

LOCAL ITEMS AND CITY NEWS

Classified From Various Sources and Condensed.

Mr. Holbrook will shortly begin the erection of a two-story brick building on the Swigart Park block.

The Review man has really been called a "knocker," and yet people doubt that the world has more than seven wonders.

POTTER & GOOLD are agents for the Elwood Woven Wire Fence, a very neat, strong and inexpensive fence.

Judge and Mrs. E. F. Wicker of Kalama, Wash., spent Wednesday in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blackburn.

The St. Johns M. W. A. Band is prepared to furnish music for any kind of entertainment. Address P. J. Peterson, manager.

The old-time play, "Hazel Kirk," which most of us remember from childhood days, was witnessed in St. Johns on Tuesday evening.

Mapleine can be had at St. Johns grocery. Telephone in your order.

A new lodge of the Modern Brotherhood of America, with twenty-five charter members, was organized in St. Johns this week.

The ladies of the Evangelical Church have inaugurated a merchant's sale in the Hurlburt building, which will extend over Saturday.

E. C. Hurlburt has opened a real estate office in the Hurlburt building, and has adopted a novel plan to sell real estate. See his "ad" in this paper.

The supporters of W. H. King will hold a meeting to discuss civic questions in the Holbrook building this (Friday) evening. The public is invited.

Mrs. L. Rich, of the St. Johns hotel, wants about seven dozen chickens. She also wants to engage eggs to be delivered weekly fresh from the ranch.

The good government party will hold a public meeting at Hinman's store Saturday evening. Speakers from Portland will be present besides several local speakers.

ESTRAVED—From University Park about February 24, a two-year old, dark red heifer. Reasonable reward. J. O. MITCHELL, University Park.

The St. Johns M. W. A. Band have chosen Mr. P. J. Peterson manager, and the band expects to become one of the leading features of St. Johns in the near future.

I desire to enter into a contract with reliable parties to clear 60 acres of land in St. Johns. Call or leave word at office of St. Johns Land Co. M. L. HOLBROOK.

C. D. Edwards, candidate for councilman of St. Johns, Scott Calkins and Melvin Smith have started a basket shop in Portland. This does not speak very well for St. Johns.

Mrs. L. D. Jackson is now ready for the spring millinery trade. Easter bonnets are now in order, and she has an excellent line to select from, and all at Portland prices.

A large number of Modern Woodmen of this city attended the big "log rolling" of this order held at Portland Monday night, when 1000 new members were taken in by initiation.

Rev. E. E. McVicker will attend the annual conference of the United Evangelical Church, which will be held in Salem. The conference proper will be in session from April 6 to 10.

C. M. Robbins, the genial manager of the St. Johns Sash and Door Co., has placed a large sign over his store, corner Tacoma and Jersey streets. It is a loud one, so that he who runs may read.

Dr. Mary MacLachlan has been appointed examining physician for the United Artisans of this district, a very unusual compliment paid to physicians in territory contiguous to Portland. We understand she is the only one so appointed.

Marshal C. R. Organ published a card in a Portland daily stating that he was not a candidate for city marshal, but did not state that he would decline appointment if tendered him. It is generally understood that in case of Mr. Jones' election he will appoint C. R. Organ marshal.

The St. Johns Abstract Co. is having offices fitted up on the Burlington street side of the Cochran building, next door to the postoffice, and will move into them in a few days. This institution is rapidly gaining in popular favor, and a constant increase in business is the result.

The angel of death visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Horstman, Wednesday, and called Evelyn Rose, aged 2 years and 1 month, away from the toils and cares of life. The funeral services were conducted at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, Friday at 12:30 by Reverend Hanson.

Billy Windle has been afflicted with Job's comforters at divers intervals during the past few weeks, and he bore them patiently, good fellow that he is. He is now at his old place behind the counter weighing out some of the finest steaks,

chops and roasts in the laud, at city prices, and in many cases below the Portland butchers.

The pound master of Portland allowed a St. Johns cow he was taking to the pound to escape. This is no surprise to any resident of St. Johns, as its cows are wise in their generation, and are able to outwit brainy men. Wouldn't it be wise for St. Johns to establish a pound of its own and keep its cows and money circulating at home?

Mr. Cochran, one of St. Johns' most enterprising business men, on Wednesday began excavating for the foundation of a large two-story building adjoining the one occupied by Freedman's clothing store. The second story is leased by the I. O. O. F. Lodge, and will be completed by them. The lower part of the building will be used for a general merchandise store.

All have heard the story of the man who caught the bear and wanted some one to help him let it go. Mrs. Pershim, of Oakley Green, is in a similar condition, only she caught a cow, one that escaped from the Portland pound master. It is a Jersey cow, and Mrs. Pershim believes it belongs to some one in St. Johns. She bought feed for it and is now waiting patiently for the owner to help her let go of it.

All Vancouver, B. C., has been stumped by a simple little problem which falls under the old single rule of three: "If the third of 9 is 4, what will the fourth of 20 be?" If the third of 9 is 4, all of 9 is 12, and the whole of 20 may be found by simple proportion, after which one-fourth of 20 may be easily found. Who will be the first girl or boy of St. Johns, under the age of 16 years, to send in a solution?

The St. Johns Land Company, which had its office in the front part of the building occupied by the Review, moved across the street Thursday into the Holbrook block, corner Jersey and Tacoma streets. The Review owes the company a vote of thanks, as the move was made to give the Review more room. Hereafter the Review will occupy the entire building, with its editorial department in the front room.

During the June freshet heretofore a number of people living on the lowland of the peninsula have driven their cows to higher ground, and most of them finally found St. Johns to be a desirable location and bivouacked therein. It is presumed that the coming June will be no exception, and we may expect an influx of strange cows to haunt our doors, graze in our streets and bawl on our ears. Now is the time to shut them out.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement League of St. Johns will give an entertainment on Friday night, April 7, at Hurlburt's hall. The program will consist of musical renditions, recitations and speeches. This is an entertainment which should be well patronized, the purpose for which it is given being a commendable one. The members of the League deserve great credit for the zeal displayed. The price of admission is 10 cents.

The ruthless hand of man has fallen relentlessly upon the beautiful fir grove which has stood for ages at the corner of Jersey and Burlington streets, and soon it will be a dream of the past. Where once the tall firs lifted their cone-laden branches heavenward soon a beautiful building will stand, and coming generations will tell their children of the beautiful grove of firs which their grandfather said stood on that

site and under which he spent many happy hours.

That the retail trade can be largely increased in this city needs no more convincing argument than the fact that last week Potter & Goold shipped a big order of builders' hardware right into the very heart of the residence district of Portland, and that too, in competition with Portland hardware firms. This was not due to friendship, as might be supposed, but to the fact that the purchaser saved money by buying his goods here in St. Johns. This is a poser for members of the "bundle brigade."

HOUSE CLEANING.

Have you ever been present or assisted in a house-cleaning matinee? If not why not? If you have been present during that periodic cyclonic catastrophe, how do you account for the fact that you are alive and able to tell of it today?

I know a lady, sweet tempered as an angel, whose voice is as low and sweet, whose laugh is as full of melody as the chimes of silver bells. This week I met her, and, ye gods, what a transformation! Her beautiful golden hair hung in tawny tangles down her back, and her blood-shot eyes glared at me, venomous as a rattlesnake's.

I stepped back, horrified and gasped, "What is it, my dear?" Waving her broom aloft she advanced upon me, saying, "House-cleaning, and I want a man to help me. Wilt thou?" And I wilted. It was all I could do. I regretted my inability to wilt twice. I should have done it cheerfully if possible, but nature had limited my wilting powers to one act, and it had been used. Presenting the caudal appendage of my coat to my one-time friend I fled into the wherefore and the whence.

For days I have been filled with a nameless dread. At night my dreams are filled with whirling clouds of dust out of which blood-shot eyes, set in a distorted face, glare at me malevolently. Phantom brooms whirl round my bed at night and ghostly dust fills my nostrils almost to suffocation.

I have not seen my friend since that fatal day. I am afraid to call on her. It may be that she has recovered from her madness, or that she never was mad. Any way I am wilted beyond the hope of redemption.

Civic Improvement League.

The ladies of the St. Johns Civic Improvement League met at the residence of Mrs. J. Henry Smith Tuesday, March 28, in the afternoon. Three new members joined, and an enthusiastic time was enjoyed.

There is a movement on foot to form a juvenile league, and so far it has been very favorably considered by both parents and teachers.

At present the ladies are very busy preparing for the entertainment to be given April 7.

At the close of the session the hostess served dainty refreshments, after which the League adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. R. Shepard April 4.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Hurlburt April 5.

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