

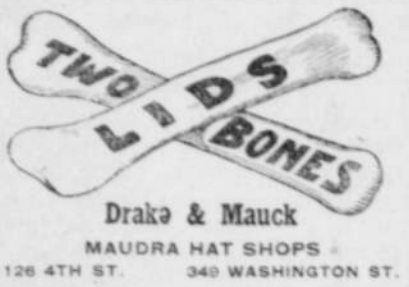
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Mrs. F. R. Foster is enjoying a visit from her sister from Vancouver.

Lon Gates and wife returned from McMinnville Monday, after spending some time there on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Desky and sons of Montavilla, spent Thanksgiving with Otto Katsky and family.

Mrs. Clara Wilson of Peterson Addition reports improvements now being made on their home buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lent are happy in the birth of a son—a Thanksgiving gift—born Thursday, 3 p. m.

Mrs. Dr. Hess spent Monday and Tuesday at Carroll's Point, Washington, visiting friends.

The quarantine was removed from the Cox family Saturday and the children re-entered school Monday.

Mrs. E. Pinckley, daughter of Boone Johnson of Gresham, and a resident of Pleasant Valley, died Tuesday morning.

A. D. Kenworthy is enjoying a visit from his brother, J. V. Kenworthy and family, from Anacortes, Wash.

Lents schools will give a poultry show again this year. Great interest is being developed among the children, who are making preparations for the show.

Wm. Anderson has all the house numbers on the east side of Main street to Foster road, now, and will be pleased to furnish them to any one desiring them.

G. W. Utterback and wife of Chickasha, Okla., enroute to California, are visiting J. L. Robinson and family this week.

Mrs. Max Meyer, formerly of Lents, has sold her farm in Clark County, Washington, and will return to Lents to live, bringing two children with her.

Charlie Reynolds, at one time engaged in the grocery business here with his brother, Robert, is reported to have been killed by a train near Florence, Oregon, on Monday.

The Oddfellows have decided to invite the Haselo and Woodlawn degree teams to put on their degree team contest in the Mt. Scott Lodge hall in Lents.

Mrs. Carrie Blakesly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred is home for her Thanksgiving vacation. Mrs. Blakesly is teaching at Battleground, Wash.

Lents schools made a fine collection of Thanksgiving donations for needy people in various parts of the district. A large number of families were supplied with food and other home comforts.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church gave a Country Fair Tuesday night. More than two hundred people were in attendance. The program was short but very pleasing and a happy time was enjoyed by all. It was a decided success and closed with many congratulations.

Mrs. C. E. Cleland, formerly of Lents, writes from Dorres, California, in appreciation of their new home. Her son Ira, who took several prizes in the school cooking contest at Lents last year, was a winner on layer cake at the Butte Valley fair recently held at Dorres.

The Lents Rebekah's have chosen Mrs. Clyde Sager for their Noble Grand for the next term. Mrs. J. W. McNeal will occupy the chair of the Vice Grand; Mrs. Mamie Cox was re-elected Corresponding secretary and Mrs. R. E. Allen was re-elected Financial Secretary. Miss Bessie Lightfoot was chosen Treasurer. There is some talk of a joint installation early in January.

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KNOWS ALL THE GOSSIP.

Carrie of the Telephone the Best Post-Modern Person in Town.

In the American Magazine George Fitch, the Illinois humorist, writes on "The Homeburg Telephone Exchange," in which he describes the telephone in a small village. In the following extract he explains why Carrie, the telephone operator, knows more than any one else in town:

"When my wife wants to know if hats are being worn at an afternoon reception she calls Carrie. Ten to one Carrie has caught a scrap of conversation over the line and knows. But if she hasn't she will call up and find out. When a doctor leaves his office to make a call he calls up Carrie, and she faithfully pursues him through town and country all day, if necessary. When we are preparing for a journey we do not go down to the depot until we have called up Carrie and have found out if the train is on time. And when our babies wander away we no longer run frantically up and down the street hunting for them. We ask Carrie to advertise for a lost child seven hands high and wearing a four hour old face wash, and within five minutes she has called up fifteen people in various parts of the town and has discovered that said child is playing Indian in some back yard a few blocks away.

"Carrie is also our confidant. I hate to think of the number of things Carrie knows. Prowling into our homes while we are talking, as she does, in search of connections to take down, she overhears enough gossip to turn Homeburg into a hotbed of anarchy if she were to let it loose.

"But she doesn't. Carrie keeps all the secrets that a thousand other women can't. She knows what Mrs. Wimple Horn said to Mrs. Ackley over the line which made Mrs. Ackley so mad that the two haven't spoken for three years. She knows just who of our citizens telephone to Paynesville when Homeburg goes dry and order books, shoes, eggs and hard boiled shirts from the saloons up there to be sent by express in a plain package. She knows who calls up Lottie Briggs every night or two from Paynesville, and young Alexander Bane would give worlds for the information, reserving only enough for a musket or some other dueling weapon.

"There's very little that Carrie does not know. I shudder to think what would happen if Carrie should get miffed and begin to divulge. Once we had a telephone girl who did this. She was a pert young thing who had come to town with her family a short time before. It was a mistake to hire her—telephone girls should be watched and tested for discretion from babyhood up—but our directors did it, and because she showed a passion for literature and gum and very little for work they fired her in three months. She left with reluctance, but she talked with enthusiasm, and Homeburg was an armed camp for a long time."

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ISOLATION AND DRUDGERY THE TWIN ENEMIES OF AGRICULTURE.

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THE NEW RURAL CIVILIZATION

By Peter Radford,
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

We are confronting a new rural civilization. It is so radically different from the life of the past that it may well be called new, not merely because of its characteristics, but because of its triumph in rural co-operation and leadership. The utilization of modern agencies, and the use of farm machinery have greatly increased the efficiency of the farmers, broadened their vision and made life more satisfying.

The most serious enemies to country life are isolation and drudgery, and perhaps the worse of the two is isolation. It is the curse of the country. The hunger of young people for companionship has been disregarded and in various ways the social instincts have had their revenge. The fruits of modern inventive skill and enterprise have enriched country life and afforded the facilities of banishing forever the extreme isolation which used to vex the farm household of the past. The telephone is a great social asset in the rural home; the rural free delivery brings the world's daily message to the door; the parcel post delivers ten million packages per annum at a half million homes, and the automobile annihilates distance, making isolation a myth. The building of public highways has brought communities and farm homes closer together.

The Slave of Drudgery.

It is a dramatic moment on the farm when machinery emancipates the slave of drudgery. The evolution of farm machinery is a continued story of human ingenuity. One man now, by the aid of modern mechanical devices, can do as much as five or ten men used to perform and the work is less burdensome and more fascinating. The miracle of conquest will lift the curse of drudgery that has crushed the courage out of farm boys and caused them to retreat to the cities. There are many labor-saving devices for the homes that can relieve the wife of back-breaking tasks. Labor-saving machinery has wrought educational problems that have engaged the attention of the boys, relieved the housewife and added new economies and values to farming and has taken away self pity and given them a genuine pride in their calling. We need to take full advantage of these facilities.

Co-operation the Key-Note.

One test of modern civilization is the capacity for co-operation. The selfish days of the independent farmer are rapidly passing and we are beginning to catch the vision and share the profits of organized efforts. There are many farm machines adapted to serving a community, but organization of farmers is required to purchase and operate them on a co-operative basis, and new laws are needed to permit these transactions.

New Tasks for the Rural Church.

The rural church has been slow to adjust itself to the new order of things. The churches are discovering new opportunities for services, broader community usefulness and a greater social mission. The church must gird itself for new tasks and under a new virile type of leadership undertake real community building with the modern church as the center of activity and source of inspiration and guidance. The triumph over isolation and the gradual emancipation from drudgery, the development of good roads, telephones, rural mail service and the wonderful evolution of farm machinery make for religious advancement. The increase in intelligence, new social consciousness, growing spirit of co-operation, added efficiency of rural institutions, character, home building and better rural morals afford opportunities for a community-serving church to demonstrate its power. The rural church to fulfill its mission must swing around it the influences for progress.

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