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LAWRENCE ROSSALL PASSES AWAY

The funeral services for Lawrence Rossall, 8200 Forty-ninth street, were held at the Kenworthy chapel in Lents, Monday, Dec. 20, Rev. E. A. Smith officiating.

The passing away of Lawrence Rossall was caused by being run down by an automobile on Foster road six days previous, as reported in last week's Herald.

Lawrence Rossall was born in Lancashire, England, 76 years ago, and came to the United States when 11 years of age, settling in Woodstock, Illinois. He enlisted at the beginning of the civil war, at the age of 16, with the Fifteenth Illinois and served for three years, when he was honorably mustered out of service, but immediately re-enlisted in the Mississippi River brigade, marine service and served until the close of the rebellion. He then served for a considerable length of time as government scout during the Indian wars following.

He was married to Miss Laura Isles at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1876, where he resided for several years and was engaged in the printing business. Seven children were born to them, all surviving with the exception of one son, Edward, who passed away seven years ago. They are: the wife, and Mrs. Mary Crouch of Portland, Miss Stella Rossall, Portland, Mrs. Rose Cook, Springfield, Mo., Richard Rossall, St. Joseph, Mo., Lawrence Rossall, Jr., of Seattle, and Donald of Portland.

G. A. B. Veterans Ben Butler Post had charge of the funeral ceremonies, under the direction of Commander H. C. Lilligard, with the following veterans as active pall bearers: H. C. Regaby, M. Cole, M. Fishburn, W. H. Terry, D. D. Wilson, A. J. Milner, D. C. Bredlett, chaplain.

Lawrence Rossall has resided in the Mt. Scott district the past eleven years; a true American, ever working for the social and moral uplift of the community in which he resided—especially active in the creation and presentation of parks and other improvements—the beautifying and improving of Mt. Scott Park was his hobby and his pride, of which he was the original promoter, and continuous sponsor for its welfare.

So passeth away the grand old man.

CONTOURS MAPS OF COUNTY COMPLETED

County Assessor Reed has just completed the land classification and contour maps of Multnomah county, which work has been under way for over four years.

The maps have been made from official surveys of the United States government. Work upon them was suspended during the war at the request of the government because of the fear that they should fall into the hands of the enemy. Shortly after the armistice was signed the mapping was resumed and Multnomah county now has as complete a set of maps as can be found in any assessor's office in the country.

The land classification and contour maps are in five large volumes, comprising 431 pages of heavy, durable paper. Full details are shown for each of the 427 full sections and 70 fractional sections in the county.

MT. SCOTT MENTAL CULTURE CLUB MEETS

Mrs. M. A. Locher, 4915 65th St., was hostess to the Mt. Scott Mental Culture Club the 16th inst. An interesting musical program was rendered with Miss Milnes, Dancers, violinist, and vocal decorations, appropriate to Miss Fern Mohan, pianist. Green yuletide, was profuse and in artistic array.

A large donation was made at this meeting for the Waverly Baby Home. Those present were: Mrs. Wm. T. Stout, president; Mrs. Roy D. Armstrong, first vice president; Mrs. Wm. Woodham, second vice president; Mrs. Owen T. Day, recording secretary; Mrs. Fred D. Le Roy, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Geo. D. Rogers, treasurer; Mesdames W. D. Lockwood, T. C. Lockwood, Ben LeBoe, Lee Dillon, Dillon, Snyder, M. S. Fishburn, Harold Wagstaff, Janet Caszle, Louise Heinrich, Fred LeRoy, Harry E. Hall, Gates, Fred Armstrong, J. J. Handaker, A. G. Jackson, S. F. Ball, S. E. Smith, W. D. Roon, Grif. King, J. F. McLenly, Jackson, E. A. Hershner, C. T. Webb, Miss Steel.

BEN HUR COURT NO. 9

held its annual election of officers last Friday evening, as follows: Chief, Ernest T. Libke; judge, Virgil A. Downing; teacher, Etta Larson; scribe, Peter Larson; keeper of tribute, L. M. Estey; chaplain, F. A. Farnsworth; guide, Lee M. Gillsham; keeper of inner gate, John W. Estey; keeper of outer gate, Chas. Ames; musician, Hazel Strubbe. Florence Seder was added to the board of trustees, consisting of Geo. Schlegler and Sadie Taylor.

The members will meet at the home of Rev. Ledar, 3508 73rd St., for a social time New Years eve.

SHILOH CIRCLE will hold their birthday basket dinner, Saturday, January 1, at Odd Fellows' hall. All members and their families are urged to be present and bring well filled baskets. Officers for the ensuing year will be installed in the afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Friday may be unlucky for some folks, but not so the Carl Harlans, newlyweds, upon whom about thirty-five young people of the Evangelical church perpetrated a surprise miscellany shower last week at their cozy little home, 6006 88th street. Though somewhat perturbed at first over the chair shortage, the hostess soon discovered that her self-invited guests had left their dignity at home and were determined to enjoy themselves. The gifts included many useful articles ranging from salt and pepper shakers to Pyrex baking dishes and hand-decorated bath towels. After refreshments were served, the callers departed, leaving, along with their material gifts, their good wishes for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

SURE SELF CURE

Chester Ciesinski, the young man who presides at the first chair of Chester & George's Tensorial parlors, corner 92nd St. and Foster road, is evidently a sage, philosopher and possibly a poet in disguise. Chester had been "ailing" somewhat recently and after consultation with a noted "down town" specialist, learned that he had liver trouble, yellow jaundice, possibly pip, seven different kinds of hook worm, and other dread diseases too numerous to mention. But his wise man assured him that his treatment, at several dollars per, was sure cure. Returning home he was reduced to silent meditation, and concluded that some heroic treatment was absolutely necessary. The first thought was of "fasting and prayer," and he concluded to try one of those at a time, starting in on a strenuous diet, lasting six straight days, and the only nourishment being sloopable doses of orange juice. Although a little weakened from the treatment, Chester is now himself again—and feels that he has beaten some high-brow "specialist" out of a good fat fee.

OBITUARY

of Mrs. Alfare E. Remlinger; born Nov. 15, 1861; died Dec. 19, 1920, at her home on 83d street. Leaves a husband, Nicholas Remlinger, and daughter, Mrs. Ida Roach, four brothers and five grandchildren and one sister in the south. Rev. F. R. Sibley officiated at the funeral ceremonies.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Lents Chatanqua Club concluded its study of Italy with an Italian luncheon in the Lents library last week. Typical dishes were served. Covers were laid for fourteen. The club, under the leadership of Mr. Jasper, begins the study of France. The meetings are Thursday at two and membership is open to anyone interested. Now is an opportune time to enter.

The Lents Boys' Community Club, which meets at the library Tuesday evening at 7:15, organized a basketball team at their last meeting. Geo. Selfridge was elected manager and Marvin Peck captain.

There was a debate: "Resolved, that basketball as a sport is more beneficial than football." The club acted as judges and the decision was awarded the negative. The club membership has grown to the extent of thirty since Miss Covington, the librarian, organized it in October with the co-operation of Dr. A. C. Lundberg as leader. Boys over 14 years are urged to attend and join the club.

The very efficient librarian, Miss Maud Covington, will enjoy Christmas with her relatives and friends at Lewiston, Idaho.

Special story hour, Friday at 3:30. Interesting Christmas stories for the children will be related by Miss Rice.

An enterprising and progressive gentleman, whose name we were unable to ascertain, is building a house at 64th Ave. and 77th St., that, while rather restricted as to dimensions, is strictly up-to-date, with built-in comforts of every kind, including folding beds, etc., that attracts the general attention of the neighborhood mentioned.

Mrs. Ralph Harris and Mrs. O. A. Pearce of Portland, were pleasant callers at the Herald office last Saturday. Mrs. Harris is an old and valued friend of the Herald publisher and wife in the Yakima valley, many years ago. The ladies were in attendance at the Parent-Teachers Association at the Lents school house in the afternoon of the day mentioned.

published each week in the Mt. Scott Herald, should reach this office not later than Wednesday morning Four p. m. is the very latest hour that they will be received. Church notices for the ensuing week should arrive Tuesday noon and none will be accepted after Tuesday at 5 p. m. This rule is made necessary on account of our arrangements for having the type set each week.

Mrs. Dr. E. B. Fromm, from Anchorage, Alaska, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. W. Fromm, 10005 45th Ave., S. E., last week. The lady residing in the frigid zone was twelve days making the trip to the states, which is ordinarily made, weather permitting, in four; the first 100 miles by dog team and the rest of the journey to Seattle by boat, over a stormy sea, the worst known for years. The Victoria, well known by all soundings as the first boat to reach Nome each spring for many years past, was wrecked in this storm off the coast of Prince Rupert.



COMMITTEE REPORTS PROGRESS

Petitions for street improvements on all streets between 92nd and 82nd from 65th avenue to Foster road, were placed in the hands of the Community Improvement Club last Saturday and the actual canvas for signatures from property owners is now under way. This is the first district to be covered.

It has been decided to improve the streets running north and south only in the immediate future, from the fact that the valuation of property in the district desired to be improved is not high enough to cover the expense of improving both streets and avenues.

The approximate cost for a forty foot lot under the conditions named—a twelve foot pavement with a four-foot walk with curbing, is from \$118 to \$140, according to location to intersection. The owner of the property may pay cash after the improvements are finished or, if preferred, have the indebtedness bonded and payable in semi-annual installments covering a period of ten years.

These estimates are made upon the present prices of material and labor and it is believed that the actual cost when the work is completed, may be reduced from 20 to 25 per cent from what it would cost to do the work at this time.

The Herald can see no possible objection to this plan of improvement, which means so much to this district, and believes the committee will have little opposition to the proposed project.

WHAT'S THE USE?

We have had in mind the past several days to say something severe regarding the service rendered by the telephone company in this locality, having been unable to secure even a whisper from "Central" for three days past (this is Wednesday p. m.), and learn that several of our neighbors are faring no better than the Herald. But, what's the use? We can not do justice to the occasion and use language admissible in a well regulated family newspaper, without getting pinched. It has been suggested that an indignation meeting be called by subscribers in this bailiwick; but, again, why lose time and endeavor? The company will be allowed the 25 to 60 per cent increase requested of the commission; and, "the public be damned."

Bargain Sale on at Mt. Scott Herald Office

They're all doing it; why not the Mt. Scott Herald? Nearly all live merchants that advertise are announcing a discount of about one-third off on their goods these days and it has occurred to the publisher of the Herald that he might as well join the procession. Not from the reason that it costs less to print this paper than a few weeks or a few months ago, but this is the deduction: It costs on an average of fifty cents to personally collect each one dollar and a half due us on subscription; ascertained by many years experience. Now, to induce our subscribers to settle their accounts on or before January 1, 1921, here is the proposition: Those that call personally or remit cash, check or P. O. order, per date stated, will receive a rebate of ONE-THIRD OFF THE REGULAR PRICE OF SUBSCRIPTION or, to make it more comprehensive, if possible, the subscription price of the Herald up to and including Jan. 1, 1921, will be ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR, invariably in advance.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

To all the friends and patrons of the Herald, we wish a Merry Christmas.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

LOST—Game rooster left at 6015 51st St., has returned. Owner please call. 50-1tx

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Lombard of 5608 86th St. S. E., December 8.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith of 5923 89th St. S. E., are the parents of a daughter, born December 8.

Homer Dunnean, 5716 37th Ave., a Franklin high school student, is confined to his home with chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Julian will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Yeager at 9303 Woodstock avenue.

James Oermandy, about 12 years old, residing in the Millard avenue district, was injured by a car Sunday evening.

J. W. Joslin, recently from Boise, Idaho, has purchased the barber shop formerly owned by W. M. Heath at 6250 Foster road.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers of 9003 66th avenue, S. E., will spend Christmas day with their daughter and family at Salem, Ore.

Floyd Boney, well known in Lents, who has been ill for a long time past, is reported improving rapidly under the care of Dr. Brummer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. McGrew of 8729 56th avenue, will spend Christmas with Mrs. McGrew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Prince.

Mrs. Edward Coats, from Flint, Michigan, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Hedge, at 5815 92nd street, and will remain here for the winter.

The Rev. N. Shupp, former pastor of Lents Evangelical church, occupied his old pulpit Sunday in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. F. B. Culver.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Lundberg of 262 Graham avenue, will hold a family reunion Christmas day. They are parents of Dr. A. C. Lundberg of Lents.

DONT FUSS with that watch. Bring it in and let me see it. Don't forget DONALDSON, the watchmaker and jeweler, 9536 Foster road, at Kern Park.

Mrs. Geo. Tobey of Eugene will spend the holidays with Dr. C. H. Atwood of Grays Crossing and Dr. A. G. Atwood of 7112 55th St., brothers of Mrs. Tobey.

Dr. and Mrs. Ogsbury and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carlston of 5318 96th St., will enjoy Christmas with Mrs. Ogsbury's aunt, Mrs. Alfred Abransen, 309 Sacramento St.

The U. B. church held their annual bazaar at the Cable Realty Co.'s office last week and the chicken dinner was served at the fireman's headquarters. Both are reported a success.

About fifty couples from Tremont attended the dance given at Brentwood, Saturday evening. A pleasant time is reported. These entertainments are given regularly every two weeks.

The Christian Endeavor of Lents Evangelical church held a business meeting, followed by a social time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scheuerman of 89th St. S. E. on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kildahl, 6028 91st Street, are rejoicing over the arrival of a little 8-pound lady that the stork left at their residence, Dec. 20, according to a report from Dr. McSloy.

A jolly crowd is reported at the community dance given by the Parent-Teacher association at Lents school house last Saturday evening. The J. C. Robertson orchestra furnished the music. The patrons in charge were Mesdames Droste and McCord.

Mrs. Dr. David Nelson, 9635 Foster road, tripped and fell on the stairway at her home last Friday, sustaining a broken elbow. She was taken to a hospital for treatment, but declined to remain any great length of time, returning to her abode the day following the accident.

Lents Parent-Teacher association met Friday afternoon. Dr. Virgil McNichols spoke on "Children's Foods." The teachers' tenure law was discussed by Lottie Calko. Mrs. Ralph Harris of the Woman's Advertising bureau spoke on "Honest Advertisements." Special numbers were rendered by pupils from the Misses Chapman, McDonald and Ewart's rooms. Tea was served, with Mrs. Dean Hess, Mrs. Edith Droste and Mrs. Alice Locke at the tables.

The Herald's next door neighbors to the south, the Square Deal Candy store, have been doing a rushing business the past several days, making sweets of every kind known for the holiday trade. Four hundred and fifty candy canes for the schools and 400 pop corn balls for the various churches in this locality have been ordered. The young proprietors of this popular place are most deserving of the patronage of the people of Lents and vicinity.

Miss Molly Westrum and her mother, Mrs. O. H. Westrum, of Minnewaukan, North Dakota, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Torrey, 1063 Foster road. Mrs. Torrey is the granddaughter of Mrs. Westrum, who arrived here Dec. 11.

AN EDITORIAL ON TEACHERS' TENURE

(Published by request)

Debating Teachers' Tenure
The tenure of teachers is a very important public question, and it has intense interest for all the public. Naturally, most of the parents wish to know all that may be said for and against the tenure. Every normal parent wants our public schools to be kept up to the highest standard of efficiency. Only by the employment of efficient teachers can this standard be maintained.

Thus far in the debate there has been some confusion in the public mind. It is contended by the school board that the bill which has been drawn up and will be presented to the legislature does not repeal the tenure. It provides that ample notice shall be served upon the teacher that charges are preferred, and that these charges shall be heard and passed upon by the board of directors instead of by an independent commission, as provided under the existing law. It is argued by the board that under the new act no teacher could be dismissed without just cause and without a fair trial.

On the part of the teachers it is admitted that the views of the board with respect to the proposed new act are correct in theory. Also it is conceded that approximate justice could be obtained by any teacher from the board as now constituted, but the teachers assert, and they hold tenaciously to the opinion, that members of the present board cannot guarantee the personnel of their successors. Properly, the teachers claim that justice to them would not depend upon the proposed law but upon the sense of justice of future boards.

Teachers have memories. They know from experience—and a part of this experience dates back less than five years—that the school board was a "packed" jury; that is to say, certain excellent teachers, highly efficient, of high character and ideals, were dismissed or demoted simply for the reason that some influential person "had it in" for them. An extremely flagrant case of this kind, added to many cases less flagrant, explains why the tenure law was enacted. It was the only defense against political and personal machinations.

Apprehension that there might be a recurrence of the same sort of domination at some future time makes the teachers almost a unit for retaining the tenure as their one safeguard. All of the efficient teachers have friends among parents, and these parents stand for justice at all times. Parents as well as teachers know that teachers, worthy in every respect, have been dismissed or demoted without just cause. On this account the proposed repeal of the tenure becomes a public matter in the true sense, and it merits the widest discussion.

To say that the tenure law makes it impossible to get rid of an incompetent teacher does not square with the facts. The record shows that more teachers were dismissed in the four years since the tenure law has been operative than in the four years immediately preceding its passage. There is no reason to believe that the present independent commission would have to retain an incompetent teacher or to dismiss one who is competent. This statement applies also to the present board of education, but who can promise the same thing for the board next year or two or three years hence?

In effect the enactment of the proposed bill would not destroy the teachers' tenure so far as the present board is concerned. With some future board, controlled by a political ring, it is possible that conditions which called loudly and effectively for the tenure law may prevail again. Surely every competent teacher is entitled to protection from the menace of such injustice as boards of trustees have inflicted in the past.—Portland Telegram, Dec. 15, 1920.

LIQUOR PURCHASERS WILL HAVE TO TESTIFY

Acting Mayor Bigelow announced Monday morning, preceding the council's hearings on revocation of licenses of soft drink dealers who are charged with selling strong drink in violation of the prohibition laws, that hereafter purchasers of liquors will be held in jail as witnesses against proprietors.

Bigelow said he had discovered that the police have not been holding intoxicated persons—save on charges of drunkenness—on the theory that they would falsify rather than divulge the source of their liquor supplies and their testimony against proprietors would be futile.

To work out plans for more rigid enforcement of the law, Bigelow called a conference between city and district attorneys and the chief of police. He declared witnesses can be held in jail until they are willing to give truthful testimony.

"Knowledge that a term in jail is awaiting them may make these people less eager to patronize places where hard liquors are sold under the guise of soft drinks," Bigelow contended. "A patron is a party to the crime, because if it were not for him the establishments now under fire would not sell illicit liquor."

H. F. Byard's mother from Hood River will spend Christmas with her son in Lents, and Mrs. E. M. Noble of Hood River will spend Christmas with her father, R. M. Stone. Messrs. Byard and Stone are proprietors of the Lents Waiting Room.