

## LOCAL ITEMS AND CITY NEWS

Gleaned From Various Sources and Condensed.

**NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.**  
In future all subscribers in St. Johns will be served with The Review through the postoffice, except those subscribers in the center of town. We have tried the carrier system, and it has proved unsatisfactory. Subscribers failing to receive their paper regularly please notify the publisher.

If you don't read The Review, you don't get the news.

Several business houses are putting in gasoline gas plants for lighting purposes.

Orin F. Maltby, the contractor, is building three cottages in St. Johns Heights Addition.

Fred Koerner has commenced work on Ed. L. Stockton's new residence, on Alleghany street, near Seneca.

Miss Rieb, of the St. Johns Hotel, expects to open the Hotel Rieb, in the Cochran block, about January first.

Daniel Brecht will build at once a modern three story boarding house near the electric mill site. Mr. Brecht has faith in St. Johns.

Don't forget "Tompkin's Hired Man," at Bickner's hall next Monday evening. An excellent play well staged and full of amusing and pathetic situations.

Parents, why do you not visit your school, get acquainted with the principal and your children's teachers? Give them all the encouragement possible.

The school meeting for District No. 2, will be held at the school house at 7:45 this Friday evening. There should be a large attendance, as the business is most important.

Cochran Bros. have moved the sidewalk in front of their recent purchase from W. H. King so as to make it line with the splendid new walk in front of their block. A decided improvement.

Couch & Co., the general merchants, who occupy their splendid block near the postoffice, on Broadway, are building up an excellent trade. They have a good stock, and are fine people to do business with.

Have you lived in St. Johns a whole year and never once visited the free museums or the rooms of the Historical Society at the city hall, Portland? School children should be encouraged to visit those places of great interest.

Last Saturday, December third, was N. O. Isaacson's birthday, and his good wife presented him with a bouncing eight-pound boy. Both mother and child are doing well, and Mr. Isaacson appears all right, judging from the broad smile he wears.

Mr. Hinman has received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother Austin M. Hinman at his home in Bushnell, Mich. The death was the result of pneumonia after an illness of but nine days. Only a few weeks before the deceased's mother-in-law died at the same place.

The Muck Hardware Co. has opened up a modern hardware store in the Cochran block. A full and complete stock of builders hardware, tools, cutlery, stoves, etc. This company proposes to sell at city prices, and it will prove a good business venture and a great convenience to the city.

A petition was circulated this week asking for a license for a family liquor store, with a side bar attachment. Quite a number of signers were obtained, but the petition was not presented to the council, and it saved trouble by not being presented as present council would table such a proposition without discussion.

Traction engines are to be experimented with for hauling loads on the county roads of Oregon. It would be a sight of a life time to see one of these machines, loaded with the council street committee trying to travel along our streets. A good mud scow would be more suitable.

The heaviest frost of the season, covered the ground like a light snowfall Saturday morning. A coating of thin ice formed on pools of water. When told that this was about the limit of Oregon winters, the recent arrival from the East gaped in amazement.

R. Shepard and W. S. Calkins returned Sunday, from their trip to Eastern Oregon, bringing home a dozen or two jack rabbits, and to listen to them telling of their great skill it required to bag the game, one would think they were expert hunters. But

the boys can't make much impression with their hair-breadth escape tales. They won't go, for many of us have been in that country, and have seen these long-eared creatures thicker than flies around a molasses barrel. In fact, they are so thick that farmers have regular "rabbit drives," when thousands of them are slain with clubs. No, boys, tell your thrilling jack rabbit stories to the marines. You were at a corral at the windup of a "drive."

### SCHOOL MEETING.

**Largely Attended and Great Interest Shown.**

The special meeting called by the school board, at the request of a move initiated by the Commercial Association was held Monday evening to consider the question of providing more accommodation for the school. The total enrollment of pupils is now 306 pupils, and new pupils are coming in daily.

County Superintendent Robinson was present, and on invitation, made a few interesting remarks. He stated that the condition of the schools throughout the country, state and county were as bad as in St. Johns. He urged that provision be made for future, not for today, but to meet conditions which are bound to arise. For instance, the increase in the early months of the coming year, will not be less than thirty. He urged that immediate relief be provided.

Mr. Monahan moved that the school board be authorized to spend \$1000 to provide temporary quarters to relieve the present congested conditions. The motion was unanimously carried. Not a dissenting voice was heard. While the amount is not large, hardly sufficient, it is hoped the board will be able to make it go far enough to meet the present emergency.

The county superintendent took occasion to congratulate the people on the unanimity with which they responded to the call for this money.

The plans and specifications for the temporary school buildings can be found at the residence of J. E. Poff, chairman of the school board in St. Johns, Monday Dec. 12.

### "Tompkin's Hired Man."

Will be in St. Johns next Monday evening, Dec. 12, and will exhibit himself at Bickner's hall. His boss and the family, part of their "cousins and their aunts," will accompany him. The Haywood Club of University Park will have charge of "Dixie" (that's the name of the "hired man") which is sufficient guarantee that his presence in our city will be a success. Everybody should go to Bickner's hall on this occasion, if they want to witness one of the best entertainments ever given there. The Haywood Club is a thoroughly peninsula organization, in which every resident should be interested. Their productions are in many instances, far more worthy of support than you often pay double the admission fee to see down town. Let's give them a rousing house Monday night.

### Gold Reserve Life Association.

Messrs. Hoban and Taggart, state managers of the above company, of Portland, were in St. Johns yesterday, arranging to open up business. The Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Courier has the following to say:

"The Gold Reserve Life Association of this city, has again come to the front with another demonstration that it is an insurance company which should be patronized by every man in this city who desires a safe, sure, investment, and one which insures to the immediate benefit of the beneficiary. In the case of Jackson Johnson, whose death is noted elsewhere in this issue, and who held a policy of \$1000 in this company, on Friday last, when the company heard of his death, Col. Campbell, the secretary, at once went to Mrs. Jackson with a check for \$100. In this particular case it so happened that this money was not needed to defray the funeral expenses, as deceased carried a funeral benefit certificate in another company which provided for them, but it serves to show the inestimable blessing and benefits such an action would bestow in the great majority of cases. The Gold Reserve Life Association of Mt. Pleasant has worked itself to that place where it is considered one of the best operating in Michigan, and it has certainly proven itself to be the best for Mt. Pleasant people. Other companies may do the same for people in their home city, but certainly can not be so prompt with those who are away. The Gold Reserve of this city should have nine out of every ten men in the city who carry life insurance."

### Rapidly Growing Trade.

It is gratifying to note the rapidly increasing growth of trade which the West Coast Laundry is receiving, and the enlargement and extension of facilities of this enterprise is a matter for early consideration. There is no enterprise in the city which deserves the entire patronage of the people here more than the West Coast Laundry Co. The investment already made has been quite heavy, and a still further outlay is necessary. The equipment is modern and up-to-date, and the work turned out is fully equal to any laundry on the coast. Besides, employment is given to quite a number of local people, which itself means a snug sum of cash paid out weekly.

### St. Johns Abstract & Security Company.

Another new business enterprise is being promoted for St. Johns, one that will no doubt be a great convenience, and should succeed. We refer to the St. Johns Abstract, Trust and Security Company. Stock sufficient to guarantee the establishment of the company has already been subscribed, and incorporation papers have been applied for. The incorporators are: W. H. King, C. C. Chipman, and T. T. Parker.

### The Review Job Department.

Is turning out a large line of job work. Everything in the plant is of the most modern style and the class of work done is fully up to the standard of any printing establishment on the coast. Another new press has been purchased, and all our machinery will soon be driven by electric motor. Good work, promptness and correct prices are vital points in The Review job department.

### The Shuttles Are Clicking.

The first piece of cloth came from the loom at the St. Johns Woolen mill Saturday, December 3, 1904. This event marks an important epoch in the history of St. Johns. The fabric woven is a light weight melton, intended for spring clothing. From now on the output for the market will increase daily, and it will not be long until the full capacity of the mill will be utilized to fill orders already contracted.

All the smooth tongued piano salesmen with their enticing inducements must take a back seat when "price" the greatest salesman of them all, rises. It is the price linked to quality who have won success for me. Therefore please just bear this one thing in your mind: "No matter at how low a price they offer their piano, no matter how easy terms, no matter what the inducement, I will go them one better."—August W. Meyer, 74 Sixth street.

### AN Outsider's Views.

Editor Review: I am not a resident of the city of St. Johns as yet, but am an interested outsider. I am favorably impressed with your city and a firm believer in its future, have purchased property here and expect to make it my future home. There are a couple of things that struck me when I arrived here some three weeks ago. The first thing was the lack of street improvements. It was not so bad then, because it was dry, but now that the rains have come, the lack of graded streets and sidewalks is a serious inconvenience, and discreditable to the coming commercial center. The most conspicuous sight that strikes the newcomer is the pedestrian wading in mud and water over shoe top to cross the street. I am told the city has not the funds to make these needed improvements, but I think local pride would move the city dads to devise some means to temporarily relieve the present emergency.

The second thing is the want of some kind of fire protection. This is a matter which interests the owners of buildings in the business section more than any one thing else, perhaps. But a fire which might destroy the business houses would be a dire calamity just now, to every citizen of the city. It appears to me the laws of self-preservation would appeal to the men who own these buildings, and that they would take some steps to supply some protection for their own sake.

If you will pardon this intrusion, and give space in the columns of your valuable paper for same, you will oblige,

AN OUTSIDER.

St. Johns, Nov. 25, 1904.

Boulevard Addition to St. Johns—High land between car line and river. Lot 5x160, alleys, -200. Easy monthly payments. G. H. VAN HOUTEN St. Johns

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### To the People of St. Johns.

The pole lines and wires for the delivery of Electricity to the residents of St. Johns have been completed for the last Thirty Days, and have been ready for the delivery of the current. The arrival of transforming apparatus has been repeatedly promised us, but shipment has been delayed at San Francisco. We hope that every one will have patience, and we are sure that the service will be connected in a very few days.

**PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.**

## Hardware Opening!

We beg to announce to the citizens of St. Johns that we have opened up a complete and new stock of

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**Cochran Block, Jersey St., St. Johns**

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