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CORRECT STATEMENT.

If some people were to be given ten dollar gold pieces, fresh from the mint, they would question their genuineness, and kick because they were not double eagles. The Weyerhauser Co. has decided to locate here, of itself a big thing, a gigantic enterprise, but, of course, there had to be some kick about it. The one most prominent is to the effect that this big addition to our industrial enterprises will not be of much benefit to this city because the company runs its own stores. This is incorrect; the Weyerhauser Co. do not run "company stores," nor deal in any kind of commodities necessary for living. The company has all it can do to run its mammoth lumber manufacturing business, and has no time for the mercantile business. We are assured by men who have been connected with this company for a number of years that any fear along this line is entirely unwarranted and groundless.

WHAT IT MEANS.

Events of the past fortnight will have a greater influence in shaping the destiny of St. Johns than any other single element that has so far entered into the question. While the progress already made in securing the varions industrial institutions which line the shores of the river front should not be underestimated. All of them have proven valuable acquisitions to the city and have formed a nucleus for an industrial center that will and has proven a most important factor in the progress already made. The pay-roll already established is of such proportions that must of necessity prove a solid and substantial basis for the future prosperity and growth of St. Johns. However, the decision of the Weyerhauser company to locate their big lumber manufacturing plant at this point places the question of our future destiny beyond all possible question of doubt. Were it even the desire of those most heavily interested in our present manufacturing industries to shut down operatious, and leave the town to shape its own fate without them, the present conditions are a guarantee of stability and perpetuity of our growth and development. Let depression come, let a stagnancy in all commercial lines become general, still the fact that a concern backed by such unlimited capital as is the case of the Weyerhauser company, is located here, and will continue operations during dull times the same as though the wave of prosperity was at its maximum height, is sufficient guaranty for all time to come. With this concern it is only a question of getting timber to convert into merchantable stuff, not a question of the condition of the lumber market. If their product is not in demand today, their policy is to keep at work producing to their full capacity so that when the demand does come they will be on hand ready to supply it.

It is doubtful if the magnitude of this enterprise is realized by many people of this city, and all because we are yet unaccustomed to really "big" things. In an institution of this character the by-products are of very great importance. Not a single particle of waste is permitted. Every stick of lumber is utilized, if not for one thing then for another. What with many mills is absolute waste, in this instance, is converted into some merchantable article, something for which there is a demand and will bring returns, if not with a margin of profit, yet sufficient to reduce the cost of production to a minimum. Then, too, other factories are attracted by such concerns. The idea that if St. Johns is so desirable for the big concerns like the Weyerhauser company, why is it not a good place for smaller industries. This result is the most natural one in the world. It is safe and reasonable to predict that before many cycles shall have passed St. Johns will be the largest manufacturing center on the Pacific coast. Even let the ratio of increase that has prevailed during the last eighteen months be maintained, figure up the result at the end of the next eighteen months. But it is fair to presume that the increase will be greater for the next couple of years than it has been in the same period in the past. At any rate, the future of St. Johns is fixed, full of hope and encouragement, and those who have interests here may feel an assurance in the wisdom of their investments that is vouchsafed to but few.

CHARTER ANGLES OBTRUDE.

There has never been a city charter devised that did not contain angles against which the unwary did not run. The city charter of St. Johns is no exception to this rule, and the members of the council have found themselves striking the angles.

The charter provides that no warrants shall be issued for any purpose, except against special assessment funds, unless the money is in the treasury to pay such warrant.

At the last meeting of the council a resolution was adopted appropriating moneys for certain purposes, for which no special assessment funds had been provided. Warrants were ordered drawn for $2,200 and $1700 respectively.

The objects for which the warrants were ordered drawn are commendable ones; things the city needs and must have, but we must confine ourselves to the requirements of the charter and follow it strictly in letter as well as in spirit.

The charter declares that all action taken by the council, contrary to its provisions, shall be null and void. To remedy this action of the council a special assessment should be made at once, and the money secured for the purposes for which it was intended. This will obviate all trouble in the matter, and enable the city to make the desired improvements and still fulfill the letter of the law.

KICK AGAINST CAR SERVICE.

The through cars from St. Johns stop running at 9 o'clock. This has caused a number of persons to be left in Portland, over night, they having waited for a through St. Johns car, which never came.

All the St. Johns cars running after 9 P. M. are without a label and may thus be overlooked. In this connection it is suggested that some method be adopted by which passengers may be enabled to reach their destinations and not be delayed in Portland over night.

TESTING HOSE CART.

Fire Chief Tufts tested our hose cart and 500 feet of hose during the week. He did not have a sufficient number of men to secure a fair test, but he found the pressure insufficient for throwing a stream to any great height. The nozzles are too large for the amount of pressure. The department is handicapped by lack of facilities for drying hose after use.

A meeting is to be called for the purpose of electing an assistant chief in the near future.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ITEMS.

Rev. E. P. Murphy, first president of Columbia University, now rector of St. Patrick's church, Portland, was a recent visitor at the University, but, unfortunately, the much beloved former president was unable to make a lengthened visit. Other visitors were the Revs. Daly, Hughes, Curley and J. D. Murphy, all of the city. J. O'Hara, editor of the Catholic Sentinel and Joseph Jackson of Butte, Montana.

Rev. T. J. Hennessey, professor of English, delivered a most eloquent eulogy on St. Patrick at services held in St. Patrick's church under the auspices of the A. O. H.

Friday was declared a holiday and the boys enjoyed it immensely. Green was the prevalent tone-color of the day.

The college choir sang Rosewig's mass in G, at the chapel exercises on Sunday morning. They have been training faithfully under the supervision of Bro. Jerome, and their success greatly exceeded their expectations. Rev. J. P. Thillman had them to sing at the 10:30 services in the Holy Cross chapel at Portsmouth. The members of the choir are: Tenors, J. LeRoy Wood, V. Cullen, F. Martin, Prof. Long; basses: I. Brogan, C. Roe, C. Albright, Prof. Lonergan.

The recent inclement weather has put a check to baseball, and as the boys are compelled to resort to the use of the gymnasium, they will lose some of their accuracy in throwing and fielding. Indoor practice can never equal outdoor work.

At a recent meeting of the whole student body, Fred Martin was unanimously chosen student manager of athletics, and Dan Kelley captain of the track team for 1905.

On April 15 there will be the second annual Indoor Field and Track Meet open to all colleges, athletic teams and clubs in the Pacific Northwest. Already the management has received a number of entries for the coming meet, which is the largest athletic event in Portland during the year. Last year's meet was a grand success from every point of view, and this year's meet promises to outshine last year's. A marked feature of the meet will be races for the grammar schools of Portland, and it is desired that all schools in Portland send four boys to win a relay race. These relay races between the youngsters proved very interesting last year, and it is hoped that the enthusiasm among the small boys will be as great, if not greater, this year. University Park, Couch and Harrison have already siguified their intention of entering.

The meet held last Saturday was pre-eminently a success, and those who witnessed saw a very fine demonstration of athletic ability. The meet was participated in by M. A. A. C., Y. M. C. A., Portland high school, soldiers of Fort Stevens and Columbia. The men from Vancouver barracks could not attend owing to their preparations for their departure to the Philippines. Each team had its stars, but by far the brightest were Smithson of O. A. C., representing M. A. A. C., Livingston, Y. M. C. A., Kelley and Walsh, Columbia. From the outset of the meet it was evident to the goodly crowd that was present, that the struggle would be principally between the Columbia lads and the wearers of the winged "M" and the race for the handsome loving cup was nip-and-tuck. It was only because Columbia's team was weaker and less experienced than her victors, that the boys failed to place the cup in their trophy room. However, no excuses are offered for the defeat. Dan Kelley, Columbia's star track-man was not himself, owing to recent sickness; nevertheless he captured two events of the four in which he was entered, and in the 220 yard dash, delighted the audience by winning it in record-breaking time, and establishing a new indoor record—23 4-5 seconds. Another flash of the captain's real ability was shown when, in the second heat of 50-yard dash, he won from Oscar Kerrigan in the record time of 5 3-5 seconds, which feat breaks the Pacific coast indoor record. In the finals Kelley, losing his stride near the finish, was easily beaten by Smithson of M. A. A. C., who is one of the neatest and fastest sprinters in the northwest. His distances are pre-eminently the 50 and 100-yard dashes, while Kelley is fast in the 220-yard run. Both are fine athletes and in the coming meet will afford considerable speculation among their admirers. There are nowhere in the northwest two more promising athletes than Kelley and Smithson. The distance events, the mile and half-mile, brought out some very promising runners in Mays of the M. A. A. C., who captured the mile event with ease, and in Walsh of Columbia, who took both the quarter and half-mile without any effort. Both give promise of developing into fine distance runners. The running high jump and pole vault were captured by Bert Kerrigan, the veteran track-man and holder of Pacific coast championship for the high jump at 6 feet 2 inches. The shot put was taken by James of M. A. A. C., defeating Bailey, the Y. M. C. A., by putting the 16-lb shot 37 feet 4 inches. Bailey's best effort fell a foot shy of this mark. The relay race was captured by the soldiers from Fort Stevens.

Some of the teams were weakened and not in condition, Columbia had three good men out in Hinkle, Wilkinson and C. Moore, all prevented from participating on account of sickness. The Y. M. C. A. team was handicapped by the absence of Lighty and Merritt, two of their best men, and the high school, while they struggled manfully against odds, demonstrated that they have ability which lacks but good coaching to make itself of any account in the coming meet.

Following are the points scored by the contesting teams:

Multnomah Amateur Athletic association—40.
Columbia University—28.
Young Men's Christian association—18.
Artillerymen of Fort Stevens—7.
Portland High school—6.

Mr. Ketchum has returned home after his long sojourn in Idaho and Nevada, where he is interested in mining. He delights to be back in Oregon again.

J. G. Colfer left Thursday morning for the Portland open air sanitorium between here and Oregon City. Mr. Colfer is suffering with lung trouble, and will be there about three or four months.

S. C. Davis, from Centralia, Wash., is visiting around the Park.

Two little tots of St. Johns, a boy and a girl, aged 3 years, were at play in their yard one day this week when the little girl hurt herself and began to cry.

Deeds and Contracts.

The Review has printed and keeps in stock the latest and most perfect forms of deeds and contracts, which may be purchased at the office at prices less than is usually charged for such blank forms.

Notice of City Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Monday, April third, 1905, for the purpose of electing the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: the following have been designated as polling places: First ward—at the council chamber. Second ward—P. W. Hinman's store, corner Chicago and Ivanho streets.

The polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and close at 7 o'clock P. M.

First—Mayor.

Second—Three councilmen for the city at large.

Third—Two councilmen for the first ward.

Fourth—Two councilmen for the second ward.

Fifth—One Recorder.

Sixth—One Treasurer.

By order of the council,

L. F. CLARK
Recorder.

Notice of Improvement of Jersey Street.

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the Council of the city of St. Johns, held on the sixth day of March, 1905, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Jersey street from the south side of Catlin street in Chipman's addition, to the south side of Richmond street, in the following manner to-wit:

First—By grading the street full width.

Second—By constructing wooden sidewalks,

Third—By constructing wooden cross. walks.

Fourth — By constructing suitable drains.

Fifth—By graveling the street from Fessenden to Richmond street.

The above improvement shall be classed as a dirt improvement between Catlin street and Fessendon street, and a gravel improvement between Fessendon and Richmond street.

Said improvement to be made according to the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans and specifications of the City Engineer on file in the office of the City Recorder.

The cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the charter upon the propery fronting on said Jersey street.

The Engineer's estimate of the probable total cost for the improvement of said Jersey street is $7,871.80.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer for the improvement of said Jersey street are hereby adopted.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 20 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council

L. F. CLARK,
Recorder of the City of St, Johns.

St. Johns, Oregon, March 10, 1905.