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NEW BUSINESS VENTURES.

The number of new retail business ventures being started and in contemplation is an evidence of faith in the future of our city. While it may be true that at the very present these additions to our business houses may not reap a great benefit, most certainly it will be but a very short while until there will be business enough to support all of them. The Weyerhaeuser plant will, at a most conservative estimate, add several thousands to our population, and if proper inducements are offered by the retailer, nearly all of these will patronize St. Johns dealers. Our merchants, if they would keep the business here at home, must be alive to the occasion, and offer the proper inducements. Advertise truthfully and judiciously, treat the customer with the same studious courtesy as the up-town dealer, and there will be no question as to the result. One firm in this city, good, live, wide-awake business men are they, is selling business hardware to tin-town people. A few days ago they shipped a second large order, and are in line to get more. Messrs. Potter & Gould are good advertisers, do just what they agree to do, and are fully alive to every opportunity to extend their business. By the same process others can do the same; no question about this. All additions to our retailers should be welcomed, if they are the right kind of men. A brief time will demonstrate that there is sufficient business for all.

THE SALOON QUESTION.

There seems to be a diversity of opinion as to whether or not license to sell liquor may be granted under the new charter. If plain English means anything, and it is granted that it does, there can be no question about the council having the power to issue license if it so desires. It is a matter entirely with the city legislators, and the responsibility is up to them. The proposition to submit the matter to a vote of the people will have no force whatever, further than to act as a gauge of public opinion. If the action of the council is to be governed by such a public expression, and no action taken without such expression, then let the question be submitted to the TAXPAYERS, as it is only the taxpayers most interested. The floating voter can have no direct interest in the question, either one way or the other. But this vote will have no legal bearing on the question whatever. If the charter gives the council power to act, it can do so. If the charter does not confer such power, all the voters in christendom could not alter the law, as that function rests alone with the power which made the law—the legislature of Oregon.

THE DANGER LINE.

Other cities, as well as St. Johns, have their troubles and hours of sleeplessness. Milwaukee is in the throes of mortal agony because Isaac Gratton, an old time sporting man of Portland, has been seen frequently on its streets of late. The good people of that bicoastal burg are borrowing trouble at usurious rates of interest over the event. They fear he is contemplating the erection of a gambling house if he secures certain property for which he is negotiating. They are willing he should buy and build a box factory, but they draw the danger line at a gambling house. In this they are right. No city can afford the luxury of a gambling house within its corporate limits. Nothing but evil can spring from such an institution. Young men will be seduced into visiting it, and, finally, will become victims to the gambling fever, a disease more deadly than leprosy. Nothing known to the medical fraternity will eliminate the virus from the blood after it is contracted. Death does not obliterate it. The children's children of the gambler are congenital victims, and the disease is liable to break out on them in its most virulent forms. There is no equation by which its evils can be ascertained. It saps the very foundation of society. It is insidious in its attacks, and its first symptoms are so insignificant as to be overlooked. By a slow process it fastens itself upon its victim and drags him down to ruin and despair. Thousands of young men, upright, honorable, high-minded, fall helpless victims to its lust for gain. Slowly, step by step, it lures them into its intricate by-ways which have only one end—dishonor. Too late they see the hopeless condition into which they have fallen. They cry aloud for help but the only answer is the echo of their own wailing cry. Tears of a fond mother, the pleadings of a loving wife fall unheeded upon the ears of the man who boasts that he has the nerve of a gambler. He seems proud to be the possessor of such a nerve, but it

is part of the game, pure bluff.

The people of Milwaukee who are fighting against such a proposition are to be commended. They have the good wishes and moral support of every law-abiding citizen in the whole country. All the money that "Frenchy" Gratton and men of his ilk spend so freely in blood money wrung from the hearts of mothers, wives and helpless children who often cry for bread; through whose tattered clothing the chilly winds of despair blow during all their miserable lives.

PUBLIC LEECHES.

Every school boy is familiar with the leech that haunts ponds and quiet pools and is always ready and anxious to attach itself to a boy's back when he is in bathing. And the old belief that, once finally fastened, it would stick to a lad until loosened by thunder, made it a terror to all boys.

The boys who are now snufftaking baldheaded boys, have learned long ago, that the common leech belonging to the genus Hirudo is free from the terrible proclivities with which it was credited by boyish ignorance. He has learned that instead of being a deadly water worm it is of great benefit, medicinal, and will drop off when sated with blood.

His wider experience has shown him another leech belonging to the genus homo, which once having fastened to a fat public office, nothing but death can detach.

These are called human leeches. They have a little more brain than the aquatic variety and their powers of suction are much greater. Their breeding places are the filthy pools of party politics, and myriads are produced every year. A comprehensive idea of the methods of this creature may be formed from studying the habits of one of the species.

People visiting the Lewis and Clark fair grounds may have noticed, when making their exit from the gate at the southeast corner, something short and stubby, slightly resembling a human being and strongly resembling the jack-of-clubs as seen on the back of any ordinary playing card. This resemblance, striking some one forcibly years ago who had a keen eye, he promptly dubbed the individual the "Jack-of-Clubs" and the pseudonym has stuck to him ever since. Anyone looking at him will say he is worthy of the name. He looks the part to perfection.

As a human leech "Jack" is the most stupendous example in existence today. His powers of suction are so intense that he adhered to one body for a period of twenty years and was only dislodged when George C. took hold of the sledgehammer of state government and dislodged him.

He was appointed shop guard at the O. S. P. something over twenty years ago and held the position during all the changes of administration that have since followed. No difference how often the administration changed "Jack" made a political hand-spring and lighted on his feet as one of the most earnest supporters of the new regime. He had worked for it, tooth and toe, day and night, according to his story and felt he was entitled to hold his old position.

If all the pleas "Jack" has made to the various governors-elect could be collected and printed they would certainly be interesting. First a democrat, then a republican, but always balanced for a successful spring into the arena of the victors.

It may be that "Jack" possesses two qualifications which made his successive appointments certain—his bravery and his sprinting abilities. Of the former many instances may be cited. Men who know him say he would walk boldly up to any convict who was wearing Oregon boots, whose wrists were shackled and whose arms were strapped behind him, and abuse the poor devil just to get rid of the surplus courage that was bubbling through his whole being. What more magnificent example of bravery than this? As to his sprinting abilities, they have never been paralleled. When Tracy and Merrill began the fusillade which resulted in their escape and the death of so many men, "Jack" beat the world's record in getting from the shops to the prison chapel, the distance being about 300 feet. He covered this, according to the best information derived from the newspapers, in three-fourths of a second of time. I guess every one will admit that is "going some."

When Governor Chamberlain assumed the position of arbiter of fate at the O. S. P. "Jack" was decapitated, but his powers of suction were not destroyed. He forthwith sought and obtained the position he now occupies. His whole duty consists in doing nothing, and he is doing it to perfection. It is an occupation he has followed all his life and constant practice has made him efficient at the business. So far as can be ascertained "Jack" never did a day's honest toil in his life. He has been a leech on the body social and a wart on the mental map of humanity.

It is hardly right to give such an insignificant pustule as "Jack" such an extended notice as this, but to illustrate the human leech fully in all its foulness, he is the best example that can be submitted.

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The Major on Liars.

"I hate a liar," said the major, "worse than the devil hates holy water, and next to a liar I hate the man who implies by a shrug or a look that I have told something that must be taken 'cum grano salis.'"

"Well, major," remarked one of his auditors, let us hear the story some one doubted, then we can decide whether it needs salis or should be taken straight."

"The conversation," continued the major, "had been along the lines of sudden and intense cold. Almost every person present had mentioned some personal experience, and at last I was asked if I had ever seen anything unusual in that respect."

"Yes," I replied, "I recall an experience of mine which always seemed to me extraordinary. I was living in Illinois, and the time was the middle of February. The air was as balmy as late spring, the birds were showing symptoms of nest building, and in the evening the frogs were croaking all over the prairie. About 9 o'clock in the evening the most terrific thunder storm I ever witnessed occurred. The vivid lightning made objects as bright as by day. The frogs sang in froggish glee on the prairie north of our house, and it seemed, indeed, as if spring had come. It was about 10 o'clock, and all had retired. I had forgotten to cover the fire, and as matches were scarce in those days I arose and went to the fireplace, when the wind died instantly. It had been blowing from the south, and in an instant after dying it struck the north end of the house with a noise that sounded like a clap of thunder. In an instant the air in the room was at freezing point, and before I could rush across the room and dive under the bed clothes I almost froze to death."

"The next morning I went out on the prairie to take observations. The wind had blown the water into tiny waves and frozen it into a solid mass. In the dead grass which stood above the ice I noticed a peculiar object. Stooping to examine it more closely I found it was a frog, half of whose body was under the ice. Its mouth was wide open. Looking around over the prairie I found thousands of them in the same condition. They had been sitting with their bodies half out of the water singing, and the sudden cold wave froze them to death before they could close their mouths or duck under the water. This is why there are no frogs in Illinois today. The whole push was frozen out of existence during that fearful blizzard, although at that time we did not call it by that name."

After the major finished there was silence for a period by five minutes. Then slowly, one at a time, the boys arose and drifted out into the starless night.

Local Items.

George P. Lent, an attorney of Portland, was seen on the streets of St. Johns one day this week.

The awnings that are showing all over the city in front of stores, barber shops and confectionery establishments indicate a desire on the part of their owners to rest in a shade of their own making.

M. L. Holbrook's buildings on the corner of Jersey and Broadway streets are rapidly nearing completion, and will soon be ready for occupation. When the new brick is completed, the three structures will present a creditable appearance.

The Congregational services at Bickner's hall instead of being held at 7:30 in the afternoon, will be held at 7:30 in the evening, Rev. Chase preaching at that hour. Music will be a special feature of the occasion, and everybody is invited to attend. No Sunday school on that day.

Last Sunday many persons from distant cities visited St. Johns. Among those who took dinner at the St. Johns hotel, where their names were obtained, were Dr. Scott of Seattle, L. W. Brown of San Francisco, Prof. Jones of Seattle, J. B. Smith of Portland, Wm. Brown of San Francisco, Dr. Mary MacLachlan, mother and sister, of Albina. All expressed themselves as delighted with St. Johns.

Grandpa Mendenhall, an octogenarian of Portland, is in St. Johns this week superintending the construction of a neat little cottage. The years rest lightly on the shoulders of Mr. Mendenhall and he is good for another decade judging from present indications. He is a pioneer of 1844, and says he has never seen any other country that will compare favorably with Oregon.

The program for the exercises at the M. E. church, St. Johns, for next Sunday promises an enjoyable time for all who wish to attend, and every person in the city is cordially invited to attend. Rev. C. H. Campbell has chosen for his theme, "Ashamed of Christ," Romans 1:11. After the regular services are held the reception of members will be inaugurated, and it is expected many will become identified with the church. Arrangements for the song service promise a musical feast, which to be enjoyed, must be heard.

"Do you know," said one of our old timers, "that the immense population and increasing value of property in St. Johns can be attributed to a flour mill? Twenty-three years ago what is now known as the Albina Mill, belonging to the Portland Flouring Mills Co., was built on its present site miles from Portland and



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too far away to be reasonable. But it opened the way in time for the railroad extension to St. Johns and showed our present factory owners that the best sites with convenient facilities could be found north of mill. Eventually they are here, and the attention of other manufacturers is turned our way and I am sure they will soon be here to increase the prestige of our fast-growing city."

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A four room cottage, overlooking the river. Inquire of C. W. Potter at the hardware store.

Danger!

Mr. J. B. Laudrum who has taken the contract of blasting the stumps off the Windall tract of land northeast of Jersey street, in the city of St. Johns, hereby warns all persons to keep off said tract. The red flag of danger will be flying so that all may see and avoid accidents.

Card of Thanks.

The children and relatives of Mrs. M. A. Townsend wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for their unvarying kindness, during their mother's last illness. They wish to assure them that their kindness and sympathy during her illness will never be forgotten.

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until May 15, 1905, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Jersey street from the south line of Catlin street to the north line of Richmond street, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 41 subject to the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the estimate of the City Engineer on file. Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks which will be furnished on application at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. And said improvements must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of last publication of notice for proposals for said work. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposal.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

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