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## RACE TRACK FOR GRESHAM

Multnomah Driving Association Make Arrangements to Lease Property Here—Means a Series of Important Races

Arrangements are practically completed whereby the Multnomah Driving Association will lease a portion of the Smith property and a small corner of the grounds used by the Grange Fair Association, and construct a half mile track for the use of the driving association at the coming fair and for their future use. The plan provides for an annual meet at the time of the fair, and a division of gate receipts. If the plan is acceptable to all persons concerned, the driving association will begin work on their track next Monday and will hurry it to completion so that but a short time will elapse until they can have the ground for practice purposes. The driving association proposes to put on several amusements, ball games and three or four races each day of the fair. They will construct a suitable grandstand and stock sheds, and in every way look to the comfort of their display and the public that attends their meetings.

### Fair Notes

The time is getting that poultry box ready for the fall show is at hand. With the opportunities for getting together a fine chicken show this fall, every chicken man in the country should be getting in line for a place in the exhibit. The number of people who attend this fall will exceed any previous year. The advertising of all previous years has served to give the fair a publicity that cannot be forgotten and the attendance will each year grow larger and more widely distributed.

Last year brought out several pens by the juvenile class. The premiums this year are even better than last and should be considered by all the young poultry growers in the county. An interest will be stirred up among the Y. M. C. A. poultry club of Portland and an opportunity will be given to show what these young people have been doing during the season.

The season for autumn flowers is at hand. A large number of persons have Tower gardens in this part of the county. It will not be a difficult matter for them to get a good show together. If they will consider the advantage such a show offers, the stimulus to home adornment, and the cultivation of a taste for such things, they will not miss this opportunity to preach a good sermon. Gill Brothers will have about 300 varieties of dahlias on exhibition. That alone will be worth a day's visit to the show.

Don't forget to make your entries this year. No more entering after half of the show is over. Get your stuff together and come early and enter your winners before the opening hour. Be sure that your neighbors enter the competitions for a full show make a better show, and the honors are worth a lot more.

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### Auto-Truck Balks on Hill

The Shaw-Batcher company met with a singular accident this week on the east Sandy hill. The auto-truck in trying to make the ascent of the hill with a load of pipe was unable to complete the undertaking, and neither could the truck hold the position already gained. In attempting to back up the wagon and truck backed into the hill on one side and the grade on the other, completely obstructing the passage. It took quite a bit of engineering to open the way so teams could get through, and still more to remove their truck and wagon.

### Kansas Teaching Other States Some Valuable Lessons

The state of Kansas is teaching the country some valuable lessons in temperance. The open saloon has no more chance of ever again obtaining a foothold in old Kansas than the Indian have of once more coming into possession of the United States. It has been told in the "Issue" that Kansas is changing its county poor farms into prosperity stations because since the state is without saloons about one-half of the counties have no infirmity inmates to care for. Under the enactment of the legislature these poor farms are being turned into experiment stations in aid of agriculture.

Some time ago, Carrie Nation, of hatchet fame, established a home in Kansas City, Kansas, for wives of drunkards and now comes the word that this venture is a failure because there are no wives of drunkards to be cared for. The president of the Associated Charities in Kansas City, Kansas, in speaking of the Carrie Nation home for wives of drunkards says: "It is no use denying it, the home is a failure. We can't find any drunkards' wives to live in it. What is to be done about it? Nothing so far as I can see. If our laws discourage the making of drunkards' wives, there is nothing we can do. We have done our best, but the odds against us were too great."

And so an other failure can be attributed to the closing of the saloon in the state of Kansas. It is the kind of failure, however which should make every citizen of that state feel proud. The home will be given back to Mrs. Nation, who will probably sell it and lay in a fresh supply of hatchets.

### MELROSE

Meetings are being held at the Methodist church by Rev. Bishop. The singing being conducted by Brother and Sister Bryner, of Portland. There will be services Sunday at 2 and 8 p. m. The meetings will continue all next week.

### New York State Grange.

The executive committee of the New York state grange has chosen Troy as the next place of meeting. Rochester made a bid for the session; but, all things considered, it was deemed best to take the meeting into an eastern county next February.

### A Large Fruit Grower.

Lewis L. Morrell of Kinderhook, a prominent member of Lindenwald grange, is one of the largest orchardists in New York state. He has about 3,000 apple trees and twice as many cherry trees, besides plums and pears.

**How to Iron Waists in an Easy Way.**  
If the shoulder part of the waist is placed over the end of the ironing board it is easily ironed and saves many a frown.

## CONDITIONS IN OLD MEXICO

Gresham Men Return From Property Holdings in That Country—How it Compares With the U. S.

As stated elsewhere, Fred Eieldhouse and Emil Kardell returned last Saturday from a month's visit in the northwestern part of old Mexico. These gentlemen left this part of the country the last of July and proceeding by way of boat to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Southern Arizona they went to Cuajalcan, Mexico. The trip down the coast was passed without noteworthy event. At Los Angeles and Pasadena several days were spent looking over the wonders that have been created in the desert regions of Southern California. They visited Mt. Lowe and several of the various wonderful parks, and returned with a number of beautiful photos to show their friends. But they report that all the beauty of that part of California is artificial. Natural beauty is wanting unless you can see it in sagebrush and sand. Los Angeles is a city made to plan, and Pasadena is just the same, perhaps a little more artificial.

Proceeding on their way over the desert regions of Southern California, Arizona and northern Mexico, they came to the city of Cuajalcan, capital of the state in that part of Mexico. This city is of about 15,000 inhabitants and offers a fine opportunity to study Mexican life and customs. While it may not be quite close enough to City of Mexico to get a perfect idea of their natural laws and customs as administered by the chief officers of the nation, it does offer a fine opportunity to observe local conditions.

Society seems to divide into three classes, the Spanish, the mixed races, and the peons, or Indians. Of course, the Spanish are fine looking and cultured people. The mixed classes also include a number of very intelligent people, some of them exceptionally fine in appearance and manner, and comparing very well with their neighbors to the north. The peons are the natives of the country, Indians, or of distinct Indian extraction, and are not very well advanced in intelligence or habits of life. They are lazy and lack all ambition. Of course, this condition is partly due to the conditions that exist now and have existed ever since the conquest.

The land in Mexico is all held in large tracts. Twenty to a hundred thousand acres is no uncommon farm. Some of this land can be bought for \$12 an acre, some for less and some is held higher. But the landholders will not sell in part. They sell as whole or not at all. Hence the opportunities for a man of medium circumstances to secure a farm in Mexico are not very numerous and a poor man has no chance at all. It will be seen at once why the lower classes in that country remain poor and why there are no small farms.

The agricultural products of this section of Mexico are sugar, corn, wheat and semi-tropical fruits. The cultivation is done by the peons who get a mere trifle for their work as compared with wages in the United States. The peons live in huts and straw covered sheds on the outskirts of villages and the farming country is not dotted with little homes as we see it here.

The home life of these people varies as does their means. The peons have little in their homes that would afford them any comfort. Their furniture consists of a few chairs, boxes and benches, and beds of homemade blankets and leaves or straw. Cooking is limited to a bread-making and a few other simple dishes. In the better classes conditions are much improved. Most of the houses are plain looking on the exterior, but if the family be one of means the interiors make up for the outside. Within the building is usually found an open court where the family sits under wide open porches, and within this court will be found beautiful flower gardens and many ornamental features, statuary, fountains, all architectural features that date back to the time when the art of the Mohammedan held full sway in Spain.

The social life of the people of this part of Mexico seems to be as well developed as does our own. The general tendency to the cultivation of polite customs and manners is as noticeable here as

anywhere, even exceeding the customs of our own country. Young boys and girls are not allowed to roam the street alone at night. The girls are more carefully guarded than in this country. Burglary and robbery and murder are not half so frequently heard of, and from appearances public safety has been developed to a degree that might make their plans a profitable study in this country.

### Early Rising

As a rule long-lived persons have been early risers, because they have been good sleepers. By good sleep is meant sleep that is sweet and sound, without dreaming. The body recuperates wholly. Those who love to rise early generally are of this sort. They have strong wills and good health to begin with.

Late risers are often invalids or persons of bad habits, idlers, who are never free from other vices besides idleness. The nervous exhaustion which keeps a man wakeful through the small hours requires sleep late in the morning. This exhaustion is invariably due to one of several life-shortening influences, especially anxiety or indiscretion in diet or drink.

Early rising is thus rather one effect of certain favorable influences than a cause of longevity. To turn a weakly man out of bed every morning will not prolong his life unless he has slept enough. Preventing a weakly person from sleeping more than four or five hours nightly would not cause him to be old, but would tend to shorten his life. Early rising as a practice may be cultivated by all persons in good health. It is excellent as moral discipline, and eminently healthy as a matter of fact. Most persons will eat three meals daily. When a man gets up late these meals will probably follow each other at too short intervals, and be eaten too rapidly to be wholesome. When he is an early riser it will probably be different. He can enjoy a good breakfast and when his other meals are due he will be ready for them, and with a good appetite, which is itself one of the signs of health.—Pacific Farmer.

### Thanks His Neighbors

Mr. John A. Staffenson is another man who has a lot of good neighbors that he feels himself under great obligation to. Mr. Staffenson lives about five miles southeast of Gresham. On Wednesday of last week, when the fire was warming things up at Anderson Station, in response to the call for help, he went down to give assistance and while there fire broke out eastward from his home. Unknown to him his neighbors came in and saved both the house and barn, and everything else, for that matter. He did not get a chance to thank them for all the assistance rendered, as he did not know of his dangers till he returned home, and he came to the Herald to have his appreciation published.

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### Ladies Aid Market

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold a sale of home cooked food at Wostell's grocery on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. 35

### Multnomah Grange Dance

Multnomah Grange No. 71, at Orient, will give a dance Saturday evening, September 10. Richards' orchestra will furnish music, lunch will be served. Undesirables not allowed to remain. All others are welcome. 38

### Change in Register Business

Whenever the sender requests it a receipt shall be taken on the delivery of any registered mail matter, showing to whom and when the same was delivered, which receipt shall be returned to the sender and be received in courts as prima facie evidence of such delivery. Letters or parcels which do not bear the endorsement receipt desired, or words of a similar import, will not receive return card.

## FIRE DAMAGE IS SLIGHT

Many However are Inconvenienced and Several Suffered Severe Burns—Mrs. Straus's Narrow Escape From Death

Aside from the losses suffered during the fires of last week it is not to be overlooked that a considerable number of people suffered personally. A large number were seriously inconvenienced by having to move out of their homes and seek places of safety for themselves and their household effects. In a considerable number of cases the houses were burned, though the number was not nearly so large as at first represented. The district southeast of Gresham, near Hogan and Anderson, was the scene of several heroic rescuing of home and household property, and one or two people were dangerously near being burned to death.

The able assistance of the National Guards will be long appreciated by all the people of the locality. Their assistance was more highly appreciated than even the people represented to the men who did the work. In some instances the men were on the fighting line all day and night. But they stuck to duty in a way that won for them no small amount of praise. The farmers soon learned that a soldier boy was a safer watchman than the hired man. He stayed where he was ordered. The country farther out is now safely past all danger. The recent shower served to prevent spreading while the already burning areas are cleaned up and own the spreading is practically at an end unless some new fire is set.

One of the worst sufferers from the various fires that occurred is Mrs. John Straus. Mrs. Straus was burning brush

on their home place when her clothing caught fire. Although the fire was soon put out she was so seriously burned that she is still in a very dangerous condition. She suffers intense pain and is a long ways from recovery.

### CORBET

Fred C. Reed was at Astoria the last of the week.

Mr. Lefineaux's house was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning.

Mrs. M. E. Reed and daughters visited her daughter, Mrs. A. Fox, in Portland the last week.

J. Leader had the misfortune to lose about 250 cords of wood by the forest fire which swept through this vicinity Thursday.

Miss Ethel Smith came down from Warrendale to spend Saturday and Sunday at home.

Emmons Bros. enjoyed a visit from their brother and wife from Bridal Veil Sunday.

A number of people visited the circus in Portland the last of the week and reported it very good.

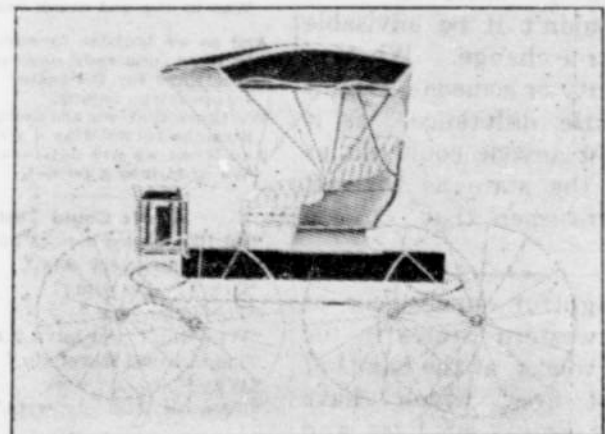
Mr. McGowan of Columbian Beach was here on business Monday.

**How to Wash Colored Embroidery.**  
One method of washing colored embroidery is to put a handful of bran into warm water and leave the article to be cleaned in the water to soak, pressing it gently from time to time, but not rubbing it. When it is clean hang it until it is nearly dry and then stretch it on a frame and iron it.

**How to Clean Sweet Grass Baskets.**  
When the fragrant sweet grass baskets that are bought in such quantities by summer tourists become soiled and lose their sweet scent, try cleaning them off with a cloth wrung out of lukewarm water. Do not use soap on them. The dampness not only cleans the reeds, but restores their fresh odor.

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