

ONE IS WINNER ONE IS LOSER

The debate held here last Friday night between representatives of the Gresham and St. Johns high schools resulted in a decision of two to one in favor of Gresham. Miss Mabel Shipley, a junior, and Miss Laura Davis, a sophomore, our affirmative team, met St. Johns' negative team consisting of Miss Lulu Day and Miss Catherine Gensman. The judges were Chas. A. Rice, assistant superintendent of schools of Portland, Dr. Kiehle, a dentist and W. K. Royal, an attorney of Portland.

On the same evening Gresham's negative team consisting of Miss Hazel Goger and Miss May Doherty, sophomores, met defeat in the debate at St. Johns, the latter school being represented by two young ladies of the senior class. The decision there was three to nothing in favor of St. Johns. If we had received one more judges' vote in these two contests, we would have tied St. Johns, which was last year's district champion. This leaves Gresham out of the state debating league for this year.

Following the debate in Gresham a banquet was served at the schoolhouse to the debaters, judges of the other visitors, by the members of the junior class.

Principal J. E. Stubs coached Gresham's affirmative team and Miss Jessie Young the negative team.

BRADSHAW LOSES DAMAGE SUIT.

Clackamas county successfully defended a damage suit for \$2000 on Monday of last week in which the plaintiff was R. M. Bradshaw of Gresham.

The plaintiff alleged that through the negligence of the county he was thrown from his wagon and his leg mashed so that it had to be amputated. He was driving home one afternoon along the plank road near Bull Run, when the wagon ran off of the end of the plank and dropped into the mud below. The jolt threw him from the wagon and the wheel passed over his leg.

The accident happened in 1911. Through the efforts of Gilbert L. Hedges, county attorney, and Sheriff E. T. Mass the witnesses were gathered from all parts of the state and brought to Oregon City to testify in the case. One of them came from Hood River. This is the second suit that was brought against the county for the condition of the roads and which the defendant won in the Circuit Court.

In the case that was tried Monday, the jury could find no plea upon which to fix the blame for the accident on the county. The members, however, were touched by the man's condition and were willing to present him with a purse from their own pockets to help him until he receives employment.

GRESHAM GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Gresham grange entertained one of its largest gatherings last Saturday upon the occasion of the installation of the newly elected officers for the coming year. County Deputy J. H. Black of Woodlawn grange was the installing officer. A splendid grange dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stapleton and Rev. Melville T. Wire were given the third and fourth degrees.

J. Richmond, master of the Rockwood grange, was present during the morning session and at dinner.

A Large Increase in the Number of Students.

There are now 1646 students enrolled in the various departments of the Oregon Agricultural college. This number represents an increase of more than twenty per cent in the registration of one year ago, and does not include the short course students. The following registration figures were prepared by Secretary W. A. Jensen:

Total enrollment, excluding students in short courses, 1646; number men, 1083; number of women, 563; increase over registration at end of first semester a year ago, 20.5 per cent.

The registration represents all counties of Oregon, thirty-one different states, and eight foreign countries.

Of the states other than Oregon represented there are 96 students from California, 79 from Washington, 26 from Idaho, 12 from New York, and 11 from Illinois.

THE CONGDON IN NEW HANDS

Mrs. S. T. Crow has taken over the management of the Congdon hotel on a lease for one year with the privilege of two. Her lease on the White Crow hotel will expire on March 15, but until that time she will retain the building and continue to rent the rooms. She expects to take charge of the Congdon on Thursday and will have full control there but will close the dining room of the White Crow, retaining only the rooms until her lease expires.

W. H. Congdon, who has been the proprietor of the Congdon hotel, will step out of the business, but expects to remain here and complete his new residence on South Roberts avenue.

Mrs. Crow has had a great deal of experience at hotel keeping in Gresham and will no doubt make the Congdon a greater success than ever. She is intending to run the "boarders' table" as formerly but will have separate tables for private parties at which short orders will be served. Popular prices will prevail.

TWO GIRL TEAMS IN BASKET BALL

There will be another game of basket ball Friday night at the skating rink, between the Girls' team of Stevenson, Washington, and Gresham High. This will be the second game played this season, the first being in November with G. H. S. Alumnae, the high school winning.

Stevenson is well known for a strong team so the game is expected to be an interesting one.

The Gresham team has tickets out at 15 cents each and would like to have a large crowd out as they have to pay the expenses of the Stevenson team to come down here, so show the proper school spirit and attend, one of the best games of the season.

Eastern Oregon Organizes for 1915.

Expecting a vast number of tourists and immigrants to come to the Pacific coast by way of Oregon during 1915, the cities of Eastern Oregon are already making preparations to do their share in taking care of the visitors and new settlers Tom Richardson, representing the Portland Commercial club, is making a tour of that part of the state urging the people in each community to unite in an effort to take advantage of an unusual opportunity to secure large additions to population and wealth. He expects to make addresses, urging organization and co-operation, in practically every city and town in that part of the state.

Many Problems Confront the Market Gardener.

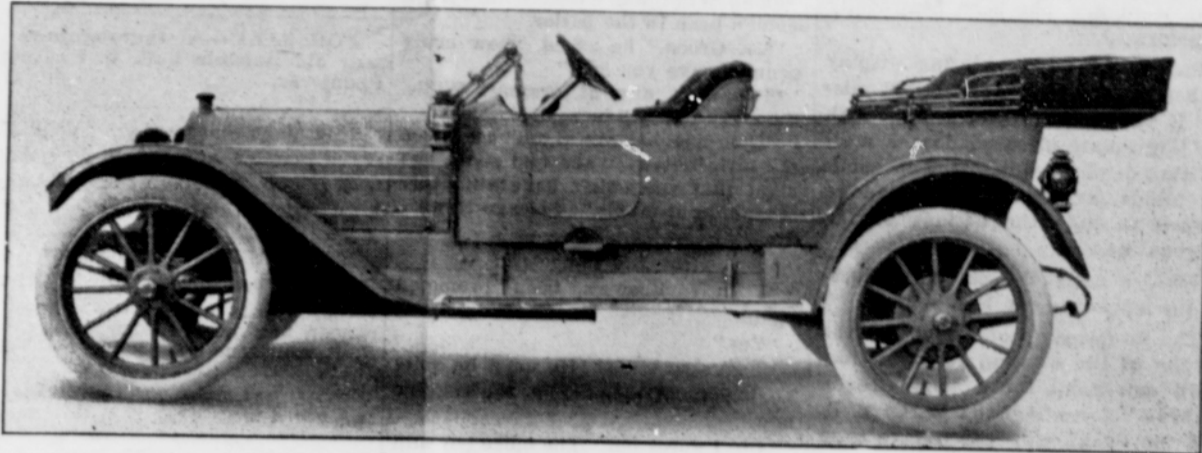
"Many inexperienced gardeners who expect to take up the business of truck gardening for the first time do not begin to realize the many difficult problems that confront them," said Professor A. G. Boquet, who is in charge of vegetable gardening at the Oregon Agricultural College. "The average goods, and the average methods of selling, are not enough to constitute success. There has got to be something superior."

I am convinced that many who have signified their intention to embark in the business for the first time next spring, have lands that have not yet demonstrated their ability to grow commercial crops. While in a good many instances the soil may be quite suitable for growing the crops selected, in many others the reverse is likely to prove true. Apparently the future gardeners do not always appreciate the importance of proper soil adaptability to the crop in hand. It is surely as necessary for truckers to distribute their crops over the right kind of soils as it is for the fruit growers, who have taken so much pains to harmonize their trees with their soils.

The selection of the right crop is another matter that requires very careful consideration. Not only should they be adapted to the soils where they are grown, but also to the demands of the market they are designed to fill. Only when we encourage the growing of the right crop on the right land in the right way, are we doing any good for the vegetable industry of Oregon.

It is also reasonable to suppose that many beginners who do not understand the proper methods of handling their soils, crops, fertilizers and other problems of production will not be able to make a success of it. The result will be a discon-

GRESHAM'S FACTORY OPPORTUNITY



AUTOMOBILE FACTORY SITE IS NOW FULLY ASSURED

WORK ON GRESHAM AUTO FACTORY WILL BEGIN AT ONCE WITH 1914 CARS THIS SPRING

Building operations will begin on the first unit of the Beaver Six Automobile factory this week.

Frank C. McCrillis, chief promoter of the Beaver State Motor company was in Gresham today along with Tom Fete, who is to be the superintendent of construction, and authorized the publication of everything that could be imparted to the public at this time.

He confirmed the statement in the last issue of the Outlook that the Beaver State Motor company had secured title to five acres of land on the Dr. Powell donation land claim in the northwestern part of the city of Gresham. The land embraced in the deal lies directly west and north of the old residence, which is one of the interesting landmarks of Powell Valley.

There is a frontage on the Section line road of 120 feet, but that is quite enough for the purpose of getting on and off the property from the public highway.

On the north side the property extends along the Mount Hood track for more than two hundred yards, being in a flat-iron shape, wider at the western end and running to a point at the eastern end but not to the street line.

The strip of land lying in front

of it east of the Clananah barn belongs to Mrs. S. E. Wishard, and will be platted and sold for residence purposes.

One building will be commenced this week. It will be of reinforced concrete, one story high, 60x200 feet in size, built just west of the old residence. To make room for it the woodshed and a big potato cellar will have to be removed.

This building will be the first unit of the factory. It will be followed by the other necessary buildings as the demand for the finished product grows, but for the beginning it will probably serve in all capacities in order that the rush orders for machines now accumulating may be filled.

P. Chapel Browne, of Portland is the architect and is now almost ready with the plans. The contractor has been making arrangements for the commencement of the work. He has not signed up yet but all the details are agreed upon and blue prints are being prepared for the buildings, which will be ornamental for such a building, and will have so much glass in its walls as to make it resemble something else than a mere factory building. It will cost \$25,000.

The property embraced in the purchase was bought from Mrs. T. L. Sails, Mrs. John Clananah and Dr. J. N. Powell. It has been in cultivation for many years, and was a part of a Japanese garden

last summer. The Japs' lease has expired and they will only be allowed to renew on that portion left unsold west of the factory site.

P. A. Combs, president of the company will go east at once so as to be in Chicago on the 24th of this month in attendance at a meeting of automobile people. While there he will purchase all the parts necessary for the construction of machines now ordered.

These machines will be the "Beaver Six" and a pattern of auto truck.

It is expected to have the Beaver on the streets with the coming spring very nearly as soon as at first intended, and there are enough orders on hand to keep the factory busy on a moderate scale during the entire season.

Next summer the work of erecting more buildings will go ahead until every facility for the 1915 season is anticipated. There will have to be separate paint shops, blacksmith shops and warehouses as well as an office building which it is intended shall be in front on the Section Line road and will be two stories high, according to present plans. However, the present plans are subject to modification and to many changes as the future demands may require, but the prime fact is not to be forgotten that—

The Beaver Six Automobile factory is going to be built and that at once.

PETITION FORM TO BE SUBMITTED

In compliance with instructions from the common council, the committee on Streets and Public Ways has obtained the form of petition necessary for the hard surfacing of streets or county roads. It is in the usual form of such petitions but it specifically asks for hard surface improvement and states that the total cost is not to exceed \$12,000 per mile. None but property owners may sign and they are required, in addition to their names, to give the quarter section where located, the number of acres owned and post-office address.

The petition will be submitted to the council tonight for approval and for further instructions to the committee.

GRESHAM ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

Gresham Lodge, No. 125, I. O. O. F., installed officers on Saturday evening last as follows: Past grand, B. W. Raney; noble grand, J. E. Stubbs; vice grand, Bert Metzger; secretary, Ray H. Todd; treasurer, John Palmquist; warden, G. W. Page; conductor, C. E. Osburn; R. S. N. G., W. H. Stanley; L. S. N. G., R. R. Carlson; R. S. V. G., A. Wilkenson; L. S. V. G., Arthur Fieldhouse; inside guardian, G. W. Kenney; outside guardian, Roy Gibbs; R. S. S., Art Leland.

Geo. W. Kenney acted as installing officer.

tented frame of mind and a tendency severely to criticize Oregon climate conditions and soils. It is suggested as a simple precaution that these important details be mastered in a small way before they are applied on a large scale. We all desire to see this phase of the horticultural interests grow and to have the growers satisfactorily get their rightful share of the profits of the business.

HEAVY DEAL IN REAL ESTATE

O. A. Eastman has purchased all of the remaining interest of Dr. J. N. Powell in the Powell farm and will have it platted in lots and blocks for sale. The tract lies north of the Mount Hood railway and consists of 27 acres, all level and at present in cultivation.

Mr. Eastman expects to have the tract surveyed at once and will engage in the business of selling out the lots to homeseekers and others who may desire to invest in such property.

The location is a very desirable one and will be close to the new auto factory site. A portion of it is inside the corporate limits and will have streets in conformity with the others which will intersect it.

At a recent meeting of the managers of the Oregon State fair, arrangements were made for an Eugene exposition this year. The age limit will be the same as last year, from 12 to 48 months, and the boy and girl winning the championship prizes will be rewarded by a trip to the San Francisco exposition in 1915, including all expenses for one week. O. M. Plummer, manager of this department, states that he has served notice on the whole United States that Oregon is going to send to San Francisco two of the finest babies and he expects, if the other states accept the challenge, to see there a collection of 100 of the most perfect children in the world.

On New Year's day, forty bunches of roses, the last of the season, were placed on the Shasta Limited at Eugene to be presented to women passengers and to decorate dining car tables. More than 12,000 roses have been provided in this way during the last seven months.

Prune your fruit trees and avoid damage by silver thaw. Nice line pruning shears at Sterling & Kider's.

STREET DIFFICULTY AIRED IN COURT

A difficulty on the streets of Gresham last Saturday evening between C. R. Gundrum and Lee Merrill will be settled in Justice Jones' court, Portland. It was thought that Justice Rollins would assume jurisdiction but as no complaint was sworn to before him he will not investigate the case. Mr. Gundrum appeared before the district attorney yesterday and swore to a complaint, charging Lee Merrill with assault and battery. A warrant was issued citing Lee Merrill to appear before Judge Jones to answer the charge. It is alleged that each struck the other in the face. Justice Rollins saw a part of the fracas and commanded peace, notifying the two belligerents to appear before him on Monday, but as the case has gone to Portland he is without jurisdiction.

Mechanical Apple Grader.

A mechanical apple grader in operation will be one of the instructive features of horticultural work during the Winter Short Course at the Oregon Agricultural College, January 5 to 31. Farmers and fruit men who take this course will be given an opportunity to inspect the machine and learn how to operate it. The special advantages claimed for it by its manufacturers are greater economy, speed and accuracy in grading. Fruit growers may here learn for themselves whether these claims are true and whether the use of mechanical graders would be advisable in their own orchards. And all who determine to try the new devices will have ample time to examine the various makes and prices, and install their machines in time for next year's crop.

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COUNTY FAIRS BREED IDEAS

A state fair that would be a culmination of all the county fairs of the state, with contestants in sports, music, oratory, spelling, arithmetic, reading, and what-not, from the schools of each county, competing against contestants from the schools of every other county, is the idea of Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the Extension department of the University of Oregon.

The idea developed from Dr. Schafer's study of the new vocational movement in the public schools and its relation to the county fairs. He believes the vocational studies necessitate quite a change in the character of the county fair, with schools given more prominence. He would have the county fair developed into a genuine county folk gathering, with the educational feature much augmented. He would have the county schools competing in whatever games they play so that a champion school team, or, at any rate, a first-class picked team, might be selected. The school champions would compete also in reading contests. "It is a cause for complaint that our people are losing the art of reading aloud," he says.

There would be also old-fashioned spelling contests, so that the best speller in each county might be known from the county fair elimination struggle. Contests in doing problems in arithmetic, contests in writing, contests in oratory, and so on, would be staged in the same way.

At conclusion of the county fair, the best speller, the best reader, the pupils best at "riting" and "rithmetic," the champion school in certain sports and the best school exhibits in branches like gardening, domestic science and community curiosities, would have been designated by the numerous judges. Singers and instrumental musicians would be picked out in the same way.

"Assuming that the schedule of fairs could be arranged to make the state fair the climax, how easy it would be to bring the best of all the school exhibits and contests to Salem at a great folk gathering of the state," said Dr. Schafer. "It could be arranged that the county fair prizes for these winners should be a trip to the state fair and expenses while there. This would take to Salem at least a representation of all the people as well as of all the school children of the most remote districts. It would bring home the significance of the state fair to the humblest cabin in our mountains."

"Then let these selected pupils from the 34 counties compete against one another. Malheur against Marion, Wasco against Willowa, for example. By this single feature the state fair could be made intensely interesting and to those staying at home."

Before this will be possible, the county fairs must provide for the school fairs a vastly increased indoor exhibit space, says Dr. Schafer. Tent space could be used until permanent buildings are possible. Diversion of a portion of the county fair prize funds to the new channel represented by school exhibits, is another suggestion.

"Thirdly, there must be provided a type of entertainment that will appeal not merely to the adult farming population, as heretofore, but to the families of rural, and town people—men, women and children of all ages. For it is plainly to be seen that the school fair, with representative exhibits of the products of the children of all the schools, will make the county fair a folk gathering of the county; at least it can be made such easily."

Farm prospects in the vicinity of Stanfield are exceedingly bright for 1914. Many of the farmers secured their first good crop last year, and as the land is in fine condition and many orchards are just coming into bearing, a bumper crop is expected this season.

Prize Ball.

There will be a prize ball at Metzger's hall on Friday evening, January 16, at which prizes will be given as follows: Fifty tickets sold, \$2.50; sixty tickets sold, two prizes, \$2.50 each seventy-five tickets sold, two prizes, \$5 and \$2.50; 100 tickets sold, \$10 and all the others as above. There will be music by a union orchestra; good management. Everybody welcome. Tickets \$1.00, spectators, 25 cents.