

## Last Appeal Made for Entertainment

Committees of the local W. C. T. U. are working over time in the effort to have everything in readiness for the state convention which is to convene at the Methodist Episcopal church in Gresham next Tuesday morning, October 19, at 10 o'clock, the last session of which will sit Friday afternoon at 1:30. It is expected that between 150 and 200 delegates will be present from all parts of the state and an excellent program has been prepared.

Business routine will occupy most of the morning session on Friday but in the afternoon there will be a diversified program including musical numbers by local talent. W. D. Kinder will render a violin solo, accompanied by his wife and Miss Augusta Hahn will give a whistling solo, with Miss Melba Sanders as the accompanist. Mrs. Mary L. Mallett, the state president, will also address the convention Tuesday afternoon. Many local people will be on the program Tuesday evening and an opportunity will be afforded to hear Judge Mary Jane Spurlin who will speak on "The Woman Citizen."

The Rev. W. J. Herwig will speak Wednesday morning at 11:40 on "Narcotic Education." Mr. Herwig has been in Gresham before and is considered a forceful speaker. In the afternoon 15 counties of the state will be represented by as many county presidents and the best things of the year in each county briefly outlined by them. The big affair of Wednesday evening will be the banquet and program at the Masonic hall which will begin at 7 o'clock. At this time the officers of the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis will be introduced and musical numbers and an address by Judge Walter Evans will be interesting features of the evening.

Echoes from the national W. C. T. U. convention will be given Thursday morning. Mrs. Bayard Miller will render a solo, accompanied by Miss Florence Honey. The program on Thursday afternoon and evening is replete with fine offerings, helpful papers and musical numbers. Mrs. E. W. Aylsworth will sing in the afternoon, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Cooper, and Leslie Walrad in the evening, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Alexander. There will also be community singing, led by C. E. Rusher. Captain Gray's Jubilee singers will be present Thursday evening and sing at the conclusion of the address by Miss Maud Aldrich. More than a dozen papers will be read on Friday afternoon touching vital questions of the day.

At a meeting of the local W. C. T. U. yesterday at the library, Mrs. Jackson Jones, Mrs. H. S. Clow, Mrs. W. F. Honey, Mrs. L. A. Skuzie and Mrs. H. L. St. Clair were elected as delegates to the convention from the Gresham union. Tickets for the Wednesday evening banquet may be obtained from the Gresham Drug company, Taber's drug store or the Gresham Outlook. The banquet promises an evening of exceptional entertainment and it is hoped there will be a generous response on the part of Gresham citizens to attend. Copies of the week's program may be obtained from the Outlook office for the asking.

Once more the appeal is being broadcasted for more sleeping apartments for the use of visiting delegates on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week. There yet remains the need for 25 rooms and any who may feel they can assist in this matter are asked to communicate with Mrs. B. L. Walrad either at her residence or the store.

## LYNHURST CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Lynhurst Ladies Sewing club held a regular meeting at Mrs. A. McGregor's home on Section Line road October 5. Pot luck luncheon was served at 1:30. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. George Skalstad. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Mrs. I. K. Young; vice president, Mrs. George Skalstad; secretary, Mrs. W. Shaver; treasurer, Mrs. W. O. Shaver.

## Zion Evangelical Services.

English services of the Zion Evangelical church will convene at 11 a. m. Sunday, the sermon topic to be, "The Strength of Solitude." Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and the senior league in the evening at 7:30.

## LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Those who will look carefully over the state pamphlet on measures to be voted on November 2 will find the last one to be the Oregon Water and Power Board Development measure, the so-called "Housewives' bill."

While coming last on the ballot of measures it is not least by any manner of means. In fact, it is one of the most important measures claiming the voters' attention.

This bill is a proposed amendment to the Oregon constitution. It provides for an initial board of five members who are named in the bill and will be elected if the bill carries.

This board is given full authority by the bill to act for "conservation, development, storage and distribution of electric energy and water for irrigation and domestic purposes."

This board is given full power to issue and sell state bonds in amount up to five per cent of the state's assessed valuation to carry out their plans and to pay interest or principal of outstanding bonds; to issue interest bearing state public utility certificates; to pay principal or interest of bonds from the state general fund with repayment from bond funds; to levy taxes to provide such moneys and calling for an immediate appropriation of \$250,000 from the general fund, to be returned from the water and power revolving fund.

The five members of the board created by the bill are the following: Dan Kellaher, of Portland; Waldo Anderson, of Albany; J. T. Rorick, of The Dalles; Frank M. Gill, of Dufur; and Kate Bonham, of Portland. These serve for two, four or six years as decided by lot and their successors are to be "elected from the state at large by a vote of the people without regard to political affiliation or nomination." What this means and how it is to be accomplished is not very clear.

This is known as Kellaher's bill and he is undoubtedly a moving spirit in connection with it. He is a good politician but has no experience in connection with the important things proposed by the measure. The same is said to be true of the other members of the proposed board. Some of them have the reputation of being political experimenters.

The bill gives this practically self-appointed board the authority to issue \$53,000,000 in state secured bonds which become a mortgage on all the taxable property of the state.

The assessed valuation of all Oregon property, real and personal, is a little over a billion dollars. The state's bonded debt, including all political sub-divisions, is now more than \$166,000,000. The state bonded indebtedness alone is \$47.08 per capita and is said to be the largest of any state in the Union.

The whole thing looks like a great big scheme to create a new authority for a few political visionaries and provide them with millions of dollars of the state's credit to use in trying to put over an impractical plan to take the water power rights out of private hands and put it into the hands of a state board, with all the possibilities of political manipulation and graft.

Can the state afford to bond itself over \$50,000,000 for any such visionary undertaking as this?

Oregon's bonded debt is already very large. Shall we at one sweep make it possible for a state board to add 30 per cent more to the present bond obligations of Oregon citizens?

"Power at cost; no toll to pay to private capital," they say. Yet they say this will bring in more private capital, start more mills and factories in Oregon. Why not issue more bonds and take them over when they become established here? Isn't private capital, on which we must largely depend for the development of our resources, entitled to a fair gain? Isn't the investor entitled to a fair interest?

Do not these private corporations pay a just share of taxes? Do they not encourage others to invest in private enterprises which are for the development of our state?

Who are these great power trusts and stifling monopolies? Presumably the electric power and light companies. They started small and have grown with the state and various industries which have been possible because of their investments and enterprises.

Are their rates exorbitant? We have a public service commission and we have a state legislature. Why create a new board with almost unlimited constitutional power?

"Electricity on Every Farm," is another of the delusive slogans. The state cannot afford to do this any more than can the private corporations.

Clara M. Simonton, secretary for the Housewives' Council, says they are amazed and chagrined that the manufacturers are not backing this amendment.

They may well be. The manufacturers are hard-headed business men and know full well that this proposed plan is an unsafe and expensive undertaking.

The safe and sensible thing to do will be to vote 337 X No.

## Photo Coupon Given With Subscriptions

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Through an arrangement with Zamsky's Art Studio, Gresham, the Outlook is able to issue with each paid-in-advance yearly subscription a coupon entitling the holder to a sitting and one finished, handsome cabinet photo, 5 x 7, latest style, easel mounted, free. The coupon is good up to November 15, next.

This offer is good until October 30 for the Outlook alone or in combination with other papers.

An offer similar to this was made two years ago and many took advantage of it.

Special bargain rates on Oregonian, Telegram and News, Portland dailies, this month.

## Piggly Wiggly Store to Open October 25

Under the direction of G. S. Warner, a crew of six Portland workmen is busily engaged in putting in the shelving and other fixtures of the new Piggly Wiggly store which will be in readiness for the opening in the Brown building on Saturday, October 23. This unit of the chain grocery stores, under the management of the Piggly Wiggly corporation, will mark the opening of the 29th. Three thousand dollars is to be expended, according to Mr. Warner, in the interior furnishings, which are of light oak. Shelving, basket racks, fruit racks, turnstiles, counters, etc., form part of the equipment, in addition to refrigerators, bins, and other receptacles for foodstuffs.

It is understood that a complete line of groceries will be installed, representing an outlay of about \$5,000 to start with. The method of serving one's self in a Piggly Wiggly is unique and it is claimed the overhead expense of salespeople will be reduced from the fact that but comparatively few need be

employed, representing a saving in cash to the customer. When purchasing, complete circuit of the store must be made, beginning at the left turnstile. The customer helps himself to whatever he sees and the bill is paid to the cashier at the exit. The learned man who once said, "There is nothing new under the sun," evidently never heard of a Piggly Wiggly.

## NEW BUILDING TO RISE ON POWELL ST.

Work will begin next week on a building on Powell street by Arthur Dowsett on his property now occupied by George Brandt's threshing. This will be the first unit of a business structure which is to cover the entire lot, with a frontage of 80 feet. The new building will average about 30 by 30, will be of concrete and brick construction, and one story in height. Claude Stockton has the contract for the building, and expects to have it completed within a month. Negotiations are under way for a lease for business purposes of the new building when it is complete. Mr. Brandt will vacate his shop Saturday. He plans to move to Toledo, Oregon, where he will take charge of a dairy and general farm owned by his father and himself.

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## BERRY GROWER MANAGER TELLS OF FARM PROBLEMS

A visit "back east" and the study of farming and marketing problems there and here has inspired D. E. Towle, manager of the local berry growers' association, to present his views in an open letter in which he addresses the members of the association and others interested as follows:

"I am sure you have appreciated the lack of shop talk from the Berry Growers association during the past three weeks and have probably stored up enough resistance to withstand another epistle without serious results. The writer has the pleasure of a journey east as far as the 'twin cities' after six years, the last trip being made in September, 1920.

"At that time we were just on the verge of the downward plunge of farm-product prices and farm land values together with closed banks and general business depression in all lines that come directly in touch with farm needs and supplies. These have been years of disappointment and sacrifice on the part of farmers as a whole, with variations, especially with those who had liabilities to meet and when the dollar was dropped out of the price of the bushel of wheat and 50c was deducted from the bushel of oats and other products of the farm made a proportionate drop the farmer awoke to the fact that he could not make ends meet and the process of readjustment was well under way and is still working but seems to be slowing down and it is to be hoped the worst is past.

"The outstanding causes of the farmers' woes are a scarcity of farm labor and wages ruling at a rate that is entirely out of line with the value of the farm product. This is a double handicap as it comes at a time when the need of greater diversity is admitted by all, and the cost of labor prohibits the change. This can only be overcome by reducing the cultivated acreage, a "back to the farm" movement from the cities, or the encouragement of European emigrants.

"The first means is unthinkable as the land must be made to produce or the tax burden cannot be borne; and on the movement back from the city it will be hard to separate the hod carrier from his day's work of eight hours at \$9 per, so the admission of desirable north of Europe people would seem like the best hope.

"The problem of maintaining or restoring the fertility of the soil in the north central part of our country where red clover is not a sure crop, is made possible by the growing of sweet clover. This has been fully proved in the past 10 years and is the grain grower's big hope of maintaining the fertility of the soil in a cheap way. The writer believes it could be grown to ad-

vantage here as a silo filler and soil renewer.

"As a remedy for price slumps and speculators' manipulation of the grain markets seems to be in the hands of the farmers themselves and is expressed in two words, "controlled marketing," as demonstrated by the Canadian wheat raisers. It is claimed now that they control 80 per cent of the wheat grown in the three provinces and are handling other grains also, and strange as it may seem the Canadian farmer is coming back faster than his U. S. cousin. Land values are coming up and the farmers are taking heart and the change has been brought about largely by farmer controlled marketing. The movement is also growing in our country. In North Dakota the wheat growers association is four years old and growing rapidly under the able leadership of experienced business men led by our old friend, Geo. E. Duis, and while it is a man-sized job, we expect great results and that pooled sales will become the rule of grain marketing in North Dakota. This will no doubt be a slow process and many more farmers will give up the economic ghost before the remedy becomes fully operative.

"Another serious handicap is the disparity in railroad rates as the arbitrary advanced freight rates give our Canadian wheat farmers an advantage of from seven to ten cents per bushel for the same mileage haul from Montana and Saskatchewan to the terminals at the head of Lake Superior. This alone would mean the difference between profit or loss. But it is not necessary to illustrate with the wheat grower alone.

"How about apples? Well, last week the Wenatchee apple grower was loading good apples, 125 to the box, so I am credibly informed, at 56c per box f. o. b. the car, the box unmailed, costing him 18c each, the railroad company gets 50c, the jobber 25c, and the retailer 44c, the sale price being \$1.75 to the consumer. But why confine ourselves to these two illustrations?

"The general average of all farm commodities will show the farmer's plight to better advantage, as on September 1 the average value of farm products was 85c compared with the average wholesale price of all factory products and as the farmer must sell wholesale and buy retail at an average advance of not less than 25 per cent the farmer's problem stands out very clearly of trying to make 85c stretch to cover the \$1.25 purchase or a 40 per cent handicap.

"This is a problem that must be solved before the agricultural depression can be lifted and there is little time to lose as we have had five years of proportionately low prices for farm products, high taxes, and prices for what we do buy, and the distress resulting is causing many farmers to leave their homes, so I think General Dawes should be consulted at once."

## Service Station Makes Additions

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rueppell, owners of the Twelve-Mile service station, have now completed their new service building and equipment which has been constructed in connection with the gas and oil sales department, and the place presents a fine appearance. All that remains to be done is the painting of the entire set of buildings. The main building, about 43 x 50 feet in size, houses the electric ignition and battery division, the tires, the high pressure car washing department and the grease and oil rack. The living quarters of Mr. and Mrs. Rueppell are located on the second floor of the building and are thoroughly modern in every respect.

T. D. Huff is employed as battery and ignition expert and an experienced man will be on hand soon to take charge of the washing and greasing department.

A pergola extends from the main structure to the gas and oil station and under this 12 cars can be parked at a time when the weather is unfavorable. A feature for the coming season is the Italian roof garden which is to be constructed on the top of the service station. Flowers will be planted in abundance and the place beautified both on the roof and lawn surrounding the buildings. A grand opening is being planned to take place in a short time.

Many new Want Ads today.

## Cecil Metzger Sells Grocery Business

The Cecil Metzger grocery, which has been owned and operated by him for the past six years in Gresham, has changed hands and has been purchased by T. R. Howitt, a pioneer grocer and meat man of Gresham, who will take possession of the place next Monday. It is understood that the store will be closed for repairs and readjustment for some time after Mr. Howitt assumes its ownership, a general overhauling to be made during this time. When opened for business, in addition to the line of groceries, there will be a meat market in connection. Mr. Howitt is the owner and manager of the Newberg Packing company, a Portland wholesale meat concern.

Beginning with next Monday the office of the city water bureau will be located in the city hall and any affairs connected with the water department will be transacted there until the store is re-opened. After that time the water rent will be paid to the city treasurer at the same old stand. Clair Gullikson is to continue his employment in the store with Mr. Howitt.

Mr. Metzger has built up a nice business during the past six years and has many friends in Gresham who will wish him well in whatever venture he may decide to engage in. At present his plans are indefinite.

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## FAIR GROUNDS TO BE BEAUTIFIED

If plans suggested by County Commissioner Erwin A. Taft are carried out the entrance to Multnomah county fair grounds will have a very different appearance by next fair time and the dust and roughness of the past year will be obviated.

Commissioner Taft, with county road supervisor Chapman and President T. J. Kreuder, of the fair association, were in Gresham yesterday forenoon. They carefully inspected the present entrance and inspected the improvement that a little work under a proper plan of landscaping would make.

Mr. Taft suggested that while the county road equipment is in this locality the necessary grading can be done and the driveways and walks can be graveled. Mr. Chapman will cooperate in this. Then, with the laying out and preparation of flower beds, shrubbery and flowers can be placed so as to give the grounds a pleasing appearance.

Mr. Taft's suggestion is this, that early next spring a planting day be observed, to be participated in by schools, clubs, nurserymen, florists and citizens generally. Several nurserymen have stated their willingness to help with donations of shrubbery. When the plan is adopted it is believed many will lend their hearty assistance.

Mr. Kreuder approved the plan and it is quite certain to be followed. In the meantime the grading and graveled will be done with the assistance of the county.

## E. L. STAFFORD BUYS IVY FILLING STATION

The Ivy Filling station, located at the corner of East Powell street and Roberts avenue, has been disposed of by its owner, T. R. Howitt, to E. L. Stafford, who for the past two and a half years has been the bookkeeper and warehouseman at the Standard Oil company. Since the erection of the filling station a year and a half ago on ground leased from Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie, it has been managed by Homer Arct, son-in-law of Mr. Howitt. It is reported that Mr. Arct will assist in the grocery and meat market which is to be opened by Mr. Howitt in what has been the Cecil Metzger grocery for the past six years.

During his employment with the Standard Oil company, Mr. Stafford has become experienced in correct lubrication and comes to his new work with a thorough knowledge of a filling station equipment. His position with the oil company will be filled by I. W. Steins, who was formerly an area salesman. Mr. Steins expects to handle the office work this winter.

It is remarked that General Apathy will try to prevent many voters from going to the polls on November 2.

Why not buy lumber direct from the mill? Sandy Lumber Co., phone Sandy 223.—Adv.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my many friends for their patronage during the time I have been in business in Gresham. All my accounts are to be paid to me direct.

Cecil Metzger.

## High School P.-T.A. Formed; Reception

A reception to the high school teachers, under auspices of the newly organized Parent-Teacher association, will be the first major activity of the newly formed association. The date set for the event is Tuesday evening, October 26. W. C. Lawrence is chairman of the program committee and arrangements for refreshments have been left in his hands.

About 30 school patrons and a dozen teachers responded to the invitation to meet at the high school last Tuesday evening and consider the advisability of forming a parent-teacher association for the Union high school.

Principal Roy E. Cannon stated that he had sent out 186 cards asking for an expression on the matter, and had received 57 in return. Of these all but two were favorable.

After considerable explanation, mainly pertaining to the relation a high school association would sustain toward the other parent-teacher associations in the high school district, it was voted to organize. It was thought there should be a better means of bringing the teachers and parents into closer contact and give an opportunity to consider the problems of the school. Mr. Cannon, speaking for the teachers, said they desired such an organization and would be glad to cooperate.

M. R. Beehler, of Boring, was elected president, in a close race with Mrs. L. H. Cook. Mrs. Cook was then elected vice president. Mrs. Pearl Fortner was chosen secretary and Clarence Ownbey, treasurer.

It was decided to hold the regular monthly meeting on the first Wednesday night of each month.

W. C. Lawrence was appointed chairman of a program committee.

Miss Prindle, music director of the high school, was called on for music which was ably rendered.

Those present and signing the membership roll were as follows:

A. R. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Beehler, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fortner, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pullen, Mrs. Carl Nelson, Mrs. Mary Patch, Wm. S. Schmierer, H. L. St. Clair, Mrs. H. F. Dye, C. E. Rusher and Mrs. Cecil Metzger. And the following teachers: Roy E. Cannon, Lyle R. Mason, Clarence C. Ownbey, Chas. Saverude, Augusta Hahn, Eulalia Stratton, Helen Ankcorn, Henrietta Lawrence, Mildred Wallace, Elizabeth Parker, Marjorie Machen, Alice Prindle, Marian Inglis and Melba Sanders.

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Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, Potatoes, Pickles  
Pie, Coffee or Tea

35c Plate Public Invited