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FIFTY DOLLARS IN PRIZES

Local City Beautiful Association Starts New Movement. Prizes Will go to Best Home Improvement in District.

The meeting of the Lents City Beautiful Association gave a new impetus to their work on Monday evening. Although there was some misunderstanding as to the place of meeting and some of the attendance went to the school house and some of them went to the library, but those that persisted finally congregated at the library. The session was unusually busy. A discussion of the work of the committee on street railway service improvement was handled with much interest. This committee was originally delegated to seek improvement of stations and right of way. There are few if any creditable stations in the entire city. Inexpensive yet artistic stations would add very materially to the beauty of the city and in the down town sections would be extremely practical as well as ornamental. This committee laid its plans before the central City Beautiful organization and has been assured of its support.

But the committee has enlarged upon its duties. It proposed the promotion by the association at this time, of a movement to get the car company to put on a different class of cars, cars with comfortable seats setting crosswise of the car, inclosed, with an aisle down the center. The side seat car is objectionable because it forces the patrons to face the windows and is hard on the eyes. If the blinds are drawn they are still objectionable. These cars are rough riding, and are especially uncomfortable when stopping and starting. It was decided to start a petition to the company asking for a change of cars and a committee consisting of E. P. Tobin, C. L. Barzee and Clyde Sager was appointed to draft a number of petitions and see to their circulation.

The next meeting of the association received special attention. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the schoolhouse. Let that be settled. Then a committee composed of Mr. Hershner, Mrs. Walsh, and Mrs. McNeil, was appointed to prepare a program of music and other entertaining features. An effort will be made to secure one or two speakers in addition.

But there will also be business to attend to at this meeting. Nothing less than a beautification contest was started when Mr. Darnall proposed some sort of scheme to get people to beautify their homes. It was finally decided after much discussion to finance prizes amounting to fifty dollars to encourage improvement on home grounds. The prize money will probably be divided into three purses of \$25, \$15, and \$10 each. The contest will be started about the middle of April when all homes entering into the contest will be inspected by disinterested judges and given a standing. The same homes will again be judged in July and given another standing depending on the improvement made relative to their previous condition. All persons desiring to enter this contest will be required to register their intention to do so at the Herald office before the 15th of April. Registration is in order now and the sooner registration is begun the greater the stimulus will be to encourage improvement. It was decided to extend the contest to property in the school district within the city limits.

At the next meeting a permanent contest committee will be appointed to have charge of this work. For the purpose of financing the contest a committee composed of Mrs. Katsky, Mr. McNeil and Dr. Sells was appointed.

On looking around the library members of the association discovered the following:

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SPOT-LESS TOWN

which they thought so much in harmony with the spirit of the meeting that they have been included as a part of the proceedings of the meeting. These commandments are:

1. Don't throw anything on the sidewalk or on the street. Find a rubbish can.
2. Don't tear up paper and scatter it anywhere.
3. Don't let piles of ashes or rubbish stay in your back yard.
4. Don't fill the ash bin or garbage can too full.
5. Don't chalk the sidewalks, fences, buildings or pavements.
6. Don't deface park benches, school furniture or any public property.
7. Don't needlessly trample down the grass in the parkings.
8. Don't allow anything to be done

LENTS DOPE FIEND GETS LESSON

On last Friday a peculiar little woman living near Lessar street and Eighth avenue, Lents, called up one of the city messenger services from a point down town asking for a messenger. A boy was sent to her and she gave him an order from the Clark Drug Store, 72nd street and Millard avenue, on Blumier & Frank, for \$11 worth of morphine, and accompanied the order with the money. Blumier's were suspicious, notified the city detective office, and traced the messenger back to the woman, placed her under arrest and proceeded to investigate. They soon learned that the Clark Drug Store order was a forgery. The woman proved to be Mrs. Edith Graham and she was released under order to report next day, which she failed to do, claiming illness. She was hunted up by phone and warned to be on hand Monday.

The mere matter of forging the Clark Drug Co., name to the order was not considered so serious, since it involved no losses to that firm but the question came up as to what any one could want with \$11 of morphine unless they were selling it. The officers were satisfied that Mrs. Graham intended to use it herself and she was released Monday with a good lecture.

Mrs. Graham has been around Lents for several years. It has been her custom to get a small order of prescription blanks printed occasionally which she filled in and signed with the name of some local doctor. It hasn't been so very long since she got some of these printed at the Herald office claiming her mother used them in selling a home cure for rheumatism. She is an odd little woman, dresses in black, wears a plain soft black hat and is noticeable for her prematurely dried-up appearance.

COUNTY GRANGE ENJOYS FINE SESSION

The session of the County Grange that met at Gresham on Wednesday was of exceptional interest. The afternoon meeting was taken up with installation of officers and an exemplification of the third and fourth degrees. The installation was handled by the Lents degree team and C. D. Chitwood of Clackamas County. The drill team did its work with customary good form. Mr. Chitwood was particularly effective in the excellent delivery of the several lectures and charges. Master elect Johnston put on the degree work.

Twenty-two members were taken through the fifth degree work. The evening session was taken up with a program composed of a song by Mrs. Oswald, a recitation by Mrs. Zimmerman, a recitation by Miss Mabel Shipley, and a slight of hand demonstration by Mr. Honey. Following this there were some discussions on the road question and bonding.

The principal work of the day was the adoption of resolutions presented by W. H. Dufur, providing for the issuance of non-interest-bearing bonds by the state to the government, which in return should loan to the farmers the cash covered by the bonds, at not over 3 percent, for periods of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years, the loans to be based on fifty per-cent of the valuation of the farms. A second resolution proposed by the Masters' and Lecturers' Association was also adopted for consideration.

The question of road bonding was opened by W. A. Young, Mr. Paquet, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Darnall. Supper time prevented further discussion at the time but out of this grew a motion to appoint a standing advisory committee on road matters which will undertake to look after the interests of the farmers, at least, in the various questions that may come up.

Gresham was voted a hearty vote of thanks for their general hospitality.

The tendency of the pomona sessions to devote too much time to parade and scenic effect was criticised from several points and Master Johnson stated that there would be an aim to give more time hereafter to the discussion of problems which were of so much importance to the agricultural interests of the County.

9. Don't do anything that will reflect discredit on the city where you live.
10. Don't expect your city to become clean and perfect all at once. It will become an ideal city only when everybody does something every day to make things better.

THE SNOW MAN, 1915.



—Cesare in New York Sun.

ROSTAD CASE NEARING HEARING

A Herald reporter interviewed Mr. Collier of the Circuit attorney's office on Monday. Mr. Collier says he will be ready to devote some attention to Mr. Rostad the first of next week. Rostad has been on the street for the past ten days, some one having gone on his bond.

Interest was reawakened in his case Monday when it was reported that Mrs. Rostad had brought suit last Saturday to compel Messrs. M. G. Thorsen, C. F. Henderson, Henry Harkson, and the Oregon Securities Co., to recover three notes aggregating \$15,770 and the title to property worth \$5550, which she deeded them with the understanding that Rostad would not be prosecuted for his forgeries while he was cashier of the Multnomah State Bank. She pleads great nervous distress due to the threats made by the officers of the bank when they made their demands for the security offered to cover the losses.

LENTS GRANGE HAS UNUSUAL SESSION

The meeting of Lents Grange on last Saturday was one of the best in many a day. The morning session was taken up with the initiation of one candidate and the presentation of a past master's jewel to past Master Kreuder. The presentation was made by Master W. A. Young and it was Young's masterpiece. It was one of the best things ever presented at the grange. When there are any presentation speeches to be made in Lents Grange in the future, Young will be in demand.

The afternoon session was important in that the program was of exceptional interest. Recitations were given by little Dorothy Hess and Ellen Anderson; Alfred Nygaard gave a piano selection; Mrs. E. L. Sells and Mrs. W. O. Ash sang duets; Miss Catherine Davis gave two beautiful violin selections; Mrs. Lora Little gave a valuable talk on "Home Sanitation," and Mrs. W. J. Hawkins gave a talk on educational work and the training of children. It was an especially valuable address and called forth great appreciation.

The question of road bonding was taken up and Master Young, W. J. McNeil, J. D. Lee, T. J. Kreuder and others spoke on the question.

CITY PARKS WILL SELL CONCESSIONS

Contrary to custom the park department will sell refreshment concessions this year for each of the parks except Peninsula Park. The concessions will be let on bids, a 10 percent deposit will be required, and a bond for the fulfillment of the contract. Persons desiring to secure concessions should communicate with the Park Department.

SERIOUS STREET FIGHT SUNDAY AT ARLETA

What may develop into one of the most serious affairs that ever occurred in the Mt. Scott Section took place last Sunday evening at the skating rink. Just who was to blame and what the cause was will probably never be known except to the fellow that started the trouble. Some one got tripped up. Some say it was one of the young Syrian men who were in attendance. Some say it was an American boy that was tripped by a Syrian and others say that the row was developed by a half drunken American purposely running into a Syrian and then precipitating a fight by knocking him down for it. Any way the fight began at this juncture, was carried to the street, where the crowd grew. Syrians came from all directions, and the friends of the American boys joined in and it was soon a regular whirlwind of flying rock, clubs, fists and kicking feet.

The Syrians seem to have gotten the worst of it. One of them got his front teeth kicked out. Another one was kicked in the head till it swelled to about double size and while yet down he was kicked in the side until the doctor said his ribs were broken loose from the vertebra. It looked for a time as tho he might die. At least two of them were candidates for the hospital.

Feeling ran high for a while and there was danger of continued trouble. Several of the boys were arrested Monday and were cited to appear in Court Wednesday afternoon. The investigation resulted in a release for the entire crowd with a warning for the future.

The general feeling around Arleta is that the assault was provoked by the Americans. It is generally asserted that the Syrians are inclined to be orderly and attend to their own business. On the other hand there is a bunch of American boys who assume to bully about everything that comes along.

LENTS PARENT-TEACHERS' CLUB TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Lents Parent-Teachers' Club will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the school auditorium. The program has been arranged to include songs by the children of Miss Everest room, a talk on art study by Miss Vaughn, and an address by Miss Wood of the Public Library.

The executive committee of the association met on Friday of last week and sent a strong endorsement of Mr. Alderman to the school board. The resolution was as follows:

"We, the members of the executive board, unanimously indorse the administration of Superintendent Alderman and fully appreciate his work and the advancement which the Portland Public schools have shown during the past two years, and we, as an organization extend him our loyal support and ask that he be retained in his position."

MORE THIEVES ROUNDED UP

With the recent return of F. R. Foster from California came the downfall of another duo of thieves. Walter Pitts and Geo. Beene of Saginaw Heights have been living for some time without any visible means of support and it has been a question in the minds of their neighbors how they managed to get cigarette money. Time and a family feud disclosed the system they were pursuing.

When Foster came back he met a sister of young Pitts who informed Foster that her brother had broken into his house. Neighbors corroborated the statement, having seen them in the building about the fifth of January.

In the meantime, Beene, who with his wife have been living with his father-in-law, quarrel with his wife's relatives and was arrested for assault. The general bad feeling developed lead to the exposure of Beene's habits and suspicions were aroused as to whether he was not following a burglars life. The officer having his case in hand connected him up with Pitts and warrants were issued for both of them. When he went to get Beene he was found at the Pitts home and when the officer called at the front door, Beene went by way of the back door, and thereafter followed a chase that would probably have ended otherwise had not a couple of friendly autoists given assistance. Beene ran west from 8th street to 82d then back a couple of blocks and then north to the vicinity of Multnomah cemetery. By that time he was "all in" and the officer took him in charge. He was badly frightened. He was taken to town and given a thorough sweating. He admitted breaking into seven houses and taking all sorts of stuff. He connected Pitts up with his work.

Among the things removed from the Foster home was a lot of dishes and they were traced to the Pitts home. Pitts' sister said she had seen the dishes in use at the Pitts home. When Foster and the officer went to search the house mother Pitts denied all knowledge of the property. They searched anyway, and at once found a dish. Foster then told her he knew all about it and if she did not deliver the goods he would take her to jail. She then admitted knowing where they were, then denied it and finally said they were under the house. To get at them the carpet had to be taken up under the bed—it had been nailed down tightly—and through a small hole in the floor the den was found and most of the goods recovered. Mrs. Pitts knew all about it and had been profiting by the thievery of her son. But young Pitts is safe. He went to some place in eastern Oregon about ten days before the exposure and it is not likely that he will be bothered as long as he stays up there. Beene has plead not guilty and awaits the action of the grand jury.

Neighbors all around the Pitts place have been suffering from these depredations. The Smith home at 45th avenue and 92d street was invaded the night before Christmas and three nice geese were taken. The birds had been reserved by Mrs. Smith till the time when Smith should come home from Montana, and then they intended to have a goose dinner, and still have a nice flock left for next season. The Pitts home and the Beene home served goose Christmas day. The Smith home served liver.

SPELLING MATCHES THE VOGUE IN CLACKAMAS

Last week was one of the busiest ever seen among a section of the schools in northern Clackamas. Estacada, Springwater, Garfield, George, Curransville, Eagle Creek, Douglass Ridge and Tracy took part in a spelling contest at Estacada a week ago Tuesday. At Sandy on Wednesday, Sandy, Firwood, Kelso, Cottrell, Dover, Bohemia, Hill Crest, Cherryville, Bull Run, Marmot, and Sandy Ridge, joined. On Thursday schools near Boring, including Damascus, Hill View, Union and Rock Creek met at Boring. The winning contestants in the first group were Miss Bertha Devore, and Miss Mary Ely; of the second, Miss Elta Beers and Miss Helen Moulton; at Boring Miss Daisy Waddel and Leslie Oehler stood best. Other parts of Clackamas have been engaged in contests during the week.

Schools in the vicinity of Clackamas met at the Stone school, including Stone, Clackamas, Evergreen, Sunnyside and Holcomb. Fayoka Fukai, a fourteen year old Japanese girl from Sunnyside school, ranked first with 108 pages of the speller covered before yielding.

CITY ELECTION COMING EVENT

Nine Candidates Now in Field for Two Positions Held by Commissioners Brewster and Bigelow. Others to be Named Later.

The political pot is not long cool in Portland. With less than five months past since the general county and state election, and local conditions barely cooled down, a city election is about to develop the usual pre-election disturbance. Of course there are people who think they know how to do things better than the men who have been helping to direct the civic destinies of the town of Portland for the past year. It would make no difference how well they did their part, if objections were absolutely wanting, then some one would enter the race just because the money in the job looked good to him. In fact, on the surface, that looks to be about the only reason for anyone's coming forward at this time.

It is not probable that anyone could hold the positions with less complaint than have these two officers. That being the case there is little reason for a change. Efficiency in any work depends upon the skill with which it is handled. Skill comes with acquaintance and practice. Efficient officials mean civic economy. The men who have served as commissioners for the past year have not only learned from practice and experience, but a considerable portion of their time has been devoted to a study of municipal problems. A change in administration at this time without better reasons than can be given now will mean an absolute loss in efficiency for there is not yet a candidate in the field that can offer the public the same degree of preparedness for the positions that the now active commissioners offer. A change means loss to the city, whoever may be selected. Of the candidates in the field, C. V. Cooper, Frank S. Grant, Geo. W. Caldwell, Wm. Adams, Ralph C. Clyde, George L. Baker, have made their intentions known. Baker has long been a leading figure in municipal affairs, a shrewd political manager, and a business man of large interests. Just how he could devote his time to the duties of a commissioner and manage a theatre and all his other connections would be a problem. R. C. Clyde was a member of the old city council, and has been considerably in the political lime light, tho just why is not clear. Grant was city attorney for quite a while. He was attorney at the time Arleta, Lents, and some other portions of the city were annexed and he was responsible for the questionable conditions under which these suburbs were annexed. He was a defeated candidate for Attorney General at the last primary. Adams is the present city Treasurer. Caldwell is chairman of the civil service board, than which there is no other greater obstruction to good public service in the whole city system.

Besides these candidates there will also be others for the office of auditor. It is contemplated that the central Labor may attempt to land a candidate. Besides these there will be several initiative and referendum measures on the ballot and the public will undoubtedly be treated to considerable discussion of these. One of the most important ones will be a measure to prohibit boycott banners being paraded on the streets, something that ought to get every vote in the city, but of course there will be some small opposition to it. A new street railway is asking to come into the city; a new system of bonding will be considered. Sunday closing of groceries, and the installing of water meters will be taken up.

OLD MT. TABOR SCHOOL WRECKED BY FIRE

Fire wrecked the Mt. Tabor school building last Thursday morning. Fire was discovered by the neighbors about 3:30 in the morning and an alarm was turned in. Capt. Stevens was in charge of the firemen who responded and the fire was subdued before the building was burned down, altho it is in ruins. The principal losses sustained were those which fell to a number of typewriters in the building, which were being used by the commercial department of Franklin high school. These were taken out the day following the fire and sent to the repair shop.

The most notable feature of the fire occurred when the upper floor gave away with five firemen and for a short time appearances were very unfavorable for them. They escaped with bruises and cuts and burns.

No cause could be given for the fire.