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REGULATION FIRE DEPT NEEDED

Lents Suburb Grown Populous Deserves Relative Consideration. Fire Protection Merited by Area, Wealth, and People.

The constant fear of a call to fireman's duty haunts the minds of a large number of Lents people daily. At least fifty men are prepared at a moments notice to drop their work to give assistance at some fire. This is a positive loss to every individual and a loss to the community as well. It would be an actual economy to have a paid department on the mere grounds of saving time for those who are accustomed to go any time of day or night to assist in saving some one's property. Then the additional efficiency of a department that devotes all of its time to the work would be of itself a motive equally as worthy of consideration. No man can be a first class man in any work unless he devotes the larger portion of his time to the particular thing considered his occupation. This is an age of specialists and a fireman is a specialist. His training is as essential as is the training any one takes to handle a job requiring skill and judgment.

The conveniences and apparatus for fire fighting out this way are utterly inadequate. While some public spirited people generally donate the use of an auto to pull the fire apparatus to the scene of excitement, no one has any obligations, and it frequently occurs that it is impractical or inconvenient to make the trip. The volunteers never know when they will have to haul the machinery by main strength, and awkwardness, and it takes some power to navigate the streets of this section of the city, particularly in the winter time. And navigate is the right word. A side wheeler would be the proper thing occasionally.

What is needed out here is a paid department, a powerful chemical, hose cart, and ladder rig, drawn by two or more good strong, healthy, live, young horses. We don't want any such wrecks as are supposed to furnish the muscle for the fire station at Kern Park. It would take a veterinary surgeon's whole time to look after such a hospital as that, and every time they came in from a run they would have to be given a hypodermic to keep them from succumbing to the shock. We want a pair of horses young enough to wear their own teeth. No false teeth for us. Starting to a fire with such a layout as that is positively dangerous. A horse is liable to drop over dead any moment under stress of excitement and overwork, and then it would be impossible to reach a fire.

During the past week fires in Lents have been limited to one of serious results. A good rig, drawn by a team of strong horses would have practically saved the property. As it was the regular power was away. The street was almost impassable, and by the time the fire was reached the building was in a fair way to go. Good work on the part of the Volunteers soon stopped the fire. The upper part of the house was ruined, and will have to be rebuilt, while the lower part was badly damaged by water and chemicals.

JEFFERSON ON AGRICULTURE.

In a letter written in the year 1803 by President Jefferson and lately published in a biography is the following paragraph in reference to the importance of agriculture. Its sentiments are most timely now. 110 years later, and should be carefully considered by all and, in particular, by young men fitting themselves for a life career.

"The same artificial means that have been used to produce a competition in learning may be equally successful in restoring agriculture to its primary dignity in the eyes of men. It is a science of the very first order. It counts among its handmaids the most respectable sciences, such as chemistry, natural philosophy, mechanics, mathematics generally, natural history and botany. In every college and university a professorship of agriculture and the class of its students might be honored as the first. Young men choosing their academic education with this as the crown of all other sciences, fascinated with its solid charms, and at the same time when they are to choose an occupation, instead of crowding the other classes, would return to the farms of their fathers, their own, or those of others and replenish and invigorate a calling now languishing."

N. Conrad is enjoying a visit from his daughter, Mrs. Miltz of Bassett, Iowa.

SONS OF VETERANS PLAN DRAMATICS

The meeting of the Sons of Veterans held Sunday evening was a lively occasion. Commander Clarence Baker and wife were presented with a beautiful 40 piece set of dinner dishes. After the usual proceedings the work of the dramatic club was taken up. A rehearsal at the home of the Commander was called for Wednesday evening. The members of the company are: William Boland, Matthew Boland, Wm. Anderson, Harry Burnham, Frank Rayburn, Wm. McDowell, Mrs. Millie Anderson, Miss Wenona Anderson, Mrs. Lorraine Gossett and Miss Manda Wisley.

LENTS GRANGE MEETS SATURDAY

The regular monthly meeting of Lents Grange will be held Saturday. The third and fourth degrees will be given to several candidates. There will be several matters of business to consider. The afternoon session will be devoted to a consideration of a special program, essentially devoted to a study of temperance subjects. Mrs. Leo Katzky will give an instrumental solo; Julia Keller will give a recitation; Maori Egbert will render a vocal solo; Ellen Anderson, recitation; Gertrude Katzky, instrumental solo; Margaret Garner, instrumental solo; Mrs. Millie Trumbull of the State Labor Commission will discuss the degenerating influence of alcohol.

Richard Hess Entertains

Master Richard Hess was entertained, and he entertained, last Saturday afternoon in honor of his fifth birthday. Those little friends present were: Margy Helen Cowing, Tom Cowing, Kenneth Sweeney, Clyde Sager Jr., Thelma Kennedy, Dorothy Sells, Norma Sells, Russel Sells, Paul Daniels, Virginia Daniels, Dorothy Hess and Master Richard.

Reuben Slattery has moved from Hill Street to Sunnyside.

Mrs. Max Meyer spent Monday evening and Tuesday in Lents on business.

H. W. Reynolds, has been entertaining his brother from California, this week.

The Modern Shoe Repair Factory, W. E. Goggin, proprietor, has a new shoe ad in this issue.

Floyd Marshall has been making some improvements in his store building on Foster road.

Petty thieves are taking electric bulbs and cord from porches and halls around Lents. An award has been offered for information concerning the parties.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Porter have returned from Mosier, Oregon to their home on 82nd Street between Rose and Lesser Sts. after an absence of some months.

The young people of the Baptist church will hold a Valentine Social at the home of R. O. Horning just west of the Woodmere school.

E. T. Cameron of Hannibal, Mo., is visiting at his sister's Mrs. C. O. Griswold, of Rayburn Avenue, and considering a permanent location in this part of the country.

Mrs. Mary Lawrence of 10th Avenue returned from a month's visit in San Francisco Friday afternoon, coming back on the Beaver. She reports a very nice trip, aside from the usual accompaniments.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKinley entertained relatives at a birthday party on Tuesday evening, in honor of Mrs. McKinley's father. A part of the banquet was a birthday cake bearing 57 candles.

An explosive that is said to be twice as powerful as dynamite has been discovered by an officer of the New York national guard. Nothing will explode it except fulminate of mercury. Some of it was packed in a twelve inch shell and fired at armor plate 1,000 yards distant, but it remained unexploded in spite of the terrific impact. The new explosive resembles wet brown sugar, is made up in sticks and can be kept under water for years without deterioration.

World Noted Sculptors Produce Marvels In the Plastic Art

Superb Decorative Statuary Fast Assuming Form at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition

PRODIGIOUS works of sculpture are now being completed in the sculptural warehouses of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Many of them have already long been finished. The works are remarkable for imagery and vigor and for beauty of conception. Not for many years will the world be enabled to enjoy so marvelous a collection of the works of contemporary sculptors. The World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago first proved that the greatest talent might be employed to produce even work of temporary value. Since then more and more attention has been given at each succeeding exposition to sculpture as a form of decoration, and now the Panama-Pacific International Exposition promises to surpass even Chicago's exquisite display.

Viewing the superb groups and individual pieces of statuary, the visitor feels like a Lilliputian who has been transported into a land of giants. Some of the great groups are of colossal dimensions. Many of these great pieces of statuary will adorn huge triumphal arches and when so placed will seem of natural size to the visitor who stands upon the floors of the exposition courts.

We present upon this page some classical examples of the sketch models and the enlarged figures. A number of America's foremost sculptors have been engaged in the production of these figures. Among the sculptors are many names widely known both in America and abroad. The list includes A. Stirling Calder, acting director of sculpture; Albert Jaegers, Furio Piccirilli, Leo Lentell, Robert I. Aitkin, Adolph A. Weinman, Isadore Kontl, Evelyn Beatrice Longman, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Douglas Tilden, Gutzon Borglum, H. A. MacNeil, James E. Fraser, Charles C. Rumsey, Haig Patigan, Paul Man-ship, F. G. R. Roth, Charles Neibaus, D. C. French, Herbert Adams and others.

The sculpture of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will carry out the note of the exposition in celebrating the opening of the Panama canal. The spirit of achievement as exemplified by America's work will be idealized.

When the sculptors began to plan their work they had as an inspiration an undertaking which has appealed to the imagination of the world for centuries. In the opening of the Panama canal they saw the final result of four centuries of effort to secure a passageway between the oceans. The statuary will reproduce upon a wonderful scale the historic incidents connected with the Panama canal. Figures of the early explorers of the oceans, groups symbolizing the effort to pierce the rocky backbone of the continents, compositions designed to symbolize occidental and oriental themes, colossal representations of struggle and achievement, will illustrate many of the dramatic topics inseparably associated with the search for a passageway to the Pacific and with the final building of the canal at Panama.

And while the sculptors are fast completing their splendid productions, which reveal the ideals of sculptors of the present day, other work upon the exposition is fast progressing. When the gates of this, America's Panama canal celebration, swing open to the world on Feb. 20, 1915, it will be upon a fully completed and perfected spectacle, the setting of the greatest international celebration that the world has ever beheld.



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FIGURE OF ENTERPRISE CROWNS HUGE TRIUMPHAL GROUP AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

THE above photograph represents "Enterprise," a detail of the sculptural group, the "Nations of the West," which will crown the Arch of the Setting Sun at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915. This arch will be on the opposite side of the Court of the Sun and Stars to the Arch of the Rising Sun, crowned by the composition "Nations of the East." The group "Nations of the West" is designed by Messrs. A. Stirling Calder, Leo Lentell and Frederick G. R. Roth.

The natives of Shikoku, Japan, have developed as a result of careful selection during a period of a hundred years a breed of fowls the roosters of which have tail feathers measuring eighteen feet long. The hens of the same breed have tails that sometimes reach a length of eight feet. In breeding the roosters they are kept in cages so narrow that they cannot turn around. At intervals of every few days they are taken out for exercise and carefully watched by an attendant, who from time to time washes and dries their plumage.

The average country highway would be a good deal easier to keep shape than it is now if the width of the roadway were reduced from sixty-six feet, as it is in most sections, to forty feet in width. Not only would this twenty-two feet mean the restoration to cultivation of nearly three acres on a mile of road, but the narrowing of the roadway and the removal of the strip at either side, which is not only not worked as a part of the highway, but often is not mowed, would simplify the work of the highway supervisors and would also put an end to these unused strips as breeding places for noxious weeds.

A NEW UNDERTAK- ING ESTABLISHMENT

The Alvord Furniture Co. has bought the undertaking stock and equipment of the late H. E. Pease and have moved it into the building at 109 Main Street, first door north of their Furniture Store and are now ready to care for all cases placed in their hands. Mr. Greenleaf, the manager of the Lents store is a Funeral Director and embalmer of 15 years experience and has handled hundred of cases, is a graduate of two Eastern Embalming colleges, besides holding a license from a State Board of Health. His long years of experience, is a guarantee of perfect satisfaction.

They have in stock one of the largest assortments of caskets and trimming to be found in the city and with the modern equipment employed by Mr. Pease combined with that which Mr. Greenleaf brought with him from the east cannot be surpassed by any in the state. As soon as phones are placed due notice will be given. And in the meantime if his services are required a call at the store will find him ready to respond.

A branch of this establishment is now opened at the Alvord Kern Park store. For day service phone Tabor 2352 and calls either day or night will be responded to by auto which will bring them to your door in a short time whether in the city or country.

We will make, when desired, all arrangements in detail for the funeral, thus relieving the affected relatives the burden of this responsibility. Bodies will be taken when desired to our morgue and cared for until the day of funeral. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed.

AROUND THE COUNTY

The good roads excitement has invaded Polk County. The Dallas Commercial Club is making an effort to secure a bond issue of not less than \$600,000, with which, it is figured, practically all the cities of the county can be connected by a hard surface road.

Prof. F. S. Ball of the Arleta schools has been chosen Principal of the new east side high school which will be located near Creston.

Pleasant Home is to have a post office of its own.

Boring is developing a herd of mule-foot hogs, the first in the state.

R. R. Carlson and wife of Gresham are wintering at Los Angeles.

County Commissioners yesterday directed Auditor Martin to draw a warrant for \$639.82 for the Multnomah County fair held at Gresham last September. This is the amount of the deficit after last year's fair, the amount appropriated yesterday provided for in the budget passed by the Commissioners last year. The budget carries a further provision of \$3000 for improvements at the grounds and buildings before the 1914 fair is held. This amount was not set aside yesterday, but the budget committee contemplated that the money would be available in time to prepare for the fair this year.

WORTH TRYING.

The school patrons in the vicinity of Rome, S. C., are carrying out a plan in connection with their local school that would seem to be well worth repeating. Some little time ago a butter scoring contest was held, and this aroused so much interest that the patrons of the school decided to erect a dairy barn and milk room on the school grounds so that the children might learn dairying as a regular part of their school work. Accommodations have been provided for five cows, and the instruction in connection with this new "dairying" department is in charge of an extension worker from Clemson Agricultural college. There are a good many localities over the country—thousands of them, in fact—where either centralized, co-operative or private creameries are conducted and where such a department as outlined might well be established, for in these sections tens of thousands of farmers are still milking cows, about which they merely guess in a very general way as to the total production of milk and cream of each cow per year. If such a dairy department were established and did nothing more than get farmers to weigh and test their milk it would be more than justified.

Mrs. A. O. Forseyth, who lives on 3rd Ave. just North of the Carter house which burned last week is rapidly recovering from the nervous shock she suffered as a result of the fire.

NEW CAR LINE IN PROSPECT

Extension of Hawthorne Line Urged by Persons Along Powell Valley and Elmo Heights. This Section Shows Great Growth.

C. J. Holway, Vern Irish and Mr. Cook, representing the district near Lincoln street, north of Saginaw Heights and Cadwell Park paid a visit to Mr. Griffith of the Portland Railway Company the latter part of last week and presented their claims for a car line into their neighborhood. They particularly urged the extension of the Hawthorne line which now has reached a point on 73rd street and about midway between the Section Line and Powell Valley road.

Mr. Griffith seemed to be favorable to the ideas put forward and promised to visit the district early in March and give it a careful consideration. He told the committee that this was the time of year to take such matters up and he thought probable that an extension of the Hawthorne line would be made south on 73rd to Lincoln and thence east to 82nd street or further. The people along the proposed routes have all, or many of them, been seen in regard to financial assistance and they are responsive. Not many of them will be able to give largely, but collectively it will help very materially in the work of preparing the roadbed.

There are probably two thousand people in the district that will be served by this proposed line and it is reasonable to suppose that the part supplied will find its growth after the installation of the line will far surpass anything it has experienced heretofore. Values are very reasonable about the probable line of construction and it would undoubtedly find a rapid addition to the number of property holders.

Evening Star Reports

Saturday, February 7, 1914 was the regular meeting day of Evening Star Grange. The first and second degrees were given to seven candidates at the morning session. The lecture hour was in charge of the worthy Lecturer, S. F. Ball and was much enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance.

Rufus C. Holman, county commissioner was present and told of "Public Improvements" now under way, and of some which were being contemplated.

Prof. A. J. Prieaux of the Woodstock school told of the "Value of Oregon Forests."

Rev. Clarence True Wilson was present and gave a splendid talk on "Temperance." He gave an account of the temperance movement from its inception in the United States over a 100 years ago, down to the present day, telling of what had been accomplished, what they hoped to accomplish, and urged all present to do all in their power to aid the good work of crushing out the liquor traffic.

Miss Roxana Womelsdorf favored us with a violin solo which was much appreciated, as were the vocal solos of Miss Alice Johnson and Chester Alvord. Miss Alvord also gave an entertaining reading.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised letters for week ending February 7, 1914:

Athey, Ray D.; Barker, G. E.; Clancy, Miss Ella; Cummings, E. L.; Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen; Hansen, Miss Alma; Sheridan, John; Weber, Mrs. C. W.

Geo. W. Spring, Postmaster.

Parent-Teacher Club to Meet

The Lents Parent-Teacher Circle will meet at the school on Friday, Feb. 20th, at 2:30 p. m. An interesting program is being prepared. Miss Russel will be present and speak in costume on the "Camp-fire Girls" movement with the view of interesting the people of Lents. Nothing could be more helpful to our girls than an organization of this kind. Come and lend your aid in making the start. Miss Cavana makes the study of the "School Survey" so interesting that you do not want to miss any of it.

Mrs. C. L. Gesell, Pres.

Mrs. Ballow from Chicago is visiting her sister Mrs. Pease.

Clothes were stolen from Mrs. R. Erickson's clothes-line on 7th Avenue Monday night by someone familiar with the surroundings, so it seems, for the clothes-line was minus all the best clothes.