

BEAVER STATE HERALD

Subscription, \$1.00 a Year.

LENTS, MULTNOMAH CO., OREGON, THURSDAY, MAY 22 1913.

Vol. 11. No. 21

MIKE MORGAN SUDDENLY KILLED

Suicide is Thought to Have Been the Cause. Ill Health Causes Despondency. 22 Caliber Rifle Used.

The people of Lents were shocked Saturday evening by learning that Mr. M. Morgan, a respected resident of the town for the last ten years, had been shot and was lying unconscious at death's door. Dr. Hess was called and an investigation showed that Mr. Morgan had been shot by a 22 rifle in the region of the forehead. The bullet could not be located and Mr. Morgan remained unconscious and paralyzed until his death, about seven o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Morgan was not at home at the time of the shooting.

Mr. Morgan was employed for several years by the Portland Railway, but the character of the work was injurious to his health, so he quit several months ago. His inability to endure severe labor is thought to have caused him to become despondent and to worry over being a burden in his home.

Mr. Morgan was fifty-two years of age. The family came from Morehouse, Missouri ten years ago and located in Lents. The deceased leaves a wife, a daughter, Lisa, and three sons, Tom, Pat and Johnnie.

The funeral was held from the house Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Solomon of the Mormon church officiating.

REBEKAHAS ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

The Eureka Rebekha Lodge of Lents elected its term officers at the Friday night meeting. Mrs. Maud Darnall was chosen N. G., Mrs. Anna Peterson, V. G., Mrs. Mamie Cox, secretary, W. A. Eatchel, financial secretary, Mrs. Spring, treasurer. Mr. Beng and Mrs. Bush were admitted by card. The next regular meeting will initiate a class of fourteen or more. Columbia Lodge has been asked to put on the initiation. Some of the members are growing quite enthusiastic over the outlook. A large number has been added to the membership within the past quarter, prospects are good for the future, and the financial condition of the lodge was never better than at the present.

SPECIAL 1000 VOTE OFFER

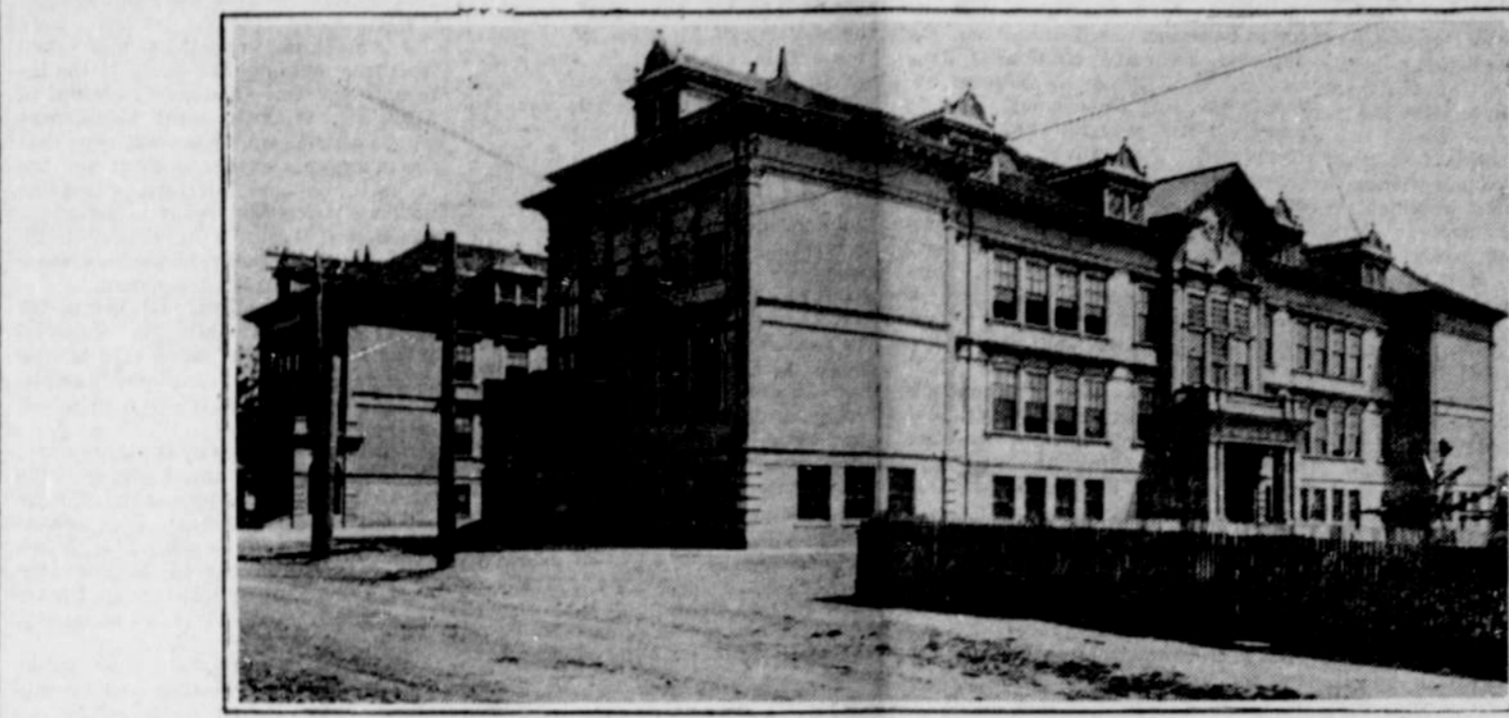
The last two weeks of the contest which has been running for the Herald will move away quickly. Interest is beginning to warm up considerably. Friends of the leading contestants are planning to give assistance at the last instant which will develop into a real struggle before the end has been reached.

Special interest will center around the Order Coupons which will be redeemed for face value at the Herald Office any time within a year. These orders will be sold at one dollar each and they can be turned in for cash on any advertising bill, or for job work at the office of the Company at any time within the limit. A dollar collected by a contestant in this way will be worth 1000 VOTES. This must be on original orders—orders taken by the contestants. Collections on advertising not solicited will not count. That is, it will not be counted unless the contestants were instrumental in securing the order for the advertising or job work. The Herald has been extremely lenient in this matter heretofore but from this time forth we will have to stick to rules. There will be no extra votes given for subscriptions at any time in the contest.

The contest will close promptly at ten o'clock on the evening of May 31, the votes will then be counted and the prizes will be rewarded.

LENTS PARENT-TEACHER CLUB ELECT OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers to the Parent-Teachers' Club was held at the meeting on Friday. Mrs. Jeanette Gabelle was chosen president, Mrs. Body, vice president, Mrs. Cox, secretary, Mrs. Otto Katzky, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Herschner, treasurer. The Club will continue its meetings regularly on the work it has been carrying on during the past two years. Much good has been accomplished during this time and there is a fine prospect for its future.



LENTS PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, WHICH ACCOMMODATES ABOUT ONE THOUSAND PUPILS

A MALICIOUS SLANDER ON THE LENTS V. F. D.

It is authentically reported that a certain person made the following remarks to the ladies of the Women of Woodcraft, during the progress of the benefit supper that the Ladies so kindly gave for the benefit of the Lents Volunteer Firemen. "It is a shame for you Ladies to work so hard all day and night in giving this supper when half of the money will go to buy booze for the Firemen."

As secretary of the L. V. F. D. I want to say that the reptile who made the above statement is more fool than knave. He condemns himself out of his own mouth. He is a wilful and malicious prevaricator.

The Lents Volunteer Fire Department is organized wholly for the good of the community. Its object is to save life and property. Its members serve without pay or hope of reward other than the loyal support and co-operation of the people who they are trying to serve.

Its members are all residents of Lents and for the most part are local business men. The firemen have held a few suppers which they have paid for out of their own pockets. On the night of the second of Dec., 1912, held a supper in Duke's Hall at which a few friends were invited. After the supper the hat was passed around, and after the expenses of the supper were paid, the sum of nine dollars and sixty cents were turned into the treasury of the Fire Department.

In several instances when relatives of some member of the Department have died the firemen have bought floral pieces, paid for them out of their own pockets and sent them to the funeral in the name of the L. V. F. D.

Where in the course of fire we have had to use personal property, such as blankets, sheets and etc., in caring for the dead and wounded we have paid for the same out of our own pockets.

The books of the Department are open for inspection to any one at any reasonable time. I want to further say that while I have been a member of the L. V. F. D. not one cent has been paid out of the treasury for anything except strictly legitimate department business. The members have to pay for their own badges.

During freezing weather a fire was kept in the engine house day and night to keep the water in the tanks of the chemical engine from freezing. At times there was no money in the treasury to pay for fuel and W. A. Hall & Son donated fuel that the safety of the community might be safeguarded.

If the name of the party making the statement that half the money would go to buy booze, were known he should have to prove his assertions in court.

M. S. HAZEN,
Secretary Lents V. F. D.
Approved by L. V. F. D. in regular meeting May 19, 1912, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST,
F. R. RAYBURN, M. S. HAZEN,
Foreman Secretary

LENTS DRAMATIC CLUB WILL PRESENT THE 'LONE TREE MINE'

The Lents Dramatic Club will put on a big show on the 28th and 29th of next week. As announced in a recent issue of the Herald, the show will be exceptional. "The Lone Tree Mine," will require 28 people and a donkey, to put it on. There will be five acts, all western scenery, several special acts, a quartette of old soldiers from the city, and lots of music. The show is being given a benefit for the G. A. R.

ROSE FESTIVAL COMING EVENT.

City is Preparing to Entertain Large Crowd of Visitors. Agricultural Exhibits to be Leading Fall Features.

Portland's annual Rose Festival this year will be bigger than ever and preparations are now in full swing to entertain the thousands of visitors to the city at that time. The dates are June 9 to 14, and during that period Rex Oregonus, the merry monarch who owes allegiance to but one superior, the Oregon rose, will rule the city and its people.

Big delegations are coming from other coast cities. Special trains have been routed here for the week from a number of points and the hospitality of the city will be extended to all visitors. Revels, gorgeous parades, beautiful pageants, races, concerts, electric displays and special entertainments will occupy the week. The best Festival in the history of Portland is promised.

Cow and hog day will be celebrated at Stanfield, May 24, under the auspices of the Commercial Club of that place. An enthusiastic rally will be held and dairying and hog raising will be boosted. Many visitors will attend from outside points.

That Oregon should make a strong exhibit not only at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, but at the San Diego exposition of the same year, is the belief of the people who are studying the benefits to be gained from these two big events. A representative of the San Diego Fair says it will be visited by 15,000,000 people. It will be open the entire year of 1915.

The Pacific International Livestock Exposition, scheduled for Portland next fall, promises to be one of the best stock shows ever held in the west. Great preparations are being made already to secure the entry of a very large number of blooded cattle, sheep, and hogs. This is the third annual show and premiums amounting to \$10,000 have been arranged.

School children of the state are busy gardening, intent on securing prizes offered at the state fair next fall. The schools of Portland are teaching gardening just as religiously as they do arithmetic, and 2,700 boys and girls are tilling individual plots and planting vegetables. The same activity is going on throughout the whole state and this year's contest will more generally represent all Oregon than the last.

G. A. R. MEMORIAL SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH.

11 a. m., sermon by Dr. John Fawcett; his will be an opportunity for all. At 3 p. m., the pastor will speak at Bennett Chapel. In the evening the pastor will speak on the subject, "Preventive better than cure." Children are invited to this service.
W. Boyd Moore, Pastor.

A BRIEF WRITEUP OF LENTS AND VICINITY

By Addison Bennett in Oregonian.

Every 12 minutes throughout the business portion of the day there is a two-car train dispatched from the corner of First and Alder streets bearing the legend, "Mount. Scott." You might think such trains had been or were going to some town of that name, but that is not the case, their real destination being Lents, the most important of Portland's suburbs not belonging, politically, to the city. Or is St. Johns larger? Well, no matter, for perhaps there is not a vast difference in their size. Anyhow Lents has a population of practically 10,000 people. Funny thing about it is there is no such thing as the town or city of Lents. Think of the cities in the state cutting a wide swath with from 500 to 5000 people, and here is the community south of Kelly's Butte and north of Mt. Scott having 10,000 people and not incorporated!

In that sentence I gave away the location of the place, and gave the reason for the words Mt. Scott upon the cars. Well, if you take one of those cars, you will, after riding seven miles in about 45 minutes, and for the princely sum of 5 cents, arrive at Lents. Or you may go on a transfer from any portion of the city; returning you may pay your nickel for a ride in and get a transfer to any other line belonging to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. For instance, it costs the citizens of Lents 10 cents to get to the ball game and return, which is pretty cheap. And then consider that the Mount Scott line runs to and from Lents about 170 trains a day, or 85 each way.

RUN ALMOST TO MOUNT TABOR
Leaving Portland over the Hawthorne-avenue bridge on your way to Lents you go out Hawthorne avenue almost to the western slope of Mount Tabor, thence swing off to the south and east past Creston, Anabel, Archer Place, Myrtle Park, Stewarts, Kern Park, Arleta, Firland, Nashville, Tremont and Grays Crossing, thence a little less than a mile to Lents. Grays Crossing is a part of the city at present, has been for a number of years, but the 10,000 people mentioned are between Grays Crossing and Kelly Butte and Mount Scott, embracing a territory of not much over two miles square.

The first thing to attract your attention will be that mammoth 20-room schoolhouse, where about 1000 of the Lents "kids" attend school. When these few pupils were dismissed the day I was there I thought all the "kids" from Portland were on a picnic for the streets just naturally swarmed with lads and lassies. Upon inquiry I found Lents is in the Portland school district, so it is really a Portland school. Likewise, Lents is in a Portland road district, so Multnomah county keeps up her roads, called streets (and pretty well kept, too,) and the gas company furnishes them with gas, the Water Board with Bull Run water and the electric light company with "juice."

ANNEXATION IN SIXTY DAYS
So they are enjoying most of the city conveniences without bearing the burden of taxation. And yet in less than 60 days we can call the Lents people fellow-citizens of the city of Portland, for they held an election last fall and by a small majority agreed to be "taken in." According to the Portland viewpoint they acted wisely in thus voting. As to the Lents viewpoint, I "dunno." But then I don't have to.

A majority of about 90 of them decided to come in and in they come.

When I got off the train the other morning at the Lents station, after being admonished by the conductor if I wished to ride any further I would have to "cough up" another nickel, I noticed the streets were full of wagons, buggies, and autos, not to mention people. I thought it must be moving day or something like that. Nothing of the kind. All around Lents there is a splendid farming country, and the farmers do their trading at Lents. It is really an important trade center. There are many large stores there, and they all seem to do a big business.

A couple of years ago or so they had a "nasty" bank failure there. Or is "nasty" a had enough word? Anyhow, it made Lents people shaky about banks. And yet less than two years elapsed since the present bank was started, and it has deposits of over \$75,000. It is called the Multnomah State Bank. In reality it is owned by those controlling the Scandinavian American Bank of Portland, H. Rostad being the cashier.

TOWN HAS CELEBRITIES

Mr. Rostad is also the president of the Commercial Club, Mrs. Thekla Bright being the secretary. When you speak of the progressive citizens of Multnomah county by no means leave out the name of Mrs. Bright. Yes, and there is "Mayor" Coffman. When you go to Lents search out the "Mayor" and he will tell you all about the place and the people.

Along in the '40s the Johnsons, Kelleys and Waterman Gates came over the plains, and in looking for good land they selected that along what later came to be Johnson Creek, Kelly Butte and Mt. Scott. In 1852 Oscar P. Lents came along in his auto of those days—an ox cart—and took up the land where the town stands. By 1887 there were three buildings there and a postoffice was established; then came a little store, but the real Lents of today was started seven or eight years ago, when the people built a railroad to connect with the Steel line. Then came along a firm and platted a few acres of building lots and sold them at "Three-dollars down, three dollars a year," and then came the real Lents.

There is a good newspaper—The Beaver State Herald—also the Lents Optimist, which is just now taking a vacation; several fine churches—really an important little city.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESSES TO BE HEARD IN SCHOOLS.

Patriotic addresses in the Portland public schools will be features of the Memorial day observations on May 29, when veterans of the Civil and Spanish American wars will tell of the triumphs of the flag and the lessons of the two conflicts.

That every school may be included in the programme, special assignment of veterans has been made, several persons being detailed to each.

It has been planned to have all the addresses begin at the same time, 2 P. M., and they will be made brief enough to avoid interference with class work. In the following assignments, the first-named at each school has been designated chairman and will arrange with his deputies the details of the exercises.
A. W. Miller, Noah Coonradt, J. W. Lakin, Levi Lemmiger, Emery Farady, Geo. Vaner, and Hiram Gibler have been appointed by the Veterans Association to address the pupils of the Lents school on the 29th of May.

CIVIC IMP., CLUB HOLDS SESSION

New Set of By-laws Adopted. Club Plans Campaign for Some Needed Improvements. New Committees Appointed.

Friday evening was the regular meeting night of the Lents Commercial and Improvement Club. An unusually good meeting was held. The committee on by-laws was on hand and it reported a satisfactory set of rules for the government of the Club. The rules are based on the rules used by the East Side Business Men's Club and are changed to suit local conditions. There will be no initiation fee to the club but there will be a monthly dues of twenty-five cents.

After the adoption of the rules of the club they set to work at once to plan a campaign of work. Committees were appointed on every thing in sight, or that could be thought of. A committee was named to wait on the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., to see what could be done about better car service and lighting. Another committee was appointed to wait on the water board and persuade them to lay a ten inch main from Firland, east, and to see about securing hydrants for various points in Lents, particularly on Main street. Still another committee is to prepare and circulate petitions for presentation to the City Postmaster relative to the securing of a city delivery service. In co-operation with this, another committee was appointed to take up the question of sidewalks, street numbering, and related matters with the post office officials.

It is being considered whether it would be advisable for the club to try to have Lents represented in the Rose Festival and it is now up to the Board of Governors of the club to determine. It would be a fine piece of advertising and would be worth while. The question appears whether it is not a little late to undertake the getting up of such an exhibit, and how the funds would be raised.

Street improvement will come in for consideration. A committee has been named to look into that at some length and that will have to be gone into thoroughly before anything definite can be done.

The meeting adjourned at a late hour to meet the third Friday next month, which date has been designated as the regular meeting night.

PARENTS INTERESTED IN SUMMER SCHOOL

A proposition is now on foot to establish a summer school for the benefit of pupils of this part of District 1. Quite a number of parents have already announced their approval of the plan and the interest promises to be of sufficient account to bring it before the school board. The plan is to make the studies a help to the regular work of the school. It will afford an opportunity for some review work, to catch up with backward work, to make an advance of one grade, or to take up and do special manual training, sewing, cooking, etc.

But in order to get this before the board so they will know what to do, it will be necessary to know something about the demand for the work. Parents are to be requested to notify the teachers of their desires as to the number they wish to send to a summer class, the studies they wish them to pursue. They should do this at once. As a bit of further information, it will be expected that children enrolled for this term will attend regularly.

CIVIC STUDY CLUB DISCUSSES THE TARIFF.

The Civic Study Club at the Lents branch library, devoted the quiz hour to a study of the tariff. The leader, Mrs. Addison, had collected what was termed a non-partisan showing of the workings of the tariff and its effect upon the people. At the close of the lecture the discussion of the candidates before the people in the coming municipal election became general. While no candidate received the endorsement of the club, the discussion tended to loosen up the soil for a later quiet and thoughtful weeding out. These meetings are held once a month. The next one to be held June 17, at which time the topic will be national, that of the consular service.