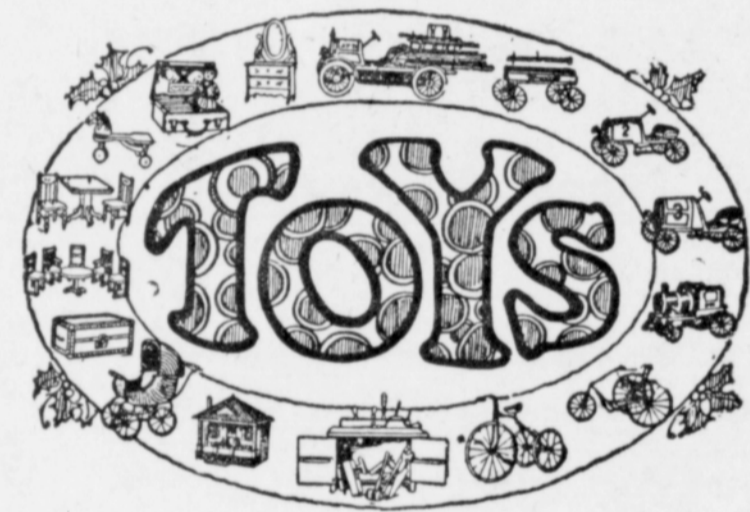
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