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Splendid Musical and Elocutionary Recital.

The Graphic extends condolences to those who were not in attendance at the recital given in Crater's hall Tuesday evening by the Misses Ethel Lytle and Florence Walton of Portland. It was the verdict of those present that two abler entertainers have seldom if ever visited this berg. Untoward circumstances resulted in a fair sized audience only, but there are those already figuring on getting the gifted young ladies back again.

Miss Lytle sang here two years ago. If she was good then she is excellent now. She has a superb soprano voice, with plenty of volume and of rich quality. By request she sang "The Plains of Peace," rendered by her when here before, and it probably was her most impressive number. Of a lighter nature, "To My First Love," and "You'd Better Me," were very popular.

It would be a hard matter to name the best of Miss Walton's selections. All were fine. "A Woman in a Shoe Shop" was probably winner, with "Higher Culchar in Dixie" a close second. In a soberer strain "Rizpah" was much appreciated. Miss Walton is refreshingly natural and free from the bombastic in her reading, and was heartily received. There was "Nothin' 't All" the matter with her work.

The program follows:

Vocal Solo, "Magnetic Waltz".....Arditt
Reading, "A Russian Christmas".....Banks
Reading (a) "Nothin' 't All".....
Reading (b) "Hangin' On".....
Vocal Solo, "The Plains of Peace".....
Reading "Rizpah".....Blinn
Reading "Higher Culchar in Dixie".....Dix
Reading "How".....Piner
Vocal Solo, (a) "Two Little Irish Love Songs".....
(1) "To My First Love".....Lohr
(2) "You'd Better Me".....
(b) "The Woodpecker".....Nevin
Reading, "Demetrius".....Buncle
Monologue, "A Woman in a Shoe Shop".....Locke
Reading (a) "Since We Parted".....Allison
Vocal Solo (b) "Love and Mischief".....Johnson
"Twilight Bell".....Anon

A Statement to the Public.

A town is built up by the loyal support of its citizens and he is regarded a traitor who allows himself to be used to cripple or destroy any of its industries for the benefit of some other city. No excuse is accepted unless it be clearly shown that the home concern although financially able to compete in the markets of the world charges an extortionate price to its home customers. In such a case the sympathies of the people go to the man who is the means of relieving them of this extortion.

But can this be true of the Newberg Sash and Door Factory? If true, our patrons have been too kind to tell us as we have been furnishing about all the materials in our line for Newberg and vicinity for the past few years. And we have received so much encouragement that we have this winter put in almost a new plant and can now do as good work as is done anywhere. While it is our determination to meet all Portland prices we did not expect the continued fall in values of the past few weeks owing to the backward spring and the consequent over production of some of the Portland mills, nor the still further complication of a home corporation assisting these Portland parties just at this crisis.

Newberg has been our home for

the past fifteen years and we would like to spend here the remainder of our days. We left a booming California town to come here to raise our family in a community where they would be encouraged to live higher moral, intellectual and religious lives. While we thought we were prospering financially we contributed liberally to the welfare of our institutions. But hard times came. Good people could not pay, did not pay, nor do we ever expect them now to pay us as we have long ago destroyed their evidences of debt.

Portland parties held us for material sold those people. We settled with them. We mortgaged everything we had, then struggled on during all those years of depression. But at last times grew better. The boys were old enough to help some and we began by putting in some light machinery. People patronized us. We were encouraged for we were beginning to pay off our debts and the boys were willing to sacrifice their ambition for a higher education to assist and things began to look brighter for us. We were even induced to subscribe to the fund for the railroad switch by the soliciting committee's representation that the great manufacturing concern to be secured would not only be a great help to Newberg but would result in great financial benefits to us. So we have been expecting great activity in building this season and have been preparing for it. We have now nearly two thousand windows in course of manufacture, and other material in proportion and expected soon to be making all the doors we sold.

The unexpected event that brings a powerful rival in the local field has somewhat dimmed our prospect and caused us to wonder if we have been camping all these years on some other person's preserve and if the best interests of Newberg would be conserved by the uniting of its industries into one great corporation. While large financial concerns can manufacture more cheaply than smaller ones, yet after all competition is destroyed, is it their rule to sell their products cheaper? We do not wish to antagonize any Newberg industry, and we purchase most of our materials at home at the usual retail price. We prefer to continue to purchase here unless conditions arise which will make it impossible for us to longer do so. But we contend that, under these circumstances our margin of profit is too small to divide with a large corporation, which is well able to exist without our assistance, and if our prices must be reduced we would rather give our customers the benefit.

In presenting our case to the people of Newberg and vicinity we do not ask for a bonus or a valuable franchise but for the privilege of selling you such materials as we manufacture and keep for sale at prices as low as any other firm can sell and make a reasonable profit. We want to continue in business in Newberg. Can we depend on your patronage? We await your reply; and should it not be as we would like we will accept the force — even if we do not see the justice — of vox populi, vox Dei.
W. P. HEACOCK.

Assessment and Taxation.

EDITOR NEWBERG GRAPHIC: As the matter of assessment and taxation is being agitated considerably, it might be well to state some of the facts about the history of the assessment rolls of Yamhill county. It will be remembered that the last roll previous to my first assessment showed the lowest amount of taxable property in Yamhill county for at least the past fourteen years; and in the nine years prior to that time the taxable property has decreased \$1,419,091.00. This state of affairs had been noticed by some observing persons and the assessment rolls of Yamhill county were pointed to as indicating that Yamhill was going backward. Also about that time counties all over the state began to talk about raising their assessments owing to the fact that a change had been made in the manner of proportioning the state taxes so that each county pays now a certain fixed ratio of the state tax, based on the average assessments of the five years previous to 1901 when the law was passed. The fact is that nineteen counties in the state of Oregon raised their assessments in 1903 more than Yamhill, ranging from 10.45 per cent to 99 per cent advance, while the advance in Yamhill county was 9.9 per cent. Some of this increase in Yamhill county is owing to the increase of the amount of property, especially in live stock. The number of horses has increased 420 head; cattle 2307 head; sheep and goats 7677 head; swine 989 head. The increased valuation per head on live stock is as follows: Horses 10 per cent; cattle 7.4 per cent swine 13.7 per cent, while sheep and goats decreased 5 per cent per head. Among other items of increase are railroad lands, including about seven sections sold under contract to Winton Timber Co. 65.7 per cent; other non-tillable lands 10.85 per cent; tillable land 9.17 per cent; railroad bed 9 per cent; telephones and telegraph lines and instruments 46.33 per cent; merchandise 46.84 per cent; while the items of stationary engines, manufacturing machinery, farm implements, wagons, carriages, etc. decreased 6 per cent. Town lots show an increase of 2 per cent, and would show more were it not for the fact that some of the tracts of the various farms in the county that have been subdivided into lots and tracts, which were counted on the roll of 1902 with the town property, are now valued as acres, and counted with other land. The improvements on town lots show an increase of 6.1 per cent while the improvements on farm property show an increase of 6 per cent. Now since the change in the state law there is a certain amount of money to be raised by the county, and the more taxable property, the lower the rate of levy should be. Is it not better to sustain the valuations of the county and do the adjusting by bringing up the low places than to allow them to run down by wholesale reductions? We must not overlook the fact, however, that all assessments should be equal.

A. B. CHANDLER,
County Assessor.

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