

## REAL ESTATE BOOM COMING

Intimation was given in the last issue of the Outlook of a real estate boom that was materializing here.

It is now ready to be made public that Umbdenstock & Larson are making some important changes in the manner of disposing of the remaining property in Bristol Heights and are making active preparations to put it on the market under entirely new plans.

All the lots that were sold there on the strength of the automobile factory being located there have been taken back and the buyers have been refunded their money. A new plat of the addition is being made which will change the town lot system into one-acre tracts which will be sold with houses built thereon ready for occupancy.

The plan is to put up a dwelling and sell the acre for \$1200 on easy payments of ten or twelve dollars a month. It is expected that 25 or 30 houses will be built there this year on those terms.

Estimates for lumber have been secured from M. D. Kern and an order has been placed for the first house. Local grading contractors will be employed to grade the streets and it is the intention to provide a water system if possible.

An effort is being made to get a reduction in fare for round trips to Portland, and there is a possibility of a new railway station being established at Bristol.

The prospect of an extension of the Mount Hood road to Welches is a strong factor in the development of this addition. At any rate it is going to be a big help to Gresham to have such a building boom going on as it will mean many more families added to the population.

### Garden Insect Pests.

About one-fifth of the truck and garden crops of the country are destroyed annually by insect pests. If this part were saved it would add almost its entire value to the profits of the gardener, since its destruction does not cheapen the cost of production. Much of it may be saved by following the instructions for insect control just issued as Extension Bulletin, Insect Pests of Truck and Garden Crops, series 2, No. 4, which may be had by writing to R. D. Hetzel, Extension director, for a free copy. The bulletin was written by Prof. A. L. Lovett, research assistant entomologist, and it contains the latest and most approved control measures available. Gardeners, truckers and school garden directors, should get copies at once, in order to take advantage of the preventive measures recommended.

### Moss-Ridden Lawns.

The serious inroads made by moss on lawns is best controlled by sowing special shady-lawn mixtures in those nooks and corners of the lawn that are densely shaded. The ordinary lawn grasses lose their vigor under these conditions and are crowded out by winter mosses that flourish there. The moss dries up later and can be raked off and burned. Light applications of air-slaked lime are recommended by Professor A. I. Peck, landscape garden specialist at the Oregon Agricultural College. This treatment is not expected to kill the moss, but it invigorates the grass which is thus enabled to struggle successfully against its enemy.

Dr. A. Thompson made an over-Sunday visit at The Dalles with his son, Dr. Fred Thompson and wife.

## BASKET BALL

**BOYS' GAME**  
ST. JOHNS' HIGH  
vs.  
GRESHAM HIGH

**GIRLS' GAME**  
St. Johns H. S. Girls  
vs.  
Gresham H. S. Girls

**Friday Night, Feb. 27th**  
AT GRESHAM RINK

Portland Y. M. C. A. referee  
Admission 15c and 25c

The above girls' game is being arranged for and is practically certain.

## PROF. WEED IS GOOD BOOSTER

The effort to make Gresham a City Beautiful received an immeasurable boost last night as a result of the lecture given by Howard Evarts Weed, the landscape architect and well known lecturer. Mr. Weed has traveled extensively and through his efforts many cities have been beautified. A year or so ago he came to Oregon and was so pleased with the mild climate and natural beauties of the state that he located here and now has a beautiful home near Beaverton.

A goodly number of citizens interested in the subject of improving the city gathered to hear the illustrated lecture on a more beautiful town.

Mr. Weed made clear the principles of landscape ornamentation, and urged the natural shrubs and trees. He gave many illustrations of the natural and attractive methods and of the opposite. He treated the subject broadly and yet practically and suggested many plans for local application.

This is only one of a series of talks and meetings being planned by the tree planting committee with the object of keeping the subject before the minds of property owners and residents and inaugurating such plans as will result in improving the city and the individual home sites as much as possible.

Tree planting day next Saturday, February 28, promises to be an event in Gresham. Several hundred trees are known to have been bought from the local nurseries and will be planted on some of the streets. The idea is spreading and will be carried out as intended.

## HOME BURNED, FAMILY DESTITUTE

The dwelling of E. L. Melvin, about two miles west of Rockwood, was burned early on Saturday morning last, the loss being almost total. The family has been there only a short time and was struggling to make a home. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin are members of Rockwood grange which is interesting the neighborhood in relief measures.

The German society, consisting of all the classes in German of the high school, held a social at the schoolhouse last night. The conversation of the evening and the program were carried on in German.

Lime and Sulphur Spray, also Niagara soluble Sulphur Compound, not a new spray but a new and cheaper way of handling. Ask us. Metzger Bros.

Mrs. Chas. Witter gave birth last night to a dead baby girl. The mother is doing well under the care of Dr. Bittner and Nurse Kalmar.

Mrs. Emil Oswald is entertaining at her home this afternoon in honor of Mrs. S. E. Toepelman, who will leave soon for California.

Trees along the city streets are the greatest beautifiers. Everyone with a piece of ground should get in line next Saturday.

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association is extending contracts for larger acreage of vegetables for the cannery.

### Some Harmful External Parasites of Poultry.

External parasites frequently cause heavy poultry losses, and poultrymen should quarantine their flocks against them. Special methods are required for the control of the various kinds of pests, but certain general measures are often advisable.

One of the best methods is fumigation. While not very effective against many of the external parasites, it should be employed for its great sanitary value. It is conveniently applied by slipping a tent that has been treated with linseed oil or carbolicum over the colony chicken house and weighting down the sides with a little dirt. The fumes are then applied after which the tent is then removed to the next house, and so on.

An account of the special methods for most of the common poultry parasites is given in the Colledge Bulletin, "Some External Parasites of Poultry", written by Dr. H. E. Ewing, research assistant at the Oregon Agricultural College. Free copies may be had by sending for them to R. D. Hetzel, Extension director, Corvallis, Ore.

## RECALL POWER CLEAR ABUSE AND COSTLY

PORTLAND, Feb. 21—[Special]—

It was predicted that there would be a recall in Portland inside of a year after commission government was adopted, and the recall is coming. Mayor Albee and Commissioners Brewster and Dieck are the target to start with. Fifty men are engaged in circulating petitions for their recall. Probably they will secure the requisite number of signatures. A special election will cost the already burdened taxpayers \$20,000 owing to increased number of polling places. This is clear abuse of the recall power. These men have not been in office to show what they can do with commission form. Men who voted for commission form are ready to condemn the system even before it has been given a fair trial, which has not been done. These men are personally men of very high character. It is not charged that they are dishonest. They are high-class men. And yet men are today trying to recall them. The movement shows the extremely fickle character of the average man. It is hot one day—ice cold the next. I think it will be shown that the old council form was as good, if not better than the commission, for the reason that it was representative—the people elected representatives to whom they could appeal at any time. The principal complaint is that the mayor and commissioners are more inaccessible than the old members of the council were. Truth of the matter is this—any reasonable form of government will fall provided the right kind of men are not elected.

Multnomah Camp No. 77, Woodmen of the World celebrated its 23d anniversary Friday night. It has 2285 active members. It owns property valued at \$40,000. It growth has been remarkable. Reason of its prosperity may be traced to the managers. They secured for \$1500 a tract sixty-two by two hundred feet several years ago and erected a hall at a cost of \$13,000. This property has rapidly increased in value. The camp stands for progress. No member of this camp is ever allowed to suffer. If his family needs help the camp asks no question, unwinds no red tape. It draws its checks for whatever is needed to relieve the family. It builds houses for the homeless. It takes care of the widow and the orphan. That is the real thing. May the good Lord give us more camps like Multnomah and the fine men who manage it.

A taxpayers' league was formed here Saturday night, whose object is to force down the high cost of city and county administration. Its avowed object is the protection of property and home owners. Let us see about this? Taxes this year average 25 per cent higher than ever before in the history of Portland. Taxes are about 90 per cent higher than they were five years ago. And yet the assessor continues to pile up the available taxable property. We are to have the Somers system, whatever that is. It means likely that the property owners of this county will have to disgorge some more. These improved assessment methods usually works out that way. The taxes in this county have increased 350 per cent within the past fifteen years, so statisticians have figured out. How long will it be before that will land every property owner in the county farm at Troutdale. This taxpayers' protective league has come none too soon. Now let the county take a hand as well. There should be such organizations formed at Troutdale, Gresham, Firview and all through the county as a matter of self-protection. This year the sum of \$8,000,000 will be collected in this city and county, which is going some. And yet the increase of socialism is deplored.

## HOME TEAMS BOTH BEATEN

Gresham high school basketball teams, both boys and girls, suffered another defeat on Friday evening last. The boys were beaten by Orient, the score standing 17 to 16 in favor of the visitors. The girls were defeated by the Hood River girls' team by a score of 16 to 6. Professor Quicksall and Harold Kern alternated as referee and umpire for the boys. For the girls Miss Hager, of Hood River was referee and C. E. Rice of Gresham, umpire. The girls blame their defeat to girls' rules which they are not used to.

The boys' team will play the St. Johns boys next Friday night and the girls' team will play the St. Johns girls. The latter game will be the principal event.

**List of Letters.**  
Remains uncalled for in this office for the week ending February 22, 1914.

Letters—A. L. Striker, F. H. Johnson, Miss Hazel Miller, Mrs. F. R. Johnson.

Cards—J. A. Merriman.  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on March 8, 1914, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "advertised," giving date of list.  
I. McCOLL, P. M.

Grandma Sleret is suffering with an acute attack of eczema.

Mr. Virgel, a well known pioneer and capitalist of this city, died at Woods, Tillamook county, at 4 p. m., Friday afternoon. His death was unexpected although he was not in robust health. Mr. Virgel went to Woods Wednesday last to look after his property there, and when he left Portland he was in good spirits and health, and declined to have any one go with him. A message was received by Mrs. Virgel, his wife, telling of his death. She left yesterday morning for Woods and will bring the body to Portland for interment.

Mr. Virgel was a pioneer. He was 85 years of age as near as can be ascertained. He came to California in the early fifties, where he engaged in mining for some time before coming to Oregon. While prospecting on the Frasier river with a partner he accidentally found a gold nugget which yielded \$11,000. This nugget was the second largest nugget ever found on the Pacific coast. The nugget was picked up by Mr. Virgel after he and his partner had become discouraged. He came to Portland in 1861. For 27 years he was in the employ of Ladd & Tilton's banks as manager of the Mead estate. Since he severed his connection with the bank he has devoted his time to the management of his private affairs. Virgel's estate is estimated to be worth above \$100,000. Virgel was a peculiar man. With all his wealth he was never happy. He was not stingy, but never contributed a cent as far as I ever heard to a good cause. No institution will bear his name. Nobody will call his memory blessed. He lived a long life—what for? Nothing, nothing, nothing. A blank space has been left by his death.  
L. H. WELLS.

Rockwood grange and the parcel post entertainment made close connections on Saturday evening and furnished a variety of novel entertainment, netting a sum of money sufficient large to buy a new range for the kitchen of the banquet room. The entertainment opened with a short program of music and comedy sketches, which was followed by the sale of several hundred donated parcels, and a lot of home-made candy. So eager were the people to buy and so large the crowd that everything was sold out in ten minutes and the crowd was clamoring for more. Then dancing began and was continued until 3 o'clock. Supper was served at midnight.

## PARCEL POST PARTY PROVES PROFITABLE

Macabees Will Dance.  
Rockwood Maccabee Tent is preparing for a dance with home music and supper at the lodge hall on Saturday evening, February 28. A small charge will be made to defray expenses. The members will provide the eatables free of cost to the tent.

The Springfield planning mills are enlarging the box manufacturing department to employ about twenty more hands.

A fifty room annex to the St. Francis hotel at Albany is being completed.

## MAY WAIT FOR RAIL SERVICE

The city of Sandy may have to wait a long time yet for railroad service, according to a statement from Oregon City in this morning's Oregonian which says:

From the developments of the last few days, it may be that the Clackamas Development company may not build its proposed line into the town of Sandy, even though the franchise is granted by the county court and, further, that the Portland, Railway Light & Power company may construct a line from the present terminus of the former Mount Hood road at Bull Run to Welches's camp, adopting a route which would leave the town of Sandy two miles from a railroad.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company is said to have made preliminary surveys of the route which leads up the northern side of the Sandy River, crosses the river at a point somewhere near half way between Bull Run and Welch's camp, and ends at this latter place.

Representatives from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company have approached the officers of the Clackamas Development company and outlined their plans. If the Bull Run Welch's camp line is built, officers of the development company announced today that they would abandon their plan to build into Sandy, as two roads could not operate into the Sandy country and pay expenses. If the franchise is granted by the Clackamas county court before the Portland company reaches a definite decision as to what action it will take, construction on the Boring-Sandy road will be delayed until such a decision is reached, was the statement of an officer in the Clackamas Development company today.

The route outlined by the electric company comes within about two miles of the town of Sandy at its closest point and that point is on the banks of the Sandy river, several hundred feet below the town. Because of this, it would be almost impossible for a branch line or sidetrack to be built to the town.

The Mount Hood railroad company, which built what is now the Mount Hood division of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, planned to continue its road from Bull Run to the side of Mount Hood, but these plans were upset when the line changed hands. Since then the purchasers have had the plans before the directors in New York, but the proposition was turned down. For the second time the proposed extension is to be brought before the ruling body in the East, with recommendations from the local officials that it be built.

## VARIOUS FAIR DATES BEING ARRANGED

Fair dates for 1914 are being arranged by the different county fairs of Oregon. The state fair has settled upon September 28 to October 3 inclusive. The livestock exposition at the Portland Union stock yards will be December 7-12. The first announcement of early dates comes from The Dalles which will be the first big event for 1914, by giving a Round-up and Wild West show, on the following dates, July 2, 3 and 4. There will be three days of thrilling events, something breaking loose every minute, such as broncho busting, steer roping, wild horse races, bull dogging, cow boy saddle horse races, Indian parades, stage coach and chariot races, street dances and band concerts. On July 4 they will give special events.

The last information is furnished by Ed. Smith of Gresham who is interested in some of the Eastern Oregon events.

Other dates will be given as they are received. So far none of them will conflict with the Gresham fair which will begin on September 15.

Miss Laura V. Bulkeley spent the day yesterday at her home in Montavilla.

**Builders' Attention!**  
The Sandy Fir Lumber Company of Sandy, Oregon, is filling all lumber orders and invites your inquiries and orders. Martin Lennartz, manager. Phone 446.

**Dressmaking.**  
Parlors next door to Gresham Real Estate company. Prices reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mrs. M. M. Squire.

An ad. in the local newspaper is a good investment that all merchants can afford to make.

## SEARCHING FOR MISSING MAN

Further attempt was made on Sunday to find the missing land clearing contractor, Leonard, but the effort was unsuccessful. William Sales and a deputy sheriff made inquiries and search at Linnemann Junction.

Some are beginning to think that the mysterious dead man at Sandy may be Leonard. Several comparisons of the two men would indicate that they were more nearly similar than was at first thought. It is believed by some that Leonard went to Sandy in a dazed condition, and being very hungry ate more than his weakened system would allow.

Several trinkets that Leonard was known to possess, including a watch chain of a peculiar pattern will be traced, if possible, as further clues and they may be the means of establishing an identity to the unknown dead man and finding the missing Leonard.

## WOODMEN HOLD ANNIVERSARY

Multnomah Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, celebrated its 23d anniversary on Friday evening last in its big hall on the East side. Among the features of the celebration was a souvenir edition of the camp paper, the Multnomah Booster, which is being printed regularly at the Outlook office.

The souvenir paper was made up with 16 pages and cover extra, making 20 pages in all. The front cover was embellished with a half-tone engraving typical of the camp's growth, the 23 years being represented by 23 fir trees varying in size from a sapling to a mammoth giant of the forest. The trees and some other parts of the four pages of the cover were printed in green, the remainder in red.

After a short business session of the camp the remainder of the evening was devoted to entertainment and feasting. The three remaining charter members of the camp, living in Portland were introduced and told about some of the struggles of 23 years ago. The program was mostly furnished by paid entertainers with high class selections. The banquet was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Two members from Gresham, H. L. St. Clair and E. L. Thorpe, attended, returning home on the midnight car.

Mrs. Maxwell Schneider and Mrs. H. L. Wostell visited Arleta school last Friday and inspected the new domestic science and manual training building with its splendid kitchen and dining room. The school lunches, which have already become famous, will be prepared and served in this building to a much greater advantage. The ladies will give a full report of the plan as carried on at Arleta, at the next meeting of the Women's Council on Tuesday evening, March 3.

**Saturday Night Dances.**  
Regular Saturday evening dances will be held at the Gresham Commercial club hall, beginning next Saturday evening, February 28, by the Elite Dancing club. There will be Union music. Tickets, 75 cents, ladies free. Everyone is invited. A masquerade will be given March 17.

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## Parcel Post Social

Auspices Methodist Ladies Aid

At M. E. Parsonage

Saturday Night, Feb. 28

Admission FREE

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