

KENTON DISTRICT MAKES PROGRESS

Foundation Is Laid for New \$2500 Clubhouse on Russell Street.

200 RESIDENTS MEMBERS

Modern Schoolhouse, to Have 20 Rooms, in Process of Construction and Many Streets Are Being Paved Now.

Kenton and Kenton district have made excellent progress during the year, and have under way at the present time many important improvements.

Near the community clubhouse the district is completing a modern concrete and brick schoolhouse of six classrooms and an assembly hall.

Children Going Elsewhere. Many children in Kenton now attend other schoolhouses on the Peninsula.

Recently a branch library was opened in a room in the Carter building, on Lombard street and Peninsula avenue.

The extensive system of hard-surface pavements covering the principal streets of the suburb, inaugurated a year ago, have all been completed.

Practically all the principal streets in Kenton have been paved at a cost of \$250,000. Completion of this makes Kenton one of the best paved suburbs on the Peninsula.

Move to Extend Patton Avenue. Kenton has joined in the movement to extend Patton avenue by way of Maryland avenue to Lower Albina on a moderate grade in order to reach the Broadway bridge.

Also, the residents and property owners on Vancouver avenue will have to be reckoned with. They have filed a petition signed by 160 persons asking that Vancouver avenue be considered.

Polk Poultry Show Held. Exhibits Declared Fine and Average Score Is 88.56 Per Cent.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The exhibit of the Polk County Poultry Association, which lasted four days, shows a greater interest in poultry than has been taken previously in the county.

The cups awarded and their winners were: Blue Andalusian, J. P. Hall; Calbreath; Burred Plymouth Rock, E. W. Butler; White Plymouth Rock, Mrs. Winnie Braden; Single-comb Rhode Island Red, J. C. McCammon; Blue Andalusian, H. E. Walker; Black Langshan, H. E. Walker; McMinnville; Toulouse game, Guy Staiger, Dallas; Buff Orpington, E. N. Gilliam, Dallas; Single-comb Buff, Langshan, H. N. Keeney, Dallas; Edw. Loop, Monmouth; A. V. Oliver, McKreel; Single-comb Rhode Island Red, H. C. McCammon; Sheldahl, W. L. Benson, McMinnville; Single-comb Ancona, C. Darnhecker.

MAN OF 78 MAKES HOME FROM RAW LENTS LAND

L. H. Barnes Clears Lots Containing Stumps, Erects House, Buys Hens and Plants Flowers, Shrubs, Trees and Strawberries.



Mr. and Mrs. Barnes' Home



Mr. Barnes Looking for Some Lots for a Home

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He liked the looks of the lots, and he went to work. With the help of another man, he had the stumps, including two "grown up" fir trees, dug out. All the brush was taken out, and the ground worked over as mellow as an onion bed.

After the ground was cleared, he thought about fencing and building a house. He raised enough vegetables for the kitchen. He bought six full-blooded brown leghorn pullets.

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CARRIER HOLDING UP MAIL SACK INVENTED BY FRANK VERNON.

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FARMS IN DEMAND

Trading in Willamette Valley Tracts Is Brisk.

FINE MEDFORD RANCH SOLD

Larger Proportion of Recent Sales Include Places Adapted to Diversified Farming; Many Deals Involve Cash Considerations.

The Downing ranch, near Medford, a favorite summer resort for valley people, was sold last week by J. W. Slinger to Tom Farlow, of Lake Creek, for \$18,000.

L. I. Gribble recently sold his 70-acre farm northwest of Aurora, Or., to Henry Gilbertson, of Barlow, Or., for \$10,800.

Frank E. Blair, of Eugene, recently purchased a well-improved 100-acre farm near Fall Creek, Or., for \$6000.

James M. Murray, of Oklahoma, has purchased the Casper Schmidhuber ranch, two miles south of Beaver, Or., for \$5500.

Levi Sanders, of Newberg, has traded a 30-acre farm, one mile north of that city, for 150 acres in Alberta.

S. K. Watson recently purchased a 120-acre farm from Neil Versteeg, of Amity, for \$5000.

Harry White, of McCoy, Or., recently purchased a 160-acre farm from William and Walter Humphrey, of McMinnville, Or., for \$20,000.

William Hucks, of Nebraska, recently purchased a 20-acre tract in the Berger Subdivision, four miles north of Coburg, Or.

Humphrey Brothers, of Whitesboro, Or., recently sold their 160-acre farm to Ira White, of McCoy, for \$20,000.

James Wallace and his mother, of Cottage Grove, recently sold a portion of their farm near that city to Louis McCoy.

When costs of city government are piled up each month higher than for the same month under the old system, advocates of commission government should at least be modest and patient.

Just how to curtail the next state election is the real problem with the professional office-hunter. He has got to be nervous to attack any existing abuses.

The test of commissions in the future is going to be, how much have they relieved the taxpayer of his burdens; how much have they helped the citizen in the struggle to make a living?

The Labor Commissioner, who assists most in giving the people employment and in opening new industries and helping men with payrolls to meet them on Saturday night, will be the best friend of labor.

The rule that a neekie party should avoid the man who goes to the Legislature and imposes new burdens on his constituents cannot be adopted too soon in Oregon to save property from confiscation and industries from destruction.

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Contracts for the moving of the present frame building have been let and leases secured for their location. Most of them are to be moved about the first of the year.

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The Prouty Lumber & Box Company practically is ready to begin operations and sawing will start by January 1.

At Christmas Time

Make your Christmas dinner good—make the whole Holiday season the most happy Yuletide ever by having Santa bring you a present for yourself—a present of some fine table delicacies.



Table listing various wine and brandy specialties with prices. Includes categories like 'SPECIALS IN WHISKIES', 'SPECIALS IN WINES', and 'SPECIALS IN BRANDIES'.

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SEASIDE GOES AHEAD. Extensive Improvements Likely Under New Administration. Streets Will Be Opened.

"City Beautiful" Plans Being Prepared and Parking Considered; New Buildings to Rise Include Big Natatorium.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Improvements of an extensive nature for Seaside seem to be destined under the regime of the recently elected City Council.

At Monday evening's session, an ordinance was passed declaring the intention of the Council to open, widen and straighten Bridge street.

At the time of the big fire here last year, it was believed that a satisfactory agreement could be reached owing to the fact that practically all the business section was wiped out, but factional strife prevented and still there is a noticeable log at the intersection.

Three Streets to Touch Sea. The proposed street will be 60 feet in width, court street and Austin street run parallel with Bridge street, so the opening of them will give three fine straight streets from the railroad track to the beach.

Another step that meets with general approval is the erection of street signs on the adoption of a system of house numbering that is to be taken up immediately.

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EYE ILLUSION SHOWS

In Westover Terrace Mount Hood Is Reproduced.

What appears to be two identical Mount Hood can now be seen from a point on Shenandoah Terrace at the end of the Westover carline.

The real Mount Hood is in full view just across the city and with the effect of distance the appearance both in size and outline are plainly seen to have been reproduced exactly in the big hill back of the Terraces.

This week, in addition to cutting a sheer precipice 200 feet high and exposing the heart of Goldsmith Hill, the giants at work have created a new record by tearing down and removing 5000 tons of surplus earth in the average, every day during the seven-day period.

To have done this work by the contractors' ordinary methods there would have been needed a string of 200 dump wagons and several thousand men, is the statement made by the engineers of the Lewis-Ville Hydraulic Company, who are handling this big undertaking.

Some concrete idea of the magnitude of the operations is seen from the fact that 700 dump wagons make a procession four miles long and that there are not more than 500 dump wagons in the entire city of Portland and less than 700 of them in the state.

Contractors everywhere are studying in the methods used in this work as they find that the earth is being moved by the hydraulic giant for a few cents where it would have cost them dollars if steam shovels had been used.

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To those who have "the key to success"—to those who are seeking it—to those who desire it—and to all humanity and its friends are Yuletide wishes of cordiality extended most sincerely.

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