

TROUTDALE HAS INDUSTRIAL FUTURE

By MRS. C. I. THOMAS.

An industry probably not known to many residents of Oregon is the thriving and growing business of celery raising at Troutdale. Twelve years ago H. C. McGinnis came here from the celery area in Michigan, and rented a few acres of the rich river bottom land of the Wilson farm, and soon was raising the finest of celery, knowing the ins and outs of the business, which is a business peculiar to itself, from the selection of the seed, at \$20 or \$25 a pound, the great care in preparation of the seed bed, and all the details of planting and growing the popular and attractive vegetable till it is blanched and finally dug and prepared for the market.

Now there are six or seven celery gardens in this vicinity. The Wilson brothers, George and Russell, had four acres this year, marketing from this acreage 6700 dozen bunches, most of it going to points in Idaho, Washington and Montana. They raised also about 600 sacks of potatoes, and a good sized band of hogs. One feature not to be overlooked in these times of labor scarcity and high cost, is the fact that the two brothers did all the work themselves except in celery harvest, when two extra men were hired.

H. C. McGinnis is still in the business, having three acres of celery on land leased from the Wilson farm. He marketed 4500 dozen bunches this year. He won a gold medal for his celery at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. His son, Morris McGinnis, is manager of the celery department of the Spencer gardens, where they have seven acres of this vegetable. About 6000 bunches so far have been shipped from there. Some of it has not been dug, the frost coming before it could be got out. A car load was sent to Chicago from there early in November, and a second car was to follow, but a freeze came before it could be filled. The early freezes are a drawback that has to be reckoned with in the business, most years not interfering with marketing the whole crop, this year, however, being exceptional in the early freezing line, as is noticeable just at present.

Most of the celery from the gardens here is shipped to the north-west states before mentioned, bringing an average price of 85c a dozen and we will say in passing that there is no finer celery raised than is sent from here. The name Blue Ribbon celery is becoming known to indicate the very finest in its line. The three places above described, comprising about fifteen acres, are all 100 per cent American in ownership, management, and workmen.

Besides these, J. Simoni, an Italian truck gardener, and several Japanese have about ten acres more, making in all twenty-five acres of celery. There are a good many more acres of available land here just as good, which could be brought up in one year to celery production.

The Spencer gardens here deserve a chapter all to themselves, and it is well worth a trip in the summer time to see this bit of up-to-date gardening. It is the very eastern end of the Sun-Dial ranch bordering on the Sandy river, bought by Mr. Irving Spencer three years ago, containing thirty acres, with ten acres additional rented from the Sun-Dial ranch.

He has put in a wonderful system of overhead irrigation, the water being pumped from the Sandy river by electric power from the P. R. L. & P. running through pipes up above the ground being turned on at will and coming down in showers and spray, with wonderful rainbow effects, making an erstwhile sandy patch of ground "bloom and blossom like the rose." Besides celery, different crops are being grown and harvested all the long growing season, from the earliest vegetables to cabbage and cauliflower in the late fall and early winter. Last year several acres were set to asparagus. It takes a working force of about twenty to take care of these gardens.

A. D. Kendall, the station agent here, who is also agent for the express company, has worked up quite a large shipping business. Besides the so-called garden products, many tons of produce are shipped out of this section through Troutdale, potatoes being shipped out by the carload. The Blaser Fruit company handle a large amount of small fruits, prunes, pears, and other produce. The high land east of the Sandy river is very fertile, producing abundant crops, especially of potatoes, cabbage and onions.

Perhaps because of such abundant and diversified foods, there never was a place where housewives put up and store away for winter such supplies of food. Canned salmon, all kinds of fruit and vegetables are found in abundance in the cellars of families who have been here long enough to imbibe the thrifty habits of the community, while the famous Sandy river smelt are preserved in several tempting ways.

Troutdale is coming into its own as an industrial center in ways not thought of when the packing plant was taken away from here, leaving about half the houses empty and the town lonesome-looking. Now there cannot be a house rented, as they are

all full. A man was here recently considering the advisability of establishing a bank in Troutdale, and it is reported that Biddinger & Company of Sellwood have purchased ground and will build a wool pultery here next summer. It is prophesied that before many years some company with business foresight will harness the water power of the Sandy river in industrial projects.

MULTNOMAH CHILDREN FINISH MANY PROJECTS

By MISS ETHEL I. CALKINS, County Club Leader.

The clubs for the year of 1919 have completed their projects, made their reports, and are planning and organizing for the year of 1920. Some of course dropped out along the way getting weary of the task they had assumed or perhaps having raised the pig or corn failed to make the required report of profit or loss at the close of the club year. To these nothing more can be said except that we hope the weather will be more favorable another year. Out of the 556 who were enrolled as active members having made at least one report, 352 completed by making the required final report, an increase of 40 per cent over last year. Many more received the benefits of the work, having carried out part of the lessons at least.

Those who have finished are receiving very attractive achievement pins sent out from State Superintendent Churchill's office.

In a later edition will be published a complete report of all phases of the work for the past year.

Below is a list of standard clubs who will receive special recognition. These clubs are entitled to a special certificate of merit in recognition of the fact that they have 75 per cent and above of their members who completed their work by sending in their final reports.

The 100 per cent clubs in the sewing project are here given in the following order—Location, number of members, and leader.

Corbett, 7, Miss Minerva Powell; Terry, 6, Mrs. B. N. Hall; Hillsdale, 19, Miss Hulda Kehrl; West Portland, 5, Miss Gertrude Couillard; Fairview, 6, Mrs. Heslin; Hurlburt, 6, Mrs. Emily; Pleasant View, 7, Mrs. S. D. Harding; Troutdale, 7, Mrs. A. D. Kendall; Fairview, 7, Miss Elinor Anderson; Orient, 20, Mrs. Sadie Chase.

The 75 per cent and above are as follows: Gresham, Miss Esther Elford; Rockwood, Mrs. F. Benson; Powell Valley, Mrs. Alta Gentry.

The 100 per cent pork clubs are as follows: Lynch, 5, Wm. Hornecker; Fairview and Terry, 5, J. R. Cavanaugh; West Portland, 7, Mrs. W. A. Roberson.

Seventy-five per cent or over—Powell Valley, Carl Nelson.

Canning.
Other clubs with 100 per cent record are, Russellville, 7, Mrs. Chas. Wallace; Powell Valley, 5, Mrs. Alta Gentry; Orient, 13, Mrs. Sadie Chase.

Cooking.
Lynch, 7, Mrs. Wm. Hornecker; Lusted, 5, Mrs. I. W. Spencer; Pleasant Valley, 5, Mrs. H. E. Poppleton.

Sheep.
Lynch, 5, Mrs. A. Barrows; Brooks, 7, Mrs. Albert Luethe; Gresham Poultry, 10, Mrs. H. H. Eling; Maplewood Corn, 6, E. Barrows.

The Gilbert gardening club had more than 75 per cent of their members finish. Mrs. Grace Furey is the leader.

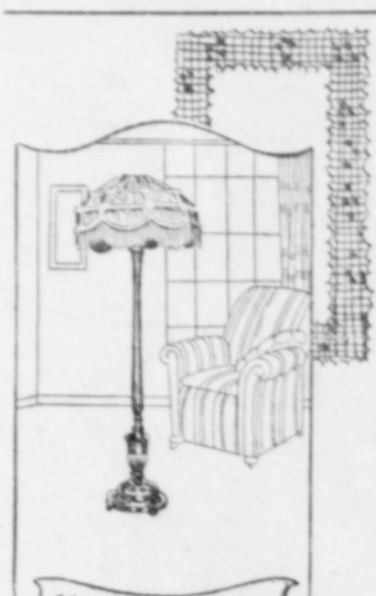
Trains of Thought.
What we need for most of our trains of thought is more freights and fewer parlor cars. The average train of thought isn't big enough to carry a full-sized opinion on any subject. Most of them are forever going and never getting anywhere. What they need is a new schedule and a fresh time table. The greatest trouble is, though, that some men are too narrow-minded to accommodate broad-gauge tracks for their trains of thought. Their equipment could all run on a goat's eyebrow and never fall off. Take a look at your train of thought some time. See if it is suffering from any of these defects. If it is, flag it at once and see what can be done. — Plainfield, (N. J.) Courier News.

Read the Want ads.



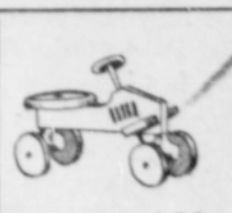
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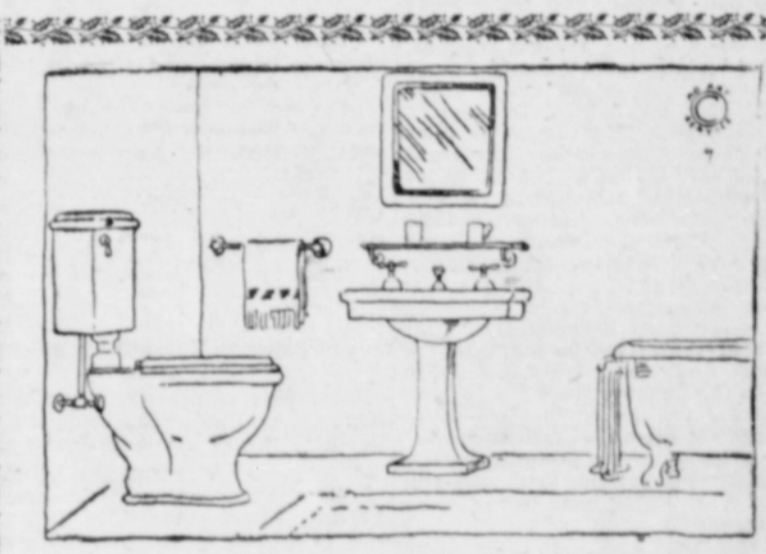


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SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for Multnomah District, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon.
A. W. Metzger, Plaintiff, vs. G. R. Burch and ————Burch, his wife, Defendants.
To G. R. Burch and ————Burch, Defendants above Named:
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the 13th day of January, 1920, which is the date fixed by the order of the above entitled Court for you to appear and answer the complaint herein and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the Court for judgment against you in the sum of Fifty-three and 30-100 (\$53.30) dollars with interest thereon at six per cent per annum from August, 1919, until paid and for the costs and disbursements herein.
You are further notified that by virtue of a writ of attachment and garnishment issued in the above entitled cause all personal property belonging to you or either of you in the possession of G. W. Kenney has been attached and is being held subject to the outcome of this action, which said personal property or so much thereof as may be necessary will be sold and the proceeds thereof applied toward the satisfaction of the judgment recovered herein. The date of first publication of this Summons is December 9, 1919, and the date of last publication is January 13, 1920.
McGUIRK & SCHNEIDER,
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
First State Bank Bldg, Gresham, Or.
JOHN BROWN,
Justice of the Peace.



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ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale made by Hon. Geo. Taxwell of the Circuit Court in Probate of the State of Oregon for the county of Multnomah, in the matter of the estate of J. A. Frakes, deceased, No. 14178, entered December 1st, 1919, and for the purpose of paying unsatisfied charges, expenses and claims against the said estate, the undersigned Mattie P. Frakes, administratrix of the estate of J. A. Frakes, deceased, will at and after 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1919, at the office of her attorney, Milo C. King, South Main street, in the town of Gresham, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, offer for sale and sell, at private sale, on terms of cash, or not less than one third cash with return mortgages, the following described parcels of improved real property, situate in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah and state of Oregon, to-wit: Lots 21 and 22 in Block 8 of College Place of the city of Portland, Oregon; and Lot 11 in Block 1 of Albina Addition to the city of Portland, Oregon.
MATTIE P. FRAKES,
MILO C. KING, Attorney.
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