



John Brown of Rockwood

**PLEASANT VALLEY**

Pleasant Valley is one of the most beautiful little valleys in the state and is situated ten miles east and south of Multnomah county court house, five miles from the city limits of Portland and is four miles distant from the hustling little city of Gresham. The valley proper has an area of about 2000 acres and is almost completely surrounded by picturesque hills, whose altitude rises from 100 to 1000 feet. These hills afford protection from the heavy winds.

The soil of the low lands is a rich black loam, especially adapted to the growth of grasses, grains, berries and vegetables. The soil of the uplands and hills is a deep shot loam overlaid with a clay subsoil, and is adapted for horticultural purposes. The English walnut and the filbert can also be grown here.

While the development during the past two years has been wonderful, much land being cleared, still there are several hundred acres of forest and stump land awaiting the coming of the enthusiastic home builder.

Quite a number of our farmers are turning their attention to fruit raising to which our soil and climate are well adapted. Among those who have already attained gratifying results are Will Richey and J. Z. Olson. Each of them have carried off a number of prizes on their exhibits at the Gresham fair during the past three years. Others who have set out commercial orchards during the past two years are T. R. Berry, A. M. Poppleton, Olson Bros., A. W. Robertson, Jas. Kelly, A. F. Lehman and Lawrence Stevens.

The past summer has been one of unusual interest for the valley. Several handsome residences have been completed and a number of others are nearing completion. The Baptists are adding a new vestibule and belfry and making other improvements to the church. Indications are that there will be more building going on here the coming year than done in the past year.

It is noted with satisfaction that a number of large tracts of land are being sub-divided. The result of this step will be a much more rapid development of the country.

The county has just completed the macadamizing the Foster road through to the county line and the people now have a splendid road all the way to Portland. There is also a good gravel road leading to Gresham. There is also another one by way of Jenne to Powell Valley.

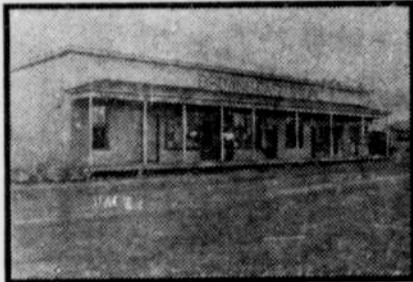
The O. W. P. interurban car line runs across the west side of the valley. We have two stations, Sycamore and Jenne. It is rumored that another line will be built from Sycamore south to the Clackamas river and loop back to Milwaukie or Sellwood, also another one to start from Cedarville and run up through the north side of the valley.

We have two good schools, Pleasant Valley and Rock Creek. Each have two rooms and are well patronized. The grange has a commodious and well equipped hall and a membership of about 60. We also have a well attended church.

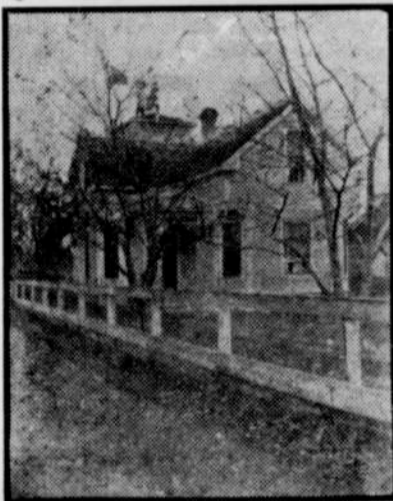
The town needs a good butcher shop and a blacksmith shop. Lastly we need a lot more upright, enterprising people to aid us in developing the resources of this beautiful little valley.

**Jarl's Kelso Store Growing**

Among the pioneers of the Sandy River country the name of the Jarl Brothers, who have been foremost in all local matters, stands prominent. They were saw mill owners, farmers, post masters, and merchants. R. E. Jarl is the present manager and owner of the mercantile business. His store is located at Kelso, on the main thoroughfare between Portland, Gresham, Sandy, and Mt. Hood, and at the intersection of other roads, giving him a very fine site. The expansion of his business tells its own story—business integrity.



Store of John Brown



Residence of John Brown

**Boland & Hoffman.**

This firm has one of their two stores in Rockwood. They own another store at Tigartville, Mr. Boland being the resident partner. In two years they have come to the front, having gained the confidence of the people by promptness in delivery and square dealing.

**J. E. Kettering.**

The pioneer store of Rockwood was established more than 30 years ago by C. C. Lewis. His successor was A. H. Bell, who sold out a few years ago to J. E. Kettering. The latter is still conducting the business on the original corner, in a more commodious building and is enjoying his share of trade, realized by conservative methods and equal consideration of all his customers.

**Samuel J. Bliss, Proprietor.**

The old established blacksmith shop of Rockwood, which he has conducted for nearly 20 years, known all over the county as one thoroughly learned in his trade and vastly accommodating to all. With a thoroughly equipped plant, he is prepared for all work in his line, and solicits a continuance of the liberal patronage accorded him in the past.

The new blacksmith shop fronting John Brown's store, was erected last year by Walkr Quisenbury, who began his career in Rockwood about five years ago. By good work, fair treatment of his patrons and a vast amount of energy, he has built up a flourishing business that will continue to expand with the growth of the community.

**Powell Valley School**

Powell Valley has the reputation of having the most beautiful, best equipped building, and the most mannerly and enthusiastic children of any school outside of Portland.

The number on roll at present is 66; average attendance last month was 92 per cent; number neither absent nor late, 34.

Powell Valley sent out her entire eighth grade class last year, all of which are in high school at the present, but two. The highest average of the class was 95.4 per cent, being made by Mamie Pitts. Those of the class this year are Tekla Shuholm, Walter Erickson, Bertha Pitts, and Ellen Nordling. Though not so many in number, they are doing splendid work and expect to break the average record of the class last year.

You ask, "What is the secret of success in this school?" Told in a few words: Teachers, directors and pupils work together—try it.

Fellow-teachers and parents, come and see what we are doing, thereby help us inspire the children and know for yourself.

The Principal is Mrs. Ethel Lansdown, and her assistant is Miss Ethel Calkins.

**Obituary**

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst by death, our esteemed friend and co-worker, O. H. Jenkins, who has maintained at all times a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Jenkins we have sustained the loss of a friend whose fellowship it was an honor and pleasure to enjoy, that we bear willing testimony to his many virtues; that we offer to his bereaved family our heartfelt condolence, and pray that Infinite Goodness may bring speedy relief to their burdened hearts and inspire them with the consolations that Hope in futurity and Faith in God give even in the Shadow of the Tomb.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, be presented to the family of the deceased friend.

- Wm. Ellison, Mayor.
- C. E. Crell
- A. O. Anderson
- Wm. Butler
- G. O. Dolph
- E. A. Whitney.

Councilmen for Town of Fairview.



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