

LOCAL BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

M. G. Thorsen Replaces Eckern as Vice President—Other Officers the Same—Has Over 250 Depositors.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Multnomah State Bank of Lents was held in the Scandinavian American Bank of Portland Wednesday of this week at which time the following directors were elected: C. F. Hendricksen, President of the Scandinavian American Bank, of Portland; M. G. Thorsen, Vice President of the Scandinavian American Bank, of Portland; also President of the wholesale firm of Fisher, Thorsen & Co.; F. P. Drinker, Cashier of the First National Bank of St. Johns, Or.; Henry Harkson, investment banker and real estate dealer; H. Rostad, stockholder of Scandinavian American Bank.

After the election of directors the following officers were elected: President, C. F. Hendricksen; Vice President, M. G. Thorsen; Cashier and Manager, H. Rostad.

The name of Mr. Thorsen is the only new one on the list. He replaces Anthony Eckern as director and Vice President. No better or more able man could be secured to take the place Mr. Eckern has filled so well, and we congratulate the officers as well as the depositors in his selection. In fact the bank has as good and able roster of officers and directors as any bank in the state, be it large or small. The bank has proved its worth locally and won its way to the front ranks of the banks of the state.

The report of the cashier was read, showing that the bank has done a very good business during the year of 1911 and has now over 250 customers and about \$32,000.00 on deposit.

They have been designated as a depository by the government of the United States for the Postal Savings bank at Lents and will during the coming year also apply for designation as a depository for the county of Multnomah.

CHERRYVILLE SCHOOL MUDDLE STILL ON

By "Wayside."

The school house muddle is still on here and the directors are in a quandary as to just what to do in the matter. It appears that the directors went on and built the house under the promise of Mr. Friel Sr., that he would make out a deed after the district had cleared the school ground. Raising a tax for this purpose they called on Mr. Friel for the deed when he informed them that he had deeded the land to his daughter, Mrs. Murray, and to hold in trust for her children. The land is now held as property for minor children and probably can not be held by the district for school purposes by any manner of means. The worst of it is that the Murphys' can hold the building as it is on their property and can be claimed as their own personal property. It is doubtful if the district will be allowed to move this building and may not be allowed to even hold school there.

FORMER LENTS BOY MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

News came Sunday morning of the death of J. B. Kellar, a brother of Sid Kellar of this place, at Lakeport, Calif. He was falling timber, and it appears that a tree fell on him, causing instant death. The remains were buried at Lakeport Wednesday at 10 A. M. He was a Woodman and a member of the Redmen. Deceased was a lineman by trade. Besides his brother, his mother, Mrs. John Huntington, and a sister reside here. He leaves a wife.

M. E. CHURCH.

Preaching 11 A. M. by the Rev. J. M. Shulse, of Hannibal, Mo., and reception of members. In the evening the pastor will continue subjects as previously announced. Parents are requested to bring their children. We also make a call for men to rally to all these services. W. B. Moore, Pastor.

GRESHAM ENJOYS RENEWED ACTIVITY

First State Bank Lets Contract for Addition and Two-Story Building—Others Rumored.

Plans have been prepared by Parker & Hanfield for a two-story brick building and an addition for the First State Bank of Gresham. The main building will cover 110x35 feet. It will contain three stores on the first floor and 20 rooms on the second story, for apartments and offices.

The addition to the bank will be 20x60 feet and two stories high. It will be used for additional room for the bank. The cost of the main building and bank addition will be \$14,000.

Work on the foundation has been completed and the main structure will be erected as soon as the weather permits the work to go forward. This will be one of the most pretentious structures built in Gresham. Other buildings are projected for Gresham this year, and a substantial growth is expected.

VALENTINE DANCE PLANNED AT WOODMERE

The church club of St. Pauls Episcopal church held its regular monthly business meeting Monday evening. In spite of inclement weather enough members were present to transact the usual business.

It was unanimously decided to give a Valentine dancing party Feb. 14, at the Woodmere Hall. Miss Anabel Wagstaff, Miss Barbara McCauley and Miss Della Riden were appointed a committee on decorations. Red hearts and evergreens are to be used abundantly but the arrangement is in the hands of the committee. All members who are at leisure on the Saturday preceding the dance are requested to assist.

Punch will be served as usual in the rear of the room.

Written invitations will be sent out. The list as yet is incomplete.

Any member desiring that an invitation be sent to any friend in particular should hand in the name and address to Miss Johnson or R. D. Shepherd.

Mrs. Oswald W. Taylor, Mrs. Geo. W. Van Waters and the ladies of the Guild will serve as patronesses.

The club intends to make this a very enjoyable evening for the members and their many friends.

A new organ is to be purchased for St. Pauls church and will be in place before Easter.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

Jan. 3rd, the Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. held a Mothers' meeting at the vestery of the Evangelical church. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Lillian Clark. After the devotions, Mrs. McSloy read a very instructive paper on the care of infants. Mrs. Bradford on Spiritual development of the child, and a recitation by Mrs. Dunbar. By special request this part of the program will be repeated at the next Mothers' meeting which will be at the same place, Feb. 7. The mothers are cordially invited.

The meeting of Mt. Scott W. C. T. U. for Jan. 24th, will be held at the home of Mrs. Addition. Study theme, Social Legislation.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people of Lents for their sympathy in our hour of sadness and death of our son and brother, Bryant Kellar. We especially wish to thank Merle Blackall for his assistance. Mrs. John Huntington. Sid Kellar. Mrs. G. Wheatley.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor of the Baptist church will speak Lord's Day morning on the subject, "Justification—Its Blessedness," and in the evening on the subject, "A Plot that Failed." Everybody welcome to these services.

GROWTH OF LENTS AND MT. SCOTT SHOWN BY INCREASED REALTY SALES

One Firm Alone Sells \$152,120.00 In Past Two Years—Most of This In Contract Sales of Small Amount Down—In Individual Sales Lents Leads All Sections of the County—Its Growth Rapid and Steady.

THIRTY-FOUR HOUSES BUILT BY FIRM IN ONE YEAR

Even in Winter Season Real Estate Moving Rapidly Says Mrs. Bright, Manager of one the Largest Realty Firms in the District.

It has been said of Lents, that while it has been in existence for over forty years its recent growth has been phenomenal in that no less than 6,000 of its population has located here in the past four years.

But when you stop and consider the fact that these same 6,000 people are all (or mostly all) home builders, homeowners, is it any wonder Lents is so independent of Portland despite its closeness?

No better proof can be obtained than figures and actual sales of real estate during these years.

The Bright Realty Co. with Mrs. Thekla Bright as manager, opened its offices here in 1909. They at once commenced an active advertising campaign, were instrumental in opening up a number of additions, talked Lents, advertised Lents, and soon everyone, everywhere were talking of the town.

Soon people commenced to buy homes here for lots were offered at \$5 down and \$5 a month, while at the same time this was comparatively new everywhere and no place could they secure them for less than \$10 a month.

People soon realized that this was cheaper than paying rent and that Lents property was fast increasing in value, hence each one told the other with the result that over \$25,000 worth of property on the contract or installment plan was sold.

The year 1910 opened with increased sales. In fact it was during this year Lents was at its best. This year this company put several new additions on the market which were eagerly bought up, for the fame of the Bright Realty Co. had become known far and near through its wide advertising and its business methods which were found to be honest, courteous and straight.

In Jordan Addition 10 lots were platted and sold in one week. Then Midland Acres were put on the market. In less than two weeks the entire 16 acres were sold out, one acre at a time.

Mentone Addition and Elmo Heights were sold rapidly, no less than 50 lots in each addition being sold that year. In Liberty Heights quarter acres were sold \$5 down and \$5 a month.

The grand total of the sales this year, 1910, were \$91,565.00. A wonderful record. All other real estate firms of the district failed to reach this mark, though they too, sold an immense amount of property.

The year 1911 saw a new era in Lents home-building. The Bright Realty Co. saw another opportunity to build up the town, help the man who wanted a home, so commenced building, cottages, bungalows and small 4 and 5 room modern residences. This plan met with popular favor at once and the first year saw 34 of these homes built in Mentone and Elmo Heights.

These were sold on easy payments, with the result that 34 more families were put on the road to independence. This year's business, was \$61,095 a good record in itself.

During the first weeks of 1912 over 12 lots have been sold besides other improved real estate property. In one day 20 persons were taken out to view Lents property.

What is the reason for this firm's rapid growth you ask. There is a moral here: They advertised and then backed up their advertisements.

Then too, they made every client feel at ease by their pleasant personality, their plain every-day way of doing business.

They not only sell real estate but do notary public and conveyancing, write fire insurance in one of the best lines in the country.

By constant and everlasting advertising of this one firm Lents has grown a good thousand in population. What would it do if every one put their shoulder to the wheel? Let us hope that the 1912 business will not only keep up the pace set by former years but double or treble it.

Another Factor in Home Building There is another factor in home-building that deserves commendation and that is the methods employed by the E. W. Miller Lumber Co. in furnishing lumber of easy payment plans to those who own lots and want to build.

This company furnished the lumber for the 34 houses that the Bright Realty Co. built the last year, besides scores of others.

Equipped with a full supply of material that goes into a house they are ready at all times to figure with you on a proposition of this kind.

This company too, is enjoying a phenomenal growth during its first year of business—and advertising has been a big factor in that growth. It will be seen that this kind of advertising not only builds up the individual business but the whole town as well.

SANDY WANTS MT. HOOD LINE

Working to That End Now—Wonderfully Productive Country Would Be Tapped By Extension.

If the Sandy Commercial Club succeeds in getting an extension of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company's line built to that place this year, a large section of territory will be opened to settlement. The general plan of the extension is for a route from the present line from Cottrell to Sandy direct through a farming and extensive logged-off district. The proposed extension will have a moderate grade to Sandy. Several surveys have been made by the company, it is reported, and one along the northeast side of Sandy, but the company has yet made no move to build it.

A committee from the Sandy Commercial Club has been conferring with the company's officials about this extension, and assurances were given that the line will be built on Sandy if rights of way and other concessions are made.

Sandy is the business center of a large and growing agricultural and horticultural district awaiting only the coming of railway facilities to develop rapidly. It is estimated that more than 2000 acres of land has been sold in the Sandy district the past two years to men who bought for orchard purposes.

This land is located between Sandy and Cherryville, on both sides of the Mount Hood automobile road. Much development work has been done on much of the land that has been purchased, especially near Firland and Cherryville.

Purchasers of this land are Hood River, Eastern and Portland men who believe that the district is well adapted to fruitgrowing. They are encouraged in this belief by the success that has attended persons who have set out orchards and by the opinion of experts who have tested the soil and the climatic conditions. Boring, on the Estacada railway, is the present nearest railway depot for Sandy and the Sandy district.

The extension between the Mount Hood Railway and Sandy will be about seven miles long. The committee is working hard for the extension and has the backing of Sandy and the territory through which the proposed line will run.

There are hundreds of acres of logged-off land between Pleasant Home and Sandy where the soil is deep and highly productive. For years the portable sawmills have been cutting out the small timber and making it into railroad ties for shipment by way of Troutdale. Most of the timber of this character has been worked up, and the land remains with the stumps and decayed logs. When cleared and cultivated this land is found very productive for both cereals and fruits. With a railroad the logged-off lands here will be cleared and cultivated. Many of the fine farms at and around Pleasant Home are from the logged-off lands.—Oregonian.

There will also be a number of valuable farm papers on file, treating of Poultry, Dairying, Gardening, Stock growing, and related matters.

LENTS LIBRARY PERIODICALS.

The Lents Library will have on hand the following Periodicals for 1912: Century, Delineator, Garden Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Ladies' Home Journal, Manual Training Magazine, McClure's, Outlook, Pacific Monthly, Popular Mechanics, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, St. Nicholas, Survey, World's Work, Youth's Companion, World's Chronicle.

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LARGE FORCE TO ASSEMBLE

Klamath Will Be Field for Great Army Maneuvers.

San Francisco.—The largest army ever concentrated by this government in time of peace will be assembled on the Pacific coast during the summer months. According to dispatches to this city from Washington, it is planned by the war department to order more than 27,000 soldiers into the field in full fighting equipment. This will include all the regular and militia regiments of the six Pacific coast states—Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Cavalry, infantry, artillery, signal corps and hospital corps will be the different branches of the service which will participate. The grounds selected for the mimic battles will be in and around Klamath Falls, Or.

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