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Gardening is no longer the hobby of a few who "like to burrow in the back yard." The garden is the playground of many men and women to whom the boon of fresh air, sunshine and healthy exercise would be denied otherwise in anything like the necessary proportions. Wholesome contact with nature, while right at home, is a common custom nowadays and an important factor in health and well-being.

Statistical information gathered by the U. S. department of agriculture indicates that from 1915 to 1925 the number of cooperative associations in the United States practically doubled, that the membership increased more than 800 per cent, and the business about 275 per cent.

The Supreme Court has decided that a train has the right of way over its own tracks. But a lot of automobile drivers are still unconvinced.

How much better a task moves along when there is an executive head and that head with an objective point to gain.

Early History of Halsey Reviewed

By William H. Wheeler

Never before was life on the farms and in the small towns of America as attractive as it is today, and the United States is ahead of any other country in this respect. But a few decades ago the country was dotted with rural hamlets, each with a church or two, a school house, a general merchandise store, meat shop, blacksmith shop, post office and a physician.

In Oregon there were dirt roads, sometimes passable by team, and sometimes nearly navigable by mud scows. A weekly mail stage brought the news of the world, or some of it. A weekly newspaper from some larger town had more or less circulation.

From such towns and the surrounding farms have come most of the characters noted in our history. To such surroundings looks back the man who holds the highest position in the world today,—the president of the United States.

But the above falls far short of describing a typical American rural hamlet of today. To the equipment of such hamlets and their

tributary farms has been added more automobiles than there are families. Radios in more than half the homes, several garages in each village to care for the autos, paved or otherwise hard surfaced streets, mails and free rural mail delivery, telephones in nearly every home, telegraph and railroad service at hand, more advanced institutions of learning, electric light and power wires, and hundreds of other new conveniences.

Typical Pioneer Town

One of these towns, typical of many, is Halsey, in Linn county, Oregon.

More than three-quarters of a century ago, Seth Hayes and his two sons, Seth W. and Ebenezer, came from Iowa and took up homesteads in the great Willamette valley.

Mail at that time came infrequently and slowly. Communication with California was by way of ocean steamer, but railroad pioneers were pushing the California and Oregon road north from San Francisco and the Oregon and California south from Portland toward a junction at the state line, and in 1871 the latter was opened to traffic from Portland to Harrisburg.

The farms of the two Hayes brothers adjoined each other and were about nine miles north of Harrisburg. Ebenezer's patent had been issued at Washington September 2, 1865, but Seth's was delayed until June 20, 1875. However, they joined in laying out the town of Halsey as soon as the railroad came. May 6, 1871, both men deeded their property to Lawrence W. Higgins of Portland, who on the 8th signed a power of attorney to J. L. Halsey, under which the latter, on the 10th, filed the plat of the town of Halsey with the Linn county recorder. Thus was born the town of Halsey, though it was not until the 1876 session of the legislature that the city charter was granted.

According to an act passed on October 20, 1870, Jacob W. Thompson, S. W. Hayes and S. A. Smith were appointed inspectors of the first election and directed within 10 days after passage of the act to give five days notice of the election to vote on adoption or rejection of the charter, and, if adopted, elect a president of the council, four councilmen, a recorder, a marshal and a treasurer.

As first platted, the railroad right-of-way along the section line, was the eastern boundary, though small additions were afterwards made on the east and west. At this point by the way, the railroad track for 23 miles is straight as a rifle barrel.

Always a Prohibition Town

No license to sell intoxicants in Halsey was ever issued. Deeds to town lots contained a clause providing that there should never be such sales on them.

In the eastern addition K. Neil bought from Seth W. Hayes a lot ostensibly for a butcher shop, but built for bootleg purposes. His customer placed their money on a

shelf in a partition wall. It disappeared and in its place came the drink called for. The customers did not see the seller.

The W. C. T. U. learned of this and remonstrated with Hayes, who in turn passed the complaint along to Neil. The latter filled up on his own wares, went to where Hayes was at work and plunged a knife into his back. Hayes died and the murderer was hanged.

Another attempt was made by a man named Hockensmith, who opened a drug store and sold booze. He left town after the W. C. T. U. wrecked his place of business.

One resident representative of each, the legal and medical professions, suffices for Halsey. The people are not a very litigious lot. Besides the homicide of long ago, heretofore referred to, there was another some six years ago.

(To be continued next week)

Comments by Our Readers

All articles for publication must be signed by writer. This is imperative.

There are scores of people slipping out into eternity every day. And what's out there? Or where will you spend eternity? That is a question that ought to confront every man, woman, or young person that has reached the age of accountability.

When I hear of a man who is near death's door, or one who has passed out of this life into eternity where we shall meet our past lives all written down in God's book of remembrance, and shall give account of ourselves before God, of the deeds done in the body good or evil; and shall receive our reward accordingly. The wicked shall be turned into Hell and all nations that forget God, Ps. 9:17; "For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die." And OH! that men knew the gift of God.

If you are afraid of eternity brother, you had better get down on your prayer knees and call on God for mercy; you had better go to the church, and get the Christian people to pray with you, and get your brakes re-lined, and slow down a little and quit the sin business.

Dana C. Rossman

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