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COUNTY FAIR GETS \$2,500 OF \$5,000

State Appropriation For Fairs is Evenly Divided. Land Products Show Gets Other \$2,500 Premiums to Exceed Last Years.

Although the County Fair to be held at Gresham this fall will not secure all of the \$5,000 available for the assistance of local fairs, half of it being turned over to the Land Show, it will secure \$2,500, or over, which will assist very materially in putting up attractive premiums for this year's show. It has been decided to increase the value of premiums in several departments and to reduce them in some others. An effort will be made to encourage general, or collective exhibits such as have heretofore granges or farms.

The Grange exhibits have been rated for premiums from \$225 down to \$75, and provide for seven prizes. Some of these exhibits have been very attractive in the past, comparing with the county exhibits at the State Fair.

An effort will be made to improve the grounds this year by laying them out and planting some shrubbery. A new plan for handling entries will be tried and fees in the live stock department will be collected on stalls used rather than on a percentage of the premium.

LENTS COMMERCIAL CLUB REORGANIZED

As announced in last week's Herald, Lents Commercial Club held a meeting on Wednesday of last week and organized temporarily. Mr. Rostad was chosen temporary chairman and Mrs. Bright secretary. A committee was appointed to draft a set of bylaws and rules for the new organization as the old rules could not be found. The committee reported after a short recess, in favor of a body of rules providing for a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer and committee of five persons. The committee also proposed a further report on rules, to be made at the next meeting and the report was accepted and the officers were then elected for the term of one year. Mr. Rostad was chosen president; F. R. Peterson, vice president; Mrs. Bright, secretary; and Mrs. Freeburg, treasurer. The committee was also chosen.

The meeting adjourned to meet two weeks hence, Thursday April 24th.

BAKER STOCK IN WESTERN PLAY

Texas to be Presented All Next Week by The Popular Baker Players.

To see Texas, which The Baker Players will offer for the week beginning (Sunday) April 20, Matinee, is like seeing a small edition of the Round Up, for it consists mostly of cowboys and things that pertain to life and living in the original cattle country.

The action takes place on the famous Buck Head Ranch in Texas and it is owned by one Colonel West with a pretty daughter named after the state, Texas West. She is in love with a handsome cowboy foreman on a neighboring ranch, named Jack Dallam. On account of too much attention shown by the dashing Jack to a certain titled English woman who is visiting there, an estrangement arises between the two that is only bridged over later on by Jack's getting seriously wounded and her long and careful nursing, which brings them together again. Meantime the Englishwoman's brother is scheming to get possession of Buck Head, having learned from a half breed of the presence of a rich gold vein on a part of it. After a long series of genuine Western episodes, it begins to look as if the Englishman had got the Colonel in a hole and is getting the ranch at just about his own figures when Jack strikes it rich on a piece of land he has forgotten about and is enabled to buy Buck Head himself, thereby keeping it in the family. There is a score of genuine Western characters included in the cast and a running fire of breezy comedy and interesting events. The regular Baker Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday and the popular bargain night Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor of Buffalo St. Lents are rejoicing over the birth of a little daughter on April 8th. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

I. O. O. F. INITIATE CLASS OF TWENTY

The Largest Class in History of Lodge Completes Third Degree. Also Largest Class Initiated in State This Year.

The meeting of Mt. Scott Lodge, 188, I. O. O. F. held Tuesday evening was an exceptional one from several reasons.

The class of twenty-three that started in four weeks ago completed its third degree that evening and were thereby initiated into the full mysteries and benefits of Oddfellowship. Three of the class fell out by the way, leaving twenty to complete the work, but one of these was away on a last moment call. Those present to complete their initiation were Frank and Fay Rayburn, Claude Lent, Dr. Hess, Leo Katzky, Art Geisler, Tom Cowing, Marvin Hedge, Dr. Ogsbury, Ralph Stanz, Webber Bros., and Messrs. Geyer, Cleland, Leonard, Galichio, Carter, Kineman, and Josephine.

The third degree team from Samartion lodge put on the degree work in their usual first class manner. About fifty of their members were present.

Grand Master Wheeler and Grand Secretary Sharon were present and made short addresses.

Already there are six new names on the list for admission and the prospects are very favorable for an early repetition of the 'big class.'

Next evening is expected to be a business session and every member is expected to be out.

LENTS GRANGE IN REGULAR SESSION LAST SATURDAY

The regular monthly meeting of Lents Grange was held Saturday. The regular work was carried through and the morning session was occupied with business and initiation in the third and fourth degrees. The leading feature of the afternoon was a talk from Miss Lillian Tingle of the City schools department of domestic science. She gave an excellent talk which was extended by various persons asking questions. Bro. Holton of Oswego grange was present and gave a valuable discussion of the topics Miss Tingle presented—namely, a Rational Diet.

Following the close of these discussions the grange was asked to support a motion disapproving of the referendum movement on the State University, which after considerable discussion, carried by a good majority.

TROUTDALE MAYOR MAKES BAD RECORD

The city of Troutdale chose one of its saloon keepers mayor at the last election. As a result the town is getting some very unpleasant publicity. Mayor Edmundson had his name in the city papers this week on account of being arrested for selling liquor to minors. He has promised to resign as mayor. The town marshal is also accused of frequenting the saloons, and his conduct is to be investigated. Troutdale has enough decent people to fill the offices of the town if they will get together and support them. The town saloons have long been too prominent in the town affairs. Three saloons is all out of proportion to the size of the place anyway. In fact there is little reason for any at all. Anyway the town's expenses could far better be met by taxation. The money that is now thrown to support the saloons would then go to upbuilding of homes, which would far easier pay a small city tax than provide the fund under the license system.

FORMER GRESHAM MAN'S HOME ROBBED AND FIRED.

E. E. Daring, at one time principal of the schools at Gresham, now living at 1137 East Everett, Laurelhurst, had his residence pillaged Monday evening and then set on fire. The fire was seen by a stranger who turned in an alarm. The house was closed up tightly, all blinds being down. The fire had been started in the basement. All the bedding and closets and dressers had been ransacked. The robbers had first lunched in the dining room and partaken of the family liquors. The firemen had a difficult time to subdue the fire which had completely destroyed all the property in the storage.

Mrs. Hager of Stella St. is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

MANY HANDS MAKE LABOR LIGHT.



—Sykes in Philadelphia Ledger.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT IN AMERICAN CITIES

(BY H. S. GILBERTSON, IN REVIEW OF REVIEWS.)

It is eleven years since the Galveston disaster. But out of that exigency, with beginnings in the merest of accidents, has grown a movement which has re-created the structure of one hundred and sixty American cities, shaken some of the most cherished traditions of our politics, and put a new note of optimism in our political thinking.

Galveston's rehabilitation needed a strong efficient direction from its governing body; its complex unworkable government could not give it. Straightway, without resort to theory, some of the leading citizens proceeded to map out a very simple plan of control at the hands of five men, who were to have ample powers and be unhampered in their choice of means. The plan was adopted and worked exceedingly well, but it was not democracy, for the commission was chosen by the Governor. The legislative act creating it was declared unconstitutional on these grounds. But it was revived in substantially its original form with this vital difference; that the "commissioners" were to be chosen by popular vote.

The shifting of control from Governor to people caused uneasiness to the local leaders, who were only too familiar with the results of the popular rule under the old government. But the electors made good this time by electing to office the very men whom the Governor had appointed. And for ten years they have been reelecting them again and again, so that with one exception the original commission has been at the helm in Galveston till this year.

It was a new phenomenon; the people actually selecting for office not men who had been identified with office-getting organizations, but bankers and business men of ability with reputations to sustain and interests of their own to protect. So that the Galveston experiment not only solved the local problem of efficient government, but it did so without a sacrifice of democratic principles. In fact, the theory which has grown up out of Galveston's success is that the simplified conditions of citizenship have been all that is really needed to put the people of a community in effective control.

FROM TEXAS TO IOWA.

The idea spread to Houston, which adopted in 1906 not the exact plan of organization, but its essential simplicity—five men, the only elective officers, copious in power, conspicuous. Two years later Dallas fell in line, and in the same year the idea took root in Des Moines. From then on the "Commission government" idea has been a national possession, for the citizens of Des Moines did not content themselves with having a popular and workable govern-

ment for its own sake, but advertised it far and wide as the city's chief civic asset.

In obtaining permission from the State of Iowa to adopt the commission form of organization, Des Moines hit upon a device which has accelerated the movement in the country by several degrees. This was the adoption of a State-wide permissive law, which made it possible for any city (within certain limits of classification) to put the plan into operation by a popular election, called upon petition of 25 per cent. of the qualified electors. Seven Iowa cities recognized under this arrangement. South Dakota adopted a similar law in the same year. "COMMISSION" LAWS IN TWENTY STATES.

In 1907 and 1909 Kansas adopted two such laws, for her first and second-class cities, respectively, and now every important city in Kansas is under the commission form. The other States which have adopted such blanket laws are Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, South Carolina, Texas, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Alabama, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Washington, Nebraska, New Jersey, and Wyoming. The six last named have enacted such legislation during the past year. The home-rule charter States of California, Oregon, Colorado, Washington (cities of over 20,000 population), Michigan, Minnesota, and Oklahoma, all have "commission" cities. In Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Maine several cities have charters by special act of legislature. So that altogether cities with a total population of nearly four million either are now or shortly will be governed under this plan.

Galveston is a city of moderate size, with a population of 36,981. For a time the movement was identified with cities of this class, but later it was spread both to the larger and smaller communities so that now in the "commission" group are hamlets like Canton, S. D., too small for a separate census enumeration, and Oakland, Cal., Omaha, Neb., Birmingham, Ala., and Memphis, Tenn., all having a population in excess of 100,000. Buffalo with a population near 500,000 has voted favorably on the idea, but has been unable thus far to bring the New York Legislature to see it in the same light; and some enthusiasts even suggest the "commission" form for New York City.

On November 7, last, Lowell and Lawrence, Mass., Sacramento, Cal., Chanute, Kan., Lexington, Ky., and Fremont, Mich., adopted the plan. The people of Salt Lake City elected the first commissioners under the new system. Soon also Paducah, Ky., Eugene and Salem, Ore., and Pasadena, Cal., will pass upon the question. In Denver, Colo., Baltimore, Md., and Wheeling, W. Va., the inaug-

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIVE PROGRAM

Some High Points Scored in Manual Exhibit Which is Leading Feature. Program in Evening Much Enjoyed.

Friday was a big day with the Lents schools. The teachers and Parents' Club combined to present a program and exhibit which outclassed all its predecessors. The entertainment opened at one o'clock but even before that hour visitors were inspecting the displays of hand work which occupied several rooms and a good portion of the hall.

The exhibit fell into two divisions. The part produced by the children under the direction of their teachers, sewing, and woodwork, and that which the children had done at home. Both exhibits were very fine. They speak well for the interest of teachers, parents, and particularly the children.

The manual training exhibit included several articles of wear, aprons, and underwear that were neatly made and of very tasty design. The boys were well represented by a display of stools, benches, hat racks, umbrella holders, tables and one very creditable side-board.

The home-products department included pillows, scarfs, aprons, quilts, rugs, mats, underwear, stools, models, bird houses, traps nests wood carving and other articles too numerous to recall.

The exhibits were all graded in points, over 7000 points being recorded. Some of the most notable articles were as follows: Milton Wiley, 90 points on an original electric battery; Geo. Jones 150 on a sea weed basket, and two cedar bark baskets; Wm. Christenson, 90 points, on a sofa pillow; Leona and Lucille Irish, 75 each on a quilt with nursery rhymes embroidered in the blocks; Hazel Cartosion, 250 points on a beautiful Armenian rug; Harold TenEyn, 75 points on a rag rug; and Myrtle Moore, Rowen Faith, Martin Pluylaar, Byron Heard, Harris Morill, Wilson Morrill, Frida Alpanalp, Earl Mason, Carl Wilson and Mabel Svent, 70 to 75 points each on various articles of a practical nature. Then there were numerous articles scoring lower.

The program consisting of songs, recitations and drills was carried through as announced and very successfully. The evening was taken up by a program prepared by the Parent-Teacher's Club. Assistant Superintendent Groat made the leading address and Mr. J. V. Jones spoke at length on the city playground movement.

ROADS OF VICINITY GET NEEDED REPAIRS

The county road gang has been busy during the past week making much needed repairs on the Oregon City, Foster and various cross roads. Main street through Lents will come in for a share of attention. The past winter has been an unusually bad one on roads. The long rainy spells have thoroughly saturated the beds, which have in many places settled seriously. In other places the surface has been cut by washing or by the grinding of traffic into chuck holes every few feet.

REVIVAL MEETINGS AT LENTS FRIENDS CHURCH.

Beginning next Sunday evening April 20th, at Lents Friends' church, South Main St. Rev. Homer L. Cox Evangelist. Services each evening at 7:45. Rev. Cox is recently from Kansas, and comes to us with a message from God. He and his wife are both gifted in song. Don't fail to hear them.

CALLED TO REST.

Mrs. Mary Heeny Westover, born in Canada in February 1843, departed this life April 14, 1913, at the age of seventy years two months and fourteen days. She is survived by her aged husband, two sons and three daughters, all but one son were present at the funeral which was held at the M. E. Church Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock. She was laid to rest in the Multnomah cemetery. J. L. Westover of the Ninth Avenue Grocery is a son of the deceased.

Mrs. E. H. Lyons, formerly Miss Florence Sommerfeldt, of Springfield, is visiting home folks this week.

TO ENTERTAIN DISTRICT ASS'N

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Will Meet With M. E. Church Thursday and Friday April 23 and 24. Good Program Arranged.

The Salem District Association of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24 with the Methodist Episcopal church in Lents. A very complete program has been arranged. A large number of visitors will be present and on the whole the prospects are fair for the largest gathering of its kind ever held in Lents. Undoubtedly all the societies officers will be present, including Mrs. Edwin Sherwood, of Salem; Mrs. W. Boyd Moore of Lents; Mrs. Wood of Hillsboro; Mrs. R. C. Blackwell, Hillsboro and Alaska; Mrs. D. L. Fields, Dallas, Ore.; Mrs. J. N. Masterton, Canby, Ore.; Mrs. F. B. Sackett, Sheridan, Ore.; Miss Mary Cori, Forest Grove, Ore., and Mrs. F. Von Eschen, Salem, Ore.

The program will begin at 2 p. m. Wednesday and there will be afternoon and evening sessions. The Thursday session will begin at 9:30, and again at 1:30, closing during the afternoon.

Several Lents people appear on the program. Mrs. Rhoda Wallace of Lents will deliver the greeting. Miss Horner will render a reading; Mrs. Sells and Dr. Ogle are listed for a duet. Wilford Hollingsworth has a reading, Mrs. W. B. Moore will preside at the consecration service. Mrs. C. A. Daniels will furnish a musical selection.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB VOTES TO DISBAND

A meeting of the officers and members of the new Improvement Club met at the library last Friday evening and decided unanimously to discontinue the organization. The members not present had several of them been consulted and they too thought there would be no occasion to continue the club as the aim it had in view was accomplished by the reorganization of the Commercial Club. The only matter that really interested the members of the Improvement Club was that the commercial club should prove to be a live and lasting organization. Appearances seem to indicate that such will be true of it and so those persons most instrumental in bringing about its reorganization through the formation of the improvement club, are fully satisfied.

MULTNOMAH STATE BANK CONTINUES TO EXPAND

The regular quarterly report of the Multnomah State Bank shows a healthy condition of that institution. Deposits have steadily increased for the quarter. Nothing extraordinary has been developed but the deposits run over \$4000 above that of last quarter. The books show that the Postal savings bank is popular in Lents. Over \$9000 has found its way into the bank through the post office. There has been a decided gain in the cash reserve. In another column will be found the quarterly statement which is of interest to all depositors and residents of the city.

HERALD CIPHER CONTEST GOES TO GEORGE O. JONES.

George O. Jones, of Lents won the Herald cipher contest last week. He gets two tickets to the Isis theatre. George's report was the best yet turned in. The system he used was correct, he followed directions and he reported the required pages.

PARENT TEACHERS' CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY APRIL 18.

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet at the assembly hall Lents school Friday April 18th at 3:45 p. m., program as follows:—General Health, Mrs. Laura Little; Teaching children, Miss Kenworthy; Preparation for Motherhood, Mrs. A. F. Herschner. Musical selections; A good attendance is desired. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman and daughter, Mrs. Melton, formerly of Oregon City are again occupying their home on 4th. Avenue.