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BACK TO THE FARM.

The article in the Oregonian of yesterday on "City and Country" states some things which, if true, may well set us to thinking. It is stated that the contrast between the gains in population of towns and country is startling. The farming districts of the state have increased their population in 29 years only 29 per cent. The cities in the same time have grown 101 per cent. The state has received an addition of 260,239 people, only 66,000 of whom have found homes in the rural districts.

This on the face of it does not speak well for the many thousands of homeseekers who have been coming to this state during the past twenty years. Is it possible so large a proportion of them have been settling in our towns and cities and so few on our splendid farms? We do not think this fairly represents the case. The fact is towns and cities have been made during the last twenty years on many of the farms of that long ago, and thousands of our Oregon well to do farmers have retired and moved into the villages and cities. Other thousands, and we believe hundreds of thousands, have come from the east and west and found homes on our productive farms.

When the writer says the vast unoccupied tracts in the Willamette Valley stretch out in unproductive solitude about the same as they did ten years ago we wonder where he was looking. Surely not in the territory east and south and west of Portland for many miles. It is safe to say there is 20 per cent more land occupied and cultivated in the Willamette Valley today than ten or fifteen years ago. It is noticeable almost everywhere down through the valley.

This writer further says that there

is scarcely ten miles of really good roads outside of the suburban districts in the Willamette Valley.

These statements are made in explanation of the fact that the rural population is decreasing, and the urban population increasing. Some counties show an actual decrease in rural population according to the census returns.

No one will deny the fact of the trend toward the city. The reason given for it is the medicine that is bitter and hard to swallow. Poor roads, lack of privileges of schools and churches, high price of land, the tendency, in some parts, to build up large estates—these are the reasons. Do away with these and the tide will turn toward the country.

We believe the general restlessness of the people, the tendency to shirk responsibility and drudgery the pioneers endured, the running after the pleasures of high life and the ailments of the supposed easy life of the city dweller—these, we believe, are the real reasons. There will be a reaction. People will "get more sense." Country life will be made more pleasant of course, but it will be regarded as more profitable and that is the main thing. There will be fewer Esaus willing to sell their birthright for a mess of pottage.

There is always more or less uncertainty as to who constitute the various committees of the council. Some of the councilmen have hard work to keep track of themselves so far as their work on the various committees is concerned.

It is not unusual for a councilman to say, I did not know I was on such and such a committee. The Outlook suggests a way by which both councilmen and citizens can keep informed on this subject. Just cut out this list and paste it in your hat.

There are six councilmen assigned to the five committees as follows:

- Ways and Means—Howitt, Mathews, Kardell.
- Health and Police—St. Clair, Kenney, Kern.
- Streets and Public Ways—Kenney, Howitt, Kern.
- Fire and Water—Howitt, St. Clair, Kenney.
- Public Property—St. Clair, Kardell, Mathews.

The ditch for the pipe line is now being opened along the Powell Valley road east of this city and the earth from the same is being thrown into the middle of the road in such a manner as to leave scarcely room for two vehicles to pass each other. Horses are being frightened by being compelled to pass so close to auto cars and in several cases autos have been stuck in the ditch along the roadside. If it is bad now with only about forty rods of ditch open what will it be when three quarters of a mile of the road is obstructed. It would seem only fair to the public that the company should be compelled to lay pipe and fill in the ditch as fast as it is opened instead of keeping the entire road in a miserable and dangerous condition for weeks.

Mr. Kenney tells us that he has spoken to the foreman in regard to this matter and he promises the road will be kept in better condition.

The California Fruit Cannery association has entered Oregon for business and has contracted for the entire output of cherries in the Willamette Valley at four cents a pound for the next three years. The company is trying to contract Logan berries at sixty dollars per ton.

Do not keep cows for a side issue; make it a business, like any other branch of farm work.

Only twenty-nine per cent of Oregon's gain in population during the last decade was rural growth. This partly accounts for the vast amount of poultry eggs and other food stuffs annually brought from other states to feed the populace of Portland. The next ten years may make a different showing, but it is safe to predict that the farmers must multiply, and hustle some too, if they are going to feed the people in this rapidly growing metropolis of the West.

ORDINANCE NO. 54.

AN ORDINANCE for the appropriation out of the general fund of the Town of Gresham the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars as payment, and for the purpose of acquiring for municipal purposes Lot Five (5), Block One (1), Gresham:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Gresham:

That it is necessary to procure for the town of Gresham for municipal and public purposes, that certain real property known and designated as Lot Five (5), Block One (1), Gresham. That there has been offered to the owner of said property the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred (\$1800.) Dollars for the same, and that said One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars is a reasonable price for said real property.

That there is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the town of Gresham the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars for the payment of the purchase price of Lot Five (5), in Block One (1), Gresham, and the Recorder of the town of Gresham is hereby authorized to draw a warrant on the Treasurer of the town of Gresham for the said sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars in favor of the owner of the real property herein heretofore described, and to deliver said warrant to the owner of said real property upon receiving title to said real property vesting the same in the town of Gresham.

Passed the Council this 2d day of May, 1911.

Approved
LEWIS SHATTUCK, Mayor.
Attested:
D. M. ROBERTS, Recorder.

Lodge Notices.

FAIRVIEW UNIFIED ARTISANS No. 178—First Saturday evening and third Saturday evening is social evening. Master, E. E. Heslin; secretary, F. H. Crane.

ROCKWOOD UNITED ARTISANS No. 206—Meets fourth Saturday night. Master, Mrs. Rich Tegart; secretary, H. H. Johnson.

ROCKWOOD I. O. O. F. No. 213—Meets in Maccabee hall every Thursday evening. N. G., J. R. Cavanaugh; secretary, J. H. Schram.

K. O. T. M. No. 61—Meets first Saturday and third Friday nights. Com., Ed Spath; R. K., W. Quis-Inberry.

FAIRVIEW GRANGE—First Saturday at 10 a. m. and third Friday night, 8 p. m. Master, Cedric Stone; secretary, Roy Stone.

ROCKWOOD GRANGE—First Wednesday at 8 p. m. and third Saturday at 10 a. m. Master, F. H. Crane; secretary, Viola Lovelace.

L. O. T. M. CHARITY HIVE No. 38—Meets second and fourth Thursday afternoons. Com., Mrs. John Brown; R. K., Mrs. Mary Turner.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE No. 348—Meets fourth Saturday at Pleasant Valley hall. H. W. Snashall, master; E. Butler, secretary; Jennie Kronenberg, lecturer.

GRESHAM GRANGE No. 270 meets the second Saturday of each month. Lecture hour from 2 to 3 is open to the public. H. E. Davis, master; Mrs. W. H. Bachmeyer, secretary.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT, No. 202—Meets in Odd Fellows' hall second and fourth Tuesdays 2 p. m. Emma Manning, G. N.; Hattie Wostell, clerk.

FAIRVIEW LODGE No. 92, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meetings Saturday night on or before full moon. Masonic Temple, Troutdale. A. FOX, Secretary.

M. A. ROSS POST No. 41, G. A. R., and W. R. C. No. 8, meet third Saturday each month at Grange hall, Gresham. Dinner to all who attend. Wm. Butler, commander. Mrs. Annie Bates, president. Mrs. Henry Kane, secretary.

DAMASCUS CAMP, No. 7533, M. W. A. Meetings first and third Saturday evenings each month at Hazelwood's hall. Geo. Dallas, counselman; Harry Roach, chief forester.

MODERN WOODMAN OF AMERICA, meets in I. O. O. F. hall first and third Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Emil G. Kardell, Clerk.

GRESHAM REBEKAH LODGE, No. 61—Meets in I. O. O. F. hall, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Christine J. Cavanaugh, Noble Grand; Geo. Keller, Secretary.

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GRESHAM BETHEL BAPTIST—Sunday services—Sabbath school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. F. M. Burtch, Pastor.

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