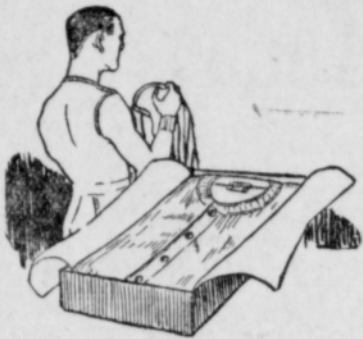




Santa Claus went through Gresham Saturday (incognito) sizing up the local situation. He told us to keep the idea before the public that in order to get the best service and avoid the disappointments of last minute Christmas buying they should

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EXPLANATION OF THE DEAL

FAIR HISTORY.

So much speculation has been indulged in by the public concerning the status of the county fair in its relationship to the town of Gresham that the Outlook has undertaken to give an explanation of the deal between the town council and the fair association 12 years ago, before the first fair was held on the present fair grounds.

The first fair held here was arranged for by the granges of the county in October, 1907. It was held in the Gresham grange hall and on the surrounding grounds. Some of the business men helped by contributions of money and labor and the fair was such a success that the organization of the Grange Fair association resulted with a capital stock of \$5000. It was necessary to have suitable grounds, but the sale of stock would scarcely furnish enough to pay for the first buildings. Dr. J. M. Short, the mayor of Gresham at that time, was one of the active organizers of the fair association and was made its first secretary. In fact it was Dr. Short who made the organization possible by subscribing for over \$500 worth of stock which was subsequently sold out in smaller blocks, thus relieving him of his obligation.

Dr. Short's Proposal.

When the matter of securing suitable fair grounds came up it was Dr. Short who proposed an arrangement whereby the town council was to issue warrants to the amount of \$3300 in payment of the present fair ground property. This arrangement was fully carried out and on September 1, 1908, the common council of the town of Gresham passed an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3300 for the purchase of the site upon which the fair grounds are now located. Dr. Short was mainly instrumental in securing the appropriation, but the details of the bargain for the purchase of the land had been worked up by others, principal among whom was John Sieret who is at present one of the directors of the County Fair association.

The ordinance passed at that time, besides appropriating the sum mentioned, provided for the raising of the money by the issuance of town warrants which were to run for a period of five years at five per cent interest payable semi-annually. This ordinance was approved at a meeting held on October 7th of the same year. This ordinance is known as Ordinance Number 40 and was duly entered in the council's book of records.

Ordinance No. 41.

On the first day of December, 1908, the town council adopted another ordinance which was approved by the mayor four days later. This ordinance is known as the "franchise" granted to the Grange Fair association to hold its annual fairs upon the grounds which had been bought by the town from N. L. and Clara I. Smith, the same being the present fair grounds. In order that a clear understanding may be had of this franchise it is given herewith, eliminating some of the legal phraseology that pertains to such instruments. Attention is particularly called to the two different periods of time mentioned—25 years and 10 years. The franchise reads: "That there be and is hereby granted * * * to use and occupy for a period of 25 years those certain premises same as described for a fair site, and to erect and maintain buildings thereon, and to conduct thereon on the dates of each year hereinafter set forth an annual industrial fair."

It is provided here that the association shall have exclusive use of the grounds for a period of 20 days each year between the dates of August 15th and the first day of November. After giving the association all full rights to go ahead in the construction of buildings and other necessary features, and requiring their removal at the termination of the franchise the ordinance further recites that all of said grounds and buildings when not actually in use for fair purposes shall be in the care and custody of the town of Gresham. It is further recited.

A Ten-Year Clause.

Section 7. Any failure on the part of the Grange Fair association to operate said annual industrial fair for any one year during the existence of this franchise * * * shall render void the franchise and all conditions and obligations hereunder.

Section 9 provides for the sale of the fair grounds to the fair association in the following language:

"There is hereby granted to the said Grange Fair association the right and option to purchase from the town of Gresham, for the sum of thirty-three hundred dollars, the real property herein heretofore described within the time of two years from the passage and approval of this ordinance, said thirty-three hundred dollars to be paid as follows, to wit: One hundred dollars on acceptance by the Grange Fair association of this franchise, and the balance of thirty-two hundred dollars on or before two years * * * Provided, and the above option of sale, and sale, is conditional that should the said Grange Fair association, and its successors and assigns fail to operate a fair or exhibition as above set forth each and every year for the next ten succeeding years, the real property hereby bound shall revert to the town of Gresham upon the payment by the town of Gresham to the Grange Fair

association, its successors or assigns, of the purchase price of thirty-three hundred dollars:

After a further recital that the Fair association shall retain all rights and privileges and shall be exempt from all kinds of town taxes the ordinance further says in Section 10:

"It is further agreed that the Grange Fair association may terminate this franchise at the end of ten years if they so desire."

Deed Requirements.

From a carbon copy of the deed, conveying to the Fair association the property in question during the month of December 1910, the following conditions attending the transfer are made:

All fences between the fair grounds and the property of Mr. and Mrs. Smith shall be maintained by the association until such need is released by them. The association shall at all times maintain and keep open the ditch already constructed and running across the fair ground property until released by the Smiths.

That portion of the fair ground property now known as Fourth street, which is conveyed in the deed is required to be kept open and is reserved as a public street. That street is the entrance to the fair grounds. The deed further recites:

"This grant is further conditioned and made subject to Ordinance No. 41, adopted by the common council of the town of Gresham on the first day of December, 1908, and said ordinance is hereby made part of this deed."

A Dispute Settled.

Such is the history of the fair's connection with the town of Gresham financially and legally. It will be remembered that a dispute arose last summer when the town council began making arrangements for an automobile camping site on the fair grounds. Such action was resented by the Fair association, the contention of the latter being that the ten-year agreements had been fully complied with and that the town had no rights in the matter. The peculiar wording of ordinance No. 41 left a doubt that no lawyer would pass an opinion upon and the matter was settled temporarily by a mutual understanding. If it ever comes up again the question will have to be settled by the circuit court.

It is contended by the Fair association that having paid the town of Gresham for the property, and having complied with all the requirements mentioned, that it is the absolute owner of the fair grounds; that the ten-year clause supercedes the twenty-five year clause; and that the only requirement now is a notice to terminate the provisions of the ordinance. It is conceded that such a notice might subject the property to taxation. Such a prospect is one of the reasons for a compromise with the town council in allowing the grounds to be used as a camping site. All these details are given here in view of the possible disposal of the fair grounds to the county. In that event an amicable arrangement could be made between the town and county as the fair would be continued under the county's supervision. As county property the fair grounds would not be subject to taxation and the town would have no control except as it would be allowed public privileges which are becoming more and more necessary—a fact which the county commissioners fully recognize.

A new invention soon to be put on the market is the Watson Bucket plow, which will be manufactured in Portland by a company formed recently. This plow, it is said, will cover 15 to 20 acres per day, plowing, pulverizing and planting in one operation.

Next year the A. Rupert company cannery in Lebanon will be increased in capacity. The branch has been invaluable in handling small fruits raised in the district. An issue of preferred stock in the concern is now being disposed of in and near Lebanon.

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ATTRACTIVE SHOW PLACE

HALCYON FARM.

Halcyon Farm, located just east of the Powell Valley schoolhouse, on the Powell Valley road, is developing into one of the many show places in eastern Multnomah.

This farm is owned by J. L. Bowman, president of the Brownsville Woolen Mills of Portland and he is sparing no expense to make the place one of the best equipped in the state.

The place was purchased about two years ago by the present owner but it was not until May of this year that building operations began. A comfortable bungalow of attractive design has been built and a large barn and other buildings of the most modern and convenient design. Mr. Bowman says that he has invested about \$25,000 in the buildings and land. The farm consists of 71 acres of splendid land which is located in a most desirable spot. The farm is well drained and is located at one of the points on the Powell Valley road where there is an excellent view of Mount Hood.

He has stocked the place with pure bred registered stock: Jersey cows, Dorset Horn sheep and Essex hogs.

Mr. Bowman speaks of his undertaking as follows: "It is going to be a hobby of mine to have a place that I can be proud to show my friends and from which each year I can exhibit fancy registered stock at the various fairs and stock shows."

"I was successful in getting a fine start with Jerseys and have three Register of Merit cows," continued Mr. Bowman. One of these register of merit cows produced 771 pounds of butterfat last year while on official test. This is "Noble's Marigold of Fair Acres," a gold medal cow. The only time she was ever entered in a stock show was when she was two years old and then she won the grand championship at the Oregon state fair.

Golden Maids' Clarabelle and Cowslip's Golden Begonia are two other fine cows which have records of 476 pounds and 407 pounds respectively. Both have won honors at fairs in the west.

There are at present 11 head of registered Jerseys on the farm and from this start Mr. Bowman plans to develop one of the finest herds in the state.

The latest building to be erected on the farm is a modern henhouse, large enough for about 300 hens, which it is planned to keep later. At present 100 Buff Rocks are enjoying one of the most up-to-date and convenient henhouses that can be erected.

M. S. Hanna, a graduate of Pullman College, has been secured to manage the farm and he and his family occupy the comfortable bungalow and direct the work that is being done to add to the attractiveness and value of the place.

Christmas Parcel Post Regulations.

The approach of Christmas brings unusual responsibilities and burdens for postmasters everywhere. A little care on the part of those sending Christmas packages would obviate a large amount of work on the part of postal employees and insure the safe delivery of the packages.

D. M. Roberts, Gresham postmaster, has given the following instructions for sending parcels:

All packages must be properly wrapped with heavy paper, securely tied with strong cord, and all fragile articles packed against possible breakage. No writing can be on the package other than nature of contents, sender's name, addressee's name, and "Do not open until Xmas" or similar direction. No packages will be accepted unless in accordance with foregoing regulations. Please do not present packages for mailing while the mail is being sorted during the hours of 8 and 9 a. m. and 4 to 4:45 p. m.

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