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CHINESE GARDENERS ROBBED OF \$400

Cabin in Vicinity of Lents Scene of Masked Hold-Up Men's Operations Early Saturday Evening—Bloodhounds Put on Trail.

Seven Chinamen, a gardener and his six helpers, living about a mile east of Lents were robbed of more than \$400 of their hard earned cash early Saturday evening when four hold-up men forced them with a revolver to submit to being bound and searched.

The Chinamen are gardeners living in a cabin on the Foster road and Saturday evening had just prepared supper and were sitting down to it when the four men wearing masks appeared and forced the Chinese to get on the floor and be bound while a search for coin was instituted lasting three hours, resulting in locating over \$400, found in various places about the cabin. It was after 10 o'clock when they left and one of the men immediately chewed off the bonds tying his hands, and roused a neighbor, John Steiger, to give the alarm when it was found that the telephone wires had been cut to prevent this. As soon as word could be gotten to town, Sheriff Word, with deputies, Curtis, Lumsden, Ford and Phelan with blood hounds hastened to the place but for some time no trace of the robbers were found and no arrests have been made.

LENTS FIREMEN HOLD REGULAR MEETING

Monday evening was the regular date for the meeting of the Lents Fire Company. Several matters of importance were taken up. Plans were made for the holding of a benefit oyster supper and dance at Seward Hall on Thanksgiving evening. The committee on supper was appointed, consisting of Messrs Bengt, Wm. Eatchel, Barnes, Anderson and Boland.

Bills for the month were allowed and ordered paid.

The company attended a band concert by the Firemen's Band last Wednesday night. Arrangements are being made to have the Firemen's band give a concert in Lents at some early date, a committee having been appointed for that purpose.

The Firemen's Band gave a dance on Wednesday evening and Lents was represented by Bengt, Fay Rayburn, Robinson, Claude Lent, Mortrade, Hazen and Wilson.

DAIRY RATINGS IN HEALTH BULLETIN

The November issue of the Health Bulletin, published monthly in Portland contains among other good things a long list of dairy ratings in which is noted that Gresham heads the list with a certified dairy, Red Cross, operated by F. M. Kiger with a rating of 94.4; Rose City, W. C. Spence, Cleone, 83.3; W. C. Milk Co., A. M. Barrell, Gresham, 78.65; Younger & Kehrl, Cleone, 78.1; J. Fowler, Lents, 77.35; Mt. Scott, U. Genger, Lents, 75.5; Rose Park, G. Schwab, Cleone, 75.45; Sweetbriar, J. Andregg, Lents, 74.4; Jersey Lily, C. Gemme, Lents, 72.65; Peterson & Stephens, Lents, 71; Laurelhurst, Ernest Wahl, Cleone, 70.75; Spring Farm, Emil Wahl, Cleone, 67.3; Spring Hill, A. F. Hartman, Lents, 67.2; G. T. Williams, Gresham, 66.9; U. S. Dairy, Ross & Walker, Lents, 60.6, Pasturized milk; Jas. H. McKibben, Swastika Dairy, 68.1.

Oregon is to be congratulated on the possession of such dairy herds as that of Mr. J. B. Stump of Month. Mr. Hugh G. Van Pelt, who is perhaps one of the best judges of dairy cattle in America, judged the dairy breeds this year at the State Fair and pronounced the Jersey herd exhibited by Mr. Stump as worthy to show in any company and urged that they be sent east to the National Dairy Show at Chicago.

Acting upon Mr. Van Pelt's suggestion, Mr. Stump sent the herd east after the close of the State Fair. They will be shown first at the Dairy Congress at Waterloo, Iowa, and later at the great Chicago show.

The National Dairy Show at Chicago is perhaps one of the greatest annual dairy events in the whole world, and there is little doubt that the Oregon Jersey herd will give a good account of themselves.

SANDY MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Old Time Settler Kills Wife, Reports His Crime and then Returns to Take His Own Life. Has Been Good Citizen.

Sandy, Ore., was again stirred to its depth last Friday night by the report of the murder of the wife of Francis McCabe, by her husband and then the suicide of that gentleman. Mr. McCabe was long a reader of the Herald and has at various times in the past been friendly to this paper and it is with more than usual regrets that the Herald mentions the sad event concluding his life history. It is reported that domestic relations at the McCabe home have not been the happiest, and that he recently suspected the sanity of his wife. Only the day before the crime they were at Oregon City and the county authorities were urged to adjudge her insane but they did not feel that was justifiable. The McCabe returned home some time during the night and Mrs. McCabe was killed in bed, her husband shooting her. He then reported the deed to his father, T. F. McCabe, who lived conveniently near, and then returned and immediately ended his own life with the same revolver that was used in shooting the wife. One report was that he placed himself beside his wife and then fired the fatal shot. The father followed him from his home and barely reached the house in time to hear the shot, and all was over before he entered the house. A little two year old daughter was crying for her mother.

A physician was called but there was nothing to do. The coroner likewise found no occasion for an inquest.

Mr. McCabe and his father, have long been regarded by Sandy people as among the most substantial people of the district. They lived about seven miles east of Sandy, near the Mt. Hood road. The loss will be especially felt by the father. Mrs. McCabe is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hahn and four sisters. Mr. McCabe has a brother at Cottage Grove.

The funeral of Francis McCabe and wife was held Sunday afternoon at the home of the dead man's father, T. F. McCabe, services being conducted by J. W. Wirtz and the bodies interred in the Sandy cemetery.

School Poultry Exhibit

The Lents school poultry exhibit will occur Wednesday, November 26, in the basement of the public school building when 109 pupils, boys and girls, will show what they can do with poultry. Teachers and parents are working for an attractive and interesting display.

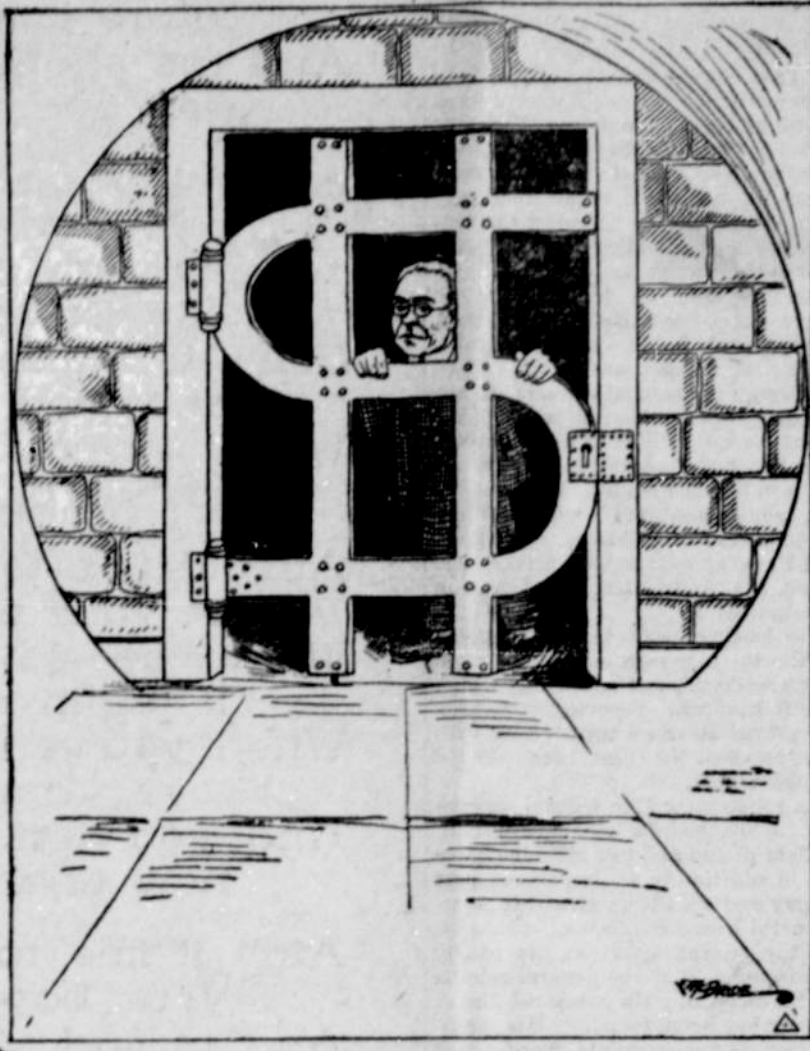
This school exhibit is the first of the kind ever held in the city by school children and is attracting much attention, as it should. Local business men are helping in providing suitable prizes. The Oregon Agricultural college is encouraging the work and may have an exhibit and probably will donate some eggs in the spring to the young poultrymen. The Portland Commercial Club has offered a silver cup trophy to the pupil making the best exhibit. Mr. Chapman gives a flag 6x10 to the room making the best display. Meier & Frank Co. will donate 75 or 100 volume of books, and the pupils feel much encouraged by the interest shown by the public at large in their work.

The Lents plan is to grade pupils and not the birds. Every pupil will contribute much to his standing in home industry by having taken part in this work. The plan is being worked out in the Lents schools to graduate pupils more on his standing, as a boy or girl, as a good citizen. Scholarship is one thing, home industry another. Physical status is still another. Altruistic spirit as indicated by his conduct and habits is another item closely marked by teachers.

Eight pigs, six months, 1635 pounds, \$123.00. This is a condensed story of what has been accomplished by a farmer at Independence, Oregon, who recently hauled his pork to market and disposed of it. Each hog was 6 months old and averaged 204 pounds, making an average value of \$15.38 a head, or \$2.56 per month of hog. "Never let your pigs make hogs of themselves," is the advice of a prominent farm expert in urging farmers to hurry the growth of their pigs and getting them to market when from 6 to 9 months old.

Mrs. E. M. Camp came from Gresham Friday and is employed as nurse in the family of W. N. Bleything.

AS THE LAWYERS SEE THAW.



—McBride in St. Louis Republic.

PORTLAND FIRE CHIEF VISITS LENTS

Chief Stevens of the Portland Fire Department was in Lents Tuesday evening, to confer with Chief Rayburn of the Lents Volunteer Fire Department.

An informal meeting was held in Chester's barber shop and plans perfected for a band concert and social to be given Friday evening Dec. 5. Place to be announced later. The music will be furnished by the Firemen's band of Portland. The band which toured the east the past summer, playing for President Wilson at the White House. The event will be given for the benefit of the local volunteer fire department.

DISASTROUS FIRE TAKES HOME

The home of E. Currie, Fifth Avenue and Maybee Street was the scene of a bad fire Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Currie and his wife were in town but his daughter and son-in-law were at home with some company. They were preparing to leave the house and Mrs. Laird had gone upstairs to get a coat. On the way down she stepped on the coat, tripped, and fell with a lighted lamp. The house was instantly in a sheet of flame. As it happened, no one was hurt, but nothing was saved, furniture and clothing being lost.

The local fire department responded promptly and the company at Tremont came to the rescue, and Kern Park. But there was no water convenient so their assistance was not available. The house was a loss of \$4600, partly covered by insurance. It was a very quiet evening so danger to surrounding property was minimized.

Parent-Teacher Club to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lents Parent-Teacher Club will be held on Friday afternoon. The most important matters to come before it is an address by Mrs. Ernestine Felts, on "The Industrial Welfare of Girls," and a discussion of the coming children's poultry show. All parents are invited to attend.

Rebekahs Will Entertain.

The ladies of the Rebekahs will entertain friends and Oddfellows and their wives Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. Games and social features will occupy the time.

SANDY FIRMS REBUILD PROMPTLY

Sandy city has been reimbursed for its recent fire damages to the city hall to the extent of \$25 insurance for windows and paint while the losses of the business men are being met as promptly by the insurance companies.

R. Meining has the ground cleared for a two story structure 40x100 feet.

Casper Junker is showing foresight by laying plans for the erection of a reinforced concrete building with a foundation capable of sustaining more than the one story to be erected at this time, and taking the place of the frame building burned. The structure will have a frontage of 75 feet on Main Street.

Among the improvements Sandy is anticipating electrical power supplied by Cedar creek. An ordinance to effect the granting of a five year franchise to McCormick & Botkin having been read by the city council there last week. This franchise asks to conduct wires and supply the town with electric lights and power to be developed in a plant under construction by them. The final reading of the ordinance will be at the January meeting of the council.

Tipover Cause Fractures

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Teuk living near Lents on the Powell Valley road were the victims of a serious accident resulting from a tipover and runaway Tuesday. The couple were riding in a farm wagon some distance out of the city when one of the wheels ran over an obstruction in the road and the wagon started to tip over an embankment throwing Mrs. Teuk out. Mr. Teuk tried to prevent this and was thrown out himself both becoming entangled in robes and other articles, the team becoming frightened and ran away. Mr. and Mrs. Teuk were picked up and taken to the home of a resident near by for care. Dr. Fawcett was called, and found Mrs. Teuk suffering from a broken shoulder while Mr. Teuk had sustained a fractured rib from a wild kick of one of the horses. The fractures were reduced and Monday the couple were conveyed to their home.

The Nabobs dancing club have billed a masquerade ball to be given Thanksgiving eve in Seward's hall. Four prizes will be given and will be on exhibition next week at Rayburn's store. After the dance an oyster supper will be served by the Lents Volunteer Fire Department.

WANTED---Names and street addresses of 999 persons representing families within two miles of Lents Post Office. A years subscription to the Herald, free for every 100 names

IMPROVEMENT CLUB WILL MEET

Many Important Matters to be Considered. Street Lights Must be Paid. Suit Threatened. Library Question Live One.

A half dozen important questions will claim the attention of the citizens of Lents on Friday evening at the meeting of the Improvement Club, which will be held at Seward's Hall. One of the first to be taken up will be the matter of disposing of the bill for lighting the district from July to this date. It was understood generally that the city would be required to assume the lighting bills of the district after it was annexed in July. But there has been some delay in getting the matter adjusted and the lighting company wants its money. It is threatening to bring suit against the committee that had the lighting in charge, or against the entire district, or the city. Of course the people on this way would prefer that the city should be held for payment. The city will get our taxes this year and there seems to be justice in the city's paying the bill. The matter will be taken up and given a thorough ventilating. Better be there to get the run of the thing.

The car service at Lents will come in for a discussion. The new way of requiring all persons who get on the cars to enter by the north platform has been working considerable inconvenience to a large number of persons. Quite a few are ready to demand a return to the old system. Another matter that will deserve attention is the question of changing the plan down town. It does not seem to be entirely settled that the cars may not loop on Yamhill. The Mt. Scott petition, amounting to something over a thousand names made quite an impression on the city council, still there are matters to be taken up in this connection.

In the provisions for parks and playgrounds, Lents has been overlooked. Some plan should be devised to bring the matter to the attention of the Commissioners in a very forcible way. Last year we were assured of continuous developments upon the grounds. They have grown steadily in popularity and if the developments are stopped now from want of appropriations, there will be serious objections from the people in this part of the city. But those objections will have to be put into some presentable form and then placed before the Council.

The water supply in this district is yet inadequate. The new mains that were put in in the fall are all right but they only come to 92nd Street while the most thickly settled part of this suburb are dependent on the old mains. Better water supply needs to be secured, not only for Lents, but Saginaw Heights and other additions as well.

One of the most important matters to be taken up is the location of a branch library site. A committee has had this matter in hand for some time and they practically report only one available site. Whether this is suitable to the people of the town will be a question which will have to be settled at some near date and it should be by a vote of the people of the district. At any rate the desirability of the site should be a first consideration. The question of cost a second. Then if the money cannot be raised for the more expensive site, a less costly one may be accepted. The main consideration will be a convenient and slightly place.

The plat for the new street names will be ready for acceptance. By this plat all the old street names are changed to numbers except Foster Road, which will be known as Foster Boulevard. Main Street will be 92nd Street. Under the new arrangement buildings will be numbered 100 to a block, so it will be able to tell something about locations out in this section. In this we will be well ahead of the remainder of the city.

Gilbert school has introduced music into its course. Prof. Gerritsen has charge of the work. Eight lessons a month, in each room, is the plan. This is one of the best advances we have heard of yet. Linnton schools have taken up the same work with Prof. Gerritsen. These schools recognize the fact that the regular teacher cannot handle everything so they have arranged for a specialist.

Two acres of the Midland acre tract on the Gilbert road has been sold the past week for \$1500 cash to J. Wilson, of Canada. The deal was made through the Bright Realty Co.

PETER HALLER COMMITS SUICIDE

Forty Year Resident of Lents Grows Despondent Over Small Scare. Worries and Ends all Thursday Morning. Family Surprised.

Peter Haller, one of the oldest and best known residents of Lents and the Mt. Scott district, ended his life Thursday morning by committing suicide. He was found in the back yard suspended from a small fruit tree shortly after six o'clock. The deed must have been committed between five-thirty and six o'clock. The body was yet warm when it was found. It was evident that he died from a broken neck for the cord which he used was not tight enough to have caused strangulation.

He had taken a small ladder and a chair to the tree, climbed up and fastened the rope and then jumped off. Death must have been instantaneous.

On investigation it is evident that Mr. Haller was not in ordinary mental condition. He has been drinking a little too much of late, probably due to worry. The Hallers have lived on a tract of ten or more acres on the Foster Road, about midway between the Oregon City road and Firland, for many years. They recently began to divide it up into lots. They had a tenant by the name of Simpson and they claim that Simpson had not been paying his rents. In a discussion of their differences recently, Mr. Haller, so the Simpsons say, flew into a rage and said some very uncomplimentary things to Mrs. Simpson. Then it is said the Simpsons left the house and took a lot of fixtures, electrical stuff, etc. For having sworn at Mrs. Simpson and accused them of the removal of the fixtures, the Simpsons threatened the Hallers with a suit for \$5000 damages. It is believed that worry over these matters had so disturbed Mr. Haller that he was hardly conscious of his actions.

Mr. Haller was sixty-eight years of age. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

O. B. Lawrence Funeral

The funeral of O. B. Lawrence, 123, 10th Avenue, was held Saturday at the residence, Rev. Boyd Moore delivering the address. Mr. Lawrence was one of the "Old Veterans," having been a member of Co. F. 24th Ind., serving four years and coming out as a Lieutenant. He was a member of Reuben Wilson Post of Lents. The Post assisted in the funeral exercises, and the burial was in Multnomah cemetery.

Mrs. Lawrence will continue to live at Lents. She has the sympathy of a large friendship and will not be left forgotten in her unhappy loss.

Death of Mrs. Susan DeLong

Mrs. Susan DeLong, for many years a resident of this section, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Gates at the advanced age of 75, having been born June 14, 1838, at Ontario, Canada, and dying Friday, November 14, 1913. She was united in marriage to Peter DeLong March 31 1859. Six children were born to them, five of whom are living. Burial occurred Sunday at the A. P. Gates home at 1 o'clock, Rev. W. Boyd Moore, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. The remains were interred in the Multnomah cemetery.

Kansas-Oregonians Meet

The regular meeting of the Kansas Society was held Wednesday evening in the Journal Building hall. The next meeting will be the evening of the second Friday in December, probably at the same place. The regular date of meetings from that date on will be on the last Friday evening of each month.

Of great interest to every section of the great Columbia basin is the announcement, made by James J. Hill himself within the past week, that a new line of steamers will be put in operation between the mouth of the river and California points within the next fifteen months. Two fine combination freight and passenger steamers are now being built at Philadelphia, and it is said they will be the fastest vessels ever sailed under the American flag. Each will have capacity for 800 passengers and 1,500 tons of freight, and they are expected to beat the present best railroad time between Portland and San Francisco by about four hours.

Frank Haddock has purchased the past week three lots in the Amboy addition the consideration being \$850.