

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. The foundation for a \$2500 clubhouse has just been laid on Russell street, near Lombard, for the Kenton Commercial Club, composed of the leading citizens of this suburb. This clubhouse is being built on ground donated for the purpose by the Kenwood Land Company, and besides the lot on which the building stands there will be space for playgrounds. As members of the Kenton Club there are nearly 200 residents, all of whom have taken shares in the cost, and all have a community interest in the clubhouse, which will be a community center. Joseph Beattie is president of the Kenton Club. C. Spies drew plans for the clubhouse, which will embrace such comforts as a community center needs.

Near the community clubhouse the district is completing a modern concrete and brick schoolhouse of six classrooms and an assembly hall. It will be finished some time in February. It stands on the Peninsula, which was recently paved. The cost of the new schoolhouse will be about \$60,000. It is part of a 20-room building that finally will be built on a lot bought that nearly all the rooms will be occupied on completion of the building.

Children Going Elsewhere.
Many children in Kenton now attend other schoolhouses on the Peninsula, owing to the fact that the small frame building at Kenton can accommodate but a fraction of the whole number of children, and hence many must attend other structures. All will attend the new schoolhouse.

Recently a branch library was opened in a room in the Carter building, on Lombard street and Peninsula avenue, which serves Kenton, Peninsula and a considerable district. Later it is expected that a permanent library building will be erected.

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. In addition to this general district street paving, the Kenton, Lombard street, part of the Peninsula district, has been paved from Wabash to Patton avenue, and the contract has been let to pave it to Albina avenue. This will surround Kenton with hard-surface pavements. It is planned early in the Spring to pave Albina avenue from Lombard street to Killingsworth avenue, and the contract has been let. The paving of all the streets of Kenton enables the fire company to reach any part of the Peninsula in a few minutes.

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. It is announced that as soon as the extension is made, Patton avenue will be paved from Columbia boulevard to a connection with Goldsmith street, in Lower Albina. Of course, Kenton people hope Patton avenue will be one of the approaches to the Interstate bridge, and the movement to extend it to Lower Albina is in line with this movement. The most formidable competitor is Union avenue. It is the opinion of many who have studied the plan for the Interstate bridge and will be two or more approaches to the Interstate bridge, although it may be several years before all will be built. J. H. Nelson, chairman of the Interstate bridge, believes that Patton and Union avenues must be made approaches to the Interstate bridge at the start.

Vancouver Avenue for Approach.
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. It is pointed out that the Vancouver avenue is the shorter route of any yet suggested—Union or Patton avenue—and that there is a right of way already acquired to the Columbia River and an elevated roadway bridge from Columbia boulevard to the old Government road to Vancouver formerly ran along Vancouver avenue. It is declared, and the right of way is transferred to the county from the government many years ago. It is further pointed out that by using the present Vancouver route, the cost of making a fill will be a great deal less than by selecting any other route.

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. Exhibits from several counties were made and the average score for the show was 88.56 per cent. Over 400 birds were displayed, some of which were considered the finest on the Coast. B. F. Keeney, of Eugene, who acted as judge, said that the class poultry was much better than exhibits of other counties he had judged recently.

The cups awarded and their winners were: Blue Andalusian, J. P. Hill; Calbreath; Banded Plymouth Rock, C. W. Butler; White Plymouth Rock, Mrs. Winnie Braden; Single-comb Rhode Island Red, J. C. McCombs; Single-comb Brown Leghorn, J. M. Card; Single-comb Ancona, C. Darnhecker; Single-comb White Leghorn, J. P. Hill. The winners of the show were: Blue Ducks, W. F. Lee, Falls City; John M. Bee, Dallas; Harvey Opp, Rickreall; Mrs. Etta Hall, Newberg; Pekin ducks, Guy Stalger, Dallas; Blue Andalusians, B. M. Calbreath, Monmouth; Banded Plymouth Rocks, M. S. Wiley, Rex; C. F. Butler, Newberg; W. P. Miller, Dallas; H. E. Walker, McMinnville; Toulouse geese, Guy Stalger, Dallas; Buff Orpington, E. N. Gilliam, Dallas; Single-comb Buff Leghorn, H. N. Keeney, Dallas; Edw. Loop, Monmouth; A. V. Oliver, Rickreall; Single-comb Rhode Island Red, H. C. McCombs; Sheldons, 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

BY MATTIE BOONE ROSS.
L. H. Barnes came to Lents and looked around for a home site. He procured two lots covered with stumps, and just as nature had made them. He was 78 years old! He did not stop to say: "I am too old to work, too old to ever plant any trees."
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.
Mrs. Barnes and her husband both loved flowers, so roses, geraniums,

hellebores and beautiful shrubs adorn their neatly kept lawn.
They have lived three years on their little home, three years only since the spot was covered with stumps. And Mr. Barnes may well be proud that he is now 81 years old, and point with commendable pride to his pretty home, his garden, his coop of hens!
"These hens lay six eggs every day," he said. They looked contented, watching for grass clippings from the lawn.
Mr. Barnes has several thrifty trees bearing some fruit, and several rows of neatly kept strawberries. The work of this one man is encouraging to any who may feel disposed to think their age limits them from thousands of city work.
Portland has thousands of city workers who can learn the value of a small garden and a few hens. No city offers better advantages than can be seen anywhere around Portland.

Library Users Number 1435.
HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The first year of the County Library shows 1435 registered borrowers and a circulation of books during the year of 18,827. The library started last year with 1093 volumes and has added 2082 during the year, 1119 of which were gifts. Sixty-six per cent of the main branch circulation was fiction. There are six branch stations throughout the county, and at these fiction ran only about 40 per cent. Every week Miss Northey, the librarian, has furnished the local papers with a list of the additions and patrons have been kept in close touch. The new building is progressing rapidly, workmen now being engaged on the interior.

NEW MAIL SACK AIDS RURAL CARRIERS' WORK

Vancouver Postal Official Invents Device That Does Away With Pigeon Holes and Permits Use of Buggy for Deliveries.



CARRIER HOLDING UP MAIL SACK INVENTED BY FRANK VERNON.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—An invention of great assistance to rural mail carriers now in use in the Vancouver postoffice was worked out by Frank Vernon, a carrier of route 2.
"I would quit my position before going back to the old method," said Mr. Vernon, when asked if his invention is a time-saver and a help to the rural carrier.
The invention, yet unpatented, consists of a sack having in it one place for each name on the route. In the accompanying picture a carrier is shown holding up the mail for patrons on one route. These sacks are hung

up in the postoffice and the mail placed in them. They are so arranged that when the mail is in, the sack can be rolled up and placed in a buggy. In unrolling it, the first section contains the mail of the first patron on the route, and so on down the whole route. When the sack has been unrolled, the mail has been delivered.
A carrier with this outfit can use an ordinary buggy to deliver his mail and the rolls of mail in the sacks can be placed in the front of the buggy, handy to the carrier. Other carriers have taken up the idea and would not return to the old method of putting mail in their pigeon holes.
The initial cost is about the same, but considerable time is saved daily.

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. The ranch consists of 240 acres of bottom land and has been used for stockraising, dairying and truck-gardening. Mr. Farlow intends to devote a portion of the place to fruit-raising. According to Medford real estate men, this is the lowest price received for Butte Creek bottom land of such good quality in many years.

L. I. Gribble recently sold his 70-acre farm northwest of Aurora, Or., to Henry Gilbertson, of Barlow, Or., for \$10,800. Mr. Gilbertson will take possession of the place at once. E. R. Gribble, who has been living on his brother's farm, has purchased a ranch from A. J. Mishler, for \$220 an acre, and will move there immediately.

Frank E. Blair, of Eugene, recently purchased a well-improved 100-acre farm near Fall Creek, Or., for \$6000. The deal included a part of the personal property on the place. Mr. Blair will reside on the farm with his family.

James M. Murray, of Oklahoma, has purchased the Casper Schmidhuber ranch, two miles south of Beaver, Or., for \$5500. A herd of full-blood cattle was included. Mr. Murray will engage in dairying and stockraising. F. B. McKinley, of Dorr E. Keasey & Co., Portland, negotiated the deal.

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

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 Hucka, of Nebraska, recently purchased a 20-acre tract in the Berger Subdivision, four miles north of Coburg, Or. Mr. Hucka will build on the property.

Humphrey Brothers, of Whitesboro, Or., recently sold their 160-acre farm to Ira White, of McCoy, for \$20,000. The farm had been sold twice in the last six months.

James Wallace and his mother, of Cottage Grove, recently sold a portion of their farm near that city to Louis McCoy. Mr. McCoy has leased the remainder of the place. Mrs. Wallace and her son will reside in Cottage Grove.

MALARKEY PLAN DISLIKED

E. Hofer Says State Commission Device to Fake Citizenship.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Dan J. Malarkey proposes a commission form of state government. In this he is trying to out W. S. Uren from possession of one of the latest devices to fake the rest of the citizenship. When the Portland Commission has been tried out for at least one term and been found successful, it will be the end of the commission form of government over the whole state.

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. They are going to the people and trying their eyes to the need of solving any problems now before us and handing the dear people a new bait for dangerous traps, and get caught at the coming election.

Just how to corral the next state election is the real problem with the professional office-hunter. He has got to nerve to attack any existing abuses. He dare not criticize any of the profession to which he belongs. So his mind must turn to new nostrums for deceiving the public and getting the coveted votes. One great tendency is notable—the disposition of the voters to abridge the right of officials to initiate measures.

At the last two state elections the voters defeated nearly every measure invented and forced upon the ballot by the commission. They decided that was not what they had elected them for—to get new grafts and new accessories of power and authority into their hands. In Portland the 20-odd measures put on the ballot mostly by the city officials were all snuffed under at the recent city election. These offensive manifestations of the commission rule which the people are going to be smitten more and more. The modest, efficient official, performing the duties of his office and not setting up as legislator and expansionist of his own functions and ambitions, will be more and more appreciated.

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 railroad commission that does most to help Oregon get more new railroads and enable those we have to pay less operating expenses, will be voted the best friend of labor. The ideal public official is going to be the one who constrains strictly the laws on himself and most strictly minds his own business. If he can so conduct his office or department as to make it pay its own way, or even earn revenue for the state, the taxpayers will be glad to hear more of him in public life.

The rule that a neekie party should audit 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. That the men who have been responsible for all that the state is suffering under now should have the audacity to propose such a thing would mean that state taxes, which have climbed from a little over 1 mill to about 5 mills in 10 years, would go to 10 mills in the next year. But what care the political overlords if they can put a new device over on the proletariat? E. HOFER

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Par-Ex, gallon.....	4.00	Quart.....	25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
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SEASIDE GOES AHEAD

Extensive Improvements Likely Under New Administration.

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, as active steps are being taken toward the opening of streets that have long been under discussion.

At Monday evening's session, an ordinance was passed declaring the intention of the Council to open, widen and straighten Bridge street. The City and County also instructed to prepare ordinances for the opening of Court and Austin streets.

Bridge street is the principal street north leading from the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad track to the ocean and its widening and straightening has been a bone of contention in Seaside for several years.

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 of Bridge street with Main street.

The Council proposes to leave the portion east of Main street as it is, but to straighten, widen and pave at present that is, straighten and widen and straighten only the portion from Main street to the ocean.

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.

A "city beautiful" plan has been proposed for the territory included within the three streets, whereby the corners of all buildings at street intersections will have rounded corners, similar to the type that has already been followed in the Moore and Lawler building at the corner of Bridge and Main streets. The parking of street signs has also been proposed but it is doubtful if this will be done.

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. Heretofore there has been considerable difficulty in locating places in the city, although most of the cottages have names, owing to the absence of street signs and house numbers.

As soon as the lines are established on Bridge street, it is the intention of ex-Mayor Alex Gilbert to commence building a \$20,000 concrete business structure at the corner of Main and Bridge streets, opposite the Moore and Lawler building.

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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 face of Goldsmith has been cut away and rising to a height of 200 feet there appears against the sky a curious freak of nature in the exact shape and contour of Oregon's famous mountain.

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. In addition, the immense volume of spray sent up by the big hydraulic giant gives the extraordinary effect of a mantle of snow, the only thing necessary to complete the illusion.

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.

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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