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FEW SUGGESTIONS ON ROAD BUILDING

Local Man Suggest Plan for National Aid in Road Building. Extensive Construction Depreciated.

Editor Herald: Your article in the Herald on the 13th attracted my attention. If you will accord me a little space, I for one, will tell you what I think about the road situation so far as the National Government is concerned. In the first place I am not in favor of the government's going into the road building business. It undertakes to do too many things now that should be done by local finance, too many things that are purely state matters and altogether too many things that are merely political agencies for keeping the people in line with the public aspirations of Congressmen. In other words, the country is now being taxed unreasonably for the simple purpose of protecting the official careers of many of our congressmen. If any system of doling out money by appropriation for the purpose of promoting state or county or congressional district highways is begun, we would get a species of graft and political robbery started which has never been equalled in the history of the country.

You ask how? Are not our congressmen now securing passage of bills for all sorts of local expenditure for the sole purpose of promoting their interests with their constituents? Are the constituents not flooding the mails continually with demands upon their congressmen for assistance, or virtually its equal? Should we be so unfortunate as to have congressional action favoring the expenditure of government funds on the public roads of the country in any but a very limited manner, the demand would be out of proportion to the needs of the country and the fate of our congressmen would still further embarrass these officials in the performance of their legitimate duties.

If the government is to go into the road building business the matter should be put on a substantial basis at once. All special appropriations should be absolutely forbidden. Roads built should fall under a general provision and the appropriation for road work should be for this general road building plan. The government cannot undertake to improve all roads, or your road or my road. It cannot be subjected to any sort of petitioning for roads or road funds, or assistance in road work. The department of highway construction would need to be originated, and clothed with authority to construct roads under certain conditions, preferably important highways in sparsely settled sections of the country where the wealth of the people would not permit of local financing. Such a department should have for its chief purpose the cultivation of a proper estimate and knowledge of the advantages of well improved highways, and should be authorized to demonstrate the value of good roads where the people have not the proper understanding of their importance. Such a department should be authorized to construct sections of road as the Department of Agriculture is now doing for the purpose of trying road construction materials, and wear, and methods of construction. It should undertake to educate the people on all these points, and if need be establish lecture courses for the purpose of coming in actual touch with the people to this end.

Another plan which would avoid all direct appeals for assistance, and dispense with special appropriations for road work would be to assist any county or state in the union in proportion to what it puts into road work. This plan can only be followed out by maintaining a standard of specifications conditional upon the ability of a locality to supply the material for construction at a figure that is reasonable and economical. Then when these conditions have been met in any piece of road work the national government might be called upon to reimburse the municipality or state for a percent of the road provided, of course, that all such public funds shall be spent on roads that are of general use, or main roads such as those traveled by the rural routes of the country are likely to be.

Hoping you will find room for this in your valuable paper, I am,
Respectfully,
ED. B. BROWN.

HIGHWAYMEN HOLD UP DAMASCUS MAN

G. W. Lingle Held up on Powell Valley Road Near Sycamore Station—Is Slightly Wounded.

G. W. Lingle, 55 years old, a farmer of Damascus, Or., was shot and slightly wounded early last Sat. night by two boys, who attempted to hold him up, while he was driving homeward on the Powell Valley road, about a mile and a half east of Sycamore station on the Etacada line. His injuries consist of a long scratch on the chest where the bullet from a revolver first struck him and a hole in the arm where the bullet lodged. A buckle which deflected the course of the bullet, probably saved the man's life.

Immediately after the shooting he was taken to his home, where he was attended by a physician from Gresham. After striking the chest the bullet deflected upwards, striking the collar bone and glancing off into the arm.

Just as soon as the shooting was reported men from the sheriff's office went to the scene. For several hours men scoured the entire country, seeking for the two assailants.

While passing Sycamore station, at 7:30 o'clock, two boys—one about 18 years old and the other about 14—stopped Mr. Lingle and asked him to give them a ride. He complied. About a mile and a half east of this place, one of the boys, who was seated behind Mr. Lingle, ordered him to throw up his hands.

Mr. Lingle turned about to find a revolver pointed at him by one of the boys, who now had on a mask. Instead of complying, he grabbed for the gun. In the tussle which followed, all three got out of the wagon to the ground. While trying to get the gun away from the boy, the weapon was suddenly exploded, the bullet striking Mr. Lingle.

When the boys learned that they had shot him, they immediately started to run and Mr. Lingle took after them, but was forced to give up owing to faintness. The team of horses becoming frightened also ran away. They were caught later, however.

When Mr. Lingle hurried to the home of W. F. Garretson, nearby, and told of the holdup, chase was immediately started, but the boys had made good their escape. Mr. Lingle was taken to his home and the Portland authorities notified.

MRS. MAXMEYER ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. R. M. MaxMeyer and daughters, Olive and Jane entertained on Valentine's eve, at their home on Main St. The house was beautifully decorated with red hearts and darts and this color scheme prevailed.

Music furnished the principal amusement of the evening. Each guest received a dainty valentine from the hostess. After refreshments were served each guest left, feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable evening. Covers were laid for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Holway, Dr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, Ray Fairbanks, Miss Harder, and Miss Eatchel.

PIANO RECITAL.

The home of Mrs. Rodgers, of Flaxon Park was the scene of a delightful music affair Saturday p. m. when the pupils of Mrs. Leona Green Daniels met there for their music recital. The children presented a very fine program and were assisted by some choice readings given by Mrs. Olive Shurly and some vocal selections by Mrs. Victor Flink. Pupils on the program were Nellie Flanagan, Ruth Rodgers, Paul Daniels, Dorothea Shurly, Mabel Kimber, Eymon Hawken, Izella Hawken, Agnes Murray, Nora Dorsey, Katherine Freeman, Eva Olemas. Others present were Misses Horigan, Munson, Evans, Meslames, Murray, Hightower, Flink, Shurly, Rodgers, Hawken, Freeman, Munzer, and Mrs. L. Cobb of Castle Rock, Wash. a sister of Mrs. Daniels.

FUNERAL OF AUGUST FRANKE.

Friends of August Franke, who has lived for several years on Foster road, two blocks east of Main street, will regret to learn of his death, Feb. 15 after an illness of several months. Mr. Franke was seventy years of age, and has been a resident of this part of the country for several years. His funeral was held at Holmans Chapel and the burial was at Mt. Scott cemetery.

LENTS WILL HAVE POLICE PROTECTION

City of Portland to Install Police Boxes and Water Hydrants—Other Improvements to be Added.

City officials have recently placed an order for a new lot of police alarm boxes. When these arrive it is planned to install a lot of them in Lents and along Oregon City Road from 52 St. South. There is also a big order of hydrants about ready for delivery. It is the purpose to place these at various points along Foster Road and Main street. This will give the town additional fire protection and ensure it of a plentiful supply of water, for it must of necessity follow that a new lot of mains will have to be installed to give any sort of hydrant service. When that is done about all that will be necessary in this part of the town will be plenty of hose as there is sufficient natural pressure to reach any building in this district.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS LOAN OF BELL

When the city decided to put in a fire department at Kern Park it occurred to M. S. Hazen that the fire bell that had been used there would be displaced and he made a call upon his friend, Mr. R. O. Rector, a member of the City Executive Board for assistance in having the bell donated to the Lents department. Mr. Rector took the matter up with the Board at the earliest opportunity and it was arranged that the Fire Department should loan the bell to Lents for an indefinite time. In securing the loan no small influence was produced through recital of the part the Lents Department had taken in several fires well within the city limits and of the good work they had done in many instances in this locality.

Word was sent Mr. Hazen the other day that the Board's action was favorable, and he immediately hitched up his team to the light express and with Wm. Boland of the local department hustled down to the Kern Park station. Phoning Chief Dowell, he secured further authority to bring it away. Several places were lining up to take it and it was with some difficulty that the Kern Park firemen were able to prevent its being removed before the Lents boys arrived. It was quickly loaded and brought to safe keeping. Saturday morning was spent by a number of Lents men in raising it to the top of the tower. The bell weighs about 600 pounds and will make quite a noise as compared with the much smaller bell which we used to hear. It has been fully fitted up for the new location and is ready for use at any time.

It is being planned by the fire department to inclose the tower, and arrange tackle for the hose so that it may be dried out. This will be quite an improvement over the present system of drying it on the ground or on the reel.

Much thanks is due Mr. Rector for his interest in assisting in securing the new bell for Lents, and we should not overlook the part "Cap" Hazen has taken in the matter.

Captain Zellar of the City fire department was in Lents one day last week and he expressed a very favorable opinion over the interest and work the Lents company has been taking in their efforts to afford protection for this part of the city.

WOODEN WEDDING.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Carelston of 308 East 9th Street Portland, Sunday evening February 16th in honor of their Fifth Anniversary, a wooden wedding. Many wooden presents were brought. There were thirty guests present, among them many of their Lents friends.

STANDING OF NOMINEES IN CONTEST

DISTRICT NO. 1	
Edith Smethurst, Lents	1965
Arthur Walker, Lents	23025
Matthew Boland, Lents	5790
Hazel Sommerfeldt, Lents	5075
Fred Peterson, Lents	5275
Oval Hand, Lents	5150
Ruth Richards, Lents	5225
Ruth Howe, Lents	5125
Adina Mortrude, Lents	5150
DISTRICT NO. 2	
Geo (Hickey) Wisley, Lents	6625
Mark Conklin, Lents	26600
Ruth A. Rodgers, Lents	17750
Frieda Alplansip, Lents	14900
M S Hazen, Lents	9575
Jas. Wands, Lents	9250
R. B. Maxmeyer, Lents	5400
Wesley Reynolds	5125
Ruth Dix	500
Hazel Thomas	525
DISTRICT NO. 3	
Fred Holman, Lents	66655
Cleveland Bliss, Gresham R 3	5475
Mamie Pitts, Gresham R 2	5075
Leland Moore, Gresham R 3	5100
May Kesterson, Gresham R 3	5250
Marian Brown, Gresham R 3	5175
Ray Kesterson, Gresham R 3	5125
Forest Udy	5850
Lenora Hurrie	5200

V. T. IRISH AND MRS. BISHOP WED.

The Herald is glad to announce the wedding of V. T. Irish and Mrs. Bishop Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peters church, Rev. Father Beattgen officiating. Mr. Irish is one of Lents popular business men and Mrs. Bishop for several months. She has been a temporary mother, as it were, to Mr. Irish's three children and has proven herself to have all the good qualities of a true mother. Mr. Irish has the good will, the congratulations, and best wishes of all his local acquaintances in the new partnership which he has just completed. The marriage will unite two sadly unfortunate families and four little people will now enjoy their relation to father and mother.

BASE BALL PROSPECTS BEGIN TO DEVELOP.

The meeting of the Lents Athletic Club and interested citizens held at the club rooms last Friday evening for the purpose of discussing ball matters was an enthusiastic one. There was a good crowd and considerable interest was shown. M. S. Hazen was chosen chairman, and Teddy Glenn secretary. The first question taken up was that of a ball park. An effort will be made to get possession of a tract of ground that may be used for a term of years. A committee consisting of Wm. Boland, Sam Simmons, and M. S. Hazen was appointed to look up a park. It was decided to organize a team to be known as the Lents Athletic Club and it will be decided at the next meeting who shall be designated as Captain, and Manager. There will be another base ball mass meeting at the Lents Athletic Club rooms Monday evening, Feb. 24th, to complete the organization of a base ball team and elect a manager for the 1913 season. A committee appointed at the meeting last Friday evening will report on the matter of a park.

Lents must have a good Athletic Park and have it fenced. If a suitable lease can be secured on the old park it will be improved, if not a new site will be secured. There is nothing that will advertise a town more than a good Athletic park and a good ball team.

The Gresham Giants did more to advertise that city than anything else they ever did but the team failed because the business men did not support them. A determined effort will be made to secure the best amateur players to represent the Lents A. A. club this year and every base ball fan and business man in Lents are urged to attend the meeting Monday evening at 8:30. A manager will be elected Monday evening. M. S. Hazen has been nominated for manager, but the field is open for other nominations. The election for these officers will be held next Monday evening. It is hoped that a good attendance will be on hand to assist in getting started. Everybody is invited.

Mr. T. McArthur returned home from Raymond, Oregon, last Sunday.

VOTE COUPON---Good For 25 Votes

This coupon when neatly clipped and properly filled in with the name of the candidate you wish to vote for, will be counted as Twenty-Five Votes.

NAME OF CANDIDATE.....

ADDRESS.....

This Coupon is void after February 26.

DISTRICT NO..... Cut this coupon out on lines and send flat not rolled.

FOSTER BOULEVARD NAME OF OLD ROAD

City Beautiful Plans Include Boulevard. New Car Line Changes Anticipated. Line to Woodstock Suggested.

It is not known to many of the people of the Mt. Scott district, and the town of Lents that the new city plans that are being agitated now includes Foster Boulevard as one of the great radial entrances into the city of Portland, concentrating at the city's center. Yet a glance at the plans will demonstrate the truth of this statement. The proposed boulevard may not retain its name but it will retain its location and direction, unless it is extended diagonally into the city from Annabel onward. Foster Road is one of the few reasonably wide streets in the city. Most of Portland's streets would make good alleys in Denver, or Salt Lake, and other middle west cities, but here is one exception. Wide enough for a double line ear track down the middle, a fine drive on either side, and a few feet of parking in the stretches which have not been taken up by business houses. Such a street would be famous. Its directness would appeal to any business man, and the convenience of transportation would make it still valuable to the homebuilder.

But there are other things which have been suggested at various times within the past year or two. Foster Road's width has been an attraction to the Portland Railway company for some time. It has had some difficulty in securing the right of way for its tracks along the line that it now pursues. Had it been possible it is altogether probable that its entire length would have been double tracked long before this. But its present line is limited in several instances to the bare space necessary to its present maintenance. If the car company were to decide to come down Foster Road they would find it possible to continue clear to the Junction without much difficulty and then the distance would be somewhat shortened. This plan has been discussed at various times and several people who have had business relations with the company recently seem to think there is something to it more than talk. The question is asked, what would the company do with their old line? Continue it as now, except it would be continued directly through to Woodstock, on over past Reed College, and join the Sellwood line, continuing on into the city. Perhaps it would not go in by way of Sellwood. There is a big agitation on now for an east side line on 34th Street from the vicinity of Reed College to Columbia Boulevard, and thence west. Transfers from this line would place one anywhere on either side of the river, and be one of the greatest timesavers ever proposed. It would be a sort of Belt line for the entire East Side, the side that is bound to be the residence section for a long time to come.

PORTLAND POLICEMAN GETS LOST IN LENTS.

For the first time in the history of Lents a Portland policeman in full uniform was seen on the streets last Friday. It was with some difficulty that he ascertained his location. Most of the citizens of the town were so surprised to see a blue coat with brass buttons that they disappeared around the corner in quick time. Such a sudden intrusion of an officer of the law was simply appalling. The officer wandered around for a time and finally managed to meet some one unexpectedly, and by showing himself to be of a mild disposition managed to learn where he was and how to proceed that he might find his way back where refreshments were not so difficult to locate. It was the first time he had ever been out this far, didn't know there was such a place, and was completely surprised to find such a large and prosperous looking young city located so far away from the sheltering protection of his native "beat." He walked around town for some time taking in the sights, and looking over the numerous business enterprises as much interested as some country boy would be if he were to visit Washington street for the first time. It is possible that we will see a policeman out this way every month or two after we are "annexed."

SCHOOLS BEGIN PROSPEROUS TERM

Lents Schools Begin With Largest Enrollment in History. Much Interest Shown in Gardening and Poultry.

Lents schools opened up the present term with the largest enrollment in its history. Nor is that all. The Lents district formerly included a good share of Arleta, all of Weston and considerable of Gilberts. Yet for all the big slices that have been lopped off, the Lents enrollment for this term numbers 750 pupils, besides 20 that were transferred to Weston. Twenty teachers are required to handle this regiment of young Americans, besides the special instructors in music, drawing, physical culture, manual training and domestic science. The last term graduated a ninth grade class of 44 members and the next term will have about the same number.

The special teachers give one or two lessons each week and their instruction in most instances, is further developed by the regular teachers.

The matter that is attracting new attraction at this time is extension work in gardening, poultry and floriculture. This school participated last year in the general city school garden contest, but relatively few of the pupils took part in the general exhibit since it was inconvenient, so it has been decided to hold its own exhibit in the basement of the building at some appropriate time during the summer.

The work of encouraging the extension work has been assigned to a committee of teachers, although all teachers will give assistance. Miss Cavanna will have charge of the Domestic Science; Miss Train, of Poultry; Miss Zeigler, of the Floriculture; and Mr. Herschner of the Gardening contests. The girls will probably grow sweet peas or asters, and the boys will plant general garden truck and "spuds." The greatest interest at the present time centers in the poultry contest. That is natural in a district, suburban, like this, but Fred Kelley and some of the boys made some creditable vegetable exhibits last season and there is every reason to feel that others will do as well this.

The city schools have not undertaken to carry out State Superintendent Alderman's system of school credits for home work to any extent, but Prof. Herschner says he has been encouraging the children in home productions of articles of utility, by giving them credits in their manual training work.

CHURCH CLUB RECEPTION PROVES A GOOD SUCCESS

The Young Men's Improvement Club of the M. E. Church gave their first public reception Friday, Feb. 14 at the church.

The program consisted of music and reading and closed with a debate by six of the members. The subject discussed was, "Resolved that Capital Punishment Should be Abolished."

The affirmative was defended by Harvey Fawcett, Charles Wilson and Berry Ott. Negative, Ralph Spearrow, Philip King and Edwin Noreris.

No more royal battle of words was ever witnessed by an assembly of people than that displayed by these six young men. Each one had carefully and thoroughly prepared himself and no point advanced by either side but was skillfully met and refuted by the opposite with reference or the quotation of some statistics gained from the experience of other states or countries. For an hour and a quarter the excitement was intense and no one was certain of which would be the victor but when the judges, Miss Nellie Fawcett of Woodmere, Rev. Boyd Moore and Mr. McGrew handed in their decision in favor of the negative a tremendous applause ensued both for the victor and the conquered, as all thought that both sides had faithfully earned it.

As a fitting close and one appreciated by the young men was the presentation of a pennant to the victors with the word Victory inscribed upon it, by the Ruthalian class of the Sunday school.

Great credit should be given to Dr. Fawcett for the interest he is taking in the young men.

Have you promised your subscription to any of the young people working in the contest? Better look after that at once.