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FIRST COUNT OF VOTES IS MADE

The first count in the Times piano contest was held on Tuesday afternoon and resulted in Miss Katherine Desinger winning the special prize of ten dollars in gold for having received the largest number of votes up to that time.

Owing to the unprecedented bad weather which has prevailed for the past several weeks, or since the beginning of the contest, business in all lines has been practically at a stand still, and moreover, the contestants have not been able to get about in their hunt for subscriptions and voting tickets. Under the circumstances the Times is highly pleased with the good showing that has been made by a number of contestants. Now that the weather has improved and conditions are again becoming normal, the contestants will make things hum. Each and everyone of them know it will take work to win the handsome piano. All of their friends know that it will take work to win the handsome piano, and are awakening to the fact that a prize so well worth having is also well worth making a great effort to obtain.

Contestants and their friends should put in every available minute in getting subscriptions and votes. Ask everybody you are able to see to subscribe for the Beaverton Times. If they are already a subscriber get them to renew or pay up their back subscription if they are delinquent. See all of your friends

and have them always ask for tickets when buying goods at the stores in Beaverton and save them for their favorite contestants—they will come in handy and will be appreciated.

Remember always that anything worth having is worth working for.

The second count in the contest will be held on March 6, at which time a special prize of ten dollars in gold will be awarded the contestant making the greatest gain in votes between the first and second counts. This gives every contestant an equal chance to win this ten dollars. A contestant who has not yet received any votes has just as good a chance to win this special prize as has the one who received the highest number of votes at the first count.

Following is the result of the vote at the first count and the standing of contestants up to that time:

Katie Dessinger	28,325
May Fisher	25,425
Kate Deibelei	22,500
Gladys Tallman	21,500
Mrs. D. Harper, R 3	21,900
Mrs. Perry York	13,400
Beryl Peterson	20,500
Ivy Livermore, R 2	18,700

BOYS WANTED
Boys between the ages of 12 and 18 to form a company of Boy Scouts. Do not delay boys, but apply at once to William Campbell, Scout Master.

The ladies of St. Cecelias church will give a card party in the church hall next Wednesday evening, February 16. All invited.

WATER METERS MAKE NEW RECORD

Monday evening the city council met and heard several complaints against the supposedly exorbitant water rates. In several cases the January reading of the meters was found to have jumped from a charge of a few dollars to a considerable sum. This condition brought about the protests. These protests were duly considered by the council and after probing the situation it was discovered that the meter had been, hitherto, misread, the charge being only about half the amount due.

The school district entered a protest and requested that the schools should be allowed a reduction as the water rates would amount to a large sum each month, and being a public institution, there should be a special tariff to cover such.

This with the other protest were fully considered and a promise made that if at any time in the future the council could find it possible to do so there would be a reduction made on the price as soon as the income was made to pay the water company for the water used.

The charge at present rate is 30c a thousand after the first thousand and the city pays at present 12c a thousand for water delivered at the meter west of town.

This division of the city business has hitherto been run at a loss and the present officials are endeavoring to put the water system on a paying basis. This is no slight task and will take a great deal of careful engineering.

In several cases the cost of water measured by the meter has advanced from two and three dollars to \$80, \$85, and even to between \$40 and \$50 for the past two months.

SAFETY FIRST.

As a further step to safeguard the life of passengers from accident, Western railroads on the first of February, will prohibit the carrying of motion picture films in passenger cars. The celluloid of which the films are made is a highly combustible substance, and the fear that a chance contact with fire might end in disaster.

This action follows that already taken by railroads of the country located in the East and Middle West. A passenger on a suburban train running out of Chicago recently carried into the combination smoking and baggage car four reels of motion picture films and placed it on the

floor between the seats. In some way, presumably by a lighted match dropped by a smoker, the films were set off and an explosion occurred in which 38 persons were badly burned, two fatally. As a result railroads are no longer willing to submit their customers to such a hazard.

When films are sent by express they can be inspected when received for shipment, and carried by the safe manner laid down by the packing rules of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This ruling has been recommended by the American Railway Association, the Bureau for Safe Transportation of Explosives.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS.

The town council held their regular meeting last Monday night in the town hall with all town officers present except treasurer, Lillian Evans. The following bills were allowed, and warrants ordered drawn in settlement.

E. Stipe tapping main for High School	\$18.40
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C. E. Hedge, salary and cash paid out	11.65

All other bills from last year were laid on table till a later meeting pending the settlement of bonding company.

A contract for installing a 11-2 in. meter for high school was given to E. Stipe for \$35.00.

S. H. Davis appeared before the council in behalf of the school district and made a strong plea for cheaper water for the school, but owing to the present condition of the water finances his request was refused.

A lease for piling grounds for wood was given to W. F. Desinger for that portion of Front St. extending from Stout St. to a point 50 feet west of Welch St. for \$5.00 per year. This is a wedged shaped piece east of flour mill.

WORK ON SCHOOL HOUSE AT STANDSTILL

Weather conditions have been playing havoc with the work on the new high school building, having already delayed the workmen almost a month. The weather should moderate in the near future, and when it does the work will go on with renewed vigor. At present the electric wiring has been finished and some of the lath have been put in place, making it possible for the plaster gang to commence operations at once. The plumbing is almost completed, and also the pipes for the furnace, which will be installed as soon as the weather will permit.

LONG WINTER IS NEW RECORD

The past month or more have made the old timer sit up and scratch the glistening dome of his "coconut," while he endeavored in vain to recall another year that had brought forth a winter like the present. For over a month the landscape has been almost continually clothed in a blanket of snow. This is the longest cold snap since the year 1889 when the continued cold and snow lasted for over thirty days, while the present winter weather has lasted for some forty days.

The silver thaw, which struck this part of the country Wednesday is the most severe on record for a number of years, a similar one being experienced in 1907. Wednesday night the town was dark and by Thursday morning was completely cut off from the world except for the trains which were all behind time. The telephone wires were down in both directions and wire communication was impossible.

Between this place and Hillsboro the Scholls Telephone Co. line was broken badly in several places, and many poles were blown over. South of town the fine grove of fir trees on the J. D. Wilnot place was almost entirely demolished, and in some places along the main road great trees had fallen under their heavy load of ice obstructing the highway. This same condition occurred in several other localities also.

Business has been at a stand still for a month. This is due mostly to the condition of the roads through the more remote districts, and considerable hardship has resulted from this condition. The storms here have not been as severe as these over the hill. Continued reports from Portland bring news daily of snow, sleet and cold, while this part of the valley has been thawing out.

The greatest sufferers have not been among the human species, however, for the bird life has suffered greatly from exposure and lack of food, many of the most hardy as well as the more delicate succumbing. Thanks to the generosity of numerous people, there has been much feed placed where the birds could find it, and no doubt, it has saved great numbers. Reports from different parts of the country tell of the finding of numerous pheasants, grouse and quail which have perished from hunger and exposure.

THE PROBLEM OF PRODUCE.

From over the state of Oregon, mostly the southern portion,

come reports of building sugar factories, cheese factories, canneries, new sawmills and opening old ones, brick making plants, ship yards doing construction work, and new logging roads under construction. This spells a future prosperity. A reawakening for this vast territory called Oregon. Then, if we are to take these signs as a forecast it is high time the people of Beaverton were awakening to the need of a cannery to handle the surplus supply of vegetables which annually go to waste for lack of a market. The entire country surrounding Beaverton is nothing less than a fertile garden spot which requires but the touch of a master hand, and a little encouragement, to produce wonderful crops of every description. But what incentive is there to advance the farm along scientific lines unless there is some return for the time and energy expended? Really there is none, and thus is evolved a great problem, the answer to which lies only in the installation of a cannery.

UNJUST ACCUSATION.

"Say my friend! Can you tell me what it thunder is the matter with that dinged Beaverton Times? They didn't say any thing about what happened up my way last week."

The speaker looked very sour, and crabbled, and at butts with the world. And he was. What was the matter? Well in the first place he passed the Times office many times each day and didn't have time to stop and tell us what was on his mind, and then because we weren't mind readers, thoroughly versed in all modern forms of mental telepathy, he stood in front of our shop and called us all the known forms of idiots, and other vile and slimy things to numerous to mention in so cramped a space. What shall we do when we are thus unjustly accused? Swallow it and smile? No. Absolutely no. But we will tell you the truth about the thing. If you have any news send it to this office and we will do our best to find room for it, but don't crab.

NAVAL BASE AT ASTORIA.

As a beginning to the national defense program, a committee has been formed at Astoria for the purpose of obtaining a naval base for the mouth of the Columbia, which, they claim, is inadequately protected. A bill has already been presented to the House of Representatives by Congressman Hawley to appropriate \$2,000,000 for the establishment of a naval base at that point. Provision is made for buildings, equipment, drydocks, shops and magazines.

The Satisfaction Store

Do not fail to keep track of our Underpriced tables. Some very attractive prices in both rooms.

Just think of it Good Shoes pr \$1.00
A lot of 75c and \$1.00 Shirts each 25c
Remnants of calicoes and percales and outings.

A few Cans of that Baking Powder left at	10c
A few Cans of Peas	10c
A " " " String Beans	10c
A " " " Tomatoes	7c

CADY & PEGG

CASH GROCERY CO.

10 bars Laundry Soap	25c
Fancy Dried Apricots lb	12c
" " Peaches "	10c
Magic and Yeast Foam Cake	4c
4 Packages Corn Flakes	25c
Imperial Flour guaranteed sack	\$1.40

Buy where cash talks. Our whole stock is full of low prices!

3 boxes matches	10c
Large bottle bluing	5c
K. C. Baking Powder can	21c
Royal White soap 6 bars	25c
Star tobacco	45c lb.
Pure bulk lard	13c lb 2 lbs 25c

IMPLEMENTS AT COST

1-Horse Birdsell wagon
1 Johnson Mower
Discs, Harrows and other implements

We must have the room and will sell these implements at absolute cost.

If you need any Dressers or Ranges see us. Our Prices talk.

AGENTS FOR OLIVER FLOWS.

BEAVERTON HARDWARE COMPANY,

BEAVERTON, OREGON