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WORK BEGUN ON ODDFELLOWS BLDG.

Irish Bros. Awarded Biggest Single Contract Ever Let in Lents. Will be of Re-Enforced Concrete. Finished by August 1st.

Monday noon was the time set for the awarding of the contract for the new building for Mt. Scott Lodge, I. O. O. F. The building has been under contemplation for some time but up to yesterday the figures looked big. Irish Bros. had presented a plan that was acceptable and made an estimate on the cost. The plans were put up for bids, but only one firm made an offer, besides themselves, and that offer exceeded \$8,000. So the building was awarded to them for \$7,500. It will be of reinforced concrete, 43x80, and the outside walls will be 37 feet high, over a seven foot basement. The first floor rooms will be 14 feet high. There will be two doors on the west front and one store front on the north side, beside the hall entry which will be from that side. The front will be plate glass, as will also the north front.

The second floor will contain a hall sixteen feet high, 43x60 entered by two doors. In the rear of the hall will be locker rooms, waiting rooms, dressing rooms and entries. The plan of these rooms allow free movement in all directions, and is one of the most complete plans that was ever utilized. A men's smoker 14x18 will be one of the features. This floor will have an 8foot ceiling, and above it will be a large dining room, 30x43, out of which will be cut a kitchen 10x12, in the south east corner, and the stairway. It will make a fine room. The kitchen will be fitted up with cupboards, tables, sink, and gas conveniences. The building will be lighted by electricity and will be prepared for furnace heating.

The windows will be of the latest style, all double. Those in the rear hall floor will be smaller, but there will be two sets, one for the locker room floor and another for the dining room floor.

The building will be a very fine appearing structure, and will be the best yet in Lents, and will be ready for occupancy about the first of August. Work was begun on it Thursday morning. Most of the orders for material have already been let.

GIANTS WIN CLOSELY CONTESTED GAME.

Again the Lents Giants came off victorious in the Sunday game. By a score of 5 to 6, in a very fast game, the Giants, in a game of nine innings, gave the Ernest Grays a sample of their best work Sunday afternoon.

The features of the game were the timely hitting of Nagel for the Grays and of A. Boland for the Giants and of the catching of the Giants' centerfielder, Whitstone. Hits off Ball, Donaldson S. of Fitzgerald 7; errors for Grays, 2; Giants, 3.

Next Sunday the Giants play the Orioles the fastest team in the country. Emery Webb is back home and he will be seen on the firing line for the Giants.

LENTS SCHOOL TEAM LEADS ITS SECTION

The Lents Grammar School Ball Team has won five victories and has had no defeats to its credit. With 1000 points and its competitor 333 behind, it looked like an easy walk away. The scores in all their games have run well in their favor while their opponents have been held down to a minimum. The record for the entire group of schools in this section is as follows:

	W.	L.	Per
Lents	5	0	1000
Clinton Kelly	2	1	677
Sellwood	4	2	667
Richmond	3	2	600
Arlata	3	3	500
Glancee	2	2	500
Woodlawn	2	2	500
Ureston	1	2	333
Weston	1	3	250
South Mount Tabor	0	5	000

RE-UNION OF OLD TIME MELODIES

Mr. Freeman, New Manager of the Isis Intends Staging a Playing Contest Among The Pioneers of the West.

Among the members of the older generation, the fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, of the generation passing by, how many who have enjoyed a dance or a quadrille on the pioneers puncheon floor can recall the rollicking see-saw "tunes of long ago?" Not many can call offhand the old tunes, unwritten, but carefully preserved "by rote" and treasured in older memories with recollections of good times and the early days. It is due to the old fiddlers, now almost extinct, that the old, old tunes are preserved; soon they will perish with their creators. But what a novel and delightfully entertaining affair is a reunion of the old-timers, the pioneers, exchanging reminiscences and renewing their youth in the strangely moving melodies wrought by the old-fashioned fiddler.

Why, it is only by the strongest effort that you can call up some of those old tunes—"Rosin the Bow," "On the Old Kentucky Shore," "Joe Bowers," "Turkey in the Straw," "Old Dan Tucker," "Arkansas Traveller," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Over the Garden Wall," "Money Musk," "Little Old Log Cabin in the Lane," "Oh, Susanna, Don't You Cry," "Fisher's Hornpipe," "Little Brown Jug," "Captain Jinks," "Old Cinnamon Seed Essence," "Beaux of Albany," "Leather Breeches," "Burning of the Robert E. Lee," "Oh, Johnny, Hold My Tater," and scores of others.

Mr. Freeman, the new manager of the Isis, is planning to get just the participants of the fiddle and bow of this section together in the near future for a playing contest. Mr. Freeman is acquainted with scores of the first settlers and was the first amusement promoter to get them together in a reunion about five years ago at the Oaks. Twenty-five assembled and there was one woman, a Mrs. Anderson among them. She was 76 years of age and as active as at thirty. None of the players were under 60 years of age. The keenest interest was manifested in the playing. Not one of the players ever read a note of music in his or her life and all airs were played according to memory. The players enjoyed the contest as much as the very large audience that gathered. Medals and prizes were given.

As soon as the names of the old fiddlers of this section are known all eastern Multnomah county is invited to send talent. A date will be arranged and entertainment provided for the players. At the Seattle exposition Mr. Freeman invited the pioneers of fiddle and bow together and one of the prizes was won by a man eighty years old. Although slightly afflicted with the palsy the players' hand had not lost its cunning. Who shall say, indeed, that there was not a world of melody in the old tunes? Thirty old timers assembled upon that occasion and some of them came a hundred miles to renew acquaintances. At the height of the performance, a man in the audience who had crossed the plains cried out at one of the players, "Why, Hello, Joe, is that you? I haven't seen you for forty years—that old tune brings back everything to me." All old fiddlers, sixty years young whose hearts are still responsive to the charm of the old songs, should send in their names and addresses. Plans for the reunion in the near future will be fully outlined in the Beaver State Herald, from week to week.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES MEETING

The next meeting of the Missionary Society of the Baptist church will be held with Mrs. Hurlburt, Finland. The date set is May 21. At their last meeting the members of the Society presented a very pretty silver berry spoon to Mrs. Hurlburt, as a small token of the love and esteem in which they hold her. She has been a tireless worker in all departments of the church work, being Vice President of the Missionary Society, S. S. teacher, Junior Superintendent and a member of the choir, and now that she leaves us for another field we feel that our own loss is certainly their great gain.

Mrs. John Rowcliffe, of Eagle Creek, visited last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Carman, of 69th street.

GOOD PHYSICIAN TO CONSULT.



BRIGHT SPOTS IN A SMALL BOY'S LIFE.



When the Furnace in the Church Smokes and the Congregation is Dismissed. —Webster in Chicago News.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Lents Commercial Club held its appointed meeting on Thursday evening with a good attendance. Several persons addressed the Club, C. C. Chapman of the Portland Commercial Club making one of his customary inspiring appeals. Mr. Skulason, of Portland also, gave a short talk during which he lauded Oregon climate, and Lents as a desirable location for residence and business enterprises. Several business matters were disposed of. The Oregon Male Quartette rendered several very interesting selections. The next meeting will fall on its regular meeting night.

MOUNT SCOTT O. E. S. HOLD INTERESTING MEETING.

Mt. Scott O. E. S. met last Thursday evening and proceeded to have another very successful meeting. The attendance was very good and there were a number of visitors, among whom was the W. G. M., Mrs. Margaret Hayter. The degree work was heartily commended by Mrs. Hayter, who said that very rarely indeed did she see even an old lodge do the work so well. She was also surprised to see a class of six candidates taken in one evening. The lodge has over twenty candidates in waiting, and the next meeting promises to be another interesting one.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO GIVE BENEFIT PROGRAM.

Parent-Teacher's Club will give a benefit program at the school house, Tuesday, May 6th, at 8 p. m. The proceeds of the fund raised will be held in trust for emergencies. The program is as follows, subject to additional features being added:

Piano Solo	Lillian Woodson
Daisy Song	12 small girls
Wand Drill	6 and 7 grades
Recitation	Miss Signor
Violin Solo	Ramond Stanth
Indian Club Drill	8 and 9 grades
Vocal Solo	Dr. Ogilvie
Recitation	Miss Snyder
Playette	Six Cups of Chocolate

FIREMAN'S BENEFIT SUPPER BY WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT

The women of Woodcraft will give a supper in the Grange hall, Wednesday evening, May 7th, for the benefit of the fire company who are out of chemicals and need the money to purchase them. The public is invited to assist both by contributing to the supper and attending. Supper from 5:30 until 7, to be followed by a dance.

Mrs. Lawrence, better known as Mother Lawrence to the Pisgah home men, has moved from 9th Ave., to 5th Ave.

BENEFITS OF COMMISSION GOV'T.

A Herald Correspondent Sees The Advantages in Commission Government Over The Present Form. Some Instances Cited.

In listening to discussions upon the proposed commission form of government, the thought becomes established in the mind of the interested listener that right now is a good time to become informed, as in case the proposition is defeated at the coming election, the friends of the measure will proceed at once to present another. It is really a waste of time to vote against the commission plan. Let us have it, test it, and know for ourselves whether it is the reform we most need.

With the charts exhibited by Mr. M. S. Lepper at the discussion last week, it appears that the financial affairs of the city are virtually in the hands of the mayor at the present time. Those who resided in Portland during the agitation preceding the adoption of the charter under which the present municipal affairs are managed, can readily recall the great central thought at that time, "Give us a responsible head!" cried the reformers of that day. "Concentrate the power now dispersed in the hands of several irresponsible persons, invest this power to the mayor and hold him responsible to the people." So the matters of finance were taken from the members of the city council, and placed in the hands of the financial board, the members of which board are selected and appointed by the mayor. What does it give us? A ponderous, slow working machine; really a double council in that all matters pass first through the hands of the council and then through the hands of the financial board with frequent "referring back" proceedings from one to the other, delays and shifting of responsibility.

The new plan, by some called the short ballot, places the entire business of the city in the hands of five men, one of whom is designated as mayor with certain limited powers. Each of these five men are responsible for the conduct of all municipal affairs coming under his division. All are subject to recall. The preferential ballot which is made a part of the new system, does away with the manipulation of political parties in municipal affairs. Consolidates the primary and general elections into one election in which the voter names his first, second and third choice for each one of the five positions, and saves to the commonwealth the cost of the unnecessary primary election.

Under the present system the transaction of business moves slowly, but the emptying of the pockets of the tax payers proceeds swiftly. The new method works in opposite direction, where it has been established. The business of the city proceeds speedily and the coin in the pockets of the tax payers has time to accumulate.

The great tidal wave of 1900 which brought distress and disaster to the people of Galveston has been turned into a tidal wave of great good to the whole country, as out of the distressed condition of Galveston, the new form of government was evolved. It wrought an economic and stable government for that distressed community. See if it will not for us.

RUSCH TAILORING CO. REPORT BUSINESS GOOD

That business has not been dull for all the people in the town is evidenced by the Rusch Tailoring Company. This company has been established in Lents less than a year, yet it has come to be recognized as one of the established houses of the town. The business they have been handling has been quite satisfactory for the acquaintance that has been possible in such a short time. This is largely due to the excellent service offered and the exceptionally good stock of goods handled by the firm. While they do not attempt to carry an exhaustive stock, they do try to handle goods of quality and style. Some of the best dressed people of the town thank Rusch for the interest and effort which he has displayed in suiting them.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Sunday, May 4. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Themes: "Paul's Athenian Sermon," and "Christ the Bread of Life." This will be the last service preceding the annual conference, which convenes at Salem May 8, Bishop Spreng presiding. P. Conklin Pastor.

MILWAUKEE ROAD TO ENTER PORTLAND

Line Via Lents Is Probable Entrance To City. Would Put Lents in Direct Touch With East. Would Open Up Fine Farming Country.

Recent movements of President Earling of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul, seem to indicate that he is contemplating and invasion of Oregon. Leaving Seattle recently, supposedly to go east, it was just learned that he had gone to Eastern Oregon with a party of capitalists and they have spent a week or two looking things over, quietly seeing all the good and some of the bad, and sizing the future possibilities of this part of the state up pretty fully. The full list of his travelling companions is known and there is every reason to believe that the trip was for investigating the country.

The Milwaukee would make the third great railway system to enter the Eastern part of the state. There seems to have been an intention of making the entrance into Portland from this direction for several years. There was considerable talk about three years ago, but the movement seems to have died down. Probably too much publicity. It was then suggested that the O. W. P., and Portland Railway belonged to the Milwaukee. About that time the Mt. Hood road got active, and the Milwaukee talk stopped. Now that the Mt. Hood road is well in hand, the Milwaukee may well begin operations again for it practically has that outlet all to itself. With three possible roads entering Portland it seems probable that the Milwaukee would be able to make its own choice. It can now come in by way of Troutdale, Mt. Hood, or down the Clackamas.

In either event the line would pass through Lents. We would then be immediately in touch with a transcontinental railway and its various branches electrified, leading into Portland. This would put us in touch with Eastern Central Oregon in less than a half day's time and would beat the O. W. R. & N., or the North Bank either, in time or expense in reaching the various important points East and South of Portland.

Just what this will mean to this part of the city is not well foretold. Of one thing we may be sure. The importance of the development will depend very largely upon the attitude of the people in this part of the city. What the road really wants is a terminal in the city. If the O. W. P. and the Milwaukee are really identical, the road now has all the terminals that it really needs. It has practically everything in the city that it wants and further developments will be made elsewhere.

Louis J. Rossiter and Miss Mamie Wester Wed.

Louis J. Rossiter of Vancouver, Washington and Miss Mamie H. Wester of Weston, Lents, were united in marriage at the home of the bride, April 27th, by W. Boyd Moore, pastor of the M. E. church. The home was tastefully and beautifully decorated with art and evergreen. Fifty-eight guests witnessed the service and partook of the wedding lunch served by the genial hosts.

After the usual congratulations, the bride and groom took their departure for a short honeymoon. Their host of friends and acquaintances concede that they were happily mated and say it is all right and hope for them much happiness and prosperity.

LONE TREE MINE TO BE EXPLOITED

"The Lone Tree Mine" a play with fifteen characters, a lot of special scenery, a live donkey, right on the stage ore with four legs and real donkey ears, a church choir, and special features, all of which will require over two hours and a half, will be put on at the Isis Theater the 28th and 29th of May. It promises to be the liveliest big thing yet attempted by the Lents Dramatic Company, and the participants are all working like Tregans endeavoring to get their parts down so that criticism will be out of question. The play will be put on in co-operation with the local G. A. R., and there will be songs by the old soldiers, and special features between all scenes and acts.

Rev. W. Boyd Moore attended the state Sunday school convention at Oregon City, Friday of last week.