

G. F. PARKER CONSENTS TO IMPROVEMENT

Hard surfacing of Main street has progressed rapidly during the past three or four days and the Main street, full width improvement gives promise of being finished before the end of the week. The predicted full-width mentioned in Friday's Outlook materialized as indicated to Fifth street—including the street in front of George F. Parker's property, he having at last agreed to the improvement. Being in California it was a hard matter to get his consent as he failed to realize the necessity or benefit that was involved.

The improvement stops at Fifth street as far as the property owners are concerned, except that Ed Metzger has arranged to continue it about 50 feet further in front of his residence, on the east side of Main street. From Fifth street the county improvement, 18 feet in width will be continued with a macadam shoulder of two feet on each side, making a 22-foot street which is almost a full improvement and wide enough for all travel.

Beyond the Mount Hood railway the center pavement has been laid to the high school building and will be continued as rapidly as possible. The cement culvert has been finished but the road is closed from Division street to the Twelve-mile corner.

Work is under way around the fountain today and that part of the improvement will be practically completed tonight. The fountain has been lowered and looks better. The improvement has been extended along Powell street in front of the First State bank property.

One feature of the work here has been taken advantage of by the owners of lots between the city bakery and Fifth street. For awhile it was going to be a problem what disposition to make of the surplus dirt that had to be removed from Main street. It was given free of cost to those who own the four lots mentioned and the graders dumped their loads all over the property to the depth of about two feet, making them more sightly and valuable.

The gas company extended its Main street pipe to Fifth street and all water pipe connections were lowered also. The completed hard surface today reaches as far as Third street and will be to Fifth street by the end of the week.

HIKERS TAKE TRAMP OVER THE SKYLINE

A small party of hikers took a tramp over the skyline boulevard toward Linnton on Sunday just for the fun of aping the mazamas in their walking trips over the country.

They went out to the end of the carline on Thurman street and struck out over the unfinished boulevard. They found it badly damaged by the storms of last winter, being completely filled in many places by heavy slides. It is only passable to pedestrians.

The party, after going about six miles, went down the mountain through the tangled growth, stumps and stones to the Linnton highway, ate lunch at a roadside cafeteria and then turned back cityward. They spent an hour in the city park. One of the hikers was from Gresham.

How She Classified Him.

Mrs. Atkins, dissatisfied with the number of times one man came to see her cook, spoke to her about it. "When I engaged you, Martha," she said, "you told me you had no man friends. Now whenever I come into the kitchen I find the same man here."

"Bress yo', ma'am," smiled Martha. "dat niggah ain't no fren' ob mine."

"No friend? Then who is he?"

"He's ma husband."

Dire Possibility.

"Maybe it's lucky they didn't have moving pictures when Shakespeare wrote."

"Why?"

"He'd probably have put Hamlet into the form of a 's'nario' and left the poetry out."

College Pride.

When a student is told that some other college has a better stadium, he feels little satisfaction in the rejoinder that his has a better science building.

"Some men lose an hour in the morning and spend the rest of the day looking for it."

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WEDDED AT FAIRVIEW

A pretty wedding was solemnized Sunday evening, July 23, when Miss Eva Belle Townsend, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Townsend, and Albert M. Stone, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, at Fairview, Rev. I. B. Self, officiating, using the ring ceremony.

Mrs. A. L. Stone played the wedding march from Huguonots. The bridal couple stood beneath a bower of ocean spray. The color scheme carried out in the parlor and dining room was pink and green. The bride wore a gown of pale colored taffeta silk, and carried a bouquet of brides roses and sweet peas.

Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. Following the ceremony a dainty 3-course luncheon was served. During the evening vocal selections were rendered. "Song is Sweet," (Sans Souci), Miss Margaret Dixon, of Ventura Park; "The Rosary," (Nevin), W. E. Stone, and by request the bride in her sweet soprano voice sang, "At Nightfall."

The bridal couple have always been popular among the young people of Fairview, and have taken an active part in social and musical events and in church circles. The bride is president of the organization young peoples' class of the Fairview Presbyterian church, and also of the Portland Choral club. The groom is a member of the glee club of Portland Academy and Lake Forest, (Mich.) University, and is also a graduate of both these institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone left immediately for Portland, and will be at home to their friends at 79th and East Pine. Mr. Stone is bookkeeper for the Holsome dairy.

OLDEST MILITARY CO. IN THE UNITED STATES

Charles McCarter is showing his friends a book containing the history and roster of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston, Mass. It was organized under British laws and given its charter on March 17, 1638, and is still in existence.

One of the present members is Sergeant R. Sherman McCarter, the youngest brother of Charles McCarter. He is the editor of the Harvard Lampoon, the noted university paper. The founder of the company was Captain Robert Keyne of Boston.

The company has maintained its organization and is a part of the United States army. It has taken part in all the wars of this country for over 250 years except the Spanish American war, to which it was not called. The history of the organization gives the names of many men prominent in United States history. One of the customs of its first days is still continued. Having been organized under the patronage of the King of England, the reigning monarch of that nation is made an honorary member, with the rank of private. At the present time the secretary of war is another honorary member.

Sergeant McCarter has been a member of the company since 1892.

FORMER GRESHAM MAN PASSES AWAY AT SALEM

Harry Huxley passed away Friday, July 21, at the State hospital, Salem, as the result of a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Huxley, who formerly resided here, was taken to the hospital about two years ago. He had suffered a paralytic stroke the year before, and had been cared for by his brothers and sisters. Mr. Huxley was about 60 years of age.

Mr. Huxley leaves three brothers and four sisters. They are Mr. Huxley, of Lents, and Mrs. Harvey, also of Lents, and Mrs. N. L. Smith and Mrs. O. I. Neal, of Gresham. Two brothers and a sister reside in the East.

Closing Out Sale.

Final clean-up of spring and summer millinery. Great reductions in prices of hats, ribbons and flowers. Fixtures also for sale—closing out entire stock.

GRESHAM MILLINERY STORE,
Mrs. M. Vogel Wood, Prop.

In the Driving Business.

The path of glory leads but to another line of trenches

Many of the war zone children wear gas masks on their way to and from school.

10,000 varieties of orchids.
London papers are now smaller.

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTSIDE DISTRICTS

Although the adjoining school districts refused to join the Union High school district, thereby placing themselves outside the privilege of giving their eighth grade students the benefits of the high school, the board of education has magnanimously made arrangements by which they may all be accommodated if they wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

They will be obliged to pay tuition fees, of course, but they will be admitted in the usual way to the number of sixty—and that at the beginning of the September term.

A frame building in the character of an annex will be erected to house the manual training, domestic art and domestic science branches. It will be one story, 40x72 feet in size, and will be built in the northeast angle of the present building. It will be entirely detached except that it will be heated by the present plant. It will cost about \$2000. The plans have been drawn for it by E. T. Jones and the contract will be let as soon as bids for erection have been advertised.

It is expected that the new building will provide room in the main structure to house all outsiders for this year in addition to those who will be enrolled from the union high districts. By its use three of the rooms in the main building will be released. Sixty new desks have been ordered for the expected increase in attendance.

The annex will have its main entrance at the west end with a hallway extending about two-thirds of the way through. The girls will have the front rooms, four in all for domestic art, domestic science, dining room, pantry, filling and wash room. The rear rooms will be used by the boys for manual training, drafting room, stock and finishing and wash room.

Owing to the expected increase it will probably be necessary to engage one or more additional instructors; also, another to take the place of Mr. Henry, who will not be able to accept the position in the science department. The board is now considering several applications.

PIONEER IS TAKEN TO HOME FOR THE AGED

Fritz Timmerman, an aged resident of the Orient district, was taken to St. Joseph's home for the aged on Friday. Mr. Timmerman's wife died only a few months ago and he has been living alone on his old farm which recently passed into the hands of his son Charles, for a monthly stipend of \$15 during his father's lifetime.

Although the old gent's man would have plenty for his own support while living alone he was getting too feeble to take care of himself. Attorney Milo C. King's attention was called to the case and he made arrangements to have him taken care of at the home where he will be well taken care of. Mr. King is making an effort to have his monthly allowance from his son increased so that he may be able to enjoy extra accommodations and conveniences.

Cows, Pigs, Mare, Etc.

For sale—Seven milch cows, one mare, seven young heifers, gasoline engine and pump jack, sow and eight shoats. E. Mercer, 3/4 mile south of Troutdale. Phone 784.

Tailoring.

For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.

Lord Stamfordham, private secretary to King George of England, is an old soldier, having fought in the Zulu war of 1878-79.

Gloves, belting and other leather articles have been made from sea lions' hides in a British Columbian factory.

A great many of the comforts of home, including shower bath, are to be had in motor camping outfits.

The daily winter or dry season range of temperature in Cuba is from about 60 to about 85 degrees.

The area of Roumania is slightly less than that of New York and Massachusetts combined.

In the schools of Australia boxing has been introduced as regular exercise for schoolboys.

OPERATION OF ELECTRIC RANGES TOLD

Mr. A. C. Conrad, representing the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., visited Gresham last week, at the request of several of our townspeople, to supply information in regard to electric ranges and their operation.

From him it was learned that the power company handles some forty different models of ranges made by five different manufacturers and that there is a size for every kitchen and a price for every purse.

The records of the company show that the average monthly bill for electric cooking during 1915 was \$3.06, about 30 per cent of the bills being under two dollars.

Mr. A. C. Ruby has been cooking with electricity for some time and has found it very satisfactory. Mr. O. J. Brown recently installed a model C 4 Hughes' electric range, and the company expects to install several others in and near Gresham within the next few months.

The rate for electric cooking is 3 cent per K. W. H. which compares favorably in cost of operation with wood at \$4.50 per cord. Many cooking customers have been able to reduce their lighting bills 50 cents to \$1.50 by using appliances such as irons, toasters, etc., on the cooking circuit instead of on the lighting circuit.

The advantages claimed for electric cooking are, long life of range, low operating cost, reliability, absolute cleanliness, perfect heat control, no smoke, soot or ashes; more tasty food, less shrinkage of roast meats, time saving, labor saving and better health for the cook, who can work in a kitchen where the air has not been vitiated by burning fuel.

INDUSTRIAL HOME INHABITANTS PICNICKED

A very delightful afternoon was spent by about sixty-five mothers and children from the Methodist Industrial Center, Portland, First and Carruthers streets, on Wednesday afternoon on the fair grounds. A picnic dinner in the cafeteria was served at noon and the children played in the grove, swings having been put up and also croquet sets furnished. The smaller children were taken for an auto ride in the afternoon. When they went home each child had a large bouquet of roses, and well filled lunch baskets were also given them. Mr. F. S. Griffith, of the P. R. L. & P. company kindly donated the use of a car, and the ladies secured the use of the fair grounds through the kindness of H. A. Lewis, president of the Multnomah County Fair association.

CABLE SYSTEM TO REPLACE WIRES

The telephone company is replacing all the main wires leading out from the exchange to the central part of town with cables.

The network of overhead wires that have heretofore been so unsightly and sometimes dangerous will all be taken down; also the pole that stands in front of the door of the First State bank will be removed.

The great Lake Nicaragua and the Rio Grande, which connects it with the Caribbean, are inhabited by one of the few fresh water species of shark known in the world.

The Rev. Russell H. Conwell states that he has been investigating 4,043 American millionaires, and finds that all but twenty of them started life as poor boys.

The labor of handling hollow tile has been lessened by the invention of an S-shaped tool, by which they are picked up and carried, instead of in the hands.

Portable windmills are used on western farms. They are mounted on skids and may be drawn from point to point, wherever their services are desired.

Despite the fact that both are totally blind, Harry A. Hubbard and his wife successfully operate a large farm near Jet, Okla.

The average age of generals in the British army is 52.9 years; that of France, 60.5 years, and of the German army, 63.5 years.

Bargains in the Want Ads.

CONSERVO BRAND GAINING REPUTATION

Mr. and Mrs. Stocker, of the Home Packing company, are the busiest people in Gresham these days and we might add nights, too, for their days are long, and while they sleep a night force carries on the work. They have been receiving large quantities of berries, in fact, about all they are able to handle, and keeping several assistants busy night and day.

During the past week they have been averaging about sixteen barrels of fruit juices and jellies a day. The latter is packed in pails, averaging about 300 a week for the past four weeks.

The company has orders for about 4000 pails of assorted fruit jellies. In addition, they have orders for about 1000 dozen glasses of jelly. The work this year is more than double that of any previous year and Mrs. Stocker says inquiries and orders are coming from other states, indicating that the demand is good and the reputation of the Conservo Brand of the Gresham Home Packing company is gaining an enviable reputation.

The company has handled large quantities of raspberries, getting some from as far away as Estacada, and is much pleased with the patronage given them by the berry growers. Mrs. Stocker says they are still in the market for all the logan berries they can get.

BASE LINE CLOSED TO AUTOMOBILE CLUB

The road leading to the Automobile club, on the west side has been closed to all traffic until the Base Line extension is opened for travel. There will be no more going down the hill on this side of the Sandy river over the old familiar road, although it will be kept in use for a part way so as to allow travel to and from the farms to the south, and later on another short road will be opened so as to give the people there a way down to the bridge.

All travel to the auto club now is through Troutdale and up the Sandy on the east side. The Base Line will be finished in a month more when it will be opened and another scenic driveway will be added to the wonders of the highway.

It was erroneously reported a few days ago that the undertrack crossing of the O.-W. R. & N. near Troutdale was open for travel but it is not. It will be several days yet before any travel can go that way and a much longer time before the Fairview cut is completed.

GASOLINE AUTO CARS TO LINNTON ON RAILS

Linnton is going to have street railway service again, but of a different kind than that which was withdrawn. The old railway track is there yet and needs only the cars to regain some of the passenger service which the jitneys now enjoy exclusively.

After the trolley cars were withdrawn there was a bus service on an hourly schedule supplemented by automobiles, but the busses were all taken off a few weeks ago and are being fitted with flange wheels so that they can run on the rails. They will retain their motive power and be run by gasoline instead of electricity.

The line is expected to be in operation within a few weeks, making regular schedule time with a low fare.

Epworth League Bonfire.

All the young people are cordially invited to an Epworth League "Jolly-Up," to be given at the home of Mrs. W. E. Beegle, on Friday evening, July 28. The 7:45 car will take the joy-makers to Hogan station, where a good time, a bonfire, and plenty of eats await. All desiring to go please hand ten cents to Chase St. Clair, with which to provide the eats. Please have the money in by Friday noon.

The Prince of Wales is also born duke of Cornwall and derives his income from the valuable lands, fees, royalties and the like going with that position, the total amounting to something like \$435,000 a year.

If a thread is pulled out of a khaki coat, unraveled and examined closely, the khaki shade will be found to be composed of threads of bronze, light olive green, lavender and brown.

Since the war began more than 160,000 men in England have left other occupations for that of the mines, because underground workers are barred from military service.

JOHN BROWN EMPHASIZES ADVANTAGES

Among the five-minute speeches made by the realty men at their convention last Friday was one by John Brown upon the advantages and natural resources of eastern Multnomah. There were several dozen such brief addresses. Mr. Brown's taking front rank among them. Following is a stenographic report of Mr. Brown's speech:

Gresham is on the map, has only been there a short while. It is in Multnomah county. I am glad to say that you will all get a chance to come through our country on this highway this afternoon. We have 70 miles of paved highway in this country, which you will all appreciate; the drive being the best in the West, I believe. We have land adjoining the city of Portland, I would take it, a small amount of 15 to 35 miles in area, would make about 375,000 acres—there is not one-half of that land in cultivation, so you see we are in a very young stage. This land will raise anything. People of Portland are now looking that way, people of wealth like your city commissioners, bankers, retired men of business, are buying homes out that way and starting to build up fine homes on the highway. The highway is opening up the country. We have the Multnomah farm, which has cost about—was bought at about \$150 per acre in 1909. They keep 300 inmates on an average all the time, 65 or 70 of whom are bedfast. The average cost per month is \$4000. The farm is equipped with the best stock and poultry and more products are raised each year. We have Mr. A. C. Ruby—you will pass his place. He handles all the fine stock horses from Belgium stock, Clydesdale stock. He has shipped 23 shipments from across the water. He has handled \$2,500,000 in the last 37 years in this line. He owns 317 acres lying right on the Base Line, and was offered \$350 per acre last year and he refused it and built a \$25,000 dwelling, which you will see as you go by. One million dollars of this money was handled in 1909, 1910 and 1911. He has over 40 gold medals on his stock, received from different fairs; 44 silver cups which he had were burned in a fire of last year. You will come back in coming through Gresham and you will see the cannery, a small affair that they started last year with \$10,000 capital. They handled \$20,000 worth of products last year and had to turn away about two-thirds of the stuff that came there.

You heard Mr. Cotton speak last night regarding his own crop. You will pass his place after leaving Gresham, coming up the hill. In speaking of the price of land, some have spoken here last night of land being \$500 an acre for stump land. You could come out there and get land from \$75 to \$500 an acre, according to location and improvements, and the profits that you will receive in this land will not be honest at all; it will be next to grand larceny in five years, what you will receive and raise in value. That land is going to \$1000 an acre, I believe, in five years, going to be owned by millionaires, lots of them. We have got land there for homes for all the millionaires in the United States.

FIELD DAY PICNIC AND DANCE AT NIGHT

Everything is coming along to make grange field day a monster success—that is everything looks favorable, but those threatening rain drops may interfere about Friday night and spoil everything.

The program is not complete yet, but it will be fully announced in Friday's Outlook. There is an assurance of big things, however, and the day will continue until midnight with a dance in the pavilion under the direction of the grange committee and Beyer's orchestra. It will be a jitney dance, open to everyone.

CRACK DEGREE TEAM INITIATES CANDIDATES

The degree team of Evening Star grange attended at Orient Saturday and conferred the third and fourth degrees on eight candidates. Eighteen were expected, but the harvest field detained ten candidates, who will be initiated later. Following the initiation ceremonies remarks were made by J. J. Johnson, master of Evening Star grange and Pomona grange, who called attention to Farmers' field day which will be held next Saturday at Gresham. S. F. Ball, principal of Franklin high school, delivered a brief address. The Masters' and Lecturers' association held a short session and fixed the next meeting at Gresham in December.

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