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SEES WEALTH IN GINSENG

Harvey Pulfer, bookkeeper for Shattuck & Lindsey, does not expect to work all the rest of his life at the common drudgery but has started out on a new line towards the ever sought for goal of wealth. For him the rainbow of promise rests on a little plot of ground, about 40 by 100 feet near his residence in Gresham. Here he has seen resting the "pot of gold."

Mr. Pulfer started in last fall when he put in some seed and about 500 plants, one, two and three years old.

He has put a good deal of work on the ground to get it in shape. He has four beds well drained and covered now with a heavy cover of leaves. A high lattice fence has been built around the plot and next summer it will be covered so as to shade the grounds, the effort being to provide as near as possible the natural conditions of the little plant.

Ginseng is a native of the American forests and used to be gathered by the early settlers. The principal market for the root is in China, where it is used extensively as a medicine. Strange to say the Chinese do not grow the plant but they prefer the American grown roots. The price is $6 to $9 a pound. The yield is quite large and sure. The plant is said to net $25,000 to $30,000 an acre.

Plants mature in five years. They are started from the seed and can be set out when one or two years old. Plants bear seed when three years old. Hence it is easy to keep up a rotation on a small piece of ground. They do not require much work but require a particular kind of care and experience to make a success in raising them. They are nearly worth their weight in gold.

FIRE INJURES ENGINE NO. 2

A fire on Engine No. 2 of the Mt. Hood Railway, last Tuesday night, caused considerable excitement and a loss to the company of several hundred dollars.

The two engines stood on the main track near Hood avenue. They were in care of Watchman Twentymen. It is customary to keep up the fires and get the engines ready for the next day's run.

In some way the burners got over heated and soon a terrific flame was shooting out of the fire box into the cab. The cab was all ablaze when the distress signal was given. Recognizing the signals, railroad men came from all directions and were not long in seeing the danger not only to the engine but to surrounding property. By heroic efforts the burning engine was moved back to the water tank where it was soon flooded and the fire extinguished. There was imminent danger of an explosion. The engine was temporarily repaired at the shops in Gresham.

A steam shovel was put to work this week to clear the dirt from the tracks near the Sandy river where a slide occurred recently.

The Grange hall in Gresham was the scene of a gathering of unusual interest last Wednesday when about sixty persons all decendents of Ezekial Beers or related to him, met in a family reunion.

Mr. Beers, the father, is eighty years old. He took up a claim near Gresham in 1877, and the most of his children are in this vicinity. He is now making his home at Cottrell with his son, Frank. A splendid dinner was served at noon, and an impromptu musical program rendered. The afternoon was spent in reminiscences and in getting pictures both at the hall and at Max Schneider's gallery.

Those present were, Ezekial Beers, Wm. Beers and wife, Wm. Beegle and wife, John Cunningham and wife, Earnest Beers and wife, Gus Donald and wife, Albert Beers, Henry Beers, McKinley Beers, Hobart Beers, Henry Metzger and wife, Will Metzger, Joe Exley and wife, Bert Metzger, Elsie MMetzger, D. W. Metzger and wife, S. E. Toepleman and wife, Emil Oswald and wife, Zeek Beers and family and Geo. Beers and family of Sandy, Frank Beers and wife, Wm. Cunningham and wife and W. A. Proctor and wife of Cottrell, Henry Pfaff and wife of Portland and J. W. Beers of Indiana.

LETTER SENT TO CARNEGIE

The joint Library committee met last Tuesday night at the reading room and perfected plans for the application for a library building. G. R. Robinson reported a form for a letter of request which was read and approved by the committee. Instructions were given to have it typewritten and include with it the county's guarantee of maintenance and such other matter as was thought best.

The list of those to be solicited was presented and revised, many new names being added. The list is now considered as complete and as fair as the various committees make it. Several copies are to be made and active soliciting begins Saturday.

It seemed to be the sentiment of the committee that no one would be allowed to give more than was asked but there was a difference of opinion on this point.

It was also stated that a list of the contributors would be placed in the corner stone of the building.

Since the committee meeting the letter of request has been prepared and will be sent by the first of next week.

The letter is as follows:

Hon. Andrew Carnegie.

Dear Sir:—In response to an imperative demand for larger and better library facilities for the city of Gresham, Multnomah county, Oregon, and its adjacent territory, a joint committee representing the Gresham Library Board and the Gresham District Commercial Club has been appointed to take up the question of securing a Carnegie Library building for this community. To this end this committee has selected and guarantees to furnish as a site for the proposed library one of the best corner lots of the town, one hundred by one hundred fifteen feet, fronting on two of the principal streets near the center of the business and residence district.

As the support of the libraries of this county is provided by a county tax we have secured from the county court a guarantee of the sum of $1,000 per year or more, according to its needs, for the maintenance of this proposed library.

This committee therefore respectfully makes application for a grant of the sum of ten thousand dollars for a Carngeie Library Building for the city of Gresham.

We beg to add that Gresham is a rapidly developing commercial and educational center of a densely populated district that depends upon and supports the Gresham library by an extensive patronage. The library has far outgrown the facilities of the present building, and new quarters must be provided for it in order that it may not be hampered in its service to the community.

If the conditions of the granting of the Carnegie Library Fund are not fully complied with in this case, we shall be glad to learn what actions we may take to meet your requirements.

Yours very truly,
GRESHAM LIBRARY COMMITTEE.
CHAS. C. CLEVELAND,
Chairman.
G. R. ROBINSON, Secretary.

WATER SYSTEM NEARS FINISH

Work on the water system is progressing rapidly this week and the prospects are that all connections of the mains will be completed in a few more days. The meter is being installed and the water commissioner is making taps for residences.

Mrs. Mary Leslie has the disticction of being the first one to secure a tap. It was made yesterday for her residence on Powell street.

The recorder reports that about forty residents have signed up for water from the Bull Run system and many others are getting ready. It is estimated that the next two weeks will see upwards of 100 ready to take water as soon as available. All users are to be put on meter service and rates. The charge will be on the amount of water used no matter for what purpose nor how many faucets. Some have been misled in this regard. Arrangements are being made to test all meters before they are installed.

LOTS FOR SALE at Cedarville—Easy terms. H. W. Snashall. Phone Gresham 74 tf

"What did you enjoy most during your vacation?"

"Thinking about what a good time I was going to have when I got home."

The Outlook wants your news, your ads, your subscription, your printing.

HOW MUCH DO YOU FAVOR LIBRARY SITE?

Most great undertakings have small beginnings and grow to large and important proportions by the many small accretions of men and means. Many drops of rain make the tiny sterams, many of these the larger and all uniting make the onflowing river carrying the ships of commerce.

So it will be with the movement to secure a Carnegie library building for Gresham.

It is one of the things we will not get unless we ask for it. Hence we are going to ask for it. We may have to ask twice or thrice.

It cannot be gotten without united and urgent effort and hence all the forces of this growing city are uniting in the strongest request they know how to make.

It cannot be gotten without securing a good site—the best that can be had—and to get this some will have to go down deep into their pockets and dig up the funds. With unbounded faith in the ability and willingness of the people in and around Gresham, and some others interested here, the joint committee of the Library Board and Commercial Club has prepared a list of donors. The amounts asked range from $50 down to $5. The list provides for a little more than $1500, the amount needed to purchase the lot on Main street, corner of Fourth. The lot is 115x100 feet. This is considered the best location available and the best for the price. A sixty day option has been taken on the tract.

Beginning tomorrow the soliciting committee will call on the people for their acceptance of the apportionment made.

The committee is going to make it as easy as possible for everyone. It is stipulated that the money is for a specific purpose and if not used for that purpose will be refunded. It is specially requested that no one give more than asked. If, however, it can be shown that the committee was unfair, readjustments can be made. The committee promises to return the surplus, over and above what is needed, pro rata.

All acceptances are to become due and payoble (unless otherwise provided) at one of the banks in Gresham on or before March 1st.

This is Leap Year and the ladies have not been overlooked.

THE LIBRARY BUILDING IS A PRACTICAL CERTAINTY IF WE PROVIDE THE SITE. There are influential persons working to help this locality secure it.

THE COUNTY WILL GUARANTEE TO PROVIDE THE REQUSITE MAINTENANCE.

All things considered, we are well in line for this much needed public improvement.

NOW IS THE TIME TO HOLD UP YOUR HAND IN FAVOR OF THIS UNDERTAKING. Then put your hand in your pocket and show how much you favor it.

Fairview

The newly elected city officers have been duly installed, Mayor Whitney has made his appointments and work for the new year is being planned. G. O. Dolph failed to qualify as councilman and C. E. Cree was elected. Otto Staub also declined and J. P. Province takes his place. E. E. Heslin and Wm. Butler are the other new councilmen. J. H. Schram is recorder and Roy Stone, treasurer. The committees are,

Ways and Means—Province, Heslin, Butler.

Public property—Heslin, Butler, Cree.

Legislation— Wilcox, Province, Green.

Health and police—Butler, Green, Wilcox.

Fire and water—Green, Province, Cree.

City attorney—J. R. Hughes.

The committee on city hall reported at last meeting recommending the building of a hall to cost $2500 on the city's property at the intersection of First and Cedar streets and the Fairview road. The ordinance No. 44, pertaining to electric lights was adopted. A committee was appointed to purchase a roll top desk for the use of the recorder.

The annual election in the Y. P. S. C. E. held last Sunday night resulted in the re-election of W. E. Tegart as president, Miss Eva Townsend, vice president, Miss Ada Robinson, secretary, W. E. Townsend, treasurer, Miss Laura Dolph, pianist and Miss Ruth Shaw, assistant.

Mrs. J. Arman came home Sunday from Good Samaritan hospital, where she has been confined for the past four weeks. She is convalescing.

Mrs. Amanda Clark and family have moved to Metzger station where they have a small farm.

Mrs. A. Robinson left Sunday evening for Dilley, Oregon, where she will be with her daughter for some time.

Mrs. A. W. Suitor and Miss Nettie Bucklin of Portland were guests at the home of D. W. McKay last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cavanaugh also took dinner at the McKay home Sunday.

Mrs. E. C. Wilkinson is spending a few days in the city.

C. P. Penniston, who died at his home in Portland last Sunday is a former Fairview resident and has many friends here. The funeral services was held from Finley's chapel, Portland, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Penisten and two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Richards and Miss Mila Peniston, survive.

Orin Dunbar and wife of Lakeview, Oregon, have been visiting their parents, D. S. Dunbar and wife.

Mrs. J. P. Heslin, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Heiny in Portland for some time, will return to her home here. Her daughter, Miss Calla Heslin, will resign her position as teacher in the Portland school and will care for her parents and keep house for her brother, Claude Heslin.

Mrs. D. W. McKay visited Mrs. Penisten in Portland Monday.

Miss Grace Lawrence visited over Sunday with Mrs. O. Erickson of Warren.

Try the Outlook Plan

The Outlook has on hand a set of the silver spoons offered by the Oregonian as a premium in combination with the Outlook. They can be seen by those who desire to satisfy themselves of their value as a premium with the Oregonian and Outlook. The Outlook has received many orders for this combination. It is a winner. Remember the daily Oregonian and twice-a-week Outlook, with spoons as a premium, for $6; same including Sunday Oregonian $8. Subscribe now. You'll want all the news this presidential election year.

"Street car straps are loaded with microbes," says a Columbia University professor. A college professor should be more careful about calling people names like that.—Omaha Bee.

Don't forget the Commercial Club Entertainment at the Commercial Club Hall, Thursday night, January 25, to be given by Hon. Jas. R. Barkley, artist and clay modeler. Admission 35c; children 25c.

CLUB SECONDS LIBRARY PLAN

At the meeting of the Gresham District Commercial club held last Wednesday night the report of the committee on library building was received and approved. The plan of the committee was thoroughl gone over and the requests for funds was considered fair and satisfactory.

A committee appointed on soliciting, consisting of A. Meyers, C. E. Pugh, Jas. Elkington, L. L. Kidder, C. S. Smith.

The club gave careful consideration to the publication of a booklet advertising this section. A committee was appointed to take up the matter of co-operation with the railroads. She design is to get out a first-class book.

It was decided to change the constitution so as to reduce the monthly dues to 50 cents a month instead of $1 as at present.

The club is considering several projects to help bring more people and more business to this locality. Many inquiries are being received from prospective homeseekers and investors. The secretary has difficulty in answering the many letters received.

COUNCIL HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION

The council at a special session last night passed a resolution favoring the action of the Library association and Commercial club in asking for a donation of $10,000 for a library building.

The progress of the water works, now nearing completion, was reported on by the water committee and the water commissioner, B. W. Emery, was granted assistance in tapping the pipes for those who are signing up for water.

The matter of providing the necessary fire apparatus for the new system was taken under consideration.

The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, a request for a donation from Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a $10,000 library building for Gresham has been prepared by the joint committees of the Gresham Library Association and the Gresham District Commercial Club; and

Whereas, the city of Gresham now has a large and well patronized reading room, fully supplied with books and periodicals by the county department of the Portland Free Public Library and has been so supplied for several years and the city now urgently needs a suitable building as a home for the library. and

Whereas, the council of the city of Gresham has aided the citizens in providing the best home possible for the library, which is now very inadequate for the present needs, and

Whereas, the citizens have secured and are pledged to provide a choice location for the desired building; therefore be it

Resolved, by the common council of the city of Gresham that we heartily endorse the request now being made of Mr. Andrew Carnegie and pledge the co-operation of the city in the carrying out of all necessary requirments for the locating and maintenance of the library building, if granted.

Passed the council this 18th day of January, 1912.

LEWIS SHATTUCK,
Mayor.

Attest:
D. M. Roberts, Recorder.

Month's Weather Record

The Outlook will publish a local weather report, recording the leading features for each day during the month.

Jan. 1—Clear, freezing.
" 2—Clear, freezing.
" 3—Clear, freezing.
" 4—Four inches snow.
" 5—Cloudy, warmer.
" 6—Rain and sleet. Ice storm
" 7—Clear, cold.
" 8—Snow, sleet, rain.
" 9—Warmer, rainy.
" 10—Warm, pleasant.
" 12—Warm, rainy.
" 13—Warm showers.
" 14—Warm, partly cloudy.
" 15—Warm, partly cloudy.
" 16—Cooler, foggy.
" 17—Fair and warm.
" 18—Fair and cooler.

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WANT EXPRESS OFFICE HERE

The Gresham office of the Mt. Hood Railway has now become a money order office of the American Express company. Other money order agencies of the same company have been established at Montavilla, Pleasant Home, Cottrell, and Bull Run.

George Weston, assistant financial manager of the American Express company, and W. H. Carroll of Portland, Oregon, general agent, accompanied by Wm. Blonder of the Mt. Hood Railway company were in Gresham Wednesday making arrangements for these money order agencies. The matter of making Gresham a general express agency is under consideration by the company and will probably be arranged for in the near future.

This will meet a long felt want as the nearest express agency has been Portland or Fairview.

WANT ADS.

FOR SALE—Two grade Ayrshire heifers, one and two years old. Both bred. E. L. Thorpe. Phone 55. tf

FOR SALE and FOR RENT cards at the Outlook office. Phone 701.

BERKSHIRE PIGS for sale. Phone 493. Sweet Briar Farm. tf

MONEY—Short loans; 8 per cent interest. Box 102, Gresham. tf

FOR RENT—10 acre farm, near Cottrell depot. House and barn. Mike Hornung, Gresham, R. 2. 92

FOR SALE — Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels, and cordwood. Delivered anywhere by Orland Zeek. 93

FOR RENT—February 1st, new 5-room cottage; two lots, good garden ground, well and wood house, in Zenith addition. See W. E. Wood or Carroll Smith. tf

LITTLE PIGS for sale by B. C. Altman. tf

OATS Wanted — Gresham Feed Mill. tf

TEAM AND DELIVERY WAGON for sale at the C. C. Store, Gresham, Oregon. 92

WOOD FOR SALE—Dead and live. Will deliver promptly in Gresham and Fairview. Frank Gustafson, Gresham. Phone 289. 110

CORD WOOD — Delivered anywhere within reasonable hauling distance. Phone 324. John Larson, Gresham, R. 4. 102

FOR SALE—From $1,000 to $5,000 of Gersham Water Bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest; interest payable semi-annually. Apply to D. M. Roberts, Town Recorder, Gresham, Oregon.

FOR SALE—S. C. White Leghorns, both cockerels and pullets. Nels Rodlun, Gresham, R. 4. tf

FOR SALE—Baled hay. Delivered anywhere; also team of draft horses. Phone 61. S. S. Thompson. tf

PURE BRED POLAND CHINA boar. Service reasonable. G. W. Metcalf, 1 mile south of Linneman. Phone 75. 96

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Are You Going to Build?

If so, consult W. H. Karr, Gresham, Oregon. Plans and estimates furnished. tf

Drain Tile.

Will order car drain tile next week. Why not send us your specifications in this line for car delivery? Better and cheaper tiling and anything you need in size. Carl Shattuck, Gresham. 93

Bull Run Water.

Have you made arrangements for water? If not, see G. W. Hunt. He handles the Peerless-Pacific line of plumbers' supplies and knows how to do the work right. He needs you. You need him. tf

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try it. For sale by Gresham Drug Co., and all Dealers.