

# Mt. Scott Herald

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Several of the "boys" have given up trying to raise a down on their upper lip; one told us confidently he couldn't stand the joshing of the gang. "Besides," he said, "My girl insists that moustaches are inclined to brush off the complexion."

Thos. Edson is at work on a machine with which he hopes to receive spirit messages from the dead. The Herald has frequently received messages from the dead, but not in the spirit form. They were from the material, and were to the effect that "It don't pay to advertise."

We have been unable to learn positively and specifically who is to blame for the delay in putting in the cement walk on 92nd street, between Foster Road and the Lents school block. That it is a burning shame and a disgrace to the residence of this community goes without saying. A well organized Community Club would soon solve this problem. Why not?

One who would make a living success of surgery or medicine must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the state that he is skillful and competent. If he administers poison by mistake or sews up a kit of tools on the inside of his victim, he is guilty of malpractice and will be handled by the

state, says a contemporary. However, if one has failed to make a living as a merchant, mechanic or lawyer; knows nothing of science, literature, history or mathematics, yet can offer himself as a candidate for high office by silent platitudes and look wise, he can often conceal his poverty of intellect and trick the voter and thus secure place and power. Then he can burden the people with taxes, afflict them with vicious laws and rob them of peace and tranquillity, and yet be guilty of no punishable offense. Then, why do we thus carefully shield ourselves from the folly of one who would give us a pill to wreck our internal mechanism, and at the same time provide no test for those who may wreck the machinery of state; may cause the ruination of thousands, and bring shame to the people and curse generations to come with taxation and attendant burdens? Philosophers and statesmen seem to diverge widely in a matter of opinion concerning the relative importance of the responsibility of the servant of the state (office holder) and the individual citizen.

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTRIC EXHIBITION PROPOSED

F. E. Beach is the proponent of an international electric exposition to be held at Portland in 1925, celebrating the first centennial of the invention of the electric magnet the foundation of nearly all great electric inventions. The suggestion was made by Mr. Beach to the members of the Columbia Hydro-Electric League and that organization adopted resolutions favoring the holding of the exposition. The matter has been submitted to the Chamber of Commerce, requesting that the subject be given consideration.

The reasons set forth for holding the exposition at Portland is that this is the logical center for commemorating the discovery that has made possible development of hydro-electric power and its trans-

mission over considerable distances, for within its territory is the greatest source of undeveloped water power in the United States. It is possible that great hydro-electric plants may be under construction within that period, to produce from the flow of the Columbia river, the Deschutes and other streams of the section the "white coal"; this is bound to be a great factor of industrial development.

In the opinion of experts, the holding of an exposition, coupled with probable hydro-electrical developments undertaken in the meantime, would attract to Portland the attention of the industrial world and would prove of inestimable benefit in acquainting the leading engineers of the world with the immensity of the power resources available here in close proximity to raw materials for manufacturing plants of many kinds.

## MT. SCOTT DISTRICT COMING INTO HER OWN

Portland, Ore., Sept. 29, 1920  
Editor Herald:

Coming into her own, who? Why, the Mt. Scott district, of course, and its time she did, too! Time was, and still is, when some residents of the so-called high-class districts turned their noses up at some other districts of our city because they were not so highly improved. To be sure, Mt. Scott has lacked many improvements that she should have had long ago 'ere this. But this district has been surely if slowly forging ahead and right now is coming into her own.

There is not a prettier residence district nor a better business district in the whole city of Portland and when the pavements, sewerage system and other headways are completed, it will rank among the beauty spots as well as comfortable and homelike sections of the city. Mt. Scott district has been called by some "the poor man's paradise" and it may have been called that with a spirit of sneering, but if so the sneer is on the other side of the face for most of all, if not quite all of those same poor men who first came this way from necessity because they could find a place to live and house their families more easily than in some of the more exclusive additions, have very wisely, as it has proven, acquired houses of their own, and 'ere long will be "Home owners" instead of poor renters in one of the most desirable sections of Portland. We have the Mt. Scott playgrounds and Mt. Tabor playgrounds and a few parks, but we need more. To be sure there are a few small parks and resting places, but there are so many vacant nooks that might be made inviting and restful instead of an offense to the eyes as at present and for instance the space between the Arleta Library and Foster Road; really it seems a shame that so fine a building as the library should have its beauty effaced by the shacks which surround it. And that plot of ground would be a wonderfully pretty park and resting place.

Let us get together Mt. Scott home owners, and rush these improvements to a finish and thereby make our part of Portland one of its most desirable places to live in. The sewerage system is nearly all in and paving under headway which when completed will make that section between 67th and Anabel station a finished product. Here is scarcely a residence in this whole district that has not been newly painted and many of them otherwise improved.

## HOME OWNER.

## HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE FOR GORDON FOR MAYOR

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 5th, 1920.  
President of Housewives' League  
For Mr. Gordon for Mayor.

I have been privileged to sit in a committee appointed by the Mayor, to investigate the high rentals in our city, and have been very much impressed with the attitude taken by Mr. Herbert Gordon of the committee; for from the first Mr. Gordon has stoutly maintained that, in order for the committee to decide what is profiteering, they will have to first establish what is fair and allowed the rate of interest to be allowed the owner on his investment.

Up to the present, no such amount has been decided upon, and we have not arrived at any conclusion, though all members have agreed to give a part of their time each week for the work. Mr. Gordon, being a builder and owner of real estate, I feel is in a position to know more on the question than most of us, though that fact sometimes creates a prejudice; most people thinking when a man is a builder and charges rents, he is likely biased in his opinions on that subject. I feel sure this is not the case with Mr. Gordon, from the fact that he has gone ahead and built houses during a period when building was almost prohibitive; a fact which shows conclusively Mr. Gordon has confidence in the future growth of Portland.

He has repeatedly told in the committee, rather than increase the taxes for revenue on those people who have already built and made our city what it is, it were better to keep the taxes low so as to stimulate more building, for more building is the thing that every city in this country is crying for.

Knowing that Mr. Gordon has declared himself a candidate for Mayor I feel sure, if he is elected he will administer that office in a thoroughly businesslike way, with a saving to the taxpayers, and still do all in his power to invite to Portland investors of all kinds of legitimate business, encourage and stimulate buildings of all kind, thereby making Portland the most desirable place in which to invest and live.

Sincerely,  
Josephine M. Othus,  
927 E Hoyt St.

## ONE THING ANOTHER

The young or woman trying to secure an education that frequents cheap movies and with minds on joyrides have just about as much chance of picking up a little learning as an icicle has of putting on weight on the sunnyside of hades.

Publishers generally have lots of trouble getting their paper out, and often more trouble after it is out.

Our idea of a good time would be to have the exclusive sale of ice water in hades; then sell it to the profiteers and non-advertisers out of a medicine dropper.

A Yackima Valley girl has been sleeping eleven days. Probably a good way to awaken her would be to whisper into her ear that the breakfast dishes were washed, wiped and put away; which would no doubt bring a yawn and gradual awakening.

No one has even respect for the man that is eternally tooting his own horn; or hides his meanness under the cloak of the church. There are a few of this class in every community.

Names once very popular that are now obsolete, Hunters, Sunnybrook, Old Crow, Three-Star Hennesey and Rock and Rye.

Janita Fernandez, aged 14, was drowned in a wine vat 'other day. Mickie says the foreman would court death under such circumstances.

Gladys Frances Montgomery of Seattle is applying for a divorce on the grounds that she was suffering sleeping sickness when she married. Lots of people marry when they are asleep, although apparently in good health.

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