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SETTLEMENT REACHED IN LITIGATION

A settlement has been reached of litigation pending between A. B. Conrad and the county of Multnomah, on payment of \$850 and costs to Conrad for his five acres of land which the county sought to appropriate for Columbia Highway and scenic road purposes.

Mr. Conrad received a notice in January to the effect that the county road viewers had assessed his damages for the proposed taking of his acreage at \$5.00; and he interposed objections to this action, contending that the proposed Base Line extension through his premises along the Sandy river, was, on account of its inaccessibility to his land, of no more value to him than the other parcels of Columbia Highway just across the river; that he did not want or need the road, and that his actual damages would be not less than \$1000 instead of five dollars.

On hearing of objections to the viewers' report, the county commissioners refused to adjudicate Conrad's claims for damages and adopted the report; and again, on appeal to the commissioners sitting as a court for county business, confirmed their former decision. The county refused to prosecute condemnation proceedings in the circuit court as provided in such cases where the parties fail to agree on the amount of damages; so, Mr. Conrad lodged the matter as plaintiff against Multnomah county as defendant in the circuit court on appeal for trial before a jury. Deputy District Attorney Arthur A. Murphy, representing the county, L. B. Coover, representing J. B. Yeon, and George J. Perkins, representing Sam Strebin contended that the county could not be enjoined from taking possession of the land and prosecuting road work thereon pending litigation, but the plaintiff, Mr. Conrad, on the advice of his attorney, Milo C. King, erected trespass signs on the proposed right of way and was otherwise prepared for keeping the road workers off the premises and for retiring them when they did enter thereon.

On the eve of battle, County Road Master, J. B. Yeon, whose discretion got the better of his valor, recommended settlement as above stated. The Conrad land in question is nearest the Portland Automobile club premises, and the most scenic of the Columbia Highway courses along the Sandy river.

Several authorities on road laws, among them being County Commissioner Holman, whose opinion is concurred in by Mr. King, believe that the Oregon road laws as frequently amended are so indefinite, inadequate and involved, especially along the lines of procedure that it is the prevailing opinion a commission should be appointed by the governor to draft and recommend for legislative enactment a public highway code outlining a direct and definite procedure for enforcing improvement and construction of roads where desired and beneficial to the owners of property through which they run; and for enforcing reasonable compensation for lands appropriated for road purposes where such roads are not desired by nor beneficial to such property owners.

CONCRETE GARAGE ON ELY PROPERTY

There is a good prospect for another garage business in Gresham. E. A. Easley, realty dealer with offices in the Selling building, Portland, who has his home on Fourth street and Hood avenue, Gresham, reports he has a company interested in building an up-to-date concrete building on the D. C. Ely property on Main street, and that they will conduct a general garage business.

This property is an ideal location for a garage business, being in the very center of the town, and when the Gresham-Fairview road is hard-surfaced all automobiles that pass through the town will have no trouble in locating this garage.

Alder and Fir Wood. We have 100 cords of alder and young fir wood, of good quality, more than we need for the cannery, which we wish to sell in the next 60 days. Orders left with Jas. Elkington will receive prompt attention. Gresham Fruit Growers Ass'n., by D. E. Towle.

CHAUTAUQUA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Geo. F. Honey, president of the Gresham Chautauqua association, has issued a call for a meeting of the general committee and all sub-committees to be held at the library next Monday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Honey has made some additions to the names, a complete list of which follows:

General committee—D. E. Towle, Chas. Cleveland, Mrs. N. M. Hatfield, H. L. St. Clair, A. Brugger, Mrs. J. N. Clananah, Geo. W. Stapleton, Mrs. J. W. Townsend, R. R. Carlson and Mrs. Kari Hagberg, of Powell Valley.

Sub Committees—Transportation, Mrs. Clananah, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Stapleton, A. W. Metzger; seats and grounds, Mr. Carlson, Theodore Brugger, Roy Kern, H. E. Davis and D. E. Towle; electricians, Ray Todd, W. E. Bates, Mr. Carlson; decorations, J. Cannon, Jon Metzger, L. L. Kidder and Mrs. Cleveland; concessions, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Kidder and D. E. Towle; tickets, Geo. Honey; advertising, Ben J. Cameron, E. F. Goodwin and H. L. St. Clair.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Honey, Mrs. J. N. Clananah and Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman visited Troutdale and Fairview yesterday in the interests of the Chautauqua and found almost everyone enthusiastic in its favor. At Fairview they met with the Women's society with thirty-five members present and received assurances of active support.

Concerning the talent engaged for Gresham's first Chautauqua the greatest interest attaches to Victor Murdoch, who is back from the trenches to be its greatest feature. The prospect of hearing Victor Murdoch, the fiery insurgent from Kansas, who is today a central figure in our national politics, is worth all it will cost. Another man who gives a man sized thing in general, and to community development in particular is Ernest J. Sias, the home-town advocate. Frederick Vining Fisher, chief of staff of the lecture bureau of the Panama Pacific International exposition one of America's most eloquent platform speakers, delivers to chautauquans an illustrated lecture brilliant in its idealistic Americanism. Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson, the platform's premier lady lecturer will prove one of the most interesting of the entire course. Elliott A. Boyd, co-worker with Dr. Gunsaulus of Chicago, is a man of practical and inspiring idealism.

The musical and entertainment numbers challenge comparison. Wit-episkie's Royal Hungarian orchestra; Madame Morvilius, mezzo-contralto accompanied by the Royal Hungarians; the Gullotta Trio, vocal and instrumental concert, featuring the renowned concert violinist, Vincenzo Gullotta; the Boston Lyric Opera Company, popular and classic selections, presenting the comic opera, Martha, in costume; Elizabeth de Barrie Gill, harpist, contralto, and clever impersonator; the Ionian Serenaders, popular, and classic selections, cordion with an artistic individuality, song, mimic, and impersonate; S. Platt Jones, himself, and Kekuku's Hawaiian Quintet, featuring Joseph Kekuku, the originator of the celebrated steel method of guitar playing. The Chautauqua dates are June 11 to June 16 inclusive.

SENIORS TO ENJOY RIDE UP COLUMBIA

The senior class is preparing to take an excursion on the Columbia tomorrow as guests of the juniors. They will leave here about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning for Portland, where they will board the launch Eva for a trip up the river, probably as far as Multnomah falls.

After a day spent in picnicking and sightseeing the party will return to Portland. Many of them will return home at once but a small crowd has arranged to make up a theater party and will return about midnight.

Ristman's Body Found. The body of Fred Ristman, supposed to have been killed by Bennett Thompson near Tualatin on the evening of May 15, and who is supposed to have killed Mrs. Helen Jennings the same night, was found in the woods near there on Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips. Thompson is in jail at Hillsboro.

BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER ATTRACTED

By L. H. WELLS. PORTLAND, May 24.—Special.—"I am glad to say a word about the lovely character of Mrs. Knott, her devotion to her friends and her great love for Portland, where she was married and spent so many years of her life," said Rev. John Simpson at the funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Knott held today from Dunning's chapel, 414 East Alder street. He said Mrs. Knott's beautiful character attracted her friends and held them closely through the years, and it was fitting, he said, that her funeral should be held surrounded by friends who had known her for nearly half a century.

The funeral was just as Mrs. Knott desired it—surrounded by nearly 100 friends, pioneers; indeed, it was like a gathering of pioneers, men and women, including Dr. Dave Raffety, E. J. Jeffrey, C. H. Meusdorffer, T. DeBoest, E. C. Brigham, Joseph Paquet, Colonel S. R. Harrington, Frank Logan, W. Simpson, Captain W. H. Robertson, Mrs. Gus Strube, Mrs. S. F. Dunning, W. H. Mall, Arthur Kenedoff, A. W. Lambert, Wilson Benefield, and many other old residents. The pall bearers were Captain W. H. Robertson, W. H. Mall, Joseph Beveridge, G. E. Welter, Ivan Humason and Edward Shambrough. Interment was made in Lone Fir cemetery.

Mrs. Knott was a pioneer of 1853 and widow of the late Levi Knott, one of the early owners of the Stark street ferry. Up to three years ago she had lived in Portland where she came in 1853, since which time she lived with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Stewart, at Newport, Oregon, where she passed away last Sunday in her 80th year.

The Peninsula Development League has appointed a special committee to form what will be called the drainage and reclamation district of the Peninsula, and this committee has already taken up the work. The plan is to include the entire Peninsula district from St. Johns to Troutdale and from Alberta street to the Columbia river, the object being to reclaim this entire district, dredge out Columbia slough and make it a ship channel for most of the distance to the intake near Troutdale. As soon as the district has been formed the whole question will be submitted to a vote of the residents who will decide whether they approve of such a district. Such a drainage and reclamation district will have the power to issue bonds and proceed with such improvements as may be desired, and which cannot be done under the present conditions. Many thousands of acres of land, now unused, can be utilized for factory and other purposes, and Columbia slough will be made a ship channel, thus enlarging the Portland harbor. Much is expected from this movement.

The East Side Business Men's club has started a movement to raise \$500,000 with a view to aid new factories and help those already established in Portland. Also the club is preparing to start an initiative measure to amend the constitution of the state so that manufacturers will be exempt from taxation, except their buildings and site. It is planned to raise the \$500,000 through the sale of bonds by subscriptions as low as 50 cents a week. The industrial committee has taken up this matter and appointed a committee of five on the \$500,000 fund, composed of Dan Kellaher, chairman, John Dannels, Thomas S. Mann, A. L. Barbur, and George T. Willett, all well-known business men who are conservative and yet successful men. Another committee composed of S. L. Brown, Henry E. Reed and M. O. Collins was appointed to prepare the exemption amendment to the state constitution. The industrial committee came to the conclusion that the only way to help factories is to provide a fund that may be loaned to concerns at a low rate of interest and exempt factories from taxation.

Defeat of E. S. McCormick is regrettable, but there is one saving feature in the election of W. S. Alderson, and that is Mr. Alderson is a practical man, and will not undertake to force on the rural public schools fads and frills, that would be

CLEANLINESS REASONABLE REQUIREMENT

With the approach of hot weather with its flies and stickiness, the subject of food cleanliness presents itself more and more insistently. The campaign against unclean food stores in the city has been waged relentlessly of late years, and the results have been salutary.

In most cities today, the requirements of trade, as well as those of law, ensure a reasonable degree of cleanliness in stores where foodstuffs are kept for sale. Officials engaged in the enforcement of the federal food and drug act are not content, however, with the establishment and maintenance of clean conditions in city food stores; but have properly been investigating country grocery stores, cleanliness in which is quite as important to their patrons as that of the city stores is to theirs.

The country store is both a collecting and distributing agency of foods. It sells food of many kinds to the farmers, and at the same time buys from them for shipment to the city, butter, eggs, fruits, vegetables, poultry and other products of the farm. If the shelves and counters are laden with dust, if cobwebs hang in every nook and corner, if flies, bugs and vermin inhabit the place, the food and products are certain to be more or less contaminated and likely to become dangerous to health. The reports from various state officials indicate that many stores in the past have been found to be in that condition.

A clean, light, well ventilated store attracts customers, and the progressive merchant needs no other incentive to keep his floor, shelves and counters spotlessly clean, which includes screening from flies and the elimination of other insects. Some storekeepers, however, seem to require prodding from food and health officials to induce them to maintain that degree of cleanliness which will insure that the food they handle will be free from contamination. It is such storekeepers as these, in the country, as well as in the city, who need prodding not only from the officials, but also from their customers and from those whom they would have as customers.

One of the most effective means that has been employed is that of securing the co-operation of women's clubs and civic organizations. When a delegation of women customers calls upon a merchant and suggests that he clean up, he is compelled to put his store in good condition and to keep it so. When the grocery men in a town find that a large portion of the housekeepers are buying only from the cleanest stores, there arises a wholesome form of competition.

A food inspector can, under even the best conditions, inspect a store but a few times during the year, because of the number he has to visit. The customers come every day, however, and when they act as unofficial sanitary inspectors, the merchant with the unclean store cannot escape detection and punishment in loss of trade.

BUYING ROYAL ANNS FOR SAN FRANCISCO

W. E. Wood is making contracts for Royal Ann cherries, with offers to take an unlimited supply in any quantity. He is buying for a Portland dealer who in turn is arranging to ship them to San Francisco where they will be preserved as maraschinos.

More than 125 tons have already been secured, of which 75 tons will come from the orchards near The Dalles and 20 tons from around Vancouver.

Mr. Wood expects to secure about 20 tons in this vicinity, having engaged all the Royal Anns on the Webb farm, and the M. O. Nelson farm, besides smaller quantities from more than half a dozen growers in the vicinity of Gresham. He is paying four cents a pound for cherries suitable for the purpose intended. No other varieties will be taken.

Mr. Alderson has taught both in the city and country and I believe he knows what the rural schools really need. Mr. Alderson will make an honest effort to improve the country schools.

CANNERY TO COMMENCE ON JUNE FIRST

The cannery will be opened for business June 1, with Jas. Elkington in charge of the office, Fred Kaster as process man and Joseph Chiodo as scale and warehouse man, and they will be ready to handle nearly all kinds of fruit at profitable prices to the farmer, which is very gratifying to the management as this is the object and aim of the enterprise. They want all the Royal Ann cherries, Bartlett pears, Lawton blackberries, Green Gage plums, Italian prunes and Black Republican cherries that the local territory will produce and they have a deal on by which they hope to handle a large quantity of apples for canning.

Manager Towle says: "We hope you will not forget that your interests are our interests, and that ours are yours. We are informed that there are buyers in the territory from outside points who are looking for cherries, etc., and while they are not offering more for the fruit than we are, the object of this article is to impress you with the cannery's need of your patronage."

"Every case of fruit that is shipped to outside packers carries with it 50c that should go to local labor and your cannery, and please do not forget that if you stand by the cannery loyally this season it will be ready to serve you when the outside buyer has abandoned the territory. If you have any of the above enumerated fruits for sale and wish to support the cannery please notify Jas. Elkington, D. E. Towle or H. H. Johnson.

The P. R. L. & P. Co. has rendered friendly assistance in trying to find a market for the balance of last year's pack, and is considering a proposition now that will be of great importance to the cannery, if it goes through, and we think it will; and if it does it will further cement the bands of friendship and business sympathy that they have expressed toward the cannery, and as our motto is 'Co-operation and reciprocity,' we hope in a small way to return the favor."

GRESHAM FAIRVIEW PAVING JOB LET

The county commissioners, on Wednesday, let the contract for the paving of the road from Gresham to Fairview to the Warren Construction company for the sum of \$30,193. The pavement will be 18 feet wide, in the center of the road, and of the bitulithic type such as is now in use on the other highways leading out of Portland through this part of Multnomah county.

It is expected that actual work will be commenced in a few days, as the surveys have been made and all other details have been settled including the routing of the corners at the gravel pit and on the Arza Smith farm. Considerable grading will have to be done at the former place. So far as known there has been no action taken toward the paving of the sides of Main street, nor of building the proposed sewer along that thoroughfare. These matters will probably be taken up in earnest before operations reach Gresham.

DISTRICT MEETING ON, FREE METHODIST CHURCH

The district quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist church commenced here last night and will continue over Sunday. Rev. F. L. Burns, district elder, is in charge and a number of visiting pastors will take part.

Preaching services will be held tonight and tomorrow night, also on Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Burns will preach at the Sunday morning service. On Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock the district quarterly conference will be held and in the afternoon the business session of the Women's Foreign Missionary society will be held. Other announcements for Sunday are the love feast at 10 o'clock and the devotional meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society at 2:30. An invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Will Meet Saturday. The Multnomah County Masters' and Lecturers' association will meet with Pleasant Valley grange on Saturday next. All members of the order are invited to be present.

DELIGHTFUL RESORTS ARE REFRESHING

These little touches of a late spring and the caresses of a coming summer not only incline the heart of youth to affection, but also remind his provident elders of the high wisdom of casting about for cool and refreshing spots, wherein to establish themselves and their families, when the spring gives way to the heat of summer.

And as no state in the union has more alluring and delightful summer resorts than has Oregon, it is well to look forward a little and consider the chances of the summer trade, the "summer boarder crop," as it is sometimes called. Inasmuch as it is a crop yielding the state in many thousands, the Oregon people can accept good-naturedly the envious jibes of less scenically and atmospherically located communities.

There is no need to recite the varied attractions of Oregon's coast, lakes, mountains and rivers. Just now the practical question is how much will they draw upon the supply of paying guests, to use a euphemism dear to the hearts of our European cousins? The answer is: There is every reason to believe that they will draw largely.

European travel can be counted as ruled out. If the war should end—there is no immediate prospect that it will be—the foreign countries most Americans would wish to visit, will hardly be in condition to encourage tourists. So our own people will have cause to stay in their own country. Business will be good; there will be prosperity; people will have money to spend. And there will be the hot weather to encourage the exodus of even the hesitating from the East.

There may be talk about cool summers and cool resorts, but it will be remarked, on investigation, that hot waves have not gone out of fashion east of the Mississippi river. No, there will be a lot of people looking for summer resting places in the west, and, as ever, they will find just what they are looking for right here in the Beaver state.

Reports from the seaside, the mountains and the other resorts indicate that everywhere the prospects are excellent for permanent occupancy or summer use; cottages and camps will be in great demand; hotels and boarding houses are receiving inquiries from future parties. There is every promise for a season in Oregon which will be pleasingly profitable and profitably pleasing for everybody concerned.

MEMORIAL DAY MOTORCYCLE RACES

Fred T. Merrill and some of his sporting associates are making preparations for motorcycle races at the Rose City speedway next Tuesday afternoon. Grading and leveling the track began yesterday and everything will be in readiness for the event, which promises to be one of the best of this year.

Some of the motor bike riders were making trial runs on Wednesday just to try themselves out on a rough track that had not been worked over since the winter's storms. One rider went fifty miles an hour, but that pace will be left in the shade when the racing begins.

Two of the barns at the speedway are now occupied by racing horses, and some of the drivers who rode the racing sulkeys at the Gresham fair last year are there putting their racers in condition for the fall races. Mr. Merrill has his own horses at the Twelve Mile corner.

An automobile race is being arranged at the speedway for July 16th. Some of the great racers will be there and it is predicted that a record or two will be broken for speed on a mile track. Other racing events are in contemplation.

Opening Dance.

The grand opening dance at Becker's hall, at Corbett will be given next Saturday night, May 27. New hardwood floor 50x60 feet, good music, no improper dancing allowed. Tickets, \$1, supper extra. The public is cordially invited.