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Proposed Sewer Cause of Much Dissension

Mass Meetings at Arleta Strongly in Favor of Project, While Remonstrants Seem to Be Strong in Lents--Mr. Hedin States Views

(The following items and communications regarding the sewer controversy are given as matters of news to the community. The Herald feels that this is a broad question, with much to be said both for and against and desires to give both sides a fair hearing. The opinion will no doubt be more strongly heard at the meeting Saturday evening in Grange hall.)

Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, a meeting is to be held at Lents grange hall, to take up the phases of the sewer and paving controversy. Both factions will be represented.

Wednesday Night's Meeting Facts and fancies flew thick and fast at the meeting held in the Arleta theater Wednesday night. From a well-ordered meeting it descended into a personality contest which only the well-applied tactics of the chair kept from defeating the object of the meeting, namely--to discover some means and decide what to do, to offset the remonstrance of the Lents objectors against the construction of the trunk line sewer up Foster road.

Briefly the points brought out by each side were: The exponents, after hearing Mr. Ross' report of the committee which met Tuesday night to try to effect a compromise (and could not), brought forth two very able speakers who clearly explained the situation from two angles.

Mr. Kremer, assistant city engineer, told of the cost per job and per lot of the construction of the trunk line up Foster Road, down 92nd street to Johnson Creek. He explained the reason 92nd street was chosen instead of 82nd or 72nd street, namely: The high ridge running along the line of 40x100' size, so that the cost per lot would not exceed \$30 for each lot. This sum of course to be paid within ten years.

It developed at the meeting that many of the signers of the remonstrance misunderstood the plan, and some claiming to have been informed that they would be put to an expense of \$600 or \$700. Mr. Leach pointed out that \$160 would, as far as they could estimate, pay for the lateral, put in this trunk line, connect them with the sewer and cover all expense. This would cover a period of several years.

Mr. Kremer also said that although the city stood ready to help, they would not force the improvement upon the citizens. But the meeting was assured that Foster Road would not be paved until the trunk line was in. Mr. Kremer answered all questions comprehensively and in no way officially advised the improvement.

Mr. Cheney, of the city planning commission, on the other hand very emphatically advised getting Foster Road paved as soon as possible and getting the sewerage system in at once.

He outlined the position of the five great arteries which lead to the river and Foster Road, he said, was one of them. He outlined the work of the planning commission and its intention to widen the road to 100 feet on Division street, from there through Ladd's Addition to Hawthorne avenue and thence to the river. This is the solution to the traffic from and into this district, and it is to eventually come, he said. Absolutely, Foster Road must be paved, he said, and soon.

The main objection of the Lents remonstrants was that they didn't need the sewer; that the gravel formation of the country took care of drainage and sewage--that cesspools do not fill up, etc. N. G. Hedin championed the cause, but the meeting was practically unanimous in favor of the improvement. A motion was made and seconded that a rising vote be taken to determine how many were in favor of the improvements as outlined by the city engineer. The capacity house stood and upon the contrary being put about a half-dozen voted no. Petitions of property owners and many declared they would be at the council meeting March 9, when the question will be decided.

Monday's Meeting Favors Sewer At an overflow meeting held in Arleta library Monday evening, Feb. 28, the discussion of the proposed improvement of Foster Road, which involves the construction of a trunk line sewer from 62nd street to Johnson Creek, was sharp and to the point. The main facts of the meeting were relating to the cost of the trunk line, as given by A. G. Johnson, assistant to City Commissioner Barbour, and Assistant Engineer Kremer. Johnson explained the plans of the city engineer and Mr. Kremer gave the estimated cost per lot. His figures were \$403,000 for the completed trunk line, divided between 1250 lots, or \$30 per lot, extended over a ten-year period.

N. G. Hedin, manager of the Wapinitia irrigation project in eastern Oregon, who came to Portland recently and who is championing the cause of the remonstrants, was the principal speaker for the opposition.

that their drainage and sewer problems would be solved as well as their paving needs fulfilled when they accepted the costs of \$30 per lot as a bonded debt. Many questions put to the engineer and commission representatives were answered in part and thus the exact facts were kept from the taxpayers who are entitled to know the exact truth as to cost and what delay they will suffer in use of the sewer and its final cost, etc.

W. G. Hedin, attorney and representative of the larger portion of the Foster Road Sewer District, threw a bomb into the engineer's meeting, after he had listened for an hour to the cunningly devised scheme of the speakers, by asking some pointed questions of the chairman and engineers. He was finally given the floor and opened his guns on a hostile audience who had been misinformed. Before he had talked half an hour, however, the jeers subsided and he was given a good hearing, which opened the eyes of the taxpayers. He showed that the final cost of the trunk sewer and laterals would be not less than \$150 per lot for all lots, front and back lots. That before paving of the side streets would be allowed the additional laterals would have to be installed, after which they could not be used for sanitation sewerage until another \$1,500,000 of main sewer from 92nd street to the Willamette river had been constructed.

He showed that the engineer's office should give these true figures to the people and withhold nothing, since the people were asked to pay the bill. All the bonded cost in excess of the assessed valuation of the property would be demanded in cash and this feature was totally ignored by the engineers. Mayor Baker stated on Tuesday at an interview that he considered the financial difficulties of the project beyond solution at this time but that he would see the people got the Foster Road pavement without the sewer being forced upon them. All the acreage holders in the district are panic stricken, as they know that they will lose their homes if this goes through. Many have offered their property to the city if a small part might be left untaxed. It is no time to use the Foster Road pavement as a whip to force folks to accept the sewer, which they don't need and can't use.

Some costs may open your eyes. Sixty-fifth street, 8-inch lateral cost, \$89.34 per lot. Sixty-seventh street, lateral cost, \$175 per lot. Seventy-first street, lateral cost, \$120.45 per lot. Sixtieth street, later cost, \$92.00 per lot. All of these are blind sewers of no use. The main sewer cost will be added.

In many cases the sidewalks have been used up the total levying bonded possibility under the law. Are the people of Mt. Scott district able to dig up the cash for this engineering scheme? No--absolutely no.

We must be represented. We must all sing the remonstrances, who have property, to save our homes. If the petition bearers have missed you--don't fail to call at any of the local business houses where you will find the merchants ready to have you sign remonstrances. Thousands must sign, as the 10,500 lots must be represented. This is where you can help--to go and sign and save expense.

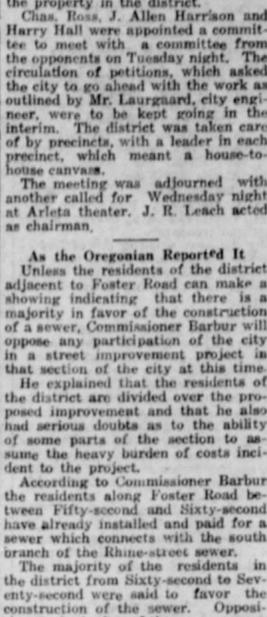
A mass meeting is called for Saturday night at Lents. Tie out and boost for your district. John Donaldson, L. L. Levings, J. R. Robinson, J. J. Johnson, Hedin, Meyers, Luther, N. B. Cummings, are all able to sign you up at any time.

On next Wednesday, March 9th, at 10 p. m., the final hearing will be called at the council chamber of the city hall to settle the matter. Every taxpayer possible should attend. Get off from work; send your wife and help save our property from engineering confiscation. (Signed) N. G. HEDIN, Representative of the Foster Road Sewer District, Remonstrating Taxpayers.

CEDERVILLE PARK OPEN WITH NEW MANAGEMENT Cederville Park, near Linneman station, is again open, new management promising to make that resort a popular one on Saturday evenings, when social dances are held. The floor is a large one, 100x40 feet. Cumen Bros. 4-piece orchestra furnish the music. The dances are open to all well disposed young people and no roughness is to be tolerated. The music starts at 8:45 and ends at 12:15, the last car to town leaving at 12:25. Estacada, Bull Run or the Gresham car take passengers to the park.

E. J. Roach of 4316 65th street was operated on Thursday at a Portland hospital for tonsillitis.

Canada's Great Winter Sport



Curling enthusiasts enjoying the great outdoor game at Banff, Canada.

Odd Fellows Mrs. Young Jollification Loses Life

Second Mortgage Burned Fire Which Destroys Home at Joint Program with Rebekahs Causes Death of Local Woman's Niece

One of the very most important events of the season was a meeting of Odd Fellows and their families at their spacious hall in Lents last Tuesday night. In addition to the following program rendered, refreshments were served and a grand good social time was enjoyed by the 300 or more present. A feature of the evening was the burning of a second mortgage recently wiped out by the order. The program:

- Opening..... Band Prayer..... Rev. S. A. Starr History of the Lodge..... Robt. Andrews Burning of the Mortgage..... Song..... Lucille Atkinson Solo..... C. and Jos. Carzni Address..... Rev. S. A. Starr Music..... Band Solo..... Martin Manz Violin Solo..... Janita and Doris Rater Song..... Lucille Gale Indian Song and War Dance, J. D. Lee Reading..... Mrs. Rachel Fullman Song..... Mrs. Maude Belcher Pritchard Acc. by Miss Amelia Welman Remarks, A. H. Johnson, Jr. Master

BIRTHDAY PARTY Joseph Schlegel of Sunnyside entertained Sunday evening in honor of the birthdays of his daughter, Miss Jane, and his son-in-law, Dan Rust, of Lents. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Letcher, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Otty, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reed, Mrs. Mary Wisley, Rose Hubler, Lucille Essig, Ann Rust, Marian Labo, Ruth Wisley and Evelyn Essig, Marie and Josephine Rust, Harry Briggs, Clarence Baker, Sam Schlegel, Alfred Otty, Harry Schlegel, William Hubler and Martin Rust.

CARD OF THANKS We desire through the columns of the Mt. Scott Herald to express our sincere appreciation of the many kind courtesies extended by friends and neighbors during the illness and passing away of our beloved wife and mother. L. BLAUFUS AND FAMILY.

Sixty Years to Pay War Debts

Senator Watson of Indiana (portrait herewith) advocates extension of time for the payment of the war debt over a period of 60 years. He urges that to lighten the tax burden. Repeal of the excess profits tax and reduction of the surtaxes on large incomes also are urged by him.

Senator Watson's declaration for the extension of the time for payment is presumably significant as showing a decided drift of opinion among the Republican leaders. It has been the program of the treasury department to pay up the war debt within 25 years.

Anyway, Senator Watson discussed the tax situation following his return from a conference at Philadelphia with Senator Penrose. The Pennsylvania senator is chairman of the finance committee. It was Senator Watson's opinion that hearings on either tax or tariff legislation should start soon after the holidays to get it well under way by the time a special session is called under the new administration.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, favors repeal of the excess profits tax and the substitution of a tax on undistributed profits of corporations. He says he will not believe congress will approve a sales tax.

T. G. Samuel Takes Bride

Local Merchant Surprises Friends Who Join in Celebration

Monday of last week T. G. Samuel and Miss Zepha Perry slipped away to Oregon City and were there united in marriage by Rev. Willis E. Pettibone, pastor of the Baptist church of that city. The couple were accompanied by Mrs. Robinson of Portland, a friend of the bride.

After the ceremony the couple returned to Lents, where the groom's business interests necessitated his presence. Living rooms over the store of Mr. Samuel had been nicely prepared, and there Mr. and Mrs. Samuel are making their home.

The marriage came as a complete surprise to many friends of Mr. Samuel here, he is well known in the Lents district, where he has conducted a general dry goods and ladies' furnishing store for some time. The name of the bride is in Riddle, southern Oregon, and while she is not so well known as Mr. Samuel in this locality she is an estimable young lady.

Sunday Mr. Samuel called a number of friends on the telephone and invited them to visit the home of the newly-weds, not informing them of what had taken place. Upon their arrival a big jollification was held, and the guests, who had not been taken as badly by surprise as Mr. and Mrs. Samuel expected, congratulated the couple. Dinner was served to 24, a specially decorated table being reserved for the younger guests.

Among those present were Tom Ellis, leading merchant of Rainier, Or., and his family; A. Atiyeh, prominent Oriental rug importer of Portland, and family; J. A. Teeny, Arleta merchant, and family; D. Hattem and family of Portland; A. Y. Azar, and several others whose names the Herald could not learn. Speeches were made by Messrs. Atiyeh and Azar and several of the ladies contributed musical numbers to the informal program. The gathering dispersed at a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including an Oriental bedroom rug valued at \$250, the gift of Mr. Atiyeh, cut glass, sewing basket, handsome silk garments for Mrs. Samuel, and other valuable articles, besides the usual floral tributes. They will make their home in Lents.

The Herald was in possession of information regarding the wedding last week, but in deference to Mr. Samuel's affair, consented to withhold it for a week. We join with all their acquaintances in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

MARTHA ISLER WEDDED Martha Isler of Friends church was recently united in marriage to Rev. Mr. Schlein of South Dakota and with her husband accompanying her returned recently from her trip east. A little bird had whispered to friends that the event would happen and that the newly-weds would probably arrive some time Saturday evening of a week ago, so three auto loads of young people went to the union station intent on capturing the bride and groom. But they found them just ready to leave and brought them out to her old home, where the rest of the folks were waiting to receive them. Upon their arrival they were riced and saluted and greeted heartily. Those present had a general good time. Cake and cocoa were served and everybody went home happy.

The following Tuesday an auto party was made up to take the bride and groom up the highway. About 20 were in the party and they pronounced a winter picnic the best ever. They left Lents about 2:30, in the rain, and finished the trip without accident, building a fire surrounded by snow and made coffee and had a regular picnic. The return trip was a hilarious one, and ice cream was had at the expense of the groom. He remarked that the scenery was the most beautiful he had ever seen, and he is from Switzerland, which is the country famed for its beautiful vistas.

Five Dollars Goes to Girl

Margaret Leitch Turns in 45,800 Votes in Contest --The Standing

Margaret Leitch turned in 45,800 votes this week in the trade-at-home contest and earned \$5 by her efforts. She had a large number of coupons and several subscriptions to the Herald.

The following is the standing to date: Clarence O'Neil 155,800 Margaret Leitch 153,050 Mrs. B. S. Jones 27,300 O. M. Shields 3,900 Miss F. V. Barker 2,900 Miss Helen Kanne 1,900 Claudine Moore 1,050 Luella Dugan 550 Lester Calvert 550

For this week's contest, the name of C. B. Norblad, 8614 Woodstock avenue, popular grocer, has been chosen. Mr. Norblad has a large patronage in his neighborhood and carries a clean stock which he sells at moderate prices. Find the errors which spell his name in accordance with the details on the contest page and you may win the \$5.

Remember, anyone may win the money each week, irrespective of the fact that they have not yet entered the contest. The \$5 is given each week for coupons turned in at the time and the total previously secured does not affect the weekly prize.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL Woodmere Parent-Teachers association will hold a dance in Woodmere school, 80th street, on Saturday evening, March 5.

Before you buy your spring bonnets call at the Parlor Millinery, 6004 88th street, and let us try to please you. Mrs. Richardson. 8tf

The Lents Parent-Teachers association will give another of their community dances Saturday evening, March 5th, at 8:30, in the school assembly.

Kasper Wilcox was on the streets last Tuesday for the first time in many days, having tarried nine weeks in a hospital--quite weak, but smiling and cheerful.

The regular monthly executive meeting of the Lents Parent-Teachers association will be held Tuesday, the 8th, at 2:45, in the teachers' room. All chairmen are urged to be present.

Christina Rasmussen, aged 50 years, died Thursday at her home on Foster Road. The funeral services were held Monday at Kenworthy chapel. Interment was made in Mt. Scott cemetery.

Mrs. M. J. Boardman, mother of Mrs. J. E. Urdike, has returned from a two months visit with relatives and friends at Long Beach, Cal. She reports miserable weather in the golden state during her sojourn there and is glad to return to "a better land."

An Irish concert will be held in St. Peter's parish hall Sunday night, the 20th. The history of the old-fashioned wrongs will be recited in song and story. The latest Republican songs will be sung by an Irish girl recently arrived. Irish step dancing will feature the program. (Adv.) 9-3t

Mrs. F. F. Foster of 92nd street gave a dinner last Friday afternoon in honor of their 42nd anniversary. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Grandma Worden, Mrs. Sonar and daughter Alice. A dinner of the old-fashioned variety, with good things in abundance, was served, and those in attendance report an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Arthur Geisler of south 92nd street entertained Mrs. Rust's class of Evangelical Sunday school Tuesday afternoon of last week in honor of the eleventh birthday of her daughter, Dorothy, who is a member of the class. The guests were: Mrs. Rust, Carrie Bohna, Olive Urdike, Elizabeth McIntyre, Margaret Leitch, Anna Smith, Augusta Richter, Lucille Treanary, Mildred Gay, Madeline Kinney, Mabel Montgomery, Helen Hogus, Alma Scheuerman, Thelma Allen and Stella-Beth Geisler.

Cutting an item out of a newspaper and bringing it home will generally worry the woman of the house to a greater or less degree. Try it once and see. But a friend of the writer's better half went this stunt one better recently by writing a long letter giving the local news and gossip of a town of about a few months ago in which the informant gave a graphic description of the demise and funeral of some important personage of the balliwick referred to, but inadvertently omitted the name of the deceased.

Harry Hurd, of 56th avenue, who occasionally spells the lino-type operator on the machine at the Herald, was bustling around town Tuesday morning in a state of excitement and the general appearance of a person who expects shortly to be an important personage. He was. On Wednesday he disclosed the information that shortly after midnight on Tuesday a little son had arrived in the Hurd household to provide company for an older son and daughter. Mrs. Hurd and baby are at Emmanuel hospital. Harry is doing as well as might be expected.

The family of B. F. Miller, of 88th street, are quarantined for measles. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. McGrew and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. McCord attended the Oregon products dinner recently given by the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

Mr. and Mrs. John Egman of 9719 50th street entertained at dinner recently the Misses Lena and Lida Blumm.



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