

## LEGISLATION GIVES RIGHT TO IMPROVE

One of the most important pieces of legislation enacted by the legislature this winter was that which gave the Port of Portland authority to improve the Columbia slough so as to make it a navigable waterway. This matter was first agitated in the Outlook more than four years ago and was one of the pet themes of the late L. H. Wells, for several years the Outlook's Portland correspondent.

It has heretofore been shown that the Columbia slough is capable of being made a navigable body of water for light draft steamers for a distance of nearly fifteen miles.

For a portion of that distance it is already deep enough for small river boats, and by the expenditure of a few thousand dollars it could be made navigable all the way to Fairview.

It is also well known that the Columbia slough lands are among the most productive in the state, but that they are in many places overgrown with water at all times of the year, and, when the June freshet is on, that a much larger area is submerged. This fact has discouraged the idea of making the "slough" a great crop-growing district except where it was reasonably sure that the overflow would not affect the fields. And even then there are many records of disaster.

But another thing has been settled satisfactorily by the proprietors of the Sun Dial ranch: A dyking system is in successful operation which has reclaimed several hundred acres of land. Contrary to the general belief the water can be kept out by pumping even when it is above the cultivated fields. It does not seep through the ground.

So with the dredging of a boat channel and the reclamation of the low lands by means of dykes, the entire Columbia slough district comprising twenty thousand acres can be put to some other use than catfish lakes and cow pastures. It can all be cultivated and an open waterway would make transportation an easy matter where there is now nothing of the kind.

A boat channel, giving the Columbia slough territory access to deep water, is a potential asset, the value of which cannot be overestimated. It has no direct rail service although skirted by the freight track of the O.-W. R. & N. There are no stations and if there were it would not be good business to ship from them. Auto trucks and farm wagons are not sufficient for such a large territory. Water-borne commerce has always played a prominent part in the world's trade, even though we go back to the very beginning of man's endeavor to capitalize his material possessions.

Aside from the agricultural possibilities of the reclaimed land of the Columbia slough, there is the manufacturing feature to be considered. Many acres of choice sites may be had and they could be served by both water and rail transportation. The acquisition of new factories is usually the slogan of every such location. All sorts of inducements are held out, bonuses are offered, immunity from taxation and other allurement are placed before the individual or company seeking a place of investment. All these considerations are probable and there is hope that the Port of Portland will use its power to bring the slough district to its fullest development.

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## FAKED A HOLDUP AND SKIPPED OUT

A fake holdup and robbery, was the stunt put over by Ted Peterson, recently a wood chopper for Ralph Neibauer living near the Lusted schoolhouse, on Monday evening last. He was living in a cabin and that evening came to the Neibauer house with a cut over his eye, claiming to have been knocked down and robbed of his purse by a highwayman.

Searching parties were sent out and two deputy sheriffs from Portland came out to investigate. Peterson accused a neighbor, but his story was so flimsy that he was suspected of robbing himself.

That afternoon he phoned to Mr. Neibauer from Pleasant Home, representing himself to be another person talking from Mabery. His conversation was overheard by two boys, Eddie and Harris Hamilton. They told the story after the alleged hold-up but Peterson denied it.

Peterson left the neighborhood that same evening taking his own belongings and some of Neibauer's tools that he had been working with. He was owing an overdraft of five dollars and is supposed to have invented the holdup story to avoid paying it. His purse was found next morning in the straw of his bunk.

## REBUILDING CANNERY TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Lumber for rebuilding the cannery of the Gresham Fruit Growers' association has been ordered from the Jones Lumber company, owners of the Gresham lumber yards. It is being delivered direct from the mill in South Portland.

The order calls for about 90,000 feet and will cost somewhere around \$1500. A small force of men have been clearing away the debris so that the work of rebuilding may be prosecuted with all possible dispatch. The old rubbish, including the several wagon loads of cans have been hauled to the gravel pit where they have been buried.

The new building will be practically a duplicate of the one destroyed by fire last November, and will be in readiness by the time it is needed.

## AUCTION SALE BRINGS BIG CROWD AND PRICES

An auction sale of a dairy herd and farm implements advertised in the Outlook on February 20th by Gain & Williams, and Smithline Bros. at Manor, Wash., northeast of Vancouver took place last Monday, with W. S. Wood as auctioneer. Mr. Wood writes that the sale was a great success.

An immense crowd attended the sale, several dairymen from the Columbia slough district attending, and a number of the cows were brought over the river to become parts of dairy herds of this county.

The 42 cows advertised for sale brought an average of more than \$85 each; the 13 two-year-old heifers sold for sums varying from \$40 to \$100; the eleven yearlings averaged \$39 and the hogs sold "out of sight." The farm machinery sold for record prices and the other things brought a good figure.

## TERRY SCHOOL PATRONS ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

The patrons of Terry District, No. 8, met on Friday, Feb. 23, for the purpose of organizing a Parent-Teachers' association, kindly assisted by Mrs. Harlow of Troutdale.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. E. Welling, president; Mrs. B. N. Hall, vice president; Mrs. E. J. Heselbine, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Tarr and Mr. Towle will act as directors. After the election all enjoyed refreshments, also several musical selections, rendered by Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. Larsson.

The association will meet on the third Friday afternoon of each month.

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## "WE HAVE WITH US TONIGHT-----"

By THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen: We have with us this evening one of the best actors who ever bore the title of mayor. This man is very different from what he sometimes seems to those who do not know him very well. Perhaps he himself knows what a good actor he is. Perhaps he does not. There is good reason, however, to suspect that he is his own audience and spectator when he acts his best. There is reason to believe that the role he plays is designed primarily for himself and in a purely secondary manner for others. It may very well be said that he is afraid of the person he really is and prefers to try out the personality he plays, thinking it the safer of the two.

George W. Stapleton, mayor of Gresham, pretends to himself that he is a grouch. Those who know and admire him feel certain that he is so far the opposite of a grouch that he has to pretend a bit for his own self protection. If he were always a good natured as his natural inclinations would lead him to be it might not be well for the town of Gresham, and again it might not be well for George. In either case the people are content to let George do it. Those who have everything to ask and nothing to give are frightened away by the growling entrenchment. Those who have little to ask and a bountiful willingness to give are not frightened, because behind the entrenchment they know there stands and lives and breathes a man they are proud to call their friend. They defend the trenches, dare the barbed wire entanglements and scale the breastworks. Even then George grows once in a while but the growl is not consistent with the generosity of his dealings.

Few mayors of small cities have been as interested in the prosperity of their home town as George W. Stapleton. And his reward has been

his political preferment in several ways. He has put so much of himself into the life of Gresham and has been so constantly on the job that he has been unavoidable.

It was only a few months ago that he was the almost unanimous choice for re-election to his high office, as it was found that his endeavors counted for so much in the up-building of the city. He preferred to return to private life and promised to add every endeavor and give suggestions when asked for them, but the people rather allowed that they wanted George to continue doing it—whatever there was to do.

George loves a good story and knows how to tell a few. He advises the councilmen and the other city officers what is best for the interests of the town, and they all have implicit confidence in him. Then, to show them that his advice is good he goes ahead and does it himself—and they, too, are willing to let George do it.

He has a keen knowledge of what really interests the people, and he comes very near getting his ideas adopted, even if he has to get out and work them into shape by his tongue. George is a veteran with the heart of a boy. He knows Gresham like he knows his own front porch, and he is a firm believer in the policy of having things done right. His aim is to convince the populace that Gresham is the biggest little city in Oregon. But he will growl. He has to growl. If he didn't growl a man in his position with as many responsibilities as he carries around would be imposed upon eleven or eight times a day.

With this explanation we take pleasure in presenting this evening our good friend and popular mayor, George W. Stapleton, who can look at anyone in a manner to chill the heart of the boldest seeker after public favors who ever lived—and then do the square thing and even generous act every time.

## THE RANK OF MARSHAL

The ancient and dignified French military title of marshal was recently bestowed upon a French soldier for the first time since 1875, when, according to a writer in the New York Sun, the conditions under which the rank could be conferred were left out of the army reorganization bill. It was provided in this bill that the conditions should be set forth in another bill, but until a few weeks ago the other bill was not passed. The title, which Napoleon once said could be won by any soldier, was thereupon conferred upon General Joffre, hero of the Marne, and regarded by many Frenchmen as the one man who stood between Paris and the Germans.

The title was first instituted as a military office in 1191 by King Augustus, who sought some extraordinary means of rewarding commanders who set forth upon the Third Crusade. Thereafter there were usually three or four marshals appointed by every king, but during several reigns, Louis XIV added several, so that at the end of his reign a total of twenty had been appointed. The office was abolished by the first republic, but restored by Napoleon I when he proclaimed himself emperor. He called them "marshals of the empire," and limited the number to sixteen. The Bourbon monarchy on its restoration in 1815 maintained them in office, but changed the title to "marshal of France." In 1829 the number was limited by law to six in time of peace and twelve in time of war.

Thus today Field Marshal Joffre bears alone a title which goes back over 700 years into French history. The office carries with it a special salary of \$6,000 a year over and in addition to all the pay and allowances of a full general, and endows its holders with the right of remaining on the active list until death, instead of going into retirement when the age limit is reached. The marshal carries a baton, or short staff, about two feet long and an inch and a half in diameter. It is covered with dark blue velvet, flecked with gold stars and tipped at either end with silver, on the borders of which are engraved the Latin words: "Terror Belli, decus pacis," which in English

means: "Terrible in war, ornamental in peace." It is carried in the hand at all great military or state functions, and is used in saluting.

Following France's example, England created a similar office in 1735, the first recipient of the honor being the second duke of Argyll, of whom Pope wrote:

Argyll, the state's whole thunder born to wield  
And shake alike the senate and the field.

Spain created a similar rank, which her kings usually assumed with the crown, but the present king has contented himself with the rank of general. Russia has adopted the rank, but at present no general holds it, and the czar, like the king of Spain, preferred a lesser title, simply that of colonel. King George of Great Britain, however, is one of the seven holders of the title in England, the others being the duke of Connaught, until recently governor-general of Canada; Sir Evelyn Wood, a veteran of the Crimean war who is now colonel of the Tower of London; Lord Grenfell, a Sudan hero; Lord Methuen, Lord Nicholson, who alone of the holders of the title has ever seen active service, and Lord French, whose complete title is Field Marshal Sir John French, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener both held the rank.

In Austria-Hungary there is only one field marshal, Archduke Frederick, who won the rank in the battle of Custoza. In Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and the Balkan states the rank of marshal is unknown, although King Constantine of Greece is a field marshal in the Prussian army and the late King Charles of Roumania was a field marshal by courtesy of Czar Nicholas II. Germany, however, boasts of many field marshals. Under the old Emperor William there were only two, both heroes of the Franco-Prussian war. When the present emperor came to the throne he began to distribute the titles with a lavish hand, so that today there are about twenty field marshals in Germany. The kaiser claims the sole right to grant the baton of field marshal, but other sovereigns of the confederation believe they have the right. However, the kaiser has had his way and his marshals.

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TAMAKI MIURA.

According to report, the advance mail order subscription for the three performances of grand opera to be given at the 11th Street Playhouse Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6, by the famous Boston National Grand opera company, indicate an unusual interest among the music patrons of Portland. It will undoubtedly prove a big social event here, as many women of prominence in club circles are taking boxes for one or more of the operas, or for the entire season.

As previously announced, the three operas selected for the Portland season are "Aida," to be presented Monday evening, March 5; Mascagni's new Japanese opera, "Iris," Tuesday afternoon, March 6, and "Faust," Tuesday evening. Of the principal artists announced there is every indication of a remarkable ensemble, and together with the big chorus and the orchestra from the Boston Opera House, conducted by Roberto Moranzoni and Fulgenzio Guerrieri, should prove a drawing card far beyond many of the so-called high class grand opera offerings that have been shown in Portland in the past.

The principal singers to be heard at the 11th Street Playhouse are Giovanni Zenatello, Luisa Villani, George Baklanoff, Virgilio Lazzari, Mamaki Miura (the famous Japanese grand opera prima donna heard here last year in "Madame Butterfly" with this same organization), Thomas Chalmers, Tovia Kittay, Maggie Teyte, Riccardo Martin, Jose Mardones, Graham Marr and many others of equal prominence.

Mail orders covering the entire engagement may be sent to Manager Pangle, at the 11th St. Playhouse.

### CLEANING ALUMINUM.

Discolored aluminum kettles may be made clean by the following procedures.

Scouring is best unless the utensil is badly discolored. First free the kettle from all adhering food and wash in hot water with a mild soap. Scraps with a wooden spoon (metal spoons will scratch the soft surface of aluminum ware.) The scouring preparation chosen should not contain hard, sharp particles of grit which will scratch the surface. The grit should be fine or else composed of rounded grains. A moist, soapy cloth, or steel wool, may be dipped into the scouring material and rubbed on the metal. Most of the commercial scouring pastes and powders on the market are satisfactory.

A mixture of equal parts, by volume, of powdered whiting and alcohol, with the addition of a few drops of ammonia, is sometimes used for polishing aluminum that is not badly discolored.

Strong alkali should never be used in cleaning aluminum because it attacks and dissolves the metal. Such household alkalis as washing soda, potash, lye, or even strongly alkaline soap, should be avoided.

The action of acids on aluminum, such as dilute vinegar, fruit juice, or sour milk, on the other hand, is very slight, although it may result in the pitting of the surface if long continued. This action of acids may be taken advantage of, however, in the cleaning of aluminum. No acid which is poisonous has a place in the kitchen and nothing of the sort should ever be used. There are, however, a number of acid solutions available, especially those occurring in many fruits or vegetables, such as rhubarb (either fresh or canned), apples, or tomatoes. Cut the fruit up finely and boil with a small amount of water until the kettle is clean. The fruit so used must, of course, be thrown away. After a kettle has been cleaned in this way it should be polished to remove any

## CULTIVATION OF LOTS AND VACANT LAND

Farmers of every neighborhood in eastern Multnomah and northern Clackamas are urged by the canning company to enlarge their berry acreage this spring to almost any dimensions. The demand for canned goods is unprecedented and will remain so for several years to come.

There is every indication that the canneries everywhere will be run to their full capacity and there is also a prospect for a great establishment at Fairview which will make a demand for not only all the produce that can be grown here but from many other sections not too far away.

The Everfresh packing company at The Dalles is in the market for one hundred tons of produce of every kind, including vegetables, but it is doubtful if it would pay the producers here to ship very much of anything there unless it might be a surplus that could not be disposed of in the local markets.

Potato cultivation this year is going to be on a gigantic scale. This is a remarkably good potato country and there is a probability of this being an exceedingly good potato year. And, too, the prices next winter will more than likely be high enough to make the big crops a good speculation.

In all other garden stuff there is going to be considerable expansion of tilled ground. This is especially noticeable everywhere along the county roads where the farmers are preparing to cultivate every available piece of ground, some of which have lain dormant for several years.

Many vacant lots and blocks all over Portland are being plowed for gardens, of different kinds, their owners realizing that to cultivate them will increase the quantity of produce and do the land good as well as lower the cost of living.

The cost of seed and cultivation of crops is going to be somewhat higher this year than formerly, and there is the disease features to be contended with in some of the crops, especially potatoes, but it is believed that close attention to selection of seed and proper care will overcome any danger in that respect.

With a continuation of the enthusiasm now to be seen all over the country there is no reason why the high cost of so many necessities should not be materially reduced before the summer ends.

### HURLBURT

The milk truck which formerly came to Springdale is now coming up as far as Charles E. Wilson's.

Ed. Wilson has bought a new gasoline dragsaw.

Everybody welcomed the east wind as the roads were in bad shape.

Neil Johnson is able to be around on crutches.

Sore throats seems to be going around in this neighborhood and a few cases of measles have been reported.

No use for potato thieves to come around this part of the country, for those who have potatoes are guarding them.

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Mrs. H. P. Bauer has taken charge of the rooms in the First State Bank building, formerly occupied by Mrs. Waitman, and has modern, up-to-date steam-heated rooms with hot and cold water and bath for rent.—Adv.

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