

MAY, 1977

GRESHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Has anyone ever seen or heard of a two-tined hand-forged pitchfork? Jim Clift (President of the Society) dug up what appears to be one on the Old Barlow Trail in the vicinity of Laurel Hill. It will be at the meeting Monday evening, May 9 (in the Court Room above the Senior Adult Center; directors' meeting at 6:30 p.m., general meeting at 7:30 p.m.) for your comments and identification. This will be a job for our curators, Ken and Sue O'Halloran.

We have no more information at present on a home for our museum. The Articles of Incorporation will be discussed at the meeting.

The following are excerpts from the Gresham Outlook newspaper, May 5, 1911:

The Mt. Hood railway has just purchased a third engine to help rush the work of completing their line to the Bull Run power plant. Considerable delay is being caused by the slides caused by recent rains in the big cuts east of Gresham covering the tracks several feet in some cases. The bridge across the Sandy River is nearly completed and rails will be placed in about a week. This will complete the track to Bull Run.

The big power plant at the junction of Bull Run and Sandy River will not be completed until some time in the fall.

Athletics in the various high schools has grown wonderfully in the past five years and there is not a school of any pretension in the Northwest that does not boast of a school track team.

The contrast between the gains in population of towns and country is startling. The farming districts of the state have increased their population only 29%. The cities in the same time have grown 101%. The state has received an addition of 260,239 people, only 66,000 of whom have found homes in the rural districts.

Parties having cows in the pasture leased by S. Sorenson, as well as himself, have been annoyed by having their cows partially milked by unknown persons lately. They are suspected and if caught will be taught a lesson to keep them from doing such misdemeanors again.

It has been decided to increase the number of subjects in the high school so that pupils may have some elective studies.

The committee (of the Commercial Club) on library location is prepared to tender a site 100 x 100 and has hopes of locating a building in Gresham.

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