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February.

The lonesome month of the whole twelve, is February. Always a little peculiar, not quite like the others. Not only quite stunted, but even irregular; every four years makes a desperate effort to catch up with the others. It is generally conceded to be the poorest month for business; neither holiday season, nor first of the year, nor yet far enough along to catch the spring fever. Many business men would like to hibernate in this month and forget all about the high cost of keeping their store open.

But there are compensations. Our beloved Longfellow used to celebrate his birthday in February, while every schoolchild knows that Lincoln's birthday comes on the 12th and Washington's on the 22nd, and even the older folks look forward to the 14th, St. Valentine's day. Then, too, Second Semester starts off with February. On the whole, probably in these strenuous days, in this strenuous nation, we need a month of forced running on the low gear to fit us for the tremendous activities of spring and summer. Hail, February!—J. S. F.

Foster Road.

The improvement of Foster Road must quickly get beyond the talking stage. It is high time that detailed, authentic, reliable figures are furnished every property holder affected, showing exactly what would be his or her assessment for an 18 foot pavement from the city limits to Division street. We trust the local booster club will immediately supply such data, so that it may be learned whether such improvement is possible and practicable at this time. Until actual facts are forthcoming it will be well to reserve judgment.—J. S. F.

Clasping Hands.

With the opening of traffic of the Oregon-Washington Interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver another link is formed in the chain which binds together commonwealths, linking their interests and combining their responsibilities. Every such accomplishment tends to make the world smaller and national and international federation more imperative.

The completion of this bridge marks one of the greatest engineering triumphs of this generation. It is said to be the longest bridge in the world, the entire length being 23,000 feet, or nearly four miles, and consists of three sections. The total cost of construction was \$1,750,000. Hundreds of tons of concrete and 8,000 tons of steel were used in its construction.

It is only a few years since the trains were ferried across the river at Goble, and a thought of the possibility of bridging the mighty Columbia was considered visionary. If man can achieve the impossible along inventive and engineering lines, why should we not entertain the thought and cherish the hope of a world-wide brotherhood of nations, bound together by innumerable chains of common interests and mutual dependence, each upon the other? And from America, the "melting pot" of nations, must come the material for the accomplishment of this purpose. The thought must be cultivated and kept ever before the minds of the people until they shall have absorbed the idea, which is all that is needed to make it a fact.—M. G. H.

Lents Branch Library.

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Miss E. Winnifred McLucas, is a delightful story teller, as the children all agree.

There are at present between three and four thousand books in the local branch, the greater part being what is known as deposit books, remaining in the library permanently, the smaller part being part of a regular circulating system. Should any desire books of reference on any subject which are not contained in the library the librarian will be pleased to secure them from the main library. Several requests have been made recently for books on "Salesmanship" which have been secured for those desiring them.

The library also contains books in Swedish, Norwegian, German and Russian. Should any one desire books in any other language than those provided they will be obtained upon request.

Parents will be especially pleased to know that all juvenile books are carefully supervised and need have no fear in allowing their children free access to this department. No child is allowed to draw or read books from the adult department until they reach High School age. The number of children spending from one to three hours in the library each afternoon demonstrates the value of the children's department. The librarian states that the number of High School students who are availing themselves of library privileges in the evening is constantly increasing.

The magazine department is worthy of special mention. In addition to the 37 magazines which have comprised the list the following have this year been added: American Forestry, Bungalow, Motor Age, and Munsey has been instituted in place of McClures. These magazines are subject to withdrawal by patrons when they are a month old and may be kept out seven days. At present attention is called to several magazines on gardening which will be very helpful in planning and arranging for the Spring garden. A year's subscription to the American Magazine has been contributed to the library and will be greatly appreciated by the patrons.

Miss McLucas is very enthusiastic in her work as librarian and is constantly devising new ways to bring the advantages of the library before the attention of the public. She has presented the matter before the Grange and has grasped at the opportunity to introduce the story hour feature before some of the Sunday Schools of the district. She is very anxious that the people should feel that it is their library and take a pride in it accordingly, as well as make the best use of its contents.

The following comprise a part of the new books which have recently been added:

Non-Fiction—Habits That Handicap, by Town; Drink And Be Sober, by Thompson; Honeymoon Experiment, by Chase; Farm Sewage, by Sauter; New Housekeeping, Knitting Without Specimens, and many new books on crochet and tatting work, by Frederic; Good Taste in Home Furnishing, by Sedl; Medieval and Modern History, by Munroe and Whiteomb; Diplomacy And The Great War; First Hundred Thousand, by Hay; Fringes of the Fleet, by Kipling. Fiction—Iron Trail, Beach; Felinty Crofton; Bryant; Lot and Company, Comfort; Rising Tide, Deland; Rich Man Poor Man, Foster; Come Out of the Kitchen, Miller; Happy Valley, Monroe; Heart of Rachel, Norris; Conquest, Nybury; World for Sale, Parker; Unpretenders, Warwick.

Katzky's Store Is Worth a Visit.

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dresses, and chiffoniers of Bird's Eye Maple, Circasian Walnut, quartered oak and a dozen different fancy woods, with mirrors large, and mirrors small, mirrors square and mirrors round, mirrors oval or with no mirrors at all. Prices? Oh, anything from \$10 to \$25. Then we discovered, off in a cool place by themselves, some refrigerators keeping company in a dignified sort of way with some sewing machines, while acting as a sort of a chaperone was a toney looking cream bedroom suite with wickerwork finish.

Like the darky song we proceeded "Way down b'low" and found the basement given over to hardware of every conceivable description. Lined up for inspection along the wall were the stately ranges, heaters and gas ranges—the Marswell family from Portland being especially conspicuous. In a belligerent row in front of them the garden tools lift their heads eagerly, conscious that their turn is surely coming very soon. Covering the tables in the center—not yet fully arranged or unpacked at the time of our visit—is that clattering crowd, the pots and pans and kettles and egg beaters and rolling pins and so forth which are coming into their own by being made into a regular 15 cent department all by themselves. "Bimeby," when everything is unpacked and straightened out there will be a Bargain Basement where all sorts of odds and ends, remnants and special bargains can be picked up, and we predict a run of popularity on this basement especially among the ladies of Lents.

To the left of the main entrance, on the main floor, is the dry goods department, and Mr. Otto Katzky, with some assistance from his wife, initiated us into the preliminary intricacies of a land where Georgietta Crepe, Crepe de Chine, percales, A. F. C.'s and other gingham seem to be common subjects of conversation. Too bad our wife wasn't along—however maybe it was all for the best, for our pocketbook. We find that all the remnants and old goods in this department have been sold out and were never transferred from the old store. Everything on the shelves is brand new. Three cases of percales and gingham are due to arrive this week direct from the mills. Mr. Katzky told us that A. F. C. sell here at 12½ cents whereas they command 15 cents elsewhere. The initiated undoubtedly will understand. The R. & G. Corsets most of them looked very comfortable—all except those on display—they looked quite cold. The rest were all tucked away in comely little boxes in pigeon-holes, ready to be called upon. There seemed to be a very large family of them.

When we got through with this ordeal we were quite ready for the Notion Department—it fitted in admirably with our feelings. But what's the use of describing a notion department? Suffice it to say that here a woman can find readily just exactly what she wants, and here is where a man lands up after he has tried every other place in town. We hunted up some dog-biscuits the other day. We tried in several stores and at length located them in the Mt. Scott Drug Co. If we hadn't found them there we should probably have looked in the Notion Department—at least we have a notion that is about what we'd have done.

Summing it all up we believe Katzky Bros. have the finest, biggest, most up-to-date department stores in East Portland, and we're glad they are in Lents. For the sake of the community we wish them all kinds of success.

Church Notes

Baptist Church.

Rev. Nelson will take for the topic of his Sunday morning sermon, "The Power to Save a Soul." The evening topic will be "Hypocrites."

The arrangements are well under way for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the local church, which will be observed in May.

Last Sunday the pastor gave the morning service to R. P. Hutton to present the interests of the Anti-Saloon League.

The choir will present a sacred concert at the church next Friday evening, full program of which appears on the first page of this issue.

Evangelical Church.

Services will be conducted by the pastor as usual on Sunday. The topic for the morning sermon will be "Come Thou and all Thy House Into the Ark." Topic for the evening, "The Unfruitful Fig Tree." At 7:15 the orchestra and choir will present a musical program during the half-hour praise service preceding the evening service.

The evangelistic services which are being conducted by Rev. Hornschuch in the church at Happy Valley are still in progress and will continue throughout next week. Services will also be held on Sunday afternoon.

The Young People's Alliance held their monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seeman, Becker, 82nd St. Monday evening. It was decided to organize an Efficiency Expert class, to be conducted by the graduates of a former class. A delegation of twelve from this society will attend the State Convention at Salem Feb. 23-24-25. Also a large delegation is preparing to attend the annual rally of the C. E. Union at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, the 19th inst. The Sunday evening devotional meetings of the Alliance are increasing in numbers and interest, the attendance running as high as 150 on some occasions, taxing the seating capacity of the rooms. The young people are specializing in Sympathy and Relief work.

Tuesday was a special occasion for the ladies of the church, a joint all-day meeting of the Aid Societies of the Happy Valley and Lents churches being held in the local church, about 75 being present, and a very enjoyable day being spent. A very pleasing feature of this occasion was a shower surprise on Mrs. Hornschuch.

Friends Church.

The monthly business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Friends Church was held on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., at the home of Geo. L. Carr. At the conclusion of the business session a valentine social was held, Stella Stread, of the Social Committee, being in charge of the games, which were appropriate for the occasion and were much enjoyed. After the games the girls were blindfolded preparatory to selecting a box of lunch which had previously been prepared by one of the opposite sex. Judging by the numerous complaints of over eating our masculine friends again displayed

their unusual ability at serving the fair sex. Is it any wonder we have so many bachelors?

Tuesday of last week was a busy day for the ladies of the missionary society, which met with Mrs. Brunwell. The report for the day, briefly summed up, would be as follows: Four comforts tied, worked fast, talked much, laughed more. Fifteen ladies came in the morning and were present at dinner, several more coming in the afternoon, when a program was presented, in charge of the president, Mrs. Mann, who led the devotionals. Mrs. Riley conducted the mission study class, the topic being the "Evangelization of France, Great Britain and Germany in the Fourth to the Seventh Centuries."

The topic for the sermon Sunday morning will be "Typical Teachings of the High Priest's Garments."

The Christian Endeavor at 6:25 will be in charge of the Flower Committee. The Music Committee had charge last Sunday evening and a very interesting program was presented.

Methodist Church.

Services next Sunday will be conducted by the pastor as usual. The topic of the morning sermon will be "Objects of Prayer." The special music will include a selection by the mixed quartette. The pastor will take for the subject of his evening sermon, "Love and Courtship," in recognition of Valentine Day coming within the week. The Male Quartette will give a selection in the evening.

The Ladies' Aid will give their monthly silver tea on Wednesday afternoon, the 21st inst., at the home of Mrs. Strange, on Millard Ave. The program will be in commemoration of Washington's birthday.

The monthly meeting of the adult Bible class will be held on Wednesday evening of next week at the home of Mrs. Burgett, on 88th St. near Foster Road.

The devotional meeting of the Epworth League on Sunday evening will be led by Mr. Repp. Topic, "Marks of a Christian."

W. C. T. U. Notes

The Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. T. M. Walsh, 96th St., on Tuesday afternoon of next week at 2 o'clock. The annual birthday offering will be observed at this time, in commemoration of Frances Willard Memorial Day. Mrs. Lucia Faxon Additon will be present and have charge of the program. The ladies are requested to bring wafers.

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