

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST SETS NEW RECORD

By G. N. SAGER.

PLEASANT VALLEY, July 15.—Special.—How did it happen and who did it? are the questions uppermost in the minds of everybody in this community just now.

We will not attempt to answer the questions, but will suggest that the psychological moment in the history of Pleasant Valley has arrived and leaders of men wise enough to grasp the situation seized the opportunity, got busy and the day was won; and Pleasant Valley grange No. 348 has achieved a record of which its members may justly feel proud.

At the last meeting of Pleasant Valley grange, number three hundred forty-eight, held on the fourth Saturday in June it was determined to initiate a campaign for the purpose of building up the membership of the grange. The plan adopted was in the form of a contest, two leaders or captains being chosen, they in turn choosing sides from the membership.

T. P. Campbell and E. L. Anderson were chosen leaders. The entire membership was lined up alternately on either side and the big contest was on, and it has been the absorbing topic for discussion ever since, and terminated Saturday evening in the largest and most successful get-together gathering ever assembled in this neighborhood, notwithstanding the unpropitious condition of the weather.

The commodious grange hall was filled to capacity. A splendid program was rendered and greatly appreciated by all present. Piano solos were rendered by Miss Florence Richey, Miss Margaret Kersting, Miss Hazel Stradley and Miss Beatrice Lang, the latter of Portland. Vocal solos were given by Miss Lucile Lang, Miss Florence Richey and Mr. Tusant. Mrs. Frank Eberhard and Mr. Westfall rendered some excellent violin solos. A quartet from Portland, Mr. Tusant, Mr. Westfall, Miss Lucile Lang and Mrs. Roach, sang beautifully.

J. D. Chitwood, of Damascus, a member of the grange for 32 years, delivered an address on the grange and what it strives for. F. A. Lehman acted as toasts master and in his usual pleasing manner announced Captains Anderson and Campbell to the audience. Mr. Campbell was declared the winner, he having secured the greater number of applications for membership.

The total number of applications secured by both sides was 87. Initiation of this class will put Pleasant Valley grange No. 348, in the front rank of granges in the state in point of membership, and raises the grange from sixth to second place in Multnomah county.

After the program, refreshments were served, after which games were indulged in by old and young until midnight when all returned to their homes feeling that they had spent a most pleasant and profitable evening. The interior of the assembly hall and the dining room were artistically decorated with a wealth of evergreens, ferns and flowers. Rugs were spread upon the floors and altogether the appearance of the big rooms were very home like.

A COMMERCIAL COURSE FOR UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Goodwin is endeavoring to have a commercial course established in connection with the other studies to be taken up next term by the Union High school.

It will embrace stenography and typewriting and carry with it full instruction in bookkeeping and all commercial business forms necessary for carrying on any business that requires those accomplishments.

It is estimated that the cost will be about \$500, which will include typewriters, desks and other furniture. One new instructor will be needed. Mr. Goodwin will install a small printing outfit and give lessons in printing whether the board of education authorizes the journalistic course or not.

Canadian Thistles.

Many people are taking an active interest in the fight against the Canada thistle and making an effort to check its ravages which are just starting. Salt is being used successfully by some and others are using the pig pen method on small patches.

\$1.25 screen doors \$1.10 at Sterling & Kidder Hdwe. Co.

IMPROVEMENT WAS DELAYED BY THE STORM

Work was suspended on the Main street improvement during the few wet days just passed, but was resumed again this morning in a small way. Should the rains blow over all activities will be resumed and the improvement will be rushed to an early completion. All but one of the property owners between Third street and Fifth street, on Main have signed up for the extension of the full width improvement. That one is G. F. Parker, who is in California, and also has not been heard from yet although he has been informed of the situation and the desire of all the others to have him join in on the improvement. Should he refuse the full width improvement will end at Third street.

The gas company has completed its pipe system on Main street as far as Third, with service pipes and laterals to both sides wherever they will be needed. However, the laying of pipes is proceeding northward on Main street, as the proposed system requires it anyway whether the street is improved full width or not.

Water Superintendent James McKinney is busy lowering the water pipes that cross Main street within the improvement district. He is also laying some new service pipes to vacant lots where they will be needed in the future.

The two valves on Main street near Powell were broken off by the graders and had to be replaced with new ones. That was the cause of the whole city being shut off for several hours last Friday. Their caps will be flush with the new surface when the pavement is laid.

The recent rains have done some good in settling the earth for the new surface. All the pipe trenches have had a good soaking and there will be no trouble from their sinking down, with possible damage to the new surface.

The county engineer is of the opinion that the fountain will have to be lowered, possibly a foot or more, as it will show its ragged base above the hard surface unless lowered. All the water pipes connected with it have been lowered.

The 12-inch cement sewer pipe that is to be laid across Powell street was delivered this morning. The catch basin system and storm sewers are nearly all in place. With a little more grading that portion of Main street in course of improvement will be ready for the crushed rock base which will have to be rolled down hard before the "hot stuff" is applied. The work will be rushed to an early completion unless rain again interferes.

The new concrete culvert just north of the high school is being built, work having begun there yesterday morning. It will require several days yet to finish it. The center of the county road near there is being torn up preparatory to laying the 18-foot surface that will extend the whole distance outside of the full improvement on Main street.

BEWARE OF BLIGHT ON LATE-POTATOES

Potato blight is liable to appear in the near future. The conditions are rapidly becoming favorable for the appearance of the late potato blight and a strict vigilance should be kept. These rainy days should be utilized by the growers in getting the spray machine in readiness and the material on hand so that when the weather warms again no time will be lost.

The blight works fastest when there is a great deal of moisture present and the weather is warm, and especially when the potato vines are making a luxuriant growth; which are the conditions at the present time.

Last week the blight made a very slight appearance in the eastern part of the county, just enough to act as a reminder that it is ever with us and only needs the right weather conditions to develop to favor its growth.

The Bordeaux mixture at the rate of 5-5-50 is the best known preventative but there no known cure.

Notice.

My office will be closed from July 16 till about the 23d.
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INHABITANTS KEPT IN MIND BY TRAVELER

A recent personal letter to the editor for L. E. Gorman, of Ipswich, S. D., a former resident of Gresham, says that after having traveled considerably in this country, and having made several trips to Europe and the British Isles, he has not found a town the size of Gresham that has made a more favorable impression on him than this one did during the time of his residence here. To quote his words further he says: "You know that the average small town is more or less set in its customs and methods of progress and, generally speaking, small towns are very much alike in many respects, but when I recall Gresham I see the difference that has caused me to keep in mind the inhabitants that I knew there. The difference, as I see it, was in the spirit of everyone; there was a spirit of progress in Gresham when I was there that one will seldom find in a small town, but you no doubt have recognized the same thing long ago. To sum the matter up I will say that Gresham is the best little city that I have ever had the pleasure of living in or visiting on two sides of the Atlantic and that is saying a good deal."

Yes, Mr. Gorman, we have noticed what you refer to and that is one thing that has kept us here and has brought others here. But Gresham is not as progressive as she might be and ought to be for her own good, but then she is "getting out of the woods," and judging from present indications a few years will make a more noticeable change for the better than even the past years have made. Gresham has never been a "boom" town but her growth has been steady and her future is closely linked with the inevitable development of the best part of Oregon.

REAL ESTATE PARADE WILL GO THROUGH TOWN

The real estate men, now in session in Portland to the number of about 500 from all over the northwest, are having a glorious convention according to the reports of the Gresham delegates in attendance.

The session will end tomorrow at noon, and plans have been made for a trip up the Columbia River Highway, leaving Portland about one o'clock. There will be fully 100 machines loaded to capacity. The route will be out the Base Line, over to Troutdale and up the east side of the Sandy river. Their destination will be Multnomah falls.

On their return trip they will come through Gresham, entering this city on Cleveland avenue and passing west on Powell street. This part of the program was proposed by John Brown and was agreed to by the members of the convention.

Mr. Brown suggests and requests that all who can should assemble at the fountain to meet the real estate men about half past five tomorrow evening and give them a hearty welcome as they pass through.

CANNING OUTFIT FOR PRIZE WINNING TEAM

The girls' canning contest, for prizes to be given by the county fair association during fair week, is coming along with a rush. Teams of five girls each have been organized at Gresham, Fairview, Russellville, Rockwood, Corbett and in the Lynch school district. They are practicing at home and are putting up the winter fruit for all the neighbors for miles around.

Henninger & Ayers, dealers in home canning supplies in Portland, have offered a complete home canning outfit to the first prize winning team in addition to the merchandise prizes which will go to the individuals, offered by the fair board. From present indications the contest promises to be closely contested, as each team is determined to win.

Thousands of farmers use Lowe Brothers Standard barn paint for painting their barns, silos, fences and outbuildings. It is the most economical barn paint on the market. Ask for color cards at our store. A. W. Metzger.—Adv.

No Commercial Club Luncheon.

It was intended to have a Commercial club meeting and luncheon on Friday night, July 21, but the same has not been arranged for by the publicity committee and hence has been postponed.

Bargains in the Want Ads.

IMMIGRATION PERILS TOLD BY PIONEERS

During the summer of 1864 two persons who are to be seen on the streets of Gresham almost every day—then a boy and a girl—crossed the plains from the Mississippi river to the Pacific coast, coming over the old Oregon trail. Their way was beset by all the perils of the greatest Indian warfare known during the pioneer days and they were sometimes in the midst of it, sometimes ahead and sometimes behind. Yet they came safely through.

Both of them have lived in this vicinity during the fifty-two intervening years and when they meet they recall to each other those days of peril and hardships in the summer when so many were left sleeping on the banks of the Platte river and in the mountains. In looking up the statistics furnished by the war department the reports of Colonel Chivington, in command of a detachment of troops sent out from St. Louis to protect the immigrant, it is learned that about 700 Cheyenne Indians were killed and that their victims numbered 208. In an address, made in after years by Colonel Chivington he said, in speaking of the massacres and the stolen property recaptured from the Indians:—

"What of the stock, articles of merchandise, fine silk dresses, infants' and youths' apparel, the embroidered night-gowns and chemises? Aye, what of the scalps of white men, women and children, several of which they had not time to dry and tan since taken? These, all these and more, were taken from the belts of dead warriors on the battle field of Sand creek, and from their teepees which fell into our hands."

"What of that Indian blanket that was taken, fringed with white women's scalps? What says the sleeping dust of 208 men, women and children, ranchers, emigrants, herders and soldiers, who lost their lives at the hands of these Indians?"

It is a strange memory that is recalled by that man and woman of today as they recall their impressions of childhood on the road to Oregon. That they came safely through the perils of the trip was but a dispensation of providence, but their experience is now a priceless recollection of the year that will always be known as the most bloody of all on the dim trails of the plains.

GRESHAM VISITED BY FAMOUS SCOUT

Col. R. E. Gardner, better known as "Arizona Bill," has been in Gresham the past few days, having arrived with his pack train of two burros. He is on a tour of the states, having left Phoenix, Arizona, a year ago last December. Since then he has spent some time at both California expositions and visited various points on the way to Portland. He has letters from several governors and mayors and chiefs of police of many cities. Singularly, although he has a letter to Mayor Albee, he was denied admission to the city with his pack train and came to Gresham. He is working his way, giving shows with his trick donkeys.

Colonel Gardner is a native of Arizona, 68 years old and has seen much rough life on the frontier. He has been a soldier, scout and trapper, and in Uncle Sam's service for many years. He was a scout under Custer and later under General Reno, who rescued Custer's command, the few who were left, of the Big Horn fight, of which command there is only one man, Frank Chapman, of Missoula, Montana, now living.

Colonel Gardner with his burros figured in many motion picture plays, and though nearly 70 years old looks not over 40. He attributed his activity to his temperate habits, having never tasted liquor or used tobacco. Hence he finds it no inconvenience to linger in this dry state although he says he can't stand the wet weather for which this part of Oregon is noted.

Died at Barton.

L. B. Saxon, aged 45, died at his home near Barton on Thursday and was buried on Saturday at Mount Scott. He leaves a wife and one child. The family formerly lived at Lents.

Portland Daily News, including the Northwest Farmstead Magazine, with Outlook, one year for \$3.25.

East Africa last year exported 1,913,000 pounds of cloves to the United States.

The United States annually produces 500,000,000 chickens.

PREPARATIONS NEARLY READY FOR FIELD DAY

Preparations are going on rapidly but quietly for the grange field day at the fair grounds on July 29. The program has not been completed yet but it is in preparation and promises to be far ahead of anything yet produced in that line by any organization in the past.

The first chorus rehearsal was held at Lents on Sunday and, though not largely attended, was successful. The heavy rain interfered with the attendance of many from a distance. Chairman J. J. Johnson is arranging the program of speakers and will announce them next week, at the latest. Beyers' concert band has been engaged and will furnish all the concert music as well as orchestra music for a dance in the pavilion on the fair grounds during the evening following the celebration.

It has been suggested that a speakers' stand be erected just in front of the grandstand, inside of the race track. In that event the grandstand seats will be free, and there will be a five-heat driving race given without cost by the Gresham-Riverside Racing association during the afternoon while the sporting contests are being pulled off between heats.

Fosters announcing the field day have been sent out all over eastern Multnomah and into Clackamas county. An advertising program has been ordered by the committee for free distribution on the grounds to the number of 2500. It is believed that there will be fully 3000 persons here to need them unless the weather is unfavorable. The program will give a full list of all the events of the day, including the minor sports for which prizes will be given.

One feature that is being worked up will be the mule race, in which the loser wins. Those having mules to enter are requested to leave word either at the Outlook office or with O. J. Brown.

Concessions for ice cream and other refreshments have been taken by R. C. Belt and D. C. Ross. A popcorn wagon has also paid for the privilege of the grounds. Bids for a lunch stand with hot coffee will be received by E. L. Thopre, although the visitors are all expected to bring their own lunches.

All accommodations will be free, including the use of the stables and other buildings, if required. There will be ample room in the grove for picnic dinners and plenty of Bull Run water. All are invited.

DEATH OF WM. ARNOLD, NEAR BORING, SATURDAY

William Arnold died at his home near Boring, Saturday morning last. His wife called him to breakfast early in the morning and found him dying from heart disease. Dr. H. H. Hughes was called but arrived too late. It was found that he had been suffering from heart lesion for quite awhile, which resulted in his almost sudden death. Mr. Arnold was born in Providence, R. I., on September 7, 1880. His father is ex-Governor Oral Arnold of that state.

The funeral took place on Sunday at Pleasant Home cemetery, Rev. David Wolfe officiating. Mr. Wolfe, in a letter to the Outlook says:

"He had been working in the hay field the day before. His wife had prepared his breakfast and went to call him and found him dead. May God's grace be sufficient.

"The friends of the deceased requested me to express their hearty thanks to the neighbors for their presence and hearty sympathy and for the many beautiful flowers.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Help Wanted!

The Gresham Fruit Growers' association is now in a position to employ about twenty-five more women and girl workers. All at piece work who make over \$1 in nine hours will receive the amount earned. Those failing to make this amount will be paid 11 1-9 cents per hour, or \$1 for nine hours. Apply at once at the factory, or call phone 871. 41

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AGRICULTURAL IDEAS, THEME OF A FARMER

TROUTDALE, July 17.—Editor Outlook:—Referring to your article "Training Farmers," in your issue of July 11:

Oh joy! Let us all give thanks, they are going to train farmers.

The National Agricultural society with the most prominent men in the country, with James Wilson ex-secretary of agriculture as president, are going to Europe.

But suppose the farmers should train themselves while they are in Europe? That would be an awful drawback for them, the farmer could apply business principles to their business.

The fundamentals of business and finance are combination and co-operation. Suppose they should combine and co-operate with the wage earner and demand their full social value for what they produced? Why, that would improve the conditions of both and everybody could become producers and what they produced would belong to them.

I notice business men of the cities pay visits to one another. Now it pays them to get together and co-operate or they would not do so.

That is what the farmer and wage earner should do—combine and co-operate with each other and quit this game of competition. The wage earner competes with the wage earner for a chance to sell his labor-power; the farmer competes with the farmer for the chance to sell his labor-power, and as competition does not pay they should all combine and co-operate, and by doing so they would be applying business principles to farming and all could be a success.

So it is plainly seen that competition among business men destroyed itself; and now with the right kind of training among the farmers and wage earners, why competition would soon be destroyed among them, and combination and co-operation would take its place and improve conditions for all.

Its object is to promote the cause of agriculture and maintain soil fertility, the breeding of live stock and applying rural credits.

Now, according to government reports and paper reports, we have produced larger crops of all description; that is, we have produced two blades of grass where one grew before and three bushels of oats where one grew before. So the fertility of the soil is not suffering a great deal, and with all the larger crops the farmer is no better off.

Now as the farmer never received the benefit for the larger production some one else did, and that some one else is the farmer of the farmer.

The breeding of live stock is not so much to bother about. Better environments and plenty of nutritious food will produce a higher blooded animal.

If rural credits can be applied to only those who are in need of help, at say 2 1/2 per cent with fifty years time to return the credits, it would help them in need, but anything that helps the common people is going to hurt Standard oil, and the banks, so look out.

So in what way are they going to train the farmers? They are going to train them so they will control his brains, and the first thing they know they will be very good serfs; so its coming to serfdom at this late age.

They missed one thing—they failed to take us with them. We could have been useful, that is we could have helped them apply business principles to farming and had a joy ride at the same time.

F. H. FERRIS.

Forecast for Week Beginning Sunday, July 16.

Pacific States: Temperatures will average below the seasonal normal with fair weather over southern portion and local showers at the beginning of the week followed by fair weather over the northern portion of this district.

Rocky Mountain and Plateau Regions: During the week temperatures will average near or below the seasonal normal with local thunder-showers the first half and probably fair weather the latter half of the week.

Raspberries and Currants. We are in the market for red raspberries and red currants. Any quantity. Home Packing Co., Mrs. H. J. Stocker, Gresham. Phone 148