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LENTS SCHOOLS BEGIN MONDAY

Former Teachers Retained. Larger Attendance Expected. New Methods to be Promoted. Greater Freedom in Individual Tendencies.

Lents schools will again throw their doors open to the public on next Monday. The first day or so will be given over to organization but by the middle of the week there should be real business of study. Schools this year will be in charge of Prof. A. F. Herschner, principal, with assistants as follows: Miss Katherine Jenkins, Miss Violet Cavanna, Miss Francis Smith, Miss Carrie Hunt, Miss Marion Dickey, Miss Mattie B. Train, Miss Fannie Zeigler, Miss Roxanna Shroyer, Miss Julia Burns, Mrs. L. W. Aumua, Miss Nell Morgan, Miss Margaret Percival, Miss Essie Sansum, Miss Merlie Auten, Miss Fina Sagorsky, Miss Stella Smith, Miss Dorothy Waugh, Mrs. Maude Darnall, and Miss Ethel Everts. Places have not been assigned to these teachers yet but it is supposed that the most of them will hold about the same places as last year. This list does not include the special teachers in sewing and manual training. Thus it will be seen that it takes quite a good sized delegation of teachers to handle the developing youth of this part of the country. There will probably be over 800 pupils to begin with and others will drop in from time to time.

No radical changes will be attempted this year. There will be a gradual development toward practical adaptation the child's energies to those things for which it seems best adapted. A little less formality in education and a little more individualism. The tendency toward developing an interest in home work, gardening, poultry growing and similarly related occupations will be continued and enlarged, and it is probable that larger areas will be devoted to the garden work. Several of the boys will send their poultry to the state fair this fall.

Woodmere school is also getting in shape for Monday. They will have a new principal at Woodmere this year. Prof. Dickson has succeeded Mr. Pettis who goes to Peninsula. There will be about fifteen teachers at Woodmere this year, all but three of last year's teachers returning and several additional ones are added. Three of last year's corps have taken life engagements as housekeepers and so will not be on hand to lead the young Americans of that district. Prof. Dickson has been the principal at Creston for the past five years and is well acquainted with the work he has before him. He will be ready from the start to give good service and will no doubt handle the school in a very satisfactory manner.

Woodmere school building has grown during the summer. Eight more rooms with full basement has been added during the vacation, and they will be practically ready for use by the end of this week. The furniture will have to be installed and the regulation amount of cleaning done.

The new district having its school building under construction on Powell Valley road, northwest from Lents, will have to use the portable buildings for some time to come, as the reinforced concrete building which is being constructed will not be done till well along toward winter. This building will be the only reinforced building in the Mt. Scott district and will be watched with interest by all those who are doubtful of frame structure for school purposes.

Gilbert school will also be opened up Monday. Plans have been developed all summer out there to add substantially to their school house. But there has been a movement on foot to divide the district or locate the improvement in another section. The County Superintendent seems to have been an obstruction rather than assistance in getting the tangle settled. They have finally decided to put up a temporary building at Gilbert, and another at Bell-rose, and employ four teachers.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised letters for week ending September 6, 1913:
Burson, Grace; Dyer, John; Fricke, Mrs. J. W.; Haughton, Ellen; Olson, Mrs. Nell; Rogers, Mrs.; Webster, Mr. A. W.

GEO. W. SPRING Postmaster.

W. J. McCready and family of White Salmon, Wash., is visiting his father-in-law, Jos. Copeland of Groveland Park.

THE MARTYR.



BABY SHOW AT CLACKAMAS FAIR

A real "eugenics exhibit," which is the modern name for the development of the olden-day "baby show" will be one of the leading features of the Clackamas County Fair, which is to be held at Canby on September 24, 25, 26 and 27. In this exhibit there will be shown the most wonderful of all Clackamas county crops—the babies that are going to become in future years the sturdy citizens of this section. Prizes and awards will be made according to the perfect development of the children, and the mere matter of beauty and cuteness will not influence the judges, who will be selected from the faculties of the leading educational institutions of the state.

In connection with the eugenics exhibit informal talks will be given mothers and others interested, upon the best means of caring for children, and questions as to how best to remedy defects will be answered. An entry fee of ten cents for each child will be charged, and every provision will be made for the care and comfort for the youngsters, a staff of experienced nurses being on hand to look after the need of the tots.

There will probably be more little women entered in this exhibit than little men, for the simple reason that the Clackamas county births show a great majority of girls. The awarding of prizes will be confined solely to Clackamas-grown babies, but visitors' babies will be cheerfully judged and ranked.

Through some mistake in the office of the City Engineers the plans for the new 12 inch water main now being laid on Gilbert Avenue was sent to the construction crew without any provision for fire hydrants.

Chas. Brashears, Chief Engineer of the Lents Volunteer Fire Company got wise to this deplorable state of affairs and immediately notified Chief Rayburn of it. The Chief sent Secretary Hazen post haste to the Fire Commissioners office and enlisted the services of Acting Chief Hawkins, who immediately took the matter up with Engineer Clark of the Water Board and Commissioner Daly. It was ordered that hydrants be installed at Main Street and Gilbert Avenue and on Gilbert Avenue and Mohr Avenue and then every alternate block to 82nd Street.

Auto Tax to Aid Roads.

The Michigan legislature has passed the Newall Smith automobile tax bill, which provides for a graded tax on automobiles and auto trucks based on their horsepower, and the money thus raised is to be devoted to good roads. The bill had a stormy time in the house, and Representative Smith was kept busy preserving its important provisions. In the senate not much opposition developed.

LENTS GRANGE MEETS SATURDAY

A good meeting of Lents Grange is planned for Saturday. The forenoon will be devoted to first and second degrees and business matters. In the afternoon the lecture hour will be taken up with a discussion of "Government Ownership of Telephones," by A. F. Miller; Music, Miss Stella Henderson; Contributors to the High Cost of Living, E. P. Smith and W. A. Young; Song by the Smith girls; Jacob Nelson will talk about the relative value of Irrigation and Cultivation for farming practice in this locality.

Mrs. E. P. Smith will have charge of the regular program, in the absence of the regular lecturer. U. S. Collector of Customs, Miller, of Lebanon has signified his intention of being present and probably giving a short discussion. There will be some discussion about the collection of articles for the Grange exhibit at the Fair.

LENTS FIRE CO. GETS NEW HOSE REEL AND MORE HOSE

On Thursday the 28th of Aug. M. S. Hazen, the Secretary of the local fire co. was the guest of acting Battalion Chief Gross, of the third Bat. dist. and through the efforts of Chief Gross and Acting Chief Landenkios secured an up to date hose reel capable of carrying 1000 feet of hose and 500 feet more second hand hose. Chief Gross took Secy. Hazen in his car to the Kenton Fire House and Cap. Williams of engine Co. 30 went with them to the old Volunteer house and hunted up the apparatus.

Chief Gross then took the matter up with the acting Chief and secured his approval to the transfer, then went before commissioner Brewster and secured his sanction to the transfer. The cart arrived Saturday evening. Chief Gross is Captain of engine Company 13 stationed at Grand Ave. and Multnomah street. He has been promoted to acting battalion chief, in place of assistant chief Landenkios, who is acting Chief while Chief Dowell is on the New York Trip.

A New Road Material.

With a view of obtaining a road surface which will give a better resistance to automobile traffic, experiments are being made again in France with a roadbed material consisting of an intimate mixture of "iron straw," or iron in the shape of a wiry or fibrous mass such as is commonly used for cleaning and scraping purposes in this country, together with cement mortar and sand. Such material is called "ferro-cement," and it appears that tests as to its fitness for road surfaces are giving good results. But the iron is not the usual kind found in commerce, being prepared specially for the purpose by suitable machines of appropriate design. It is claimed that the resulting material will not be an overexpensive one. Scientific American.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB MEETS FRIDAY

Arrangements are being completed to have a meeting of the Lents Commerce and Improvement Club Friday evening.

A good turnout is desirable. Several matters will be taken up and some of these are of such importance that everyone in town should be interested. One of these is the location of a library. Several propositions will be made in reference to a location. It is assured the country library association will build a suitable library if the citizens will furnish a lot. The furnishing will devolve upon the citizens of the town. There are three places promoted for a location.

One south of the car line, which is not favored by the association officers. One on the street back of the Grange Store and which will be equally undesirable so far as the town is concerned, as it would be both inconvenient and in a place which would be undesirable as a slightly piece of public improvement. A monument of that sort ought to occupy a position as prominent as anything in town. Then there will be some effort made to investigate the locating of street levels. The system of cutting into the streets in the way they do in some parts of the city in establishing grades is not necessary or desirable in this part of town and should be resisted to the limit.

If you are interested in any of these matters, or others which may come up, come around to Seward Hall Friday evening and give them the benefit of your views.

County Grange Will Meet

The next meeting of Multnomah County Pomona will be held at Woodlawn on the 24th of this month. The date is one week later than common on account of its being the week of the County Fair. There will be several matters of importance to consider and it is probable that a good attendance will be on hand to take up the various matters which may be brought before this meeting. Some one is going to propose that congress be requested to pass a new law providing for loaning money directly to farmers.

Deaths

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Robinson of Elmo Heights mourn the loss of an infant child, seven months old, which died of summer complaint Sunday morning. Their many friends unite in extending their sympathies.

Mr. and Mrs. Barstow mourn the loss of an infant child which died Sunday evening. They have the sympathy of numerous friends. Mr. Barstow is connected with the wireless station south of Lents and his family live in that part of town.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Hops Bring 20 Cents—Panama Fair Holds Center of Interest—Oregon Building Plan Accepted—New Crops Proposed.

The hop season started last week with an army of over 10,000 people who will garner the crop this year. The crop this year will amount to about 130,000 bales which is valued at \$5,000,000, this placing Oregon first among all the hop producing states in the Union, averaging about 40 per cent of the total output of the United States.

Three railroad systems now connect Portland with the Upper Willamette Valley, for President Robert Strahorn, of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, drove the golden spike at Monroe last Wednesday noon, near the boundary of Lane and Benton counties, thereby completing the West side link of that line from Portland to Eugene. Over 1000 visitors journeyed to Monroe for the occasion which goes into history as the beginning of a new era in development of the country that is adjacent to the new line.

Each of Oregon's varied industries was represented at a meeting of the 1915 Fair Commission held at the Portland Commercial Club last Friday. The meeting lasted all afternoon, and the commissioners secured much enlightenment upon how to show off the state to the best advantage at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Sentiment expressed seemed to favor appealing to each of the several counties of the state for exhibits of local products, but not to make county exhibits at the Fair; to use the best and most representative exhibits, not in the Oregon building, out in the buildings set aside for special purposes, where the state's products will come into competition with those of other states and other countries; to present as much life and animation in the Oregon building exhibits as possible, and to offer moving picture exhibits of the various industries of the state, so that visitors to the Fair may be attracted and entertained there; to serve continuously light lunches made of Oregon products; and to emphasize those advantages most likely to induce the plain people to establish their future homes in the state. One of the representatives present, gave assurance that Union County was willing to furnish a complete display of its products free of charge.

The Salem Commercial Club has appointed a committee to encourage the flax industry of this state. Simultaneously with this announcement comes that of H. A. Brewer, manager of the Portland Linseed Oil Company, that the Willamette Valley flax crop is exceedingly gratifying, and that it has been proved by actual demonstration that flax can be grown profitably for seed as well as for fibre. There are about 300 acres of flax grown at the present time in the Willamette Valley. The farmers in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho, also are beginning to raise flax again. Agricultural experts are now agreed that the flax crop does not really exhaust the soil as once supposed. The Portland market guarantees the flaxgrower \$1 25 a bushel, but the farmer will get as much over that price for his crop as current quotations call for. Last year a Portland company gave every grower who asked for it a 14 pound sample of flaxseed, and this gave the industry quite a boost.

BAD ROADS LOWER PRICES.

Government Issues Report Citing Losses to Farmers.

Where bad roads prevail farmers are forced to move their crops, not when the market price is favorable, but when the roads are favorable and frequently at heavy pecuniary loss as a result, according to the office of public roads of the department of agriculture.

In a statement it cites specific cases of such losses, asserting: Excessive fluctuations in market prices are seldom due to overproduction. They frequently take place in regions where the local production does not equal the consumption. There are counties rich in agricultural possibilities, burdened with bad roads, where the annual incoming shipments of food exceed the outgoing shipments in the ratio of four to one.

Many such counties with improved roads would not only become self supporting, but would ship products to other markets.

COUNTY FAIR NEXT WEEK

Get Your Big Potatoes, Cabbage, Turnips, Cauliflowers, Fancy Work, Cookery, Chickens and Other Live Stock Ready.

Beginning next Tuesday the County Fair will be doing business at Gresham for the balance of the week. More than usual interest is being shown in the coming event and the various directors and superintendents of the Fair seem to have high hopes of an unusual fair.

About seven granges are planning to make big exhibits and then there will be independent exhibitors unlimited. The exceptionally high prizes being put up this year will go a long way toward making the fair a success. The Grange Prizes run from \$225 dollars down and none of the exhibitors will get less than enough to pay them well for their trouble. There will be the usual driving features and this will afford good entertainment for each day. The Oak Grove Band will dispense music by the hour and there will be a reasonable amount of other amusement features. A restaurant has been built on the grounds and it is the plan to have first class meals at reasonable prices. The stock show promises to be unusually good. The old sheds have been torn down and new ones built and these have been already reserved for stock, and it is probable that other sheds will have to be built. Lents Grange is a contestant in the grange exhibits. Many of the members are planning to join in putting up a fine exhibit. There is no reason why outsiders cannot assist in making the exhibit from this place one of the best. Canned fruit, Garden products, fresh fruits, corn, pumpkins, squashes, jellies, preserves, handwork, pieces of carpentry, home made candies, etc., will all be exceedingly welcome. Remember, the exhibits helps to advertise your section so it is not necessarily the product of a grange member. Rates from Lents to Gresham during the fair will be 25cts, round trip from the junction.

At this juncture we called up the passenger department of the Portland Railway and convinced them that 20 cts. is about right from Lents Junction. So tickets to Gresham during the fair will be 25cts from Lents, but you pay five cents to the Junction, and 20 cents for the round trip from there on.

Persons desiring to assist in making up the Lents exhibit should leave their articles at the Mt. Scott Pub. Co., office on Saturday or early Monday morning.

Evening Star Celebrates

Evening Star Grange celebrated its fortieth anniversary on Sept. 8th with a large attendance of members and friends. We were much pleased to have with us the Worthy State Master C. E. Spence, Worthy State Lecturer H. A. Darnall and three or four of the charter members. Mr. G. F. Lent, Mrs. J. C. McGrew, Mrs. S. E. Laner, Mrs. Mary Walker of Milwaukee, not being present.

Mr. Lent and Mrs. McGrew spoke of the organization and its early meetings at what was an old residence of Mr. Lent and which is now within the town of Lents. Mrs. E. A. Kelly told about the work and untiring efforts for the good of the grange of Brothers Jacob Johnson, O. P. Lent, Plympton Kelly, Cyrus Backman, William Kern, Gustave Peterson, and J. V. Hirt, all early members who have passed on to their reward.

The Worthy Master Spence made a very interesting talk, complimenting Evening Star, on her success, the good which has been accomplished, and the work ahead; of its great record, of missing only one meeting day in the whole forty years. That was just after the great wind storm of January 9, 1880, when the wind blew down so many trees that the roads were impassible. He reviewed the progress of the country during this time, and told of the advancement made in all lines of thought and action, and said that the grange as an order had helped in the betterment of the country.

State Lecturer H. A. Darnall also spoke of the progress made by the United States, especially during the last 40 years. We know more of the U. S. than the rest of the world. He compared things today with those of 40 years ago, and noted the change.

Mrs. C. H. Blanchard had a most excellent paper on the subject, "Contributors to the High Cost of Living." She compared the past with the present, and thought that we got more real life, pleasure, enjoyment and comforts today than we used to, at the cost considered. J. D. Lee spoke on the sub object "Convict Labor for State Construction Work," and thought it better to keep convicts at road work and the like under proper restrictions, and if they were properly handled and cared for by proper keepers and guards, the idea was a good one and would work out all right. He spoke of his own experience as he was superintendent of the penitentiary at Salem for four years.

Musical selections were rendered by Miss Morrison, Jeanette Tresson and Violet Zinger. Remarks along Temperance lines were made by Mr. Dunbar, thanks were extended R. W. Gill for the many beautiful dahlias. Tribute to the memory of W. M. Crawford was read, and the charter draped.

The Masters and Lecturers Association had their meeting at this time with a good attendance. Matters of general importance to the grange were considered.