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A Real Paper.

With each issue we are drawing a little closer to our ideals for this paper. We aim at the time when the paper shall be read in every home in the community, and when it shall be possible to find within its pages all the information necessary about every mercantile business, every social function, every local happening, every church or lodge notice together with a complete directory of every professional and business man. Some of these departments are already well established, some are yet in the chrysalis stage. The past few weeks has witnessed a systematic distribution of sample papers to practically every home in Lents. A professional directory is started, a want ad department appears on the last page; the church directory is being revised and will be reduced in size; a lodge directory is being prepared, also a business man's directory. The progressive local merchants are already advertising their goods through the paper, and our local correspondents are getting down to steady business. With hearty co-operation of subscribers, readers and advertisers this result will be hastened. When completed undoubtedly the paper will be enlarged to at least eight pages. Wide-awake, up-to-date folks will take full advantage of all these departments.—J. S. F.

Rest.

An esteemed contemporary declares that with the recent repeal of the so-called "blue-sky" Sunday law it is clear that the citizen desires to have the whole matter left to his own conscience. Respectfully we beg to differ and to predict that the people will assuredly get what they undoubtedly desire—an adequate one-day-rest-in-seven bill. It is an undeniable fact that thousands objected to the provisions of the old Sunday law who earnestly desire a law bringing about an enforced rest of one day in seven. Our esteemed contemporary notwithstanding, this is not so much the "age of toleration and freedom"—high sounding names for looseness and license—as it is that of scientific efficiency. It is proven beyond a doubt that one day's rest in seven means increased efficiency in the other six to more than offset the time spent in recreation.—J. S. F.

Representative Legislation.

This paper is not committed to any political party, but it is committed to the best interests of the people as a whole. It is to be regretted that under our present system of government in this state the representatives to the state legislature from this county all belong to the same political party, and that this is largely true throughout the state.

If those who were sent to Salem conscientiously laid aside party lines and enacted legislation in interests of all the people of their district, the drawbacks to this system would at least be not so glaring. Unfortunately for the people this is not the case, for while in Salem recently an incident was recorded as happening on the floor of the house wherein a Republican member took exception to a bill because it had been introduced by a Democrat, and wanted to know why the public did not have sense enough to entrust such work only to Republicans. Such

tactics caused the defeat of Hughes and will, if persisted in result in the suicide of the Republican party. The remedy is to pass legislation which will ensure that each considerable body of voters will have representation in proportion to their numerical strength. We understand that such a bill is even now being presented to the legislature, and if it proves suitable we trust it will be embodied in the laws of our state.—J. S. F.

Oregon is getting some good advertising in adjoining states as a result of the Legislature trying to hold down taxes, consolidate commissions and cut out overhead expense. This is worth much to the state in view of the fact that we have been frequently pointed out as the "freak law" state.

Large timber holdings in Columbia, Tillamook, Clatsop and Washington counties, comprising 26,000 acres and 4,500,000,000 ft. of timber, recently changed hands at a figure of \$4,000,000.

A saving of from three to six thousand dollars will be made on clerk hire during this session of the Legislature.

A pool of 600 sacks of potatoes at Monroe, Ore., was recently disposed of, bringing \$12,000.

A new shipyard is to open up in Portland, having contracts for two vessels to start with.

Watch for the ground-hog's shadow tomorrow (Friday.)

Church Notes

Methodist Church.

The revival services which have been held at the Methodist Church for the past three weeks were brought to a close Sunday evening. The services on Sunday were of unusual interest. Three new members were taken in by letter, one on confession of faith and a class of six from the Sunday school joined on probation. All departments of the church have been strengthened by the services. The pastor has preached some very excellent and helpful sermons on the "Higher Life," which have been greatly appreciated. Miss Twidwell, the deaconess in charge of the musical features of the meeting has endeared herself to all by her winning personality and helpfulness.

A special musical program preceded the preaching service Sunday evening, numbers being contributed by the male quartette, a mixed quartette, a duet by Miss Twidwell and Mrs. Jasper and a solo by Miss Twidwell.

The regular church services will be held next Sunday.

Reformed Church. (German.)

The cancellation of the mortgage covering the property of the Reformed Church, corner Woodstock avenue and 87th street will be the occasion of special services on the coming Sunday. A number of applicants for membership will be received into the church by profession of faith at the morning service, after which Holy Communion will be administered. At the afternoon service the mortgage will be burned and appropriate messages will be delivered by the pastor and others. During the noon hour luncheon will be served by the ladies of the church and the congregation will mingle in a social way.

Free Methodist Church.

The regular church services will be held on Sunday. On Tuesday of next week the all-day prayer meeting of the Praying Band of the Oregon Holiness Association will be held at the Lents Free Methodist Church, commencing at 10:00 a. m. The general public is invited to attend this service, as well as the regular church services.

Evangelical Church.

Next Sunday will be observed as the annual day of prayer at the Evangelical Church, the services to be conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society. The topic of the pastor's sermons both morning and evening will be on some phase of "Prayer" appropriate to the occasion. A special offering will be taken for missions.

Sunday afternoon Rev. Hornschuch will conduct services at Happy Valley, at which place services are held every other Sunday. The Sunday services on this occasion will also be missionary in character and in charge of the Woman's society of the Valley church.

The young people of the church will hold open house as usual Sunday after-

noon in the young men's room. The 6:15 service around the open fire place is coming to be a regular and much-enjoyed feature. The pastor will have charge of this service on Sunday, the topic to be considered being "Visions and Tasks."

Friends Church.

Revival services are still in progress at the Friends' Church. It is not anticipated to continue them longer than throughout this week unless the interest should seem to demand it.

The regular services of the church will be held on Sunday.

On Tuesday the Woman's Missionary Society will hold an all-day session at the home of Mrs. Ben Brunwell, of Foster Road. The morning will be devoted to sewing and the work of the society; the afternoon session will be given over to the Mission Study Class, the subject to be considered being "World Missions and World Peace."

Commencing Sunday a series of revival meetings will be conducted by the pastor, to continue indefinitely.

The Ladies' Aid are holding an all-day meeting today (Thursday) at the church. Sewing will occupy the most of the time, with dinner and a social time between the morning and afternoon periods. These all-day meetings are monthly events.

On Wednesday evening the young people held a "Hard Time" party, deriving much enjoyment from the occasion.

Kern Park Christian Church.

At the Kern Park Christian Church the pastor, Rev. G. K. Berry, will take for the topic of his sermon Sunday morning, "Motives for Being Religious." The evening topic will be, "The Two Adams."

People's Forum

Discontent.

To the Editor of the Herald:—In the estimation of some, if not many, there is a class of citizens that mistakenly fall within the same class of busy-bodies defined by your correspondent, Geo. V. McClure. We ask the privilege to plead for this class in this column lest condemnation rest upon the righteous. Discontent and discontented citizens, too often condemned by the "stand-pat," popular creed-following many, usually have to struggle all through life against great odds without reward. Their "works do follow them."

The critics of this unappreciated class are always of the time-serving, sleek, orthodox kind who never blaze a trail nor suffer martyrdom for a just cause. It is easy for those who bear no burdens for advancement, to point the finger of scorn at the discontented, despised agitator, who often is imprisoned for his active opposition to popular ideas. All progress in life, material, physical and spiritual comes of discontent. The tadpole in the pond, because he breathes the air, while his environment and element of locomotion is water, evolves into a frog from a desire to better his environment of life. Thus are all things evolved to higher degrees.

Marked very noticeably, yet unappreciated by the time-serving populace, are the social changes leading to better things. The despised agitator of today is the monument-marked hero of tomorrow. It is a mark of higher intelligence to discern this plainly; to lift the eyes above selfishness and popular self interest and enter that loftier sphere of living for others, which in reality is living for ourselves in the higher realm; to be found reaching out for untried things. Pacific, self-contented individuals live entirely without idealism. They travel over the beaten paths of tradition and take the lines of least resistance to their popular lives. The few valiant souls—discontented agitators—that struggle for greater, higher and nobler things, while they may not glory in their service, must not draw back from persecution. Their only, but all-sufficient reward of being right impels them onward. Discontent is the main-spring of all development and unfolding of life.—C. W. Barzee.

Educational Facilities Good.

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Instruction is given in the history of music, sight reading and harmony. Classes in musical appreciation will be formed at the opening of another school year. A boy's glee club, a girls' glee club and a mixed chorus have been organized and are doing splendid work. It is a pet theory of Prof. Walsh that it is the duty and should be the object of this department to prepare the students to supply the musical demands of the community in which they live and this theory he is practically demonstrating, his glee clubs and chorus having appeared at fifteen different social functions during the term.

On the evening of the 16th of February, the chorus of forty voices, under direction of Prof. Walsh, will present one of the Gilbert-Sullivan operas, entitled "The Pirates of Penzance." This will be given in the gym. An admission of 25 cents will be charged; 35 cents for reserved seats.

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The music department is only temporarily housed in this building. Permanent quarters are to be provided in the auditorium which will be built next year, appropriation for which has already been made. When completed this auditorium will contain the best equipped stage in the city. Also, it will contain a cafeteria and bicycle room for the convenience of the students.

Two other buildings which are included in the plans of this institution are a Commercial building and an Agricultural building. This school will specialize in agriculture, being the only school in the city with sufficient ground to make this possible, the campus comprising 15 acres.

A stadium, suitable for all kinds of out-door athletics has been completed. Concrete seats with a capacity of 3,000 are already in place, with a possible further seating capacity for an additional 5,000 when the demand calls for it. This is one of the features which is not equalled by any other school in the State.

The heating plant has been installed in a separate building, one of the best and most modern hot water systems providing uniform heat throughout the entire building, while the ventilation is perfect.

The two buildings now completed and in use contain 61 rooms, not including offices. 935 students are enrolled. When the other buildings are completed the school will have a capacity of 2,500. 38 instructors are now employed, not including principals or gymnasium instructors.

The building is of pressed brick and stone, two stories above ground—no basement. The grading was done by Mr. McKinley, of Lents.

Lents Grammar School.

In addition to the best High School in the city the Mt. Scott district contains excellent grammar schools, of which the Lents school is one of the best which the city affords, as well as being one of the largest. The equipment and appointments provide every needful comfort and convenience.

This school is a large frame structure of two stories and basement, which contains large playrooms which, with a covered court equipped with play ground apparatus, is greatly appreciated by the pupils and is a convenience which is not duplicated in many of the city schools. The basement also contains a cafeteria, presided over by Mrs. E. P. Smith in a most able and efficient manner. This department was fully covered in our columns last week. It is conducted in a very satisfactory manner both as regards quality of food and minimum expense, and is made possible only by the co-operation of the Parent-Teacher Association.

The school building contains 20 rooms, not including offices, and 18 instructors are employed, not including instructors in manual training, sewing and domestic science and the principal. An additional building houses the manual training, sewing and domestic science departments. All the rooms are light and airy, while the halls and fine, wide stairways are also well lighted and add greatly to the comfort and convenience as well as the interior of the building.

A very conscientious and efficient corps of teachers, under the direction of Prof. Hershner, Principal, are giving themselves in a most whole-hearted way to the interests of the school. With the beginning of this semester an ungraded primary room has been added, with an enrollment of 15, under the supervision of Miss Pansy Full, who has specialized in this department and is well qualified for the position. Miss Manley, Principal of the Allen school, spent the afternoon in consultation with Miss Full Tuesday, aiding in the work of inaugurating this very important feature. Also, with the beginning of this semester Prof. Hershner has inaugurated what is known as the two-group system in teaching the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. This system is thought by some educators to have advantages over the established custom of one teacher to each grade or part of a grade according to numbers. Still others are in doubt as to its efficiency. Supt. Alderman and the school board desired that it be given a trial, consequently most of the city schools are undertaking it and will soon be in a position to judge as to the advantages or disadvantages of the system. The faculty of the Lents school, regardless of personal opinions, are putting their best efforts into the task of effecting the adjustment of the school

Saturday Thrift Day

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Twenty-five bright-faced little youngsters occupy the primary room this week for the first time, receiving their introduction to the mysterious realms of knowledge under the supervision of Miss Sagorsky. Their little faces are full of eager questioning as to what the next turn in the road of knowledge will reveal.

Domestic Science instruction is given to students of the 7th and 8th grades while, in addition to these grades, the 5th and 6th grades receive instruction in sewing.

Parents should interest themselves in the school life of their children and with whole-hearted co-operation with teachers and faculty aid in the development of the lives of the children to the fullest extent possible.

Woodmere Grammar School.

The Woodmere Grammar School is situated at Strawberry and Elk streets. It is of exterior concrete finish, consisting of a main building and two wings, two stories and basement with covered court for comfort and convenience of pupils during rainy and stormy weather.

The general plan of the building is conducive to convenience and comfort, lighting and ventilation being all that could be desired, the appointments throughout being of a high grade of excellence. There are 20 class rooms, not including domestic science, sewing, manual training rooms and offices. Fifteen instructors are engaged, not including the Principal. The teachers' rest and lunch rooms are said to be the best equipped of any Grammar school in the city and were for the most part fitted out by the teachers themselves. The manual training department is connected with the boys' basement, while the domestic science occupies very comfortable, perfectly equipped quarters adjoining the girls' basement. Classes were receiving instruction in both of these departments when visited by the Herald representative. The manual training department presented the appearance of a very busy work shop, about twenty boys being engaged in various stages of carpentry. The girls—about the same numbers—were making apple pies.

One of the special features of the Woodmere school is the department of Industrial Art. This is the only school in the city specializing in this line. The

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