

## HUGE BLAST IS SUCCESSFUL

Over Thirty Thousand Yards of Stone Moved by Six-Ton Blast at Kelly Butte—Witnessed by Many.

The large blast fired Saturday, Dec. 31, at Kelly Butte Quarry, was the largest attempted by the county authorities as well as the most successful. Some thirty thousand yards of stone were moved.

For some time past Quarry Supt. W. A. Eatchel has had a squad of prisoners driving the long tunnel and laterals to receive the charge of explosives necessary to move the above quantity of stone. The tunnel, or Coyote hole as it is usually spoken of, was of standard size for this type of work and one hundred and fifty-five feet long, including laterals.

The material cost of driving the tunnel was the lowest on record for this section, being 36 cents per lineal foot of tunnel driven. In the tunnels were placed six tons of special Red Cross Quarry powder, divided in several charges all connected up with electric exploders to be fired with a battery by leading wires run over the hill one thousand feet from the blast.

After the Galvanometer test had shown all the connections were perfect, and the large number of spectators, including the County Commissioners, County Road Superintendent and County Surveyor, who had gone out to see the blast fired, were stationed at a convenient location, the word was given, the battery pulled and in less time than it takes to tell it, a dull roar was heard, the earth all around shook like a quake, the whole surface of the quarry, over and around the charge of powder, vibrated, raised and fell outward with a deafening roar, the stone being ground up so that little work will be required to get it ready for the crusher.

The thirty thousand yards of stone blasted down in this shot was at a cash cost for material of 4.6 cents per cubic yard for the rough stone. This included the cost of material for driving the tunnel as well as for the powder and exploders used for the blast. The labor of driving the tunnel was done by the prisoners under the direction of Quarry Supt. Eatchel, the item of saving on driving the tunnel alone exceeded five hundred dollars. The work of placing the charge of powder, as well as gauging and connecting up the electric wiring, was done by Supt. Eatchel.

There was enough rock moved by this blast, when crushed, to build fifteen miles of standard macadam road, and it will keep the crusher plant at the quarry running for more than a year.

Those in position to know the economy in doing this work complimented Mr. Eatchel on the splendid execution of the blast, as it showed in every way a comprehensive knowledge of doing this type of work.

## ATTY GROESBECK LATEST BENEDICT

Journeys to Arkansas to Wed Sweetheart of Former Days—Bride of Old Southern Family.

When Attorney Rollo C. Groesbeck came up missing about December 16th, some little anxiety was felt for his safety as to his whereabouts. Some wondered why he should take "French leave" but all were set at ease last week when The Herald announced that it had not only discovered his whereabouts but the reason for the sudden journey, and here it is:—On December 27 Rollo C. Groesbeck of Lents, Ore., led to the altar of matrimony Miss Mary L. O'Bryan of Hot Springs, Ark., the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's brother at Little Rock Ark.

The groom is too well known here to need any further introduction but a word about the bride may be in order. She is a daughter of an old-time southern family of influence and wealth and is herself a very beautiful and an accomplished musician. She is an active church worker and has a host of friends at the home she left.

The newly weds have not decided just where they will reside but it will probably be in Lents.

## STRANGLER SMITH TO WRESTLE HERE

Will Meet Oscar Gustafson for Pacific Northwest Championship Monday Night.

In answer to Strangler Smith's challenge after his victory over Jepson last Saturday night Oscar Gustafson, champion middle weight wrestler of Sweden and claimant of the Pacific Coast championship, said quickly: "I accept.—I have been trying to get a hold of you for a long time, but each time you seemed to slip by me." Well, says Smith "you haven't tried very hard and any way you had better get in and dig now."

John Berg, champion light heavy weight was present and backed Gustafson, a protegee of his, for \$100 against Smith.

The match is to be pulled off in the Grange hall Monday Jan. 8 commencing at 8:30 P. M.

Two good preliminaries are announced, one for the championship of Mount Scott. This will be between Billy Allen and Frank S. Wilson.

The main event is for 75 per cent of the gate receipts. The conditions agreed upon by both men: Two best of three falls, pin falls only to count. Strangle holds are barred. The referee is to be chosen at ring side.

The side bet of \$100 has been posted and both men are training hard. Smith at the Policemen's gymnasium with Demetral and Gustafson with Berg.

Both will weigh in at 7:30 at Mac's pool hall, the weight of each to be 145 lbs. Smith though being oldest of the two, has the advantage of experience and wind.

Those who have seen both work say however that it will be a battle royal from start to finish.

The Swedish champion is no novice and the fact that he offstod the onslaught of Jepson for one whole hour is a great item in his favor. During this time he worked on the defensive all the time, neither man going to the mat.

Reserved seats are on sale at Mac's place now. Interest is running high and this match bids fair to arouse considerable enthusiasm. The management says that this is absolutely guaranteed to be a clean wholesome athletic go and ladies are cordially invited to witness it. No rowdism, profane language, or smoking will be tolerated.

## W. S. BOHN LAID TO REST IN MT. SCOTT

W. S. Bohn, son of W. G. Bohn, well known lumberman of Division street, passed away at his home, 1391 Division street, Dec. 17, and was buried at Mt. Scott Park Cemetery Dec. 21. A large circle of relatives and friends paid their last respects to this well known man, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

## KIDDIES ENJOY THE ISIS SHOW

Nearly 200 kiddies were extended an invitation by Santa Claus last Friday night to enjoy the show at the Isis Theatre, courtesy of the management, Messrs. Helms and Rockwell. To say that they enjoyed it, is to put it extremely mild.

Flocking to the front, as children do, they were all eyes and ears for about an hour. Then little hands clapped with rapture whenever any particular thing amused them and it was more fun for the grown-ups present to watch the little ones than it was to watch the show itself almost.

The children wish to thank the managers heartily for this "best of all treats" and they say that they never shall forget this kindness.

Many of the children never were in a theatre before and to them it certainly must have been a treat, for those shows are a treat to those who attend them two or three times a week.

## PUBLIC CHRISTMAS TREE BEST EVER GIVEN HERE

Hall Crowded to Its Capacity and Good Will and Good Cheer Abound Everywhere—Old Santa There—Children Receive Many Presents.

The public Christmas tree given by the Lents Improvement Club at the Grange hall last Friday eve was a pronounced success and was attended by over 300 people, of which 200 were children.

Promptly at 8 o'clock old Santa's bells were heard tingling on the street and soon he made his entrance, bringing the pleasant smile of expectation to the host of little ones present. In explaining his delay he said that he had struck mud when he came to Oregon the 25th, and had to wait until it snowed (it will be remembered a light snow fell that day.) He then announced a short musical program which was under the direction of Prof. Morton. This was well rendered and given a good hand.

After this Santa and his assistance commenced the distribution of the hundreds of toys and gifts. Each child received some present,—the boys, a toy ship, a harp, a game, a horn or a book, besides candies, nuts and oranges. The girls, received dolls, doll furniture, a game or something that delighted their little hearts.

Besides this each child was presented with a complimentary ticket to the Isis theatre, where they received the treat of their lives.

The grown-ups too, were not forgotten and the deserving poor received presents of groceries, clothes, provisions, granteware etc.

If you did not see the tree with its presents before they were distributed, you can not imagine the countless number there were.

All were given by contributions. The principal donors were: A. Geisler, E. L. Rayburn, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Miller, Mrs. T. Bright, Multnomah State Bank, McNeil Bros., Thomas Bros. Lents Pharmacy, Lents Hardware Co., Egge-man Bros., Mt. Scott Bakery, Meier & Frank, Portland, A. Bohns, A. Mortend and Grange store.

Those who rendered valued assistance in preparing for the fete were Mrs. T. Bright, Misses Elsie and Hazel Bright, Mrs. E. W. Miller, Mrs. McNeil, Wm. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Simonson, Mrs. L. H. Additon, Prof. Morton and others whose names we did not secure.

## Gresham Apple of Gold in a Picture of Silver

By ADDISON BENNETT in Sunset—the Pacific Monthly.

THREE of the best wagon roads in the state lead east from Portland. Two of these, the Powell Valley and the Section Line, pass through Gresham, twelve miles out, and the celebrated Base Line highway runs one and one-half miles to the north, with a splendid road running down to the town. All of these roads are kept in perfect repair and well oiled, making them dustless. By any of these roads the trip between the Gresham and Portland postoffices can be made by auto in twenty minutes, or even less, between the city limits of the two places it is less than five miles.

The extension of the Portland street railway, the O. W. P. Co., has an electric line leading through Gresham, the trip being made in less than an hour, the fare being 25 cents, and as low as twenty cents by commutation tickets. This road runs 30 splendid trains a day. The new Portland-Mt. Hood electric also passes through the town with six trains each day.

So Gresham is a suburb of Portland; yet the little city of nearly a thousand people relies upon the resources of its surrounding country for its support, and this is the very cream of the choicest agricultural section in Oregon. For fruit it cannot be excelled in the world. The famous Webb orchards which have made the Royal Anne cherries so celebrated, lie about two miles to the north; many of Oregon's prize-winning apples were grown in the surrounding orchards; the strawberries shipped extensively from there are the most luscious that ever touched the lips of human; the peaches, pears, apricots, prunes and cane fruits are equal to any grown in the world.

The land as a rule is cut up into small tracts, hence the environs are thickly settled. A dozen rural free delivery routes traverse the surrounding country, four of them from the Gresham office. And the patronage of this office has so increased that the salary of the postmistress is now \$1,500 per year; in 1900 her stipend was less than \$20 per month. It is the model third-class office in the country both in equipment and management.

Gresham has the first call on Portland's famous Bull Run water supply, the two 48-inch mains, being tapped in the town and the water distributed through a system of ten-inch cast iron pipes. No other small town in the world has as fine a water-supply or as good water; and no matter how large the town grows there will be no short-

age for fire, sprinkling or domestic use.

Gresham has splendid streets, over three miles of cement sidewalks, and much more soon to be laid; two strong banks, many stores with as fine stocks as you will find in the ordinary city of 10,000. There are now being built or just completed over 40 residences and ten business blocks. The place is as well lighted as any city in the country, and as cheaply.

As a dairy district there is none in Oregon that surpasses the Gresham country. The low freight rates and splendid service of the O. W. P. Co. enables the dairymen to ship their milk to Portland at a large profit. The vegetable gardens and berry patches thereabout are money-makers almost beyond belief, for these products can reach as good a market as there is in the country in an hour.

A long chapter could be written of the small landowners who are making toward a competency, people who have bought only recently. As much could be said about the present low prices of land, thus offering inducements not to be duplicated in the Northwest.

A lovely, moral, progressive home town; fine churches; the best schools; every modern improvement to make life worth living; practically in a large city and yet not of it; away from the hurly-burly of the crowded streets of a great metropolis and yet within instant touch with all its market, social and amusement features.

Such is charming Gresham, lying in the heart of Multnomah county like "an apple of gold in a picture of silver"; and her citizens invite any good, industrious people who want a home to come and investigate the opportunities here offered.

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M. E. CHURCH.

Preaching at 10:45 A. M. Subject: "Friend of the Church." Evening: "A Woman's Care About Many Things; Not More Important Than Sitting at the Feet of the Master." Parents, your children will find a cordial welcome to all these services. Don't let him go off with "Jack" to the park, rink, nickelodeon, or pool room, for "Jack" will take him from the pool room to the rock pile, or make him a public menace. I insist on his attending the services of the church, for men who give up the cultivation of their moral nature, grow wild, betray trust, and make "undesirable" citizens. "No man is too old to learn." W. Boyd Moore, Pastor.

## BRUTE ATTEMPTS OUTRAGE ON CHILD

Catches Little Nine-Year Old Girl on Way Home and Drags Her to Lonely Spot—Child Escapes.

Another outrage on a little child was attempted by a brute in man's clothing last Wednesday eve, when a man of about 40 years of age, wearing a black hat and grey overcoat, stopped little 9-year old Florence Farnham near the schoolhouse on Main street and asked her if she wanted a little puppy. She attempted to pass him but he seized her and dragged her underneath the old school, now nearly torn down.

The child screamed and fought and after a tussle succeeded in escaping unhurt but terribly frightened.

She ran home, which is one block east and one block north of this place, where she reported the affair. Her father and brothers, angered, and "up in arms," set out to find the brute if possible. A man answering the child's description of her assailant was spied by one of the boys but succeeded in making his get-a-way.

Constable Hall was notified about an hour after the affair and he and Sid Price scoured the vicinity, but to no avail.

Crimes such as these have become all too frequent the past months and a vigilant watch should be kept for the fiendish perpetrators.

## WHERE KANSAS WEALTH IS

The per capita wealth of Kansas is greater than that of any other state, and it is the farmer that has the money.

Kansas has a population of 1,686,647 men, women and children. The total assessed value of all real and personal property is \$1,777,073,762. This gives a per capita wealth of \$1,046.31.

Carrying out the per capita figures for the different counties of the state it is shown that the farmers could cash in their property for more than the dwellers in the cities.

Cherokee County is the poorest in the state, there being only about \$745 for each person in that county. But there is a large foreign population there that works in the mines and owns little or no property.

Clark County, away out in the south-west corner of the state, once a part of the Great American Desert, is where the real wealth is, showing \$3,372 for each person in that county, the largest "per capita" in the state. Crawford, Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Osage all have large mining or industrial populations and consequently small per capita valuations. Wyandotte has \$1,045.79 for each person in the county, and practically every county in the western two-thirds of Kansas exceeds the average per capita for the entire state.

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## SEVEN TO SQUARE MILE IN OREGON

Some interesting comparisons are shown by Government figures on Oregon's population, just gleaned from the last census by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The number of people in the square mile from 4.3 in 1900 to 7 in 1910. The drift of population during the decade was toward the cities and away from the farms. Ten years ago the percentage of people in cities of 2500 or more was 32.2 and on the farms 67.8; in 1910 this was changed, with 45.6 in the cities and 54.4 in rural Oregon. Harney, Lake and Malheur counties average less than one person to the square mile.

## RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL

New Building Open Entire Day to Inspection By Residents—Good Program Prepared.

Plans are being perfected for a big house warming or reception at the new school house in Lents on the twelfth of this month. A large reception committee has been selected and the following personal invitation is being sent out to many of the parents. All however are invited to be present:—You are invited to a Public Reception and House Warming Friday P. M. Jan 12, 1912. This will give all the patrons and friends of the Lents Public School an opportunity to inspect the fine new school building provided by the school board of Portland. This new building is the pride of Lents District and we want all to inspect it. The teachers will be glad to meet the parents of the children attending their respective grades. A program will be given during the afternoon consisting of vocal and instrumental selections and school drills by the pupils in the assembly hall. Visitors will have a chance to see the school work in the various rooms. There will also be an exhibit of drawing, sewing and manual training. Children are taking great interest in this day and we hope to see you present. The School Board and School Superintendents are invited to be present. For further particulars see Program. A. F. Herschner, Prin. Lents School.

The program will be as follows:—1:30 to 2 p. m. inspection of building; 2 p. m. march by pupils; 2:15, program in assembly hall; 3:30 meeting of mothers' for organizing Mother's club. Music and gymnastic exercises will be a part of the hour's program. The exhibit of school work will be in the class rooms. The drawing and boys' wood work in hall, and the girls' sewing in the office. Short talks will be given by visitors, members of the school board, and principals and other school officers.

## AN EDITOR'S REPLY.

An Iowa editor was asked, "Do hogs pay?" He replied "A good many do not; they take the paper several years and then have the postmaster send it back marked 'refused' or 'change of address.'"

## JEPSON LOSES HANDICAP BOUT

Fails to Throw Gustafson In Hour—Match was for Three Times in That Length of Time.

Nels Jepson lost his handicap match with the Swedish champion, Oscar Gustafson, staged here Saturday night at the Grange hall.

The match was all that was said for it and intensely interesting from the word go.

From the start it was evident that Gustafson, despite his lighter weight, was too quick and long winded for his opponent. Three times Jepson bore him almost to the mat and as many times did Gustafson break his hold. In the hour, Jepson was to throw him three times, but failed to down him even once.

Strangler Smith refereed the match and gave general satisfaction. John Berg, champion light heavy-weight was present and acted as time keeper.

The preliminary between Johnson and Christenson was declared a draw but those at the ring side declare Johnson, the lighter of the two, an easy winner.

The referee failed to see the first fall Johnson secured and instead called him down when only one shoulder touched the mat. This took 7½ minutes. Johnson came back fiercely and put his man down in 3¼ minutes. Then for 19 minutes they wrestled, with "too" fail; the referee calling the bout a draw. At the close of the main event Strangler Smith challenged the winner, who accepted. Details in another column.