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MASS MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

Annexation Question Will Be Discussed In Isis Theatre at 8 p. m.—Discussion Will Be Open For All.

A mass meeting of the residents of Lents will be held in the Isis Theatre Friday evening, November 1, at 8 o'clock sharp for the purpose of discussing the question of annexation of Lents to the city of Portland. The discussion will start after the picture show, which will be free to all. The meeting was called and has been arranged for by many of the business men of Lents and the expense of the same will be paid by them. Admission will be free, including the show, and the meeting will be open to all. It is the explicit request of the business interests that any and all persons be privileged to address the assemblage, no matter what their belief is on the annexation question.

Two special speakers have been secured for the meeting, one of them being Attorney S. J. Johnson, of Arleta, whose home was made a part of the city some few years ago. The other speaker will be Perry C. Stroud, city attorney of St. Johns, which place is incorporated as a separate and distinct city from Portland. The two speakers will not attempt to argue the question from either side, but will simply give their views of the conditions in their respective homes. Mr. Johnson comes at the request of local business men and those who favor annexation, while Mr. Stroud comes at his own request. The meeting will not be a debate in any sense of the word, but simply a free-for-all convention, where all will have an equal voice, and where all will be accorded equal privileges and free speech.

While it is true that the prime movers in holding the meeting are those who believe that annexation will result in the greatest good, they will see to it that one side is entitled to the same privileges as the other and state that they have no desire to force annexation, and that the object of the meeting is simply to get the home owners and people together to discuss the question in a gentlemanly and intelligent manner.

Every citizen is urged to be present and present his views, whatever they may be.

THORNUST LAD TO REST.

Mr. Lars Thornquist, who has been a resident of Lents since Oct. 9, 1909, was laid to rest in Mt. Scott Park Cemetery on the afternoon of Oct. 27, death having occurred at the Good Samaritan Hospital on the 25th inst. The deceased was born at Dalarna, Sweden, Oct. 17, 1858. He arrived in this country on May 18, 1879, and was married to Anna Erickson on June 21 of the same year. A widow and four children survive the departed. Of the children Mrs. S. R. Aspaas resides in Willmar, Minn., and Mrs. Harry Arthur and Messrs. David and Edwin Thornquist make their home in Lents. The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. J. M. Lindeen, pastor of the Swedish Baptist Church of Portland and Rev. J. M. Nelson, pastor of the Lents Baptist Church.

Remember the revival meetings at the Baptist Church. Rev. D. M. McPhail, pastor of the Arleta Baptist Church, will preach Friday night and Sunday night. Mrs. Lulu Shepard, state president of the Utah W. C. T. U. will address the church at the close of the morning worship.

The first of a series of invitation dances was given in Grange Hall Saturday evening by H. F. Cain and was a pleasant social affair. They will be a regular Saturday evening event hereafter. Galichio's orchestra, a well known local organization, will furnish the music.

H. D. Wagon, democratic-progressive candidate for assessor, and J. W. Bengough, the cartoonist, held forth in Grange Hall Wednesday evening, the former speaking in the interests of his candidacy and advocating the single tax measure, while the latter illustrated the talk with cartoons. There was a good attendance.

The work of installing a concrete floor in the new postoffice building has been completed and the structure will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

COST OF LIVING EASILY EXPLAINED

Separate Commission Not Needed To Discover Reason For Increased Prices—Sufficient Data At Hand.

Why is it necessary to have a commission to investigate and report on the causes of the rise of prices? The data is already at hand for all practical purposes.

Since 1900, the annual production of gold has been nearly four times what it was prior to 1896. In the last twelve years (1900 to 1912) the total aggregate production exceeds that of the thirty-five years from 1861 to 1896.

The Dingley bill, enacted in 1897, was in force until August 5, 1909, when the Aldrich bill went into effect. The duty under these bills averages nearly 50 per cent. During this period prices have risen by leaps and bounds and they have risen faster in countries with high tariffs than in free trade countries, and highest of all where private monopolies have flourished.

Bradstreet estimates the rise of prices of the necessities of life as follows between 1897 and 1910:

In England.....	28	per cent
In Germany.....	43	per cent
In United States.....	53.38	per cent

Bulletin of Commerce and Labor issued by our government, estimates the rise in wholesale prices between 1897 and 1910 at 46.7. The rise in retail prices was still greater.

Byron W. Holt estimates that prices increased during this period 60 per cent.

The last report of the Federal Bureau of Commerce and Labor shows that prices are still soaring and that retail prices of many necessities in the last ten years have nearly doubled.

Let it be noted, then—

(1) That there is a world rise of prices of some 25 per cent on account of the increased production of gold.

(2) That high protective tariffs raised prices. Prices are 15 per cent higher in Germany under Germany's protective tariff than in England under comparative free trade.

(3) That trusts have raised prices. Nowhere else have trade combinations been able to establish monopoly prices as in the United States.

Is it not clear why prices are 15 per cent higher in Germany than in England and 32 per cent higher in the United States than in England?

Less than one-half of the rise in prices is due to the increased production of gold, and the balance is caused by tariff and trusts.

If we would reduce the cost of living we must lower the tariff and control or abolish the trusts which are the cause of abnormal prices; and inasmuch as the tariff is the mother of the trusts, by taking down the tariff wall we shall not only lower so much of the rise in prices as comes from the protective system, but we shall get rid of some of the rise that comes from trust control.

If we were to rid ourselves of all private monopoly, prices would be brought to a normal level. The Democratic House of Representatives made a good start in pulling down the tariff wall by cutting in twain the woolen and cotton schedules and putting some of the more common necessities of life on the free list.

The trusts fatten on special privileges. When we get a President and a Congress that will take away their special privileges—in the tariff, in the currency, and in the transportation system,—the reign of robber prices will near its end.

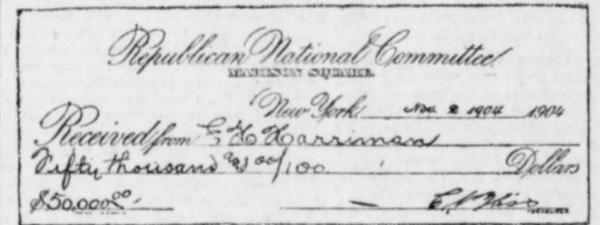
Local citizens, of all parties, are arranging to obtain direct returns from the election next Tuesday night. Just what method will be used or where the returns will be received has not yet been announced.

The Gillispie school of expression gave an interesting drama in the Grange Hall Monday evening. The affair was free and was presented in the interests of the equal suffrage movement. There was an excellent attendance and plenty of enthusiasm.

Sample ballots for the November election have been in evidence for several days and are being eagerly scanned by the many voters. Some are almost tempted to give up in disgust when they note the number of measures to be passed upon.



Harriman's \$50,000 For T. R.'s Fund



Time and again Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, the third term party's candidate for president of the United States, has stated that the famous \$240,000 raised by the late E. H. Harriman in the fall of 1904 was for use in the New York state campaign. He also declared most positively a few weeks ago that he had ordered Chairman Cortelyou of the Republican national committee, not to accept any money from the Standard Oil company in that campaign and to return it if any had been accepted.

On Monday, Sept. 30, C. C. Pegethoff, secretary to the late E. H. Harriman, produced the above receipt of the Republican national committee, signed by Treasurer Cornelius N. Bliss, for Mr. Harriman's individual contribution of \$50,000 to this fund, proving conclusively that it was used in behalf of Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy. The day following John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil company, produced the documentary proof that his company did give \$100,000 to Roosevelt's campaign fund and that it never was returned.

DEAD HERO'S FATHER LIVES AT CHERRYVILLE

Portland papers, as well as Chicago papers, are full of the unselfish sacrifice of his life by Wm. Rugh Jr. of Garry, Ind., who gave up a crippled leg in order that Miss Ethel Smith, who had been badly injured in a motor cycle accident and whose life was in great danger unless wholesale grafting could be obtained from the body of a living person, might live. Rugh readily consented to do this but was not acquainted with Miss Smith. He said his leg was of no manner of use to him and that no one ought to help one another whenever possible as mankind were too selfish in this world. This fine act of self sacrifice greatly endeared Rugh to the people of Garry who came to his news stand—run by an assistant—by the wholesale. It appears that the record of Rugh's life—although a cripple—was one of unselfishness as he had supported a blind mute for some time. After the operation of grafting and the limb amputated, as was absolutely necessary, Rugh seemed to be recovering, but soon pneumonia set in and owing to the shock to the nervous system, and despite the best efforts of some very able physicians, Rugh soon succumbed and preparations were made for his funeral which was attended by more than 15,000 people, the coffin being

buried in flowers. A handsome sum aggregating \$5000 was raised to erect a monument over his grave at Bear Bluff near Rock Island, Ill. The interesting part of this account of the noble act of self sacrifice as it relates to Cherryville is that Mr. Rugh Jr.'s father lives in Cherryville being an old soldier living about one mile southwest of town. Mr. Rugh Sr. says his son, who was 41 years old at the time of his death, became a cripple by the carelessness of a nurse who put him in a corner when he was only three months old and stood him up throwing his leg out of joint. This the parents did not discover until it was too late to remedy. Of an unusually bright and cheerful disposition despite his handicap Rugh made friends everywhere and was doing a fine business at Garry. His warm heart and disposition to relieve distress was always manifest and he finally gave up his life that another might live. Memorial services will be held here at the church in his honor on Sunday Nov. 3 at 11 o'clock a. m.

Marbles have been stored away since the rainy weather set in and the small boys are now supplied with tops and are taking the sidewalks for it.

FIRE DESTROYS ANOTHER HOME

Residence Belonging to T. E. Grubbs In Mentone Addition Reduced to Ashes In Sunday Morning Fire.

Another of the magnificent homes of Lents was reduced to ashes at 4:30 Sunday morning, when a defective oil stove fired the residence of T. E. Grubbs, which was located in Mentone addition. The entire household effects were destroyed, nothing being saved. The residence was one of the best constructed and one of the most modern in Lents, being completed about two months ago by a Mr. Johnson, and was a two-story structure, full basement, and modern in every detail. Mr. Grubbs, who is employed by the engineering department of the Portland city government, purchased the residence a month ago.

On the morning of the blaze, Mr. Grubbs and his brother, Lee, were contemplating a fishing trip to some stream near North Plains in Washington county. Accordingly, the former arose at 4 o'clock, started a fire in the oil stove and prepared to provide breakfast for an early start, expecting to leave Portland over the Oregon Electric. Soon after the oil stove had been lighted and the tea kettle placed thereon, M. R. Grubbs went to a toilet several feet to the rear of the house. Upon his return he found the entire kitchen a mass of flames. He called to his brother, who was still in slumber in an upstairs bed room and it was with difficulty that the brother descended the stairs. As it was his only attire consisted of an undershirt, a pair of pants and his shoes.

The two brothers sounded an alarm as soon as possible, but owing to the distance of the residence from the central part of town some little time elapsed before Nightwatchman Fish heard them and turned in a general alarm. As soon as the fire bell started clanging the fire department responded and with the assistance of Wm. Goggin's auto the chemical engine was soon at the scene of the blaze. Upon arriving at the scene the fire boys turned their attention to the burning house, thinking they might be able to stay the flames and save a part of the structure and the contents. But their efforts availed nothing and the only remaining thing to do was to save the outbuildings and adjoining property.

The residence was insured for \$1,400 and there was a small amount of insurance on the furniture, but the loss was double the amount of insurance. The owner was engaged to be married in the immediate future and had just purchased and furnished the home for himself and intended bride. However, he takes the loss gracefully and stated that he was duly thankful that his brother escaped, adding that he would replace the home as soon as possible.

GRESHAM

F. E. Beckwith, of Sandy, passed through Gresham last Monday on his way to Portland. Mr. Beckwith reports a fine business in the jewelry line at Sandy.

Dr. H. H. Ott returned last Tuesday evening from the East where he has been spending a few weeks.

D. W. Metzger is having a cement walk laid in front of his residence on south Roberts Ave.

Misses Edna and Beth Shoemaker spent last Sunday in Portland with friends and attended services in the White Temple.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ball, a daughter, October 24.

Lloyd Littlepage, of Portland, was a Gresham visitor last Saturday.

The Queen Esther Circle will not hold their annual thank offering meeting Nov. 1st, as stated last week but will hold their meeting Friday evening Nov. 8, at 8 o'clock. Every one invited. A good program has been arranged.

Ben Mathews, who went to Portland last week for treatment, is much better and will not have to have an operation.

Mrs. Chas. Merrill Sr. entertained at 500 last Monday evening in honor of Mrs. F. B. Stuart, of Stanfield, Oregon. Mrs. Stuart, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clytie Kerr at her home in St. Paul, Minn., came back by the way of Portland to visit friends here.

Henry Dahl, of Silverton, has charge of W. H. Johnson's drug store during Mr. Johnson's absence at Woodburn

WILL ABOLISH ROAD HOUSES

County Court Refuses Liquor License To Taverns and Road Houses Outside Corporate Limits of Portland.

Roadhouses in Multnomah county are doomed, as the county commissioners have decided to grant no more licenses for the sale of liquor in connection with places of this character outside the city limits and none of the present will be renewed. This information was sent out in a letter Monday morning to District Attorney Cameron and Sheriff Stevens by the commissioners that four such licenses have expired.

The action of the commissioners is based on the grounds that places of this character are a public nuisance and as such cannot be licensed by the court. Lack of police protection in localities where places of the nature of roadhouses have been established prevents their being properly regulated, it is pointed out.

The licenses which have expired were those held by Yeske & Anderson, proprietors of a saloon at Burlington; F. Ritzinger of Lakeview Tavern; Charles E. Latourelle of Latourelle Falls, and Thomas A. Glover of Whitwood Court, located at the Linnton Ferry landing. Glover's place is just outside the limits of Linnton. Yeske & Anderson's license expired October 2, the Lakeview license October 14, Latourelle's license October 26 and Glover's license Monday. Yeske & Anderson applied for a new license about two weeks ago, but were refused, as their petition did not contain enough good names. Latourelle gave up without application.

But two other places hold licenses in the county, Cliff Inn and the Hat. The former license is held by Rath & Sandys and expires February 26, 1913. The latter is held by W. S. Swaggart and expires May 22, 1913. After that date there will not be a roadhouse left. Claremont Tavern is licensed by the town of Linnton, as the strip of land along the river on which it is located was taken over by Linnton some time ago.

SANDY OPPOSES NEW COUNTY

The following resolution from a mass meeting of the people of Sandy, held last Monday, is self-explanatory. It disapproves the formation of a new county in unmistakable terms. Following is the resolution in full:

We, the citizens of Sandy, living within the proposed boundaries of the new county of Cascade, in assembly met this 21st day of October, 1912, do hereby unanimously oppose the creating of the new county of Cascade and earnestly appeal to the voters of the state of Oregon to assist us in voting against the proposed new county of Cascade.

Unanimously adopted this 21st day of October, 1912.

A. L. DEATON, President.

E. F. Bruns, Secretary.

where he is looking after business interests.

Miss Ada Blum has recovered sufficiently to be removed to the home of Mrs. B. W. Emery. Mrs. G. S. Blum, of Reno, Nevada, is here taking care of her daughter. They expect to start for home about December 15.

Mrs. Harry Ott, who has been spending summer in Kansas, has returned to her home here.

The First State bank instituted action against J. H. Hoss in Justice Rollin's court last Saturday for a balance due on a note and a jury was empaneled to hear the case. Mr. Hoss filed a counter claim for \$35.00 against the bank for a balance due on excavating for the new bank building and was awarded the amount together with balance due on note for which suit was brought. The management of the bank gave notice that the suit would be appealed to circuit court but it is understood that the matter has been satisfactorily settled to all parties concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sharp, of Vancouver, Wash., visited the former's parents last Sunday.

Wm. Morand, of Boring, was a Gresham visitor last Monday.

The annual social and entertainment given by the Gresham Library Association last evening in the Commercial Club hall was largely attended and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

H. W. Reynolds, of Portland, was a Gresham visitor recently. Mr. Reynolds is interested in acreage and is looking for a location.