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Two street car lines and the best macadamised roads in the state give the town the best transportation to and from Portland.

The town has a good water supply, electric light and power, local telephone system, fire department, good streets and has under way several substantial brick and concrete business blocks.

The public school is one of the largest and best in the state, costing \$100,000.00, 900 children attending. A modern catholic school is also about completed. A good public library is located here.

Most ever denomination is represented among our churches. The fraternal societies are also well represented. We have a good band and several orchestral organizations.

Most every line of business and profession is represented here.

Lents is an ideal location for manufacturing enterprises, being well located, near Portland and in the heart of the home of working people.

The climate is unsurpassed, the soil adapted to the raising of fruits and vegetables of every description.

Lents needs more people, more business and manufacturing enterprises, a good hotel and apartment house, and several more substantial business blocks.

Desired information will be furnished by the Lents Improvement Club or The Herald.

## GRESHAM

Mrs. Chas. Cleveland entertained Mrs. J. Haines of Seattle last week.

A union watch meeting was held Sunday eve at the M. E. Church.

The Cantata rendered last Sunday night at the M. E. Church was greatly appreciated by all who heard it.

Little Mary Jane O'Reilly entertained her friends last Saturday it being her sixth birthday.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Howard a son, last Friday.

A Civil Service examination will be held at Gresham, Ore., Jan. 20th, 1912 for the position of rural carrier on route 2. Full information furnished at Gresham postoffice.

Miss Berdine Merrill, who has been ill with the smallpox, is slowly recovering. Miss Merrill is quarantined at her home here. Miss Lillian Ginder is also under quarantine.

Will Hessel will leave for southern California soon.

Work has begun on the Regner building on Main street.

Lee Merrill has gone to Bend, Ore., to assist his brother Charles in his work.

P. Michel and family went to Portland New Years to help celebrate the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. Michel's brother and wife. Mr. and Ulrich Michel. The celebration was held in the sevens hall.

Jas. McKinney and family, who recently returned from New York, have purchased lots in Whiteheads addition and are erecting a house.

Miss Ruby Emery is spending her annual vacation at her home here. Miss Emery will graduate from the Nurses Training school at the Good Samaritan Hospital in June.

A pleasant leap year surprise party was given in honor of Miss Katie Camp Thursday evening. The young ladies took the lead and called for the boys and took them to the party.

The young men's basket ball team and a school team composed of girls, will go to Estacada by special car Friday evening to play a public header.

Mr. Brown, who was shot the first of the week by Robert Sims, is suffering a great deal of pain.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The Huntington Herald after 26 years of publication, has suspended. Oregon produced products that are valued at close to \$175,999,999 during the past season.

According to the annual report of City Engineer Arnsperger, the city of Medford spent \$584,829 for public improvements in 1911.

A. L. Beeson, editor of the Huntington Herald, and leader in the recent moral wave there, has disappeared. Creditors are searching for him.

Every indication points to a large exhibit at the first annual Snake River Poultry Show to be held in Ontario January 16 to 19, inclusive.

The first annual show of the Douglas County Poultry and Pet Stock association was a success which greatly exceeded the expectations of the management.

That the state will be able to rear at least 3000 pheasants in captivity during the coming year is the belief of C. K. Cranston, chairman of the state fish and game commission.

A summary of the assessment rolls of Yamhill county, as completed by County Assessor Martin Miller, shows the total assessed value of all property within the county to be \$15,239,925.

Arrangements are being perfected by the Grasham Commercial Club to give a banquet in the new club-rooms on January 3, to which the families of the members and others are invited.

Unless the officers of the Third Regiment can recruit a sufficient number of men to make a full quota within the next few months, that regiment will be disbanded by the state's military staff.

Receipts for the year ending June 30, 1911, from the national forests in Oregon totaled \$32,612, according to the treasury department. No payment is made on account of receipts from the Umpqua forest.

At the request of the Umatilla Water-Users' Association, Senator Chamberlain will introduce a bill which will facilitate the settlement of lands on the Umatilla project that were originally acquired under the desert land act.

The Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress will hold a two-day meeting in Medford, February 3 and 4. Arrangements have been made to entertain a number of mining men and to display all the ores that can be gathered from the mines in the district.

The Southern Pacific company now has 300 men at work on the Coos Bay railroad between Eugene and the tunnel site 23 miles west of Eugene, most of them being employed at the tunnel, where the mountain has been pierced for a distance of 39 or 40 feet already through solid rock.

With a majority of the December reports yet outstanding, the total number of industrial accidents in Oregon since the new law requiring employers to report all accidents to the state went into effect, May 20, has reached 1923, according to State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff.

That an effort be made to eliminate from Oregon's public schools all teachers who have not had a high school training, and to that end to have laws to that effect passed by the next legislature, was urged at the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' Association at Portland by J. H. Ackerman. Mr. Ackerman is president of the Menmouth State Normal school.

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## COMMISSION PLAN IN MANY CITIES.

Results of New Form of Government Uniformly Favorable.

The unvarying success of the Galveston or Des Moines plan of city government has been so pronounced as almost to challenge belief. Here are the actual records of a few cities:

Gloucester.—Commission plan in effect 1906. The first year's report showed all bills paid and a reduction in the city debt of \$18,000. It is claimed that the roads and streets have been better kept at \$6,000 less annual expense. The city bookkeeping has been reformed, and the commissioners point to a reduction in the expense of caring for public property. It is still too early to demand much in the way of tangible results.

Haverhill.—Commission plan in effect in 1906. The first year's report under the new plan showed a saving of \$97,500 in running expenses. When the commission took hold the financial status of the city was very bad. It had reached both its debt limit and tax rate limit and was steadily falling behind in its payments. Appeals were being made to the legislature for an extension of the tax rate limit, but this extension has now become unnecessary. In addition the city has voted no license, the revenue from the saloons being no longer needed. The commission has been fighting a big battle against the gas and electric light monopolies to obtain lower rates for the city and for private consumers and has obtained from the people permission to resort to municipal ownership if necessary. There was fierce political opposition to the commission at the expiration of its first term, but it was re-elected. Party lines in Haverhill, which was formerly a Republican city, have been completely broken. The commission consists of two Democrats, two Republicans and a Socialist.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Commission plan in effect in 1908. The commission has reduced the tax rate and the debt, while making certain big improvements, such as the acquirement of a big island in the river out of current expenses instead of bond issues. The island is for municipal buildings in a handsome park setting, in accordance with a "city beautiful" plan devised by an expert. The police and fire department forces have been enlarged despite the reduced tax rate.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Commission plan in effect in 1908. The commission has reduced the bonded indebtedness by \$12,950, while the tax rate has remained stationary. Kansas is a prohibition state, but Leavenworth had always defied the law and allowed the saloons to exist, subject to periodical fines which brought in \$80,000 a year. The commission closed the saloons and disposed of this illegal revenue without disturbing the tax rate. Over \$200,000 was spent in special improvements the first year as against an average of \$25,000 in previous years. In the first two years under the new system six miles of street were paved as against twelve miles in the preceding twenty-five years.

## THE REFORM OF DALLAS.

How the Galveston Plan Cleaned Up a Sister Texas City.

Following Galveston and Houston, the city of Dallas took up the commission form of government and made it so completely democratic that its enemies charged it with being "populistic." Dallas incorporated into its charter the initiative, the referendum and the recall. That the new form of government has worked well in the four years it has been in operation in Dallas is shown by some of the results. A floating debt of \$207,000 was inherited from the old regime. This has been wiped out completely, and the sinking funds required by law established. At the end of the last fiscal year they contained \$441,000. From this it will be seen that in less than four years the savings of the city have amounted to \$654,000 in 1908 the profits of the city waterworks system amounted to \$100,000, and these profits are being sweetened with each succeeding year.

The forward strides of the city have been so rapid under the quickening influence of good government conditions that Dallas and the county in which it is located are preparing to build the largest concrete viaduct in the world at a cost of several million dollars. A bond issue of \$1,300,000 has been authorized by the people for public improvements, and a well developed program for the physical development of the city has been laid out. A new sewerage system is being undertaken, and Dallas citizens are preparing for another doubling of population in the decade ahead.

The city hall finds many opportunities to make its influence for greater things count in indirect ways. It was desirable that a new municipal building be erected, and to do this it was necessary to dispose of the old one. So the mayor and the commissioners, co-operating with the chamber of commerce, interested some St. Louis capitalists in a hotel proposition and landed a new \$1,000,000 hotel. They sold the old city hall and made a new one possible all in a single deal. At the same time they were trying to secure the location of a great Methodist university at Dallas, and in this also they were successful.

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