

**LOCAL ITEMS AND CITY NEWS**

**Cleaned From Various Sources and Condensed.**

The grip is prevalent.

Mrs. Mae Faith, dressmaker, North St. Johns.

Most of the New Year swear-offs are all off now.

Chas. Wesley, of Scio, Or., was the guest of Bickner Bros. last Sunday.

L. W. Hill and wife, from Denver Colorado are in St. Johns this week, looking up a location for a residence.

E. E. Hanna has accepted the position of manager for the West Coast Laundry Company of St. Johns.

Wm. Davis, who has been working with his son on their new building, has gone to McMinnville for a few days visit with his family.

St. Johns Camp No. 7546 M. W. A. meets every Tuesday night in Bickner's hall. H. E. Knight, Constl. G. I. Thompson, Clerk.

N. A. Gee and Carl Haynor have been employed by Robert Gray to assist in the erection of his new iron and brass foundry building.

R. A. Harris was visiting in St. Johns Wednesday. Mr. Harris is a member of the printers' craft, and paid THE REVIEW office a fraternal visit.

St. Johns like all other towns has two classes of men. One class that works hard to do things, and another class that is equally as busy trying to stop them.

The unsightly pool on Jersey street near the old car barn has been drained under the direction of Councilman Beebe, and he deserves lots of credit for it.

The Columbia Electric Works, I. W. Barrie manager, has bought out the electrical establishment of George Bonville and will conduct a general electric supply house.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. B. F. Leggett next Thursday afternoon at 2:30. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

L. B. Chipman has been selected by the St. Johns Commercial Club to push the St. Johns city charter through the legislature this session. Mr. Chipman will leave for Salem next Monday.

Edwards & Brice are rushing work on their new building on Hayti and New York streets and will be ready to plaster in a few days. F. Hanson will do the brick and plaster work.

The present cold snap is not so agreeable to wobject as rain, but it has one good effect in giving us nice hard streets to travel on, which is certainly preferable to wading through mud.

The Portland Manufacturing Company, of St. Johns, is issuing a beautiful Calendar this year. It is embellished with a fine illustration entitled "The Old Guard." The subjects are local, and reproduced from photographs.

Contractor Fred Koener is rushing the Holbrook building forward with a large force of men and will soon have it enclosed. The building will have four rooms for stores, two on Jersey and two on Tacoma street.

Ex-Policeman J. L. Wheeler, who has been absent in Montana, was called home a few days ago by the serious illness of his wife. Mrs. Wheeler is now much better, with good prospects of full recovery.

L. Carr has sold his pool room to Ed Magoon who will conduct it in the future. Mr. Carr has taken charge of a work-gang on the Northern Pacific railroad, and will move with his family to Linton.

The regular meeting of the Commercial Association will be held next Wednesday evening, at the office of Shepard & Tuft. Every citizen of St. Johns is invited to become a member of this splendid organization. Its membership is open to all, and no one need stand back on account of not being personally solicited to join. Get in and help push along the objects of the organization.

J. Hobson, of Tacoma, was in the city Sunday, visiting friends.

For rapidity and comfort the St. Johns car line can't be beat. It is quite comfortable these cold mornings to sit in a heated car with your feet against a radiator, speeding along at a twenty-five-mile-an-hour rate.

A few days ago the big dredge Columbia broke her truss rods and channel chains and she is now lying in the St. Johns dry dock for repairs. Some time will be consumed in fitting her up in working order.

T. H. Bloomgreen, who works at Cone's mill, had his right foot badly crushed last Saturday morning by being run over by a part of the log carrier machinery. He was laid up for a few days, but is not seriously injured.

On the drop curtain of the stage in Bickner's hall W. J. Peddicord's advertisement contains this prophecy: "St. Johns' population in 1910, 10,000." A very modest prediction which promises to be more than fulfilled.

The M. W. A. band gave an outdoor concert last Sunday afternoon, in front of the schoolhouse. It proved a most enjoyable affair, and a large crowd attended. The band boys are progressing finely, and the music rendered was excellent.

Several carloads of machinery for the St. Johns Shipbuilding plant are being unloaded this week. The freight bill on the consignment is a little over \$1000, which will give some conception of the amount and value of the machinery.

R. H. Beebe and J. Trimble, practical machinists of Portland have opened the St. Johns Machine Works on waterfront alongside of the St. Johns saw mills. They will build hydraulic wood-lifts, do blacksmithing and all kinds of machine repairing.

Well, its beautiful snow now. But we don't need any poetry on it. We know that it mantles the black earth in white; and we know that it sparkles in the brilliant sunlight; we know its as pure as the soul of a child; but poetry about it drives the editor wild.

The school board of this district has engaged the two additional teachers necessary, when the additions to the school building are completed. Miss Clara Ryan and Miss Josephine Preston are the fortunate young ladies who will fill the positions at beginning of next term.

Robert Gray, the foundry man, is pushing work on his new building and will have it enclosed in a few days. Mr. Gray, for the present, will erect only a steel furnace, but later on will build a large brick furnace some forty feet high. He expects also to build an office and storeroom in connection with the plant.

The Congregationalists have organized and steps are being taken to erect a church edifice on Willamette boulevard. Until a building is completed, regular services will be held in Bickner's hall. The ladies of this denomination met at the residence of Mrs. Houston Wednesday and organized a ladies' aid society.

If you don't read THE REVIEW you are missing a good deal of news of local interest. We aim to discuss local matters intelligently and also to keep our readers posted on things both important and unimportant. It is a good paper to send to your friends at a distance and by all means should be found in every household in our little city.

About forty-five members of the St. Johns camps of Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors attended a joint installation of officers with Grape Camp at Upchurch hall, Portland, Monday evening. After the installation ceremony refreshments were served and dancing indulged in, and altogether a most pleasant evening was spent. The Woodman band, of this city, was present and added materially to the pleasure of the evening.

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**HARD TO IMITATE.**

**Sounds Beyond the Ability of Our Vocal Organs.**

"That man can imitate perfectly the jingle of money," said in a tone of eulogy a young woman.

"Well, what of that?" objected her companion. "That ought not to be hard to do."

"Try to do it."

The objector, after summoning into his mind the sound of jingling money, tried. "R-r-r-tat-tat," he went, "Br-br-br-ra-ra-ra, ehk-ehk-ehk." Then he smiled apologetically, for he had failed. Not by the furthest stretch of the imagination could it be said that he had uttered a sound that resembled money's jingle in the least degree.

"I knew you couldn't do it," said the young woman. "It is amazing how many simple sounds there are that we can't imitate, try as we will. There is, for instance, the sound of a person walking, the sound of a typewriting machine in operation, the sound of running water, the sound of a breaking dish. You can't imitate those commonplace noises, and I doubt if any one in the world can. Our vocal capacity seems to us large, but it is really limited enough—as limited as that of many animals and much more limited than that of certain birds. That is why I honor a man who has extended his vocal capacity sufficiently to imitate the pleasant, silvery sound of money's jingle."—Baltimore Herald.

**THE ALBATROSS.**

**Wonderful Flights of This Great Feathered Wanderer.**

Of all the strange creatures seen by travelers not the least interesting is the wandering albatross. This great feathered wanderer, sometimes measuring seventeen feet from tip to tip of his wings, will follow a ship for days at a time. Some travelers and sailors declare that they have seen a particular bird fly for weeks at a time without resting. The albatross has always been a bird of mystery, and in ancient times the people believed that these unwearying sea birds were the companions of the Greek warrior Diomedes, who were said to have been changed into birds at the death of their chief.

Though the superstition about the killing of an albatross bringing bad luck is only a foolish one, it has served a useful purpose for many years in preventing the slaughter of these beautiful and gallant birds—the sailors' friends and the landmen's wonder. Up in dreary Kamchatka, that outlying part of Siberia which cuts into the north Pacific, the natives, never having heard of the superstition about the albatross, catch him and eat him, but his flesh makes such poor food that, after all, the legend may be said to hold good, for he is indeed in bad luck who has to make a meal of it.—Ottawa Free Press.

**SOLOM OF ATHENS.**

**His Definition of the Most Perfect Form of Government.**

"What is the most perfect form of government?" was once propounded at the court of Perlander, king of Corinth, one of the seven wise men of Greece. His six fellows were present, and of them Bias answered first, giving as his opinion, "Where the laws have no superior." Thales of Miletus, the great astronomer, declared, "Where the people are neither too rich nor too poor."

In his turn said Anacharsis, the Scythian, "Where virtue is honored and vice detested." Said Pittacus of Mitylene, "Where dignities are always conferred upon the virtuous and never upon the base." Said Cleobulus, "Where the citizens fear blame more than punishment." Said Chilo, the Spartan, "Where the laws are more regarded than the orators."

The last to reply was the youngest but wisest of them all, Solom of Athens, who said, "Where an injury done to the meanest subject is an insult to the whole community."—London Telegraph.

**His Glasses.**

He was wearing his first pair of glasses, and at first they afforded great relief, but at the end of a month there was a retrogression. Somehow, polish the lens as he would, the vision appeared to be weaker. So he went back to his oculist and said he thought the glasses "weren't strong enough."

The oculist stepped aside for a minute, then handed his customer what apparently was another pair. Trying them drew forth the exclamation: "Why, these are much better! I can see now as well as when I first wore my glasses."

Then he was initiated into one of the little secrets of the trade. The oculist had merely cleansed each lens with a little soap and water.—New York Post.

**Developed Genius.**

Lady—Do you think that your inventive genius was hereditary or developed? Inventor—I owe it all to my dear wife. When we were first married I used to stay late at the club, and my wife cross questioned me severely whenever I came home late. The necessity of inventing fresh excuses taxed me to the utmost, and this faculty became so abnormally developed that as soon as I turned it to business account I made a fortune with ease.

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