

BEAVER STATE HERALD

Subscription, \$1.00 a Year.

LENTS, MULTNOMAH CO., OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 1912.

Vol. 10. No. 48

LENTS TO HAVE NATIONAL GUARD

Local Company Proposed For This Section.—State Will Lend Its Aid to Such an Organization.

One of the best things that has opened up for the young men of Lents and the whole Mt. Scott region is proposed at this time in the suggestion to form a suburban company of the Oregon National Guards. There are special reasons for believing that such a thing is entirely feasible and practical. Lents is fortunate in having the support in such an undertaking of Mr. Bert B. Courts, who for the past three years has been drill instructor at the armory in Portland. Living at Lents he would be in especially good position to promote such an organization for our young men, or any one for that matter, who might wish to work up such an organization.

There is absolutely no expense connected with going into such an organization. There is no entry charge. The state will furnish all the uniforms and the arms used in the drilling and other exercises. The only thing required of the members is a small amount of their time to be put into the drilling, perhaps one or two evenings a week. In addition to the uniforms and arms the state gives about \$400 annually for other expenses.

Some time is spent annually at the Clackamas Station. That, however, is given in half day terms and so the time would hardly be noticeable. Once a year, some time is given to the manoeuvres, during which each person's expenses are provided and a daily wage is paid.

The Athletic features of such an organization is a matter of great importance. Considerable part of each meeting is given over to gymnastic exercises. Many of the companies give balls and other social functions and provide themselves with considerable funds which they are at liberty to use as they see fit. All such social affairs are conducted in a most orderly and creditable manner, and the discipline the members get from the drilling, the gymnastic features, and the social events make it a very desirable organization for the young men of the town to support by their membership.

The State assists in the erection of armories and it is possible that such an institution might be ultimately located in this part of the city. Suburban armories are favored. And an armory includes provisions for all the necessary comfort and practice and social relations of the company. It would be a big thing for Lents and it is hoped that the opportunity will not be missed to make this proposition a realization.

LENTS GETS SIX WATER PAY STATIONS.

Lents has not been forgotten in the provision for local pay stations for monthly water bills. In suburbs and dependents as far from the city as Lents it appears that some such provision should have been made long ago for the convenience of the public. But as a matter of fact the comfort of the public seems to have been little considered. However, people will find it a great convenience to pay their bills without losing a whole day any longer and the advantage that is extended may lead them to forget the inattentions of the past. Depositories for this locality are as follows:

Lents, M. K. Hedge, agent American Express Company.

Lents Junction, American Express Company.

Lents—Gray's Crossing, W. Blackburn, confectioner.

Lents—Seventy-second street, southeast and Whitman, V. H. Hathaway, general merchandise.

Lents—Lents Pharmacy.

Lents—Seventy-second street, Southeast and Sixtieth avenue, E. C. Monnich, furniture.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank The Beaver State Herald for the kindly notices and efficient help given the M. E. Church in its religious, moral, intellectual uplift work in the city of Lents and in good faith, and hearty good will, we wish you a happy New Year.

W. BOYD MOORE, Pastor.

LENTS MAN GETS POPULAR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Henry Harkson, director in the Multnomah State Bank, has recently been appointed Regal Vice Consul for the state of Ore., by the King of Denmark. Mr. Harkson has been acting consul here for some time the office at this place being vacant. A recent meeting of the "Danish Colony" approved of his appointment and the King accepted the nomination. Mr. Harkson has been a resident of the United States since 1883, residing for a time in Nebraska. He was a member of the Nebraska legislature for two terms and was postmaster for a four year term during Harrison's time. He came to Portland in 1905 and since that time has been connected with banking interests and real estate. He says there is quite a lot of business now for a consul, there being over 5000 Danish people in Portland, and prospects are favorable for a large increase as the country develops.

PRISONERS TO GET TWO MEALS DAILY

Idleness and a cut from three to two meals a day will be the lot of a majority of the prisoners held at the Kelly Butte rock quarry, as a result of the order of the County Court last Saturday, December 14th. Under the law, only such prisoners as are actually engaged in labor are entitled to three meals a day and the number of laborers during the winter months will be limited to 30. The present enrollment at the Butte is 105.

The County Court received word last Saturday from Superintendent W. A. Eatchel that only 75 to 80 yards of rock a day could be handled by the auto trucks owned by the county, and as this is the only means of transportation which will be utilized during the winter, the output will be reduced accordingly. The order requires the discharge of two of the six guards, two powdermen and one loader.

The county will make no further expenditures in the operation of the Linton prison quarry this winter. It is up to the city to pay the guards and other employes, should it wish to continue the rock crushing plant in operation. An order to this effect was made by the County Court last Saturday forenoon and a letter was addressed to Mayor Rushlight explaining the situation. The county can use no more rock from the quarry this winter and if the city decides to keep the machinery moving, it will be entitled to the use of all the road building materials turned out. Five guards, one powderman, one loader and one fireman will be eliminated from the county pay roll by the order. To this time, the city has paid for the feeding of the prisoners and the county has hired the guards and the men necessary to run the machinery.

NEW CITY HALL IS OPENED.

Fairview Citizens Gather at Auspicious Event.

FAIRVIEW, OREGON, DEC. 25.—Fairview's new city hall building was formerly opened for public use Monday night with appropriate ceremonies and a free chicken pie supper, followed by a dance in the assembly hall, which comprises the whole of the second story of the building.

The structure is 40 by 70 feet and is two stories in height. It is especially arranged for municipal purposes and in addition has a spacious room for the postoffice, another for the fire apparatus. The upper story has a floor to be given over to entertainments and dances. A banquet room has been arranged on the lower floor.

The opening was attended by hundreds from miles around, including the members of the city governments of Gresham and Troutdale. Speeches of congratulation were numerous and were followed by a closing address by Mayor Whitney. An orchestra and a quartet of male voices enlivened the remarks between time and the evening closed with a free dance.

The building will cost about \$400 and was erected from the proceeds of a direct tax upon the property of the town. Rentals from the postoffice and public hall will pay interest on the investment.

Dr. Blanchard of Chicago, and his son, Dr. Kesper Blanchard, of Portland, visited at the home of Mrs. Sawyer last Sunday.

WHAT POLITICS WILL DO FOR A MAN.



—Webster in New York Globe.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES FROM GRESHAM

Rev. Father Breionagel, of Rainier, has rented Dr. Thompson's house on Maple avenue and will move here at once. He will organize a parish here.

W. E. Wood and mother, Mrs. E. B. Wood, spent Christmas day with relatives at Damascus.

Ed. Rusher and family, and Mrs. R. Bradfield, spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landown at Cottrell.

Miss Jessie Brown of Dayton, Wash., visited Mrs. A. Thompson last week.

Felde McColl, of Portland, visited his relatives here this week.

Roscoe Liddle, who has been working at White Salmon, Wash., has returned and expects to start to San Francisco, California, in a few days.

Miss Lula Parmely, of St. Johns, visited friends in Gresham last week.

Albert Ekstrom and Miss Olive McCarter were married in Portland last Tuesday.

'The Gables' is the name that has been given to Dr. Thompson's new residence on south Roberts avenue. It is completed and they are getting nicely settled in it.

Bert Hoss came down from Bull Run Monday night and spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Howitt, and Miss Beesse, visited relatives in Portland Wednesday.

The Misses Laura and Mabel Shipley, spent their vacation at Corbett with their parents.

Mrs. S. Johnson and little daughter, of Klondike, Oregon, are visiting the former's father, Benj. Mathews.

Pearl Ruegg, of Seenic, visited the Misses Eveilyn and Willa Metzger last week.

Pearl Fleming visited her parents in Portland this week.

The Junior play which was given Friday night was well attended. The class cleared about \$50.00.

Miss Bessie Strebun of Melrose, visited Mabel Burca last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lindsey and children, spent Xmas with friends in Portland.

Mrs. C. L. Idleman, of Montavilla, visited her sister, Mrs. A. E. Lindsey on Monday.

Mrs. O. A. Eastman entertained in honor of Mr. Eastman's birthday Monday evening.

HORNER—HUTCHINSON.

Christmas eve was notable in the history of C. T. Horner and Miss Myrtle B. Hutchinson. They were united in marriage at the bride's home, 120 Richey street, Rev. W. Boyd Moore officiating. Santa Clause was generous. There were many useful gifts. A number of relatives were present and the ceremony was followed by a fine dinner. The young people will locate in Lents. Many friends unite in wishing them a happy journey through life.

L. L. Lieuellen and wife of Eastern Oregon, are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Christian.

WEATHER FORECAST FROM OREGON A. C.

In his weather forecast, Prof. W. L. Powers of the Oregon Agricultural College designates the month of December, the rainiest month of the year, as "the best friend of the lighting syndicates," and January, the coldest month, as "the great disciple of the fuel trust." The normal rainfall here in December is 6.92 in. and the mean normal temperature for January is 39-4 degrees.

During the past month there was a total precipitation of 8.9 in., which was 2.08 above normal, bringing the excess rainfall for the autumn months up to 2.71 in. The greatest amount which fell in any one period of 24 hours was 1.55 in. on November 12. There were 18 rainy days, 22 cloudy, 4 partly cloudy and 4 clear.

The mean temperature for the month was 45.4, which was .3 degrees below normal. While the mean maximum was 53 degrees, and the mean minimum 38 degrees. The rainiest day, Nov. 12, was also the warmest, being 61 degrees; by the 29th the temperature dropped to 28 degrees.

MAIN STREET LENTS LAID WITH GAS

Before this reaches the readers of the Herald the Portland City Gas works will have completed their main north on Main street as far as the Anderson home. Several people along the line contemplate taking the gas at once. It is considered that it will be a great convenience and no small economy to many of the housewives of the vicinity. People who use some other means of heating their homes will find gas cooking economical for it may be dispensed with immediately on completion of any piece of cooking. It seems quite a wonder that Lents, a few years since located in the woods, is now a city of 10,000 people, with car service, electric lights, gas, and city water.

STATE IRRIGATIONISTS TO GATHER IN PORTLAND NEXT-MONTH

The second annual Oregon Irrigation congress will be held in Portland, January 9-11 and the program is now being arranged. It will be the most important gathering of irrigationists ever held in this state.

Every irrigation district in Oregon is expected to be represented and members of the Government reclamation service, as well as the entire membership of the next legislature, will be invited. There will be a thorough consideration of the needs of the irrigated land farmer, both on the Government and state projects, and everything possible will be done to aid in the development of the irrigated sections of the state. William Hanley, of Burns, is president of the congress, and J. T. Hinkle, of Hermiston, is the secretary. The Oregon Development League is busy on preliminary plans for the congress.

WORK A PLENTY FOR IMPROVEMENT CLUB

The hearty response to a call to a meeting to be held at Creston school last Monday evening and the evident willingness of the school board to provide a school of higher education in the southeastern part of the city is a matter of immense interest to every citizen of the Mt. Scott district, and especially of Lents. If Lents had a live booster club, now is the time to use it. We want that Agricultural high school out this way just as far as we can pull it. It might be unreasonable to try to locate it right here within a short walk of the postoffice, but it should be located within a ten minute ride. Such a school is particularly of interest to Lents. We are located on the outskirts of the city. The country immediately east of us is a productive farming area. It is bound to be cut into five and ten acre homes which will be placed in a highly cultivated condition to support the residents with their own small fruit and vegetable necessities, and also yield some financial support. These people will naturally tend toward industrial education and presumably toward that related to their home life. They will ultimately be included within the limits of the Portland school district and be privileged to receive the benefits of its system. Lents is in a position to assist itself and these anticipated patrons of the Portland system.

But it is for Lents mostly that we direct these suggestions. Why should we be content to see a good thing carried off to an inconvenient location so far as we are concerned. At present it takes two good hours of each day for a child to reach high school. We may be able to make it a ten minute trip. Is it worth while. If it is, it is time to get some sort of an organization at work to see that the desired object is obtained.

There are a number of other matters which will need attention. Some sort of pressure should be brought to bear on the O. W. P. to secure better conditions at the Lents station. The track at this place is a veritable wallow. A committee appointed to call the attention of the company to the matter should get results within a week.

A little later the final arrangements in the business of annexing ourselves to Portland should be in charge of some sort of organization. Inasmuch as Lents was never incorporated, it is the only way our interests can be safeguarded. Just simply to throw ourselves at the city unconditionally is the limit of nonsense. It is not a question of resisting annexation. That has been decided upon. It is a question of conditions, and it is our privilege to do the best for ourselves that we can.

THE PASTOR SPRINTED.

He Made a Good Run in Record Time With Plenty of Reason.

One of the traditional stories of the town of Fairfield, Conn., recounts a wild dash from the pulpit made by a worthy and beloved pastor of the Episcopal flock, Dr. Labaree.

It was on a Sunday more than a hundred years ago. The service had been read, the prayers said, the hymns sung, and the parson began his sermon. As he proceeded his gestures became very energetic. He brought his right hand down with great force. Then he turned pale, cleared the pulpit stairs at a bound, dashed out of the church door and ran toward the pond a short distance away.

The congregation followed in bewildered pursuit and saw their venerable pastor with flying robe rush into the water until it came to his neck. Then, turning round, he faced his astonished audience and said:

"Dearly beloved brethren, I am not crazy, as no doubt many of you think, but yesterday at the drug store I bought a bottle of nitric acid and carelessly left it in my pocket today.

"My last gesture broke the bottle. I knew the suffering the acid would cause when it penetrated my clothing and rushed for the water to save myself pain."

He drew several pieces of glass from his pocket in witness of the tale. Then he dismissed the company and hurried home.

The Miller Mowrey Lumber Company have been increasing their stock considerably of late. Local business is reported good by this firm and the evidence of this is the number of large orders they have been landing of late. The company is supplying Irish Bros. with the material for the new annex to the Grange Store.

Mrs. Hedge is recovering from a serious illness.

SPRING BUILDING OUTLOOK GOOD

Duke Bros. To Have New 60x80 Concrete Building. Large Building at Main & Foster Anticipated.

Plans are being perfected for a new two story 60x80 concrete building to be erected on the site of the Duke building. It will be faced with brick and have a full plate glass front. The lower story will be planned for business rooms and be constructed along modern lines. The upper floor will be taken up with a number of offices and several suites of apartments. The whole will be fully plumbed, steam heated, hot and cold water and with electric and gas connections.

Another large enterprise anticipated is the continuance of the building now begun at the postoffice, eastward along Foster Road to the corner, and thence south to connect with the proposed Duke Block. Details are not out for this construction but the question of such an improvement is being carefully considered. It is not likely that a "seven story" effort will be made by any person of judgement such as the persons contemplating the undertaking usually display, but they are going to do something and that pretty soon.

Still other improvements are suggested which will in due time come forth though the parties interested are not yet in position to discuss plans. It looks now as though Lents would be plenty busy this spring.

PROF. LOW IN FLORENCE ITALY

FLORENCE NOV. 18 1912—I arrived here this morning and leave tomorrow for Pisa. The weather is pleasant, but my overcoat was comfortable all day long. Will surely be glad when I get far enough south so that I can lay it off. With the exception of a range of Mts. which we crossed in a couple of hours, the country between Venice and here is as level as a floor.

The campanile (bell tower) at this place is perhaps the most beautiful in Europe. It is 50 ft. square, and I counted 416 steps in going to the top, but I thought it was more like 4000 by the time I got there. However, I felt repaid, as the panorama of the city with the river Arno running through it, was indeed a beautiful sight. But the crowing glory of the place is its wonderful art galleries and museums. I find nice rooms everywhere for L2. Of course there are lots of places advertised for L1 but they are irresponsible houses, have no reputation to maintain and might rob a fellow and throw him out of the window with impunity or main strength or any thing else they could get their hands on.

Some of the cities here are pronounced so differently from what we do that I hardly recognize them at times. For instance: Florence is Firenze; Leghorn is Livorno; Lyons is Lione; Japan is Gioponne; Louisiana is Luigiana; Sweden is Svezia; United States is Stati Uniti, etc.

I reached Pisa, Nov. 20th and climbed the celebrated leaning tower today. It's a fraud. Nothing but a campanile like every other Italian city has, only it's tilted a little. After seeing it, there is no doubt in my mind but what the architect built it that way. A happy thought on his part, wasn't it? since it has made the city famous and brought millions of dollars into its coffers. I don't think I have exaggerated the last, but, without the tower. It is quite an interesting place with the beautiful Arno flowing through it, flanked on both sides by great stone walls. Will write you next from Rome.

The young men of Lents met at the office of Dr. Fawcett and organized a club for literary and social improvement under the auspicious of the young men of the M. E. Sunday School. The next meeting will be held shortly, when a full list of officers will be elected and active work begun.

Plans are being prepared by Irish Bros. for a one story reinforced concrete building with basement, 80x90, to be located at Gray's Crossing for O. E. Lents.