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### MEYERS GETS GOOD SENTENCE

Received Two-year Sentence and \$1000 Fine—Judge Gatens Gives Him Severe Scoring.

Tuesday morning was a date of interest to many Lents people who were reminded of the late failure of the Mt. Scott Bank, for it was on that date that the ex-president of the bank, F. N. Myers, was to appear in court and make a statement of his case or receive sentence. Several Lents people were present long before court opened. Before the court was ready to listen to the Myers case it was evident that some movement was on to secure the self-acknowledged guilty man some advantage. A brief conference with the attorney retained for the depositors revealed that it was the intention of Myers to ask for a continuance, but depositors and attorney both opposed any such action. When the case was called, Myers and his attorney were ready to state their reasons for a continuance of the parole. His attorney, Mr. LaForce, argued that since Myers had pled guilty that about \$2000 of the deficiencies of the bank had been paid off and that it was felt that with a continuance for another 90 days would be able to materially reduce the losses. He pled that already over thirty-five per cent had been cleared up and that in the period named it would be probable that at least 65 per cent would be made up. He claimed that he had assisted in closing up two cases the past month or so, and that there were several suits now pending that would greatly increase the assets.

Mr. Idleman spoke for the depositors. He asserted that not over 65 per cent of the liabilities could be realized from the assets. That so far as he knew Myers had had nothing to do with the collections so far and had been of no assistance whatever. It was generally understood that whatever had been accomplished had been done by the receiver, and Mr. Cleland, representing the receiver, verified this statement.

The judge then called for the statutes on the case and read the penalty for receiving deposits after the bank was known by the officers to be insolvent. He then ordered the defendant to stand up. "For thus offending the law you are sentenced to pay a fine of \$1000 and to a sentence of two years in the penitentiary." The decision of the judge came so sudden that Myers and his attorney were both completely surprised. Myers continued to stand, and he began to explain and argue that he had expected to present to the judge but that he understood that the sentence would not be passed until the afternoon and that he had expected to have a private opportunity to make explanations. The judge then stated that "with the unusual prosperity of Oregon has experienced the last 10 years, there has been no need for banks going broke. There has been no need for crooked banking. In this case, the people trusted their savings with you and have been deceived. Of all the people on earth who should be square, it is a banker. He should be held to strict account of all losses occurring through the defalcation of the institution, if such should happen. If a man comes to a bank and wishes to borrow money, the borrower is first required to give first-class security. This is proper. On the other hand, if a man deposits money in the bank, the only security he has is the honesty of the man managing the institution. This looks unfair to me."

"I recently received a letter from a woman who stated she signed a note when the bank was first instituted to boost the institution. The bank failed, and she is now being sued to force payment of the note. To me, this is high-way robbery. I notice that the great majority of depositors in the Mt. Scott bank were small home owners and hard working people. The loss of 65 per cent of their savings will be a hard blow to them."

"Unless the defendant or his friends can show me that the depositors have been paid dollar for dollar, no consideration."

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### LOCKHARD CONFESSES GUILT

Man Arrested By Constable Hall Changes Plea to Guilty--Says Partner Tried to Poison Him.

Leon Lockhard, who was arrested with J. F. Hawkes, after he had made a confession to Constable Hall, implicating Hawkes and himself in more than a dozen robberies, changed his plea of not guilty to guilty in Judge Gatens' Court Monday. Sentence was deferred until after the trial of Hawkes, against whom the state will use Lockhard as a witness.

In making his plea Monday Lockhard reiterated to Judge Gatens the charge that Hawkes tried to murder him by putting strychnine in his food. Both Hawkes and Lockhard have served penitentiary sentences. The state foresees difficulty in convicting Hawkes, as he is rich. His wealth is estimated at from \$60,000 to \$100,000. He has employed counsel and proposes to make a hard fight.

Lockhard told Judge Gatens that Hawkes had rented a ranch near Lents as a rendezvous and as a place to take cattle, horses, chickens and other plunder which he says they stole. He declared that he was "down and out" when Hawkes made the proposal that they go into the robbing business on a wholesale scale, and that Hawkes had not paid him as promised. The poisoning episode brought about his determination to make a confession to the authorities, he said.

Much of the plunder has been recovered from caches, the locations of which were divulged by Lockhard to Hall and deputy sheriff Phillips, who have handled the case and who will be active in the prosecution.

### EVENING STAR GRANGE NOTES

A large number of members attended the regular meeting of the Evening Star Grange on Saturday Dec. 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Degrees were given to one new member.

After the banquet, lecture hour was observed. J. G. Kelly gave a very interesting talk about the proper time and method of applying fertilizers and also told how the right kind should be selected.

"The Santa Claus Myth" was discussed in a short paper by Clifton Johnson. S. F. Ball enumerated the various inventions and made appropriate remarks concerning them. Mrs. Mary Gebhart discussed the comparative cost of wood and coal and the relative convenience in using both.

Mrs. L. D. Elliott gave a good list of reference works for the farm and home use. Dr. J. E. Nelson gave his ideas of preparing for initiatory work, which were very good. Miss Frances Johnson gave a reading which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. H. L. Vail told of the work done in the National Grange.

In secret session an amendment of article 8 Sec. 4 of the by-laws was adopted, thereby raising the dues of Evening Star Grange from (10c) ten cents a month to fifteen (15c) a month.

The annual election of officers then took place resulting as follows: Master, J. J. Johnson; Overseer, L. D. Elliott; Lecturer, Mrs. J. E. Nelson; Secretary, Mrs. M. M. Eaton; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma Spooner; Chaplain, Mrs. E. A. Kelly; Stewart, E. J. Spooner; Assistant Stewart, J. E. Nelson; Lady Assistant Stewart, Lora Beckner; Gate Keeper, Andrew Holm; Ceres, Adda Calvin; Pomona, Fern Allen; Flora, Clara Ogilvie.

#### A Terrible Blunder

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### ASKS COUNTY TO PAY TOLL

Friction Between County Commissioners Causes a Come Back at Electric Company.

Because the Portland Railway Light & Power Co. refused to grant as low rates as the county commissioners asked for lighting the poor farm at Troutdale and the new county court house, the commissioners are now attempting to force payment from the company for use of the Foster road on which the company's high tension wires are strung clear through to the Clackamas line, as well as other lines. Monday the following letter was sent to Pres. Josephson:

"In looking over our records we have ascertained that you have no franchise over our roads for your electric light and power poles. Inasmuch as we are paying your company for the services you give the county, we think it is no more than fair that you should pay a reasonable sum for the use of our roads. We will be glad to take this matter up with you at once."

There is an intimation that the poles might be declared nuisances and removed from the highways. The state law giving telephone and telegraph companies the right to string wires along county roads, subject to the control of county courts, makes no mention of poles carrying trolley or power wires. Hence the County Commissioners consider they have the company "up a tree."

"When the question of supplying lighting current for the Courthouse and Multnomah Farm came up some time ago we asked for a much lower rate than we received," said County Judge Cleaton. "We considered the rate we mentioned reasonable. As it is, we are paying more than the large department stores. So we thought the county should have a better rate than private corporations, in view of the fact that county roads are being used by the company, but our pleadings fell on deaf ears."

"Now we propose to use the same half-bushel measure in dealing with the company. The company dealt with us on what its officers called a strictly business basis and we now propose to deal with them on the same basis. Why should the county allow this company the use of its county roads for nothing when the company insists on charging the county a good stiff rate for electrical lighting?"

### SKELETON OF MAN FOUND ON SANDY

Discovered By Two Men on Pleasure Bent—Dead 6 or 8 Months.

While George Douthit and John Horsner were walking around near the Sandy river near Lusted last Sunday they came upon the skeleton of a man. The coroner was notified and came out Monday and took the remains to Portland. The man was evidently walking near a ledge of rock which gave way carrying him over about forty foot embankment. He was found face down on a large flat rock crushing his face and skull. Only two gold teeth were found as identification marks, every thing else seemed to be washed away, there being a spring above and a continual stream of water pouring down on the remains. It is supposed the body has been there from eight to twelve months.

### LENTS GRANGE MEETS SATURDAY

Lents Grange will hold an all day meeting Saturday Dec. 9th, at which time a class of 10 are expected to take the third and fourth degrees.

A good lecture program has been provided for and open to the public following the noon repast. The annual election of officers will take place on that date.

### ST. JOHNS OFFERS LENTS ADVICE

Says That Lents Should Incorporate--Taxes Said to Be Lower There Than in Portland.

The St. Johns Review in commenting on the Herald's recent straw ballot on the annexation, incorporation, or remain as we are question, rises to remark that incorporation would be the best thing the town could do.

It also corrects a statement made that taxes were higher there than in Portland and goes even further, declaring that taxes in St. Johns are even lower than Portland's despite their many improvements. The review says: The Beaver State Herald has started to take a straw vote upon annexation with Portland by Lents district.

The Herald says: "Foes of incorporation point to St. Johns as an example. It will be remembered that this place is conceded to have made a failure of separate government. Why? Look at their docks, harbor improvements, city hall, fire house, etc., it tells the tale. They 'went in too deep,' to use a slang expression and levied taxes that have been unheard of in an effort to meet these debts."

This is unnecessary. Because we incorporate, we do not have to build a new city over night. It is believed the working people—the home owners—are in a sufficient majority to vote taxes consistent with the average wealth of the town.

In spite of St. Johns having secured more improvements than any suburb of Portland ever dreamed of securing, our taxes are even below those of Portland. The past year, for instance, they were 20 per cent both in city and school, below the tax levy of Portland, saving the people of St. Johns more than \$10,000 in taxes over what it would have been had this city been part of Portland. The next levy will undoubtedly show as large a discrepancy in our favor. Instead of being a failure the city of St. Johns will stand as a shining monument to what may be accomplished by a small incorporated city when its people have the grit and will go after public improvements—and get them. The "unheard of" taxes was not what induced the vote on annexation. They will come after we have become a part of Portland. The hope of getting what Arleta expected to get and didn't (a paid fire department) was one of the things, and a few other things of like nature, all expected, nothing assured, was what turned the scale."

During a week one man who voted for annexation dropped in to say that if he could he would like to change his vote to "incorporation."

The final vote it will be remembered gave annexation a plurality of only two votes. The annexation question will not be settled until the next election.

St. Johns offers good advice and we are glad to publish the Review's statement in order that the mistake be corrected.

#### W. C. T. U. NOTES.

The regular meeting of the Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. Peter Conklin's.

The devotions led by Mrs. Chrisman were more than usually uplifting her theme being "The Glad Tidings." After business was transacted a program of varied talent was rendered. An able paper was read by Mrs. Sommerfeld showing the methods of observing Christmas, and an appeal for a truer, better, more Christ like spirit.

Arrangements were completed for the Crusade Birthday Party to be held next Wednesday (Dec. 13.) at Mrs. Additions. A literary and musical program will be rendered at this meeting.

The Crusade anniversary is one of the Red Letter Days of the organization. It is the anniversary of the Womans' Crusade which was the "cradle" of the W. C. T. U.

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### TWO COUPLES ARE WEDDED

Miss Irene Miles Weds Portland Man--E. S. Simmon's Marriage a Complete Surprise to All.

Alfred A. Eustis, of Portland, and Miss Irene Louise Miles, of Lents, were married December 2nd, at the home of the bride, 1009 East Yamhill, Portland. It was a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion. Paul T. Anderson, a student of Willamette University, was best man and Miss Blanche Lextz, of Gates Crossing, brides maid. Rev. Boyd Moore, pastor of the M. E. church of Lents, performed the ceremony. After the ceremony luncheon was served in good taste and the guests showed their appreciation by showering sweet sayings and rice on the couple as they took their leave on their honeymoon.

E. S. Simmons, son of E. G. Simmons living on Foster road, gave his parents and relatives a happy surprise Monday, Dec. 4, when he brought home with him, after a long absence, his bride-to-be, Mrs. June Carey. No time was lost and at 8 o'clock P. M. they were happily joined in holy wedlock by Rev. Boyd Moore, pastor of the M. E. church. After the honeymoon they will make their home in Portland.

The Herald extends congratulations to both these happy couples.

### COLUMBIA GRANGE MET SATURDAY

The meeting of the Columbia Grange, Saturday December second, was one of the most enjoyable of the entire year. Twenty-eight members were present and all seemed to be glad they were.

The first important business was the election of the officers for the coming year. The voting went along smoothly and rapidly, several being elected on the first ballot. A wind storm was howling outside making it hard to hear, but every one was in excellent spirits and determined to do their best in spite of this. The following were elected: Mr. R. P. Rasmussen, Master; Mrs. James Pounder, Overseer; Miss Abbie G. Stites, Lecturer; Mr. Wm. Deaver Jr., Steward; Mrs. Geo. Kinierem Sr., Chaplain; Mrs. Clara E. Smith, Treasurer; Mr. Roy Anderson, Secretary; Mr. James Pounder, Gate-keeper; Miss Ethel Smith, Ceres; Miss Alice Rasmussen, Pomona; Miss Helen Deaver, Flora; Mrs. P. Anderson, Lady Assistant Steward; Messrs. Fred Brahm and Lewis Deaver, Directors.

The program was better than usual. The way some of the young people responded to the Lecturer's call, must have made her feel good indeed.

Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Rasmussen and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Smith gave a piano solo and Miss Stites a recitation. Mr. R. Kinierem read a poem and Mr. Bentfield told a story. The principal topic for the day was "Fertilizers." Messrs. Braem, Roy Anderson and Rasmussen spoke upon different parts of the subject in an interesting manner. Several others took part in the discussion which followed. The topic "Preparation for the Initiatory Work" was well presented by Mr. Leob. During the discussion following it was suggested that the new officers learn their parts as early in the year as possible, and meet for special practice until able to do the work well.

A social for Grangers and their friends will be given on Saturday evening Dec. thirtieth. The ladies are to provide coffee and cake, while the gentlemen are to arrange for some good music. A number of the older members have done so much of this kind of work recently that it is to be hoped that the young folks will show their appreciation by helping more.

A special effort is to be made next month to have a good program and each member is to invite at least one visitor. The dinner will be prepared by the gentleman and each lady is to give a toast on "man" prizes being awarded for the best and worst ones. If the gentleman serve as good a meal as we enjoyed Saturday it will surely be their fault if any of them remain bachelors much longer.

### J. J. JOHNSON FOR CONGRESS

Lents Man Urged to Enter Contest--Is Man of Sterling Worth, Integrity and Ability.



J. J. JOHNSON.

Among the persons who have stood the highest in Grange work in this state it is admitted that past state lecturer, J. J. Johnson ranks without a superior. His work has given the standard of grange work in Oregon a publicity throughout the country that has won credit wherever it has been made known, and we may safely say that those who have least appreciated it, were some of those persons who might have been the most benefited by it had they had the proper attitude and ability to appreciate it. That, however, is neither here nor there. Mr. Johnson has spent his entire life in the vicinity of Portland. He was educated in Multnomah County, and the State Agricultural college. He grew up on the farm on the north slope of Mt. Scott, and continued to live there to within the last three years. His first public work was as a teacher in the schools of the county. While teaching and farming he took up the study of law and has been practicing for several years. His position in the Grange has given him a large acquaintance especially among the members of that order. He is a member of the Foresters, the Artisans the Odd Fellows and of the Masonic order in this county. Throughout his career we understand, his page of history reads clear. He has never been much of a politician, his duties have been too numerous, and his natural reticence too compelling. But all virtues have their reward and it has been decided by a number of Mr. Johnson's friends that his virtues and ability entitle him to a higher recognition and they will urge him to allow his name to go before the people of this Congressional District with the view of securing the nomination for the position of representative from this district. There is absolutely no reason why Mr. Johnson should not accede to the request, except perhaps that he may feel that the financial demands of the position would be in excess of his ability. However it would be a highly commendable thing to have the county represented by a man of average circumstances. That is the kind of men we want in Congress. Congress should not be a millionaire's club.

While the Bulletin is not a political organ, and is not going to electioneer for Johnson, it will recognize that Mr. Johnson stands for all the good things for which the order stands, as well as a thorough knowledge of the needs of the state, and it will commend him accordingly.—Pacific Grange Bulletin.

The above taken from the Bulletin expresses the sentiments of the Herald. Mr. Johnson is a product of this immediate vicinity, having lived within the boundaries of the Lents precinct most of his life. He is well known by every old resident of this part of the country. Most of his relatives still live near this place. He is a member of various lodges in and about Lents. It is only natural that Lents and Mt. Scott people should look favorably on his candidacy. It may require some persuasion to get Mr. Johnson to coincide with the opinions of the various friends who have suggested it to him, but if the way

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