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## DISASTROUS FIRE ROUSES LENTS

Residence on Fifth Avenue Between Foster Road and Car Line Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze. Only \$500 Insurance.

W. J. Taylor's residence on Fifth Avenue between the car line and Foster road was totally destroyed by fire between the hours of six and seven Saturday morning.

The house which was occupied by the owner and his wife and a roomer, Chas. Kahn, was a fine two-story seven room building valued at \$2200, with contents to the value of \$2000, having only \$500 insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed to have been caused by the exploding of a coal oil lamp kept burning because of the illness of Mrs. Taylor. The report of the explosion was at 6:30 and the flames spread so rapidly that those in the house had barely time to get out in their night clothes with their winter coats about them. Before the gas could be turned off the flames from the burning gas rose 20 feet high.

An alarm was at once turned in both to the Lents Volunteer Fire department and the city fire department. Chief Rayburn of Lents with 15 men and the chemical engine responded immediately but the fire had made such headway on the Taylor building it was impossible to save anything there and the chemical stream was directed on the house next door against which the flames were driven by a strong south wind. The wonder is that the whole row of houses in that block did not go. Only the efficient work of the firemen and the heavy rain prevented. As it was some of the windows were broken out entirely and the others on that side were broken, while the paint was scorched and the fence between burned.

The city fire department Engine Co. No. 31 from Kern Park under Captain Zellner responded to the summons, reaching the scene about 6:40 and by connecting on to the hose line laid from the Main Street and Foster road hydrant by the Lents Company, were able to reach the fire, 2650 feet of hose used, but by this time the house was in ruins. District Chief Stevens arrived from the city and assumed charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were housed with friends until they could make some arrangements for their future place of residence.

In the disastrous fire which occurred last Saturday morning, one is moved to remark what a farce it is for firemen to try to fight against such overwhelming odds. There are only three hydrants in the Lents district to which fire hose can be attached, one at the school house, one at the junction of Main and Foster Road and one at Main and the carline crossing. Such a fire as occurred Saturday morning shows only too plainly how totally inadequate three water hydrants are for a district covering as much territory as Lents does. As long as this condition continues every one in a while one of our nice homes we are so proud will go up in smoke with the fire department standing idly by because there are no hydrants to which to connect the fire hose.

In the same connection note should be taken of the fact that the hose is not to be used as a sidewalk or even crossing, and anyone driving over it is liable to fine or jail sentence. There was a ruined coupling the other morning because some one was not aware of that fact, and another received a severe reprimand. During a fire the fire department and appurtenances have right of way.

### Justice Court Case

Payne Keath was arrested Monday night for assault and battery and in justice court was given a sentence of \$40 or 20 days in jail with suspension of sentence if he settled with the plaintiff.

It seems Keath owed N. J. Campbell a small bill of \$12.50 for over a year and when Campbell went to collect the bill the fight started. Mr. Campbell received a cut under the right eye which was dressed by Dr. Hess. Mr. Keath was arrested by Officer Robert Baily, No. 345, for assault and battery on the person of N. J. Campbell and brought before Judge W. F. Kineman. He plead guilty and was sentenced to \$40 or 20 days in jail with the sentence suspended if he settled with Mr. Campbell, and the doctor, giving him until Saturday to make good, or spend 20 days on the rock pile.

## MAYOR COFFMAN LOOSES HIS JOB

Mayor Coffman had a job on the street last week but it was noticed on Tuesday morning a week ago that he did not resume activities. It has finally been explained. In a moment of temporary abstraction he leaned it against the front end of the bank. The next morning it was gone. Question, who has the shovel? It was at first thought that the banker had it. Then Peterson was called to account. All the jokers in town have had to explain but still one D, short handled, steel shank, round pointed, good as new shovel is missing. If any one can locate it please do so at once, leaving it at the post office, or Eggiman's butcher shop. This is no joke. The mayor needs his spoon. He has been off the job for over a week and if it doesn't show up pretty soon he will not get to do much on the street clean-up.

## FIREMAN'S BAND CONCERT AND BASKET SOCIAL

Grange hall will be the scene of the most enjoyable entertainment of the season, when the Firemen's Band of Portland will be present and please with one of their musical evenings. This band achieved much publicity the past season during their trip through the east, their itinerary embracing all the principal cities. They are giving their services Friday night to help the volunteer department of this district.

After the concert there will be a basket supper, the ladies bringing lunch for two in a basket which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. A beautiful hand-painted picture has been presented the fire department by the Lents Pharmacy Co., which will be sold that evening.

This entertainment and social is being given to help in purchasing service coats and helmets for the firemen and should be well patronized.

## SILVER SHOWER FOR BRIDE ELECT

Miss Jennie Dunning, a popular nurse who has been employed in the office of Dr. Fawcett since her arrival here in the spring from Minneapolis, was given a reception and silver shower Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Morterud on Campbell Street in honor of her approaching marriage to James Adcock, a contractor of her home city, Minneapolis.

A large number of the young women friends of Miss Dunning gathered at the hospitable Morterud home and spent the evening in music and social converse. Refreshments were served and the evening's honor guest was presented with a silver set by the guests present, also a carving set by Dr. John Fawcett and Mrs. West.

Miss Dunning, whose marriage occurs the latter part of this week, will be missed by a large circle of her friends and acquaintances, for she has proved herself efficient and winning in all ways.

## NABOB CLUB ENJOY THANKSGIVING DANCE

Thanksgiving evening was one to be remembered by the Nabob Dancing club and others who were present. The prizes were awarded to Limey Tilman for the best dressed character. He represented a baby doll. Wm. Elslip and Clarence Baker were given the prizes for the best sustained comic characters. They represented Uncle Hiram and Aunt Samantha.

At the close of dancing, 11:30 the Lents Volunteer Fire Department served an oyster supper which was well patronized by a great number of dancers, and the boys thank the patrons for their support.

### Fire Company Extends Thanks.

The Lents Volunteer Fire Company Inc. wish to thank I. F. Coffman for his good work in circulating a subscription paper for the purpose of raising funds to purchase coats and helmets for the firemen. We wish also to thank our loyal neighbors who subscribed so liberally.

Lents Vol. Fire Co., Inc.,  
By Fay B. Rayburn, Chief.  
M. S. Hasen, Secy.

Paul Blowers and wife have removed from Portland to Lents, to be nearer the former's work. Mr. Blowers is employed by the Lents Hardware Co.

## THE GOLF FIEND COMBINES BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.



—Fox in New York Evening Sun.

## TROUTDALE WOMAN ELECTED MAYOR

Tuesday's municipal election made a new record for Troutdale. Never before have the women of the town taken a part in the city elections. But this time they came out to accept their responsibilities and the first thing they did was to elect a woman for mayor. They have had all sorts of mayors in Troutdale and the probabilities are that Mrs. Larson, the mayor elect, will be as good as the best of them, and perhaps she will give them some pointers to admire. Mrs. Larson has long been one of the leading citizens of the town and no woman in it is more highly respected. She is the daughter of Joseph Latourelle, one of the first settlers in this part of the country, and has grown up within the present boundaries of the county. She has served as school clerk and clerk of a cemetery association, and has the reputation of being a woman of business-like ability as well as being a good home maker.

Along with her election Jean Larson was elected recorder. Geo. Richardson, marshal, and Ira Dodson, Aaron Fox, and L. Russell were chosen councilmen. With such a government as this Troutdale will surely make a record for good government the coming year.

### Local Chapter O. E. S. Entertains.

The local Eastern Star lodge, Mt. Scott Chapter U. D. held a most enjoyable session at their lodge room in the I. O. O. F. building yesterday evening. About 35 of the Pioneer Chapter O. E. S. of Oregon City arrived in a special car and guests and regular members united in a profitable time. Miss Pearl Kennedy and Charles Kennedy were given the Floral degree and the team work and drills were fine. After the regular business was disposed of a social hour with refreshments ensued. The Oregon City Chapter returned home at a late hour with the promise of a visit from the Lents Chapter in the future.

## LENTS BOY PLANS SUICIDE TO "END IT ALL"

Because he was jilted by his young sweetheart Charles Bulk, 17 years old, decided suicide and his spirit haunting the girl survivor was the best punishment he could devise, so purchased carbolic acid and wrote farewell notes to his mother and the girl, Miss Alta Wood.

However, before he committed the act which was scheduled for late last night he made a parting visit to the home of the girl where he was so overcome by grief as to attract the attention of Patrolman Drapeau who took the boy to the Central police station where he persuaded him to promise to give up his suicidal intention.

Charles Bulk resides with his mother at 115 Ninth avenue and left for her a note as follows:

"Dear Mother: Goodbye, my spirit is gone now, so goodbye. Your loving Charles."

He left the following for the girl who had disappointed him:

"Sweetheart: I will drop this note and tell you I am sorry to do this, but I pray that my spirit shall bother you always and the rest of your life, and that it will kill your husband. You shall not come to my funeral. Remember the bracelet. You will find me on the bridge at Johnson creek. Goodbye. Be good to yourself."

### Royal Neighbors Elect

The Royal Neighbors held election of officers at their regular session Wednesday evening. Those chosen were: Mrs. Ella Clarke, Oracle; Mrs. Leota Blything, Vice Oracle; Mrs. Alice Allen, Past Oracle; Mrs. Emma Robinson, Recorder; Mrs. Nellie Woodworth, Receiver; Mrs. Mattie Williamson, Marshal; Mrs. Fred Sholtz, Inner Sentinel; Mrs. Ida Hildrith, Outer Sentinel; Mrs. Christina Summerveldt, Manager.

Mrs. W. E. Hickman who was in town on her way to Chicago attended the lodge meeting.

## GOVERNOR ASKS AID

December 1, 1913

To the Editor:

We wish to ask your kind co-operation in a movement to connect our unemployed with a job. There are undoubtedly many residents of your county who could use the services of a good hand this winter and there are many idle men in Portland and other cities in this state who would be glad to have a place.

If you will be kind enough to run this letter and attached information blank in a few issues of your paper our plan will be called to the attention of those needing a hand. Any requests for labor made to our office will at once be taken up with those who are hunting for employment.

Assuring you that your co-operation will be greatly appreciated, I am

Yours very truly

OSWALD WEST,

Governor.

### OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT.

Name.....  
Address.....  
Nearest railroad station or steamboat landing.....  
Number of men and women needed.....  
Character of work offered.....  
Wages to be paid.....  
With or without board and lodging.....  
How long services, if they prove satisfactory, will likely be needed.....

This blank to be filled out and mailed to the Governor's Office, Salem, Oregon, that it may be brought to the attention of those seeking employment.

## \$71.00 FOR LENTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Coffman remembered the Lents Volunteer Fire Department this week after their strenuous fight in the rain to save property Saturday morning and enlisted the aid of Lents business men and friends in raising a fund to help buy service coats and helmets so much needed in their work. The following is a list of the subscribers by which the substantial sum of \$71. was raised.

- I. F. Coffman
- Chester's Barber Shop
- A. E. Moretrud
- Clyde E. Sager
- C. P. McGrew
- Multnomah State Bank
- E. L. Rayburn & Son
- Mt Scott Bakery
- N. M. Nygard
- R. T. Love
- Cottage Restaurant
- Lents Garage
- Axel Kildahl
- F. W. Tussey
- J. F. Wing
- New Method Laundry
- L. E. Wiley
- A. W. Gardner
- Lents Fuel Company
- R. R. Whitcomb
- J. E. Hawken
- Dr. John Fawcett
- Eggiman Bros.
- W. E. Pease
- John Mony
- H. Julian
- H. A. Darnall
- H. S. Haskins
- Rev. P. J. Beutgin
- C. E. Duke
- McKinley & Bundy
- Copeland Lumber Co.
- J. L. Robinson
- Thekla Bright Co.
- Hall and Son
- Matt Greenslade
- J. W. Parsons
- A. D. Kenworthy & Co.
- Katzky Bros.
- J. P. Nordin
- E. H. Duts
- Jack Seiber
- Simons & Morrison
- W. Allen
- Thomas Bros.
- A. J. Ballard
- A. Brugger
- J. H. McSloy
- T. A. Bohna
- Otto A. Wohlfeil
- Lents Hardware Co.
- Geo. W. Spring
- F. Fowier
- Scheuerman Bros.
- P. Klipper
- O. A. Hess
- Isis Theater
- L. Petrovics
- C. C. Wiley
- W. D. Eaton
- J. F. Marshall
- S. D. Campbell
- F. B. Hunter
- C. S. Ogebury
- H. U. Smith
- G. W. Rush

## WELL ATTENDED PARENT-TEACHER MEETING TUESDAY

The Parent-Teacher Club held their special meeting Tuesday evening at the Lents school house with a goodly number in attendance.

Robert A. Miller, a Portland attorney gave a fine lecture on "Conservation of Life" which was enjoyed. He also gave the boys and girls some good advice. Miss Dagmar Kelly sang a solo in fine voice "When the Birds Go North Again," which was appreciated by her audience. Miss Marie Chapman gave a violin solo with a delicacy of touch that pleased her hearers. The club drill was worth going to see in itself. Five boys and six girls participated and they were well drilled. The parents of Lents have much to be proud of in their boys and girls. Prof. Hershner is doing all in his power for the people of Lents. The free night school for young and old has now 150 scholars enrolled.

Robert A. Miller will give a lecture at the Arista school next Tuesday night.

### Married—Wheeler-Bowen

Arnold B. Wheeler and Miss Inez P. Bowen were married at the home of J. N. Railston, corner of Mearl and Anna Avenue, W. Boyd Moore, pastor of the M. E. Church officiating. The wedding was a quiet affair, only relatives being present. They will make their home in Lents for the present.

Miss Myrtle Chandler, who has many friends here, is slowly improving from a long siege of typhoid fever. At present she is just able to sit up. She is one of the seven students of the O. S. N. S. that contracted the fever.

## LIST OF WINNERS AND PRIZES GIVEN

Pupils Learn Practical Lessons in Poultry Raising During Contest. Success Achieved by Co-operation of Teachers, Parents and Pupils.

The Herald publishes below a list of prizes and winners in the poultry exhibit of the Lents public school. The delay in publishing was unavoidable because of Thursday being a holiday, the Herald was printed Wednesday evening and the prize list received too late. The poultry show last week which was such a success, was achieved by the hearty cooperation of pupils, principal and teachers of the school together with the parents of the children. Such a team is a winner every time. The soliciting committee deserve special mention for enlisting so many in the project and obtaining prizes worth working for. Pupils not only gained prizes and poultry of marketable value but a practical working knowledge of raising the birds which they will retain all their life. This is one of the many instances showing the co-relation of book knowledge and practical life.

### SPECIAL PRIZES

Room showing best poultry, No. 14, awarded silver cup donated by Portland Commercial Club. Honorable mention made of Room 17.

Best decorated room, No. 20, awarded silk flag given by C. C. Chapman of Portland Commercial Club. Honorable mention made of Room 13.

For best exhibit by boy, Ralph Mitchell, \$5 in gold given by Multnomah State Bank. Second prize, Cyril Fleming, baseball mitt.

For best exhibit by girl, Sarah Wands, \$5 in gold given by Lents Commercial Club.

Best trio of Orpingtons, Isabella Mitchell, setting of White Orpington eggs given by Mrs. Olive Kelly.

Best trio of Rhode Island Reds, Ralph Mitchell, setting of R. I. Red eggs given by Wm. F. Kelly.

Best exhibit of White Plymouth Rocks, Hewitt Hatter, setting of W. P. Rock eggs given by Mrs. Pearl V. Freiburgh.

Best trio of Barred Rocks, Ruth Reynolds, 50 cents given by F. R. Foster.

Most unique exhibit, Helen Colgan, 50 cents; second prize for most unique exhibit, Edward Kearney, 10 pounds of scratch feed given by the Golden Rod Milling Co.

Special prize on female, Paul Henry, subscription to Poultry Life given by Poultry Life Pub. Co. Awarded on Silver Leghorn hatched from eggs imported from Germany.

For best story of work done in 4th and 5th grades, Eleanor Wood, knife donated by a friend.

For best story of work done in 6th grade, Bernie Kearns, a knife given by a friend.

For best story of work done in 7th, 8th and 9th grades, Dorcas Conklin, knife given by a friend.

### REGULAR AWARDS

For best pen in show, Perrin Wilson, \$2.

For second pen, Bernie Kearns, \$1.

For third pen, Cyril Fleming, grit and shell box given by Lents Hardware Co.

For fourth pen, Roscoe Williams, subscription to Northwest Poultry Journal given by The Publishing Co.

For fifth pen, Walter Thomas, Nesco drinking fount donated by Portland Seed Co.

For best trio in the show, Lee Golden, \$2.

For second best trio, He Witt Hatter, \$1.

For third best trio, Helen Gifford, watering fount donated by Lents Hardware Co.

For fourth best trio, Milton Katzky, subscription to Poultry Life.

For fifth best trio, Clifton Abrams, Nesco drinking fount given by Portland Seed Co.

For best pair of birds, Veta Hazelet, \$1.

For second best pair of birds Calvin Cox, 50 cents.

For third best pair of birds, Lee Woodworth, subscription to Poultry Life.

For fourth pair of birds, Paul Harvey, 10 pounds scratch feed given by Golden Rod Milling Co.

For fifth pair of birds, Lester Irish, Nesco drinking fount given by Portland Seed Co.

Best male in the show, Helen Colgan, \$1.

Second best male shown, Carl Haw-

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