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## \$15.00 IN GOLD OFFERED AS SPECIAL PRIZE NEXT WEEK.

With the approach of the time when the Herald's Voting Contest is to close there will be many reasons for additional interest. The long winter must surely come to an end sometime and that time seems to be at hand. With some sunny weather and the possibility of getting around the contestants will begin to double their votes turned in each week. There is a large part of the surrounding country that has never been covered at all yet. This country will be available when the roads have settled down a little. Contestants will be seen scurrying all over to secure every available name and before the time has nearly approached the subscriptions and votes will begin to roll in in great shape. A large number of people have promised to come in on the windup of the contest. Many have promised to help the contestants out on the final show-down and no doubt there are others who will be ready to assist their favorites in the race.

It has been a question how to reward some of the contestants who have been doing the best work. So far no special prizes have been awarded but it has been decided to put up a special prize for the person in each district that turns in the largest sum of subscription money between the sixteenth and twenty-third of April. Five dollars in Gold will be the special prize in this instance, provided that the winner must have turned in more than five dollars during the time. This will be well worth while. While winning the five dollars while at the same time will be winning votes for the final contest. Full count on all money turned in on subscriptions or job work or advertising during this sub-contest.

Persons who have been reading of this contest at various times have already decided who their choice of candidates is and are probably waiting for them to call for their renewal. Don't wait. Just send it in and tell us whom you prefer as a candidate and we will see that they get your votes, or we will send you the votes and you can send them to your favorite candidate. Bear the candidates in mind when ordering printing of any sort. Every dollar gets some votes. Give them a chance to get the votes.

Don't forget the prizes. The Ellers Piano will be an ornament and useful instrument in any home. At least three of the candidates are competitors in particular for the Piano. Others approve of it but would be pleased with other prizes. But these three are after it because it is a necessity to them. They have no instrument and would be happy in its possession. Consider your own position and see if your favorite of the candidates does not need your assistance.

The New Eagle Motorcycle is on exhibit at the Mt. Scott Publishing Co., office, North Main Street, Lents. It is a hummer. Everyone says so. It is one of the strongest machines made. It is net and trim. It is a hustler to travel and it will take second place to none. More enjoyment can be had from a motorcycle for summer sport than anything else on the market. It is cheaply maintained and can be kept idle without additional cost. A horse is not in it with a motorcycle. It is a practical machine too. Going to work, on errands, visiting, or to market is just the same. One Lents man uses a motorcycle to deliver his goods. It is cheap, always ready, and it "gets there."

### Celebrates Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. L. Maybee of Marie Street entertained a large number of friends and relatives on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the celebration of their silver wedding. The Hedges of Lents, Mr. and Mrs. Cline of Pleasant Home and Mrs. Maroney of Sandy were among the guests.

### M. E. CHURCH

Preaching at 10:45 p. m., Subject, "Loss by Default." Preaching at Bennett Chapel 3 p. m. In the evening we will conduct the usual Evangelistic service. W. Boyd Moore, Pastor.

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Sunday April 13, Preaching 11 a. m., Subject, The "Purpose of the Scriptures." Sermon 7:30 p. m., Subject, "Dry Bones." Special music by the choir. P. Conklin, Pastor.

Wilma Kneeling of Grays Crossing has been quite sick the past week.

## IMPROVEMENT CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The regular meeting date of the Lents Improvement Club will be next Friday evening. The special meeting on Tuesday did not accomplish anything due to the very stormy weather. It is reasonably sure that the Friday evening meeting will bring a good attendance. The new rules will be ready for adoption, and the committee on Postal Delivery will report their successes. Every person interested in the future of the town should be present and align themselves with the new institution. It is just what Lents has needed for a long time and no reason can be given why it should not do very efficient work for the town.

## ISIS TICKETS GO TO ROSE KOSKEY

Miss Rose Koskey won the "E" contest in last week's Herald. She gets two tickets to the Isis Theatre. This week the two tickets will go to the one finding the largest number of ciphers in the advertising on pages 5, 6 and 8. Don't make a mistake and name O's for ciphers.

We will not attempt to correct or count up for persons who do not follow directions carefully.

There are a few conditions necessary to the conduct of such a contest as this which you must read carefully.

First, only one report may be sent by any one family.

Second, The "O" must be found in the advertisements.

Third, You must write us and tell us which pages you find them on. A good way will be to begin with the first column carrying advertising and mention the advertisements having this letter in them and tell how many times it occurs in each, and the total number of times it occurs in the column and then total the three pages.

Fourth, You must send word before the next issue of The Herald.

Fifth, don't forget that The Herald is just as anxious to have its advertisers worthy of your confidence as the advertisers themselves. We believe a better acquaintance with our advertisers will show them to be entitled to your support.

Sixth, In case of a tie, the one getting the report in first will get the prize.

### Fire Department Meets

Lents V. F. D. met in regular business session Monday night April 8.

Among the most important items of business was a letter from the City Auditor, granting a free water tap and free water to the engine house. Chief Jones Assistant Chief Wheeler and private Kerns of Gresham, V. F. D. were present and made addresses relative to the good of the order.

Gresham V. F. D. is taking the lead in organizing a State V. F. D. or Association.

After the meeting Chief Rayburn and Secretary Hazen entertained the company and visitors, with clam chowder. A wagon with a lid on it was required to take several members home, but up to date no fatalities has occurred.

### Civil Government Study Class

The next meeting of the Civil Government class will be held in the public Library on South Main street, Tuesday the 15th, at one o'clock prompt. The study will be on National Administration, after which the usual Quiz problems now of prominence will be discussed. The half hour lecture will be "A Government Study." The Body Politic, What is It? These lessons are free to all, are always most interesting, instructive and practical. Every woman should avail themselves of this opportunity to gain information on political problems and revive her knowledge of civic government. Books pertaining to the studies will be found in the library and it is well for those attending to bring their cards and obtain some of the books. Do not fail to attend, bring note book and pencils. A number of legal points that have been brought up and not quite settled will be answered at this meeting.

## THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT HAVE ANY PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH OFFICE SEEKERS, BUT—



—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## POPULAR VOTING CONTEST CLOSSES

The Lents Hardware Co. closed a very successful voting contest Saturday evening. The interest was general throughout the town and the last hours turned in a large number of coupons. The winners were as follows:

Miss Webber received 21,817,385 votes and took the piano; Miss Hartwig got 9,370,535 taking the gramophone, and Alberta Bolini received 5,878,565 and took the set of silverware.

## LENTS AND BROOKLYN TEAMS CROSS BATS

The base ball season at Lents was opened Sunday by a contest between the Lents Athletics and the Brooklyn Grays. The game was not satisfactory to the visitors; who at the close of the 9th inning quit the field by drawing out. The score stood five to five.

## LENTS HENS MAKES RECORD PRODUCTION

Lents has a reputation for its productiveness. It is doubtful if there is a suburb around Portland where the very air seems so virile as it does out here. There are more children "percapita" in Lents than in any other place of like size in the state. At least that is what you are led to think when the noon recess of the local school is called. The streets are full and overflowing of big, middle sized and small children, good bad and indifferent—mostly good of course. The tendency to productiveness is not limited to the human species. Strawberries are ranker here, we are led to believe, than in any other section of the northwest. Other berries are not to be questioned. Even the chickens are doing their very best. Some of them lay every month of the year. Others want to set all the time. One is just as important as the other. The eggs are larger, and better than others. But it remains for one particular biddy, a white leghorn six months old, to produce an egg with three yolks. If you don't believe it ask her owner, A. A. Gage of Third Avenue.

Now the question is, is Mr. Gage justified in beheading biddy for her extravagance, or should he cultivate her tendencies on the grounds of economy. This hen puts three yolks in one shell. Other hens require three times as much shell. It is a question for discussion and we turn it over to the young men's club of the Methodist Church. We hope they will take the matter up at the earliest opportunity and decide what should be done with such a hen. Is it economy to put three yolks in one shell when the same number of yolks will make three eggs, a fourth of a dozen, which at some seasons of the year, looks like thirty cents.

Artesian water has been struck in Crook County and it is believed it will be of great benefit to farmers and stockmen. The flow was struck at a depth of 197 feet.

## HEALTH OFFICER VISITS SCHOOLS

Dr. Geary of the city health department visited Lents schools on Monday. He went all over the building and made a careful inspection. Outside of one or two cases of rash or some sort of skin diseases there seemed to be no cause to complain. He said the school was in an unusually healthful condition. About the only thing he said, that he saw to complain about was that some of the parents were not as particular about their children cleanliness as they should be. That is a regrettable fact, that so many parents do not realize the importance of keeping their children spick and clean. He says filthiness grows to be a habit and children soon get so they do not observe the difference and so never come to be neat and orderly about their persons as they would if they were started carefully. This is a suggestion for parents who have not been accustomed to think of it in that way.

## LENTS FLOOD FUND STILL OPEN FOR OFFERINGS

The Herald announced a week ago that the "Lents Flood Fund Offering" would be received at the Herald office. Up to date the people of the town have not contributed as liberally to this as might have been expected. It is to be hoped that people will be more considerate of it this week than last. Lents ought to raise at least fifty dollars. The fund will be closed next Thursday morning and the receipts will be turned over to the Portland committee in charge of the fund.

## MR. CLAY C. CAREY AND MISS EMMA WILHEIM MARRIED

Clay Carey of 4912, 72nd street and Miss Emma Wilhelm of 497 Clatsop Ave were married Wednesday evening. The groom is a prominent business man of 72nd street, south, where he has been engaged as a groceryman. His many friends congratulate him on his new venture and wish the new firm much success.

### Appearance Tell

You can tell a farmer by looking at his wife's fruit in the closet. You can tell a slouchy woman by looking at her hair, you can tell a dry goods box statesman by the patches on his pantaloons. You can tell the poisonous serpent by the bluntness of his tail. But the easiest thing of all, you can tell the enterprising merchant by a glance at the local papers. This is not divine revelation, but business and gospel truth. —Mt. Pleasant (Texas) Eagle.

Assurance has been given from Washington that the famous old Battleship Oregon will not be dismantled and broken up, as was feared, but it will be retained in commission as a part of the Pacific reserve fleet, with headquarters at the Puget Sound Navy Yard. Advances have been received to this effect in response to petitions from this state that the old sea fighter be saved from destruction.

## COMMISSION GOV'T IN DE MOINES

### Some Actual Facts and Figures on Commission Government, and Why It is Better and Cheaper Than the Old Form.

April 1, 1908, city government under old plan lacked \$119,200 of enough to pay the obligations of the year preceding. On April 1, 1909, there was a balance in the city treasury over actual cost of running the town in the year of \$104,855. This was the first year under the commission plan. Mind you, this was done with a commission of five men, four of whom had held offices of mayor, assessor, councilman and municipal judge under the old system. Was it a case of the plan or of the man? Just a case of doing away with the ward apportionment and the strife of the ward alderman to get all he could for his immediate constituents without reference to cost to the balance of the city.

These results were brought about in a way as follows: New lighting contract that saved \$5,549 to the city secured at a gain of 1,818 hours per lamp per year on 603 lamps; gross saving to the city, \$1,332.

Mr. Ash of the park department, by the application of business methods and with the incentive the plan affords for individual record, kept our parks up as they had never been kept before and made improvements far in advance of those of any single previous year and saved a little over \$8,000 in his department in one year.

The change in the bookkeeping system and the application of civil service and business methods reduced the clerical charges at the city hall \$2,100, and the standard of efficiency went up to such a degree that promptly at the end of the year an annual report was issued, the first annual report of the city of Des Moines, and this in a city fifty-seven years old!

The cost of creosoted block paving on concrete base was reduced in the first year from an average of \$4.47 per square yard to \$4.09.

The last year under the old plan saw 2,272 catch basins cleaned at a cost of \$1.40 each. The first year under the new plan saw 3,861 catch basins cleaned at a cost of \$1.12 each.

Under the old plan concrete culverts cost the city \$17.61 per cubic foot each. Under the new plan they cost \$12.63.

Under the new plan the police force was actually increased and the efficiency bettered to the extent that public gambling, the red light and street walking were actually abolished, the excise laws strictly enforced, and the cost was a little over \$8,000 less than during the last year under the old plan.

The saving was \$1,400 in the health department, with increased efficiency.

For the first time the city funds in bank drew interest of 4 per cent on time deposits and 2 per cent on average daily balances, and from this source the city received \$9,132.17.

Under the new plan the street cleaning area was more than doubled, and for the first time this department has finished and cleaned alleys, and there has been no increase in expenditures on this account.

Uniform paving, sidewalk and other specifications have been adopted.

The tax levy has been reduced 3 mills in the face of this.

## GRANGE WILL HAVE "HOUSEHOLD PROGRAM"

Lents Grange meets Saturday and will hold its usual all day's session. The morning will be taken up by the third and fourth degree work. After the noon hour the usual lecture hour will be given. The program is mostly devoted to home institutions this time. Household questions will hold sway. Miss Lillian Tingle of the Washington High Schools will be present and discuss Domestic Science questions. Mrs. McNeil will tell about "Best Floor Finishes," and Mrs. Eugene Palmer has been invited to talk about "Best Material for Cooking Utensils." There will be recitations by Winifred Smith and Gordon McNeil. Ruth Rodgers and Ruth Richards have been invited to give instrumental selections.

Farmers in the Molalla-Canby district of Clackamas County have a plan to market their produce directly to the consumer in Portland by bringing it to the city on auto-trucks and cutting out the middleman. They hope to save 40 to 60 percent in the present cost to the buyer.

## PRIZES IN INDUSTRIAL CONTEST

### Oregon Boys and Girls to Compete For Prizes in Industrial Contest. Full Prize List Will be Available Soon.

Our last article told about the five cash prizes—\$100, \$75, \$50, and \$40, to be given to the counties that makes the best showing in the children's contest.

In any county not entering this competition, any and all one room schools may enter the district competition. The first prize in this is a Victor Phonograph and twelve records, given by the publishers of the Rural Spirit. This would be a fine thing for entertainment in the school and a great aid in making the school a social center.

The second prize is an eighteen inch library globe given by the Northwest Furniture Company, a useful article in any school.

The third prize is a school flag given by the publisher of the Pacific Northwest.

The fourth prize, another school flag, given by A. L. Mills, President of the First National Bank, Portland, and the fifth prize is a Babcock Tester, given by Monroe and Crissel.

Every school should show its patriotism by floating the stars and stripes. A Babcock tester should be in every school. Its use is one of the best ways to teach percentage, and it will encourage an interest in dairying.

This industrial contest is one in which every girl and boy attending school can take a part. While the pupils are thus advertising their school and county, and increasing their pride of home and patriotism, they are also learning to do something useful—something by which they can earn a living and can also make of themselves more valuable citizens.

The prize list will be off the press in a few days. In the meantime be planning to do all you can to help win one of those fine district or county prizes. Your articles can compete in the individual classes, also, even though they are a part of a county or district exhibit.

## EVENING STAR GRANGE HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION

There was a large attendance at the meeting of Evening Star Grange April 6, and a very good and interesting program was given. The committee on the death of Father O. H. Kelley made their report in the form of a very nice memorial which was read by Bro. J. D. Lee. The Worthy Master then ordered the Charter draped for the next 30 days, which was done by the Assistant Stewards.

Mr. W. C. Benbow, who assisted in writing the proposed City Charter, under the Commission form of Government, was present and gave a very interesting talk about the proposed charter. He told how it differed from the present one, how it was better, in as much as it fixes responsibility, and also provided for speedy changes and removal from office of undesirable or unsuitable persons.

Quite a discussion followed, participated in by J. D. Lee, R. C. Wright, Prof. Ball, C. H. Welch, who spoke in favor of this plan, and M. C. Reed who spoke in opposition, not to the plan or idea but to the methods employed.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given Mr. Benbow for his fine talk.

Mrs. C. H. Welch read an interesting paper entitled "The Rational Diet."

Chester Alvord rendered two songs, Mildred Boon gave two fine recitations. The Misses Alvord and Luther played a duet, and Mrs. Lela Elliott closed the program with the singing of the "Rosary." Master J. J. Johns spoke about the present agitation for public markets. He was not favorable to the plans which had been presented to the city council, and voted down by that body, but wanted a market run in the interests of the producer and the consumers.

A committee was appointed to take up the matter of Public Markets, and to work with other Granges along these lines.

Loganberry culture is profitable when this delicious fruit produces as it did for a fruitgrower on Mission Bottom, Marion County, yielding 12,300 pounds to the acre last season. These were the weights given by the cannery where he marketed his fruit. It was paid 4 cents per pound, or \$488 per acre. About \$380 of this amount was net.