

## ROAD-TO-RIVER ENTHUSIASM

Committee Appointed to Further the Project. Next Meeting to be at Gresham.

When the people of Fairview get interested in any matter they proceed at once to get busy. So it happened that the Fairview Commercial club has raised a full head of steam for the purpose of getting that county road opened from the town to the Columbia river. It was announced in the last issue of the Outlook that a committee from Fairview and Gresham would meet on Sunday afternoon, go over to the river by the proposed route of the road, and meet with a like committee from Camas. Those appointed from this side of the Columbia met together at Fairview and walked the entire distance of three miles, going and coming, but through some misunderstanding the Camas people were not at the river bank to meet them.

Those who went from Fairview were R. W. Wilcox, Dan Dunbar, Jess Dunbar, John Moller, G. O. Dolph, Ed. Heslin, John Heslin, E. A. Whitney, William Ellison, J. W. Benecke, John Jonas, J. Loser.

Those from Gresham were James Elkington, F. L. Everson, H. L. St. Clair, E. L. Thorpe.

Although the Camas committee was not there a letter from the secretary of the Camas Commercial club was read assuring the people here that the matter was receiving full attention and promising all assistance possible. It was reported as a remarkable coincidence that the clubs of Fairview and Camas had both taken the matter up on the same night at their meetings, independently of each other and unknown to each other. The Camas club had appointed a committee to interview their county court at Vancouver and is now awaiting results. Their request to the Vancouver officials was accompanied by a largely-signed petition, asking that a road be opened from the town to the river on the Washington side.

R. W. Wilcox, chairman of the Fairview committee, called a meeting and in response to a few suggestions from several of those present appointed three sub-committees for the purpose of forwarding the movement. The first committee consists of E. A. Whitney, John Jonas and Dan Dunbar who are to get estimates on cost of constructing the road and to secure all data now on file in the offices of the county clerk and county surveyor.

A second committee to report on the general benefits to be derived from the opening of the road consists of C. S. Smith and H. L. St. Clair.

An invitation committee was named as follows: James Elkington and F. L. Everson, of Gresham; C. E. Cree, of Fairview, and D. Mickle, of Troutdale. They are to enlist the services of prominent men of this section in the movement.

S. A. Arata was named as leader of the delegation which will wait upon the county court at some future date to lay the matter before that body for consideration.

The committees are all to meet at the rooms of the Commercial club in Gresham next Friday evening.

The inspection made by those who went over to the river on Sunday would seem to indicate that the cost of opening the road will be according to the amount and character of the work to be done—anywhere from \$1200 to \$6000. Four trestles will be needed totaling about 200 feet in length. Two bridges, of about the same length will have to be built. The remainder of the work will be principally grading the roadway and clearing about 80 rods of its trees and brush. As stated last Friday, the road has been surveyed, approved and the sum of \$3000 was appropriated for the opening about five years or more ago. It only remains for the court to order the work done.

The distance is one and one-half miles and runs the entire distance along the dividing lines of the Sun Dial ranch and J. Luscher's property. Both are willing to donate the land. The work will not be heavy as there are very few trees and no rock in the way. Nearly the entire distance is above the high-

## NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE NOW IN OPERATION

According to the advertised schedule, the trains on the Mount Hood and Troutdale branches made the expected changes in their time cards. With the exception of the two transfers at Montavilla the service from Troutdale is all that could be desired. People from the latter place can get on or off almost anywhere on the East Side without much trouble or the inconvenience of long rides. Transfers are given in the city, which is not done on the Estacada line to passengers from the country.

Service to Gresham and all the other points as far as Bull Run is not quite so satisfactory, going and coming by the way of Linneman Junction, but it will be changed as soon as the road is electrified to Cottrell.

The milk trains that runs on the Estacada line has discontinued its trips to Ruby. Milk from the Troutdale cars is transferred to the train at Ruby, and is again transferred at Linneman along with that which comes down on the Mount Hood branch. This feature is very unsatisfactory to many shippers as the milk gets to its destination very late and is badly shaken up by such frequent handlings. It is promised that the entire service will be improved as rapidly as possible.

## TRYING TO ORGANIZE A SIX-TEAM LEAGUE

E. C. Morrison, manager of the Fairview baseball team, is endeavoring to form a six-team league, principally in Eastern Multnomah. His plan is to have clubs organized in Gresham, Pleasant Home, Lents, Damascus and Boring so that the six clubs may be able to play three games every Sunday on a schedule similar to that of the big leagues. To finance the clubs he is trying to interest the business men, to the number of 60, to subscribe one dollar a month during the baseball season. He estimates that \$60 a month will pay the expenses of the clubs in the way of outfits and has already received several subscriptions toward the object in view. He is now in communication with several baseball enthusiasts and has hopes of starting the league off with a series of games as soon as the season opens.

### School Book Depositors.

More than 200 towns in Oregon have been named as school book depositors by the new state school commission, of which W. L. Brewster and J. P. O'Hara of Portland are members. The places in Multnomah county thus designated are: Arieta, Bridal Veil, Cleone, Gresham, Latourell, Lents, Linton, Montavilla, Mt. Tabor, Orient, Portland, Powell Valley, St. Johns, Sylvan, Troutdale, West Portland, Woodstock.

New books for the schools will be decided on in June.

est of high water marks and the road could be used nearly the whole year round if kept in repair.

One of the most sightly spots on the banks of the Columbia would be the river terminus. It is above all high water and is easily accessible to steamboats, the regular channel being only two hundred yards out in the stream, and there are great possibilities for transportation, summer homes and several lines of business at that point if it can be opened up.

H. C. Campbell has stated that he will open a road along the river bank to Troutdale so as to connect with the Sandy road at that place whenever this thoroughfare is opened from Fairview to the Columbia, so it is to be readily seen that it would soon become a popular course for automobile travel as well as an important commercial artery connecting Camas and its vicinity with all of Eastern Multnomah.

Page two—want ads. contain bargains.

### Choice Seed Potatoes.

Burpees Extra Early and Burbanks. All you can put in a sack for 65c. R. F. Walters, Gresham Heights.

A good tonic for that tired feeling on a spring day—a want ad on page two.

## WATCHING THE OUTCOME OF LOWER COST BUYING

Portland, Ore., Mar. 10, 1913.

To the Editor:—Co-operative buying and co-operative distribution are now being tried out in Portland and in Multnomah county, and the outcome will be watched with some interest. It is hoped that out of the experiment will come a solution to the problem of the high cost of living. The plan coming more directly to the home, perhaps, is the program of co-operative buying that is now being undertaken by Evening Star grange. It is planned to purchase household goods in quantities for the neighborhood at wholesale prices and thus eliminate the middle man. Evening Star grange hall is made a distributing point for goods purchased. Andrew Holm, who has had experience in the buying business, has undertaken to manage the plan. So far a considerable business has been developed, goods to the amount of nearly \$200 was purchased by Mr. Holm for those who desire to use the co-operative buying system.

It is hoped to enlarge the business, but that will come through education. It will be hard to break away from the old plan of buying and living in a paper sack, from hand to mouth.

It is a very simple proposition to work out the co-operative plan, but it depends on the people. It can be figured out to a cent that the saving will range from 10 to 25 per cent, but to get the people to break away from their old methods, and to start on a new tack, is the problem. J. J. Johnson, master of Evening Star grange, has always been an earnest advocate of co-operative buying of articles for home consumption, and he has urged it constantly, and has finally got the experiment in motion. The grange is certainly the proper avenue for

co-operative buying. To reduce the cost of living and secure direct products of the soil is one of the objects of the patrons of husbandry.

So much for co-operative selling. Then come co-operative stores, now being tried out in Portland in one or more co-operative groceries. The Albina store is already a success financially largely because of the association being able to secure the services of an able manager, a man who understands the whole business. And still it has yielded no great revenue to the members of the association, which may come later. The other movements for co-operative stores in other portions of Portland move slowly, probably for the reason that the people are not well informed about them, and because they are wedded to the everlasting credit system. A co-operative store on a small scale has been started in Montavilla. I do not think that any co-operative store can make a success on less than 100 members and should have more. According to the plan of the co-operative store the man who owns a share will receive a rebate every three months of ten per cent, of the amount he has purchased, and if his grocery bill is \$100 for three months he would receive \$10, or \$40 in a year.

It has been the history of co-operation; they buy elsewhere, and many co-operative stores have failed for this reason alone.

I am under the impression that the best, most effective plan of co-operation will be found in the establishment of public markets, in Portland, maintained at a very small cost to those who use them. In Tacoma, Denver and in other cities we have statistics which go to show that public markets reduce the cost of living on an average of 25 per cent.

L. H. WELLS.

## SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

F. L. Everson's auto was badly damaged yesterday morning while on its way to Portland and three passengers from Gresham were seriously injured. A team of horses attached to a wood wagon, owned by Mr. McBee of Jenne, was met near Kelly Butte when it became frightened and plunged into the auto in such a manner as to entangle the neckyoke with the top of the auto. The rear seat and top of the machine were torn off and the passengers were thrown to the ground.

Those in the auto besides Mr. Everson were J. F. Roberts and wife, Miss Hughes and E. G. Kardell. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and Miss Hughes were severely bruised and were brought back to Gresham, Mr. Kardell going on to Portland alone. The accident seemed to be unavoidable as the horses simply became frightened and were unmanageable. The injured persons were properly looked after and seem to be in no great danger.

## WHITE SALMON POWER LINE COMING SOON

The White Salmon electric power project is headed this way and is coming at a rapid rate. It is intended to furnish electrical energy for a vast territory, including Portland, and will most likely have a tendency to reduce rates there and elsewhere, besides being able to furnish light and power in many places where such things were never known before.

White Salmon is in Washington, opposite Hood River. The big power plant is being built back in the mountains about 15 miles and the cables will come down the Columbia river bank on the Washington side to Camas. There it will cross the Columbia on high towers built of stone, steel and concrete. One of these towers is now being built on a point of rocks near the Washington shore. The tower on the Oregon side will be located at Scott's landing about a mile above Fairview from where the cable will be led down the river bank on poles to the dividing line between the Sun Dial ranch and J. Luscher's farm. From there it will follow the proposed new road over to Fairview to the Sandy road and then on to Portland and in other directions as required.

The line has been surveyed and stakes have been driven for the location of the poles as far as the Sandy road and it is reported that a canvas of Eastern Multnomah will be made for the purpose of introducing light and power upon the farms at a moderate cost.

It is predicted that in a few years practically every farmhouse and many others will be lighted by electricity. With several companies ready to furnish the current there should be some competition, and if so the prediction will probably come true, as competition will mean cheaper rates.

### Left Ankle Dislocated by Fall of Horse.

Carrel Heslin, son of Ed. Heslin of Fairview, is a sufferer from a badly sprained ankle that will confine him to his home for the next three months or more. A horse which he was riding on Saturday evening last fell with him, turning his left ankle joint out of its socket. Dr. Hughes and Dr. Bittner were called to replace the dislocation and it required the strength of four men to get the joint into place again.

Carrel was to have graduated from the high school this summer but the accident will compel him to abandon his studies and necessitate another year of study. He is about 16 years of age.

### Real Estate and Rentals.

FOR SALE—40 acres of land, 1 1/2 miles from Gresham, near the Base Line road. Partly improved. Can be bought on easy terms. Wm. Williams, Gresham, Phone 433.

### Fair Trip Easily Financed.

If you have the slightest intention of going to San Francisco in 1913, you can finance the trip by commencing today to make small monthly payments at your local bank. Write to or see L. H. Stone, at Portland headquarters, San Francisco Tour Co., in Multnomah Hotel.

## MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IN COUNTRY EXISTENCE

The following interesting paper on "Keeping the Boy on the Farm," was read at an open hour session of Gresham grange last Saturday afternoon by M. O. Nelson:

How to keep the boys on the farm has been a farm problem ever since cities became modern and inviting. It is a problem very serious to many farmers, but it is not so vital as the more fundamental problem: "How to keep the boy." In fact I am not sure that it is desirable to keep certain boys on the farm. Maybe he even intended them for some other work. If so we should not keep the boy at farm work. But we should keep the boy. That is the manifest duty of every father and mother of a boy. That is a more imperative duty and a more profitable enterprise than it is to keep the farm. For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own son; or what shall a man give in exchange for his son?

We who live on farms and desire our boys to choose the country rather than the city, work at a disadvantage as compared with the parents who live in the city. We may be in fear that our boy will run off to the city; but who ever heard of a city boy running off to work on a farm? The city draws and holds its population. It gives up nothing but its dead. Its society, its shelter, its color, its light—all these draw and hold with an almost irresistible force. Man is a social being; he loves shelter and color and light. To hold him from running to where he can find these essentials of human interest, we must bring them to him. Therefore to keep him in the country we must bring to the country, society, shelter, color and light.

### Farm Society.

Where houses are a half mile apart social intercourse is not as common and complete as where houses are fifty feet apart. Even by the aid of phones and swift pneumatic wheels it never will be as common. But it may yet be very satisfactory and attractive. A child's best and most profitable society is that of a family in which he finds himself. (I am assuming now and shall throughout this discussion that the farmer and his wife are fit to have a boy and that he will be profited by association with them.) For this reason the boy will not need to run far from his own door for a very large and a very profitable portion of his social intercourse. He need not do so if his parents are awake to the fact that the boy greatly needs society. I know of families in which parents and children live each in their own world, and these worlds if they touch usually rasp as they touch.

Father is too rushed with the outside work to take much notice of what the children are doing. Mother is fagged and overburdened by the weary round of unrelieved household work. During the social, lamp-lighted hours father is associating with the horses in the barn, or if in the house is numb with weariness and dumb of speech. Mother, tired, is on her nerves' ends so that children's noises irritate and children's affairs weary her. Bedlam is hushed by the offenders being condemned to bed, and so the day and its social opportunities fade away.

Did anybody ever know of a child that would not meet its parents' social advances more than half way? Do you have a children's evening hour in your house? Did your parents have? Did your father ever turn out the teams an hour early some evening to have a game of ball with the boys? Did he ever hurry up a morning's hay to go fishing with the boys in the afternoon? If such a thing had happened on our farm we six boys would have expected to see the sun rise in the west next morning. And yet father kept his boys. But he did not keep them on the farm—not by a thousand miles.

From what I have experienced and observed, children naturally love their parent's care and society. If the parents care for their society more than they care for a big barn or more hogs, they can have it. Nothing on the farm responds to the good cultivation as does the social side of children. Take hours from the field to chum with the children and you will find that you are making life as well as a living. If parents have learned to associate with their little children in a real social way, they will keep with them in their older social activities. They will be with them to counsel and assist in the social affairs of their growing-up years. This not only keeps the young folks from going astray, it keeps the older folks young. A live interest by the parents in neighborhood functions for young people will go far toward refining and keeping those functions within the bounds of good form and morality.

### Farm Shelter.

Primarily, home is where mother is. I never appreciated this till mother died. After that event I never cared to go back to the old farm. But mother can't make much of a home for her family in a dug-out, or a box shack 12x16. It should be an essential part of a man's religion to build and maintain a comfortable, attractive, convenient home. The man who fails to do his level best to accomplish this fact has slipped a cog in his moral machinery. From the child's earliest years he should have known his home as the most attractive spot on earth, a shelter from cold, a shade from heat, a refuge from dirt, a retreat

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## TRYING AGAIN FOR A FACTORY

Dairymen Meet at Fairview in New Organization to Complete Attempt.

Perhaps the dairymen of Eastern Multnomah may have a cheese factory, after all. Last Friday the Outlook told all about the failure of the dairymen to complete their intended organization at Gresham on Tuesday last, and it was predicted that there would be no factory. But sometimes things go different. Sometimes the unexpected happens just as it seems to be happening now. And the unexpected happening this time may bring about the result on identically the original lines but through a different channel.

Just as the Outlook was going to press on Friday last a message from Fairview announced that some of the dairymen were having a meeting for the purpose of starting a cheese factory. It was not a called meeting of the Dairy-Produce association, but seemed to be independent of that organization. Those present were S. A. Arata, J. Luscher, Sam Strebin, F. H. Crane, J. W. Townsend, James Burns, A. B. Conrad, G. O. Dolph, and William Ellison. The following account of the meeting is taken from the minutes kept by the secretary:

On motion by F. H. Crane, seconded by Luscher, Mr. S. A. Arata was selected to act as chairman pro tem.

On motion by J. Luscher, seconded by Sam Strebin, William Ellison was chosen as secretary pro tem.

The meeting was opened and all present were invited to take a part. The cheese factory was discussed but no important point was fully decided upon.

On motion by F. H. Crane, seconded by A. B. Conrad, Mr. Dolph was appointed a committee of one to interview all dairymen possible between now and next Tuesday, and see how much milk they would furnish to start a cheese factory. Mr. Luscher offered Mr. Dolph the use of his horse and buggy free for the canvass and the same was accepted.

At 6 o'clock it was decided by the assembly that the debate be postponed until some stated time and on motion of F. H. Crane, seconded by J. Luscher, the assembly adjourned until next Tuesday at 2 p. m.

It is expected that Mr. Dolph will have something to report at the meeting today and there is a possibility that the factory will become a certainty. Mr. Luscher and Mr. Dolph renewed their previous offers of equipment and service and there are enough dairymen to establish the factory at a moderate expense and have it at work within a few weeks if they can get together.

The Sunday afternoon "hike" of the Lincoln high school alumni association was participated in by 33 members and their friends. Meeting at Third and Morrison streets at 1:30 p. m., they took the Montavilla car to the end of the line. From there the Base Line road was followed to the Mount Hood railroad, which was followed to Gresham. Return to the city was made by the Estacada car.

### For Sale at a Bargain.

A \$102 scholarship in the International Correspondence school. Choice of courses. Easy terms. Enquire at Outlook office.

### Hard Times Social.

The Ladies' Civic Improvement club of Pleasant Home will give a hard times social in Denny's hall, Saturday evening, March 15. Good time promised. Everybody invited.

### Spirella Corsets Best.

Spirella Corsets are boned with flexible Spirella stay which can be had in no other corset. Stays guaranteed not to rust or break. A wearer once, is a wearer always. Made to measure, orders taken, or appointments made at Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson. Phone 515.

### Apple Trees

For Sale—Yearling apple trees, Winter Bananas, Black Ben, Missouri Pippin, and others, at 10c and 15c each. Delivered within reasonable distance. Nursery near Springdale. A. L. Maybee, Troutdale, Ore., phone Corbett.