

STARCH FACTORY IN OPERATION

A Ton of Potatoes is Used
Every Day in Factory at
Powell Valley.

Mention was made, recently, of a proposed starch factory at Powell Valley. The factory is now in operation on a small scale but it is turning a ton of potatoes into starch every day. It is located in a ravine just east of Powell Valley, where there is an abundant supply of running water at this season of the year. A high bridge just above makes it very convenient to unload potatoes from wagons, as they are simply sent down an incline to the factory below. A gasoline engine furnishes the power for grinding the potatoes.

The starch products is being shipped to Portland in bulk where it is further refined, pulverized and packed in attractive packages for sale by a firm which has undertaken to put it on the market.

At the present low cost of potatoes the factory cannot fail to be profitable, although the capacity of the plant is limited. With the great supply of material on hand this spring it could easily turn out twenty times the quantity if facilities would permit.

There are large quantities of unsaleable potatoes every year that have heretofore been fed to stock. They could easily be made into starch and thus bring the producer ready cash, and there is a probability that the factory will be enlarged before next winter so as to use up all the otherwise worthless surplus of potatoes. In the event of an overproduction and no market, as at present, the farmer could find a market right at home at a figure which would save him something instead of facing a total loss as many are now doing.

Starch making is an easy trade to learn, and the season for making it from potatoes comes when there is plenty of water in every creek. plenty of water is necessary in making starch, and the winter season usually brings plenty of moderate priced help to do the work.

If the venture is the success that it seems to be there would be no waste potatoes. On the other hand an extra acreage could be used if prices were not too high.

BETTER SERVICE WANTED BY TRAVELING PUBLIC

The present train service over the Mount Hood line between Bull Run and Portland is far from being satisfactory, but better conditions are promised when the line is electrified the whole distance. People who travel on the Troutdale line have no cause for complaint, and Gresham people have the O. W. P. line, as usual. To reach Gresham from points below Ruby requires a long wait at the latter place or a trip through Portland. Sometimes the walking is good and it is quicker to travel that way.

An effort will be made to have the line now entering Rose City Park extended out the Sandy road as far as Fairview. This will be one of the objects of the Fairview Commercial club, and there is said to be an idea floating around somewhere that its efforts will meet with success.

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THE OUTLOOK

PICTURE SHOW PLAY WAS A SUCCESS

Tuesday night an appreciative audience witnessed the production of "Mable Heath," or sometimes known as "Driven from Home," a neat little bill in four acts, produced by the Wright family, assisted by local talent. E. E. Wright directed the play and took the part of Norton Heath, Mable's father. Mr. Wright prefers an old man's part to any other in the cast, and he is well adapted to such parts. Norton Heath is a part that extends an opportunity for an actor to show his ability to an unlimited extent, and one and all of the audiences Tuesday night will agree that Mr. Wright looked and played his part well.

Frank Rodgers played the part of Ferdinand Simpkins, an English comedy part. Although Firdie has some very strong scenes his main thought was humor and to win Sadie Milton's favor.

Sadie Milton was played by Carolyn Wirtz. She proved to be a real stage coquette, graceful and pleasing to all.

Mable Heath, the namesake of the bill, was played by Mrs. E. E. Wright. From the raising of the first curtain until the close of the performance Mable Heath held the audience not only by the lines of the part but through the cleverness of her acting.

Little Sidney Wright, as Dennis, Mable's servant, kept the house in an uproar of laughter at every appearance with his wit and humor.

Frank Lawton, the villain, of the play was played by Claude Smith.

The stage settings and scenery was very well adapted to the bill. The audience showed their approval and appreciation of the production by giving it their best attention through the entire performance.

Mr. Wright and his company produced this bill at Orient last Saturday night. There was a large and well pleased audience at the play and a jubilant crowd at the dance afterwards.

Estacada and Damascus are billed for future dates by Mr. Wright for the production of "Mable Heath."

EMBLEM PRESENTATIONS DOUBLE SURPRISE

Members of Charity Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees of Rockwood, met at the home of Mrs. William Childers at her home in Gresham on Tuesday for a farewell reception to Mrs. Cora Robertson. Those present besides Mrs. Robertson were Mrs. Josie Stanley, Mrs. Lola Spath, Mrs. Mary Schram, Mrs. Edna Stanley, Mrs. Laura Pullen, Mrs. Minnie Brown, Mrs. Stillion, Miss Susie Stanley, Miss Mabel Pullen, the Misses Ivy Sylvia and Mildred Robertson, Oneta and Marjorie Stillion, Leah Childers and William Childers. As a token of esteem for one of their members who is going away they presented Mrs. Robertson with a membership pin. Mrs. Childers had arranged the presentation as a surprise but was most agreeably surprised herself when the others made her a present of a past commander's emblem, beautifully engraved. Mrs. Robertson went to Portland on Wednesday and will join her husband at Camas, where they have taken a long lease on a farm.

"DOINGS AT ELK RIDGE" TO BE REPRODUCED

There was such a demand for a repetition of "The Doings at Elk Ridge" by the Pleasant Valley dramatic club that the play will be repeated next Saturday, tomorrow, evening in the grange hall at that place. The company has made several improvements since the play was given two weeks ago and it is sure to be better, if possible, when given again. Free transportation has been arranged for all those who arrive at Sycamore station to attend the performance. A large number who missed the previous performance have announced their intention to be there tomorrow evening.

Rockwood Rebekah lodge No. 295, will give an entertainment and whist party Tuesday evening, March 18, at the Maccabee hall. Luncheon served at midnight. Admission 25 cents.

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MULTNOMAH FAIR BOARD SEEKS COUNTY ASSISTANCE

An appointment has been arranged for a meeting of the board of fair directors to meet with the county court tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. A large delegation from here is going down to the court house, and several influential men of Portland have promised to assist the Gresham people in their efforts to secure as much of the appropriation as possible.

There is no further doubt about an appropriation for the Multnomah county fair, but the amount to be had hinges on the decision of the county court. The legislature passed an act, making a tax levy of one-twentieth of a mill for fair purposes, but there are three fairs in this county under different names. One is the Fat Stock association; another the Land Products show; while the other is the fair here in Gresham. The two Portland concerns are after all the money available, to the exclusion of Gresham, as may be noticed from the following in the Evening Telegram on Wednesday:

"The distribution of the fund for encouragement of fairs which was created by the legislature at the recent session is already causing difficulties for the county court. The bill provides for the levy of a special tax of one-twentieth of a mill for fair purposes, and the amount which it will yield in Multnomah county is \$15,000. According to the terms of the bill, \$10,000 of the levy will be spent in the county and the balance goes into the hands of the state treasurer to assist fairs elsewhere in the state. A provision of the bill appropriates \$5000 for the Fat Stock show and \$5000 for the Land Products show.

Today a committee of local boosters, headed by C. C. Chapman and O. M. Plummer, conferred with the county court and asked for a ruling designating the Portland Fat Stock association and the Portland Land Products association as the recipients of the \$5000 donations. The county court took the matter under advisement. If the request of the committee is granted, the Gresham Fair association, which is also a land products show, will be left without an appropriation, or must be provided for out of other county funds.

BETTER RESULTS MAY FOLLOW CONFERENCE

Portland, Ore., Mar. 12, 1913.

To the Editor:—Out of the conference which was held in Portland Tuesday afternoon by representatives of the Society of Equity, Consumers' League and the East Side Business Men's club on the problem of bringing the producers and consumers closer together some tangible results may be obtained. From a careful study of the situation I think that the solution will be found in the establishment of several public markets in Portland markets which will be practically free except a small rental for stalls used by farmers and others. After study of the public market situation of more than 40 of our large cities of America and those of Canada I find that the profits of the middlemen run anywhere from 33 to 50 per cent over the price paid the farmer or producer, and in Portland if the supply of melons, fruits or all classes of vegetables becomes too great, rather than supply them to the consumer at a low price the foods are sent to the incinerator.

Baltimore has eleven public markets, Cleveland six or seven, Detroit six and Toledo has a new market. And so on. We have statistics from Tacoma, I believe it is, that shows that the cost to the consumer is reduced from 10 to 15 and 25 per cent, while the producer gets about 20 per cent. more than he did before there was any public markets established there. In Seattle the consumer has been able to reduce the cost of living \$10 per month. In Des Moines, Iowa, where public markets were fought tooth and nail by the food trust, they are a decided success. Cost of vegetables and even milk have been reduced in cost to the consumer from 30 and 60 per cent. all of which is a saving to the wage-earner. In Indianapolis Mayor Shank to break the food trust, took the

The county court is inclined to divide the state fund between the two land products shows if it can be done without violating the law."

Yesterday's Oregonian has a further statement on the subject which indicates that the money will be divided, but that Gresham will get the worst of the division. The Oregonian says:

"A request that the Land Products show, an incorporation, be considered the land products show designated in the act of the legislature providing for fair appropriations to the exclusion of the agricultural fair held annually at Gresham was made of the county court yesterday by a committee headed by C. C. Chapman and J. Fred Larson.

"The statute provides for taxation of 1-20 of a mill for fair purposes, but provides that Multnomah county may use only \$10,000 of what it raises, the balance going to other parts of the state.

"The Portland Livestock show was taken care of by a provision that it is to receive \$5000 of this amount. Mr. Chapman said that the Land Products show should get the balance and that the Gresham fair should be appropriated for out of county funds direct, if it was desired to lend it financial assistance. He declared that it was the intention of those legislators who pushed the bill through at Salem that the phrase "land products shows" in the measure should refer to the Land Products show, incorporated, as far as Multnomah county is concerned.

"Remarks made by Commissioner Lightner and Judge Cleeton indicated that, inasmuch as the language of the act seems to give them discretion as to division of the second \$5000, they are in favor of giving the Land Products show \$4000 and the balance to the Gresham fair."

It may be well to state that the matter has been closely watched during the past two weeks by President Lewis, Secretary Kardell and A. F. Miller. No efforts will be spared to land as big a sum as possible and there are hopes for a good share of the appropriation. There will be a meeting of the fair board next Monday afternoon, when some information may be forthcoming that will indicate just how the fair here will be affected, and in what way.

BANK OF TROUTDALE TRANSFERS ACCOUNTS

That the depositors of the Bank of Troutdale will lose nothing by reason of the recent suspension of that bank is the positive assurance made today by President Harlow. Every customer of the bank has been sent the following circular letter:

Troutdale, Or., Mar. 13, 1913.

We herewith notify you that the Citizens' Bank of Portland, Or., has taken over the assets of the Bank of Troutdale. We have arranged so there will be a representative of the Citizens' Bank in Troutdale on Monday, March 17, and all balances may be transferred from the Bank of Troutdale to the Citizens' Bank in Portland, and you will be able to get your new check book and passbook at that time.

The Citizens' Bank, which has been in East Portland for twenty-two years, is located on the corner of Grand avenue and East Alder street, and the Troutdale electric that transfers to the Montavilla cars passes this bank, making it very convenient for our customers.

Trusting you will continue your business with the Citizens' bank in the future, and thanking you for your patronage in the past, we remain,

Yours very truly,
BANK OF TROUTDALE,
F. E. Harlow, Pres. and Cashier.

The general merchandising business of Harlow, Blazer & Harlow, which also went down in the crash with the bank, has been inventoried. The stock is valued at \$10,500 and has been assigned to R. L. Sabin, secretary of the Merchants' Protective association, for settlement. The stock is intact as inventoried and will probably be sold in that way.

Multnomah grange has announced a dance in the hall at Orient for Saturday evening, March 29. It will be for the benefit of the grange and will be largely attended by lovers of good dancing from all over this section of the two counties.

For Sale a Bargain.

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

LAST CHANCE FOR A CHEESE FACTORY GONE

Things begin to look as if there would be no cheese factory, this year at least. The meeting scheduled to be held at Fairview on Tuesday was never called to order, the small attendance being one reason; but the principal reason was the announcement by George Dolph that he intended to go back to Eureka, California, to take charge of the cheese factory there again this year. Mr. Dolph was the only available man to put in charge of a factory here, but he couldn't afford to lose a good position elsewhere while waiting for the milkmen to make up their minds.

As there was no meeting there was no adjournment. As matters stand now it will devolve upon President Davis to get the members together again if another meeting is needed. Many of them are in favor of disbanding entirely.

Mr. Dolph will leave for Eureka on Sunday next, accompanied by his son Perry. With him will go the last hope of a cheese factory here for this year, at least.

NEW FARM MACHINERY HAS JUST ARRIVED

Hessel's machinery store has just received a complete assortment of Planet Jr., and Hersche garden seeders, cultivators, Oliver chilled and steel plows, P. & O. Clipper steel plows, reversible and other disc harrows, Kimball weed and fern exterminators, disc cultivators, potato planters, Superior drills, and a full stock of buggies, wagons and farm machinery. With all these things to select from there is no need to go elsewhere for anything in these lines.

Fair Trip Easily Financed.

If you have the slightest intention of going to San Francisco in 115, 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.

FLOWER SHOWS PLAN OF CLUB

G. H. Dammeier's Offer for
Best Lawns Holds Good
Again This Year.

A sweet pea exhibition will be arranged by the members of the Women's club, and its president, Mrs. Charles Cleveland, is urging everyone to get in line for it. Now is the time to plant the seeds so as to get the best results, and a most attractive show can easily be one of the pleasant features of the early summer. It is Mrs. Cleveland's ambition to make the event the first of a yearly exhibition and to follow it up with a rose show at the proper time with a dahlias exhibition later in the fall.

A little exertion will help wonderfully to make these three events very successful, as this is the natural home of sweet peas, roses and dahlias, and three such events coming along in close succession would attract many persons to Gresham from other places and help to make the town better known to outsiders.

In this connection it is pertinent to remind the people of G. H. Dammeier's prizes in cash for the best lawns and dooryards. Those who entered the contest last year may compete again, and the list will be larger than last year. Mr. Dammeier's prize money is deposited in the Bank of Gresham, along with the terms of the contest which may be referred to there.

The incentive to make Gresham a city beautiful is growing and the idea will find encouragement from every source.

Page two—want ads. contain bargains.

FAREWELL SURPRISE GIVEN AT FAIRVIEW

A number of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Robertson's friends gave them a pleasant surprise farewell party Saturday evening. The evening was spent very enjoyably with a bountiful midnight supper, served by the guests. They all wished them the best success in their new home where they are going next Monday. They have rented a farm at Camas, Wash., for five years. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Robertson and children, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moller and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robins and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shute and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crane, Mr. and Mrs. George Burlingame and son, Mrs. Ruth Shaw and Miss Ruth Shaw, all of Fairview; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bloomquist, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Rowley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Freeman and son, Mrs. Brown, and son, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stanley and Earl Stanley, John Freeman and wife, Mrs. Edna Stanley, Miss Ebbah Carlson, Clarence Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pullen, Miss Mabel and Norah Pullen, all of Gresham; Mr. and Mrs. Sophia, of Rockcut, Washington.

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