

PIONEER ORCHARD WAS ONCE OWNED BY A RESIDENT OF GRESHAM BUT NOW DECEASED

The Outlook, on several occasions, has published brief stories concerning the early fruit industry of Oregon, especially in reference to the origin of the Bing and Lambert cherries. The following refers to the earliest history of fruitgrowing in Oregon and incidentally to those same two cherries:

Fruit growing is one of the most important industries of Oregon, and brings to this state about \$11,000,000 annually. Cherries and apples as well as pears and peaches are bringing fame and money to the growers. It is interesting to know that the first grafted fruit trees in the Pacific Northwest were planted by Henderson Luelling in November, 1847, near where now stands the beautiful club house of the Waverly Country club.

Because of the importance that the industry has gained and the value it is to Oregon it has been suggested by George H. Himes, curator of the Oregon Historical society, and others that on or near the spot on the golf links where Oregon's first fruit trees were planted a monument or commemorative tablet should be erected.

The story of the first fruit tree planting in Oregon is a part of the romance of the olden days of the state.

Records show that Mr. Luelling, who descended from a long line of nurserymen in Wales, when a mere lad learned the art of grafting trees from his father. At the age of 22 he moved from North Carolina to Indiana. Having read about Lewis and Clark's exploring expedition into the Oregon country he decided to remove westward and continue his nursery business in a new land.

The problem of transporting young trees overland was worked out after many months of experiment. He finally hit upon the plan of planting about 1000 trees in earth and charcoal in the strong box beds of two wagons. He drove the first team of oxen and his young son, Alfred, the second. The trip was started in April, 1847, and ended seven months later at Milwaukie; the trees were watered from the streams along the trail.

Mr. Luelling secured a tract of cleared land from E. A. Wilson on the east bank of the Willamette river, half a mile from Milwaukie—the present golf links and polo grounds of the Waverly Country club. He planted the young trees and there, in the words of another pioneer, Ralph C. Geer, brought "health, wealth and comfort for the old pioneers of Oregon." Mr. Geer further says:

"That nursery was the mother of all our early nurseries and orchards, and gave Oregon a name and fame that she never would have had without it. These loads of living shrubs

and trees brought more wealth to Oregon than any ship that ever entered the Columbia river."

Mr. Geer had brought across the plains one bushel of apple and a half bushel of pear seeds. He furnished Mr. Luelling with stock and in turn was given buds from the much-traveled nursery, which enabled both to furnish to the harder toilers of the soil cultivated trees in great numbers.

It is the spring of 1848 Mr. Luelling formed a partnership with William Meek, who had started a tree nursery stock at the forks of the Santiam in 1847. For six years this firm raised young trees for distribution throughout the Pacific coast.

While one is on the subject of early fruit growing in the Pacific northwest, it is well to tell something of Seth Luelling, a younger brother of Henderson Luelling. Seth was a shoemaker, but spent his odd time with his brother near Milwaukie and gradually acquired a comprehensive knowledge of fruit tree culture. It is to him that we are indebted for a number of new varieties of cherries.

He originated the Black Republican cherry in the early 60's, and the Bing in 1880. The latter was named after Bing, a faithful Chinese, who cared for the seedling cherry during the experimental stage.

Another man who did much for the fruit industry and, by the way, later owned the same orchard that was started by Mr. Luelling, was Joseph Hamilton Lambert. He married the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller of Milwaukie, a sister of A. F. Miller, president of the Bank of Gresham, and lived in Powell Valley until 1859, when he and his father-in-law purchased the orchard and nursery from William Meek. In 1870 Mr. Lambert became sole owner of the first orchard west of the Rocky mountains. The famous Lambert cherry was produced on the ground where golfers now disport. Mr. Lambert retired from active work in 1896, and died November 12, 1909.

In his travels about the northwest in search of historical facts and relics, Mr. Himes has found that orchard tree from the original orchard is still in existence. It is of the Blackheart variety and bears fruit each year. Says Mr. Himes:

"The tree was bought by David J. Chambers for \$5 in 1859, taken to his farm four miles east of Olympia, Wash., and planted. I saw that tree for the first time on October 21, 1853, and even ate cherry preserves made by Mrs. Chambers. The tree bore a good crop in 1916 and showed no signs of discouragement. At the present time the tree is more than ten feet in circumference three feet above the ground, and the spread of its limbs more than 60 feet in diameter."

CLOSING WHOLE COUNTY TO STOCK AT LARGE

Representative Laurgaard has introduced a bill in the legislature, amending the present law which prevents stock from running at large west of the Sandy river in Multnomah county.

The new bill embraces the whole county and is inspired by the completion of the Columbia River highway. The amendment reads: "It shall, after this act goes into effect, be unlawful for cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats or hogs to run at large in any part of Multnomah county, Oregon."

The existing law was introduced by B. C. Altman when he was a member of the lower house eight years ago. Conditions have changed since then, necessitating a closer supervision over stock so as to prevent accidents upon the public roads as well as to protect growing crops not fenced in.

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The fruit cultivation of this country is largely engaged in by women. California has a number of successful growers.

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MASS MEETING FEB. 13 CALLED AT ROCKWOOD

A mass meeting of citizens, interested in the development of the territory tributary to the Mt. Hood railway between Montavilla and Gresham, will be held Tuesday evening, February 13, beginning at 8 o'clock. Members of the Ventura Park Improvement club and the Russellville Improvement club and from the communities along the line are expected to be present, also a representative of the Portland Railway Light and Power company, and plans for civic betterment will be discussed. Among the subjects to be considered will be improved car service and electric lighting for the suburban district. Much appreciation is felt by the people of the district for the additional car service recently put on by the railway company.

Again in Business.
B. F. Bauer, who has been managing a barber shop in Portland, has taken charge of the barber shop formerly run by A. E. Adams and it is now open for business. The shop has been remodeled and new fixtures put in; also first class bath room in connection. Come in any get acquainted.—Adv.

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DESCRIBES THE VISTA HOUSE, PIONEER MONUMENT ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY

COLUMBIA VIEW, Corbett, Feb. 6.—Editor Outlook—Please let me have a little space in your valuable paper as I wish to give a statement of the progress in this part of Oregon since we got the highway, and also to describe a visit to the Vista House now under construction at Crown Point. We have noticed quite a bit of criticism in regard to the erection of the Vista House and have come to the conclusion that the trouble is that people don't know or understand what the Vista House is and what it stands for. Several of our friends in Portland have been asking us about it and they have looked at the matter in a different light when they found out the real purpose of the Vista House. Everybody should know that this building is a memorial to our dead pioneers, those noble men and women who faced every inconvenience imaginable, not to forget the danger from the savage Indians, to start a new country and build themselves humble homes out here in the far west. They made the way for you and me and every individual who came after. They are not here to share the privileges of the present day conveniences. One after another they have laid down their employments, after a hard struggle on this earth. What could be more fitting than such a memorial building which is now under construction? The Vista House will be a comfort station for tourists and visitors in general. Through the courtesy of Mr. C. Disler, the superintendent in charge, I was given an idea of what the place will look like when finished.

One cannot see much yet from the highway as there is hardly anything above ground, but I wish everybody who has a machine would stop and see what work they have been doing up there in the short time since it was started. Here is what I saw: When I entered the tunnel or corridor, finished in marble, I was almost staggered. I stood there gazing, and a feeling came over me as if I suddenly had been transferred into a wonderland, as in the fairytales. To live so close by and not have the least idea what it would be like! Surely the architect, Mr. E. M. Lazarus of Portland deserves praise for his wonderful artistic taste and he has made every inch of space count.

There are spacious rest rooms for both men and women. One room there will be used for an emergency hospital, one large space for a concession room, one for the sheriff's office, and also apartments for the caretaker and up-to-date lavatories and

PERMISSION SECURED FOR MAIN

City Recorder Schneider reported at the council meeting on Tuesday evening that he had secured permission to lay the water main to the

Beaver State Motor company's plant through the privately owned property of Mrs. S. E. Wishard and across the right of way of the P. R. L. & P. company; also from the motor company to lay the pipe through its property to Division street. The action of the recorder was approved and he was instructed to place the contracts on record.

Several property owners in Zenith addition were present at the meeting and presented petitions for a drainage system. Mayor Stapleton and Councilman Kelly were made a committee to view the property and devise a plan for opening a ditch to connect with the old one, according to the petitions presented. They were instructed to make contracts with the property owners by which the latter are to pay the cost of draining their lots, the city to pay for crossing the streets.

Councilman Miller of the Street and Water committee reported that a street sweeper could be bought

Notice to A. F. & A. M.

William Moore of Pendleton, grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon, will be in Gresham on Tuesday, February 13, and will meet with Gresham lodge No. 152, A. F. & A. M., when he will give them a good lecture. All members of the order in good standing are asked to attend. WILL METZGER, Sec'y. A. J. W. BROWN, W. M.

other conveniences. Every room is finished in Alaskan marble, and has beautiful trazar floors. However, I must state the place is closed on Sundays and week days the men are busy, but this part of the building will soon be finished. We understand that a goodly part of the work that is left to be done, depends a great deal on donations, and we hope that those who has plenty, will contribute freely. Anyhow we feel that those men who made the highway possible will see that this Vista House will be completed this summer. We wish we were able to contribute money, but as we cannot we shall do the next best thing, that of boosting the good works of those same people and show our gratitude and appreciation of their efforts and labor and let it be known that it has not been in vain, for we realize wherever good roads prevails, there is more prosperity all around—for instance, good roads, good farmers, for as a rule they have been encouraged. We can now market our produce to much better advantage and obtain better prices. Than again, we find that since the building of good roads the wealthy people are getting their eyes open and have discovered that right here at home in our own Oregon, we have a Switzerland that can compete with the one across the ocean. And a good many are now building their homes along the famous Columbia, wherever a good view can be obtained. I shall mention a few of the beautiful mansions built here the last couple of years, and which have cost thousands of dollars.

Up the highway, Mr. Jacobsen, of Portland, owns a beautiful mansion. Then the palatial home of Julius Meier. And Mr. Ehrman has now started to erect, as it will prove to be when finished, a summer mansion of great beauty. Many other interesting buildings have been built along the highway. For instance, Multnomah Lodge, Crown Point chalet, now so well known; Chanticleer, Mr. R. Becker's hall, which ranks among the finest in the state; W. Knight's pretty business house, and not to forget our new high school of which we are very proud, and which was the first union high school in Multnomah county. Consider it all. We find a wonderful change in so short a time. And now let me tell the people of this state that what Oregon needs is a good many more men like Mr. Yeon, Mr. Benson, Mr. Lancaster and the rest of the good roads committee, who go ahead and do things, using their time and money and in return, will stand for a lot of kicking as their reward, and not even kick back. MRS. P. ANDERSEN.

HIGH SCHOOL MILITARY DUTY FOR BOYS, TEXT OF BILL NOW BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

One of the bills now before the state legislature conforms to the ideas advanced by the Outlook on several occasions—that of providing military training in the high schools. It is also in accord with Senator Chamberlain's bill before congress and practically upon the same lines. It is now in the hands of the committee on military affairs. While it is not compulsory it seems to be all that is desired to give school boys a training in military tactics. Following is the bill in full:

Section 1. It shall be lawful for any high school district in the state of Oregon, to establish and maintain as a part of its course of instruction, military tactics and training, subject, however, to such direction, supervision and inspection as the governor of the state of Oregon, may order and direct.

Sec. 2. The efficiency and accomplishment of such military tactics and training shall be a subject for suitable credit on the same basis of all studies, the amount of such credit to be determined by the state board of education.

Sec. 3. Any high school district of the state of Oregon, shall be entitled to establish and institute such military tactics and training upon the action of its school board, by written request made to the governor of the state of Oregon, showing that twenty or more such boys of such high school district, have made application to form a cadet squad therein; and further, to satisfy the governor that it is competent to teach and instruct any such military tactics and training, and that the board will cause to be set apart, during each school week not less than three hours, to be devoted by such squad to the study and drill of such military tactics and training, and that the said high school district will continue to employ and retain a competent instructor of such military tactics and training for not less than eight months during each year, at the expense of such high school district, and will supply and so maintain a suitable place for such instruction during said period of time.

Sec. 4. That, should the governor approve the institution and continuing of such military tactics and training, within such high school district, that the state of Oregon will secure, supply and furnish to such high school district, the necessary rifles, accoutrements and swords, necessary for use in such military squad, but

such school shall pay for the transportation thereof, without other expense to said high school district, but, before the same is furnished and supplied, that said high school district shall make, execute and deliver to the state of Oregon, a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the governor, conditioned that upon demand at any time the rifles, accoutrements and swords so furnished, will be delivered by said high school district, without delay, to said governor, in as good condition as when received, except wear from the reasonable use thereof, and, when such condition is complied with, said bond shall become null and void, otherwise to be of force and effect.

Sec. 5. The said high school district shall, without cost or expense to the state of Oregon, make such provision as the school board thereof may determine, as to uniforms and wearing apparel to be used by such military squad, during the course of their training, and also as to securing shells and cartridges for the use of said military squad.

Sec. 6. The governor shall, from time to time, investigate as to whether or not such high school district is causing proper training and instruction to be had, in such military tactics and training, and may require such reports to be made, and rules to be followed, to carry out the purposes of this Act, as he may deem proper, and in case the said governor should consider that the purposes of this Act are not being carried out with fidelity and to a beneficial end, he may, at any time, require the return of the rifles, accoutrements and swords so supplied to such military squad, to such place within the state as he may determine and direct, and the transportation thereof shall be paid by such school district.

Sec. 7. As to the individuals, who form the members of such military squad, there shall be no compulsory attendance nor obligation upon any of them, and their attendance to such drills shall be voluntary upon their part and with the consent of their respective parents or guardians, and no member shall be compelled to do any military service or duty under any of the provisions of this Act, but when any such member shall neglect to meet the requirements of any of the rules and regulations concerning such military tactics and training, the school board of such high school district, may discharge and relieve him from his attendance to any such drills or training, and discharge him as a member of such military squad, without any prejudice to any of the civil rights and privileges that he otherwise is entitled to enjoy under the law of this state.

RESTRAINING MINORS FROM POOL ROOMS

In order to more fully cope with the difficulty of restraining minors from patronizing pool rooms, which has been a source of much evil the legislature is considering a new bill relating to the matter. It is more sweeping than any former law, and reads as follows:

If any person, being the owner, lease, proprietor, or employe of any cigar store, public card room, saloon, barroom, public billiard room, public pool room, soft drink establishment, or other public place of amusement, shall suffer or permit any minor to engage in any game of cards, billiards, pool, bagatelle, dice throwing, or other game of chance in such cigar store, public card room, saloon, barroom, public billiard room, public pool room, soft drink establishment, or otherwise, or permit or suffer any minor to loiter or remain in any such public card room, saloon, barroom, public billiard room, public pool room, soft drink establishment, or other public place of amusement where games of cards, billiards, pool, bagatelle, dice throwing, or other games of chance are indulged in, unless accompanied by parent or guardian. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE FOR CHARLES RANEY

Mrs. Charles Raney gave a surprise party in honor of her husband's thirty-second birthday last Wednesday night. Dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Raney, Miss Orel Raney and Miss Ethel Merrill, after which thirteen of the neighbors came to spend the evening. About 9 o'clock luncheon of apples, cake and coffee was served to the guests who were, besides those already mentioned, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stanley and daughter Neva, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Freeman, Mrs. George Pullen, Miss Nora Pullen, Miss Hester Thorpe, Messrs. Jack and Harry Stanley, Byron Pullen and O. I. Neal.

Stepping Orchestra Dance.
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PIONEER DIES AT HIS SANDY HOME

Henry McGugin, one of the oldest residents of the Sandy section, died at the family home there on Tuesday evening. He was born in Vassalboro, Maine, August 15, 1834, of Irish parents; educated in the public schools, learned the carpenter's trade and later went to Illinois and Colorado. He came to Idaho in 1864, and to Oregon in 1869, when he took a homestead near Bull Run, and which he made one of the finest farms in Clackamas county. In 1912 he sold the place and moved to Sandy. In 1869 Mr. McGugin married Mary Revenue, who died leaving one son, Francis McGugin, now in California for his health. His second wife was Mrs. Lena Gantenbein Poppe, whom he married on December 22, 1874. She survives with two daughters, Mrs. Mack Thomas, of Bull Run, and Miss Alice McGugin, at home. Mrs. Bertha Ridings, of Thurman, Idaho, is an adopted daughter. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the M. E. church, with interment in the Clifside cemetery near Bull Run.

GEORGE W. PROSSER DIES AT OSWEGO

A news note from Oswego tells of the death of George W. Prosser who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1853. He died at his home on Wednesday after an extended illness. Mr. Prosser who was known to many in this vicinity was born at Des Moines, Iowa, and after coming to Oswego was postmaster for a number of years. He is survived by Mrs. Prosser, who is a niece of Captain J. T. Apperson, of Parkplace, and two daughters, Mrs. Silva Dame, of Los Angeles, and Miss Dena Prosser, of Oswego. The I. O. O. F. lodge at Oswego, of which Mr. Prosser was a charter member, will have charge of the funeral there Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Oswego cemetery.

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