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The attitude of some of the progressive Portland papers in opposing commission government is surprising to everyone who has noticed their "exhalations." The fear that the want of numbers in administrative and executive functions will provide a way for graft and fraud has not proven true in other cities. Portland is bad enough but do we concede that it would be more difficult to pick a commission here than elsewhere. There are several reasons why we think commission government has an advantage over the customary form. First, the elimination of the city council will relieve the voter. He will better be able to decide on five men than on three or four times that number. The large number of legislative candidates, Republicans, Democrats, Progressives, Prohibitionists, Socialists and Independents, each with one to a dozen nominees excluded all possibility of acquaintance of any of them, and to avoid responsibility we voted for a half dozen and left the others to the mercies of other voters. The result was a bunch of extremely poor legislators from this county, altho some of them were above the average.

Second, one paper cites Tacoma and Spokane as examples of the commission forms which have made exceedingly poor showings under the new system. Might there not be some other reason for the apparent failure to make creditable gains. Why is not Seattle included? Practically the same influences that have retarded developments in Spokane and Tacoma exist in Seattle. Seattle holds to the old system. The facts are that all of these cities are suffering from the exploiter. Realty values in town and out have soared out of reason and people now realize it. The good to "sell" is past and there has been a slump in values. Commission government will not make or cure such a condition as that and why condemn it for the result? In another column will be seen a discussion of the system as tried elsewhere.

The most important event in the history of the country for the last ten years occurred Tuesday when Connecticut through its legislative body voted for direct election of United States Senators. This completes the required thirty-six states necessary to an election amendment of the national constitution. Hereafter the state legislatures will be relieved of the trouble and graft incident to the selection of this officer as conducted in the past. No more legislative time wasted henceforth by senatorial elections. Now if they will pass a national law to penalize log rollers, and steam rollers, the legislatures will be able to do some honest, efficient work.

A California Professor has worked out a plan whereby he can live comfortably on a diet that averages nine cents a day—rye bread and skim milk. That may be a little cheaper but it would be a little monotonous. We doubt if rye bread and skim milk would not in time become indigestible—unpalatable at best. Then what is the use. Why not live a little higher and get more pleasure out of life as you go along. You may not live so long but you live more by taking more of the good things that are possible in the domain of domestic production.

So the president talks to con-

gress on a face to face plan. Why not? He knows what he wants to say and he is not ashamed of it, and neither is he playing politics. For once at least the members of Congress have heard the president's message read. They cannot deny having some notion of what is in it.

Five hundred dollars is the sum given by the county court to provide prizes in the children's garden contests of the county. Now boys—and girls—better be looking to your crops.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Lents, Ore., April 5, 1913.
The average circulation of Beaver State Herald each issue of which publication has been sold or distributed through the mails, or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the last six months preceding the date of this statement has been about 1325 copies.

H. A. DARNALL, Publisher.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of April 1913.
A. M. HOSS, Notary for Oregon.
Commission expires Oct. 18, 1914. 21

Helps in Cement works on the Farm

Each year concrete is more extensively used on the farm—for foundation walls for building, for cisterns, for silos, for stable floors, for walks about the house, for porch steps and numerous other purposes. It is a step that has durability and attractiveness to recommend it. When properly put down, concrete proves to be both economical and permanent.

It is estimated that concrete work for foundations, which includes both material and labor, will cost from 27 to 30 cents per cubic foot. The labor for mixing and placing concrete is about 10 or 12 cents per cubic foot. Concrete cellar floors and walks, four inches thick, cost from \$1.10 to \$1.50 per square yard.

The best concrete is made of Portland cement, sand and crushed rock. The sand should be free from such foreign matter as clay, soil, sticks, leaves or rubbish. Where much strength is required, fine, round river-bottom sand should not be used. Sand that is coarse, clean and sharp will give the most satisfactory results.

As a test of sand, rub it in the hand, and if there is much dirt left on the hand, discard that sand. If when a handful of the same is thrown into a pail of water, it leaves the water muddy, discard it. A dirty sand makes a weak concrete. Crushed rock is much better than screened gravel because of the rougher edges. The rock sometimes known as aggregate should be broken up into irregular pieces having rough, clean surfaces.

Following are the four recognized mixtures for concrete:

1. Rich mixture—One part Portland cement, two parts of clean, coarse sand, four parts crushed rock. This is used for floors, fence posts, etc.

2. Medium mixture—One, two and one-half and five parts, respectively, of cement, sand and crushed rock. This mixture is used for walks, the walls, etc.

3. Ordinary mixture—One, three, six; for heavy walls, piers, abutments, etc.

4. Lean mixture—One, four, eight; for footings, and in places where volume and not great strength is needed.

When gravel is used the proportions are one part of cement and from six to nine parts of gravel, according to the amount of sand in the gravel.

To make one cubic yard of concrete the following respective amounts of cement are required: Rich mixture, 1½ barrels; medium mixture, 1¼ barrels; ordinary mixture, 1½ barrels; lean mixture, ¾ barrel.

In mixing, a water-tight platform or a shallow box should be used. The mode of procedure is to first spread the required amount of sand in a layer, and on top of this spread the cement. Mix thoroughly while dry until a uniform color is secured. In the middle of the mass hollow out a spot in which pour the amount of water needed, adding a little at a time, and using care not to allow the mixture to become too soft. Work up the dry material from the outside toward the center, turn rapidly with shovels, sprinkling water upon it until the proper consistency has been attained.

Thoroughly wet the crushed rock, and add it after the sand and cement

have been thoroughly mixed. In this manner the sand grains are all covered with the finer particles of cement and the crushed rock when added has all the voids filled with the temperate mixture. This undoubtedly gives the greatest strength for material used.

A very common method, however, is to mix all three parts at one time while yet dry, and then mix with the water until the mixture will pack well and handle with a shovel.

Measure exact amounts of each part. Mix thoroughly and not too long before applying water. Cement will set in 20 or 30 minutes, and if disturbed after that loses its strength.

Get the form walls rigid and do not use lumber that is too dry, as it takes up moisture and changes its shape so as to injure the concrete in setting.

Do not allow concrete work to dry out fast, as cracks will appear. It must be protected from the sun for three to five days and sprinkled with water to insure even setting throughout the concrete.

In two weeks concrete gains strength sufficient for ordinary use, but 60 days should elapse before it is given a full load.

In construction work, such as floors, barns, fence posts, bridges, etc., reinforcements of iron are absolutely essential. The beginner will need the supervision of an expert in using reinforcements.

Lents Furniture Co., Second-hand furniture, stoves and Ranges, a specialty. North Main street.

COMMUNICATION.

LENTS, ORE., Apr. 3.—What must be the condition of mind in one who has no appreciation of the merits of his fellow mortal?—That there are beings of that class we all know, but is such an egotist worth the passing thought?—There are some factors which we cannot afford to pass unnoticed (even though as Americans we do join the rush and bustle of this era) for if we do we suffer loss. There are probably but few men or women of worth who are not duly appreciated, but it is done in silence, time is apparently of so much value, that we

have no time to spare except there is a commercial value attached—for instance, the conscientious, faithful employee as a matter of fact, is crowded into or with the other incidents of success, but does it pay? The quiet worker has probably more feeling buried in that silent heart than even the closest friend ever dreamed, days come and go, the work wears without the word of appreciation like a bearing without oil, till life becomes a burden which turns the hair, stoops the shoulders, weakens the knees, stifles the smile, and blanches the cheek. A few words of "well done" from the employer is sometimes a richer pleasure than the purse but the words touch the heart. Friendship must have its recognition in appreciation or it dies like the blighted flower in the parched soil. The man who goes back on his friend cuts his own throat and will not have friends, nor does he deserve any. Even love, earth's sweetest flower, dies unless it is appreciated. The wife may faithfully fill all of the home vacancies, and starve at heart for a few words which would bring cheer in the aching heart and smiles on the saddened face. The husband may struggle for the home and yet hunger for the words that rest the soul like springs in the desert, so refreshing to the weary traveler. The little boy may fall when he tries his best, but what will place such foundations for future efforts and ultimate success as the mother's hands upon the head and her words of cheer and honest courage to the fainting heart. Probably ninety per cent of all suicides have their primary cause in the belief or feeling that nobody cares for them. Flattery is the counterfeit coin and is as base as it is false, but clean honest appreciation sweetens and brightens not only the one to whom it is paid, but is a treasure in the heart, drawing big interest to the giver as well as the receiver. Let us not be driven by time like an engine on the track, but remember that even the Supreme worker of the universe whispers words of appreciation in our heart when he says "Let thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Let us take time to express our true kindly appreciation to our fellows as we pass along life's way, e'er silence shall overtake us and the good words we meant to say be hustled into eternal quiet.—A Reader.

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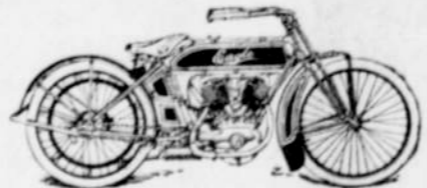
\$1000 Prize Contest

Capital Prize \$425.



Purchased from Eilers Music House
Portland, Oregon

Capital Prize \$290.



Purchased from Lents Garage

Second Prize

Three High Grade Watches



Purchased from Staples Jewelry Company
Portland

Third Prizes

Three Handsome Gold Diamond Rings

RULES OF CONTEST

Any young man or lady is eligible to compete for the prizes. No employee or an immediate relative of an employee of this firm will not be eligible as a candidate in this contest.

No votes will be given for subscriptions for a longer time than two years, nor less time than three months.

No candidate will receive special favors, but each and everyone will be assisted alike by the contest management in obtaining votes.

Candidates are permitted to secure subscriptions anywhere. All subscriptions and orders must be paid for in advance to obtain votes.

After May 14 all candidates not registering 200,000 votes or over will be dropped from the list.

Typographical errors in the publishing of votes will be corrected in the following issue.

No contestant can win more than one prize. Should any question arise as to the interpretation of the foregoing rules, the decision of the Contest manager will be final.

All subscriptions or other orders must be turned into the office by the Wednesday following acceptance of order.

All ballots will be void unless received at The Beaver State Herald office on or before expiration date as printed.

Orders may be taken anywhere for Advertising or Job work. All such orders must be cashed before votes are issued.

How The Prizes Will Be Awarded

In Order to give candidates equal chances, the territory has been divided into three districts. Each district gets a third and fourth prize. The person getting the highest number of votes in all districts gets the first prize which will be that person's choice of the two grand prizes. The person getting the second highest number of votes in all districts will take the remaining grand prize.

Of the remaining contestants, that person in each district having the highest number of votes will have a choice of the gold watch or handsome diamond ring.

The person ranking next in each district will take the remaining prize. No person can take two prizes.

Each district will be awarded a gold watch and a beautiful diamond ring.

District 1.—Territory west of Main Street, Lents.

District 2.—Main Street, Lents to Lents Junction.

District 3.—Lents Junction and Eastward.

Schedule of Votes

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| Three months' subscription..... | \$.25 | 600 Votes |
| Six months' subscription..... | \$.50 | 1500 Votes |
| One years' subscription..... | \$1.00 | 4000 Votes |
| Two year' subscription..... | \$2.00 | 12000 Votes |

For every advertisement secured through the influence of a contestant, votes will be issued at the rate of 500 votes for every dollars in value of advertising.

For every dollar's worth of Job printing, as cards, envelopes, letters, dodgers, etc., 500 votes will be issued. For smaller or larger orders of either advertising or job work in proportion.