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## The Lents Demand

Lents people are in the city and they want to be of the city in the enjoyment of all the advantages which municipal identity commands or should command.

They want their streets well lighted and proper grades established so that curbs can be put down and sidewalks laid, and they want adequate fire protection and more water mains and all the municipal accessories that made their union with the city a move to be desired. As the Lents demand can be complied with that should be done, for there is nothing unjust or unreasonable about it in any way. Lents people pay taxes on their property in proportion to its value, just as the people of all other sections of the city pay like taxes, to secure to the municipality generally the very advantages for which they ask; and as they pay their money to the tax collector they are certainly entitled to value received just as soon as the city can meet the obligation.

Beyond a question the city government will take this equitable view of the matter, and the Lents people will find themselves in due course of time on the same footing of consideration with the people of any other suburb. Meanwhile the Lents folk should be reasonable and patient, for as Rome was not built in a day neither can such a miracle be performed in Portland.

THE above little piece of indefiniteness is from the editorial columns of the Telegram. It is doubtful if the editor has ever been in the Lents district. If he were he would become acquainted with the fact that a considerable number of the Lents people have been connected with the city of Portland for two or three years and they have very little to show for it. Since Lents proper came into the city it has received some recognition. But Lents is a populous section and could well have formed its own organization and carried on its own government without much trouble. The expense would not have been very heavy, especially had the outlays for comfort been as limited as those which have been made since it annexed itself.

Another point which the editor seems to have missed is that Lents people are looking ahead to the time when there will be streets to grade and pavements to lay. The people do not see the sense in cutting out a three foot street way in a section as level as large portions of the Mt. Scott district is, when a street practically on the surface level would afford all the drainage necessary and be far less costly to the people of the district.

There are today hundreds of people we are informed, who have been compelled to give up their homes down in the city because their assessments were in excess of their real values or their incomes. They have forfeited their homes to an arbitrary official who had decided without restraint what shall be done. If such an official be on good terms with the paving contractor he is in a fine position to fatten the contractors pocket at the expense of a defenseless property owner. A few yards more of excavation is of no importance to the engineer but it means more for the contractor, and also more for the fellow who has to pay for it. It also means more for the engineer if his figures are appreciated by the contractor.

Then Lents people realize that the improvement of such main roads as Foster Road and Main Street should be at the community's expense, if not all streets in the same way. These two streets serve us all and their maintenance should be at the expense of all. It is questionable if the same idea does not maintain with streets of lesser importance. Every improve-

ment in a district is of value to the whole district.

VOLUME XIX of the Harvard Historical Studies is entitled the "Granger Movement." It has been impossible for us to make an exhaustive study of its contents but it seems to fill a long felt want for members of that order. It has been prepared by Prof. Solon Justus Buck, associate professor of history of Harvard College. It takes up the fundamental reasons for the formation of the order, the organization, and the influence of the order politically, on legislation, the railways of the country, co-operation, social features, and results of the movement. It would be a fine addition to the library of every grange or granger. It is issued from the Harvard University Press, and can no doubt be secured through any good book dealer.

All the struggles of Father Kelley in the organization of the first grange and his subsequent attempts to extend the order are taken up authentically and will be read with great pleasure by everyone, whether a granger or not. The following paragraph is indicative of the style and treatment of the work: "The Granger movement, broadly viewed, was more than a movement for class organization and its influence can be traced in other directions. It was a movement to subject railroad corporations to public control and the permanent influence of its work in this direction has already been indicated. It was a movement for independence in politics, for a preference for men and measures over parties, and even, when necessary, for the organization of third parties." And, "The Granger Movement was, primarily, a movement for agricultural organization, for the advancement of the farmers in every possible way—socially, intellectually, politically, economically—by concerted effort. It was the first attempt at Agricultural organization on a large scale, but it was far from being the last, and the ideas and ideals, if not the direct influence, of the Patrons of Husbandry can be traced in every one of the later organizations."

As suggested last week, the Herald Editor is still on the job. The details of a change proved too much for our purchasers and so they forfeited their opportunity. We feel grateful for the numerous expressions of approval of our intention to continue as quill driver of The Herald.

Columbia County Fair held its exhibit at St. Helens on the 25th to 27th of this month. Bro. G. L. Tarbell heads the list of officers.

## NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

The last meeting for the year of the Mt. Scott Union was held at the home of Mrs. Addon on Tuesday afternoon. For a long time the members of this union have been watching for an opportunity of quietly tossing bouquets at this untiring worker in good causes at whose home the union met. When someone casually made the discovery of a birthday occasion, it was immediately appropriated. Remembrances and good cheer, dainty refreshments and wishes for many returns of the day, warm hand clasps and assurance of friendship and love filled the happy and all too fleeting moments with the material and spiritual symbols of love and abiding appreciation. To the recipient this effort upon the part of her home union for visible expression, must have been peculiarly sweet and precious, coming as

it did just after the state gathering, which it was unfortunately impossible for her to attend this year. For many years the comprehensive mind of Mrs. Addon with its searching penetration and quick assimilation has been the faithful servant of both state and national W. C. T. U. Many personal messages were sent to her by members of Mt. Scott delegation, messages of love and appreciation of the love to the convention of her ready talents and quick sympathy. Also in open convention her value was stated and her absence deplored by delegates and by the presiding officer. So when her own little band of earnest workers pelled her with their gifts and their love speeches the convention schools served as an embroidered shield tossing back the gracious saying as a wall sends back the ball thrown against it as if saying "you see, the people are all of one mind, you are indeed beloved."

Mrs. Garlock, on this occasion was the recipient of marked attention in that she was about to start east upon her vacation, and adieux were there expressed. On the second Tuesday in October, which falls on the 14th, the meeting of Mt. Scott will be held at the Friends Church, beginning at two o'clock. The measures to be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election on Tuesday, Nov. 4th, will be discussed at that time.

## FARMERS AND COLLEGE BROUGHT CLOSER TOGETHER

Although a busy season interfered to some extent with attendance at the Traveling Agricultural School of the Oregon Agricultural College, more than one hundred persons attended in each meeting place. The people of Oregon have become acquainted with the purpose of the Extension division to help them improve their condition and circumstances, and the College has acquired a more intimate knowledge of the needs and desires of the people.

The following brief summary of the journey and work of the traveling school was made by Professor W. S. Brown, who was a member of the extension party. "The trip of the party sent out under the auspices of the Extension division of the Agricultural College to the different agricultural communities throughout the State ended last Saturday, September 20th. This party was in the saddle, so to speak, for the last six weeks and went from the extreme southern part of the state to the extreme eastern borders and met with all the varying conditions to be found in this large commonwealth.

In spite of the fact that the trip was handicapped by the very busy season among farmers, there was an average of over one hundred people at each meeting and the interest in general throughout the state seemed very good. In some communities the busy season seemed to keep a large majority of the farmers home and others, for some reason, seemed to be slow in responding. In general, however, the attendance and interest were better than expected.

"This trip was undertaken for the purpose of bringing the workers of the Extension division into closer touch with the actual needs of the people of the state, and on the other hand to inform the people themselves of the purpose of the Extension division in working out their problems. In a sense it has been a sort of preliminary survey of the field but it is hoped that in the future more time can be spent in each locality and the problems that are peculiar to each section may be investigated more carefully."

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