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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Various Topics of Local and General Interest Briefly and Tersely Commented Upon

Numerous Matters Which Are Before the Public for General Discussion

The "bee in the bonnet" crowd in St. Johns is being augmented daily. It is surprising to see the number of men who "don't want it," yet are willing, really anxious to make the sacrifice and serve in some position in the municipal government of this city for the next year. Where there are so many willing to make this sacrifice the electorate should be able to select a capable set of officers. Pick out the best regardless of whom they may be.

The new charter has been in effect since January 20, and since that time the mayor has been entitled to the maximum salary of \$2,500 and the councilmen \$1,500 for each meeting attended, the recorder \$40 and the treasurer \$25 per month at least it is so interpreted by those presumed to know. Unless the present council fixes the salaries of the incoming council these officers will be allowed to draw these maximum amounts, in which case the total amount for salaries next year would total, presuming one meeting per month, and say nothing of the appointive officers salaries \$942,000. The appointive officers will probably draw down something like a \$1,000, making the salary list something like \$2,000 per annum. A rather snug sum, certainly, but if they get it they see to it that the officers earn it.

The whisky element of Portland is resorting to some desperate steps to maintain the strong hold which up to a few months ago it had on the affairs and conduct of that city. It seems enough hell cannot be raised in the twenty hours the rummies are permitted to keep open, a scheme was inaugurated and an attempt made to get it through the council, permitting the aforesaid rummies to keep open the remaining four hours out of the twenty-four. Of course, most of the saloons never close, haven't even a lock on their doors, and the brass-buttoned head of Portland's finest winks at the violation, but the keepers wanted one law on the books they could claim they respect, so the "all-night" ordinance appealed to them to be that law. But it didn't go.

The suggestion that Tom Word be chosen next mayor of Portland is not without a strong support, and that, too, from some strong sources. Our neighbor needs a man like Word, just as Missouri needed Folk, the big dailies to the contrary notwithstanding. The city is a mass of corruption. Not every officer is a grafter, but there are lots of officials who are grafters. With fearless Tom Word at the helm a cleaning out would take place, and the exposures of rotten methods would startle even the most ardent reformer. Let Tom be mayor for one term, and we'll wager a town lot in Panama that he'll be governor of Oregon soon afterward.

With a good, sound bank, backed up by unlimited capital, such as proposed by Chas. Wood, of Saginaw, Mich. would be of inestimable benefit to St. Johns, and our citizens cannot go amiss in giving the proposed institution a united support, as they have signified their willingness to do. As at present, all bank business has to be done in Portland, which means a loss of time and great inconvenience. The time lost comes out of the most active part of the day. The time the busy man can least afford to lose. If a united support is given, there is no doubt of success. The present may not be so profitable, but the rapidly increasing manufacturing and industrial interests cannot fail to advance the volume of business so that in a short time it would have ample support to make it a profitable enterprise.

There is another feature about the bank proposition which is of paramount interest to our local merchants, it would go far to increase the "trade at home" idea. Now, many people are forced to go to Portland to get checks cashed, and, naturally enough, when these symbols of indebtedness are converted into coin the first thought is in the needs of the possessor. He is in the midst of big stores where anything and everything is handy, and it is quite natural, though not good policy, that purchases should be made there and then, and the home merchant is forgotten. A bank located here would obviate the neces-

sity of the trip to Portland, and the chances are largely in favor of these purchases being made at home.

Still another feature not to be lost sight of, a bank in St. Johns would obviate the accumulation of cash, which is of necessity kept in insecure places, because there is no safe place of deposit at hand. This is no mean consideration, and one that has caused considerable anxiety in the minds of some of our business men. With a bank here daily deposits could be made, and the safety of funds, small or great amounts, would cause no solicitude.

The Oregon political heeleders are in a stew now. The president refuses to appoint any federal officers so long as the state has only one representative at Washington. Senator Fulton, of the four to which the state is entitled, is the only man not under the ban. We presume the state will survive, but the political leeches are thankful the winter is so nearly over.

The work being done by the Commercial Association is assuming an importance that excites comment from both local and outside sources. The various local questions requiring attention are of interest to every resident of St. Johns. That the work being done here by this splendid organization is appreciated is evidenced by the large attendance and rapidly increasing membership. Our citizens are beginning to realize that the association was brought into existence for other than personal aims; its platform is broader than that, it encompasses every interest, every proposition which has for its object the material benefit of this city. No legitimate scheme, originate where it may, suggested by whom it may be, finds a hearty and united effort from ALL the members of this association. That its labors are effective one need only look at results. Still greater achievements are in rapid process of materialization, and many important things which would most likely have never been brought out, discussed, are being investigated and exploited through the medium of this organization. Every wide-awake citizen of St. Johns should join this organization; concentrate their efforts, pull together with a single object in view, namely the upbuilding of this city and a still greater and wider range of good will be accomplished.

Some weeks ago a deal was closed for a \$1700 fire fighting outfit. The fire hydrants have been in position ready for use for some days. Wouldn't it be good policy to get the apparatus in position, even in temporary quarters, so as to have it ready for use? If not, why not? Should a fire occur tomorrow, we'll guarantee steps would be taken the same day to get it here. In other words the threadbare stable door story would be revived. Better anticipate this old story, and be ready to thwart the thief in his endeavor to get away with the beast.

Anywhere from two to a dozen burglaries, holdups, etc., make up the record in Portland every night of the week. The police force of our southern neighbor seems to be helpless, or perhaps incompetent is better. Since Tom Word has made "grafting" a dangerous species of stealing the "coppers" seem to be devoting their whole energies to devise some plan to evade the watchful eye of the sheriff and get onto some kind of "graft" not so easily detected, so that they have little time to waste looking after burglars.

A woman has applied for a position on the Portland detective force. If she is young and vigorous it might not be a bad idea to supplant some of Hunt's old grannies. In fact, she might make a good chief. But then, if she is a good woman, better not take chances with the officers she would be compelled to associate with.

St. Johns is now endowed with all the rights, privileges and authority necessary for a city, not only of 2500 but of 100,000 people. It is equally applicable in either case. We have the authority to become great and populous. In view of this condition, let us be up and doing, taking advantage of our opportunities, not only in a municipal way, but industrial and commercial as well. Let's all throw aside personal feeling and unite as one man to cultivate a progressive spirit. Let each of us resolve to contribute something toward the achievement of something that will benefit our home city. If only the true spirit of harmony could prevail, how much good would result. Try it, fellow citizens, and you will be surprised at the result.

The new charter requires that the city officers, save the mayor and councilmen, shall devote their entire time during business hours to the business of the city. Unless

very short business hours are fixed, or salaries made adequate, this may prove a problem. The only elective officer from whom this will be required is the city recorder, and considering the varied duties imposed, the maximum salary of \$40.00 per month is no great allurements to a man who is competent to fill the position and devote his whole time to it. This provision of the new charter might prove a serious one unless care is taken in fixing the "business hours."

While holdups are of such common occurrence nowadays, we have yet to hear of a single member of the Oregon legislature being a victim. But a friend suggests that "there is honor, etc., etc."

The Public Dock Lags

Through the fault of no one person that most important of all wants, the most needy of all our needs, communication with our matchless harbor seems to have been relegated to the rear while our council labored with such an important thing as buying a site for their future deliberations. Now, of course, we all know that there is no time like the present for acquiring a suitable location for a city hall and other necessary municipal buildings, and that proper sites at reasonable prices are scarce, and unquestionably our council has moved wisely and well and are entitled to the thanks of every fair minded citizen of St. Johns for having disposed of that question in such a manner. But now that this matter is out of the way let us all pull for a public dock. St. Johns must at once see to it that passengers and freight can have free access to and from the river. There are those of our manufacturers whose business depends on the river traffic, but they do not necessarily need

on a bridge spanning Guild's lake, a natural body of water forming the "grand basin" of the exposition. Many new features have been planned to grace this bridge this summer, and, on an account of its location, much attention will be directed to aquatic attractions.

The competition for the best ballad on the "Trail" is open to all. Competent judges will be selected from the best known literateurs of the Pacific Northwest and the contest will close May 1. Invitations have been extended to all the well known writers of verse and many good poems are expected to be submitted.

An elaborate display of toys will be a feature of Switzerland's \$30,000 exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

The Emanuel Swedenborg Club, of Chicago, an association interested in the perpetuation and data of the illustrious philosopher and scientist, will erect a handsome pavilion at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

A comprehensive exhibit of Oregon grasses, which won the grand prize at St. Louis, in competition with the world, will be shown at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

The elaborate exhibit which India will make at the Lewis and Clark Centennial will be housed in a \$50,000 building. The pavilion, which will be 100 feet square, will be a replica of an old Hindoo temple, and will be decorated with Hindoo carving in exact imitation of the original. In the building will be a display of Indian arts and industries valued at \$200,000. A tea garden, where Hindoo servants, garbed in the picturesque turban and sash of India will serve the beverage, will be conducted in the temple. Among the exhibits will be rare shawls, brass

were appointed a committee to draft and circulate a petition to the city council asking that body to submit the question of animals running at large to a vote of the people at the coming municipal election.

After a pleasant and profitable meeting Mrs. Walker served her guests with dainty refreshments. The League will meet every first and third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting, March 7, will be held at the home of Mrs. Braasch.

A SUCCESSFUL MEET.

The Columbia University Boys Win Over the Y. M. C. A.

Washington's birthday was celebrated Wednesday at the Columbia University by a field meet between the University students and the Y. M. C. A. team. A large attendance was present and each event created much enthusiasm.

The Columbia University team won the day, their score totaling 51 points, to 37 for Y. M. C. A. Kelly was the bright, particular star for Columbia, he winning four events for his team and also taking part in the relay race, and coming in second in the pole vault.

One of the prettiest races in the history of these meets was the mile dash, between Merritt of Y. M. C. A., and Weber of the Columbia. Weber took the lead at the pistol shot and set a hot pace for his opponent, holding his own and running in superb style. The field went wild when, as each lap was covered it looked like nothing could prevent Weber from finishing in the lead. On the last lap, however, Merritt gradually closed up the gap between them until they were coming down the stretch running as one man, when, as they neared the goal, a final spurt from Merritt placed him across the line, a winner in the hottest contest he has experienced in some time. The time was 5:29.

Merritt is the champion distance runner in the northwest, while this is Weber's first experience at a meet, and great things are expected from this promising freshman later on.

The University is to be congratulated for its energy and push in building such a handsome and commodious gymnasium, this being the largest of its kind in the northwest, and the thanks of the athletic-loving public, and at the same time substantial appreciation should be shown them for the praise-worthy institution.

A summary of the events follows: 50-yard dash—won by Kelly, Columbia University; Rowe, C. U., second; Lighty, Y. M. C. A., third; time, 5 4-5.

20-yard dash—won by D. Kelly, C. U.; Hinkle, C. U., second; Stubble, Y. M. C. A., third; time, 23 1-5.

Shot-put—won by J. Bottle, Y. M. C. A.; Moody, Y. M. C. A., second; Quinn, C. U., third; 39 feet, 9 inches.

Running Broad Jump—won by Kelly, C. U.; Wilkinson, C. U., second; Lighty, Y. M. C. A., third; 21 feet, 4 inches.

High Jump—won by Kelly, C. U.; Wilkinson, C. U., second; Stubble, Y. M. C. A., third; 5 feet 4 in.

50-yard hurdle—won by Kelly, C. U.; Rowe, C. U., second; Lighty, Y. M. C. A., third; time, 6 4-5.

Pole vault—won by E. Manville, C. U.; Kelly, C. U., second; Rowe, C. U., and Lighty, Y. M. C. A., tie for third place; height, 9 feet.

Relay race—won by Columbia, Kelly, Hinkle, Bingham, Mainly, C. U.; Niday, Bottle, Merritt, Stubbles, Y. M. C. A.

One-mile dash—won by Merritt, Y. M. C. A.; Weber, C. U., second. Time, 5:29.

Officials—Jack King, of Multnomah Club, starter. Messrs. Kerrigan and Sheppard, judges.

Submarine illumination of Guild's lake, the natural "grand basin" of the Western World's Fair, will be an unique feature of the Lewis and Clark centennial. Lights will be placed on the bottom of the lake in air and water tight receptacles and at night visitors may see the fish swimming around in the water.

Pennsylvanians living in Oregon have formed a society for the purpose of advertising the Lewis and Clark centennial in their home state, securing an appropriation for the fair from the Pennsylvania legislature, and providing for the comfort of Pennsylvanians visiting the fair. There are about 8000 natives of Pennsylvania living in Oregon.

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Citizens, we cannot afford to let this question slumber one minute longer. The location is a secondary consideration for we can trust wholly to the good judgment of our council.

Of course, some heed should be given to the expert testimony of our city engineer, his practical sense tells him that Philadelphia street, by the way the only wide street in town, is the proper location for either the dock or a ferry, and that was unquestionably the intention of the founder of St. Johns. Philadelphia street is quite the center of the two original additions, with the very best grade to the river, and as mentioned above, a wide street one hundred feet being the width.

However, we can safely leave the location with our council.

The amusement street of the western world's fair is called the "Trail," instead of the Midway or Pike which were the names applied to the gaily boulevards at other expositions. The "Trail" is built

and silver filigree work, sandalwood carvings and inlaid furniture.

While in Washington recently on exposition business President H. W. Goode of the centennial, extended an invitation to President Roosevelt to attend the coast fair next summer. The President stated although he couldn't make an engagement so far ahead that he would endeavor to make a visit to the exposition if public business would permit him to make the trip. From the start the president has been deeply interested in the 1905 fair, and surprisingly well informed on the progress of the work.

In case the president is unable to visit Portland, it is very likely that he will send Miss Alice Roosevelt and his three oldest sons on a tour of the country with the exposition as their destination.

Civic Improvement League.

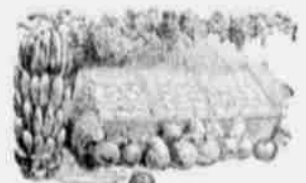
The ladies Civic Improvement League met in regular session Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Walker.

The recently elected officers were installed and a new order of business was inaugurated. All present signed the new membership roll, which provides that a monthly due of ten cents be paid by each member, to be used for the running expenses of the league. The committee on by laws was given an extension of time to the next regular meeting.

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