

GRESHAM A TRADING POINT

Many Natural Advantages Favoring Increased Population and Trade.

Some people are born rich; others are born good looking. Some possess more than the average share of what we call natural ability and when thrown into favorable surroundings develop into men and women, who stand out and become conspicuous for their chosen profession or occupation. So it is, or has been, with many of our great cities. Location in some naturally favorable position on a waterway with water power, or in a mining region or in the vicinity of valuable timber or surrounded by a rich agricultural district has given an impetus to their growth which has put the hopes of their friends far in the shade.

We judge what the future will be largely by looking into the past. "History repeats itself." Natural advantages count for much. Railroads count for much, a fertile soil counts for much, but last and not least, the enterprise and energy and determination of the people and business men of a community for much also. Some men grow stronger with every obstacle they meet and let nothing stop them in any undertaking which they have launched.

The little city of Gresham and its surrounding territory have many of these natural advantages. First, as regards to location. It is situated near the center of a rich country. It is far enough from all natural barriers to insure a good trade from every point of the compass. It is surrounded by an agricultural region the soil of which will grow almost anything. Irrigation is unnecessary and the soil is easily worked. There is no better soil to be found in the west for growing fruit.

Gresham is near enough to the great city of Portland to reap many advantages, and yet, far enough so that its business houses need suffer little from competition. It has railroad facilities in four different directions all ready. It has the very best of county wagon roads running out in all directions and inviting the farmer with his load of produce or the autoist on business or pleasure bent to head toward Gresham. We might say like the ancients, all roads lead to (Rome) Gresham. Our business men have the welfare of this locality at heart and with that and foresight have tried to premeditate their patrons' needs and carry such stocks of goods as would meet their needs and furnish an assortment from which to select. They are keeping the prices of these goods down to such a point that it will scarcely pay the consumer to haul or ship them from Portland himself. They have conducted their business along economical and careful lines in the past in order to meet the keen competition which a great city may put up. Perhaps they have been too careful but now with new facilities for trade with an ever increasing patronage they are putting up new and expensive buildings, they are enlarging their pres-

ent rooms, putting in new fixtures and seeking to give their patrons the benefit of years of experience.

They realize that they can prosper and enlarge only as the people in this locality prosper and increase in numbers and so their aim has been to give the best of service.

In spite of all the stories circulated about the high cost of living in the west the writer knows that a family can live in Gresham cheaper than in most eastern towns and cities. The possibilities of this section can hardly be overestimated and our people are beginning to realize that the demands in the future are going to tax their utmost ingenuity. Our leading merchants are planning to increase their stock of goods extensively. Some of them are now carrying stocks that would eclipse any stock in Portland, except that of the big department stores.

Some are planning a change in their force of helpers which will enable them to specialize more and the better to care for their ever increasing business. Some are planning to extend their business to the more out lying districts. It is safe to say that before the summer has passed away the growth of business for this locality will be astounding.

No one needs to go outside of Gresham to buy anything and ought not need to go outside to sell their products. The time is now ripe for the establishment of commission houses and storage and shipping facilities at Gresham. The small producers are rapidly increasing, and will soon find a way to market their surplus fruit and vegetables without making the trip to Portland. Hundreds of dollars have been lost in the past by small growers because of this lack of shipping facilities and the establishment of such conveniences will no doubt stimulate the efforts of small growers of fruit and berries to increase their acreage and their cash income correspondingly. Every dollar of this will be spent at home.

A glance at our business directory is sufficient to show any one that he can find what he wants in Gresham whether it be a harness or a horse shoe nail, an up-to-date range or a tin cup, a spool of thread or a suit of clothes, a wheelbarrow or a motor car, a hoe or a harvester, a post card picture of himself or a fine large family group, a bunch of lath or plate glass window, a hat pin or diamond brooch. Get the habit of stopping in Gresham.

Death of Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. J. W. Parker died at the Good Samaritan hospital last night. The cause of death is given as blood poisoning, following a severe attack of grip. She was sick only a short time and was taken to the hospital on Tuesday. The body was brought this morning to Gresham where arrangements are being made for the funeral. She leaves a husband and a boy about four years old. The funeral will be held tomorrow, Saturday, at the Baptist church, Gresham.

STOLEN—A Racye bicycle with motor cycle seat. Bell does not ring. Taken from Rockwood last Saturday night. Five dollars reward for its recovery. Martin Mulholland, Rockwood. 17

CLUB MEETS IN NEW HOME

Workmen are Preparing Metzger Hall for Club Headquarters.

Wednesday night, April 26, occurred the first meeting of the Commercial club in their new home, "the Metzger hall." A large number of the members were present and many things of importance came up. The committee on library location reported favorably on the location offered by John Metzger and terms were asked Mrs. McColl and Lusted on a portion of their holdings adjoining, it being the desire of the club to secure at least 100x100 to offer for the library site. The committee reported that it was understood the Mt. Hood railway expected soon to plat their property near Gedamke tract for factory sites and to use every effort to obtain a pay roll for Gresham.

The interest shown at this meeting shows that the club is alive to its opportunities and intend improving them.

The following is the roll of members to date, all having joined and paid their membership fee of \$3 and first three months' dues amounting to \$3:

C. E. Cleveland, W. H. Congdon, W. H. Bachmeyer, S. E. Toepelman, Ed. Aylsworth, E. G. Kardell, Max Schneider, H. Osman, E. Schwedler, E. E. Marshall, Frank Wostell, J. A. Patenaude, Jas. Sterling, W. A. Johnson, Lewis Shattuck, Paul Hoetzel, L. L. Kidder, C. S. Smith, E. L. Thorp, H. M. Miller, S. S. Thompson, H. L. St. Clair, M. D. Kern, W. C. Belt John Conley, Jas. Elkington, A. R. Lyman, J. H. Metzger, G. R. Robinson, E. Oswald, Gust Larson, W. K. Hamilton, C. W. Albertson, H. J. Pulfer, W. J. Ott, D. M. Roberts, R. R. Carlson, A. Meyers, C. J. Lundquist, Theo. Brugger, H. A. Darnall, T. R. Howitt, C. E. Pugh.

New applications are being presented at every meeting. It was decided Wednesday night to have some application blanks made and used in getting new members. The membership committee wished it stated that this was not an exclusive affair. Anyone of good moral character, paying the membership fee and three months' dues, would be welcomed to the privileges of the club.

Messrs. Sunday and Hill are overhauling the rooms, building a main stage at the west end of the hall and otherwise fitting up the rooms for club use. Eventually the club hopes to occupy the entire floor.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will give a dollar social in the lecture room of the church, Wednesday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p. m. Reports will be given by the ladies bringing a dollar, as to the way in which they earned it, and lunch will be served them free.

School Notes.

Two more seniors read their reports before the assembly this week. Margurite Shantine gave the life of Jack London and a review of his "Call of the Wild" and Marian Robertson gave the life of Henry Van Dyke and reviewed his "Fourth Wise Man."

The school was visited the past week by a few of the former students here who are now attending college among them Geo. Schantlin, Mark Emery and Hope Meyers.

The Gresham high school base ball team will meet the Oregon City high school team at this place Saturday afternoon, April 29. The line-up for the home team is as follows: M. Sunday, c; W. Thompson, p; B. Hoss, 1 b; R. Quesinbury, 2b; E. Stanley, s; H. Ryan, 3 b; H. Kern, c f; K. Roberts, r f; E. Thompson, l f.

Many juniors and seniors will go to see the drama, Julius Caesar, next Tuesday evening.

Hannah Lane and Azalea eBll were compelled to quite school on account of ill health.

Gladys Neal has been absent all this week on account of illness.

Kirk Thompson returned to school Thursday after a long absence.

Glenwood Miller was absent from school Thursday.

Irene Miller is absent on account of illness.

A happy crowd of school children went to the Butte Tuesday noon to eat their lunch. Mrs. Wallace and Miss Helmick accompanied them.

The three hundredth anniversary of the King James version of the Bible was celebrated on April 25th at Carnegie Hall, New York City. The Right Rev. David H. Greer, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New York, which was held under the auspices of the American Bible society. A letter from the king read by the British ambassador in part says of this version, "Its circulation in our homes has done more perhaps than anything else on earth to promote, among old and young, moral and religious welfare on either side of the Atlantic."

Bishop Greer said among other things that it was not only a great literary event, but also a moral and religious event. It liberated the people of the Anglo Saxon race from superstitious fears.

Representative Hawley of Oregon is preparing and will introduce a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to grant an extension of time, not exceeding one year, in which settlers on government irrigation projects may make payments due the government.

This is the right time of year to begin to think about growing some field, garden or orchard products especially for exhibiting at the fairs next autumn. There should be some good specimens shown at the county and district fairs and some extra choice stuff for the state fair which is the crowning event of the season in this respect.

Methodist Choir Preparing Music.

The Methodist church choir pleased the audience both morning and evening last Sunday with special music. The solo by C. W. Albertson was especially fine. The choir is practicing regularly and expects to take a large part in the Sunday services. There will be a practice at the church Saturday night at 7:45. All singers who took part in the Easter Cantata are requested to be present. There will be two anthems on Sunday with other special music at each service.

Five Acres for Sale.

By owner, three and a half miles east of Gresham, in high state of cultivation, three and a half acres in fruit and berries, balance open ground, good house, barn, apple house, two wells, three quarter acre fenced chicken tight, and hen house, one quarter mile from county road, joins Section Line which will be opened in near future. Good road in place, two miles to church, 500 yards to school house. Plow, harrow, cultivator and other tools go with place. Price, \$2,500 cash. Phone Gresham 136 or address Troutdale, G. W. Alder.

Notice.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone Company the rates on all phones in business places were advanced. Beginning May 1st the rates will range from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per month. ARTHUR DOWSETT, Secretary.

More Large Eggs

What a bonanza the poultry men would have in this favored country if eggs were sold by weight. It is said this climate is conducive to large growth of persons. We believe it has the same effect upon fowls and livestock. One way in which this is shown is in the size of eggs.

Mrs. G. W. Alder has Black Minorca hens which average large eggs. Since Easter she has gotten eggs which by careful measurement are found to be as follows: 7x7 3/4, 6 3/8 x 8, 6 3/8 x 7 1/2, 6 3/8 x 8, 6 3/8 x 7 3/4.

Birthday Party.

Last Monday afternoon Harry Hamilton celebrated his ninth birthday by inviting a number of his little friends to his home. Games were played, refreshments served, and a very good time was enjoyed by all. Those present were Ardella and Herbert Dunlop, Dewey Gibbs, Alvin Hopper, Albert Camp, William and Walter Belt, Ivon McMurry, Edward Colley, Glenn Rusher, Walter Schwedler, Anna, Harry and Allen Hamilton.

FOR SALE—Unimproved land in tracts of 20, 40 or 80 acres. Four miles from Gresham. Some improvements on each tract. Also horses, wagons and harness for sale. Small bunch of Angora goats. Easy terms. For particulars address P. H. Rook, Gresham, Route 2. Phone 461. 21

Social Dance.

Social Dance, Metzger's hall, Saturday night, April 29. Ladies orchestra. 17

DAIRYMEN TALK OF ORGANIZING

About 40 Present at Meeting Thursday. Take Steps Toward Union.

The meeting called for Thursday at Gresham Grange hall by C. E. Fritz brought out about forty enthusiastic and representative milk producers from this and other sections. Mr. Fritz was chosen as temporary chairman and Theodore Brugger, secretary.

Mr. Fritz first spoke of the advisability of organizing a stock company, equip a plant in Portland to which the milk could be taken, bottled and distributed to consumers. A communication from Hillsborough showed that the dairymen there were not getting near as much for their product as those in this locality.

Mr. Davis spoke of the great waste of time and money and deterioration of product under the present system of distribution and backed up his statements by facts from his own observation and experience, and suggested that one thing needed was the ability to put into the consumer's hands a better article.

State Health Officer Dr. White was next introduced and gave a very instructive and entertaining description of the situation in Portland in regard to milk supply. He not only treated the tubercular situation but scored severely the owners of high priced lands in the suburbs of Portland and vicinity who rent their holdings to dairymen on yearly contracts and then refuse to provide suitable buildings and a pure water supply for the same. He claims that in some instances these very land owners are the ones who are making the biggest fuss about unsanitary milk.

Mr. White urged very strongly in favor of an association, properly equipped to deal directly with the consumer. An association which would handle a pure product and he thought that in a short time sections of the city could be blocked off so that wagons would not need to travel nearly so far in delivery of a given quantity. Mr. White created much enthusiasm and everybody present seemed pleased to learn what he was trying to do and get his ideas of the situation.

An attempt was made to get the house to decide on a stock company but this was not well supported and it was decided to organize a milk producers' association which could act as its members saw fit later. A committee of five, consisting of John Luscher, H. E. Davis, H. Mullenhoff, A. B. Conrad, and C. E. Fritz was appointed to draft a set of rules and formulate a plan of operation to be presented at the next meeting to be held on Saturday, May 13, at 1 p. m. in Metzger's hall.

A meeting of the farmers of Powell Valley and vicinity will be held in the Powell Valley School House on Saturday evening, May 27 to discuss plans looking toward the organization of a union through which to market our products. A good attendance is desired.

Lucky-Seven Social.

The W. H. M. S. will give a Lucky-Seven tea next Friday afternoon and evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 and a good program at 8 o'clock with seven numbers. Seven cents admission. Every seventh person gets in free. Supper served on cafeteria plan. Seven courses All come.

DECIDE.

Decide, the Percheron stallion, well known in Gresham and vicinity, will make the season as follows:

Monday, at livery barn at Sandy.

Tuesday, at E. F. Donahue's barn, Boring.

Wednesday, till Thursday noon, at Straus Lumber Co.'s yard, Gresham.

Friday and Saturday, W. A. Proctor's at Cottrell.

Straus Lumber Co., Owners.

LOST—Small bay mare, weight about 900; 5 years old; mane roached but long. Information leading to return will be rewarded by Frank Metzger, Boring Route No. 3. 18

The outlook for a full student list—as full as can be accommodated in the beginning of the work of the Reed Institute—is bright. There is every indication that this school will be appreciated, both on account of its favorable and rational location and because of its educational scope. The mistake in locating the higher educational institution far from the center of opportunity will be more apparent after a school with the scope and generous endowment of a university has been conducted in this city for a period.—Oregonian.

The sixty-eighth anniversary of the organization of the first civil government on American soil west of the Rocky mountains will be celebrated at Champeog on May 2. This is an interesting historical observance, participated in by the pioneers who made the early history of the Oregon country. The Oregon Pioneer association will have charge of the exercises. Many will attend from Portland and other western cities will send delegations.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices. Blue-stem, 90-91c; Club, 85-86c; red Russian, 84c; Valley 85c; 40-fold, 85-86c.

BARLEY—Feed, \$28 per ton; brewing, nominal.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, \$23.80 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50; rolled barley, \$28.50-29.50

FLOUR—Patents, \$4.95 per barrel; straights, \$3.85; exports, \$3.80; valley, \$4.80; graham, \$4.50; whole wheat, \$4.70.

Corn—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 per ton.

OATS—No. 1, white, \$29.50 per ton.

HAY—Track prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, No. 1, \$22 per ton; mixed, \$19-20; alfalfa, \$14-15; clover, \$12.50-13.50; grain hay, \$13-15.

Dairy and Country Produce.

POULTRY—Live hens, 17-18c; broilers, 30c a pound; turkeys, 20c; ducks, 20-22c; geese, 12c; dressed turkeys, choice, 25c.

EGGS—Oregon, ranch, 21c; candied, 20c; case count, 19c.

CHEESE—Full cream, twins, 15c; per lb. young America, 1c; cents pound.

BUTTER—City creamery extra 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 24c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 10-10 1/2 c per lb.

VEAL—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 10-10 1/2 c.

Vegetables and Fruits.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots \$1.25-\$1.50 hundred; parsnips, 1 \$1.25-1.50 hundred; parsnips, \$1.25-1.50; turnips, \$1.25-1.50; beets, \$1.50.

APPLES—Fancy, \$2-2.75; choice \$1-2; common, 50c-\$1 per box.

POTATOES—Oregon, buying price \$2.50 per hundred.

ONIONS—Buying price \$3.50 per hundred.

Eggs for Setting.

S. C. Rhode Island Red eggs for setting, \$1 per setting. Mrs. E. E. Welling, phone 253. 18

For Rent—Good pasture land at Anderson station. Inquire at Ed. Osburn's shop on Main street, Gresham. 18

FOR RENT—Two large rooms, unfurnished. Oscar Thoren, Gresham, phone 501. 18

OATS WANTED by Gresham Feed and Chop mill. Best market price. Phone 561. Ramsby & Oswald. 17

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