

**LOCAL ITEMS
AND CITY NEWS**

Gleaned From Various Sources and Condensed.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

In order to insure a change of advertisement the copy for such change should reach this office not later than Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Please remember this and save the printer lots of "overtime" work.

Dr. Hensel will continue his free lagrippe clinic Sunday afternoon at his office in Cochran block.

The weather of the last few days has been more in keeping with what the weather forecasts and needs. A good "dry" rain is all right.

Isn't St. Johns talent sufficiently interested to get up a dramatic entertainment? There is some good material here; all it needs is developing.

The schooner Aerial is taking on a large cargo of ties and lumber at Cone's mill, and will sail in a few days for San Pedro, Cal.

A hospital located in St. Johns is a pressing need, and we learn that private parties contemplate the establishing of such an institution.

It is the intention of the proposed new lodge of Odd Fellows to organize Monday evening, March 20, if suitable hall accommodation can be secured.

The ladies of the United Evangelical church are going to have a "Merchants' Sale" the latter part of March. Further particulars will be given later.

Mrs. Isaac Baker is the mother of a bouncing boy. The event occurred last Sunday. Mother and child doing well, and Isaac is able to be at his post in the Peninsula mill.

The new hardware firm of Potter & Guald are enjoying a good and increasing trade. These gentlemen are attentive and courteous, with whom it is a pleasure to do business.

The petition for an Odd Fellows' lodge in this city now contains over thirty names, and it is expected at least fifty will be secured. This will be a large charter list, and assures the success of the organization.

Congregational services will be held at Bickner's hall next Sunday afternoon. Sunday school at 2:30; preaching at 3:30. There is a growing interest in these services. Everybody will be made welcome.

Briefs, pamphlets, folders, office stationery, business cards, dodgers, programs, invitations and announcements turned out on short order and at reasonable prices at The Review office.

The Junior League excursion, booked for Monday evening, March 6, promises to be one of the best of the season. Careful arrangements are being made, and no detail will be overlooked to make it a success.

The degree team of Oregon Grape camp, Modern Woodmen of America, visited St. Johns camp Tuesday evening and initiated three candidates, which they done up in good shape. A royal good time was enjoyed.

At the United Evangelical church next Sunday, the morning subject will be "Circumcision and Uncircumcision." In the evening there will be a lecture, subject, "The Spring Election Will Determine the Future of St. Johns."

The plans to devise ways and means to defray the expense of our school exhibition at the Lewis and Clark Fair have been delayed because the photographer has not yet completed his work. By next week, however, we hope to lay the plans before our readers.

The ladies of Holy Cross Parish will give a whist party and supper at Bickner's hall tomorrow (Saturday) evening. The Columbia University band will be present to enliven the occasion. Admission, 10 cents; refreshments, 15 cents. A good time is anticipated. Everybody invited.

Miss Lena Parker, of this city, is an elocutionist of considerable merit and gives great promise. Her rendition at the open session of the Artisans last Friday evening elicited much commendation from those who heard her.

The condition of the streets along which the fire water mains were laid is most decidedly bad. Where the pipes were laid and the dirt thrown back loose and settled by the rains, it is really dangerous for teams and vehicles passing over. There should be some remedy for this.

O. N. Maltby has commenced the erection of a two-story building on Columbia boulevard. The lower story will be fitted up for store purposes and the upper story for living apartments. The building will be fitted up in a thoroughly modern style, steam heated and lighted by electricity.

Dr. W. T. Slatten, a practical dentist of many years' experience, has decided to locate in St. Johns, and will open an office in the Cochran block, room adjoining Dr. Hussey's office, on Monday, February 28. Dr. Slatten has many old friends and customers in this city, who speak in high terms of his professional skill.

Rev. Chase will preach at Bickner's hall Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The Oliphant sisters gave their second entertainment at the M. E. church Wednesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance.

Owing to the poor ventilation of the M. E. church, during the services Wednesday evening, one lady fainted and several others were nearly overcome with the heat.

The horse owned by Windle & Windle met with a serious accident Thursday night, being tied to the fence with a long rope tied to run, but unfortunately, came to the end of his line too soon; dislocating his neck and otherwise injuring himself.

The Oregon Grape Dramatic Club of Portland are making arrangements to put on the famous drama, "Hazel Kirke," at Bickner's hall, about the middle of March. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of St. Johns camp of Modern Woodmen. Dates will be announced later.

The whist party at Bickner's hall tomorrow evening, given under the direction of the ladies of Holy Cross parish, promises to be a most successful affair. The Columbia University band will be present, and the boys are capable of rendering excellent music. If you want to spend a pleasant evening, don't fail to attend. All will be welcome.

The city needs a safe and some arrangement for properly filing documents. As it now is, the whole documentary outfit of the city is piled together in one heterogeneous mass, through which a person has to wade before finding what he wants. Document files would greatly simplify matters.

Allen H. Blackburn contemplates opening a furniture store and undertaking establishment in the Hicks building, on Jersey street, about the first of March. This is a line that should certainly prove a success in this city, and the need of such an establishment has been felt for a long time. Mr. Blackburn proposes to sell at Portland prices, and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hurlbert, assisted by their daughter, Miss Elva, entertained a number of their friends and relatives last Monday evening, in honor of Mr. Hurlbert's sixty-fifth birthday. Cards and music were the features of the evening and a bountiful repast was served.

Present were; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hurlbert, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hurlbert, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hurlbert, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Braash, Mrs. S. Tufts, Mrs. B. C. Henderson, and the Misses Eva and Hattie Braash, Olive Hurlbert and Lillian Thompson and M. F. Tufts. A pleasant time is reported.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. F. Chase is quite ill with fever.

Mrs. Belcher was on an Oswego visit on Wednesday.

L. P. Tallman went to North Yamhill, Or., Wednesday.

A. H. Vaver, of Portland has decided to locate in St. Johns.

B. D. Lomis and Roy Pengor, of Portland, were in our city looking for a place for investment.

W. C. Walker, accompanied by H. C. Campbell, was on a business trip to Goldendale, Wash.

Miss Musetta Hamilton, of Vancouver, Wash., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. L. F. Chase.

J. S. Shook, representative in the legislature from Klamath county, was an interested visitor in the city last Wednesday.

Mr. Kemp, in Oak Park addition, who has been ill for a long time, has taken a turn for the worse, and is in a serious condition.

Scott Morris, of Gardner, Or., was a visitor in the city Wednesday. Mr. Morris was an enrolling clerk in the late session of the legislature.

Mrs. N. Freedman was in St. Vincent hospital a few days this week, where she underwent a surgical operation. She returned home yesterday, much improved.

H. Hevland, of Newberg, Or., was in the city Monday, looking up a location with the view of establishing an ax and tool handle factory. Mr. Hevland has had extensive experience in this industry, and is anxious to locate here.

Miss Georgia Rich, proprietress of the St. Johns hotel, was taken seriously ill Tuesday with nervous prostration. Tuesday and Wednesday nights being unconscious for eight hours. She is now gradually improving, however, and her many friends hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover, of Detroit, Ore. were guests at the St. Johns Cafe Thursday. Mr. Hoover is a wealthy lumberman and has traveled over the entire state, but he thinks St. Johns is the best business location and the most promising place he has found so far.

The United Artisans

The open session of Willumbia Assembly of United Artisans, held in Bickner's hall last Friday evening, was an unequalled success. The program was most admirably arranged, and carried out without a break of any kind. The attendance was quite large, and all present expressed themselves as having spent a most pleasant evening. Refreshments were served, after which dancing was participated in by all

who desired. The "open session" is a monthly feature of the Artisans, and they never fail to please. The regular meeting will be held this evening, when a number of ladies and gentlemen will be initiated. The team from Portsmouth will be present and have charge of the ceremonies. The outlook for this organization in St. Johns is very promising.

Will Make Bricks.

The St. Johns Brick Co. announce that they expect to commence the manufacture of brick in a few weeks, just as soon as their machinery arrives. Mr. Loughd will have charge of the work, and expects to be able to turn out about twenty thousand brick per day. This is certainly a much needed enterprise, and has every indication of proving a good investment for the promoters. It will no doubt stimulate the erection of brick buildings in the city.

The Oil Prospect.

Good progress is again being made at the oil well. The drillers are now through the "cap rock" and into the "oil sand." A depth of 756 feet has been attained, and the prospects are most flattering. The promoters, headed by the persevering and never-quit S. I. Ogden, feel greatly encouraged, and have abiding faith in the final results. If oil in paying quantities is found, it will not only be a bonanza for the owners, but a big thing for this city and the entire Oregon country.

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In His Mind.

A reporter of the evening Telegram was in St. Johns the other day, and somebody gave him a "hot air" story about the "issue" in the coming city election. According to the story of this reporter as printed in the Telegram Tuesday evening, the bone of contention in the coming election will be the "liquor question." This is the first intimation the public has had of any such thing, and from the best information obtainable no such "issue" is contemplated, and if there are those who have any desire to make this question a direct "issue," they will make a serious mistake. The present council is opposed to saloons, and it is questionable if any council could be elected which would favor liquor license, but the question should be eliminated from the local political arena. It will prove detrimental to the city. Let our best men be chosen, men whose first care shall be for the good of the entire community, men in whom the people have confidence, then trust to them.

With lots of people on both sides of the saloon proposition, all other considerations are lost sight of save the one. The remainder does not believe the Telegram had any such information, based on fact, as it claims, but some seeker after notoriety gave the writer a great fill of "hot air."

Cramped Again.

Already the increased attendance at the public school is causing a crowded condition to prevail. Every available seat and desk is occupied, and the board has ordered all the additional seats for which room can be found. The "temporary" building has proven a decidedly "temporary" arrangement, so far as relieving the congested condition of the school is concerned. If the present ratio of school population continues to increase, next fall, probably before, will find the condition which confronted the district early in the winter more serious than ever. It does seem that ordinary prudence would impel some immediate action to be taken to meet the impending crisis. If the school board would submit some kind of proposition to the district it would very materially aid in the solution of the problem.

Amusing, Very.

A slight commotion was caused by the jaw-workers on the streets Wednesday. To a stranger this tempest in a teapot would have suggested that our citizens were excited because some big factory or important enterprise was being located here, or that they were abandoning their daily avocations and working to get a bank established, or were busy promoting and encouraging something that would help build up the material interests of St. Johns. We say strangers, people unacquainted, might have thought so. In fact, the ardor and bustle was worthy of a better cause. But the stranger would have guessed wrong. It was more important, more interesting and more to the liking of the j. w.'s than the locating of any factory, however large or important. What was the cause? We are almost ashamed to tell it. It will make the cold type blush, and perhaps refuse to imprint the story on the plain white paper. But the people must be amused as well as informed. Here goes: The printer of the city charter, in a moment of charity, permitted a set of advanced sheets of

that document to pass into the hands of a city officer. The document was closely scrutinized and out of nearly 500 sections and about two hundred sub-divisions one section, of but minor importance at best, was found to conflict in a slight way with another section. That's all, nothing more. It takes small things to excite some people, however. Maybe, the j. w.'s were getting short of "fodder," which may account for it.

A Suicide Prevented.

Too proud to work and too honorable to beg planned a fatal plunge in the Willamette river—he paused in front of a window at 211 4th street and was attracted by a sign which read "Hands Up—Reading too"—with only a dime in his pocket he decided to get his palm read. The palmist soon filled his mind with thoughts of future success and sent him away a wiser and happier man. He bowed his way out with many a "God-bless-you Wauda—you saved my life."

Street Improvement.

By request we print the following extracts from the charter pertaining to street improvement:
1. The council, whenever it may deem it expedient, is hereby authorized and empowered to order the whole or any part of the streets of the city to be improved, to determine the character, kind and extent of such improvement, to levy and collect an assessment upon all lots and parcels of land specially benefited by such improvements, to defray the whole or any portion of the cost and expense thereof, and to determine what lands are specially benefited by such improvement and the amount to which each parcel or tract of land is benefited.

City Engineer to Make Plans and Specifications — Districts; Assessments.

2. Whenever the council shall deem it expedient or necessary to improve any street or any part thereof, it shall require from the city engineer plans and specifications for an appropriate improvement and estimates of the cost thereof, and the probable cost thereof, and the city engineer shall file such plans, specifications and estimates in the office of the recorder. The improvement of each street, or part thereof, shall be made under a separate proceeding. If the council shall find such plans, specifications and estimates to be satisfactory, it shall approve the same, and shall determine the boundaries of the district benefited and to be assessed for such improvement, and the action of the council in the creation of such assessment district shall be final and conclusive. The council shall by resolution declare its purpose of making said improvement, describing the same, and including the city engineer's estimate of the probable total cost thereof and also defining the boundaries of the assessment district to be benefited and assessed therefor. The action of the council in declaring its intention to improve a street, directing publication of notice thereof, approving and adopting the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer and determining the district benefited and to be assessed thereby may all be done in one and the same act.

Publication of Notices.

4. The resolution of the council declaring its purpose to improve the street shall be kept of record in the office of the recorder, and the recorder shall give notice by publication at least once in the city official paper of the passage of said resolution and stating the boundary of the improvement and the district to be assessed and the estimated cost thereof. The city engineer within five days from the first publication of said resolution shall cause to be conspicuously posted at each end of the line of the contemplated improvement a notice headed "Notice of Street Work" in letters of not less than one inch in length, and said notice shall contain in legible characters a copy of the resolution of the council and the date of its adoption, and

USEFUL INFORMATION.

A Few Questions Propounded and Answered.

For the information of many distant readers of The Review, who are desirous of getting reliable information about this district, the following questions are answered correctly and honestly as possible:

Question—Where is St. Johns?
Answer—In Multnomah County, Oregon, seven miles north of Portland.

Q.—Is it an incorporated city?
A.—It is, and has a government of its own.

Q.—Are taxes high?
A.—No, the last levy was only two mills.

Q.—What is the population?
A.—Over 2000 people.

Q.—Is it on the ocean?
A.—No, it is located between the Columbia and Willamette rivers. All vessels entering Portland harbor must pass St. Johns docks.

Q.—Are the rivers navigable?
A.—Most certainly they are, from ships that float, from all parts of the world, load and unload their cargoes with safety and dispatch in our harbor.

Q.—Are there any railroads?
A.—Yes; the O. R. & N., a part of land, and the O. R. & N., a part of the Southern Pacific system, traverses the water front for several miles, and the Northern Pacific is on the opposite side of the Willamette river, besides we have an excellent electric line that one can ride to any part of Portland for a five-cent fare.

Q.—What lines of business are there?
A.—See the advertising columns of this paper.

Q.—Is business overdone?
A.—No; there is room for more substantial business houses.

Q.—What supports the town?
A.—The large mills and factories. There are three sawmills, one veneer factory, one box and basket factory, two shipbuilding yards, one large dry dock, one porch and column factory, one flour mill, one woolen mill, and several other smaller factories.

Q.—What is the pay roll?
A.—About \$20,000 per month.

Q.—How about school and church privileges?
A.—One large school house (the second one contemplated) and three churches. The university is about a mile from St. Johns.

Q.—How about the prices of property?
A.—Prices are most reasonable. Business property from \$15 to \$50 per front foot. Good residence property from \$4 to \$10 a front foot.

Q.—Any saloons?
A.—No, and not likely to have soon.

Q.—Any other industrial enterprises in prospect?
A.—Yes; several mills and factories, and a meat packing house.

Q.—To whom can I write for further information?
A.—Secretary Commercial Association, or the editor of The Review will answer all questions.

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