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DUPLICATE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO BE FURNISHED GRESHAM BY P. R., L. & P.

Gresham is to have a duplicate electric service system. This is the announcement of A. C. McMicken, sales manager of the Portland Railway Light & Power Company. The estimated cost of providing this service is said to be about \$7000 but the value of the additional service can hardly be estimated as when this work is completed, Gresham should never be without electric service except for the few minutes necessary to close the switches, unless some catastrophe put both transmission systems out of business at the same time. This is not likely to occur. Such trouble as occurred during the Multnomah county fair last fall when line trouble put the lights out on three nights during the week will be avoided. At many other times also the power is off for several hours causing much delay and trouble to business houses that need power.

A bank of three 100-kilowatt transformers will be installed at the O. W. P. substation here and connected to the transmission line carried on the steel towers. These transformers will step down the voltage of the transmission line and Gresham may be supplied from these transformers or from the transformers now installed at Ruby Junction, thus providing two separate sources of electric service.

The estimates for this work has been approved by President Griffith and the work will be commenced in a short time, Mr. McMicken states.

Mr. McMicken also says that while the completion of the new line on the Powell Valley road east of Gresham has been held up, the company hopes to have the Powell Valley line complete by Christmas. The poles are all set and ready for the wires and transformers. This work was held up by the ice and wind storms which entirely destroyed the transmission lines feeding Fairview, Troutdale and vicinity, as well as the distribution lines feeding the consumers in this district. The weight of ice on wires and poles was so great that no practical type of construction could withstand the strain.

Mr. McMicken says "We felt it was our first duty to re-establish service to our old consumers. We have kept all of our heavy line crews continu-

Bee or Butterfly, Which?

THERE is a vast difference between a honey bee and a butterfly though both fly and are after the honey. The butterfly flits here and there to satisfy its whims or pleasure and is soon forgotten while the bee has a worthier object in view—the storing up of something for its colony and something of benefit to others.

Likewise the shopper who buys away from home, flits here and there, seeking mainly his or her own pleasure, and often failing in the quest.

The home-trader has an eye to the future—is building up an investment and storing up honey for his own good and the benefit of others. On what he stores up during the fruitful season he can subsist if necessary when the winter season comes.

Make this a happy Christmas, for yourself and them by trading with your home merchants.

BE A BEE, BE LOYAL, BE FAIR.

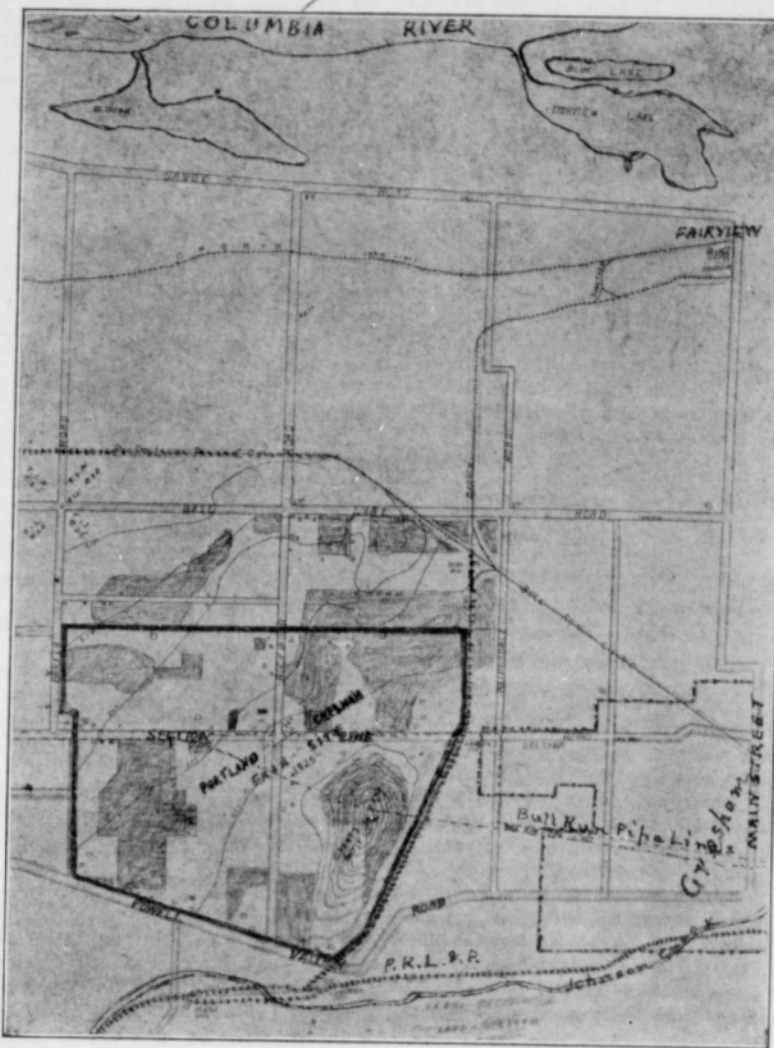
ously employed in this district since November 20th and will have service entirely restored this week."

"We should like, through the columns of your paper" he said "to express to our consumers in this district our appreciation of their patience and helpfulness. To show that we have done our best to resume service as rapidly as possible, we wish to point out that our crews have worked every day, Sundays included, and that we have held up work in Portland and vicinity for more than three weeks so that this reconstruction would proceed without interruption."

To date the company figures that the damage caused by the ice storm and later by the wind amounts to approximately \$40,000, not including loss of revenue, etc.

Because many other public utilities have had similar trouble the labor question has been difficult and the company was not able to increase the line crews rapidly although standing orders have been placed in Seattle, Spokane and other places for linemen. The company was somewhat handicapped by this fact but within a short time the lines and service will be restored to normal and the new construction work commenced.

MAP OF PROPOSED PORTLAND-GRESHAM 1925 FAIR SITE



SITE NEAR GRESHAM MOST FEASIBLE.

The above map is very much reduced from the large plat filed with the questionnaire on the proposed site. It was prepared by Walter Brown and was drawn in colors. The shaded portions above are wooded tracts. The contour lines show Grant's Butte, 550 feet at its highest point. The map gives an idea of the relative locations of railroads, highways, pipe lines, and Columbia river. Fairview is located about three miles to the northeast and Gresham lies directly east of the proposed site. The site includes close to 1500 acres, and would afford excellent sites for buildings, avenues, parks, airplane landings, athletic fields, auto camp grounds etc. East of Grant's Butte is a large swale capable of being made into a beautiful lake. It is fed by springs and has good drainage.

The Barker road, which is the west boundary of the site is nine miles from the Portland courthouse. The Portland east boundary line is three and one-half miles from the proposed fair tract.

PICKLE FACTORY HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR; WILL MAKE MANY KINDS OF PICKLES

Business Supports Many

An interesting sidelight on the business situation in Gresham which came before the recent Business Men's meeting was the statistics regarding the number of business places, their employees, etc.

A count was made and the approximate figures are as follows: Business houses, professional men and factories 76.

Owners and employees working 225.

Homes occupied 150. It is estimated that these owners and employees furnish a living for about 475 people.

These figures include the Beaver State Motor factory, the cannery and wood working plant but they are for the present time of the year. A much larger total would, of course, be had if the figures were taken in the summer when they are running under full force.

POMONA GRANGE WILL MEET AT FAIRVIEW

Pomona grange will meet at Fairview on Wednesday, December 21, for the usual all-day session.

T. J. Kreuder, master, says that it is likely the question of tax reduction will be under discussion.

The usual banquet will be served at noon, followed by the Pomona lecturer's program in the afternoon.

Fairview grange will put on the program in the evening after which work in the fifth degree will be exemplified.

ROAD TO BULL RUN IS AGAIN OPENED

The wagon bridge over the Sandy river on the road to Bull Run has been repaired and the road is again in use. About 25 feet was washed out on the east approach during the floods following the ice storm here recently.

The high water and log jams threatened the main bridges across the Sandy river for several days but this was the only one to suffer severe damage.

The Near East Relief has a strong appeal at the Christmas time.

The Oregon Pickle and Canning Company, Inc., has been in operation in Gresham during the past few months and is growing and expanding in a very satisfactory manner. The company was organized and incorporated under the Oregon state laws, the incorporation papers being dated on the 26th day of April, 1921, with a capital stock of \$35,000. The company was organized by R. W. Stafford and his son, J. L. Stafford, both experienced in the pickle business.

The organization is officered by R. W. Stafford as president and J. L. Stafford as secretary-treasurer. The latter is also manager of the plant.

The Carl Shattuck building near the O. W. P. depot was purchased and work of remodeling and building an addition for the large tanks was commenced about July 10 of this year. Cucumbers began to come in before the building operations were complete and tanks were built as needed. Contracts were signed with growers of cucumbers in this vicinity and these growers were also given the privilege of purchasing shares of stock in the company and many subscribed for small amounts.

Although it was not a lengthy season, the local company put up about 400 tons of cucumber pickles and about 600 50-gallon casks of genuine dills, in this its first year. Beside the cucumbers 100 barrels (50 gallons each) of cauliflower, 25 barrels of silver onions and 25 barrels of green tomatoes were packed for the manufacture of various kinds of pickles.

Work has recently been completed on the new plant where the work of preparing the cucumber pickles, which are in salt brine, will be done. The new building is 50x75 feet and will be equipped with three large cooking vats, heated with steam. The processing plant will have a capacity of about 1000 gallons per day and it is expected that when the plant is in full operation it will require 25 to 30 persons to handle the output.

Practically everything is hand work. All pickles are sorted by hand. In the glass pack all packing, labeling and capping is done by hand, as a successful mechanical method has not been put into operation as yet. Probably 50 per cent of

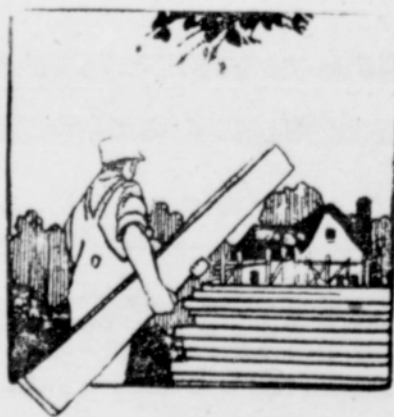
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