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Grange Entertains

Beaverton grange gave another of the splendid chicken pie suppers, it is noted for at Grange hall in this city last Saturday evening, which was largely patronized.

At the conclusion of supper, a delightfully entertaining program of music rounded out a very enjoyable evening. Mr. and Mrs. Staples of Portland, together with their son and daughter, delighted the audience with several orchestra selections. Also Mr. Staples sang several solos, and the two children sang a duet. They were ably assisted by local talent.

Miss Hazel Pegg and Edward Boring recited select readings that were very much appreciated. Beaverton people are hoping the grangers will repeat these entertainments at frequent intervals.

\$1000 to loan on real estate security at this office.

Despite the fact of general business depression, the past two or more years Beaverton is growing—not fast—but a substantial slow growth. Within the past year several new residences have been built, one modern brick business block, and now about the finest high school building in Washington county is under way of construction. Not only this, the population of the town is increasing, and the enrollment of both grade and high school is bounding upwards. Beaverton has a future.

The dancing party given by the members of the Beaverton Tennis Club last week for their friends, was a very enjoyable affair. There were present just enough—not too many as is often the case at such times. Dancing began at eight and stopped promptly at eleven. The music was Portland talent—a pianist and violin. A rumor was circulated to the effect that before long there might be more.

"Drowned" the Lights Out

At the last week's session of the council, a budget was compiled, and a ten-mill tax levy made. Even this high levy, with the "leakage" in the water system, would not cover the expenses of lighting the city streets, nor pay for a marshal's services, after all other running expenses were provided for. Accordingly the street lights were ordered turned off, which was done last Friday night, and the city was left in darkness. Late shoppers being caught down town were forced to trudge home in the dark. The city has three arc lights, however, that will be left to burn as usual—one at Broadway crossing of the Oregon Electric, one at the mill crossing of the Southern Pacific, and a third on Watson street, near the Methodist church. These are free lights by reason of stipulation in the franchise. Merchants in the Cady block also maintain a light in front of that building. All other parts of town, which includes most all of the residence districts, are in the dark.

The council took such action as it deemed advisable—not desiring to put the town in debt for running expenses. But there have been many complaints in regard to water users, and many think that if the water leakage were stopped, there would be no necessity to provide a fund for that purpose. For instance, the July and August water bills totaled around \$550, when for most other months of the year the bill is about \$125. The city received a very small proportion for the extra water used, therefore, had to pay the deficiency out of the general fund. The water was used and not paid for—the city is the loser. Twenty-five cents a month is charged for lawn sprinkling. It ought to be a dollar. A meter system would be best for water users in irrigating gardens and truck fields. The city has had the saloon license revenue heretofore to rely upon. In the absence of that revenue the recourse is to stop the water leakage—then lights can burn.

Since the above was put in type, the Times is reliably informed, the city council has discovered that the contract with

the light company has not expired, and therefore the lights have been turned on again. It was thought the contract was for only three years, but it is ascertained to be for five. However, provision must be made to pay for the lighting, and it is thought the deficiency can be made up by savings in the water system.

Stop! Look! Listen!

And don't forget the railroad social in Cady hall November 19, given by the young people of the Congregational church. Come early and avoid the rush. Round trip ticket, including dining car service, 15 cents. Excursion leaves at 8 p. m. sharp.

The town election is drawing near—time to begin thinking. A mayor and two councilmen, recorder and treasurer are to elect. The mayor and councilmen should be men of business ability and conservative. Beaverton is going to grow more rapidly in the future than it has in the past, and men of business ability are needed at the helm. Our citizens should take interest enough in the city's affairs to see that a ticket, composed of men who have made a success of their own business, are nominated and elected.

The walk across Broadway, from the Morse hall to the Fisher block, is a walk improvement that is certainly appreciated. Heretofore it has been necessary to either go to near the E. O. depot, or to the Hooper barber shop, a distance of 200 yards, to get across the street—or else wade through the mud. You was allowed, of course, to take your choice, but if a pedestrian was trying to catch a train he usually went the nearest route, which spoiled his shine, and ruffled his temper.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening, S. H. Davis and T. W. Zimmerman were appointed as a delegation to represent the club at a meeting of the state highway commission at Salem today. These gentlemen will present Beaverton's views of the proposed highway improvement in Washington county.

This Week's Specials

Six Tine Potato Fork 85c

The best double bit ax
on the market \$1.25

Fully guaranteed single
bit ax for only 75c

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Goods, Dry Goods, Furnishings and Groceries

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