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**Local and Personal**

Miss Myrtle McNeil, of Foster Road, visited friends in Vancouver Saturday. Mrs. M. J. Sawyer, of 90th St., familiarly known as "Grandma" Sawyer, is very ill with pneumonia. Her recovery is very doubtful.

Mrs. Walter Lund and son Nels are leaving the last of this week for their former home at Erie, Pa. Mr. Lund preceded them last Fall.

Free mail delivery will begin in the Lents district on May 1st. There will be two deliveries each day, the first leaving at 8:00 returning at noon; the second leaving at 1:35 p. m. returning at 4:10.

Rev. B. C. Dewey returned from Seattle Tuesday evening where he had spent the past week in attendance at the Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

Attend the Stereopticon Missionary Lecture at the Free Methodist Church of Lents on Tuesday evening of next week. The address will be given by a returned missionary and will be of great interest.

Lents is as quiet as the grave this afternoon. Everybody not nailed down to a job has gone to the city to witness the patriotic parade. Business houses are closed and the aspect of a general holiday prevails.

Mrs. W. J. McNeil and sons, Donald and Gordon, and Mrs. Minnie G. Hyde and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, took a hike to Gilbert Saturday night, taking in "The Deestrick Skule No. 23," which they enjoyed very much.

Mrs. L. M. Hedge, of 92nd St., is in receipt of a letter from a young lady residing in the Danish West Indies, our most recently acquired possessions, containing a handkerchief most beautifully done in Mexican drawn work as a sample of her ability. She solicits patronage and quotes prices on handkerchiefs, doilies, collars, ladies' waists, center pieces and insertion which are far less than is usually asked for this class of work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson and son, Von, of Hudson, New York, spent the week end in Lents, guests at the home of their nephew, J. T. Berry, 57th avenue and 94th street, leaving Monday morning to continue their trip, which was begun early in December. They have visited relatives in West Virginia, Georgia, Texas, California and other States en route. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Payne, of Canby, Ore., also spent Sunday in Lents. Mrs. Payne is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berry.

**Church Notes**

**Friends Church.**  
The usual services will be held on Sunday morning. Mrs. Riley will preach. In the evening Mr. Martin, a field worker of the Oregon State Sunday School Union, will give an address on Sunday School work illustrated by stereopticon slides. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet in an all-day session on Tuesday of next week at the home of Mrs. Ben Brumwell, 10003 Foster Road. During the study hour period in the afternoon, Mrs. F. M. Jasper, of the Methodist Church, will present the subject of "Early Methodist Missions."

**Evangelical Church.**  
Sunday will be a day of special interest at the Evangelical Church. The District Elder, Rev. H. Schuknecht, will be present and preach at the morning service, after which the last communion service for the conference year will be held. In the afternoon Rev. Schuknecht will accompany Rev. Hornschuch to Happy Valley where he will preach and where communion service will also be held.

On Sunday evening the choir of the Methodist Church will give their Easter program at the Evangelical Church in exchange for a like service rendered to the Methodist congregation by the Evangelical choir. The Y. P. U. will hold their regular service Sunday evening, followed by the song and praise service at 7:15.

The annual church meeting was held on Thursday evening of last week, at which time the following officers were elected: A. Sperron, class leader; A. E. Meyers, exhorter; Earnest Ulrich, trustee for three years. Sunday school officers were also elected as follows: C. S. Bradford, superintendent; James Leitch, assistant; E. M. Scheuerman, secretary; H. R. Scheuerman, librarian; Earnest Ulrich, treasurer.

The last quarterly conference for the year is being held at the church this evening, the District Elder presiding. The Financial Board will be elected at this time.

**Methodist Church.**  
Rev. Jasper will take for the topic of his sermon on Sunday morning next, "The Prayer for Guidance," this being a continuation of his series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. The topic of the evening sermon will be, "Conscience and the Voice of God." The Male Quartette will contribute to the musical features of the program for the day; also W. H. Gillis will render a solo. In the evening the choir of the Methodist Church will exchange with the choir of the Evangelical Church, and the latter will present their Easter Concert to the Methodist congregation.

The six class meetings of the church were held at homes within the various districts on Wednesday, being changed from Tuesday evening to admit of a delegation from this church attending the Jubilee Rally at the First Church on Tuesday, several availing themselves of this opportunity.

The monthly business meeting of the Adult Bible class will be held at the parsonage on Wednesday of next week. Mrs. Miller, a National Field Worker for the Womans' Home Missionary Society will be present and speak.

The Epworth League have secured O. V. Badley, popular reader and impersonator, who will give one of his delightful entertainments on Friday evening, the 27th inst. Place of meeting to be announced later.

The sermon on Sunday evening was very impressive. Mr. Jasper has been presenting the teachings of Jesus as related to different phases of life during the past month. On Sunday evening the subject was "Jesus' Message to Those Who Would be Pure," contending among other things that singleness of heart and purpose were necessary. In this connection a very vivid word picture was drawn of the almost inconceivable conditions which have been brought about by the war. Ministers of the Gospel, even Methodist ministers, who previous to the beginning of hostilities occupied their pulpits in the various countries of Europe, preaching a gospel of "peace and good will to men," and now with earnest and sincere purpose are arrayed against each other in mortal combat, each loyal to the country in which they claim their citizenship. This is due to a lack of singleness of heart, resulting in a double allegiance, love of country and love of Christ, and in times of patriotic excitement love of country prevails. Too often allegiance to Christ is merely an intellectual proposition, a faith, a conviction, but not sentiment, and conviction must be so strong as to produce strong sentiment if it is to control conduct. Unless convictions produce sentiment, sentiment will ultimately control conviction. We see in the manner our souls feel. There will be many other claims to which the Christian will be true, but allegiance to Christ must come first.

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**People's Forum**

**Opposes Bond Issue.**  
Editor of the Mt. Scott Herald:—I am opposed to the Road Bond Bill for four reasons.

1. It is unfair. 2. Its policy is contrary to that of other states which are held up to us as examples. 3. It puts the last things first, requiring the greater part of the state's funds to be expended for pavement, and making no adequate provision for work which must precede paving. 4. It is being supported by incorrect and misleading statements.

I am not in any wise opposed to the issue of bonds for road purposes and I do not deny that the Highway Commission is composed of honest and capable men. My objections to the bill are founded on the belief that even such men will not be able to get satisfactory results.

1. The bill proposes a "grab bag" distribution of its benefits. Each county must prepare the roadbed before the State will lay the hard surface. As will be shown later on such preparation, if properly made, will cost large sums of money. The wealthier counties, and those whose topography is most favorable, are thus given an undue advantage. As \$6,000,000 is sufficient to pave less than one half of the proposed system of hard surface roads, much bitterness is bound to result from the failure of the weaker counties to get their share. This condition might be remedied to some extent by the Commission, were it not for the provision that certain counties, viz., all Eastern Oregon counties on the Columbia Highway, Douglas and Josephine counties on the Pacific Highway, and Coos and Tillamook counties are given the right to demand hard surface, as fast as they get their roads ready for it. No discretion is left to the Commission, but such counties may enjoy the expenditure of any money elsewhere until their own demands have been met. It is possible for these counties, if they are sufficiently enterprising, to obtain nearly the entire \$6,000,000, even to the exclusion of Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River and Jackson counties. Special provision has been made for the assistance of these latter counties, but such assistance is not mandatory, therefore must take second place to the demands of the other counties.

2. We are constantly exhorted to follow the example of California and Washington. California has expended a large amount of state money on roads, but only a small percentage of this amount is for paving. The greater part has been spent for saving distance and securing good grades. The proportion to be used for each purpose is left to the discretion of the Commission. In Washington no state money whatever is spent for hard surface, but all of it is used for securing proper grade and alignment and for a temporary surface of macadam. A law, such as either of these states have, would be much better than the one proposed for Oregon.

I will submit another letter next week.—J. P. Newell.

**The \$6,000,000 Bonding Bill.**  
While the advocates of the \$6,000,000 bonding bill for paving roads claim that Oregon is ten years behind California and Washington in the construction of "good roads," they forget to tell us that the proposed paving measure is at least 10 years behind the machinery by which California has secured the finest road system in the world. In other words, although we are supposed already to be 10 years behind the times we are to be provided with an antiquated 1908 model with which to catch California with an up-to-date 1917 model.

In California a bond issue for road construction of \$18,000,000 was voted by the people in 1912 and last year an additional \$15,000,000 was authorized. However, our southern neighbor gave her highway commission power to utilize this money in road construction and not merely in road-paving, while in our proposed bonding bill a 1000 miles of road is definitely listed and the highway commission ordered to pave the same when turned over by the counties.

Let us see what this means? The roads in California under county control were very much like the roads in Oregon, full of bad grades, crooked, and full of "kinks" and often passing through land with poor foundation for road construction. In California the

highway commission was given power to re-locate roads, to straighten out "kinks" and reduce grades before actually laying the pavement. As a result in constructing the first 1400 miles of paved roads, the California commission was able by merely straightening out bad crooks and detours in roads to save 200 miles in distance. This means to the farmer and others using those roads that 12 per cent of time formerly consumed in travelling over the roads as well as 12 per cent of the wear and tear on the vehicles has been permanently eliminated. Yet under our proposed bonding bill the commission has no power to spend money on this feature and if the county refuses to spend money for it, the "kinks" and bad grades must remain and the highway commission must pave.

We have had considerable experience in Portland in the halcyon paving days from 1908 to 1911 of what street paving without proper street construction in advance in accordance with sound engineering practice actually means. For example, during that period over 25 miles of paving was constructed in advance of the laying of sewers and water-mains in the streets so that soon after the pavement had been laid it had to be cut up and often irretrievably ruined in order that some person who had erected a new building on the street might obtain water or connection with a sewer. Again in South Portland, an expensive street improvement was made on Bancroft avenue, where the street was improved 80 feet in width on a 25 per cent grade which was so steep that up to 1910 only three of the most high-powered automobiles in the city had succeeded in negotiating the hill and right today the city is providing for a street extension, known as Bancroft Terrace, to give a proper outlet to the residents in that vicinity. Bituminous paving was also laid on streets where the grades exceeded 10 per cent (for example 29th street in Willamette Heights) and as a consequence all such streets become useless for traffic particularly on rainy days.

This feature which the highway commissions of California and Washington have found most important and which is also strongly emphasized by the Office of Good Roads of the U. S. government is outside the scope of the Oregon Commission under our proposed bonding act. They are "to pave and pave" irrespective of the fact that paving at its very best is a temporary affair lasting some ten or fifteen years while the location, alignment and grade of a road is, if properly done lasting and of benefit not only to ourselves but to future generations.

The saving of 12 per cent effected in time and distance in California by straightening roads and lowering grades has in many localities produced as great a saving to farm vehicles and automobiles in the way of wear and tear as the mere paving of the roads. One of the true essential powers necessary to secure real "good roads" is then omitted from the proposed bonding issue so we appear to be attempting "to get off with a wrong start."—A. G. Johnson.

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**Lents P. T. A. to Meet.**  
The Lents Parent-Teacher association will meet in the assembly hall of the Lents school Friday at 2:45 p. m. The following topics will be given: "Self Reliance in Children," by Miss Schroyer, and "Woman as Intelligent Traveler," by Miss Avis Lobdell. Those parents who have children in the Alumni association are especially invited to attend. There will be an instrumental solo by Mildred Turner and a vocal duet by Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Sells.

**GOOD BREEDING.**  
Good sense must in many cases determine good breeding, because the same thing that would be civil at one time and to one person may be quite otherwise at another time and to another person, but there are some general rules of good breeding that hold always true and in all cases.—Chesterfield.

The common garden plant called coriander is found in Egypt, Persia and India. It has globular, grayish seed corns and is mentioned twice in the Bible—in Exodus xvi, 31, and in Numbers xi, 7.

Damascus is the oldest city remaining in the modern world. It is first mentioned in Scripture in connection with Abraham (Genesis xiv, 15), whose steward was a native of the place (xv, 2).

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