

## Wedding Anniversary

Saturday evening, April 15th, 50 invited guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcox to help them celebrate their 15th or crystal wedding anniversary, and a merry, happy throng it was, that filled the rooms of the pretty cottage home and enjoyed to the fullest the hospitality of the bride and groom of 15 years. Promptly at nine o'clock the guests were summoned to dinner.

In the prettily decorated dining room two long tables fairly groaned under their burden of good things to eat. Covers had been laid for 52, and with much laughter and merrymaking and good cheer, all spent an hour long to be remembered, and did justice to a splendidly prepared and served dinner. Miss Faulkner and Mrs. Trumbo waited upon the tables and Mr. Jack Campbell and Mr. Herbert Faber served the liquid refreshments. After dinner all repaired to the living rooms where tables were provided for those who wished to play cards. Music and social conversation rounded out a very pleasant evening for all. Miss Alda Bickner furnished the instrumental music; also sang a solo. Miss Lizzie Falkner and Mr. Herbert Faber sang several selections. Miss Bickner accompanying. Miss Ollie Dow also rendered a piano solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox received many beautiful and costly gifts as tokens of the esteem of their friends. Among them were 23 pieces of cut glass, besides many pieces of hand-painted china, also several in silver.

Mr. Roy Wilcox and Miss Minnie Rebecca Craig were married in Beatrice, Nebraska, April 15, 1896, two children have been born to them, Jessie and Myrtle. One dark cloud came to mar their otherwise happy married life, the loss of their little daughter and first born, 11 years ago. They came to St. Johns seven years ago, where they have made scores of friends, those present being but a small part of their many friends, to whom invitations had to be limited to fit the home.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thibodeau, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Murrell, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bickner, Oswego; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Salmond, Mr. and Mrs. James Latham, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gesler, Mr. and Mrs. Schrimphor and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Prudom, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcox; Mesdames Falkner, Raser, Robert Hodgins, Trumbo; Misses Lizzie Falkner, Ollie Dow, Alda Bickner; Messrs. Edwin Campbell, H. F. Clark, Mr. Clark, Adams, Ormandy, Herbert Faber.

Among the pretty gowns noted, the tall, stately bride looked handsome in a new rose soft silk, trimmed in white lace. Mrs. John Prudom was dainty and pretty in cream satin. Mrs. J. W. Bickner was handsome in old rose silk trimmed in black lace. Mrs. Ed Ashby was sweetly pretty in a steel grey pongee and white net. Miss Lizzie Falkner wore white imported lace on lavender silk. Mrs. Alan Blackburn was graceful and pretty in a white museline embroidered in light blue. Mrs. Latham was beautifully gowned in a Persian silk. Mesdames Thibodeau, Smith, Walker and Campbell all wore dainty creations of hand embroidered longere. Miss Ollie Dow wore a blue net over silk. Mrs. Gesler a soft gray Panama trimmed in black velvet and lace. Mrs. Evans black silk. Mrs. Hodgins white embroidered linen. Mrs. Raser black voile and net. Mrs. Schrimphor wore a pretty suit of black and white. Mrs. Gus Salmond was beautiful in pink silk trimmed in white lace. Mrs. Trumbo wore black satin and lace. Mrs. Merrell gray Panama and white lace. Mrs. G. E. Lee was pretty in white allover embroidery. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox many returns of their wedding anniversary and a happy, prosperous future.

## Look at These

We have a nice four-room cottage, plastered, with pantry, closets, etc., fine river view, close to mills and river front. This is a fine buy. Price \$1300; \$50 cash, balance \$10 per month.

Also a 7-room modern house on South Jersey street; price for a few days, \$2000. Only \$100 cash, balance \$12 per month.

McKinney & Davis.

Another royal personage has located in St. Johns. He arrived on the 19th and has taken apartments at the home of J. B. King, 610 Willamette boulevard. It is said the young King is already monarch of all he surveys, everybody doing homage to his will. "Long live the King."—Just as we go to press a courier arrives to state it is a queen, and her royal highness tips the beam at 10½ pounds.

Athaliah, Queen of Judea at the Electric Friday, matinee and evening.

## Wright Replies

In mediaeval times a puissant knight could decline to take up the gage of battle thrown down by a yeoman without fear that his order of knighthood would deem such an act a blot on his escutcheon. The same code of honor still prevails, though stripped of its feudalistic forms, and the man of honor could well refuse to accept the challenge of a seer when the weapons he chooses to wield are not the weapons of honor. To sling mud and the passerby is not the action of knighthood. To the yeoman to whom the motto "Noblesse oblige" contains no meaning in that he has been nurtured in the cradle of modern commercialism and suckled on a lust of the almighty dollar, the very suggestion of a fellow man pursuing a course of action from the sense of duty is unintelligible and the record of the smallest action performed for the mere joy of the working man is but the object of his vulgar ridicule. Judging others by the narrow standards under which he is reared he is content to express his coarse sneers and to use the gutter methods of his kind in order to obtain a small measure of flattery from the few sycophants who surround him.

Two letters appear in last week's issue of the St. Johns Review, one of which is signed by P. Hill, whilst the author of the other seeks to hide his identity under the pseudonym "Veritas." With the composer of the last letter I have no quarrel, for I presume that no man claiming the smallest pretensions to honorable dealings would seek to slander another and hide his identity in so doing, and I have sufficient conceit of myself to refuse to break a lance with any one who is content to spit his venom and to tell the world that he knows that the object of his slander has no legal recourse, even though he should desire to soil his hands by controversy with the abuser of decency. An answer would provoke an accumulation of slanders. "The dog will return to its own vomit, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

The letter signed by P. Hill, though full as it is of vulgar innuendo, perhaps deserves some answer in reward for bringing such a prompt notice of culture and refinement, worthy of his training and education. He begins with a loud and prolonged flourish of trumpets about his intentions to act in the interests of the people. One could hardly appreciate the mental outlook of any official who deems it necessary to make a series of assertions as to his honesty and refusal to resort to deceit in an office to which he had just been elected; but recognizing in this case the necessity of an apology, let me quote the old French proverb: "Qui s'excuse s'accuse" (self excusing is self accusing). The rest of his article, except a meagre paragraph, which the writer with a grim vein of sarcasm refers to as "bare facts," is devoted to a succession of slanders and flashy rhetoric, scarcely creditable to a man recently elected by his fellow men to represent them in their regular deliberative assembly. The bare facts themselves were evidently so naked and so glaring that he in his modesty hesitated to parade them before his readers. As an example of his recklessness of statement, let me open a set down facts of common knowledge. Firstly, that he himself is by no means the largest property owner on Jersey street, and secondly, his examination of pavements in the East was not made in a capable manner, as his knowledge and training unfit him for any such work. The old proverb about glass houses holds good, and it is as he hopes to support a family by the profession of journalism as it is to be an itinerant idler and purveyor of gossip from door to door.

From my own standpoint I will recapitulate a few facts with regard to the promotion of Westrumite, which few parties seem vitally interested in laying down in St. Johns:

1. That this substance "Westrumite" is unknown, even according to the testimony of the promoters, west of the Rocky mountains; that it is in no way the same substance as the Westrumite filed as a trademark by Leonard S. Van Westrum in 1903, and that the promoting company has positively refused to seal a sample of the product with the city engineer for comparison with the completed street.
2. That the delegates who were selected to make the journey to the cities in the Middle West concealed, if they had knowledge of the fact, that the streets which they visited in the Middle West were laid down under promise of payment of royalties to Warren Bros.
3. That these two delegates, one of whom was selected by the Westrumite company, were paid by Wm. Lind, on his own confession, to examine the streets, and that they had no knowledge of any trade, profession or science cognate to road making, and that the city of Youngstown, O., was carefully excluded from their itinerary.
4. That this city of Youngstown is the only place in which the Westrumite company has laid down a street on their own basis without payment of royalties to competing companies as far as records go, and that the record of these streets, which is a matter of common knowledge and of easy access to property owners, show that the surface has been an absolute failure.
5. That the history of the promotion of a former Westrumite company at Brantford, and another in the Middle West, which is a matter of common knowledge, is full of subterfuge and concealment, and it is by no means certain that the company, which has no banking references, is of such sound financial standing that it would be able to carry out the moral obligations of a contract with the city of St. Johns, and that it is not bound to do so.
6. That while the balance of evidence in the streets laid down in the Middle West cities, and shown to the two delegates, seems preponderantly against the Westrumite company, there is nothing to show that under the humid conditions of Oregon such a street laid down under the same specifications as those used in the East would have been a success.
7. That the specifications offered by the Westrumite company (which is almost a unique example of a proposing company offering their own specifications that have been laid down in other cities.
8. That in spite of a petition signed by at least sixty per cent of the property owners on Jersey street (and probably 74 per cent), although in the opinion of the late and present city attorneys of the city, such a petition would have been in order for consideration by the council, the council, acting on the advice of powerful interests outside of their own body, refused to consider such a petition, well knowing that a remonstrance would be in ill health with the property owners, would entail considerable expense to them and that it would delay the completion of the street for many months.

With these conclusions let me add "finis" to this discussion. No threat or intimation in the future will be strong enough to urge me to enter the lists again, however strong the inducement. Had the fight over Westrumite been a mere issue of the merits of one pavement against another and had the weapons used by the contestants been worthy I would willingly have brandished the weapons of my craft to the bitter end, but the injection of incriminations, personal slanders and vulgar abuse have so changed the conflict that I feel that I cannot with decency to myself or to my profession continue a battle fought with the weapons of the slanders. I am at a disadvantage inasmuch as my opponent is more accustomed to the weapons.

## Business Men's Ass'n

During the past few weeks the business men of St. Johns have been holding meetings from time to time looking to the formation of a business men's association. Letters were written to other similar organizations and with the combined ideas and suggestions thus obtained and those of our own number a constitution was adopted last Thursday. The officers and board of directors were elected and the organization will be in working order beginning Thursday, April 20.

The aim and purpose of the association is to increase the efficiency of the business of the community, to create a better community spirit, keep up the spirit of home patronage.

A credit association will be a part of the business of the organization. The aim of this department will be to support the credit of those deserving credit and to withhold credit from any undeserving. These associations exist in Portland, Hood River, Eugene, Albany and all the surrounding towns and the St. Johns association will exchange credit with them. For instance, if James John moves from St. Johns to Albany and applies to an Albany merchant for credit, he will be asked from what place he came. Before extending any amount of credit, then, the Albany merchant will apply to his credit association for a rating on James John formerly from St. Johns association. If James John paid his bills here and is entitled to credit, he will be so rated and can then buy goods on time at any association store in Albany. But if he did not pay his bills in St. Johns he will be denied credit in Albany. The officials of the association at this time are: H. W. Bonham, president; W. R. Hollenbeck, vice-president; W. Scott Kellogg, secretary and treasurer; C. R. Thompson, A. A. Muck, A. C. Gesler and J. M. Shaw, directors.

ons he wields, and I could not if I would sustain a fight waged on such unequal ground. Let me warn, however, the authors of the two letters and their friends that there is a limit to passive patience, and while disregarding these vulgar recriminations, I will prosecute to the utmost limit of the law any one who, in the presence of reputable witnesses, chooses to slander my name or character.

G. F. WRIGHT.

For Sale—Oliver Typewriter, as good as new at Couch & Co's. 24tc

Girl Wanted—For housework. Call at 630 No. Edison. 24-3p

R. & G. Corsets are the best. Comfortable and easy. Johnstone's Toggery.

Athaliah—Special matinee Friday 2:30. A hand-colored film of a Biblical story.

Pey Hats receive everywhere the homage due to supremacy in quality.—Johnstone's Toggery.

A most delightful surprise party was given to Miss Garnet Beam at her home Wednesday evening by the young people of the Evangelical church and other friends of that young lady in honor of her 16th birthday. We didn't say it Miss Garnet. A happy surprise and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

John Noce, the up-to-date and hustling tailor, has purchased a lot on North Jersey street, adjoining the St. Johns Millinery store, and has already begun excavation for the construction of a brick store room thereon. He will have it constructed so that it will be especially adapted for the tailoring business, and will occupy it himself when completed.

Arthur Withers of Portland has taken a three years' lease on the building now occupied by John Noce & Co., near the post office. After the first of the next month he will have the partition removed and install therein a first class 5, 10 and 15 cent store. John Noce will occupy rooms in the McChesney block until his new building is ready for occupancy.

In a fast and exciting game of base ball played on the local grounds Sunday afternoon the Pirates of St. Johns defeated the Fraternal brotherhood team. This was the first time the Pirates were together, and was also the first defeat of the Fraternal Brotherhood. The feature of the game was the hard hitting of the Pirates. The score was 4 to 1 in their favor.

The body of Wilbur W. Childers, who was drowned near Cazadero March 30, while at work for the O. W. P. company was found Monday, April 17, and the funeral was held yesterday from the parlors of Dunning & McIntee undertakers at Seventh and Ankeny, Portland. Wilbur was the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Childers of 501 North Hayes. A special car was provided to carry friends from here.

For Sale—Six White Leghorn pullets. One Dollar each. Call at 204 North Hartman.—Mrs. G. H. Lemon. 24p2t

## Collier Takes a Hand

Portland, April 19, 1911  
To the Editor of the Review:  
"Veritas" and P. Hill occupy much space in your valuable paper in maligning and assailing the characters of others, who, as far as I know, have done them no injury. At the same time they attempt to impress on the reading public the fact that they are the embodiment of truth and purity. The soul of honor. Had any one suggested that these two were not honest men? Why is it necessary for honest men to preface their every remark with the assurance that they are such?

The trouble surrounding the question which they would have the public believe that they are discussing, to-wit: Westrumite Pavement, is a simple one. It arose from natural causes and had a natural result, they each know that as well as the writer, but for the purpose of beguiling the public opinion, they resort to calumny and slander.

Inasmuch as a great deal has been said, pro and con, relative to this question without, in my opinion, stating the matter as it really occurred, I will attempt to do so briefly.

According to their report these gentlemen, who went as a committee, arrived in Chicago for the purpose of investigating hard surface pavement on January 10, 1911. They immediately went to their task and spent ten days of constant work in Chicago, East Chicago, Whiting, Hammond, Indiana Harbor and Kankakee. In all of these places, I am informed, Westrumite pavement had been laid. They interviewed the city engineers, officials, fire departments and others, and "got all the information obtainable from all other sources." They found Westrumite pavement in perfect condition, "not one crack, or flaw or one spot to be found."

They returned and reported to the Jersey street property owners and all were delighted to hear that they had found "the best pavement in the world today."

The report was transferred to the council; the council heard the same and decided to adopt specifications. These were furnished by the agents of the Westrumite company and filed with the council; they were intended to be the same as those used in eastern cities. They were assured that they were one and the same. Both Councilmen Hillier and Davis asked them if there could be any mistake about this, and they assured them that they could rely on the fact that the specifications offered to the council were the same as those used in the cities which had been visited by the committee, or words to that effect. Upon these representations, the council adopted the specifications.

The council then ordered copies of the specifications used by this company in the East in building hard surface streets in the eastern cities, which had been visited by the committee, were received by the engineer and what did we find? Don't any one suggest that, no, not that; but a set of first-class specifications for hard-surface streets, specifications which met with the approval of the city engineer, and so well did they please him that he took them as a model after which to fashion those for pavement of Jersey street.

These were presented to the council and read and objected to by the Westrumite company. They refused, in other words, to use specifications the same as the company had been using in the streets of other places. Then we were confronted with this question: If one set of specifications, which were approved by the city engineer, will produce a good hard surface pavement in the city of St. Johns? If not, then of what value was the report of the committee? That was the beginning of the controversy and the only cause of the delay.

While this argument was in progress, I addressed several letters to city engineers of eastern cities where Westrumite pavement had been used, asking them their opinion of this pavement and filed a copy of my communication and also the replies with the council. I received some information relative to this pavement and I would like to ask the committee that, while they were "obtaining information from all other sources," did it not appear to them to call on the Board of Local Improvements in the city of Chicago? This board consisted of five members, a secretary and has charge and supervision of hard surface street pavements and had laid in that city many blocks of this "best pavement in the world today" and were possessed of valuable data concerning same. My letter addressed to the city engineer of that city was referred to that board for a reply and after considering same they instructed their secretary, Charles A. V. Standish, to answer same and, over his signature, had at the request of said board, among other things stated:

"Westrumite pavement you speak of is N. G. What was laid in this city is practically worse than useless. Over in the city of Hammond, where you also visited, to obtain information from all other sources, there was a like board with like duties. You didn't think it worth while to call on them? Well, John Kane, of that city, was chairman of that board and had been for seven years. Peter L. Davis had been honored with a seat upon said board for a period of five years. They both state that as such officers they had made a careful observation of Westrumite pavement."

The chairman states that: "Westrumite is a good dust arrester, but later it dries out, the surface wears off and blows away, all of which takes place reasonably at a period of eighteen months after the completion of the improvement."

The other member says, "In my opinion, Westrumite as a dust layer is good, but as a permanent improvement I do not consider that it is good."

A. M. Sumner, president of the First National Bank of Hammond, Indiana, in answer to an inquiry made by W. B. Roberts, a property owner on Jersey street, states as follows: "Westrumite unsatisfactory and discontinued here and in Chicago."

Now it does seem to me that such information might have been considered of some importance to the property owners on Jersey street and it may that this important (?) information may have been considered by the 70 per cent of the property owners who have since signed a petition requesting that this product be not used.

H. E. COLLIER.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.  
In order to insure a change of advertisement the copy for such change should reach this office not later than Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Please remember this and save the printer

## ORDINANCE NO. 373

### An Ordinance Providing the Time and Manner of Improving Kellogg Street from Fessenden Street to St. Johns Avenue in the City of St. Johns, Oregon.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

The council of the city of St. Johns, having ascertained the cost of improving Kellogg street from the westerly side line of Fessenden street to the easterly side line of St. Johns ave., in the city of St. Johns, as shown by the resolution of the council of said city dated on the 16th day of March, 1911, and recorded in the office of the recorder of said city and notice thereof having been published in the St. Johns Review, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, on the 24th and 31st days of March, 1911, as shown by the affidavit of the foreman of said paper, which said affidavit is on file in the office of the city recorder; and legal posting of notices of such improvement, as shown by the affidavit of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder, and no remonstrances having been filed, and as provided by said resolution, the engineer's preliminary estimate of the cost of said improvement is \$5,211.73, but shall be more accurately determined by said engineer.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that said street be improved and the time for the completion of said improvement is hereby fixed at sixty days from the last publication of notice of proposed improvement, which said proposals must be filed with the recorder of said city on or before the 9th day of May, 1911, at eight o'clock p. m. of said day.

That said street shall be improved as follows: By grading same to the established grade by cut and fill and by sidewalk same on either side with six-foot cement walks, 12-foot curbs entire length, together with all necessary wooden crosswalks and box gutters, said walk and curb to have expansion joints as directed by the city engineer; curb to have four-inch drain tiles every 50 feet; hitch rings to be placed in curb as directed by the city engineer.

The city recorder shall give notice by publication for not less than three insertions in the St. Johns Review, the official newspaper, inviting proposals for making said improvement.

Said improvement shall in all respects be done and completed in accordance with the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 160 and 192 except as otherwise provided in this ordinance; all work to be done under the direction and supervision of the city engineer.

The cost of said improvement shall be assessed against the property in the local improvement district as described in said resolution and designated as and declared to be Local Improvement District No. 36.

Passed by the council April 18th, 1911.

Approved by the mayor April 18th, 1911.

K. C. COUCH, Mayor.

Attest: F. A. RICE, City Recorder.

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## Back to Nature

A hen is not supposed to have much common sense or tact. Yet every time she lays an egg she cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot of intellect to show, but none the less, most roosters have enough good sense to crow.

The meek, the most despised of beasts, has a persistent way of letting people know he's around by his insistent bray.

The busy little bees, they buzz, buzz, buzz, and cows moo, and wags dogs bark, and ganders quack and doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks and pigs squeal and robins sing. And even serpents know enough to hiss before they sting.

But MAN, the greatest masterpiece Jehovah could devise. Will often stop and hesitate before he'll ADVERTISE

By reading the large ad on the last page of this paper it will be seen that a splendid opportunity is afforded to secure a small fruit farm along the Columbia river, on particularly easy and attractive terms. It is well worth looking into.

Milton Unger has returned from California and is glad to be home again. He says California is all right for scenery, but a poor place in which to make a living.

Subscribe for the Telegram—best evening paper on the coast. See Ed Stockton.

Subscribe for the St. Johns Review and keep posted on the doings of the city.

## Cow Halts

Need Any?



Prices, \$75, \$90 and \$100.

Made by

St. Johns Harness Shop

## What Is It

What is the present population of St. Johns? That is the question. Upon a reliable answer hinges the license application of E. O. Magoon. According to the regulating ordinance a population of 5401 is necessary before five licenses can be granted. Have we got it? Some contend that we have, while others doubt it. The fact that over 100 new residences have been constructed since the government census which placed the population at 4872 was taken, that over 100 pupils have been added to the schools and that some of the houses then vacant have since become occupied are points upon which the former base their opinion. Whether the population is 5401, or more or less, can only be proven accurately by a careful canvass. The city council will decide according to their individual opinions next Tuesday night.

Mrs. Rosalia Wetter died at her home in this city April 16th, aged 70 years, after an illness of two weeks. She was the mother of Mrs. Samuel Fredericks of St. Johns and was a native of Poland. Funeral services were held at the German Baptist church, the pastor officiating. Interment in Columbia cemetery; A. H. Blackburn, funeral director.

Alex Kerr is in possession of an exposition upon the old and new testaments which was printed in Chester, England, in 1708. It was handed down from his great, great-grandfather. The print is still in first class condition and Alex naturally prizes it very highly.

You got full weight and first quality at the Central market. Just try awhile.

## Bargains for Cash or Exchange

2 FINE HOUSES—river view, close in with an abundance of fruit, 100x200 feet of ground. Is very cheap at \$6000 or will sell either half.

50x100 lot and 4 room cottage with basement. Street improved \$50 cash, balance \$10 monthly at 7 per cent. Price \$1500.

\$6000 buys 2 good houses, modern, with 100x200 feet of ground lots of fruit. River view, part cash, will sell either one separately. This property is close in and is the cheapest buy in the city.

\$1500 buys 50x100 lot, street improved, fruit, close in, 4-room house with good basement and plumbing. \$50 cash, balance \$10 per month at 7 per cent. This is better than paying rent.

\$2200 for 2 lots and 5-room house on E. Burlington street with good plumbing. This is 2 blocks from the bank, very cheap at \$1200 cash, bal. \$10 month. Payment every six months, 7 per cent interest.

\$1350, 5-room house, 50x100 lot, fenced. House plastered, close to improved street, with gas.

\$1350, 5-room house, plastered, piped for gas, lot 50x100 feet fenced. A good buy.

\$550 for lot 50x100 feet on improved street on contract to suit buyer if taken at once.

\$2000 buys a fine business lot on Burlington street. All improvements in. This is a bargain.

\$7000 buys 100x100, 2 blocks from car line. Sidewalk within 50 feet. \$150 cash, balance at \$10 per month at 6 per cent.

\$1100 buys 71x149 feet on car line. This is close in. \$450 cash bal. in 3 years at 6 per cent if taken soon.

The very best property in town; acreage tracts from 1 to 921 acres all on good terms, some for exchange for city property. Call in or phone to

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St. Johns, Oregon Phone Columbia 39

## PRODUCTS OF GOLDEN WEST SHOWN

Fine Display of Fruits, Grains and Vegetables  
Make Great Northern Exhibit Effective Advertisement

The possibilities of Oregon both as an agricultural and fruit state are being played up strongly by the Great Northern Railway at their Exhibit in Columbus, Ohio, and the following extract of article taken from the Columbus Journal gives some idea of the beauty of and interest created by this Exhibit.

and all inquiries made by visitors are cheerfully answered by them in the western country. "The Great Northern Railway has not a foot of land to sell," said L. O. Stout, who is in charge of the display. "President Hill wants the men and women of your city to realize the great possibilities of the big, new west."



Great Northern Agricultural Exhibit at Sight, 17 North High street, Columbus, Ohio.

"Go west, young man, and grow up with the country," said Greeley. The seer gave good advice, but he stopped there.

"Go west, young man, woman, boys and girls, and grow up with the great new west," said L. W. Hill. Then Mr. Hill, who is President of the Great Northern Railway, and son of James J. Hill, backed up his advice by making it possible for everybody to go west.

That the people of Columbus and vicinity may become better acquainted with the wonderful western country, a free exhibition of the grains and fruits of Montana, Oregon and Washington has been opened at 17 North High street by the Great Northern Railway.

The exhibition is well worth the visit. Great sheaves of golden wheat, oats and other grains adorn the walls in artistic array. Big crystal jars display the fruits of the far west. Literature descriptive of the wonderful opportunities awaiting the homeseeker are distributed,

Mr. Stout has many large photographs of orchard scenes along the railroad and in the adjacent territory which tell in forcible language the story of the fertile west.

As a proof that the apple industry is a great source of revenue in the western country, the fruit growers have sent gorgeous glowing fruits to the exhibition. Piles and crates of apples, such as one seldom sees, grace the tables and counters at the exhibition.

Beautiful flowers from Oregon, cunningly preserved, add to the beauty of the display.

If you have thought of the west as a possible home, go and see this exposition. If you have not given it a thought, then go and see the wonderful things which the trees and vines yield the tollers who tempt fate and win fortunes in a virgin country.—Journal, Columbus, O.