

**A VISIT FROM GRESHAM...**

The Gresham Historical Society will join us for our meeting Monday evening, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the city park recreation building.

Guest speaker will be Cliff Crawford, president of the Skamania County Historical Society in Stevenson, Wash., who will show pictures taken in the Columbia Gorge right after the Civil War. According to Steve Kenney who arranged this program, Crawford's presentation is a fascinating history of the Gorge.

Our Society will provide the coffee and punch and our normal share of the cookies. The friends from Gresham have also promised to bring refreshments.

**HOW ABOUT HARLOW...**

Did you know Troutdale's founder, Capt. John Harlow, had three wives? Not at the same time, of course. Bert Whalen, our GETHA curator from last year, discovered the graves of the Harlow and Kibling families in Lone Fir cemetery recently. The information and pictures will be shown at the meeting.

**THE HARLOW HOUSE...**

The home of Mabel Evans, commonly called the Harlow house, is the home built by John Harlow's son, Lou, and his wife, Laura, who was mayor of Troutdale in 1928. The home, believed to have been built in the late 1890s, is one of Troutdale's prime early structures and certainly merits preservation.

The board of directors of the Society learned recently that the house may be sold. At a special board meeting last month, President Sam Cox discussed the possibility of buying it for use as a museum turning our existing museum building back to the city.

It may be possible to get federal preservation grants to aid partially in the purchase of the home. But it would require a tremendous effort on the part of this Society to make the purchase. It is the board's hope that arrangements could be made to allow Mrs. Evans to stay in her home as long as she wishes.

President Cox has asked the members of this Society to give serious thought to the matter. It will be discussed at the November business meeting.

**IN THE MUSEUM...**

Donations to the museum last month included a pair of scissors found on the Oregon Trail and an old key from Fay Davis. In addition, Edna Alexander gave a collection of newspapers and books for the library.

A Gresham Cub Scout troop will tour the museum Saturday, Nov. 18. If you have been hoping to bring friends to see the museum, please feel free to come on Saturday at 1 p.m.

**NOT OPEN MUCH...**

Since the GETHA grant expired and we no longer have a full-time curator, many people have been disappointed because the park and depot museums are not open more often. The only way to remedy that is for volunteers to offer to serve as hosts in either building for a few hours one day a month. Perhaps our railroad buffs would enjoy meeting in the depot once a month to spin yarns and show visitors through. If two people would offer to hold a monthly open house on a regular date in the park museum, we could offer visitors a set day when they could come.

If you feel you might be able to help, contact Sharon Nesbit after the meeting Monday evening and we will discuss a time and date.

**WEATHER REMINDER...**

In the event of bad weather and dangerous driving conditions, the Troutdale Historical Society meeting is automatically cancelled.