

ROADSIDE SHADE TREES A VITAL PART OF ROADS

Striking Absence of Ornamental Shading on Highways

Those of us living in Multnomah county have every right to feel indignantly proud of our beautiful county roads which radiate from the metropolis like ribbons over the great stretches of evergreen country. Even now they are beautiful to look upon and when fully improved their manifold advantages can scarcely be expressed in adequate words.

However, they are greatly lacking in one way. There is a striking absence of ornamental trees. Before the timber was cut away they were bordered with forests of native trees and it was necessary to remove the trees to open up the land for farms. With the old dirt roads it was also necessary to have them taken away to admit the wind and sunlight to the thoroughfares that they might be passable during many months of the year.

For mileage of good roads eastern Multnomah claims first place in Oregon. They have been built under the stimulus of trade and are now being further improved under the stimulus of the automobile industry.

But trees, once so abundant, are lacking except in a few places. These roads should be further beautified by planting and taking care of roadside trees as an object lesson in the scheme showing the part trees are to play along the great highways of the country. Even greater is the need of trees wherever they can be planted along the Columbia River Highway as an added attraction to its natural scenic beauty.

Trees hanging over the sides of the roadways are certainly things of beauty. Any road engineer will tell you they are something more. He knows that the tree-shaded stretches of roadway can be kept in good condition for 25 to 50 per cent less expense than places in the same kind of road exposed to the sun.

Shade conserves moisture. The road under a tree never dries out so much as that in the open, and trees do an immense work in keeping the road in good condition.

Roadside trees are something more than a background. They are a vital part of the road. When this fact is added to the plea for trees as road beautifiers it adds to the force of a roadside tree idea.

To save our new roads, now that we are going to have them, and to reduce the up-keep of them to the minimum amount is what we all should wish to do, aside from our desire to obtain the beauty and comfort naturally resulting from roadside shade trees.

Let us give this subject of roadside trees our serious and earnest thought, and when we do this we will surely come to a realization of the inestimable value to be derived from them.

We will soon be the fortunate possessors of the best roads in the state and we should bend our activities toward planting trees along the stretches bare of shade.

CELEBRATED SILVER WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Max Reuble celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding day anniversary on Sunday last at their home in Rockwood.

Numerous silver presents were received, some from those not present. The guests formed a group banked in the foreground with flowers and a photograph was taken of them by Maxwell Schneider. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zeller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winters, Mr. and Mrs. G. Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. W. Winters, Mr. and Mrs. M. Topkins, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kronenberg, Geo. Walker, Maxwell Schneider, Miss Louise Reuble, Will and Frederick Winters.

A large audience greeted Rev. W. G. MacLaren last Friday evening at Metzger's hall, to listen to his illustrated lecture on rescue work on the Pacific coast. Mr. MacLaren's earnestness in his work and his fearlessness in dealing with evil doers win admiration of all.

CANNERY MANAGER INSPECTS PUYALUP

David Culy has taken up his duties as night watchman at the cannery. Manager Sterling took a trip last week to Puyalup to inspect the cannery there, one of the most successful in the Pacific Northwest. He brought back many suggestions for the improvement of methods and conditions here.

Berries here are as fine and as well flavored as those of the Puyalup district, but on account of the fertilizer used on the plants there, they are firmer and stand the wet weather better. The Puyalup berry growers divide their berries into three grades. The grading is done in the fields. They use the shallow pint berry boxes and the double decked crates with board separating tiers. If we are to compete with them in the same markets we must adopt their best methods.

The Gresham Fruit Growers association is handicapped in not having enough berries to draw from. The most profitable way to handle fresh fruit is in carload lots. Ten thousand to twelve thousand pounds are required for a carload. At the height of the season the association handled 5,000 to 7,000 pounds a day. Shipping to local markets is often done at a loss, as the method involves too much handling. Herein is a problem to be solved.

The cannery cannot ship fruit that is not in good condition. It cannot handle over ripe fruit as well as it can be done at home. Don't expect it.

Many tons of raspberries and of loganberries are spoiling on the vines being ruined by the continuous rains. They are not being taken at the cannery now but will be later when firmer berries develop.

Work is being done on Lawton blackberries. The cannery will use all the evergreen blackberries it can get. Manager Sterling desires to get in touch with any who can furnish them in quantities.

The cannery was shut down yesterday on account of the illness of superintendent F. J. Kaster. He is on duty again today. Mr. Kaster is still using crutches as a result of an automobile accident a few weeks ago.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Felde McColl of Portland visited yesterday with his mother, Mrs. I. McColl. Mr. McColl returned recently from his vacation spent in California and Mexico. He is enthusiastic over the trip and the wonders of the exposition.

Miss Laura Belt of Wisconsin is spending a day or two in Gresham on her way to Newquart, where she will spend her vacation with her brother, Dr. W. C. Belt and family and with another sister, who arrived here recently from the east.

A well attended meeting of the official board of the Free Methodist church was held yesterday at the church, when business affairs of the church received careful attention.

J. J. Kindscher of Beloit, Kan., cashier of the First National Bank of that place, was in Gresham last night looking for his old friend Fred Olson. He secured an auto which took him out to Olson's home in Pleasant Valley.

SPECIAL ELECTION BOARDS NAMED

Two election boards have been named for the special city election to be held on August 12 for the purpose of voting on the proposed enlargement of the city limits.

The election will be held at one o'clock, continuing until seven in the evening. The following have been named to serve on the two boards:

Precinct No. 308, Murphy building—Judges, D. W. Metzger, C. E. Risher, W. K. Hamilton; clerks, George Metzger, Fred Todd. Precinct No. 309, City hall—Judges, G. W. Wonacott, J. C. Peterson, Mrs. H. L. St. Clair; clerks, Inez Lusted, Roy Kern.

Dressmaking

With Madame Osborne of New York four years before marriage. Satisfaction guaranteed.

MRS. A. WARWICK, Cor. Third and Hood, Gresham.

SENTIMENT FAVORING THE HARD SURFACING OF GRESHAM STREETS

There is a growing sentiment in Gresham in favor of hard surfaced streets. Since the people of the county voted a million and a quarter dollars to hard surface more than seventy miles of county roads the property owners of this city have seen the advantage of better streets and there is really little opposition to having the work done.

It is a noted fact that nearly every town in Oregon and Washington of the size of this one has good hard paved streets. They could be named by the score. All the larger towns are making vast strides in this respect and many of the smaller ones not half the size of Gresham have their principal thoroughfares hard surfaced, and some of them have better roads leading into them than are to be found at present in eastern Multnomah.

To be specific, there are such towns as Newberg, Lafayette, and Dallas, only a size larger than Gresham, that have their street systems in perfect shape with the streets paved from curb to curb. Even the towns a size or two smaller than Gresham, such as North Yamhill, Gaston and Dilly, have made a good start and are exhibiting a civic pride in the matter of good streets. In fact, all the cities of any importance up the Willamette valley will have their streets improved long before Gresham gets started.

It is true that the Gresham city council has authorized two blocks of hard pavement. It is also true that some opposition seems to be developing, but there is a probability that the work will proceed. If that much is all that can be built it will be a beginning, but there is now at hand a chance to get such work done as low as it ever will be, for there are three hard surfacing plants here, one of which will soon be laying asphalt on the Powell Valley road right into the heart of the city.

To let the plant get away without an effort to surface at least a portion of the city's streets will mean a greater cost after it is gone.

The Outlook has been censured in some quarters because it has not been a militant howler for better streets. It has been said of the paper that it should be the moulder of public opinion and the educator of the people in all kinds of improvements. While the Outlook is gratified to learn what it is here for, it must plead that it is not seeking to dictate to the people what they shall do even in smaller affairs than hard surfacing the streets of the city.

There are other interests to be reckoned with, among them being the public spirit of the property owners who have to pay for the improvements, and they would not stand to be dictated to. Besides, in general the people are slow to express their feelings and opinions on such matters.

The columns of the Outlook are always open for communications or expression of opinion on hard surface subjects as well as others of public importance. Yet how many of those who are able to express themselves or will have to foot the bills have ever let their wants or their opposition be known through the columns of the local paper?

But one property owner has taken a decided stand for hard surface. R. K. Carlson has authorized the statement that he is in favor of hard surfacing Hood avenue. He is progressive enough to say what he wants personally, but so far he is the only one. He is willing to pay for his share of the cost in front of all his property and is not afraid to say so. Perhaps the others are not afraid but they don't say so. He has never shirked a civic or public duty, and since last Sunday has been an open and avowed advocate of street improvements that will place Gresham in the same class as the other towns mentioned above.

Last Sunday he made an automobile trip through those towns and was surprised to find that a community in each of them, with less apparent wealth and fewer advantages, were far ahead of Gresham in real progress. Persons with shabbier houses and worse looking yards than are to be found in Gresham had hard surfaced streets which were admired for the appearance of prosperity thus given the town.

Now as the Outlook has been accused of a failure to lead public opinion, it is going to advocate a system of street improvements for Gresham. It suggests a get-together movement of those who have property fronting on the principal streets, and it will advise and work for a thorough re-organization of the Commercial Club for the purpose of bringing the business men and property owners together. It is also going to invite an expression from everyone able to say a word for or against hard surface streets.

If those who expect a newspaper to do it all will tell what they have to say, it will soon be made public and then it will be known who are the progressives and who are the obstructionists or even just passive in matters connected with the welfare of the town.

It has been suggested by Mr. Carlson that any number of interested persons could find it a profitable way of spending a day by making the same trip he did last Sunday. A run of a hundred miles would embrace nearly all the west side towns mentioned above, and he believes that a visit to them would be a revelation to many of our citizens.

Those who have autos and desire to find out just how a town looks with good streets are particularly requested by Mr. Carlson to organize a party for the trip. He will go along and pilot the way, believing that it would be a convincing argument to see what is being done elsewhere. Those interested will do well to get in touch with Mr. Carlson, or leave word at the Outlook office, where plans for a trip will be made.

GRESHAM IS GATEWAY TO SCENIC LOOP ROUTE

MINIATURE FAIR IN ROCKWOOD HALL

Rockwood grange gave an interesting and unique entertainment last Saturday night, which was attended by practically the entire membership and which netted the grange sufficient funds to cover the expenses incurred in connection with the picnic and field day at Gresham on next Saturday. The whole affair was arranged by the ladies work committee and was a surprise to the other members of the grange. It consisted of a miniature fair and included vegetables and fruit displays, fancy work and cookery, animal shows, games and sports. The exhibits were sold for the benefit of the expense fund. Lunch was served at the close of the evening.

State Deputy C. M. Dickinson and wife of Oswego grange and Mrs. Moore of Abernethy grange were visitors at the Rockwood grange on Saturday. During the lecture hour interesting and profitable discussion was had on the good of the order.

CHERRY PARK MANAGER GOES TO MINNEAPOLIS

M. O. Nelson and family left last Saturday for Minneapolis where they will make their home. Mr. Nelson is a newspaper man of unusual journalistic ability. He goes to resume that work as a staff writer on the Minneapolis Journal.

The Cherry Park Development property of which Mr. Nelson has been manager, and the Nelson farm, will be in charge of E. W. Grievish, formerly of this locality, who has come from Minneapolis to take hold of the affairs.

Before going east Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and son Donald took a trip to San Francisco, traveling by the great ocean steamers Great Northern and Northern Pacific. They describe the fair as a wonderful sight and one worth going far to see.

Donald Nelson plans to enter the University of Minnesota in the fall.

GIANTS WIN FROM FAST GILLIS TEAM

The game Sunday between the Gresham Giants and Gillis Athletics resulted in a win for the Giants by a score of 9 to 5. The Gillis boys made four runs in the first inning by errors. The locals overcame this, lead by batting Rauw out of the box and hitting the substitute pitcher fiercely.

Quisenberry pitched a good game for the Giants and held the Gillis team to four hits. He also secured two hits out of four times at the bat. Several new players were seen in the Giants' lineup, among them were "Ham" Anspaugh who secured the bingles.

The Giants will play some fast Portland team next Sunday. The team will probably be announced in Friday's Outlook.

GRANGE FIELD DAY PROGRAM ISSUED

Active preparations are being made for the grange field day and picnic at the fair ground's next Saturday. A complete program of all the different events, including the athletic sports, has been arranged and will be printed to the number of 2000, which gives some idea of the number of people expected here on that day.

Governor Jas. Withycombe, State Master Spence and Mayor George Stapleton, all grangers, will speak and there will be music by the Pleasant Home band as well as a chorus of 75 voices in grange melodies.

Prizes will be given for a full line of athletic sports and there will be dancing in the pavilion during the afternoon. A picnic dinner will take up the noon hour but there will be refreshments on the grounds, including ice cream.

The full program will be printed in the next issue of the Outlook.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Cadenhead and son George of Chicago, who are now touring the northwest, visited at the home of Mrs. Cadenhead's cousin, Mrs. Jennie Dahlquist.

National Reserve is Extended with a Scenic Boulevard

Gresham is not only the gateway to the Columbia River Highway, but in a truer sense it is the gateway to Mount Hood and will be, as it now is, on the direct route that will form the loop from Portland around Mount Hood to Hood River and back to Portland over the Columbia scenic route.

Chief Forester Henry S. Graves has announced that the area embraced in the loop, including Mount Hood, not otherwise appropriated, will be declared a national reserve. The sum of \$2000 is available for a survey of the proposed loop automobile road and an effort will be made by the Oregon delegation in Congress, backed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, to raise the sum of \$50,000 necessary to construct the twenty miles connecting road so that it may be completed by this time next year.

Connections will be made between the Barlow road at a point a few miles east of Government Camp with the road from Hood River near Cloud Cap Inn. The loop will give Portland a boulevard of 170 miles, making it the grandest scenic highway in the world.

Gresham is the absolute gateway for the Mount Hood end of the loop and by a slight stretch of the imagination it is the gateway to the Columbia River Highway. With the completion of the Section Line road for a distance of less than a mile and the permanent improvement of the Section Line it could claim clear title to being the gateway of both ends of the loop.

DR. WILSON'S GURNSEY EATS TEMPERANCE TRACT

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Church, is not only an enthusiast on prohibition, but also on Guernsey cows and mulefoot hogs. He has a farm near Portland, Oregon, stocked with a prize herd of Guernseys and more than a hundred mulefoots.

Dr. Wilson established his farm on the theory that prohibition and livestock farming would go well together.

"I thought when the nation goes dry," he said, "there will be an increased demand for milk and meat, and I showed my faith by stocking the farm with blooded cattle and hogs. I was going to get in on the ground floor."

But the doctor had his faith shaken recently. If you ask him now whether prohibition and dairying go hand in hand he is apt to look blandly at you. The Guernseys are prospering and the hogs are multiplying. The trouble isn't there. Here is the reason for the doctor's woe.

The doctor spent several weeks on his farm recently and, as usual, his pockets were overflowing with temperance tracts. While in one of the dairy barns one day he emptied his pockets in order to make room for other things, tossing the tracts on a box. The doctor's prize cow which had been giving an infallible amount of milk wandered into the stable and sniffed the leaflets. They smelled good to her so she nibbled three or four of them.

The very next day she went dry! The doctor is sure that the leaflets did it.

He said he would get some of the leaflets of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association and feed them to her in hope that she would go wet again, but is afraid that she would give beer instead of milk. Up to the present time not even the Kansas Board of Agriculture has been able to solve the problem.—Bulletin Methodist Temperance Society.

SATURDAY NIGHT BALL

There will be a grand ball in Mr. Regner's hall next Saturday evening, following the Grange picnic. Parson's orchestra will furnish the music. All are invited to attend as a good social time is assured. Tickets will be 75 cents, ladies free.

The most extravagant habit a man can have is to save the money that should be paid out for life insurance.