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BAND CONCERT AT LENTS PARK ON EVENING OF AUGUST 13TH

On Friday last the Lents Playground girls defeated the Kenilworth Park girls in a game of indoor baseball at the home grounds in Lents. The score was 19 to 11 in favor of the Lents girls. The game occurred at 6:30 p. m. Virginia Andreezy was captain of the Lents team.

Next Saturday at 2 p. m., Mt. Tabor Park team will play the Lents Playground girls at the Lents grounds. An exciting game is looked for, as both teams are in good form, and the game will be hotly contested.

A pageant will be put on at the Lents Playground some time during the coming month, when it is expected there will be a fine programme. Folk dancing and other amusements are promised for the occasion. It is hoped that the pageant will be ready on the date of the band concert, which is August 13th.

The lady instructor states that good progress is being made with the raffia work, but the girls seem to be more interested in the athletic sports

than in needlework and kindred occupations.

Robert Wolf has superseded Mr. Southwick, as male instructor at the Lents Playgrounds, the latter having been transferred to Sellwood, where he lives. Mr. Wolf, the new man, was swimming instructor last year at Peninsula and Sellwood parks, and seems to have interested the boys here from the start.

The last story hour at the Playground brought out about sixty persons. Last week, however, the rain prevented. Each Wednesday from 3 to 4 p. m., mothers are asked to send the children or bring them, as the story-teller never fails to interest the little ones.

The Lents Playground boys will join in a hike to Oswego Lake on Thursday and Friday, July 29 and 30. They will leave Sellwood ferry on the east side at 1 p. m. Thursday and return Friday afternoon at 6 p. m. Ages from 10 to 13. Parents permission must first be obtained by those wishing to go.

FOUR KELLY BUTTE PRISONERS ESCAPE; 3 CAUGHT

Four prisoners at the Kelly Butte rockpile, just north of Lents, made a break about noon last Friday and succeeded in getting away. One was recaptured before he had gone fifty yards, and two more were brought back after they had been out about two and a half hours, and one of the men was still at large Saturday morning.

The men tunneled their way to freedom beneath the shed and fence surrounding the rock crusher, where they were out of sight of the guards. Clifton Anderson, Ralph Stark and Harry Gardner were the three who escaped. Anderson and Stark were captured on 82nd street, near the Powell Valley road, and Gardner, who is still at large, had almost completed a four months term. Walter Long was found hidden in the brush near the rockpile.

GRANGES AND COMMUNITIES TO COMPETE AT COUNTY FAIR

The Multnomah County Fair and the Manufacturer's and Land Products Show will be held at Gresham October 4 to 9 inclusive, and both shows promise to be a big attraction. The premium list is said to be the largest ever offered. A change has been made in the grange contest, and award of \$100 will be made to each grange or community which puts in a creditable exhibit, and an additional \$1 for each point which the exhibit scores over 75 points. A score of 65 points must be received to entitle the exhibit to an award. Considerable community interest it is expected, will be aroused by these awards.

TREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS PRIZES TO DANCERS

The Tremont Volunteer Fire Company has a good attendance at its Saturday night dances. Their open-air dancing pavilion is 40x80 feet. Union music is employed and good order is maintained. Next Saturday night, July 31st, four prizes will be given away. For the best waltzer, a large wall picture given by the Mish Furniture Company, 188 First street, value, \$10. Second best, 3 lb. box candy by the Swetland Candy Company, Morrison street. Third best, a pint thermos bottle by the Northern Pacific pharmacy, corner 3rd and Morrison streets. Fourth best, 2 lb. box candy by the Portland Chocolate Shop, 245 Morrison street. The dance is open to all. The Fire Company assures all of good order and a good time.

CHAS. MASON NEARLY SEVERS END OF FINGER FRIDAY

While working at his trade in the Eagle Garage last Friday, Chas. Mason accidentally cut the end of the fore-finger on his left hand, nearly severing it. He was driving a rod on a ring on an auto shaft, when the rod slipped, the finger coming in contact with the sharp edge of the steel ring, with the above result. The wound bled profusely before a physician could attend to it. At last accounts there was a good chance to save the finger.

NO PERSON UNDER 16 CAN DRIVE AN AUTO

The first of the motor vehicle drivers' licenses are being received by Lents auto drivers. Although rigid enforcement of the provisions of the law is being temporarily suspended pending the issuance of licenses on the applications which have been filed with the secretary of states' office that section of the act which specifically forbids the operation of motor vehicles by persons under 16 years of age is now in full force and effect and will be enforced to the letter, according to a statement recently issued by Secretary of State Sam Kozler. It will require two or three weeks yet in order to clear the decks of applications for the licenses and all who have failed to apply so far are urged to do so at once as failure to possess a license when the local peace officers and the state field deputies begin to round up violators will not be regarded as an excuse.

It is expressly provided that no person whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle who is less than 16 years of age or who is mentally incompetent or physically incapacitated as defined in the act shall operate or drive any motor vehicle on any public highway in this state.

More than 125,000 applications have been filed but it is not believed that all of the licenses will be in the mails before the middle of August.

Mr. Kozler predicts that between 150,000 and 200,000 applications will be received at his office.

SHERIFF OF UMATILLA SLAIN BY ESCAPING PRISONERS

Til. Taylor, the well known Sheriff of Umatilla county, was killed by a half-breed Indian last Sunday at Pendleton, when six prisoners broke jail, and obtained Winchester's. A deputy was first overpowered, when Taylor and another deputy came in and closed with the escaping prisoners. In the struggle Taylor was fatally wounded. Taylor, it will be remembered came to Portland and assisted the police in running down the murderers of Burgess and Peringer, who were killed last winter at the Claremont Inn.

MERCHANTS CONVENTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 9TH

The Pacific Northwest Merchants Convention will convene in Portland August 9 to 14 inclusive. Portland will entertain this body of business men. Over two thousand merchants in Oregon have accepted the invitation to be present. Alaska will be represented, and merchants are expected from Wyoming, Minnesota, Colorado and other states of the Rocky Mountain district. The committee of arrangements will have "high jinks" for the men and theater parties for the ladies; also luncheons, excursions, etc., to conclude with an elaborate banquet to the visitors.

Wheat is ripening fast, and harvesting is a question of days not months. Some of the finest wheat the writer has ever seen in Oregon is now ready to cut in Northern Clackamas county, and there seems to be quite an acreage this year. Oats are also ripening and the stand is good. Oregon will have bumper crops this year.

Anticipation is the Best Part of Vacation



THINK OVER THE MATTER

While it is a little early in the season for organization Lents should seriously consider the question of the formation of a live Community Club. Other stations along the Mt. Scott line and in other parts of the city have already taken the step, and they are getting results in many ways. If we expect to get improvements as a community part of the great city of Portland, we must first have an ORGANIZATION, and not depend upon individual effort to get the things we need, and which should come to us because of their necessity. It is the old question of the single stick and the bundle of sticks. When we ask for anything, we should have an organized citizenry behind the request, prepared to back it up with vim and vigor. So long as we remain quiescent and take just what the city chooses to give, just so long will we be in the "long-felt want" column. Consider the matter, citizens and later on when the seasonable time comes, let us all be prepared to take hold of the idea of the organization of a live Community club, and then go after the things we need as a growing and important part of the city. "The old scriptural idea of "Ask, and ye shall receive," is all right, but in these days of Go-get-it-ism we need an organized force of taxpayers and insistent citizens and business men back of the request, to make it effective. A live Community club will solve the problem.

NEWLY BURIED LOT TIN CANS CAUSES POLICE HURRY CALL

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gullidge of 7221 Foster Road reported to the police last Monday that they had discovered woman's clothing in a house which they had occupied that day, also a mound of fresh earth under some bushes in the back yard. They therefore suspected foul play and feared some one had been buried on the premises. Police inspectors after digging in the hot sun, unearthed a large cache of old tin cans, and the excitement subsided. Mrs. Gullidge said she had once lived in a house where a woman's body was found in the yard, and was suspicious in this case.

OLD TIMERS RETURN HERE AFTER A LONG ABSENCE

Edward H. Knauss and family arrived this week from Fairbault, Minnesota, and have rented the old Tyler home at 6303-92nd street. The Knausses lived in Lents 17 years ago, and have come back to remain permanently. Mr. Knauss worked for I. F. Coffman, 15 years ago, when the latter a brother of Edward Knauss, works. Ben. Knauss and family, the latter a brothe of Edward Knauss, accompanied the latter and family out here, and has bought the old Harding place in Happy Valley, and will specialize in chicken raising.

F.M. Allen and family, who used live near the Catholic church three years ago, in Lents, arrived here this week from eastern Nebraska, satisfied that Oregon is the best place to live. The trip was made in a Ford auto—three in the family—and occupied only 9 days from Omaha, Nebraska. Pretty good time, if any one should ask.

Dr. C. S. Ogsbury and wife and sons, left the first of the week for a two weeks outing near the foot of Mt. Adams over in Washington. This is the first vacation the Dr. has taken for four years, and the Ogsburys are looking forward to the trip, which is being made by auto, with a great deal of pleasure.

BERTHA HARVEY WINS ESTATE BY AN ACT OF KINDNESS

James H. Jackson, railroad man, who lived in a little shack at Lents, died November 8, 1918, leaving two adopted daughters, one in the asylum, and the other a young woman of 22 years, who had taken care of him for the last two years of his existence, in her home.

Both girls were adopted by the old man for kindnesses shown him, when he had fainted on two occasions in candy shops in Portland. Long after the first adopted daughter had been sent to the asylum, Jackson met the second girl, who ministered to him during a fainting spell. No will was found when Jackson died, and when the girl in the asylum, through her guardian, E. E. Feike, made her claim for the property, amounting to \$1481.07, the claim was contested.

This week Circuit Judge Stapleton decided the case in favor of Mrs. Harvey, who is now in possession of the estate, to which she is indebted for her kindness to an old man.

A number of Lents stores closed Wednesday last to enable the owners and clerks to attend the Grocers Picnic. The boys no doubt appreciated the respite from tying up high price sugar and other out-of-sight commodities. As a class they are overworked, and the relaxation for a day did them good.

C. B. Norblad, proprietor of the Sixth Avenue grocery left Thursday, accompanied by his mother for South Bend, Wash., where the mother will stay for a while visiting with relatives. Mr. Norblad will visit Seattle and Tacoma for a couple of days before returning to Lents.

Canneries in Oregon will not pack any surplus of fruit this year, and while fruit may be cheap, the house wife will not buy high price sugar to preserve it? The trusts seem to be in the saddle and the government powerless to stop it.

Ettreik & Cline, contractors, have just finished sanding and smoothing 77th street, which has greatly improved that thoroughfare for travel.

SUNNYSIDE VALLEY, HOME OF MANY PROMINENT OREGONIANS

Over on the road to Mt. Hood, in Clackamas county, a country of hills and fertile vales, cozy farm houses, berry tracts and vigorous orchards, about midway between the little hamlet of Sunnyside and the village of Damascus, lives John W. Minto, one time Sheriff of Marion county, later Postmaster of Portland, and still later Warden of the Oregon Penitentiary. Mr. Minto and his wife have a village of White Leghorns on the hilly side of his 60 acre tract, and just back from the road is a pretty little farm house, with berries, orchard and meadow outspread. Here, the erstwhile politician and federal officeholder works daily at what seems most vital to the business of the

ranch. On the shady side of sixty, Mr. Minto is strong, active and alert, typifying the quiet of country life amidst the quiet of country life the Caledonian stock from which he is descended.

About him, in the pretty neighborhood, are other Portland men who are enjoying the quiet of country life amidst the cherry orchards, almost under the shadow and in view of the monarch of the cascades—Mt Hood. It is just 14 miles from Mr. Minto's ranch to Old & King's store in Portland, and only 45 minutes drive by auto from his farm to the heart of the big city. After all, leaving out the question of arbitrary city boundaries, it is hard to say where Portland's suburban districts begin and where they end. All roads lead to Portland

LET THE PUBLIC RUN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES A WHILE

We don't know whether William D. Bennett, Democratic nominee for public service commissioner, will get very close to the goal in his campaign for election, but we do know that he is rendering the people of Oregon a very good service by initiating a measure to be voted on at the Fall election to amend the public utilities act so "that said commission shall not have authority to alter existing rates, tolls, charges, joint rates or charges where same have been fixed by franchise or contract or which may hereafter be so fixed and further providing that the commission shall not have authority to fix rates, tolls, or charges in cases where right to fix and establish same has by legislative grant or by people's vote been vested by charter in any municipality."

It is inconceivable that the public will permit a condition to prevail in which a public utility, which has agreed to perform service at a given rate for a certain period of time, can at its option appeal to a public service commission and the latter at its option may nullify an agreement, contract or franchise and allow a raise in rates. Of what good is the agreement, contract or franchise anyhow?

If an individual or firm bids to perform a certain work at a certain rate, they must carry out the contract duly made whether it is financially profitable or not and for the protection of the public they are required to give a bond for the faithful performance of the contract. Why is a public utility any better than the individual? Why is a public utility allowed to ride roughshod over the people like an outlaw whenever it chooses to do so? Why not let the public run the public utilities for a while instead of the public utilities running the public?—Polk County Post.

DORT CARS WINS FIRST AND SECOND IN CONTEST

Dort cars won first and second places in their class in the Sacramento-Lake Tahoe reliability and economy run of June 25. Authorities state that this was the most strenuous road contest staged in California with very hot weather prevailing and much traffic to contend with.

The route was one of 260 miles over the high Sierras, with grilling grades reaching an altitude of 8000 feet from a start at sixty feet. There were twenty-four representative cars, entered, and twenty-one made the run.

The first Dort averaged 21½ miles to the gallon of gasoline; second Dort, 18 2-3 miles. The finishing third averaged nearly three miles less to the gallon.

The first Dort made a perfect score, second Dort scored 997 points out of a possible 1000. Except at official controls, neither Dort stopped its wheels.

The Dort car is handled at Lents Garage. See Alex Kildahl for demonstration.

BIG LABOR DAY PICNIC TO BE HELD AT MT. SCOTT PARK.

The instructor at the Mt. Scott Park is busily engaged in drilling a large number of children in stunts to be demonstrated at the Labor Day picnic. A ball game will be one of the features, and thirty-five prizes will be distributed to successful contestants. A fine program is in preparation. Watch for the posters.

SALARIES OF CO. EMPLOYEES ARE RAISED BY THE COURT

On account of the high cost of living, the Commissioner's Court of Multnomah at its last meeting made substantial raises of salary in the case of county employees. The raise takes in all the departments of officials and labor, and was deemed necessary for the above reason. John Courter, a blind man who was ruled off the streets by the city, as a pencil vender, was allowed \$25 a week for the support of his family. The contract for wiring the new county hospital north of Lents, was let to the Jagger-Struffe Co. for \$46,815. Roadmaster Eatshell was authorized to have the towers of the Hawthorne bridge and the top of the Broadway bridge re-painted and other bridges are to receive attention where needed. A new bridge across the Willamette river at St. Johns was petitioned for at this session of the Court. It may receive attention in the next annual budget. In addition to the budget appropriating \$2600 for improvement of the Boone Ferry road, a further allowance of \$3,400 was made for a first class macadam highway.

HAPPY VALLEY BERRY KING EMPLOYS 75 PICKERS DAILY

J. D. Hutchinson of Happy Valley, just southeast of Lents, is entitled to be called the "Mt. Scott Berry King." Mr. Hutchinson has been in the berry business practically all of his life, which thus far can be summed up in 43 years. "I was raised in a berry patch," said Mr. Hutchinson last Monday while in Lents, "and have followed that business up to the present time and likely will continue it the remainder of my life. My father used to raise berries on a large scale forty years ago at the old farm down on 60th and Division street. All of the old settlers knew him.

Mr. Hutchinson has next to the largest berry farm in Multnomah county, the largest being near Gresham, and which is known as the Cotton farm. The Hutchinson tract consists of 35 acres, and the whole tract is set to berries of various kinds.

Each morning trucks come to Lents and depart for the farm filled with berry pickers. Each night the pickers are brought to 92nd street, after the day's work. Thus far this year Mr. Hutchinson has sold to the canneries in Portland over 3,000 crates of berries, and two auto trucks are engaged in carrying the berries daily to the markets. The amount received per pound is 25c. Pickers are now working on Blackcaps and Red Raspberries. In about ten days a tract of ten acres of Lawton blackberries will be attacked by the small army of pickers, who are making good wages. The work will last for several weeks.

FARMERS HOLD FIELD DAY NEXT SATURDAY, JULY 31

Farmers will hold their Field Day meet at Gresham, tomorrow, July 31. The program begins at 10:30 a. m. and will last all day. In the forenoon, Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain and Judge Stapleton will speak. Music will be provided by the G. A. R. quartet. In the afternoon, the county granges will put on comedy stunts, and there will be a community sing, and various sports. Field day will be held at the fair grounds at Gresham, and there will be no charge for admission. A number of Lents people purpose attending.