

AMBITIOUS VINE CLIMBS HIGH

Potato With Aspirations Emulates Jonah's Gourd and Jack's Bean Stalk.

MYRTLE PARK PROUD OF QUICK-GROWING TUBER

Over Eight Feet High It Still Aspires and Attracts Attention of People Who Do Not Know of Productivity of Oregon's Soil.

Jonah is said to have had a gourd that served as a shade tree, and there is a legend concerning Jack's beanstalk that broke some growing records, but aside from legendary history the feat of a Myrtle Park potato vine is probably the most remarkable.

Last spring O. H. Burgess of Myrtle Park planted a few Early Rose potatoes in the hard clay soil of his back yard.



O. H. Burgess and His Remarkable Potato Vine.

All the vines but one died. It exhibited unusual vigor and reached the usual development of mature plants in a month and then proceeded to grow some more. A three-foot stake was given it to climb on and it quickly shot its shoots above this; then a five-foot stake was supplied and this in turn was outgrown; then a seven-foot timber was given the hustling vine, and today the plant is a foot and a half above the top of this and is still growing.

A potato vine eight and a half feet high and still growing is a wonder even in Myrtle Park, and Mr. Burgess is holding informal receptions in his back yard to curious neighbors. Every morning it is supposed the vine must have reached its limit; at the evening's gentle close it is found that it has sent forth half a dozen more leaves and pushed up another inch or so. It has raised its head above the woodshed, has left the tall back fence behind and is getting into the forest monarch class with long strides.

Just why the vine made up its mind to break all records is not apparent. In appearance it is merely a potato vine with a stalk somewhat smaller than the usual plant. Nothing but wash-water has been given the vine to feed on, the ground about its roots is yellow clay and apparently not unusually fertile, and the sun does not get much of a chance at it. What would have happened had the vine been fertilized, grown in the direct blaze of the sun and carefully tended is something Mr. Burgess does not care to think about, for he has visions of potato forests and vines that tickle the stars.

The vine has not expended all its strength in top growth, for recently an industrious hen scratched two large potatoes out of the hill; these lay just under the surface and if the roots go down as the top has gone up the crop of potatoes will probably run somewhat lower than the Mount Tabor artesian well and may lead the explorers into the Chinese rice fields.

Moral Wave in Baker City.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Baker City, Or., Sept. 2.—Mayor C. A. Johns has issued orders to the police to close up certain notorious resorts in the heart of the city. This is the first attempt made by the local authorities to regulate the social evil.

Attacked by Mad Bull.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Corvallis, Or., Sept. 2.—E. N. Melville lies at his home two miles from town seriously injured as a result of an attack by a bull who bunted and trampled him almost into insensibility. His life was saved by the fact that the bull had no horns.



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ST. JOHNS MILLS TO BE REBUILT

As Soon as Ownership of Burned Property is Established Work to Begin.

MEANWHILE WORKMEN ARE GIVEN EMPLOYMENT

It is Possible That One Mill Will Be Built in Place of the Two Destroyed, the Companies Combining Their Interests.

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When it is definitely settled just who own the two lumber mills destroyed at St. Johns yesterday plans will be announced concerning rebuilding the plants. Both properties changed hands last week, but in neither case was the transfer complete. This will bring up complications, and while there is no disposition on the part of the parties to the transactions to shirk just losses, there are some questions which must be settled.

In the case of the Cone property, whose transfer to N. J. Blagen, manager of the Bucoda Lumber company, was under way, a doubt has arisen as to the real owner. Mr. Blagen stated this morning that a sale contract had been signed and a payment made on the property by himself, but that a flaw in part of the title had delayed the final transfer, and until this was cleared up and the question of ownership settled the deal will be announced. The loss was about \$50,000, the insurance \$22,000 and the contract price was \$28,000.

The sale price of the St. Johns Lumber company was \$30,000, but it has been definitely ascertained whether the property belonged to Mr. Douglas or to D. Brecht, who had negotiated for its purchase.

Among moneyed interests of St. Johns today the confident hope was expressed that a larger mill would rise to replace the two destroyed, and it was asserted that a union of resources would be made that would give to the several owners a share in a single institution. Mr. Blagen stated that such a combination might take place and in general expressed himself as favoring the construction of a substantial plant, subject to the proper settlement of the problems that are involved.

As far as possible the men thrown out of employment by the burning of the mills will be taken care of by other industries, and many will find employment at the veneer factory and the big woolen mills. Probably most of those thrown out of work by the conflagration will be given employment at home without delay, as several large building enterprises are planned and under way in the place and the general labor field is encouraging.

ARLETA SCHOOL STARTED.

New Temporary Building for Overflow Classes Being Constructed.
Work has been started on the Arleta temporary school building, which is expected to care for the overflow attendance. There are between 300 and 400 children of school age in the district, and but three two-room structures are available. This new building is of makeshift sort, as are the three erected, and it will be crowded before the school year is far advanced, the growth of the district having been rapid during the summer.

Next year it is planned to build a permanent structure of eight rooms and to sublet out of service the two-room sheds as far as possible. The building under way will be used for either an assembly hall or gymnasium for several years, as it is planned on lines more substantial than the other buildings of the district. It is hoped to have it completed for use of classes on opening day.

NEW ELEVATED ROADWAY.

Work Started on Highway From Union Avenue West on East Yamhill Street.

Work has been started on an elevated roadway from Union avenue west on East Yamhill to Water street, a distance of four blocks. For many months no elevated roadways have been built on the east side, the efforts of the taxpayers having been confined to keeping in repair those that did exist and in filling along so that roadways on stilts were not necessary. The district served by the roadway under construction is chiefly a sodden marsh; no building faces the street until Water street is reached, and the need of the new thoroughfare is hardly apparent. The elevated roadway a block north of the present work serves a much more thickly settled district, but half of it is closed to traffic and the remainder is used by an occasional team only. The project under way was taken up a year or more ago, and after bids had been asked and received the entire thing was thrown up and the bids refused.

EAST SIDE NOTES.

Repairs to the Madison street bridge are progressing slowly. The entire planking has been found to be so worn and rotten that it must be replaced and crews will pass before general traffic is admitted to the structure.

Multnomah camp, Woodmen of the World, dedicated its hall at East Sixth and Alder streets last evening before an audience that packed the big building and which represented every Woodmen's camp in the city and adjacent territory. A large class was also initiated.

The Kaddery building, gutted by the east side fire 19 days ago, is being remodeled as a warehouse. The floors of three stories were swept away and the interior woodwork was burned, but the brick walls were not heated, inasmuch as enough to injure them and the building can be remodeled at a cost of about \$2,000 to serve for a warehouse.

Work was commenced yesterday on the addition to the Lenta school, which when completed will accommodate the overflow classes. It will consist of six large rooms and will be completed early next year, until which time the classes will be held in rented rooms.

FALL FROM HORSE RESULTS IN DEATH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Helena, Mont., Sept. 2.—John M. Tatem, son of B. H. Tatem, assayer in charge of the United States assay office in this city, died this evening as a result of injuries sustained by a fall from a horse while rounding up cattle on his father's ranch in Cascade county several days ago.

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KLAMATH IRRIGATION IS BLOCKED BY TWO MEN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Klamath Falls, Or., Sept. 2.—At a mass meeting held in this city prominent citizens denounced large land owners of the Klamath basin who are holding up the government irrigation project here. Among the speakers were J. W. Hamaker, Judge Baldwin and others. Resolutions were passed binding every business man to get the re-

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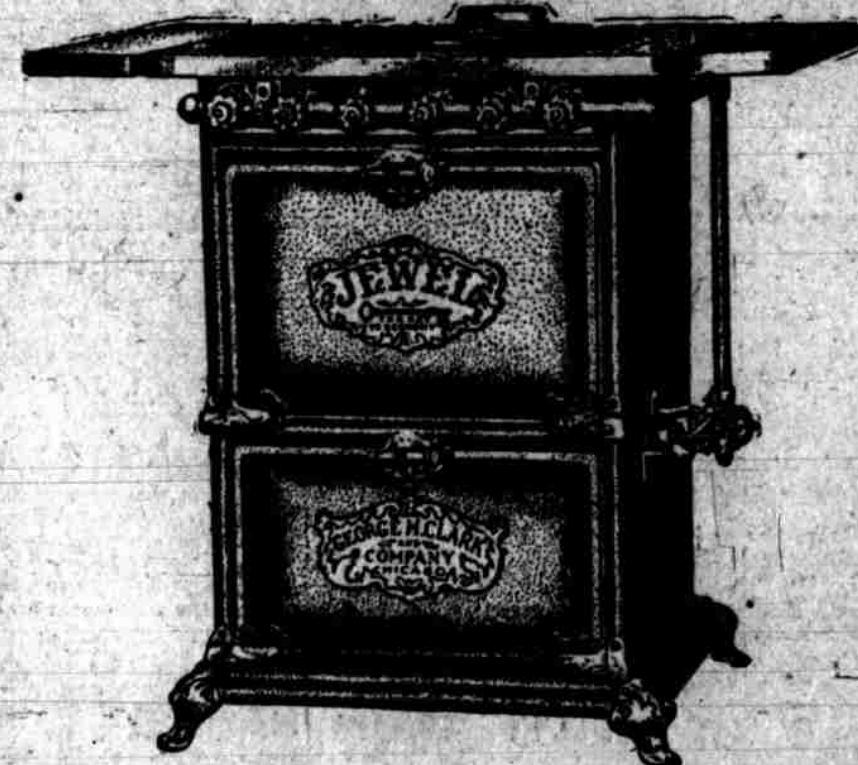
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quired signatures to the deeds. Among those who have refused thus far to sign are Abner Weed of Dunsmuir, California, and Evan Reames of Klamath Falls. If these two men would sign up their holdings it would make more than the required 75 per cent and active work would begin at once.

Prizes for Peace Palace.
New York, Sept. 2.—Fifteen thousand dollars in prizes has been offered architects of all nations for plans for the peace palace for use of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague. The palace contemplated in the announcement is to cost about \$40,000.

TEN THOUSAND MILES TO CATCH PROMISED HUSBAND
(Journal Special Service.)
Allentown, Pa., Sept. 2.—Gottlieb Gille was made a bridegroom last night after a 10,000 mile chase by Julia Wexler, who has followed him from Australia, where he promised to marry her 15 months ago. He suddenly disappeared and came to America. His promised bride overtook him at Copley yesterday and an hour later the couple were made man and wife.

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