

ROAD KNIGHT FALLS HEIR TO VAST FORTUNE

From being a knight of the road and a wanderer afar; from a life of ill requited toil and almost absolute poverty; from the fear of charity and a possible home among the wards of the county farm to the station of a millionaire, is a dream that is too often shattered by a rude awakening.

But to have been the subject of all the toil, poverty and fears of half a century and then to suddenly become a millionaire is a tale of the Arabian Nights that is seldom realized. Yet such a condition seems to have been the fortune of a well-known character of Eastern Multnomah, who has seen all the ups and downs of life in a roving career of half a century.

Thomas Bell came to the United States from England more than thirty years ago along with his father and brother. In Liverpool the family had "been well-to-do as trades people, but a financial crash left them stranded and the father and his two sons came to America to escape the sneers and insults of their fair weather friends in an effort to retrieve their fallen fortunes. They sought every opportunity all over the great northwest and finally made their last stand in Portland, where they found work but not affluence. The father was at one time the engineer of the Hotel Portland's light and heating plant. The sons also found work but never wealth.

After a few years the father was gathered to his rest by the grim reaper and was followed later by his other son, leaving Tom alone to battle his way through life alone. Then he became a wanderer again and knew what it was "to be wanting a meal." But he never despaired, and a dozen years ago he found himself in this vicinity where he has remained, living always alone but working steadily whenever opportunity offered. His last stand was in a lonely cabin on the rim of Blue Lake, owned by the Fitzgerald brothers, where he has made his home for several years.

Last Saturday the messenger of a Portland law firm came out in a quest for Tom Bell, bearing the sad message of the death in England of a rich uncle. He also brought the cheering intelligence that the uncle in dying had left a vast fortune and that Tom was one of three nephews to share the estate. Tom has been heard to allude to his uncle, whom he described as wealthy, but he had scarcely dared to hope that he would become an heir to any portion of the estate. On the contrary he was often despondent and had been heard to express a fear that with the coming infirmities of old age he would become a public charge. He has been known to make jesting remarks of his future home on the county farm.

He was notified of his good fortune the sum of which is estimated to be close to a million dollars. Just what his plans will be is not known yet, but he will probably go to England as soon as possible to claim his vast wealth, but he will return to America if he goes, and he will come back to Eastern Multnomah when he returns.

EXPLOITS OF ELAIN AT SMITH'S THEATER

The famous serial production "Exploits of Elain" one of the greatest detective stories ever photographed, has been obtained by the management of the Smith Theater.

Owing to the fact that the first and second installment of this picture has been shown in this city we have arranged to show **The first, second and third installment, of Elain** or "The Clutching Hand" on next Saturday, March 14. This will give every one a good opportunity to judge the quality of this great picture.

The picture is in 15 installments and running three the first week it gives the serial a good start, so if you like a good sensational picture come and see the first three installments of Elain Saturday night. It will be the largest and best picture program you have even seen in Gresham, a comedy will be shown in addition to Elain making seven reels in all.

Don't overlook the Master Key on Friday. It is not too late to start the story and there is absolutely no question as to your liking the Master Key, as it is so much different from any serial ever before produced. It

FOREST GIANT WATCHES O'ER BIG POTATOES

Big things grow in Eastern Multnomah. Powell Valley, being the garden spot of Eastern Multnomah, grows the biggest. Not long ago a mention was made of a big fir tree which had been cut into cordwood on the farm of O. I. Neal, near Gresham, and it was supposed to be the last one in all this part of the county. But there is another, and it stands alone, the last sentinel of the ages.

It is standing on the farm of E. J. Gradin, about a mile southeast from Gresham, and it measures 23 feet in circumference, or nearly eight feet in diameter, at the point where it would get the ax when its turn shall come to be felled. It is estimated to contain 30 cords of wood which makes its value to be about \$125 delivered at the door of your woodshed.

The old sentinel was probably a tiny sapling when Columbus came across the ocean blue, but it was a lusty chieftain of the forest when Lewis & Clark came here. Now it is the monarch of the disappearing forest, standing silent and lone.

But the kingly giant is not the only big thing that grows on Mr. Gradin's farm. Almost under the shadow of its towering foliage and all around it is a field of the fertile soil found all around here on every farm. Last year the field was planted to potatoes of the American Wonder and Burbank varieties, and their yield was so astonishing that no record was kept of the production. But estimating the size of the crop from the size of a basket of potatoes shown by Mr. Gradin last Saturday, and remembering other heavy yields in this vicinity, one is apt to believe that the crop went above 500 bushels to the acre.

In the basketful shown there were eight potatoes. Three of them were laid on the floor and measured just 36 inches. Six of them were weighed and their combined weight was nearly 20 pounds. The individual weights of the six was as follows: 4 pounds, 2 ounces; 3 pounds, 13 ounces; 3 pounds, 4 ounces; 3 pounds, 3 ounces; 3 pounds, 2 ounces; 2 pounds, 13 ounces. The first five were American Wonders, the last one was a Burbank. The other two were not weighed but the eight potatoes weighed nearly a half bushel.

Mr. Gradin has given his place the name of Beaver Spring farm, a title it richly deserves, although there are others all around it that are equally as good and can grow big potatoes galore. Big trees, however, are relics of the past and in a few years the last one will have disappeared forever.

COSTLY HEARSE FROM TOURING CAR

Probably the finest hearse in Multnomah county is the one just received by R. R. Carlson, the Gresham undertaker. It overshadows anything of its kind in the city of Portland and is up to every requirement.

When Mr. Carlson returned from a trip to California last year he brought with him a new Cadillac touring car, but finding that his use of it here as a pleasure machine was rather limited he determined to convert it into a hearse, which has been done.

The superstructure was built up on the chassis of the Cadillac, and has hand-carved panels in imitation of heavy black drapery. The work was all done in Portland and reflects as much credit on the artists who have sent it out as it does upon the enterprise of Mr. Carlson in providing it for use in his business which is not anywhere near as extensive as it is among his Portland rivals, none of whom can boast of anything quite so fine.

New Blacksmith Shop Open.
I want to announce to the people of Gresham and vicinity that I have opened a new blacksmith shop on Second street between Main street and Roberts avenue. General repairing of all kinds. Horseshoeing, carriage and wagon work. All kinds of grinding including plow points and discs.—Adv.
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Dr. S. P. Bittner has moved his office to the Gresham Investment company's building over the Bank of Gresham.—Adv.

is a continued story, not a series of episodes. Each installment is filled with sensation and intense interest. Any one calling at the box office may receive the story of the first three installments.—Adv.

GREAT ACTIVITY MANIFESTED IN GRANGE REVIVAL

Last Saturday was probably the most important day in local grange history that has been observed in Eastern Multnomah for several years. Two all-day meetings were held and one night session. All three were in different grange sections, and at each place there was a large attendance with an enthusiasm corresponding to the crowds.

Evening Star grange held its regular monthly meeting and was attended by fully two hundred members. The principal event was an address by John B. Yeon, county road superintendent, in which he spoke of the work being done on the Columbia River Highway, and the plans being made for the improvements of the roads of Multnomah county in the event of the approval of a bond issue by the voters to raise money for that purpose. He said in part:

"It is planned to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,250,000 this year to complete the Columbia Highway, hard-surface the Base Line, Powell Valley, Sandy, Slavin, Linnton and the Canyon roads. This will mean the construction of 71 miles of first-class hard-surface roads and place Multnomah in the front ranks in this country in high-grade roads."

Most of Money for Labor.
"These bonds will run ten years and will cost the taxpayers 37 cents on the \$1000 of property he may own. This sum will be expended mainly at home, for 80 per cent will be for labor."

"We have made careful investigation and have ascertained that it would be a waste of money to continue to build macadam surfaces on the trunk roads in this county. Wherever we have gone we have been told, 'Don't do it.' It costs \$8000 to build the macadam roads and \$1000 a mile to maintain them under the tremendous wear of modern traffic. Multnomah county must not repeat the mistakes of the past nor the mistakes of other localities in road building."

"In King county, Washington, they have built 45 miles of fine brick roads through the Puyallup Valley at a cost of \$28,000 per mile, with the result that the growers realize \$1,250,000 on their berries annually and the dairymen \$2,000,000. They have 30,000 cows. Every dairyman has a station in front of his house and the auto-truck stops and takes the milk to Seattle and the dairyman does not have to harness his team and take his milk to market."

Columbia Road Great Asset.
"The Columbia Highway is one of the greatest assets this county and Portland can have. It is the greatest scenic road in the world. If you have any doubt on this subject, don't take my word for it, but next May go out there and see for yourself that what I say is true."

"We are charged with building a joy road. Nothing is further from the truth. The Columbia Highway is the roadway for the farmer and the automobile owner as well. Completed to The Dalles, it will bring to Portland the automobile traffic that now stops at The Dalles. While at Baker City recently I found that the people have a great interest in the Columbia Highway. They told me that when it was finished to The Dalles they would come to Portland to spend their vacations. And thousands who now go to California will come to Portland. Of 1000 machines that stopped at a garage at The Dalles last year all would have come to Portland had the Columbia Highway been finished. At least five passengers came in each car and each passenger represented an expenditure of \$3 a day. It can be seen that

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TO HAVE BASKET SOCIAL

The girls of the basketball team are planning an entertainment and basket social to be given in the assembly room of the schoolhouse Tuesday evening, March 16, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of defraying basketball expenses. A short program consisting of music and readings will be given. Admission free. Baskets will be sold to highest bidder. Come out and help the girls along.

Utah Land Plaster, big stock on hand at warehouse in Gresham. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

a great sum would be spent in Portland by these passengers.

Many Acres to Benefit.
"It is not planned to hard-surface roads that only accommodate a few people, but the trunk roads. This Columbia Highway and these hard-surface roads on the East Side and east of Sandy river will benefit many. There are 30,000 acres adjacent to the road that will receive direct benefit from hard-surfacing of the highway and the other roads to Portland. With these roads paved no more road bonds will be needed to continue the work in future. It will be a start in the right direction, and our roads will be great assets for Portland, which will pay the main portion of the interest on the road bonds."

Meeting at Fairview.
Fairview grange held its regular all-day, monthly session on Saturday, the occasion also being the quarterly meeting of the Masters' and Lecturers' association. Aside from the usual routine work of the grange the masters and lecturers took up the best part of the day in discussing plans and measures for the promotion of the order which will be brought up at the Pomona meeting to be held here on March 17.

One of these plans is the proposed campaign to add 500 members to the granges of this county during the present year. T. J. Kreuder, county deputy, who is the originator of the idea was in attendance and outlined some of the proposed plans, one of which is to be a grand field day early in the spring which will be open to the public.

A resolution was adopted favoring a field meet. It provides for the appointment of suitable committees from all the granges of the county to work together for the desired object. H. A. Lewis, who was present, made a free offer of a suitable tract of land at the last end of the Mount Tabor carline, where every convenience will be obtainable. His offer will probably be accepted as being the most central. Pomona grange will take the matter up and authorize the different granges to act.

Another matter of importance discussed at Fairview, which was also referred to Pomona, was a resolution asking the national government to increase the deposits by individuals in the postal savings banks to \$1000, and authorize the loan of the funds on farm land security at an interest rate not to exceed 4 per cent.

The grange was also instructed on the secret and ritualistic work of the order.

Initiations at Rockwood.
Rockwood grange held a most important evening session, the attendance being up to the 150 mark. The meeting was a special one, called for the purpose of initiating a large class of new members. The degree team from Evening Star grange, consisting of 30 members, headed by the regular officers of the grange, put on the work in its usual impressive manner. Fourteen candidates were initiated, and two others were reinstated.

Visitors were present from six other granges, all of whom were agreeably entertained by the perfect work of the Evening Star team. After the ceremonies a few brief talks were made by prominent members, including County Deputy Kreuder and J. J. Johnston, master of Evening Star. The evening ended with a grange supper.

Rockwood grange has another class of ten to initiate, besides several others who are asking to be reinstated after having lapsed out. Others are expected to apply for membership and there is a probability that last Saturday evening's ceremonies will be repeated in a few weeks.

MANAGER RETURNS AND PAYS ALL BILLS

Eight members of the Boston Musical Comedy company, who were left stranded in Gresham for several days last week, were given welcome relief late on Friday afternoon when the manager returned with ample funds to pay all obligations.

To the credit of the manager it is to be said that he had only gone away for the purpose of getting money, and when he came back it was with enough to pay all bills, release the troupe's baggage at the Congdon and take them to Portland.

JOE BUCHEL IS BOOSTING, THOUGH BLIND

By L. H. WELLS.
PORTLAND, March 8.—Special.—Today I talked with Joe Buchtel, the blind booster and well known pioneer. It was a pitiful sight to see Buchtel, still an incarnation of push and energy, tied up with total blindness. Joe is full of enthusiasm for Portland and only his infirmity prevents him taking an active part in affairs.

"I am heartily in favor of the proposed bond issue of \$1,250,000 to lay hard-surface on the trunk roads in this county, as these hard-surfaced roadways will make Portland and the county, and the bonds will be but a single drop in the bucket. We should support the bond issue."

Thus declared Joseph Buchtel, a former active Portland booster and pioneer, but now confined to his home with a total eclipse of his eyesight. Mr. Buchtel said yesterday that his one great regret is that he cannot get out and work for the proposed bond issue with the same enthusiasm he worked for the erection of the first Morrison street bridge.

"These hard surface roads are all the more necessary now that actual work has been started on the erection of the interstate bridge," continued Mr. Buchtel, for Washington will undoubtedly build hard-surface feeders on the Washington side. Multnomah county is particularly fortunate in securing the services of such a man as J. B. Yeon, a successful business man, who is giving his time free of charge. Then the reasons are spending their money in behalf of the development of Portland. Permanent hard-surface roads will do more to develop a great city than anything else. Portland will carry most of the burden of the bonds, which will be very light, and the farmers will benefit from these hard-surface roads. They are not building for automobiles, but for the use of the farmers. They will permit the farmer to come in with his produce in less than half the time he can come in on rough roads. Take the great Eagle Creek country. If there were a hard-surface road running out there the farmers could make two route trips to Portland in their automobiles in a day. In his talk before the grangers last Saturday he told the story of the benefits to be derived from permanent hard-surface roads. When we started in to agitate for the first Morrison bridge the knockers got busy and declared it was not needed and it would bankrupt the county. I only wish I could see so I could get out and boost for this bond issue, but I am laid on the shelf."

"When these trunk roads are paved it will mean feeders for Portland, and other feeders will follow in all directions. The great Columbia Highway should be finished and paved at the earliest possible time. That highway, as Mr. Yeon said in his Saturday's address will be a tremendous asset for Portland."

"I approve of the plan to give Larch mountain a more appropriate name. There is no genuine Larch timber on that elevation, and the name is not appropriate. I had the honor to name Oneonta gorges and also secured the name Look-Out mountain for Rocky Butte, which stands near Montavilla. Give Larch mountain an appropriate name now that a trail is to be built there from the Columbia Highway."

I take this occasion to congratulate the Outlook on its fourth birthday. The editor, owner and everyone connected with the Outlook have good grounds to feel proud of the fine showing the Outlook has made during the past four years. That so good a newspaper has been issued at Gresham attests the enthusiasm, industry and ability of all concerned in getting it out. Once a week paper is about all any community can hope for, but Gresham has been better favored. There is no stale news in the Outlook. It does not sour on the cob before it reaches its readers on the twice-a-week plan. The Outlook has been able to marshal a lot of live-wires in the little communities that are the pulse of the neighborhoods that vibrate with electric life and animation. The little personal items make up the life of the communities. The more names the semi-country newspaper gets into

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PROGRAM FOR MEN ONLY ON SOCIAL IDEAS

Mention has been made twice before of the meeting to be held next Thursday evening, March 11, in the Commercial club hall. It will be a meeting for men only and is free. The occasion will be a conference of physicians, educators and others on social and moral hygiene. Circulars and notices have been sent out broadcast through the mails in addition to the articles in this paper.

The meeting will be under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene society, the subjects dealing with the laws of sex life. The general public being ignorant of the consequences, is indifferent, and it is for their instruction that the meeting is to be held. The invitations to attend contain the following, signed by K. A. Miller, Arthur Dowsett and J. E. Stubbs:

"The Social evil and the suffering resulting therefrom are subjects of much serious thought and consideration on the part of many of our best citizens."

"You are invited to a conference of the leading men of Gresham called by the committee to consider this problem, which, in one or another aspect, touches the life of every home."

"The Oregon Social Hygiene society, recognized as one of the strongest in the country, is now ready to co-operate with us in starting an active and steady campaign of education in our community. There will be a place in the campaign for every man in the community, who is legitimately and earnestly interested in the protection of our boys and girls."

"It is a call for sane and constructive action."

"Mayor G. W. Stapleton will preside. A comprehensive program has been prepared and the field will be well covered by a member of the Executive Board of the Oregon Social Hygiene society from Portland and local speakers."

Following is the program:
8:00 p. m.—The Extent and Result of Sexual Vice—

"The Prevalency and General Seriousness of Venereal Diseases and their Effect upon the Individual and the Home."—J. M. Short, M. D.
"Present Conditions Among Boys and Girls."—J. E. Stubbs.

8:50 p. m.—Causes and Remedies, "The Four Sex Lies and Other Causes. Remedies."—Wm. F. Woodward, Portland, Oregon, (Member Executive Board of Oregon Social Hygiene Society.)

9:30 p. m.—"What Can We Do for Gresham?"—Theo Brugger.
9:45—Adjournment.

HOWITT'S BUNGALOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

T. R. Howitt's new bungalow on Roberts avenue is well under way. The brick and tile work is completed and the frame for the building is being put up. This will be one of the most attractive residences in Gresham. It will be a 6-room bungalow, modern in every respect. The large basement is of brick tiling, made by the Columbia Brick Works. Brick tiling and concrete blocks form the foundation.

The carpenter work is being done by Gibbs Bros. and Claude Stockton. Arthur Fieldhouse did the brick and tile work. The contracts for the other parts of the building have not yet been let. It is expected that the house will be ready for occupancy early in June.

INVITED TO SEE MARCH MENAGERIE

Invitations have been sent out to a number of the young people of Gresham and vicinity for a Saturday night party which is worded in rhyme in this manner:

March is the month of all the year
When lamb and lion do appear;
When pussy willow comes anew,
And March hare scampers into view.
If you would meet these creatures four,
And maybe several others more,
Then come prepared for work and play,
To the Faria home, March 20th the day.

Gravel and Sand.
I am prepared to furnish gravel and sand in any quantity from Bell pit. Also teaming, grading and excavating. J. H. Hoss. Telephone 79x.
—Adv.t

H. S. Orchestra Benefit.
Coming! at the schoolhouse, Friday evening, March 26. Good program. Local talent.
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Eyes tested and glasses fitted. Dr. Geo. Inglis.—Adv.