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PISGAH HOME GROWS POPULAR

Charity Resort Which Was Despised A Year Ago, Now Regarded With Favor by Public.

A representative of The Herald visited the Pisgah Home last Friday, and determined at once to give it more local prominence. It is now a little over a year since this Home for unfortunate men was opened at 9th Ave., Lents. The new institution was not regarded with favor by residents of the vicinity and there was strong talk of injunctions, threats of violence, and at one time the place was actually assaulted by some mischievous boys whom, it is now well known, were prompted to the act by older people, some of whom should have been engaged in preventing any such disruption of the law. It was a question for a long time whether the place would be maintained, but the opposition seemed to have rooted it to the place, like some windbeaten shrub on a bleak mountain side. The harder opposition bore upon it, the deeper its hold became. The sympathy of charitable people was awakened and instead of having to seek a new location it is now well established and will probably continue to remain here for an indefinite time.

The management is in the hands of Mrs. H. B. Lawrence, "Mother Lawrence", as the employees, and men about the place lovingly call her, and has been for several months. When the place was first opened up the poor waifs who stopped here were required to sleep on the floor and the rooms were practically without chairs. Now several benches have been added, some chairs, plain tables where meals are served, and over thirty beds have been provided. About 60 men are being kept.

The beds are plain affairs, with wire mattresses covered with the ordinary cheap cotton top mattresses, with sheets and home made quilts or comforts made from the donations of worn out clothing given to the Home by people all over the city. The quilts and comforts have been made by the men themselves. All the work around the place is done by the men, even to the cooking, dining room work, washing, wood cutting, and cleaning up, etc. Nobody gets any pay for their service, is the statement, and they depend entirely upon charity for support.

The occupants are mostly men who are out of work, old or unfortunate and in a few instances sick, or sobering up. The only demand made of them is that they shall conduct themselves soberly, orderly, and assist in maintaining the place, until opportunity comes to them to get something to do, and then they are to get out and make room for others. Orders are frequently sent in for several men to assist in some form of work and the men readily accept of the opportunity.

The dining room is seated with benches. The tables are covered with oil cloth, and beside each plate is a copy of a gospel hymnal. At one side of the room is an organ. The room answers for a place of song and gospel service and prayers and talks are regular features which all have to pass through, and usually the men are willing to listen, or join with their companions in the old time songs which always appeal to depressed or unfortunate waifs of maturer years. It brings to memory the lessons of childhood and frequently stirs to life and energy purposes that have long been suppressed or inactive.

One of the features of the home is the bath tub, which all newcomers are early taught must be used. Not infrequently some far gone wreck insists that bathing is against his principles and beliefs, and has to be shown the door, for clean clothes and body are the first essentials to residence at the Home.

Regular religious services are held Sunday, Tuesday and Friday. Everyone is invited. Speakers from various religious bodies and organizations of the locality and the city frequently assist, and the men are frequently treated to some of the best talent to be had.

The maintenance of this place depends largely on the charity of the people of Lents, but up to this time it is probable that most of the assistance has come from down in the city. One firm recently donated them 3000 pounds of potatoes. Another delivered them. Old clothes and catabies are always welcome, and donations will be appreciated.



Above Picture Shows Dining Room---Second Row, on the Right is "Mother Lawrence"; Left The Pisgah Home. Lower Row on Right, Sleeping Quarters; Left, Showing How the Men Work to Keep the Home Up---Cut Courtesy Oregon Journal.

STATE LEGISLATURE HOLDS MOST BUSINESS LIKE SESSION IN HISTORY

A visit to the State Legislature on the first of the week developed a very favorable view of the present legislative body. Things are looking unusually good.

Conferring with a number of legislators, the view was expressed that this is the most business like session in the history of the state. Both houses began business the first day and they have kept persistently at it all the time.

The usual number of bills is being presented and quite a number have already been voted. The question of increase in salary for members has not been presented yet, but it is altogether probable that it will. There is a well founded opinion that legislators do not receive enough. Three dollars a day for forty days, and extra days free is not enough they say. One member of the House says his work has been taking time for three months already. He has been answering correspondence ever since the middle of November. He does not foresee that this will go on for some time after the session is over. Then when a member leaves home he has to drop his business or get some one else to look after it. In either case he is a loser. He will probably pay three dollars a day for some one to look after things while he must live on three dollars and pay three dollars for the help. Then many of the members find it necessary to take their wives. If they leave them at home they must have company for themselves and that is additional expense. There is a tendency to relieve this condition by employing a good many of the women as clerks to their husbands. This leads to petty politics and no end of waste as there is not work for all of them—all of the time—perhaps less than half of the time. It would be a great help to all the members and the state too, to pay

the members at least five dollars a day and actual transportation.

One thing that impresses visitors badly is the number of clerks, stenographers and other supposed assistants that all draw good pay and do little or nothing. One stenographer to three or four legislators ought to be enough. The best proposition made along the line of improvement for this is to employ about twenty stenographers and clerks who will be placed "on file," as it were, and whenever one is actually needed by a legislator he will make a call for one. That would reduce costs to a minimum and also clear the floor of constant passing of unneeded clerks.

It is probable that some important legislation will be done this session. Several educational bills, a bill to prevent outside influence on Oregon elections and legislation, pure food laws, road laws the minimum wage bill, a compensation bill, and about five hundred others are all being given due consideration and many of them will probably become laws.

HUSTLING YOUNG MAN ENTERS VOTING CONTEST



FOREST UDY.

Master Forest Udy is the representative of the Saturday Blade of Chicago. He has also been nominated in the M. Scott Pub. Co. voting contest, he is a lively young man living near Buckley school, and he will appreciate your consideration in behalf of either papers. He will be engaged in promoting for the next five months.

STANDING OF NOMINEES IN CONTEST

DISTRICT NO. 1.	
Edith Smethurst, Lents	7150
Arthur Walker, Lents	5650
Matthew Boland, Lents	5300
Hazel Summervell, Lents	5300
Fred Peterson, Lents	5300
Opal Hand, Lents	5300
Myrtle McNeil, Lents	5350
Ruth Richards, Lents	5350
Pearl Clark, Lents	5600
Ruth Howe, Lents	5600
Adina Mortitude, Lents	5600
Albert Endrizzi, Lents	5900
Hazel Conley, Lents	5900
Opal Davis, Lents	5900
Alma Gibson, Lents	5900
Pearl Armstrong, Lents	5900
DISTRICT NO. 2.	
Geo (Hickey) Wisley, Lents	66675
Mark Conklin, Lents	10925
Ruth A. Rodgers, Lents	15275
Frieda Alphanalp, Lents	13925
M. S. Hazen, Lents	6275
Jas. Waxmeyer, Lents	9275
Lillian Thomas, Lents	5100
Kenneth Forte, Lents	5000
DISTRICT NO. 3.	
Fred Helman, Lents	34385
Cleveland Bliss, Gresham R. 3.	5250
Callie Elkhorn, Lents	5250
Mamie Pitts, Gresham R. 2.	5100
Floyd Metzger, Gresham R. 3.	5100
Leland Moore, Gresham R. 3.	5100
May Kesterson, Gresham R. 3.	5100
Lester Ritchey, Gresham R. 3.	5100
Marian Brown, Gresham R. 3.	5100
Ray Kesterson, Gresham R. 3.	5000
Olen Kesterson, Gresham R. 3.	5000
Forest Udy	5000

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Preaching next Sabbath at the Evangelical church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning Theme "The Gospel Harvest Field." Evening Theme: "Memory and Imagination." Text, Mark 14:72. Good music and a warm welcome. Come!

P. CONKLIN Pastor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BUSY NIGHT

Homes of Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Thompson Damaged To The Extent of \$3300. Covered by Insurance.

Lents Fire Department made a record Saturday night. Two alarms brought them running and the results of their work prove their efficiency. The first call came about 9 o'clock. The fire was located at the Dunlap home at the far side of the Cadwell tract. The roof of the home was well under way, but with the co-operation of a good bucket gang the fire was subdued. The roof was practically demolished, but the walls were fairly well saved.

The engine and six firemen were taken to this scene by Mr. Goggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap were attending the Isis theatre when the alarm was sounded.

The fire was evidently caused by the kitchen range setting the floor afire under it.

The house was new and one of the best in Cadwell addition, valued at \$1000, insured at \$350. The furniture valued at \$700, was insured at \$250.

Hardly having returned, another alarm was sounded from up the Foster Road near the old Gilbert home at the home of W. B. Thompson. This fire was confined to space above the ceiling and was for a time pretty dangerous, but a good dose of chemical soon spoiled the show and a weary band of boys again sought the comforts of home.

As't. Boland and nine men responded drawing the heavy engine, with the assistance of about a dozen young men, to the scene of the fire.

Just as the company arrived at the front gate neighbors broke the house open and commenced to remove the furniture, in their haste doing more damage than good.

As soon as As't. Chief Boland could get his men started on the fire he stopped this wanton smashing of doors and windows and directed all the furniture to be returned to the house.

The fire was put out with but a minimum amount of damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were visiting in Portland and were advised by phone of the damage to their beautiful home, and came home on a motor cycle arriving about 1:45 A. M., relieving the guard that As't. Chief Boland had placed over their wrecked property.

The house is one of the newest and most modern in Lents, costing about \$2300, and was insured at \$2000. The furniture, most of which, Mr. Thompson made himself, was worth, at least, \$2000, was insured at \$1200.

The most damage was done by the crowd of spectators, some of whom completely lost their heads and in their efforts to help hindered the fire department and tramped mud, water and coals all over the house.

It is well enough to try to save what can be saved from a burning building, but upon the arrival of the fire department, (be it a volunteer or paid department) then all should stand back out of the way, leaving room for the men to bear orders and handle their equipment. If more help is needed, those in charge of the department will call for all help needed. An excited mob, one-half composed of mere children surging through a burning building, everyone shouting and giving advice, makes it almost impossible for an officer to keep track of his men, and impossible for firemen to either hear their officers or obey should they hear their orders.

The Lents Volunteer Fire department has three officers who from now on will maintain strict fire lines and anyone not authorize, who crosses these lines will be arrested and taken to jail.

If this will not stop the interference with his men, Chief Rayburn says he will turn the nozzles on the mob. Something has to be done to stop this nuisance. Parents are cautioned to keep their children away from fires, and those not children surely know enough to keep their place.

One incident of the evening demands special notice. The fire at the Dunlap home was being fought by a number of men with buckets. When the fire boys came and tried to take charge some of the first bunch objected to being advised and interfered vigorously with the success of the fight. It ought to be known that a person who so seriously opposes or interferes with the work even of a volunteer company, takes the risk of legal proceedings.

TO HAVE PERMANENT CITY PARK

County Commissioners Willing to Deed Park Over to City—Children's Playground Movement Taken.

At the suggestion of the members of the Parent-Teacher's Club a committee consisting of Dr. Moreland, Rev. Boyd Moore, Mr. Eatchel, Rev. Beutgen, Mrs. Herschner, Mrs. Katzy and Mrs. Rodgers were appointed to meet with the County Commissioners to discuss plans relative to the permanency of the park. Father Beutgen acted as spokesman for the committee, and the proposition asked of the Court was that the grounds be deeded to the city for use as a park. The court was willing to do this, provided there was no legal interference. It was decided to refer the matter to Dist. Atty. Evans for an opinion. It is altogether probable that the results will be favorable and that the deed will be made as soon as the subject of annexation is finally settled. After this time the matter will be legally handled and the question will be settled. Another matter in this connection is that of maintenance. The material supplied last year, and the expense of keeping a patrol on the ground was met by donations secured by the ladies of the Parent-Teacher's Club. While they were very successful, it took a lot of time and work, and donations were not always as free as they might have been. They do not feel it possible to undertake all this again. Most of those women have home duties and cannot devote so much time to the work.

MISCREANTS PLUNDER ATHLETIC CLUB ROOMS

Monday night, January 27, between 11:30 and 12 o'clock Night-Watchman Fish and M. S. Hazen caught a bunch of Lents young men and boys from 16 to 20 years of age in the A. C. Club Hall. They had forced the front door and broken open Mr. Hazen's private locker and had taken out his boxing gloves and tennis shoes and were using them. A set of tight, pair of Turkish bath towels, and sponge were missing. Value about \$7.00. M. S. Hazen will pay \$10.00 reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

STANBRIDGE-LOWELL NUPTIALS

Miss Ethel Lowell and David Stanbridge, both young people well and favorably known here, were united in marriage Jan. 28 by W. Boyd Moore, pastor M. E. church, at the M. E. parsonage.

The ceremony consisted of the ring service followed by the blessing of the pastor. The wedding was a quiet one but none the less beautiful and impressive. These young people will make their home in Lents and none are more worthy of congratulations than they. We therefore wish them happiness and success.

A. A. HALL BUYS STORE.

A. A. Hall has bought a grocery, confectionery and stationery business in Sellwood and reports that he is going to work for his living for a while. He says the business is making him forget several sorts of indigestion that affected him when he had nothing to do but think about them and that he has forgotten all about his troubles since he is busy. Several other people could tell a similar story if they had the nerve to "get busy."

WALTER ARNDT ISSUES CHALLENGE TO WELTERS.

Walter Arndt, Pacific coast welter weight champion of the Pacific north west, challenges any one of 145 pounds, either to a boxing or wrestling match for next Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, at the hall of the Lents Athletic Club.

M. E. CHURCH

Communion Service, 11 a. m. Preaching at Bennett chapel, 2 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. and reception of members. Let us not forget the reception service at 8 p. m. Friday evening. W. BOYD MOORE Pastor.