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SMALL FARMS BEST

Large Land Owners Should Divide Their Holdings.

Oregon Needs Thousands of Small Farmers Owning From Five to Fifty Acres.

Oregon needs tens of thousands of small farmers owning from five to fifty acres each, according to soil and location. Near a large town the lesser tract, if of good soil, may be made to produce a living for a family. On two or three or four times as much good ground near a city—and it need not be so very near, either—if intensively cultivated, a thrifty family, once the land is fully utilized, can lay up a surplus yearly.

The small farmer can so systematize his labor that it will not be very heavy, if continuous. If some of it is drudgery, much of it is recreative. There is not the care that attaches to a large farm or ranch, nor the risk. One can have the satisfaction of doing everything well, and of producing most of his food necessities and of being independent of much help.

To a man with hundreds of acres of land, a little farm of 40, 20 or 10 acres seems contracted, petty, but if there is more comfort and perhaps as much profit in it, why should it be despised? It does not take many acres to keep a few hogs and a lot of chickens, and raise all the fruit and vegetables a family needs, and some to sell, and who is more independent and secure than the family thus situated? With such opportunities as are offered around Portland—anywhere within 12 or 15 miles—and around other towns of Oregon, it is a wonder that there are not many more small farmers. Tens of thousands of people need just such homes as these, and Oregon needs just the kind of people who can procure and will be content with such homes; hence all possible encouragement should be given to bring about the desired connection between the people and the land.

Men owning large farms cannot be compelled to divide them up and sell them in small tracts, of course, but reasons can be given them why it would be profitable for them to do so, as well as beneficial to the state and their respective neighborhoods. Some large landholders are doing this. May their number increase.

Oregon wants a million more people in the near future, and wants a large proportion of them in the country, not in the towns; and to get these people most of them must settle on small farms that now comprise parts of larger farms, and that can be bought at reasonable prices. If a man with 200 acres of good soil for all-around purposes will sell off 100 of it to eight purchasers who will improve and utilize their tracts thoroughly, his remaining 40 acres may be worth as much in 10 years as the whole tract would have been if none had been sold.

Hence the advice is to the large landowner, on one hand, sell off in small tracts; and to homeseekers, on the other hand, buy small farms.—Portland Journal.

Two New Banking Laws.

In the effort to secure publicity of bank accounts of deceased persons, or persons who have disappeared, the recent legislative session passed two bills governing the subject, and both have become laws.

The Haines banking law requires the bank examiner to report to the Board of Bank Commissioners the

name of every person not known to be alive who appears by the record of the bank to have a deposit to which he has not added, or on which he has not drawn for a period of seven years.

The Beach law requires every bank, in July of each year, to report to the Secretary of State the amount standing to the credit of every depositor not known to be living, or who shall not have made a deposit, or who shall not have withdrawn any part of his deposit for seven years. The act now applies to deposits made by persons who become insane, or who are under other legal disabilities. Addresses of depositors must be given, and the Secretary of State is required to publish the list of deposits thus reported. It is generally believed that the reports due July, 1907, will disclose a large number of deposits that have been unknown to relatives or persons now deceased.

CIRCUIT COURT CONTINUAL.

Through the Courtesy of Judge L. T. Harris—Attorneys Pleased.

Lane county attorneys have especial court privileges now and Lane county taxpayers are not drawn upon to pay any extra expense for the privilege and it is all through the consideration and courtesy of Judge L. T. Harris.

He would not be obliged, under ordinary circumstances, to hold circuit court outside of the regularly appointed times for holding said court four times a year, but as it costs the county nothing extra, he is ready and willing to hear any equity case as soon as the issues are properly joined and the attorneys are ready for trial.

Court has been practically in session all the time since the regular term opened on the 4th of March and many equity cases are being tried. This is at no expense to the county, whatsoever, and many matters that have lain dormant on the docket or been continued from term to term are being disposed of.

More than this there has been a great increase in litigation in the last year or two and if it continues Lane county should have an exclusive judge for this county. In the not distant future in the nature of things this must come.

Attorneys are especially happy in the way court is being held and the law business is beginning to take on new life, which is as it should be.—Register.

SALOON MEN NOT ADMITTED

Widow Will Not Permit Them to Attend Husband's Funeral.

Aberdeen, Wash., March 25.—(Special).—The funeral of Alexander Nichols, the Montezano man who committed suicide, was attended with sensational incidents Sunday. The wife of the dead man refused saloonkeepers, members of the Order of Eagles, to which her husband belonged, admittance to her home. Nichols died as a result of a spree, for which the widow held the saloonkeepers responsible.

Repealed the Ordinance.

The old ordinance that was dug up by one of Salem's mossback aldermen, requiring that the Southern Pacific should limit the speed of its trains to six miles an hour, passing through the capital city, has been repealed. The railroad company concluded that one train a day was sufficient for that sleepy burg and this conclusion had the effect to awaken its citizens long enough to make a howl and get the obnoxious ordinance repealed.

All kinds of fresh taffies at Holmden's.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Of Cottage Grove the Gateway to Bohemia.

A Short History of the City From Its Foundation to the Present Time—Its Future.

Some towns have become great because of the push and determination of its citizens, others because of the greatness of its natural resources. Cottage Grove owes its present importance more to the latter cause than the former. But from present indications both will be important factors in the immediate future. With its splendid location at the very head of the famous Willamette valley, and the fact that it is the gateway to the mines and timber industries of this splendid county will force it to be a goodly city. Her people have come to realize their opportunity and are awakening to the need of co-operation with nature in making this a splendid commercial and social center. Climb to the top of the waterworks hill, and look to the east, west, north and south and you will see spread out before you a landscape that will easily convince any one of the great wealth that is bound to come, from the vast mountain stretch, covered with a wealth of splendid forests which runs as high as 15,000,000 feet of beautiful timber to a quarter section. Nor is that all. Beneath their ribs is hidden an abundant store of the precious metals, only awaiting the coming of capital to take out the hidden treasure and give it, through the usual channel, to the thousands whom the God who created it, intended to bless in the possession of it. Nor is this all that will hold the admiring gaze of the beholder. A thousand fields, beautiful in their fresh, green verdure, dotted with fattening herds of sheep and cattle. The many rivers and creeks, natural means of conveying the billions of feet of splendid timber growing along their sloping banks, to the mills and factories at the border of our town. All this makes a picture never to be forgotten. Strange it is that we become so accustomed to these scenes, by years of association that we cease to admire or appreciate them. It will not be many years until the click and rattle of the stamp mills and the smoke of the smelter will be as common to us as the towering mountains or the evergreen of the forest and field. The hum of the sawmill and factory turning out everything for the convenience of man made from the forest, the puffing of the engines pulling long trains laden with the manufactured articles for the marts of the world.

The earliest settlement of this part of Oregon, back in 1857, and the founding of Cottage Grove at this place was in 1865, when Nathaniel Martin got a post-office located here, he being the first postmaster. O. P. Adams, Jas. Shortridge, Mr. Turpin and a few others were living here then. Sam Friendly and Ben Underwood were the first merchants to engage in business here, this being in 1865. Hazleton and Cathey were the first to recognize the advantages offered by the stately forests here and begun the operation of a saw mill in 1860. The town was incorporated in 1883 and W. S. Chrisman was the first mayor. The town grew slowly but surely until it numbers now about 2000 souls. The future is surely bright as the vast resources in timber and mine is now attracting capital for their developing. The location is on the S. P. R. R., 144 miles south of Portland. It is also the

terminal of the Oregon Southern, and a road built expressly to handle the lumber and minerals of the south part of this county. The elevation is 669 feet above the level of the sea. The town site is an ideal one, located as it is on both banks of the Coast Fork and Willamette rivers which gives it splendid natural drainage which is an advantage to a valley town. One of the reasons for the healthfulness of this town is the abundant supply of pure spring water with which we are supplied. The gravity water system in vogue here gives an abundant household supply and adequate fire protection. Coupled with this is a first-class electric light plant, owned and run by the Willamette Valley Co., which is now buying ties for the construction of an electric road to Portland. We have every reason to believe that this road will be built and in operation by the beginning of the next year, and possibly by the close of this present year.

Cottage Grove is now quite a milling town but with our wonderful timber supply we shall soon see a large increase in this line. At the present time there are over twenty mills making this their headquarters and trading point. The mighty giants of the forests are here, the markets with the highest prices ever paid in this county is ours and the capital will soon turn this way, all of which will add to the growth and prosperity of the community.

Business of all kinds found in a town of this size is here, and all report an increase in business of from ten to forty per cent during the past year. Our churches are all well attended and prosperous; our lodges and fraternities also are in a flourishing condition. All in all this is a desirable and prosperous community in which to live.—Nugget Special.

TO IMPROVE FAIR GROUNDS

State Board of Agriculture Plan to Apply Legislative Appropriation.

Salem, Or., March 27.—The state board of agriculture met at the state house yesterday and elected W. H. Downing of Shaw, president of the board and W. H. Matlock of Pendleton vice president to fill the place of the late Jasper Wilkins of Coburg.

It was decided by the board to make the improvements at the fair grounds immediately. The plan is to build the new buildings in an oval, each part of the livestock departments opening into the judge's arena, which is also an innovation. In the erecting of the buildings a permanency will be sought and it is hoped the \$20,000 appropriated will amply cover the contemplated work. Of the new buildings there will be erected five barns for cattle, to accommodate 100 head each, four barns, for horses, two barns for sheep, one each for hogs and goats and a judging arena, making fourteen new buildings in all.

The board contemplates the establishing of a park system and the planting of shrubbery and flowers. This will necessitate the tearing down of the booths just north of the main pavilion. The main driving entrance will be changed to a point west of its present location. It is expected that most of the work will be done with the aid of convict labor and will occupy most of the summer.

No Negroes for U. S. Army.

Houston, March 27.—The announcement was made today at the local recruiting station that orders had been received from the war department at Washington instructing that no more negroes be accepted for service in the army; also that the negro troops in the United States will be dispatched forthwith to the Philippines.

KEYNOTE OF SUCCESS

Advertising Recognized as an Essential Point

By Successful Business Men in all Lines of Business—Printer's Ink in Demand.

That advertising is getting to be the keynote of business success more and more is being demonstrated daily in every town in the land. Business firms in our town who are among the most successful are those who advertise. Lines of business which used to consider it unprofessional to advertise are now among the most energetic in this respect. Principally among these might be named the banks. Time was when the banks considered it as much out of place to boost for their own business as do the ethical doctors of today, but during the past decade this has been entirely changed and it is now getting to where institutions which refuse to advertise are looked upon with a degree of suspicion as though they were afraid to take the public into their confidence. One of the biggest ads that ever appeared in a newspaper, was lately published in the Schenectady Gazette, for the Savings Bank at that place. It occupied ten pages, giving a list of securities held, and the amount carried by every one of its 22,000 depositors. In fact the advertisement was a complete financial statement of the institution in every detail, and was a complete checking system in itself.—Journal.

A Cure for Bashfulness.

A successful way to overcome bashfulness is to take an interest in those around you, and forget yourself. You will always find someone who is more bashful than you are, and you should go to such a person and endeavor to make things enjoyable; by so doing, you will forget your own self. Don't imagine that you are to any great extent the center of observation, for few people are bothering themselves about others who do not interest them. Every one in society is looking for amusement, entertainment or instruction, and unless you furnish one of these, you are not apt to attract attention. Many of them are as much afraid of you as you are of them. In trying to help others, you will help yourself. One day, during the World's fair at St. Louis, two ladies found themselves seated at a table in a tea room. Both looked tired and bored. When the waiter came around for orders, one of the ladies, looking across at the other, said, "I beg your pardon, but will you choose for me?" At which both of them laughed, and the one spoken to, as soon as the waiter left them, said, "Do you know, I was nearly

dead for some one to speak to. I have not had a chance to open my mouth today." "And I, the same," said the first speaker, "that is the first time I have spoken a word today." From that chance meeting arose a friendship that has grown stronger with the passing years, and many a pleasant courtesy is exchanged between the one who lives in South Carolina and her neighbor, who came from Nebraska.

Commercial Club Meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial Club Monday evening, F. J. Hard, of the committee on advertising, recommended stretching an attractive banner across the street near the depot, and the committee were authorized to have it done.

The committee on Insurance presented the following resolutions which were adopted and ordered forwarded to the proper officials in Portland.

Whereas, In the opinion of this body the present rate of fire insurance as established by the Board of Underwriters of Portland, for the city of Cottage Grove, are exorbitant and unjust, and

Whereas, The said Board promised to rerate the town upon the completion of our new water system, which has been completed over a year, and

Whereas, The present water system is complete in every detail for a town double the size of Cottage Grove; having three large reservoirs located as follows, one just outside of the city limits east of town, having an elevation of 150 feet with a capacity of 150,000 gallons and 65 pounds pressure. One two miles west of town, having 175 feet elevation with a capacity of 250,000 gallons and 65 pounds pressure. One just outside of the city limits northwest of town, having an elevation of 212 feet, with a capacity of 205,000 gallons and 97½ pounds pressure, the latter being equipped with gates inside the city limits which are constantly kept closed the water to be used for fire purposes only. The water supply for the business section of the town is conveyed through 2½ miles of 10-inch main, supplying 23 2½-inch hydrants and 2 2-inch hydrants, there being one 2½-inch hydrant on each and every corner of the business section of the city, and

Whereas, the city is equipped with two well organized hose companies, each of which is supplied with a modern hose cart, each carrying 900 feet of 2½-inch hose and other supplies. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Commercial Club of Cottage Grove, Oregon, in regular session assembled this 25th day of March, do hereby urge and petition the Board of Underwriters of the State of Oregon, to take the necessary steps at their earliest convenience, leading to the re-rating of the City of Cottage Grove, with a view of favoring the same with a more reasonable rate.

Signed,

F. B. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

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