

Voters Must Register at the Court House

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## SECTION LINE FARMER SPEAKS

"Old Timer" Gives His Views on Proposed Road Improvement Plans. Opposes Assessment District Plans.

Mr. Editor—I want to say something about the road building business and I would like for you to put it in the paper. I don't know much about writing for papers but maybe you can print it anyway. I live over here on the Powell Valley road and I hear they are going to give this road a hard surface, whatever that means—and make us farmers who live along the road pay for over half of it. That is we will stand a special levy to pay for half of the road, and then pay our part of the general levy which will mean that we will pay more than half of the cost of the road, which I think is not fair. When a road like the Powell Valley is improved it helps the whole county and the whole county should help to pay for it. I have been watching this road business for a long time. Powell Valley was given a coat of gravel 26 years ago. That lasted pretty well until about six years ago when the automobile came into fashion. Since that time the road has been rebuilt twice at a cost that in each instance exceeded the original cost of the road and its coat of gravel. It is about ready to have a new dressing. If we are to have a road that will resist wear of automobiles it will have to be something very different from what they are putting on now and if they are going to improve all the roads in the county with a non-wear-out surface the county will go bankrupt before it is half done.

If we don't improve them all there will be no room on the improved road for farmers and horses and wagons. It is hard enough now to drive along roads with machines running at 50 miles an hour. With fewer improved roads a fellow would simply have to get off the road that was improved. I have thought some of proposing a road so that one side of it would be used for automobiles and one side for horses. That would cost a good deal but that seems to be the only way unless we do like they do in some parts of California. I was at Oakland last year and went to ride in a carriage. I soon found that automobiles did not drive on our road. They had a road of their own, for fourteen miles that cost \$100,000, and they did not let wagons go on it. If the automobile fellows are so darned anxious to have a high-priced road why not let them build it themselves. I was in Iowa not long ago and they told me that automobiles paid a state horsepower tax and the tax that year was \$940,000. I used to live there, near New Hampton. If we had a tax here like that we could let the automobile crowd build a road of their own and then the other roads would not cost so much. It is simply impossible to build all the roads good for them.

I notice that Mr. Holman says that taxes are not so high this year as last. Well now I don't see that. My taxes last year on 30 acres was \$75. This year they are \$95. Same ground, same personal, and same crops. Ten years ago my tax on 40 acres was \$27. Now it is \$95 on 30 acres of it. Same ground, same crops, same improvements, same stock. It things keep on this way us farmers won't be able to raise enough on the ground to pay taxes, let alone keep our families. These raises have been made on the class of roads we have been getting. What will it be when we have to pay for more than half of the road, and the roads built are more than twice or three times as costly. It looks to me like the county officers ought to use some sense about spending money. Land, maybe, has got higher. You can't raise any more potatoes or oats on it, and after you have raised them you can't get as much for them as you could twenty years ago when taxes were only a fourth as much as they are to today.

I see it takes a remonstrance of over half of the property owners along the roads to be improved, or within one mile of the road to prevent a road being improved on this plan. If that is so we had better get up a petition at once demanding that the court shall not make these improvements. The way the law is they can try the same thing again in a year. The idea seems to be that they will keep at it and we will forget or neglect to oppose the tax. I am paying enough now. If the automobile people of this county want to build a road for a pleasure drive, let them all help to pay for it and not try to saddle over half of it onto us farmers out here who have not even a decent

## ANOTHER VIEW OF THE PETITION QUESTION

The following excerpt from the report of the legislative committee of the Federation of Labor at the recent session at Raymond, Washington, will be of interest to Oregon Grangers and wage-earners who have been misled as to the practical effect of prohibition of paid circulation of petitions:

"The fact that circulators of petitions must do their work voluntarily and without remuneration will certainly test the spirit of willingness and interest of the membership of all organizations. While we feel that this restriction has placed a heavy burden upon individuals in the line of volunteer work, yet upon the most careful analysis, we are convinced that the interest sure to be manifested by the 50,000 wage earners and farmers united under our respective banners will make possible the success of this undertaking. Special interest will not in our belief, be able under any circumstances, to initiate legislation detrimental to public interests because of this restriction against the payment of petition circulators. In any of the states where money can be freely used for these purposes, a great portion of the time and energies of public spirited organizations is necessarily devoted to killing off legislation submitted by special interests through the use of finances always at their command for the liberal payment of petition circulators and publicity gained by the power of money upon the public press."

## ARLETA REBEKAHS DEVELOP GOOD TEAM

Within the past six weeks especially the Mountain View Rebekah Lodge of Arleta has developed an exceptionally fine degree team. The team has only been preparing to the work they now put on so well a short time but they are becoming quite proficient. The team is especially noticeable in the uniformity of size of its members and in the splendid manner in which the lectures are given, aside from the excellent floor work. Bro. J. J. Johnson has acted as drill master and as is usual with his drill work, it evidences good work all around. The costumes used are all plain, and the ordinary dress of the members, but they have arranged to all dress in the same color, and the simplicity of it all is one of its most admirable features.

## LADIES AID OF BAPTIST CHURCH HOLD MEETING

On Friday night of last week the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church had a very pleasant meeting. The occasion was the annual Meeting of the society. The meeting opened for business, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. K. Merritt, Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. Nelson, Secretary, Mrs. Ella Moore, Treasurer, Mrs. R. O. Horning. The business was followed by a social session, consisting of Readings by the Misses Frankie Nichols and Eda Barker, instrumental music by Miss Fay Hickox, a vocal solo by Mr. Geo. Greenwell, and a vocal duet by Mesdames R. O. Horning and J. M. Nelson. The program closed with a supper in the basement to which about 50 of the members and friends of the society sat down. In token of the esteem of the members bouquets of congratulations were presented to the retiring President, Mrs. D. H. Willis and Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Barker, through whose faithful work the society has had a prosperous year. The Treasurer reported \$162.20 raised for all purposes during the year.

## Kansas Club Will Meet

The next regular meeting of the Oregon Kansas Club will be held Friday evening, March 27 at Alisky Hall, Third and Morrison. There will be a short program and "get acquainted" meeting.

The Eastern Star met last evening at Odd Fellows hall with four officers of high rank in attendance, Worthy Grand Reissacker; Past Worby Grand Patron, Mr. Evans; Grand Secretary Nellie McKinley, and Grand Elector Clara Graham. Past Worthy Grand Patron, Evans spoke highly of the work of the lodge here in Lents. After the meeting a dainty luncheon was served.

Two horse rig to drive over the roads. We had just better give them our farms and try beating our way white ourselves. And Mr. Holman wants to be commissioner again.—John Moll.

## NOW COMES THE THRILLING ACT.



—Bradley in Chicago News.

## LENTS GRANGE HOLDS SPLENDID SESSION

The meeting held with the Lents Grange Saturday was one of the best in its history. The morning session was devoted to business and to the instruction of several candidates in the first and second degrees. After one of the best of grange banquets. Following this there was a meeting of several of the masters and lecturers of the various granges of the county. The literary program opened up by a grange song. A memorial was given by A. F. Miller on the life of Sister Roberts, deceased, and resolutions of condolence were read.

Mr. Darnall offered a short explanation relative to a lecture prize and explanation of the decision to provide two pieces of regalia for the grange and these pieces were presented to the Lecturer of the grange and its Chaplain, Mrs. A. F. Miller, the first by virtue of the Lecturer's office having won the prize, the second due to Mrs. Miller having been in her official position longer than any other person of the grange.

After this there was a violin solo by Miss Chapman, accompanied by her sister, one or two recitations, an address by Judge Gatens of the Juvenile Court, that was highly pleasing to all those present, and a discussion by Mrs. Otto Katsky on the "Moral Effect of the Scrubbing Brush and the Paint Pot," in which the lady made the finest address of her life. It was a treat. The session ended up in a miscellaneous discussion of various points that had been developed during the program.

## Giants Defeated, 2 to 1

The Lents Giants were defeated in a very fast practice game Sunday by the Oregon Law School, the score being 2 to 1. The game was full of features throughout. Lincoln for the Law School allowed 3 hits and Boland for the Giants allowed 3 hits. Boland pitched three innings and Webb and Southerland pitched three innings each, for the Giants.

Manager Forte says that he will have the fastest team in the state this year, so things look pretty bright for Lents. Next Sunday the Giants play the Paice Laundry and a very fast game is assured.

Line up for Oregon Law School: Collins, 1st b., Kelly, S. S., Appleate, c., Rushlas, cf., McDonald II, Mackeny, rf., Mullen, 3rd, Duthur, 2nd, Lincoln, p. Line up for Giants: A. Boland, 2nd, B. White 1st, W. Webb cf., Jameson, 3rd, B. Boland, c., Forte, lf., Gulliford, rf., E. Webb, S. S.-P., M. Boland p., Southerland, p.

Mrs. E. J. Woods of Bay City is visiting her cousin Mrs. Geo. Spring.

## WOODMERE PUPILS BUILD NOVEL BIRD HOUSES

A couple of days last week were devoted to building bird houses by the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade pupils of the Woodmere schools. Some of the most unique productions ever seen were produced by the boys and girls. Yes girls. The Woodmere girls are learning to use a hammer. Some of them were dainty little cottages. Others were moss covered cabin-built of tiny logs. There were several "apartment houses," houses with porches, fireplace, flagpoles, front steps, and modern conveniences, except there were no plumbing arrangements or electric fixtures. Birds are not supposed to need those conveniences.

All of this has a manifold value to the young artisans. Not only are they developing skill with their hands, and more kindly attitudes toward their fellow beings, but they are also unconsciously being lead to love the many things possible in and around every home, if "we only think of it." And not the least is the culture of the imagination which is so essential in all these happy faculties that make life endurable.

## CONCERT AT LYNCH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 28

The Goetz orchestra, assisted by Miss Edith Turner of Lents, gave a concert at the Lynch school house, on Section Line road Friday evening, March 13th. A full house greeted them, and while every number was excellent, we feel that the violin solo work of Miss Turner, and the vocal numbers rendered by Mrs. Goetz, deserve especial mention. All present expressed themselves as well pleased with the high class musical treat.

Mr. and Mrs. Goetz were former residents of this place, and are well and favorably known.

## County Grange

The quarterly meeting of the County Grange at Russelville, on Wednesday, was one of the events of the year in Grange history. An unusually good time was had, the attendance good, and the atm't good cheer prevailed. There were resolutions and resolutions, lots to talk about and plenty of orators. The debate on the initiative amendments held the greatest interest and was ably handled by R. W. Gill and W. H. H. Dufur. Dr. E. C. Joss, Federal meat inspector was present and gave an interesting talk on inspection.

The evening session was given to an interesting program and initiation of several candidates. Russelville sustained its reputation as host.

Robt. Chapman and wife boast of a new girl in their home on south Main street.

## OBJECTS TO CHANGING NAME OF FOSTER ROAD

To the Editor of the Mt. Scott Herald—

While your lively paper is urging the needed improvement of Foster Road, permit a reader to make a suggestion relative to the name by which this great thoroughfare is to be known. There appears to have been some thought of changing the name of the street to Foster Boulevard in imitation of other cities and of other sections of this city, which in their turn have imitated Paris.

I hope this will not be done, and am confident that many other residents of this part of Portland favor retaining the present name. Some of the reasons for doing so I will endeavor to state. The present name is distinctive and has a pretty quaintness that it would be a pity to sacrifice. "Road" is shorter than "Boulevard," which is inevitably abbreviated when written into "Bou" or "Byd," and in oral speech is corrupted into "bullyvard."

If we have any regard for correctness in the use of words we shall retain the word "road," because it is accurate and descriptive, while "boulevard" means something different from the highway of travel and commerce this street is destined to become. Originally the latter term referred to a bulwark, and then to the public walk taking the place of such fortification. It has now been extended to mean a street of especial width, parked at the sides or in the center and provided with seats, and not used for heavy teaming.

Actually Foster Road is to become a great artery of trade and business travel. Over it will come into the city yearly increasing quantities of supplies from the rich valley adjacent, and returning to the farms will be hauled the goods and implements required by the rural population. It is as a business highway that we welcome and value the developed road. How absurd then to affect to regard it as a mere pleasure way.

There will be plenty of pleasure driving over it, but this is not the primary or chief object of the road. Only to the unsophisticated will be the name "Foster Road" mean a neglected country highway. Persons familiar with cities where English is the language of the people, know that "road" is frequently employed as a title of distinction and lending variety to the "avenue," "streets" and "boulevards," that are so common.

Tottenham Court Road is one noted London street that comes to mind. Regent Road is the extension of Princes Street, Edinburgh. Melbourne Road is a Leicester highway. New York, Chicago, Boston, Montreal and other American cities have their paved and otherwise beautiful "roads," "lanes" and "ways" then why should Mt. Scotters fear to be controuled unless they tack on a French name which they cannot pronounce and which will be a burden and incumbrance as long as English is spoken and Portland stands?

If there is a warning needed, see the burlesque that has been made of "Sandy Road." That name is not particularly refreshing; but "Sandy Boulevard" is a flat contradiction of terms if one would regard the name seriously, and screamingly funny as a joke. Lora C. Little.

## ARLETA ATHLETIC CLUB WILL GIVE CONCERT

Saturday, April 4, is the date set for a concert at the Arleta school for the benefit of the Athletic Association. This club is composed of the older boys of the school and a number of young men who are not in school. The boys desire some money with which to purchase mats, etc., which they need in their gymnasium work. Through the kindness of Fredrick E. Chapman, this entertainment has been arranged. The admission is 10 cents and all persons who favor this healthful recreation for boys and young men are asked to aid this cause by purchasing a ticket. The concert is well worth the price and the entire proceeds will be used to equip the gymnasium.

## Veteran Passes to His Reward

Died, Henry Dorman, 115 years of age, a veteran of the Mexican war and of the Civil war at Liberal, Mo., March 16, 1914. This is the story borne to Mrs. Frank Fish of Lents. Mr. Dorman was her grandfather, the father of four boys and two girls, only two of whom are living. David Dorman, now 80 years of age, of South Bend, Ind., is Mrs. Fish's father. She has two pictures of her grandfather at 110 and 112 years of age.

The Parent-Teachers club will meet Friday afternoon at 2:45. All parents are requested to be present.

## REGISTRATION RALLY PROGRAM

Proposed Program Planned to be Held Thursday, March 25 and 26, in School Assembly Halls at Arleta and Lents.

Plans are about completed for a general registration rally for Thursday evening, March 26th at Lents, and March 25th at Arleta. Speakers are being signed up for the dates by the Civic League officers. Dr. C. J. Smith and W. A. Carter, opposing candidates for governor, will be present at Lents to make addresses. Arthur Languth will also probably come, and J. J. Johnson has promised to come out.

The discussions will be on topics of timely interest and will be for the purpose of stimulating an interest in registration. Everybody will be invited to attend, particularly those who have not registered and it is hoped that great good will come from the meetings. Social organizations of various kinds are urged to call attention to this rally, and endeavor to have a full room ready for the speakers.

One of the biggest errors of the entire election season is the view that many take about the primary election. More than half the people interviewed recently said they did not think they would bother about the primary. As a matter of fact the main reason for getting poor material on the ballot is that the voters neglect the primaries.

To be ready for the primaries it will be necessary to register. And very few people are registering. It is shown by a house to house canvas of precinct 115 on Tuesday that about one percent of the women are registered, while the men make a little better showing. A house to house canvas will be necessary in the end to secure the successful registration of all the persons eligible.

There are still a lot of people at Lents who have failed to inform themselves that the recent registration by Mr. Tobin was declared illegal, not through any fault of Mr. Tobin's, but it was discovered that the law required people of county seat towns should go to the courthouse. They will find their registrations here illegal and they should go at once to the court house and register.

Another mistake is that a good many think they can be sworn in at the primaries, and that will interfere considerably. But the swearing in at the primaries is a risky undertaking. It is quite a task to get six freeholders to take time to go to the polls. It is a nuisance that will be found to be very annoying to all concerned.

## Surprise Party

A pleasant surprise was given to Mrs. Ida Carter, by the Woodmen of Woodcraft, at the home of Mrs. Tussey on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Carter leaves soon to make her home in California. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and a pleasant afternoon spent by all.

She was presented with a glass bowl and set of orange spoons by the members of Woodcraft, who regret her departure, but she takes to her new home the good wishes of all who know her.

## Farmers Will Organize

Farmers of Powell Valley have arranged to organize the Powell Valley Development Association to market the produce of the valley with system and dispatch. A meeting will be held in the Gresham library March 25. Committees from Gresham Grange, Gresham Commercial Club and the women's Council of Voters will arrange the meeting.

## Social Entertainment

On March 27, a play will be given by the "King's Daughters" of the Millard Avenue Presbyterian church. The play will be followed by a social entertainment. All are cordially invited to attend.

The city fruit tree inspector was out through Lents and vicinity a short time ago and a good many people were notified to spray their trees or have them cut down by the city. Mr. Geieler says he has sold about a barrel of lime and sulphur spray in small lots from a quart to a gallon. And as spraying is a good thing for the trees we certainly ought to have better fruit this summer.

Mrs. F. M. Gatz, Superintendent of the Primary Department of the Methodist Sunday School is planning for an interesting Easter service from that department.