

TENT WAS STARTER

Suburbanite Tells How He, His Wife and Little Son Won Home.

BOUGHT LUMBER FOR \$5.20

T. W. R. Bought Half-Acre in Woods and After Four Months Is Happily Settled on His Own Ground.

"HOW WE WON OUR HOME."

The Oregonian will be glad to print similar articles telling of experiences of residents of Portland and vicinity in winning a home. Mail articles to The Oregonian, signing full names and addresses. Names will be printed unless requests are made to the contrary.

BY T. W. R.
A few months ago my wife and I were discussing the subject of economy and how to pay our bills and still save a little money out of my salary every month.

True, we were living in a fashionable neighborhood and were enjoying all city conveniences, including Bull Run water, gas, electricity and many other little things which help to out-pay salary. But with all these things (called conveniences) we were running behind. The rent came due so fast it seemed I was working for the landlord. Summer was close upon us and our young son would want lots of room out of doors to exercise and grow as a child should.

"Let's go out in the country and put up a shack," exclaimed my wife. "We can buy a place by paying less a month than we are now paying for rent."

For once in her life my wife had suggested something that sounded like a good business proposition. We immediately "rounded-up" a Sunday Oregonian and scanned the advertisements for an acre or so which might appeal to us.

After a couple of trips into the suburbs, we located half an acre near a carline and purchased it on a contract demanding \$50 down on taking possession and \$10 a month to be applied on the purchase price, \$600.

"At the completion of the contract," said the instrument, "the party of the first part agrees to give the party of the second part a good and sufficient deed, free and clear."

At first I was a little dubious about the move, because I meant to do town work for a "pioneer," born and raised in the city. But my wife continually urged me along. I was confronted with all sorts of perplexing situations. I would have to cut wood, carry water, get up early and do the chores. Once or twice I felt like calling the deal off, but my persistent wife reminded me that I was getting gray hairs, that it was time we began to accumulate something, that our boys must go to college and all that sort of thing. Well, I realized the truth and buckled down. "No more rent for mine; me to the woods," I decided. So off we went on the cars with our grips and luggage, while the moving vans followed by the road.

I bought \$5.25 worth of lumber, a canvas top to keep off the rain and built my first home. It was nothing grand to be sure, but as a temporary edifice for sleeping purposes it filled the bill, and my wife was delighted. Next we erected a kitchen and dining-room adjoining our sleeping quarters. The moving man arrived on the scene the following day, and with the assistance of a neighbor, we were settled for once in our lives on our own ground. The feeling of independence was great and my clothes felt so good and our bouncing boys were free to run, yell and play to his heart's content. That night, after we had put in a most strenuous day of hard labor, we sat down to the finest bacon and eggs ever eaten by man. The baby was soon in his bed and my wife and I sat down to rest and plan our future.

"Isn't it great?" Mrs. T. W. R. kept repeating.

About four months have passed since we left the city. Now we come to town every day and I am also able to put in an hour or so in the morning and evening in work on our place. I have cut down a great number of trees and have five cords of wood stacked for this winter; my garden is full of fine vegetables. We are all in the best of health and I am saving money to buy a better place. I have been offered twice the cost price of my place, but I am not on the market; we are too happy and comfortable to sell.

No more rent from me for the landlord. I'm going to be one myself and own my suburban home.

SELLWOOD CLUB TO BUILD

Will Proceed at Once to Purchase Site and Erect Home.

At a meeting of the general committee of the new Sellwood Commercial Club Friday night at the Sellwood Bank building it was decided that it would be better to purchase a lot and erect a building than to rent temporary rooms. W. H. Morehouse, who presided, strongly urged that the club take steps to purchase a permanent factor at Sellwood by securing a lot and erecting a building. He contended that there would be greater interest in the organization if this course was taken, instead of renting apartments, which at best would be a temporary arrangement. By a unanimous vote it was decided to take this course.

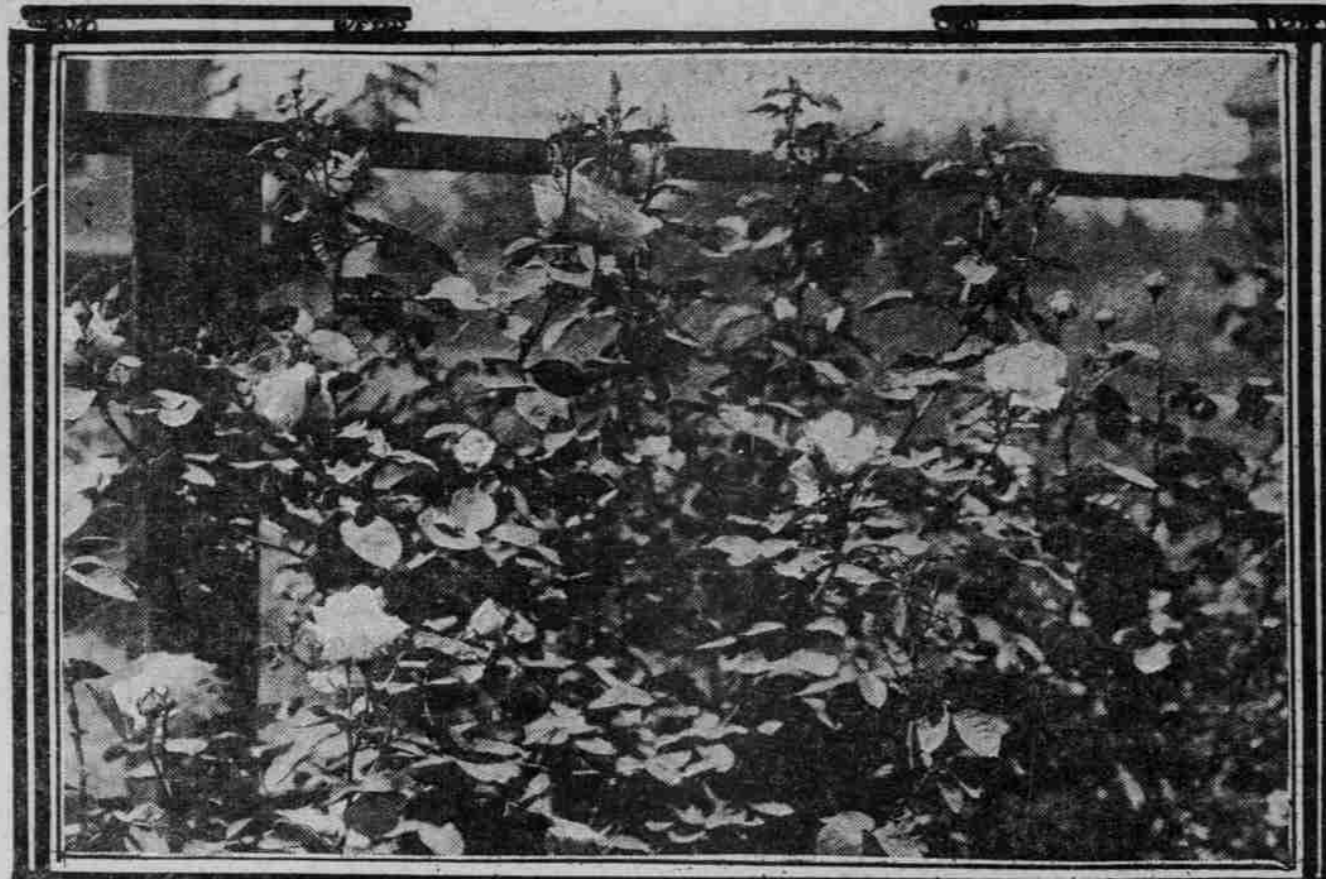
Walter Adams, W. H. Morehouse and R. W. Edwards were appointed to look up a suitable site near or on East Thirtieth street between Spokane and Umatilla avenues. It was the opinion of the committee that the site should not be located on East Thirtieth street.

D. M. Donough, L. J. Hicks and Dr. R. S. Stearns were appointed to prepare incorporation papers, to be submitted at another meeting to be held next Wednesday night, June 23, at the Sellwood Bank. It is proposed to incorporate for \$2000 and erect a building costing from \$1200 to \$2000. It was reported at this meeting that the business and residents of Sellwood are very much interested in the project. Those present were Dr. R. S. Stearns, L. J. Hicks, J. A. Miller, Peter Hume, W. H. Morehouse, D. M. Donough, H. S. Upham, J. A. Caldwell, J. W. Campbell and R. W. Edwards.

Chaufeur Forfeits Bail

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 19.—Ralph J. Leavitt, who is charged with manslaughter in Seattle for running down and fatally injuring a man with his automobile and whose bail in that city, amounting to \$1500, was declared forfeited because of his failure to appear for trial, says that the case has already cost him \$7500, and that he will not go to Seattle to stand trial for an offense of which he claims he is entirely blameless. He expressed the opinion that he could not be extradited.

Residence of A. C. Gowdy and One of His Rose Bushes



ONE ROSE BUSH IN GARDEN OF A. C. GOWDY



RESIDENCE OF A. C. GOWDY—261 BLANDENA AVE

SEWAGE TO BE LAID

ELMHURST ADDITION WILL BE IMPROVED AT ONCE.

Tract Grading Completed and Every Lot Is Provided With Water.

Hilton & Campbell will at once lay 20,000 lineal feet of sidewalks in Elmhurst Addition, which will be put down by day labor. The sidewalks will be six feet wide, with ten feet parking to the curb. Grading has been completed and water mains are installed, providing every lot with water. A number of new houses are being erected in this addition and others are being figured on. Six new residences costing between \$2000 and \$3000 are among recent improvements. This tract is near the Rose City Park carline.

Phillip Caperton has purchased a lot 8x55 on East Washington and East Nineteenth streets, for \$3185. He will erect a flat or apartment-house. F. H. Frazer purchased an adjoining lot from J. H. Spain for \$1200.

Plans are being drawn for a bungalow containing ten rooms for Dr. George Fairish, to be erected on East Thirtieth, First and Tillamook streets. The cost will be \$12,000 and the house will contain many new features. It will be 68x72 feet.

Mail & Von Borstel sold for Frank Hennessey to Richard Walsh a lot on the south side of East Burnside and East Eighteenth streets for \$2500. Mr. Walsh will erect a home on the lot at once.

James H. Cook is remodeling his home on Belmont street, at Mount Tabor, at a cost of \$12,000. The new residence completed will have 12 rooms and will be one of the finest homes in the district.

Contractor Charles E. Pottage has started excavating for the new East Side police station on Hancock street and Union avenue.

The contract for the erection of a seven-room residence for Mrs. Clara Saunders, to be built on East Nineteenth, near Thompson street, has been awarded to George G. Palmer for \$4300. Mr. Palmer also has the contract to build an eight-room home for A. R. Johnson, on East Nineteenth and Tillamook streets, to cost \$5500.

G. F. Keller, of the Keller Harness Company, has purchased a two-acre tract on the Section Line road at South Mount Tabor for \$2000.

Architect H. F. Ditchrich has prepared plans for an eight-room bungalow, 28x50, for F. E. Schwan, on East Thirtieth, near Alnsworth avenue, to cost \$3000.

W. H. Kiepper has purchased a six-room cottage and two lots in block 14, Foxchase Addition, for \$3900. Mr. Kiepper will make the place his home.

Thomas Mickelson has purchased nine lots on East Fifty-seventh street as an investment.

E. I. Heves, recently of Roseburg, purchased three lots at East Sixty-ninth and East Stark streets and plans to build a modern residence costing \$3000. It will be 48x50 feet.

A 40-acre tract near Sandy, on the pro-

THEATER IS UP AGAIN

IT IS BELIEVED EAST SIDE NEEDS SHOWSHOP.

President Bigelow, of Business Men's Club, Says Project Would Help Trade.

The need of an East Side theater is again being agitated, evidently along substantial lines. The project two years ago received much enthusiasm, but somehow or other did not succeed. President C. A. Bigelow, of the East Side Business Men's Club, states the organization has been asked repeatedly to father the enterprise. Many have offered to take large blocks of stock in a theater the moment it is launched. Mr. Bigelow, who has studied the conditions closely for more than a year, has come to the conclusion that an East Side theater would be a paying investment because of the large population that has already gathered on that side of the river.

"A theater," said Mr. Bigelow, "would be the means of helping business better than anything that could be undertaken. Think of 500 or 600 women attending matinees every afternoon in Central East Portland! That would mean a lot of business and I believe the time is ripe for a theater."

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Broadway street in view of the fact that it will lead to the proposed Broadway bridge. J. D. Kennedy has sold a quarter block on Union avenue and Beech street for \$5500 to an out-of-town investor, who wanted a site near Broadway street. It is predicted that there will be great activity on Broadway and all the nearby streets. The street will probably be extended out to and through the Rose City Park territory.

Preliminary steps have been taken with the bridge in view by Judge M. G. Munly. Consent of the War Department to erect the span must be obtained, and as soon as the Mayor makes the official announcement that the bond issue for Broadway bridge carried, a certificate of that fact will be forwarded to the War Department. That Ralph Modjeski recommended the Broadway site gives assurance that it will be approved. Details of the plans for the bridge are yet to be worked out, as well as the settlement of the location for the West Side approach.

Erection of the Broadway bridge will make a complete change in the North East Side. As it will be a high structure, towering above most of the river traffic, a considerable portion of the streetcar traffic now routed over the Steel and Burnside bridges will probably be sent over the Broadway bridge. It may result in taking most of the streetcar traffic off the railroad bridge whether it be built on Holladay avenue or Oregon street.

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BRIDGE SITE POPULAR

SELECTION OF BROADWAY FOR SPAN CAUSES BOOM.

Judge Munly Works for Prompt Completion—Streetcar Routes May Be Changed.

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A Jewell County paper tells of a preacher who became involved in a new town boom, and after six days' rustle and bustle in real estate he arose in the pulpit and gave out his Sunday morning text after this fashion: "You will find my text in Matthew's addition to the Gospel, block 5, lot 42."—Kansas City Journal.

You Should Know, if You Don't Know

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