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## EVIDENCE OF OIL ON JOHNSON CREEK

Conditions Similar to Kansas Field—Advantages of Cheap Fuel

The Gresham Oil and Gas Company are busy these days getting their stock on the market, investigating the merits of their proposition and arranging for the material and machinery to put down an experimental well. On looking around it is evident that there are a number of points of escape along the banks of Johnson's Creek that show evidence of the presence of mineral in solution in the water. Of what importance this is no one can tell until there has been due investigation. There is undoubtedly considerable iron and some sulphur in the water from these springs. There is also an oily looking substance formed on the surface that suggests mineral oil. This may seem to the doubtful to be only a gag, a booster's imagination. Personally we have seen these same displays elsewhere. Thirty years ago we saw the same oily coat over springs in Eastern Kansas and never dreamed that the oil was genuine. Where we then herded cattle without thought of the hidden wealth, now we know may be found an abundance of natural gas, and oil and salt. It was no more a suspicion, in fact, less than exists here, for experience counts for something, and though we may be in error no one can know to a certainty till the thing has been tried out.

Now as to the results of an oil or gas find in this locality. Not half of the people get rich from these things that hope to. Many a fellow stinks about all he has and doesn't get enough oil to make a hair dressing, but then that is true of mining and many other enterprises. If gas could be found it would be fully as valuable as oil. The immediate application of gas would put the territory adjacent to its discovery in fine shape. The application of natural gas to supplying power for all sorts of machinery, lighting, fuel, etc., is simply astonishing. The advantage of such a source for power can only be seen to be understood. Gas at 25 to 40c a thousand feet gives it the advantage over all other sources. New institutions spring up. Brick plants, smelters, iron works and so on without number would be the result.

Let us hope there is something besides hot air in this proposition. The very least we can do is to give the men who have undertaken to develop this interest all the encouragement we can, as it means as much to us as it does to them—perhaps more.

## Gresham Defeats Portland Police.

The Interurban League season opened here Sunday, the Portland Police team losing to Gresham by the score of 7 to 4 in a well played and interesting game.

Townsend and Howard both pitched gilt edge ball.

Sunday, May 2, Gresham will play the Addison team and a fast game is looked for.

The First State Bank sold last week a three-acre tract to J. O. Downing, a ten-acre tract to E. F. Palmquist, a business block, corner Second and Main streets, to C. E. Osburn, and a business bloc, corner First and Main streets, to T. R. Howitt.

## Subscribe Now!

The Herald one year for one dollar. This offer is good for Wednesday, May 5 only and is our Market Day Offer.

Mail the money to us or call at the office. We prefer to have you call.

## Lecture by Dr. Young.

Dr. Benjamin Young, of the Taylor Street Methodist Church, Portland, will lecture in Gresham Methodist Church, Friday evening, May 7th. Subject—"Grit and Gumption." Adults, 25¢; children, 15¢. Fine lecture promised for benefit of church.

## CORBETT

Mrs. Sarah Kincaid was at Troutdale Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hughes entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Fluery and daughter, who have been spending the past week at their summer home, returned to Portland Sunday evening.

Mr. H. Tuttle, wife and sisters, came out in their auto and spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. Reed and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Reed enjoyed a visit with the latter's mother, brother and friend, Mr. Beale, of Portland, Sunday.

Miss Ethel Smith was in Portland Friday.

Several of the young people enjoyed a social hop at Reed's hall Thursday evening.

Real estate seems to be booming in this vicinity, several places having changed hands recently.

There will be a May day dance at Columbia Grange hall Saturday evening, May 1.

LINDEMANN MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH, Gresham—Pastor, Rev. M. B. Paroungian. Services, Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. every Sunday. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited.

## TOM RICHARDSON IN GRESHAM

League Discusses Alcohol and Oil—Correspondent To Be Secured.

The best meeting so far of the safer, cleaner and lessETASivecedo Gresham Commercial and Development League was held in Regner's hall last Tuesday night. Some interesting speakers were present and added considerable enthusiasm to the meeting. There was a large attendance of members and citizens.

Oregon's big booster, Tom Richardson, was the first speaker and presented so many interesting and inspiring things about Oregon and Portland and Gresham that he made every person present feel proud to be an Oregonian and a citizen of Gresham. He said Oregon was the place for all the good people, for while they were sure of heaven they were "dead sure" of Oregon and Oregon was a rarer Heaven than any other place on earth.

He was followed by L. D. Mahone and M. C. Reed, who held up Gresham's bright future as one of the choicest suburbs of the great and growing city. N. L. Shaffer spoke of the prospects for oil and gas in this field, and what was being done to develop the field.

Messrs. Rodgers and Johnson, of Portland, made a demonstration of an alcohol lamp and made explanations and answered questions pertaining to the practicability of this new illuminant and motor power.

The club has a good committee looking into possibilities along this line.

The market day committee consisting of F. R. Howitt, Dr. A. Thompson and B. W. Emory, reported on plans for market day. The date is May 5 and plans are well in hand. The club desires to make this a big day and of real benefit to the farmer and anyone and everyone who has anything to buy or sell. Details will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Many other matters were presented and referred to proper committees. Among them the securing of a good live correspondent for the daily papers. Also steps were suggested toward securing an express office at Gresham. H. E. Davis showed a fine cauliflower head—this year's crop—also a bunch of alfalfa 27 inches long; showing the wonderful possibilities of this section even in April.

## GRESHAM LOCALS

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Edith M. Dietz and Mr. James T. Preston, of Berkeley, California. Miss Dietz is a graduate of the San Jose Normal School, a successful teacher, and a great favorite in social circles. The wedding will take place early in June, after which a trip of a month is planned through Oregon and Washington, stopping for a visit with Mr. Preston's parents near Gresham. Mr. Preston is from Gresham and has many relatives and friends in this vicinity who welcome his good fortune.

Mrs. Mary Leslie visited her daughter, Mrs. Ida Williams, and says she is improving.

Mr. Frank Wostell left Tuesday for Chicago where he will take a course of embalming at Barnes' Institute.

Mr. M. C. Reed, of Portland, will speak at the Methodist church Sunday night. Mr. Reed is a fine speaker and it will do you good to hear him. The usual services Sunday morning.

Glennwood Miller brought the editor a fine bunch of early radishes this week. Early gardens here are now in a flourishing condition and many have been getting radishes and lettuce for several weeks.

Students in literature under Miss Beard are doing much supplementary reading. The books are supplied by the Gresham Reading Room, such as Kipling, Johnstone, Bleckmore, Scott, etc. Very satisfactory cooperation between the School and Library.

A fine picture was recently taken of Gresham Library to be used at the Seattle Fair. It is the only interior view of a branch library taken by the Portland Public Library for this purpose.

Box of books for teachers just received at Gresham branch library. May be drawn by any teacher in Multnomah county.

The Gresham branch library is supplying books to the teachers of N. J. 8, Melrose, Orient and others.

New books recently received at Gresham Reading Room on modern farm methods, farm machinery, etc.; also has a monthly garden magazine and books on gardening and fruit and floral subjects.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO RURAL CARRIERS

Mail Boxes Must Be Placed in Convenient Location For Service.

In order to expedite the delivery, collection and dispatch of rural mail, enable rural carriers to cover their routes with celerity and give the earliest possible service to patrons residing on the far ends of routes, the department will insist that all rural mail boxes be so located as to be served with the greatest expedition.

You are, therefore, directed to require each rural carrier at your office to submit to you without delay, for transmission to the department, the names of all patrons whose boxes cannot be served without leaving the road, dismounting, driving in deep ditches or on steep inclines, or on or across railway tracks involving danger, or the approaches to whose boxes are constructed. It is not required that boxes shall be erected beside the wheel tracks, nor on any particular corner of the crossroads, but they must be erected within the confines of the road and accessible on any corner.

The above is part of a communication received by the postmaster of Gresham from the department at Washington. Therefore, patrons on the rural routes of Gresham will please take notice and see that their boxes are in good condition in every respect, also located conveniently. If they are near gutters keep the gutters filled up or planked over, and be sure that the plank bridge is not too short. Better still, place the post SLANTING over gutter, then the carrier can serve the box without driving into the gutter. See to it that the posts are solid; that the carrier can serve the boxes without reaching through the wheel spokes or rising from their seats. See that your boxes are solid on their posts. If they are not as required, attend to it at once before they are reported to the department. Also help your carrier by seeing that the roads are in good condition. Fill up holes, mend plank roads by replacing old worn out planks with new ones. This does not mean much to each individual, but means a great deal to the carrier and gives better and earlier service to all patrons. Let it be said of us that we have the best rural routes in Oregon, even in the United States. Watch for "Important Postal Information," which will be in our next.

## SANDY

Sandy will celebrate the Fourth with appropriate exercises, noise and fun, baseball games, bands and everything that goes to amuse young America. More later.

Dr. Davis, of Portland, and a druggist are here looking over the field with a view to locating. Several indicated a willingness to take a week off and be sick just to encourage them. That's spirit for you.

Cougar Bill, of Ames, transacted business in Oregon City Monday.

There was a good attendance at Grange Saturday.

Mr. E. Coleman was a Portland visitor Monday.

Joseph R. Keep, of the Clear Lake Irrigation and Lumber Co., passed through here Sunday enroute to the camps up near Mt. Hood.

B. F. Hart is making regular trips through the country with home-seekers. Many are buying land and preparing to locate in the best country on earth.

V. E. Fosberg has moved into his new shop and is now better prepared than ever to accommodate his growing trade.

C. G. Younger, of the Oleson Lumber Co., transacted business in Sandy Monday.

Rev. Abbott preached to a large audience in I. O. O. F. Hall Sunday afternoon.

H. L. Chalker, of the Johnson Lumber Co., spent Sunday with his family here.

Caspar Junker has been under the weather for a few days, but is able to be about again.

## Beautiful Western Comedy- DRAMA

"THE HONOR OF A COWBOY" In four acts. Scene laid in Montana in 1885. Play lasts two and a half hours.

By Lusted Public School in the Orient Grange Hall, Sat. May 8

F. M. Sharp

Adults 25c. Childr'n, under 15, 10c

Coffee and Cake, 10c extra.

## Hints To Farmers.

Do not overfeed the growing chicks, or they may become stunted.

Don't wait until young poultry begin to droop and die before looking for lice.

Do not leave the cows out in the cold May rains.

If the nest is too flat the eggs are sure to roll out from under the hen; and if too deep the eggs will pile on top of each other and get broken.

The changes in feed should be brought about gradually and with as much care as possible.

In case your calves show signs of having scours, give them a teaspoonful of fine charcoal with the milk for a few days. When the trouble disappears, begin feeding hay and you will not have any more difficulty with the scours.

Did you ever watch a hen just after you had put some nice clean straw in the nest boxes? Hear her talk about it when she climbs in to lay her egg. She knows the difference and is happier than when the straw was dirty and had lice in it.

Put in lots of sweet corn. It is an attraction on the home table and a money-maker in the dairy.

Always give a good feeding of hay before the cows are turned to pasture the first time in the spring.

All fruit trees need pruning immediately after planting. Make the tops correspond with the roots. Peaches need the most trimming after setting; trim these to mere switches about two feet high and without side shoots longer than one inch.

Kerosene is a splendid aid in the cleaning of windows. Into a basin put two tablespoonfuls of kerosene and two of water. Wash with a soft cloth and dry with a newspaper. This process will remove flyspecks from both glass and paint better than water and soap do, and leaves the glass with a better polish.

Set a post in your hog lot and every hog will rub against it. This gives the cue for a cheap and effective louse killer. Wrap the post tightly from the ground up with quarter-inch rope and saturate the rope with kerosene every few days. Kerosene will kill lice, and the hogs will keep on scratching against this post. —From May Farm Journal.

## FAIR DIRECTORS HOLD MEETING

Department Superintendents are Named—Special Premium List.

The directors of the Fair Association met on Monday. The matter under special consideration was the premium list. There were also a number of committees named and the department superintendents were appointed. The special prizes were taken up and the question of substituting them for the cash premiums was given consideration. It was at last decided that such premiums should be substituted at equivalent values and the committee was instructed to make the substitutions.

The superintendents named were: Agriculture, Ray Gill; livestock, Charles Cleveland; dairying, A. Vetch; domestic science, Mrs. J. W. Shattuck; art, Miss Clara Webb; horticulture, E. F. Smith; floral display, Mrs. Chas. Cleveland; Grange programs, Mrs. Jennie Kronenberg; A. F. Miller, John Townsend and H. W. Snashall were appointed a committee to look after the restaurant arrangements. Mr. Coleman, Carl Shattuck and the secretary were appointed to look after the concessions. As next Monday, May 3, is the regular meeting of the board, other matters were deferred, except the allowing of some bills and the appointment of Charles Cleveland to remove the bandstand to its place up town.

## Something New.

Gresham's first cut-to-order carpet department will be opened at R. E. Carlson's store, the latter part of this week. It's a long line, containing everything from a cotton ingrain to a Brussels velvet, at prices below any of these special low prices advertised in town. Come and see the proof of this announcement.

# Market Day, 5th

WE WILL OFFER on that day (Wednesday, May 5th) SHORTS AT \$28 A TON

All other articles in our store on sale practically AT COST on that day.

This is the best inducement we have ever given the people of Eastern Multnomah and Clackamas counties. Be sure to come and take advantage of Gresham's first Market Day.

We will receive in a few days a carload of celebrated PRINCESS FLOUR

which we will be able to put on the market as low or lower than heretofore. Please save your order and take advantage of this cheap price for Cash.

GRANITWARE GIVEN AWAY! We now have a large assortment of the celebrated Onyx Enameled Ware

which we are selling at very low prices for cash. A GIFT WITH EVERY PURCHASE!

FEED! FEED! We now have plenty for everybody—3 carloads—Barley, and high-grade Shorts and Bran. Best country Shorts, Low for cash.

## WE ARE PAYING THE FOLLOWING PRICES

FOR FARM PRODUCE THIS WEEK

|                     |           |               |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Butter, per roll,   | - - - - - | 40 and 50c    |
| Eggs, per dozen,    | - - - - - | 25c           |
| Veal, per lb.,      | - - - - - | 9 and 9½c     |
| Hogs, per lb.,      | - - - - - | 9 1-2 and 10c |
| Beef, per lb.,      | - - - - - | 4 and 4 1-2c  |
| Mutton, per lb.,    | - - - - - | 5 and 5 1-2c  |
| Hides, per lb.,     | - - - - - | 8c            |
| Chickens, per lb.,  | - - - - - | 15 and 16c    |
| Springers, per lb., | - - - - - | 18 to 20c     |
| Wool, per lb.,      | - - - - - | 18c           |

## HOWITT & CO'S. CASH STORE

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Handles Everything needed for the kitchen and table—That's us! We have selected our stock with care, selected only the freshest and best, and sell them right. Honest measure and good goods is our motto, that's why people come to us for groceries when they want the best. Full lines of Flour, Cereals, Sugars, Spices, Flavoring Extracts, Canned Fruits, Canned Meats, Teas, Coffees, Confectionery, Etc., Etc. Try us.

For the garden, field or flower bed, in bulk or package. SEEDS "The kind that grows." Our seeds are grown from the choicest stock and put up by men who know their business. If you want early vegetables and lots of 'em you must have good seeds. Get your seeds of us.

## F. B. STUART & CO.

Main Street, Gresham

## A GOOD CITIZEN

In selecting a bank, will look to the character rather than the volume of the business transacted; to the character of their assets; whether or not the managers are of a speculative nature; whether or not the bank is enjoying a steady and natural growth.

The First State Bank does business with the farmers—the best asset the United States has today.

The Bank has had a steady and continued growth since opening, as is shown by the following statement which is Proof of Satisfactory Service.

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| DEPOSITS                               |             |
| April 28, 1906 (78 days after opening) | \$24,674.64 |
| April 28, 1907                         | 44,936.56   |
| April 28, 1908                         | 75,225.50   |
| April 28, 1909                         | 98,725.51   |

Four Per Cent Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

## FIRST STATE BANK

GRESHAM, ORE.

THE FARMER'S BANK