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An Unique Party

"Come to our party. Don't dress up. Stop at Merta's, 802 North Fillmore street, to inquire the way. Parade starts at 8:30 sharp, Thursday eve., Nov. 14, '12." So read the invitation to a very unique party given at the old Catlin house by three of St. Johns' young people, Misses Merta Gatto, Lulu Gillmore and Dr. Vinton Scott.

The trio represented the Higgins family—Josh Higgins, Ma and Melinda. The house has two large rooms and a fire place downstairs, and the place was very artistically decorated for the occasion. The large room having the fire place was used as the reception room. Autumn leaves furnished the decoration, while "Don'ts" such as "Don't spit in the coffee," "Them chavin' terbacco spit in the spit tumbler," "If you insist on spooning, don't spoon out loud," and others too numerous to mention were hung prominently about the room. Over the fire place were the family portraits from 1791 down to Melinda. The other room was also arranged to suit the occasion. In one corner was the menagerie. In another corner was found the "curiosity shop." The walls of this room were decorated with "Melinda's collecting pennies," "Leave all donations with ma," "Pa chaws Clonax," "Come and hear ma chaw gum," and others. Boxes were the predominant articles of furniture. At nine o'clock about fifty of the neighbors came tripping in. Of course the family was surprised, but they were equal to the occasion. Josh made the following address:

"Feller citizens: I stand before you tonight in behalf of the family to express our happiness in this big surprise. It does my old body good to see so many happy young faces gathered around the Higgins fire side. Well do I remember years before these gray hairs donned my ferrowed brow, I used to cut just such capers. Yes, by ginger, I remember back in '57 we done just such a trick on Grandpa Higgen's neice and her man down here in Pumpkin Center. We had a crackin' good time. I can tell ye, a-pullin' taffy and poppin' corn. But say, I can taste it yet. We was all takin' cester lie for a week after a-payin' up fer it. Now Ma and Melinda, we'll have to do something to git these folks busy. Ma, you git out the corn poppers, and Melinda, you run and git some chestnuts; some of you can pop corn while others roast chestnuts, and them that ain't doin' nuthin' can pop the question and roast their neighbors. Now, folks, enjoy yourselves, and them that ain't acquainted, git bizzzy."

From then on everything was a-buzz. During the evening Mr. Josiah Cornossie and Miss Elizabeth Huskinpeg were united in marriage. Mr. Isaac Hammer-handle officiating. After which a bountiful supper was served, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, pumpkin pie, apples, nuts, etc. No wedding cake being on hand, Johnny cake was served. At 12 o'clock all bid the Higgenes good night and took their departure. xxx

Will Give Information

A work more complete and authoritative than any other statistical book ever printed on the resources of Oregon is now on the press and will be issued within a week. It is the Oregon almanac and will be printed by the Oregon State Immigration Commission, after the most careful compilation. It will be distributed to not less than half a million people all over the country who are desirous of learning more about this state and what it offers to the settler. The forthcoming book is one of one hundred pages, with 20 pages given to statistical maps and diagrams. Great care has been taken to insure the accuracy of every statement made, so that it will serve as an absolutely correct authority for reference. The book deals with every phase of the resources of the state and will give a splendid idea of what the newcomer will find here, being particularly interesting to the farmer.

Treat yourself to something good on Thanksgiving—not only to something good to eat, but something lasting. What could be more lasting than the memory of the inspiring music of Bergen-Marx?

Send Him Back

(Written by Damon Harvey, Clearfield, Pa.)
Send "Teddy" back to foreign climes,
To jungles far away,
To gnash his shark teeth with delight,
On monster birds of prey;
He's shared the laurels of our land,
All homage due to man,
Any yet like some spoiled, petted child
Contentment never planned.
He swayed his party from its post,
The horde that gave him fame,
His catch-vote phrase, "Progressiveness,"
Proved unavailing game;
He plunged the poniard of reproach
Deep in the party's side—
The party that he strove to be
Their God, their Lord and guide.
He garnered for himself, chagrin,
Defeated President Taft,
He grinned to catch the people's vote,
But now the people laugh;
They smelled the scent of that
big Moose,
Dreaded the fatal hour
When he alone again could rule
With self exalted power.
Traced to the field of Wilson's fame
They caught him by the horns;
They used persuasives—switched him up
With Bryan's "Crown of Thorns." In rampant rage he broke their hold
And starting in dismay,
No peep-sight gun could check
the speed
He made toward Oyster Bay.
Then send him back to foreign climes,
To some benighted zone,
Where flattering schemes may
help him start
A country of his own.
We need no blarney, blustering
bluffs,
We need no warriors bold,
Our flock of people peace will find
In Woodrow Wilson's fold.
The grafting horde will cease to rob
From people's purse and pride;
No cries for freedom will be heard,
No wrongs need ere be felt
When people worship God alone,
Not "Teddy" Roosevelt.

Easy Desserts

Prune Pudding—Soak one-third of a pound of best dried prunes over night in warm water; stone and cut into small pieces; add half a cup of English walnuts chopped, about two tablespoons of lemon juice and two heaping tablespoons of sugar. Beat white of one egg very stiff, adding two tablespoons of sugar. Mix a little over half of it with the pudding and pile the rest on top. Set on ice until served or in a cool place. This recipe is capable of as much variation as a salad. Use raisins, nuts and prunes or raisins alone with nuts. Any sort of dried fruit is fine. Or use pineapple cut in bits, with raisins, which, by the way, should be plumped by pouring boiling water over them. Use bananas, nuts and raisins in the same way.
Attractive ways of serving nuts:
Walnut Roast—2 cupfuls of rolled walnuts, 2 cupfuls of bread crumbs, 1 cupful of milk, 2 eggs, salt, pepper and a little sage. Mix all together and mould into a round roast shape. Place in a buttered baking tin, sprinkle walnut meats on top and bake 20 minutes. Baste with melted butter. Serve with walnut gravy and garnish with celery leaves.
Walnut Gravy—2 cupfuls of water, 1 cupful of ground walnuts, one level tablespoonful of white flour, also 1 of browned flour. Let the nuts and water boil five minutes. Salt to taste. Blend the brown and white flour in a little water and stir into the boiling walnut water. Boil a few minutes. If too thick add a little boiling water.

"It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Hugh Campbell of Lavonia, Ga. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers.

Are Great Artists

If you are to judge by the newspapers articles in regard to the performances of the Bergen-Marx Company, they are without a doubt the stellar attraction of the Redpath-Priest Lyceum Bureau this season, and according to all accounts the combination gives a finer performance than anything this country has ever heard in a musical way. Mr. Bergen, the famous singer, heads the company and his success is nothing short of marvelous. An eminent critic in the East recently said of him, that he has the interpretive ability of Dr. Wullner, the dramatic ability of Bispham, and the art of De-Gorgoza; that his work in general is a composite of these three world renowned artists.

W. L. Hubbard, formerly musical and dramatic critic of the Chicago Tribune, said publicly, that he considered Mr. Bergen one of the finest artists that America has produced. One of the great features of this young man's work is his originality. All of his work is absolutely individual, and he never fails to arouse the most lethargic audience to the height of enthusiasm. In many instances he so captivates the people that he has to repeat his songs.

Sharing the honors with Mr. Bergen is Leon Marx, the violinist. Mr. Marx for the past season was the concertmaster with the Chicago Grand Opera Orchestra. Previous to that time he was a member of the Thomas Orchestra of Chicago and played for some time under Theodore Thomas himself. The fact that he was a great favorite with the late Theodore Thomas and that in many instances he was asked by this conductor to do the solo work of the orchestra, is the highest praise that could be paid to any violinist in this world.

Marx was a genius on his instrument when a child, and when a very young man he won the Joachim Scholarship in Germany. His work had proved a delight to all who have heard him, and he is conceded to be a great artist.
In Mr. Hans Dressel the company is possessed of one of the finest cellists that this country has heard for some time. He has been heard a great deal in the West, and since coming to America, he has won himself a place in the hearts of all the people who love music, both from the artistic and technical standpoint. He is a master of his instrument and in many instances has been compared with the great Steindel.
The pianist and accompanist, Mr. Herman Schuchard, is a find of Mr. Bergen's. In traveling around the United States Mr. Bergen is often asked to hear young singers and pianists and to pass judgment on their work. It is a well known fact that the young singer is one of the greatest students of his art in the world today, and it also known that he never forgets a young artist who shows any extraordinary talent. Many a young musician, who is now successful, owes his start to the fact that Mr. Bergen remembered his work. He heard Mr. Schuchard play nearly two years ago. The Redpath Bureau had engaged a pianist for this tour, but Mr. Bergen suggested Mr. Schuchard to the Redpath people and pledged himself as to his ability. He was engaged and is more than justifying all expectations of him. His solo work has made a great impression on all the audiences the company has played to, and though a young man, the fact that he accompanies Mr. Bergen's singing, Mr. Dressel on the cello, Mr. Marx on the violin, and that he opens the performance with a solo and closes with a trio for the violin, piano and cello, proves him to be, in spite of his being only nineteen years old, one of the most versatile pianists in America today, for he does all of his work equally well and there is very evident in his personality that quality which is essential to all work of this type—fine musicianship.

At the High School Auditorium next Thursday evening.
Japan and China want Oregon dairy stock for their farming districts. Japanese dairymen are now negotiating with Portland breeders to secure stock here and recently a high official of the Chinese Department of Agriculture left commissions in Portland for the purchase of dairy cattle to be shipped to that country during the winter.

Not to Buy

A well attended mass meeting of the citizens of St. Johns held in the auditorium of the high school building Monday evening decided, in an emphatic manner, not to purchase the local water works at the price mentioned by the company—\$150,000. In fact, judging from the expressions of several citizens at the meeting, it is doubtful if the citizens present would have favored municipal purchase if the price had been placed at \$25,000. The diversity of opinion was something wonderful and amazing. One prominent citizen intimated that the plant might be worth one million dollars in a few years, while another business man declared the plant would be absolutely worthless, in fact, a hole in the ground containing contaminated water. The same gentleman declared that the water was not fit to take a bath in, another declared it was full of sediment and unfit for drinking purposes; another contended that it contained an element of lime (which, by the way, is one of the greatest purifiers known) and was therefore, unfit to drink; still another declared that the plant was utterly inadequate and practically worthless. Opinions varied so widely that it would be difficult to decide therefrom whether the water company was creating a stupendous asset or throwing its money into a hole in the ground.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Muek, who immediately turned it over to the citizens.

D. C. Lewis was made chairman and A. W. Markle secretary by acclamation.
City Attorney Stroud, being called upon by the chairman, gave his views on the proposition. He strongly favored municipal ownership of the plant provided it could be purchased at a reasonable price or be shown that the price mentioned by the company was exorbitant. He told why a municipality could operate the works more cheaply than a private corporation; that it could borrow money at a cheaper rate of interest, and have no light, heat or rent to pay. He thought the subject a most vital one and seriously to be considered.

H. L. Powers, the principal owner of the plant, gave a review of the company's situation; how he came to St. Johns when it was practically a wilderness; that the only industry St. Johns then possessed was a barrel factory that was about abandoned; how through his personal efforts the Portland Manufacturing Co., Jones Milling Co., Cone's saw mill and the Douglas Planing mill were induced to locate here. He told how the water company had been struggling along as best it could; how he had been induced to take hold of it, even though he was most reluctant to do so; how the company had to cut down a veritable forest and remove numerous stumps in laying their first pipe lines; how he had to dig down into his pockets month after month to make up deficits; how through all the nine or more years since the franchise was given by the city no dividends had been made with the exception of a short period in the recent past, but which had to be abandoned and the money virtually refunded to further extensions. He said he was far from being anxious to dispose of the plant to the city; that he expected to make money out of it during the last ten years of the life of the franchise; that he had the water thoroughly tested by three experts, whom he named, and all reported that they had found it to be better than Bull Run water, the chief reason being because it contained an element of lime, which Bull Run does not. He said he would not be willing to dispose of the plant at the cost of duplicating it; that it was much easier to lay the pipes now than it was through the stumps and jungles of ten years ago, and much less expensive. He likened the proposition to a man who would contract to furnish a boy with clothes from the time he was 6 years of age until he was 21 years; that each year a new suit would be required and the old one discarded, and yet the man could not feel fully compensated by receiving only the price of the last suit purchased. He said it was the same way with the water company, that it had been forced by rapid up-building of St. Johns to time and again enlarge their pipes, and that they could not sell at the

The Library

Open Hours: 1:00 to 5:30 and 7 to 9:30 p. m.
Sundays: 2:30 to 5:30

October circulation of the nine sub-branch libraries—St. Johns 2373, Brooklyn 2056, University Park 1691, Montavilla 1458, Arleta 1379, Woodstock 1379, Lents 1257, Greham 950, Troutdale 700.

The last of the week, two boxes of new books were received. These contained about 150 juvenile books, 50 adult fiction and 25 adult non-fiction.

Have you read:
Greene—Vesty of the Basins. The readers who found the humor of Cape Cod folks so thoroughly delightful will be glad to go with the author to the sea-washed villages of Maine and again meet the real New Englanders through her sparkling wit and humor.

DeMorgan—Somehow Good. A powerful plot revolving around a young English girl's trip to India to marry an officer. On her way she falls into a difficulty so serious that it threatens to wreck two lives. This problem does not work its way into the light for twenty years and in the meantime the gamut of love and separation is run.

Hichens—Garden of Allah. The garden of Allah is in the Desert of Sahara, and on this strong and sun-scoured beach ground, Mr. Hichens has painted a powerful picture of passionate human love.

Vance—No Man's Land. A mystery story laid in New York showing how the mere accident of getting off at the wrong subway station involved a man in a crime, and caused him to lose all trace of the woman he loved.
Scherer—Young Japan. The book is offered as an humble but honest attempt to assist in the interpretation of these marvelous children of the East to their modern schoolmasters here in the West.

New Technical Books:
Kasnar—First lessons in aeronautics.
Crane—Treatise on gold and silver.
Hilbert—Electric ignition for motor vehicles.
Barley—Motor car and its engines.
Robinson—Simple explanations of modern banking customs.
Sloane—Home experiments in science.

cost of laying the last ones. He said that a private corporation could not get the financial backing on a proposition like a water plant as cheaply or as readily as a city could, and that he would be willing to reduce the rates 25 per cent if the city would lend him its credit, and would reduce it 50 per cent if the city would take care of the extensions, the same as Portland is doing. He cited a number of instances where cities larger than St. Johns are paying more for their water. The sum of \$150,000 was as low, he said, as he would think of disposing of the plant for; that he didn't want to unload anything on the city; in fact, did not want to sell, but just a chance to continue business at the price the city covenanted to pay for the water. He said he would welcome investigation by the public service commission, and believed the tendency of this commission would be to raise rather than lower the rates. He said it was entirely out of the question to keep up the extensions and lower the rates. By figures he illustrated what the city would gain by taking over the plant, and conducting it in the same manner as other cities do. His remarks were right to the point, and given in a courteous manner and tone. He invited anyone to ask questions concerning the plant and he would be glad to give any information. One question elicited the information that of the thirty odd miles of pipe only about four and one half miles were of wooden pipe, and that small, while the balance was of iron with a capacity of 200 pounds or more of pressure to the square inch.

A number of the audience took occasion to ask questions and comment upon the proposition, among whom were H. E. Harris, A. W. Davis, Powell, Chas. Anderson, J. R. Weimer, S. C. Cook and Randolph Graden, some of whom took occasion to attack the water plant. It was finally moved that it be the sense of the meeting that the city do not purchase the water works, and that the city attorney be urged to proceed with the suit to establish lower rates with the least possible delay.

An Instructive Address

"Sugar in the baby's milk is the beginning of the education that leads to craving for alcoholic beverages." That is what Mrs. Lora C. Little of Portland declared in her address before the W. C. T. U. Monday afternoon. Her subject was "The Medical and Dietetic Causes of Intemperance," and she handled her theme without gloves. The following are some of the points made:

Oxidation is one of the most important processes in renewal of the body. When oxidation is perfect no clinkers accumulate in your furnace. Alcohol checks oxidation, and therefore causes the system to get clogged up, causes hardening of tissues, obstructs liver action, and weakens the heart, destroys the kidneys. Its action on the brain and mind are still worse. It appears to paralyze the higher faculties of the mind; judgment, conscience, faith and love are benumbed. A physician reports that alcoholic patients in the hospitals are suspicious, cannot believe anyone has a good intention toward them. This proves that their own judgment is warped and they cannot think others have more good will than whiskey has left to them.

But it matters not whether the alcohol in the system comes from a saloon or is manufactured in the body through acid fermentation in the stomach. The effect is the same. A doctor tells of a temperance worker who died of "gin liver" when he had never drunk a drop of strong drink in his life. Temperance people ought to learn to feed themselves so they will not turn their food into alcohol.

But why do people crave alcohol when the taste has to be created? What begins it? Give a baby that has never tasted anything but its mother's milk—give it half a teaspoonful of whiskey and see how quickly it will spit it out and what a face of disgust it will make. What changes that baby's taste, so that when he has grown up he wants whiskey? I say his education begins in the cradle. Sweetening the baby's food is one of the things that pervert his taste. I occasionally take a peppermint candy myself, but I say that a candy shop by the side of the schoolhouse is the kindergarten of the saloon. It does in a small way what the saloon does for the man in a more serious way. It tempts him to spend his pennies for something he does not need and that does him no good. It provides him with something that cloy his appetite and takes away his relief for simple wholesome things.

Candy is harmful no matter how pure, because the sugar from which it is made is an indigestible substance. We can digest a little of it because our other foods furnish the salts that alone enable us to digest anything. Sugar as it appears in nature is wholesome, for there it is mingled with other nutritious elements, as in the beet, in cane, and in fruit. But when we have it before us concentrated and refined in the form of sugar it is absolutely indigestible. You would starve to death quicker if fed sugar alone than if fed nothing whatever. Americans eat 80 pounds per head annually, counting every man, woman and child in the country. It is frightful and is a great cause of indigestion and craving for stimulants. For a diet of white flour and sugar leaves the nerves starved and crying for stimulus.

One of the best things about the W. C. T. U. is that it recognizes the beginning of the drink evil and has a department of health. Mrs. Little is Supt. of the department of Health and Heredity as well as the department of Medical Temperance for Multnomah Co. Her profession is that of teacher of health culture, so that she is peculiarly suited to the offices she holds.

Mrs. Little also spoke against the use of tea and coffee and other stimulants which we temperance workers must discard as a beverage if we expect to convert our husbands, brothers and sons, to give up their beer, cider and tobacco.

We are having real live meetings at the Library the first and third Monday afternoon in each month and the women of St. Johns who do not attend miss the best things that's happening.

Watch the St. Johns Review for the notices. That's where we find a lot of good things. Moral—Subscribe. Reporter.

High School Notes

The first basket ball game of the season was won by the James John High boys in the high school gymnasium on last Friday evening. Their opponents were the "7's", a team composed of former pupils of the school. The yells and cheers by the spectators showed that the basket ball spirit of last year is still alive and needs only an opportunity to make itself felt very forcibly. All the cheers were not for our own men, however, for we could not forget that the members of the opposing team are indebted to us for most of their training along that line as well as others. The game ended with a score of 30-15 in favor of the high school.

The line up was as follows:
J. J. H. "7's"
F—Ralph Basil Howard Kelly
C—Tommy Smoek
G—Six, Wright, Whistler
Fluffy Cecil, Bill

The students and faculty of the High school were pleasantly entertained Friday afternoon by the members of the Witenagemot rhetorical society. The program consisted of several musical numbers, a reading, returns of the election, and election gossip of the Senior Class. The debate, "Resolved that the fifteenth amendment should be repealed" was argued by Basil Smith and Eugene Thurmond in the affirmative and Hazel Holland, Vina Swan in the negative. The question was well handled by both sides although the judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Much original talent was shown in the song composed by Lucile Whealan and successfully sung by the members of the society. We appreciate the new musical talent brought into the high school by the Freshman class of the year. The violin solo by Ethel Huffard and the vocal solo by Orin Lear gave pleasing variety to the program. A favorable report was rendered by the critic and it is believed that the organization will do their best to improve the programs as was suggested.

The next number of the Lyceum Course in charge of the high school athletic association, will be presented by the Bergen-Marx Musical Company Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 28. Mr. Bergen is a talented singer while Mr. Marx is the leader of the Marx Trio consisting of a violinist, a cellist, and a pianist. This number promises to be one of the best in the course and a large crowd is expected, so we suggest that those purchasing single tickets get them early.

At a meeting of the Junior Class it was voted to have a candy sale in the main hall of the building the evening of the Bergen-Marx entertainment, this plan being decided upon after careful consideration. The Juniors are hoping that they will be well patronized and that purchases will be made to the full extent of every one's liberality. Heretofore there has always been a rush for the candy booth, so you are entreated to come early if you wish a choice of good home made candies.

Council Proceedings

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present.

Prof. Boyd asked permission of council, on behalf of the high school students, for use of the city dock for basket ball practice. He guaranteed that an instructor would accompany the students and that no smoking would be tolerated. Permission granted.

Dr. Joseph McChesney asked permission to construct an addition to the room formerly occupied as a post office, to cost \$800. Request granted.

An ordinance providing for the assessment of cost of improvement of Ivanhoe street from Richmond to Mohnawk was passed.

An ordinance providing for clearance at the city dock so that all river boats may land without undue interference passed.

A resolution providing for census taking and appointing Thos. Carroll, Norman Seales, Henry Harker, John Noce and Frank Porth as census takers was adopted. The census, while official, is being taken in the interest of a new Elks' Lodge to be instituted here.

Crosswalks on Myers street at Fessenden and Newton at Portland boulevard were ordered laid.