

GRESHAM MAN OWNS VALUABLE OIL STOCK

A letter was received this week by Joseph Melugin from the Tearril company, Pioneer, Texas, offering \$83,000 for oil stock which Mr. Melugin owns or controls in the Tex-Wyo-Mex oil company. This is at the rate of one dollar a share, which is par, and the offer is good for 30 days. Mr. Melugin has wired his father to make investigation but thinks he may not sell, even at this flattering figure.

Simple Arithmetic.

Deacon Jones flattered to town with his children to have their pictures taken.

"What do you charge for pictures?" he asked the photographer.

"Eighteen dollars a dozen," replied the camera man.

The deacon looked over his family. There were eleven in the crowd.

"Good-bye," he said, as he hustled the youngsters outside. "I'll be back next year."

Fast Worker.

"That last girl Joe danced with took his breath away."

"Do tell."

"Yep, she lifted his flask out of his hip pocket."

GRESHAM WOMAN LANDS BIG MOUNTAIN TROUT

Mrs. Jack Stafford of Gresham succeeded in landing a beautiful mountain trout which measured 23 inches and weighed nearly seven pounds last Sunday. She caught a dozen other fish each more than 13 inches long. These were taken out of the Big Nestucca river near Cloverdale in Tillamook county, whither Mrs. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Imiah and J. V. Cogswell went on Saturday to be ready for the opening of the season for trout.

The interesting thing about the catching of the big fish was that it rose to her bait almost from under the fancy-hook and bait of another angler who was fishing from the opposite shore. Mrs. Stafford had admired the fine outfit and beautiful casting of the rival fisherman but noticed that he was not catching any fish. She waded into the stream and cast her line and almost immediately was rewarded by a bite and safely landed the big fish.

The Bank of Gresham pays 5 per cent interest on time deposits.—Adv.

BALL PLAYERS' PRACTICE!

A practice game of Gresham ball players will take place on the high school grounds tomorrow night, Wednesday, at 5:30. All players who have formerly taken part in the local ball team, and others who desire to try out for places are urged to be present.

GRESHAM LOCALS

Mrs. A. F. Hoover, with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Beers, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Heyne at Waterloo, Oregon, near Lebanon, where they recently moved from Gresham. Mrs. Heyne is Mrs. Hoover's daughter. Mr. Heyne is in charge of a large ranch, located on the Santiam river. Mrs. Hoover reports that the location is a beautiful one and that she found the fruits, flowers and woods there noticeably more advanced than here.

Lester Perry and Lon Marston have gone to Seaside to engage in clam digging for a cannery.

The Camp Fire Girls are planning a program for Friday evening, May 4 at the high school gym. W. A. Elliott, an authority on Oregon birds, will give an illustrated lecture and the girls will have several entertainment numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby Marston arrived yesterday from southern California, where they went in the early fall. They made the trip by automobile. They are glad to be home and say they prefer this country to California.

Miss Grace Harford of Arlington was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mack, who took her home by automobile on Sunday, returning yesterday.

Hally Jones is enjoying radio concerts which are coming in practically every evening over his home-built set. Last night Calgary seemed so near that he thought it was Portland until he got announcement that the Canadian city was talking. He frequently hears San Francisco stations, Salt Lake and Los Angeles.

Dr. John Parsons of Portland preached both morning and evening at the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday for the Rev. A. S. Hisey, who was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Erickson of Warren, Oregon, were in Gresham today looking after property interests. Mrs. Erickson owns cottages on Roberts avenue and Third street.

George Lusted is in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, where he underwent an operation Monday.

Hubert Wright, a young boy of Barton, was in Gresham today for treatment for a broken ankle, the result of a fall from a horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas of Spokane spent the week-end with their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kellum.

Mrs. R. T. Smith and daughter, Mrs. James Shepherd visited Sunday at Woodstock with Mr. and Mrs. McLain.

The Ladies' Aid of the Zion Evangelical church will hold a bake sale at Cecil Metzger's grocery on next Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. H. Donley and granddaughter, Barbara Jeanne Ashworth, returned Monday evening to Spokane after a week's visit with Mrs. Donley's sister, Mrs. Leslie St. Clair. Mrs. Donley accompanied her daughter, Mae, this far on her journey to South America. The latter sailed today from San Francisco to take up work in a hospital in connection with a development company at Guayaquil, Ecuador, where she expects to remain for at least two years.

A much appreciated entertainment was given to the disabled soldiers in Government hospital No. 77 in Portland last Friday night under the auspices of Gresham Auxiliary to the American Legion. The program included solos by Miss Martha Hagberg and Leslie Walrad, a duet by Miss Myrtle Risher and Miss Doris Zimmerman, piano solo by Miss Florence Honey, reading by Katherine Metzger and several numbers by members of the high school orchestra and other musicians. Mrs. O. A. Eastman, Mrs. John Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Metzger accompanied the party.

PROSPECTIVE BRIDE IS GIVEN SHOWER

A miscellaneous shower was given Miss Mary Hansen on last Thursday evening by Miss Grace Ogilbee at the latter's home. The affair was planned as a surprise and was attended by a few associates and close friends of Miss Hansen. The evening was spent with music and games.

Those present, besides the guest of honor, and the hostess, were Miss Mabel Inglis, Miss Helen Hoss, Miss Gertrude Alexander, Miss Rose Peikhan, Miss Norma Lee Peck, Miss Maude Michel, Miss Ethel Calkins, Mrs. Gizabeth Hoyt, Mrs. W. E. Ogilbee and Mrs. Allen Ogilbee.

Regular meeting of Gresham Lodge No. 125, I.O.O.F., in the Odd Fellows hall, every Thursday evening. Brothers welcome. ARTHUR H. HENSLEY, N. G. C. A. HILL, Secretary.

HUNGARIAN VETCH WINS IN COVER CROP TESTS

The cooperative cover crop demonstration on the raspberry planting at Lee Sheller's place on the Powell Valley road is this year proving some very important cover crop values, says County Agent S. B. Hall. This demonstration is being conducted over a period of three years and this is the second year it has been conducted. The first year the planting was made too late in the fall and the cover crop did not have a chance to get a start to make a good showing. The demonstration is carried on by the county extension work in cooperation with the state experiment station.

In the trials this year, five different cover crop plants were tried out, namely: winser beans, wooley potted vetch, Hungarian vetch, purple vetch and common vetch.

The vetches all made good growth in the fall and the winser beans made a growth of two and two and a half feet. However the principal value of the demonstration this year is to show the effect of the winter injury on killing out the cover crop. The following shows the percentage of each of the cover crops that stood over the winter and is growing in good shape at the present time.

Winser beans completely frozen out.

Wooley potted vetch 16 per cent remaining.

Hungarian vetch 100 per cent remaining, very vigorous.

Purple vetch about 1 per cent remaining.

Common vetch 20 per cent remaining. Stand very patchy.

Although the common vetch shows about 20 per cent stand it was on the more protected side of the field and was not exposed to the wind as much as were the other plots.

The Hungarian vetch, which is a rather new vetch in this state, is being spread by the Oregon Experiment station. It seems to have stood this winter's freezes in good condition and is making a very vigorous growth at the present time. From the present indications this variety of vetch will play a very important part in cover crop work in the berry field in the near future.

WOOL GROWERS SECURE IMPORTANT DECISION

The Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, the cooperative wool marketing association has obtained a decree in the circuit court of Lane county, Oregon, against Henry Knebel & Paul M. Camenzind, of Junction City, whom the association claimed had violated their agreement to market all of their wool and mohair through the association.

It was contended that the defendants had marketed their wool sheared in 1922, outside of the association, and the association sued for 6 cents per pound liquidated damages, for court costs and expenses, and attorney's fees, and a permanent injunction against said growers selling any wool or mohair produced or acquired or controlled by them directly or indirectly to any person, firm, or corporation, other than the association until January 1, 1926.

In the decree rendered by Judge Skipworth, the defendants are ordered and commanded to deliver their wool and mohair and to specifically perform the contract heretofore entered into with the association and a permanent injunction granted.

This is considered an important decision and materially strengthens the position of the wool growers' association. This case is the first which has been brought to a conclusion by the wool growers' association, and the decision is in line with that affirmed by the Oregon supreme court in the case of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, vs. Lentz, and establishes the validity of the wool marketing contract.

As a result of this decision, numerous other growers are tendering payment of damages to the association before suit is filed. The association has been awaiting this decision before proceeding against other members who are claimed to have violated the conditions of their marketing agreement in 1922, and promises vigorous prosecution of all offenders. The attorneys for the association in this case were Arthur A. Goldsmith of Portland, and Chas. Hardy of Eugene, while the defendants were represented by Edward F. Bailey of Junction City, and Fred E. Smith of Eugene.

Spring is Late in Minnesota.

A recent letter from Mrs. Mildred Davies of Grey Eagle, Minnesota, to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. St. Clair, says, "We thought on Easter Sunday that spring was coming but the next morning we awoke to find the country covered with a blanket of snow. No signs of spring, no birds or buds, nothing but a 'blasted' hope, and a speeding calendar to show us spring is long since due. But wait until it does come, I'll be so busy watching all the wonders appear I may not have time to write."

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$201,154.83
Overdrafts	NONE
U. S. Government Securities	74,000.00
Other Bonds, Warrants and Securities	302,859.53
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	30,439.95
Other Real Estate Owned	24,086.67
Lawful Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	28,290.54
Cash on Hand and Due from Other Banks	22,824.34
Other Assets	31.19
Total	\$683,687.05

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid in, Surplus, and Undivided Profits	\$ 58,194.41
Demand Deposits	229,510.53
Time and Savings Deposits	344,982.11
U. S. Government Bonds Borrowed	60,000.00
Total	\$683,687.05

Properly viewed, an annual statement is not a dry mass of statistics, but a measure of progress, an index of security, and an evidence of faithful administration. People may cherish hopes and make promises, but the financial statement furnishes the acid test for both; it denotes achievement.

RECENT BOOKS AT GRESHAM LIBRARY

Books received recently at the Gresham library include the following:

"The Bright Shawl," Joseph Hergeshelmer. The gorgeously romantic story of Charles Abbott, American, and a Spanish dancer, during the Cuban revolt.

"Mystery at Geneva," Rose Macaulay. A clever tale about a world conference of the future at Geneva, in which the author plays a joke upon the presidents of the conference, the statesmen of Europe and above all upon the reader.

"Her Father's Daughter," Gene Stratton Porter. A California romance.

"A Homesteaders' Portfolio," Alice Day Pratt. This book of especial interest to Oregonians, is a spirited story of the author's own experience as an Oregon homesteader. The accounts of her difficulties and joys in establishing a home, of the festivities and rivalries of the homesteader's life are full of individuality and humor. She portrays the ways of both new comer and native on the frontier. The book is outstanding as a novel story of life amid the great spaces and bracing air of the Oregon country.

Our "Capitalistic" Government. Senator Heflin of Alabama shouts that our government is dominated by "Capitalism," and Senator Pat Harrison repeats the cry. All over the country the parlor bolsheviks echo it, while a less refined and more virile crowd of agitators circulate pamphlets and carry I. W. W. cards and shout "down with the government"—all government; so that the government can be "restored to the people."

Harding began as a country printer. Coolidge was a farmer's boy; Hughes, a preacher's son; Weeks, a farmer's boy; Daugherty, a store clerk; Work, a farmer's boy; Fall, a cowpuncher and miner; Wallace, a farmer's boy; Hoover, the son of a butcher; Davis, an iron peddler. That's the executive end of the government. The preachers of "class" domination in this country have a hard time dodging the truth.—Albuquerque Herald.

Memoirs now being all the go, a book entitled, "My Twenty Years Among the Poles," is being written by a well known telephone lineman at Sudbury, Mass.

Judge Stickel of Atlantic City got a shave he will never forget, when the big negro barber stood over him with a razor poised above his lathered throat. "You sentenced my brother Bill Battle to the chair," he said huskily. The judge "froze." But the negro continued: "He was no good, any way."

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