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PRESIDENT POINTS WAY TO CHURCHES

"An American Budget Association is objecting to show how the path of Liberty is being paved in the name of the 'Social Center' Plan for Whole Community."

After a speech in which he reviewed the prospects of the United States and told of our duties as the European nations President Wilson delivered a second talk during his last visit to Columbus, O. In this second talk he avoided the great war and had a heart to heart talk with a large number of farmers and voters. He emphasized the need of making every church and school more useful, saying in part:

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BIGGEST FIRE IN TWO YEARS

Busy Lents Corner Ruined by Early Friday Morning Fire Caused by Burning Oil Stove. Comparison of Reports Show Carelessness.

Friday morning at seven o'clock the worst fire to visit Lents for over two years laid the southwest corner at Foster Road and Main Street in ruins. The story of the fire was told before night in two prominent Portland papers. These stories are repeated here by way of comparison. If you want the facts read the local paper.

The fire had its origin in a little restaurant near the corner of Main and Foster Road. The restaurant was being run by E. O. Hodge and was opened this morning by Wm. McDowell, who started the fire in an oil stove, under the coffee urn. Shortly after this B. H. Garner, helper in the restaurant, entered the room and found the burner unduly active. He attempted to shut it off but the fire spread to the other burners. He called McDowell from an adjoining room to help him. In the meantime the fire extended to the floor and the wall. They tried to put it out with wet sacks but it spread too fast and finally when it reached the coal oil tank it drove the men out of the room. Flames soon shot out of the doors and windows and spread to the buildings on each side. The Eggman Brothers meat market occupied the next room to the south; Hodge and McDowell were running a vegetable market in the next room to the north and the next building north was occupied by A. M. Gardner's jewelry. Nothing was saved from the Eggman building, nor the restaurant. McDowell lost probably \$300 worth of goods and Gardner's jewelry lost several small articles probably aggregating \$25 or \$30. The goods and most of the shelving and tools were removed from McDowell's and Gardner's places and aside from the inconvenience of having to straighten things out the damage was slight. They were both ready for business again by noon.

But not so with Eggman Bros. and Hodge. Eggman's had just stocked up with a large amount of beef, mutton, pork and poultry ready for the Christmas trade. It was all lost together with their tools and apparatus, probably over a \$1000 worth and the building was estimated as being worth \$1200. Their insurance was found to have expired a short time previously and so it was all a clear loss.

Hodge lost all of his kitchen outfit and several fine musical instruments. He had a violin which he valued at \$200, a \$65 banjo, a \$20 cello, and several other articles which would have cost \$25 or \$30. Hodge's loss would run close to \$350 or \$375. He had no insurance and neither had Gardner. E. P. Tobin was one of the heaviest losers as he owned the buildings occupied by Hodge, McDowell, and Gardner. The buildings were not insured. Just what they would be valued at would be difficult to estimate.

Injury to the Duke Building, occupied by the Lents Hardware Co., will probably amount to \$50 or \$75, due to injury to awning, cornice, and brick work. None of the buildings were burned down but they were ruined. The losses were largely due to a defect in the fire alarm. An effort was made to ring the alarm from the nearest fire box but it failed to work. After a considerable time was lost the call was effected and the local volunteers turned out and did very effective work. They had the fire well under control when the Kern Park crew arrived and helped to put on the finishing touches. Work has been begun already on clearing the wreckage away. The intention is to put up a one story brick structure with a 54 foot frontage on Main Street and about 70 feet depth. This will afford a lengthy frontage on Foster Road and will be a fine addition to the town.

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CARRANZA HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH BASEBALL AS A SPORT IN MEXICO AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING PEACE.



-Berryman in Washington Star.

GRESHAM REPORTS VICIOUS ASSAULT

Apparently one of the worst crimes ever perpetrated in the county was enacted on Tuesday afternoon near four o'clock. Mrs. Mabel Meyers, wife of O. H. Meyers of Gresham, was brutally mistreated by an unknown man, who met her near Cleveland Avenue and the Section Line Road. She made a good fight, and after attempting to drown her three times he shot her through the breast, carried or dragged her to a nearby cabin and left her.

Just here the mystery deepens. The cabin was occupied by E. B. Kemp, a farm hand. According to a note that Kemp mailed to Sheriff Hurlburt at 5:45 in Portland, and received by the Sheriff by special delivery at 6:10, Kemp returned to his cabin and found the woman. He intimates that he would be implicated and that he was going to leave the country, suggesting Canada. From appearances in the cabin some one had apparently collected a few articles in a hurry and left but whether the criminal or Kemp, the latter only can tell. According to Kemp he heard a shot and Mrs. Meyers' screams, went to her assistance and shot at the tramp several times. He thought he shot the tramp and suggested he might be dead. He claimed that he had done all he could for Mrs. Meyers, urged that the sheriff render her assistance at once, and said that he did not want the blame.

The sheriff found the woman attempting to go to her home. Her clothing was torn from her, she was half-conscious and unable to walk, and had drawn a blanket about herself for protection. She was taken to the hospital where it was found the bullet had entered the right lung.

Mrs. Rachel Lewis Dead

Mrs. Rachel Lewis, aged 82, passed away at her home on the Base Line road, near Russellville, Wednesday morning. She was one of the old settlers of this part of the state, coming to Oregon in 1872. She had lived on the Lewis home for over forty years. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the East Side Baptist Church, East 28th and Ankeny. Mrs. Lewis was a widow, her husband having passed away fifteen years ago. She leaves several sons and daughters, namely, Leander, Herman, Eas, and George Lewis; Mrs. Sarah Bell, Mrs. Lulu Mills, and Mrs. Fred Davis, the latter of Centralia, Washington.

Rebekahs Will Entertain

Members of Lents Rebekah Lodge will entertain on Friday evening, the 31st at Oddfellows hall. A program of music, games, refreshments and sociability has been planned by the committee, that ought to make a full evening on even the last night of the year. One of the features of the evening will be the admission fee. A pair of old rubbers will be required of every one who attempts to pass the door. If you haven't the rubbers the price will be five cents. Another feature will be the giving away of a fine comfort to the most fortunate person present. How to know whether you are the fortunate one will be determined after you come.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHARITIES

Long Felt Want Met by Attempt to Handle Charity Work in Systematic Manner, Avoid Duplication of Effort, and Unworthy Appeals.

An organization was effected on Monday evening which has for its object the more intelligent handling of various charitable undertakings, in the district east of 82d street, in southeast Portland. This year particularly, there have been numerous cases where assistance seemed necessary but it was evident that some of the needy were being assisted by different persons, while possibly others were in dire want. The effort to associate all the relief work was begun two weeks ago and was finally agreed upon Monday evening. The essential plan of the organization provides for committees of three from each of the religious and social organizations of the locality, together with the Parent-Teacher Club, which committees shall constitute the general relief association of Lents. There is no intention of going into a general charity work but it is recognized that a certain amount of relief work must be done and that this should be done systematically. It is also admitted that a considerable number of those who are asking assistance locally, and down in the city are not entitled to it and an effort will be made to sort out these parasites and see that the relief goes to worthy places.

Mrs. O. N. Blair of 10019 Foster Road has been chosen as secretary of the association. A meeting of the whole body of committees will be held on the evening of the 8th of January. All organizations desiring to participate in the movement will be entitled to send a committee of three to participate in this meeting and get in touch with the organization. In the meantime if there are persons in extreme want, they may be reported to Mrs. Blair. If anyone has any donations to leave for the needy, they may be left at the HERALD office, and due attention will be given to their proper use. It is hoped that a considerable amount of clothes and other necessities will be offered for this purpose.

Mrs. Blair may be reached at Tabor 1788.

Mt. Scott Mental Culture Club

The Mt. Scott Mental Culture Club entertained at dinner Thursday evening in honor of the husbands of the club members. The home of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Huggins was beautifully decorated with poinsettias and ivy, and the same motif was repeated in place cards and the center pieces of the three long dining tables. Mrs. J. J. Handsaker was detained at home by illness and Mrs. S. F. Ball presided. Mr. Ball responded earnestly as well as amusingly to the toast "At Home"; Mrs. E. R. Howard voiced the praises of "Our Husbands" and Mr. LeRoy spoke briefly of "Our Kiddies." Mrs. Blanche Thurston's toast was to "Christmas of the Past," but she preferred the Christmas of the present, when one has learned to give to the little ones and to the aged, rather than to receive.

After dinner each guest and member was allowed to select a string which hung over the edge of a huge "Christmas Pie" and draw therefrom his or her present. The barking toy dogs, bouncing balls, kewpies, and jumping jacks which were drawn forth, made fun for all. A brief and enjoyable musical program followed. Mrs. Belle Ober and Mr. L. A. Dillion sang and Miss Katherine Ball played.

The guests were then divided into two groups for the International Olympic games. Mr. Ball captained the Irish and Mr. Dillion the Swedes. Mr. Oberg and Dr. Stout won the horse race for the Irish. The Swedes came out ahead in the shot put and Marathon but lost to the Irish in the relay race and Aeroplane flight. Mrs. Dunbar and Mr. Huggins won the lightweight championship for the Swedes. Mr. White and Mr. Howard tied in the hurdle race. A flip of a coin, decided in favor of Mr. White, which gave the Swedes the highest number of points. Mr. Dillion gracefully accepted the cup (a china mug) in behalf of the Swedes. All entries took part in the home run.

Daily Mails

Mails at the Lents postoffice arrive and depart daily, except Sunday, as follows:
Arrive 6:00 A. M.
12:50 P. M.
3:30 P. M.
Depart 7:15 A. M.
12:30 P. M.
5:20 P. M.

TAME THE RIVERS LANE SUGGESTS

Asserts That Reclamation Service is Now Working on Problem of Keeping Water Until It's Needed and Lending It into Peaceful Paths of Usefulness--Methods of Raising Funds.

"Taming the Rivers" is a subtitle in Secretary Lane's annual report. Secretary Lane has a way of making his report something more than dry details, and he has not failed to attract attention this year. When he speaks of "taming the rivers" he means to make use of the water of the country. And he does not mean waters merely that are used for irrigation purposes, but the floods of the Mississippi and the rivers of the Atlantic slope. He would have all the water of the country utilized when this can be accomplished. He wants the government to go into the business on a large scale.

At one point in his report, speaking of wasted water where it could be useful, he says:

"We need to catch that water when it is young, soon after it has been born from the snows. There, in mountain valleys, it should be kept for a time and, as needed, led into the peaceful paths of usefulness. And on that problem the reclamation service is working. The difficulty is to find large reservoir areas."

How to Raise the Money.

Like President Wilson, he does not propose to spend large sums of money without suggesting a method of raising it. He means that the country ought to issue bonds and make future generations pay the cost of building these great works. Secretary Lane says:

"How these great works can be carried on calls for constructive thought not merely on the engineering side, but more immediately upon the financial side, as to those ways and means by which the lands reclaimed shall be made to bear in some degree the burden of the expense. As to the funds which will be needed, they amount to such figures as to be staggering. And I can see no hope that this work will be adequately undertaken without the government advancing its credit and investing directly some of its own funds. We are conducting this government from day to day out of current revenues. Only the richest of people could pursue such a policy. No private enterprise attempts it. No railroad system has been built that way. But few of the states now construct their highway systems out of the year's revenues. The permanent improvements which the whole people undertake are a legitimate charge against capital account, not against maintenance. A commission to devise the ways and means by which the states and private landowners and the national government can co-operate in paying for the work done seems to me a more needed body than one which will report upon engineering methods."

WOMEN IN A WAR PRISON.

Wives of Two German Officers Refused to Leave Them.

There is one war prison in France which has women and children among the fighting men who constitute the majority of its inmates. It is the German officers' prison at Le Puy, in the province of Velay--a sequestered Roman Catholic orphan asylum which has been converted to the uses of war. A correspondent of the Journal de Geneve, who visited it recently, tells the story which explains their presence.

The two women are the wives of German officers who surrendered to a British force in Togoland, German Western Africa, with the stipulation that they should not be separated. The two couples were at first interned in Africa, but later they were removed to France, and it was proposed to send the women to Germany. The wives, however, insisted that their captors should faithfully observe the terms of the surrender and refused to leave their husbands.

The French government has accordingly installed the two women, with their two children--both boys, born last July, the eleventh month of their parents' captivity--in a cottage on the prison grounds, where the two officers are allowed to spend two hours a day with their families.

Advertised Letters

Advertised letters for week ending Dec. 25, 1915: Blauvelt, L. F.; Carrio, Rev. John E.; Easton, Tad; Fleming, Sarah; Gillis, W. A.; Hutchinson, Mrs. Will; Murphy, J. F.; Miller, Mr.; Neels, F.; Smith, Mrs. K. Elmo; Stones, Mrs.; Van Zetin, Derr Herr.

Geo. W. Spring, Postmaster.

C. H. Gossett is building a new house on Powell Valley Road east of Buckley Avenue.