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## LENTS IS BEST PLACE TO BUY

Comparison of Prices Here and in Neighboring Towns—Lents Really Best Place to Live, Too.

Lents is the most favorably located of any of the east side suburbs. If you haven't stopped to think so do it now. It has five cent car service to any part of the city. It is located on a fine level tract of ground that will forever prevent the necessity of expensive street improvements. It has all the telephone connections that make convenience, and the water supply really isn't as bad as we are accustomed to think. Lents has one of the finest school buildings in the city and its schools are the equal of any in the Portland district. Many churches and societies, a public library, and a lot of the most accommodating merchants and reasonably priced stores in the county. We really had not come fully to appreciate the advantages enjoyed until a comparison of advertising matter in The Herald and another paper published at Gresham came to our notice. Of course Gresham is the highest priced town in the county, and the comparison is hardly fair, but then it will show our local readers that they have something for which to be thankful, and perhaps may lead some of those who are paying so high for produce elsewhere to investigate a little closer.

One of the leading stores in Gresham recently advertised a big "stock reducing sale." The prices were leaders and of course were exceptionally good. Regularly the Lents prices are better and in some instances they are even better than

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## W. W. COTTON IS IMPROVING NICELY



W. W. COTTON

One of East Multnomah's most prominent men and a staunch friend of The Herald has been seriously ill for the past ten days at a Portland hospital, but is now improving nicely. Mr. Cotton is proprietor of the Mountain View farm adjoining Gresham, one of the finest in the state. He has always been loud in his praise of this part of the county and always ready to assist in matters of public welfare.

Mr. Cotton is chief counsel for the Harriman lines in Oregon, and in this work has distinguished himself, being reckoned as one of the ablest lawyers in the United States.

## KIND-HEARTEDNESS SHOWN IN SHOWER

Neighbors Assist Tussey Family, Recently Visited by Fire.

The family of F. N. Tussey were very pleasantly surprised Saturday evening, November 4th, by neighbors, friends and the members of the Women of Woodcraft, when they dropped in on them for a pleasant evening, each member bringing some article of use in the kitchen or home as a token of neighborliness and friendship. It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Tussey recently were visited by a fire, which destroyed their large barn, horses, wagons, vans, as well as their home and belongings.

The evening was greatly enjoyed and light refreshments were served. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn, Mesdames Addie Allen, Ethel Anderson, Laura Allen, Bright, Boatwright, Carter, Cox, Hubler, Jensen, Lent, Locke, Marshall, Miller, Nygard, Paul, Rodgers, Smithurst, Stillwell, Walker, Wright, Hadden, Eggiman, Art and Fred Geisler, M. A. Miller, W. M. Smithurst, Yost, Mortrude, Dilly.

## ANNEXATION, INCORPORATION OR REMAIN AS WE ARE, WHICH?

This Ever Important and Perplexing Question Is Still Unsettled In Many Minds---The Herald to Conduct Straw Ballot.

Again the perplexing question of the future of Lents is up to us to answer. Of course, it is not likely an election or official action will take place at once, but nevertheless it is still a topic openly discussed each day, and a little delving in the matter here may be interesting.

The time has come when we cannot long continue as we have. We must have some sort of government, but whether to join the paternal roof of Portland or whether to set up house-keeping for ourselves is hard to determine.

Some argue that if we go into the city—which they say we must, eventually—we will get police and fire protection, improved streets, lights, etc.

There is no doubt but that this would be a good thing, but who are we? Could we expect to secure fire and police protection and all those things when we have no official head to demand and see that we get them? No, for we have nothing to offer; Portland does that—she offers us the protection and shelter of her name, but that is all.

Why not incorporate, form a government that will suit our needs, and then

in the course of time, when Portland's limits are spreading in all directions, we shall be "asked" to come into the city, and shall be in a position to lay down terms under which we will do this.

Then again, conditions here are peculiar in another respect. Lents is populated mainly by people working in Portland or near here who are buying their homes on the installment plan. Could they afford the high taxes it would incur should we go into the city? Portland city taxes alone this year are 6.05 mills.

Then there are others who contend that we are getting along nicely and why not remain so. Their argument is poor and sounds like the tale of a "mossback." However, The Herald is not "stumping" either one way or the other, but we would like to know the general consensus of the people interested. For this purpose we have decided to conduct a straw vote. A ballot is printed elsewhere in the paper, which we ask each and everyone to fill out and send to this office at once.

General discussion of the matter either one way or the other is invited and will gladly be published next week.

## SANDY RIVER DAM IS WASHED AWAY

River Becomes Torrent and Destroys All Work at Dam.

The Sandy River was on a rampage last week and as was predicted by the old settlers all of the dunes, spillway and woodwork on the river at the dam was washed away. On Wednesday a force of men were busy making a boom of logs above the dam to act as a bumper to ward off stumps, logs and drift-wood, but on Wednesday night the mountain torrents came down with such tremendous velocity as to sweep everything before it. This is the second attempt at a dam that has been destroyed by floods. What will be the next step towards making a dam at this point to connect with the big tunnel now nearly half completed is a conundrum. Whether this is a stock-selling proposition to catch suckers, and easy-markers or is a genuine bona fide construction and permanent work is difficult to determine. There is so much humbug nowadays by big business men that it is best and safest to side-step all smooth talk and flanging advertisements.

## MRS. MCGREW ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. C. P. McGrew entertained in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Sanders, on Friday Nov. 10th. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent with music and games after which dainty refreshments were served. The guests were Mrs. Sander of Yacolt, Wash., mother of Mrs. C. P. McGrew; Mrs. Durest; Mrs. Hagar; Mrs. B. F. Miller; Mrs. Finley and J. C. McGrew.

## MRS. W. K. DUKE PASSES AWAY

Just seven months after the death of her husband, Mrs. W. K. Duke, mother of Duke brothers of this place, passed away at her home on W. Mill street, November 9th at 8 P. M.

Deceased was born in Massachusetts 75 years ago. She came to Oregon about seven years ago and has resided here since.

She leaves to mourn her loss six children, all residents of Portland and all were at her bedside when she passed away. They are: J. H. Duke, A. W. Duke, Maude Duke, Etta Duke, Mrs. A. J. Clarke and Cecil Duke.

She was laid to rest beside her husband at Riverview Cemetery. Floral tributes were many.

## JAMES MAGUIRE NOW A GRANGER

Joined Lents Grange Last Saturday—Meeting Was Well Attended.

The last meeting of Lents Grange was held Saturday at which time councilman James Maguire of Portland was one of a class of seven to take the first and second degrees of the grange work.

The meeting was brimful of interesting topics and was attended by a good percent of the members.

The program was opened by a number of recitations from little folks. Mr. Hayes introduced the question of "Our National Revenues," which was also discussed briefly by Mr. Darnall, who called attention particularly to a recent article in the Bulletin on Tariff Studies. Mrs. Hawks, a representative of the Mothers' Congress, gave a talk on child training which was responded to by J. D. Lee and Mrs. Hawkins. Councilman Maguire spoke briefly concerning his acquaintance with and appreciation of the Grange. During the business session some consideration was given to the questions pending in regard to amendments to the bylaws of the State Grange. This question was not put to vote and will be taken up again at the next meeting, which will occur on the second Saturday of December.

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## NEW GRAFTER IS WORKING IN LENTS

Of all the grafters that prey on the people the grafter that seeks to procure money by pleading some other persons' miseries is the lowest. The publicity that has been giving to the unfortunate conditions surrounding Mrs. Haskins and her family has found one person mean enough to take advantage of her by soliciting on the information so widely scattered. He presented himself at several places of which we know and represented that he was employed by the W. C. T. U. to accept donations of money for the family. However the persons who gave should have known better. The W. C. T. U. always furnishes people with proper credentials in cases of this kind that you should ask to see. He declined all gifts except money, and said there were three children, while there are seven. If his receipts amount to anything we would be glad to hear of it and if advisable will try to ascertain his whereabouts. He was a young man and gave his name as Wilson.

## LAFFERTY BECOMES SUDDENLY ACTIVE



HON. A. W. LAFFERTY

Representative Lafferty believes in being the first in the field, evidently, and has announced his intention of addressing the voters on the "political issues of the day," in and near the city the coming week.

This announcement is not, however, found in the news columns of the city press, as his more fortunate opponents are likely to be, but instead is run as an "advertisement." Mr. Lafferty, it seems, has been the object of much undue uncomplimentary remarks by the city press, following that little episode in Washington recently. The Scripps-McRae "million dollar penny sheet" now comes forth championing his cause, as are also many labor leaders.

Perhaps Lafferty is really working in the interests of us common folks and as a result is receiving his "just dues from the interests." If this is so, he may be able to convince us when he speaks here.

The date announced is Wednesday, November 22, at Alcazar Hall. Saturday he speaks at Gresham.

It may also be said that he has numerous friends here who are openly supporting him and denouncing his ridiculers.

## MASONIC FRATERNITY BUSY IN THIS LOCALITY

Since the recent illness and death of Mrs. Brady's daughter Grace, the Arleta Masonic lodge and the Portland relief committee have made every effort to render such assistance as would be accepted. Some of the neighbors have complained of the order's inattention. Their claims are without reason, for members of the order have repeatedly offered their assistance.

Mrs. Brady has not required such favors up to the present, although it is probable that some help may be given her yet.

## YOUNG FOLKS PLANNING TO ASSIST WIDOW AND CHILDREN

The past week several interested persons have called at The Herald office and asked information concerning the Haskins family with the idea of assisting her in securing the necessities of life.

Mrs. J. Ulrich of Mt. Scott, called in the interests of the Mt. Scott Alliance, a young people's organization of the church on Mt. Scott. After visiting the home of Mrs. Haskins and seeing for herself the pitiable condition of this widow with seven little children dependent on her, she reported back to the Alliance that it was certainly a worthy case, with the result that a Thanksgiving offering of clothes and food is being prepared by these young folks of the rural district.

The Queen Esther Circle of the Methodist church of Gresham has become interested in the case and will assist them in every way they can.

Mr. Lang, an employe of Gevurtz Bros. of Portland, reading of her plight in the paper recently, took up a subscription among the employes of the

## ANNUAL APPLE EXHIBIT IS ON

Show Opened Wednesday Morning In Yeon Building—To Last Four Days—Visitors Many.

Old King Apple, Oregon's merry monarch, arrived in state in Portland Wednesday morning, adjusted his crown, gripped his scepter, mounted the throne and took up his brief reign of four days in the Yeon building. The pomological sovereign is here to preside over the select and classy annual apple show, not so large, perhaps as last year, but for quality and beauty the exhibits would be hard to beat.

There are more than 3000 boxes on display, representing all the leading orchard sections of the state, and an endless number of plate exhibits. The foremost growers of Oregon are on hand for the keen competitors that always form an interesting feature of the show.

Hood River, The Dalles, Dufour and Mosier Valley, all have noteworthy sections in the big show, while other sections and individual orchards have presented displays that are gems.

One dainty little exhibit is a five-box display consisting of one box of Yellow Newtowns, one of Ortleys, one Red Cheek Pippin and two Spitzenbergs, which were packed by Ann Shepard, the 9-year-old daughter of E. H. Shepard, the Pioneer Hood River orchardman.

The leading varieties shown are Spitzenbergs, Yellow Newtowns, Rome Beauties, Arkansas Backs, Northern Spies, Red Cheek Pippins, Hyde Kings

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## PASSING OF THE OLD ALCAZAR

The old Alcazar Theatre, the first moving picture show in the Mount Scott district, is no more. It died a natural death, which has been expected for some time, despite the fact that heroic measures were enacted in an effort to restore it to health and prosperity. But its usefulness had passed and, like a fickle sweetheart, the theatre-going public transferred its attentions to the new theatre when it opened three weeks ago. It had changed hands several times and as many times came near "going under." However, our new theatre is worthy of our entire attention, and its efforts at entertaining its patrons should be remembered and commended by all.

The machine and other paraphernalia of the old theatre has been moved to Ridgefield, Wash.

## RULE OF PORTLAND WATER BOARD BECOMES OPPRESSIVE

When the city of Portland took over the old Woodmere water works last summer, great improvements, both in management and service were looked for in the Mt. Scott district. But, the only improvement noticeable is the promptness with which water is shut off when toll is not forthcoming within the hour.

With a district as large as this and growing as rapidly as it is, wouldn't it seem that a branch office would not only be logical but a convenience to patrons and an improvement to the management?

But no, when your rent is due you must quit your work, for a half day, trail 6 miles to Portland, thence to the City Hall and "form in line" and wait another half or three-quarters of an hour before you can get a chance to explain your mission, and then perhaps you are told you "can not pay it until you bring your old receipts."

If you fail to do this once a month you are liable to come home some night and find your water pipes dry—all be-

cause you "failed to pay up in the 24 hours given you."

Recently the water was turned off at a home in Lents for this reason. Through death and sickness it was simply impossible to journey to town to pay it. But the Water Board's Rule must be observed and off went the water. Certainly it is good policy to have strict rules, and enforce them but to enforce rules of this kind under these conditions, becomes almost despotic and oppressive.

Now, Supt. Dodge, couldn't you arrange to establish a local office in the district for the convenience of the water consumers, or put a local collector in charge of the same? Something should be done, and done soon.

## POOR JUDGES!

A Judge in Seattle was recently horse-whipped in court by a woman because he reversed the jury's verdict and ruled against the defendant. Between the recall, women suffrage and his own idea of the law, a judge is certainly handicapped these days.