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Who is Your Choice?

The Herald is particularly anxious to secure a representative vote from its readers as to their choice for President and Vice President. While the result shows only local sentiment, it creates an interest, and gives some indication of the direction from which the political wind is blowing. In each issue will be found a blank ballot. Fill it out and mail it to The Herald. Do it Now and help create an interesting contest.

APPEARANCES indicate an organized effort to discredit the county court. One of the leading Portland newspapers has been busy for some time heaping vicious stories on the court. We heard a lot about a certain gravel pit. The court was convicted and damned for their disposal of the pit to one man whereas one Smith had offered five times as much. Then comes Smith and makes affidavit that he never made an offer, never spoke to the court or anyone else about it. Yet we do not hear of the Daily News retracting or offering apologies for misrepresentations. Several organs have drawn attention to the cost of road construction material at Kelley's Butte. It remains for The Herald to point out that two-thirds of the prisoners at the Butte are idle, being so through the Sheriff's placing more there than can be used; that these prisoners have been boarded and the expense charged against the output of the Butte, whether they eat or are employed.

Now comes the governor and appoints a committee to make an examination of the books and proceedings of the county court. This committee appoints an expert, one J. M. Willey, whose chief quality should have been to obey orders and report only to his employers—the committee—in other words he should have kept his mouth shut. He proceeds to give a newspaper an interview, condemning the court and exposing his represented findings. He then declares himself as exercising his prerogative as a citizen taxpayer and also that he was not aware of the business of the individual to whom he made his disclosures.

Summing it all up: The Daily News says Smith offered \$10,000 for a gravel pit. Smith swears it is a lie. The Daily News says the Rushlight administration is the cleanest—vice, graft, gambling, all considered, that Portland ever saw, and everybody knows better. The Daily News man is one of Rushlight's appointees. An investigation is started and the hired expert proves a traitor to his trust. What do you think? Doesn't it look like a frameup by some one wanting to run the job?

THE frequent burning of buildings in Lents has brought about a feeling of extreme fear and apprehension among local residents and unless the dastardly work is immediately stopped the perpetrator will meet with vicious treatment. If the work continues and the proper authorities do not take the matter in hand local business men and citizens will be forced to act upon their initiative, and it is needless to say that the criminal will be severely dealt with. The status of affairs is such that local people know not at what hour they will be awakened to find their all being destroyed by the flames started by the human serpent. It is almost impossible to conceive of one in human form who is low enough to ply his burning tactics to the property of others. Words

cannot be found to fully express the contemptible qualities of the human fiend. Crawling and wriggling along at the dead hour of night, he applies his flaming torch, destroying thousands of dollars worth of property, endangering lives and leaving want and desolation in "it's" path. He is not only a destroyer of property, but a murderer, for he knows not, neither does he care, when the lives of many may be the toll of his hellishness.

Unless the officials succeed in capturing the fiend, or at least keep him in a state of fear, the entire city may be destroyed. A continuation of depredations of this kind without proper effort on the part of officials is one thing that brings about mob law and when people hold their lives and property in constant terror of this fire bug they cannot be blamed for resorting to lynch law. In fact, lynching is too good for the one who is destroying Lents' homes and property.

CLEANUP day at the public playground and park was a decided success. Everyone lent a helping hand. The success of the day insures that Lents citizens have an interest in public utilities and improvements and are willing to back their interest with labor and money. Men of all professions and occupations dropped their daily routine and joined in the work of Cleanup day, and the result of their untiring efforts is a marked improvement to the park and playground. One week from next Saturday has been set aside as another cleanup day and it is hoped that all those who assisted in the work of last Saturday, and the few who were not there, will be on hand. It is a needed work; one that if properly done will redound to the credit of Lents citizens. Keep the date in mind and arrange to be there.

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PLAN SERIES OF PRODUCTS SHOWS.

Advertised with advance notices like a circus, playing five day stands in the largest auditoriums that can be leased in cities of from 10,000 to 50,000 inhabitants throughout the east and middle west, the Northwest Development League is planning to send out next fall a special train filled with exhibits showing the resources of the American Northwest.

This is probably the greatest advertising scheme ever promoted and it is said by men who have spent practically millions in development work, to be capable of securing better results than any campaign ever planned to aid the settlement and development of any section.

The shows will be known as "See America First" Expositions and will aim not only to attract tourists and induce them to travel through the seven northwest states, but by displays of products the expositions will also claim the attention of the homeseekers and show them the opportunities and inducements offered on western lands.

HERE IS WORK FOR THE CONSTABLE

Liquor is being sold in Lents—supposed to be dry territory. There were days when the "blind pig" was in evidence and in a flourishing condition, but not so now, no need for it, other means are used.

Perhaps you have noticed that each week there are on an average of three big "vinegar wagons" making deliveries in this part of the county. Have you ever stopped to watch these "deliveries?"

If you have you will have found that they are deliveries in name only and that BOOZE IS SOLD OFF THE WAGON and not infrequently either.

These wagons are supposed to deliver orders and not sell from the wagon. It has been said that even a 19-year old boy may secure the stuff without the suspicion of an order.

These wagons come out here loaded down and go back empty. Morally this is a shame in any condition but under existing conditions it is an outrage. Then too, look at the financial side of the proposition. Each week on an average of \$200 goes out of the town for liquor. More's the shame.

Here is work for the constable and The Herald calls his attention to the fact. If the law is being broken the offenders should be brought to justice.

The delivery men should be forced to show their order blanks. True you say that they could easily secure a plentiful supply but if fraud is practiced it will be found out sooner or later.

The law says that liquor can be delivered in dry territory but that LIQUOR CANNOT BE SOLD IN DRY TERRITORY. That's it, liquor cannot be sold in dry territory—and it shall not even if drastic measures are necessary.

Yes, here is work for the constable. Put a stop to this traffic and you will have done your district more good than has been accomplished at any time in the past.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

At a business meeting of the Mt. Scott union, announcements were made of several important meetings among them the County Institute in April. Rallies in the various churches, Special Red Letter days to be observed.

Civic committee reports the work for the Fountain will now be resumed which was held in abeyance through the winter months.

Meeting at the Friends church under the auspices of the Franchise department was a great success. Mr. Clarence Clark and Mr. Dunbar gave most interesting recitations. Mr. Dunbar won the medal, the score was very close. Rev. Albert Ehrigott gave a most forcible address on Woman's Suffrage. His points were well chosen and admirably set forth, and made converts, as has been reported since. Mr. Walter Evans made a most convincing address, his experience in the naturalization department of government was given which showed clearly the need of woman's vote, and the injustice of giving it to foreigners after a few years in the country, and debarring the mother, who, by her unremitting toil, reared the manhood of the country. His talk made a deep impression. Two songs were enjoyed by all, one, "Give the ballot to the Mothers," in which all joined with a will, the other a solo, by Mrs. Lillian Clark, which was also a stirring suffrage song.

Opportunity was given to all voters present to sign the voters suffrage card put out by the Multnomah County Men's Equal Suffrage Club. Altogether this first public meeting of the present campaign was well attended and decided interest shown.

March 27th, the regular meeting of the union will be held at the residence of Mrs. Everett Miller, South Main street. Literature and Press, being the leading theme. The following program has been

arranged: Bible theme "The greatest masterpiece of literature," Reading, "The Bible as a literary masterpiece," Mrs. Evelyn Aitcherson of Portland, secretary of the State Woman's Press Club; White Ribbon Literature, by Mrs. Ward Swope; Press Scrap Books, Miss S. I. Lyman; Current Literary Events, Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden, President of W. P. C.; W. C. T. U. Pen Women, Mrs. Additon. Meeting opens promptly at 2 p. m. Every member urged to be present.

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HOME FOR AGED AND ORPHANS TO BE BUILT

A new home for aged women and orphaned girls is to be built near Elwood Station on the Mount Hood Railway. The location consists of 10 acres of un-cleared land, recently acquired by the Catholic Sisters at the Montavilla convent, and will be easy of access and is remarkably well adapted for the uses to which it will be put. Clearing of the land is now underway and a well is being drilled which is intended to supply ample water for all the buildings and for irrigation purposes. Erection of the necessary structure will commence within a few weeks.

Roses Free. See Herald advertisement in another column.

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 Now you know, kind hearted neighbor,
 Tho our local fire corps
 Has done noble fire fighting
 Yet their chance to win is poor.
 For the odds are still against them
 With the equipment incomplete;
 So let's do ourselves a service
 And give our firemen a treat.
 Then, dear friends, our town is growing;
 Lents is forging right ahead,
 And she will deserve this engine
 Which for some time she has plead.
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