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The City Taking Forward Steps of Interest.

That Saint Johns is now bound to move along toward a point where more real business enterprise will be manifest is indicated by recent transfers of realty in which large sums are involved. This city is destined to become a factor in the manufacturing line of Portland—because sagacious business men are putting good money into the district and the availability of this locality is easily seen by those who investigate.

This week C. K. Bingham, a banker and capitalist of Seattle, Washington, has purchased from H. L. Powers a 600-foot water front here—and has also secured a large tract of upland. The first-mentioned will be put to business uses—while the latter will at once be platted and disposed of as residence tracts. The consideration for this property is understood to be \$20,000.

The Water Front Land Company has also sold its water frontage of 640 feet to prominent Portland capitalists for \$15,000. The purchasers do not, at this time, desire their names to appear as owners—as there are other matters just now that are "in the air" which promise soon to land.

THE REVIEW is in a position to know of several enterprises now on tap—but refrains from publishing anything regarding them just now. There are times when positive statements would appear too much like an attempt to "boom" the city. The bare mention of these sales, however, indicate how land in this vicinity is being looked upon by those who have carefully considered the opportunities.

IMPROVING STREETS.

Work Has Now Commenced On Jersey Street Improvement.

Work began on Monday at the northerly end of Jersey street, and Messrs. Rogers & Widdle are hard at it. The delay in commencement of the work has proven bad for the contractors because the ground has somewhat dried out—while the figures given were based upon putting the work through while the ground was yet mellow.

By a bit of technical oversight in defining the improvement district it became necessary to either commence the whole business from the start—which would make a three months' delay—or secure from all owners of abutting property entire waivers of all rights. The latter course was adopted—and all signed with the exception of Mr. Carr, owner of the property occupied by the Hazelwood creamery. What his objections were have not been shown; but his refusal to sign delayed the commencement of the work several days—and at the end the improvement work commenced without his signature.

A big gang of men is now at work along Jersey street—and the way in which plows, scrapers and wheelers are pushing around is good to see. Practically the grade is to be lowered all along the street from where J. H. Crook resides to a point near the large school house. The railroad track will also have to be rearranged and, we understand, lowered in some spots and elevated in others. The street is to be gravelled as soon as graded—and a fine plank walk built along both sides of it the entire length. Every bit of property along Jersey street and nearby will be increased in value by this work—which will be hurried to completion.

Brought Home Bride.

A. E. Wilson, Saint Johns' cheerful jeweler, returned Thursday evening from a quick trip to Newberg, this state. With him came his bride—and the couple will make Saint Johns their home.

A. E. Wilson and Miss Lesta Finley were married at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. Hiram Gould, on the evening of Thursday, June 15. Miss Finley was one of charming girls of her home town, while Mr. Wilson has made many warm acquaintances here—and all who knew the two will wish for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson a long and happy life. THE REVIEW joins its echo with the others.

Saturday Evening Surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilson were "surprised" by fifteen or twenty members of the Methodist choir and church, who called to give the newly wedded couple a serenade. The guests were invited into the home and made acquainted with Mrs. Wilson; and nice refreshments were served. The affair was very enjoyable.

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IMMODEST BATHING.

Authorities Are Trying To Stop The Unclad Bathers.

Residents along the water-front are finding much fault with the boys who violate all sense of propriety by persisting in enjoying the water in a perfectly nude condition. It seems queer that boys—some of them almost grown men—should so far forget what is due to society as to make exhibitions of themselves—yet the acts which have taken place this season are not the result of thoughtlessness.

Along the water-front dwell those who are just as fond of their homes—and who are just as careful and upright citizens—as those who reside in other portions of the city. It is neither right nor decent that those boys who seek the coolness of the water should do so without suits of any sort: one might as well make a practice of trotting about Jersey street, or going into places of business, in the same lack of costume. Yet none of these bathers would think of doing such a thing under any circumstances!

This sort of work goes on not only in Saint Johns but along the full length of the Willamette. In a recent Sunday trip up the river a few miles several groups of boys and men seemed to delight in posing while trainload after trainload of passengers passed. Police in every locality are after these critters—but as a usual thing they arrive upon the spot just a moment after. J. P. Fones, of St. Johns, who is upon the Portland police force, succeeded last Saturday in arresting a handful of these unmanly brutes; and there are others who will be haled into court very soon if the local police force can succeed in getting a grip upon them.

A two-bit costume will fill the bill for any bather—and no one is too hard up to spend that amount when necessary for cleanliness. It's either a bathing suit—fig leaves or something—or up to the magistrate's office. And two bits will not pay the expense of that trip.

Was Badly Hurt.

Milo Lee was seriously injured Tuesday morning at the woolen mill—and at first it was believed his injuries would prove fatal. Dr. Hensel was at once called to the spot and made examination. He found Lee's left side badly contused, his left arm broken and mangled, and the left ear torn off so it was hanging merely by the cartilage. An ambulance was at once phoned for and the injured man was taken soon after dinner to Saint Vincent's hospital.

Mr. Lee was working upon a big belt in the basement of the mill, when his shirt was caught by a long set screw upon a revolving shaft. The result is mentioned above although the machinery was stopped as quickly as possible.

Mr. Lee has been at work for the company six years—coming here when the plant was removed to Saint Johns. He is 41 years of age—and a wife and six children are dependent upon his earnings. His former home was in Dunn county, Wisconsin. It is safe to say that the injured man will be confined for several weeks ere he can be about.

Was a Schemer.

When "Dick" Shepard the other day moved from his old home directly across the street he disliked to hire a dray for so short a haul. After his wits worked a short time he decided to ask five of his male acquaintances to his house to "look at his cherries."

When they were there and had surveyed the premises Dick remarked, "By George, boys, but say! I'm obliged to get this stuff over to that house and I forgot to order a dray up here! Aint I in a mess now? Wonder if you folks couldn't help me over with the heaviest of it—'n' then I can get the light stuff over myself! Here's some of those fine cigars to tackle while you work—and the harder we work the less we'll notice the flavor!"

The result of the whole affair was that Dick's bill for moving the furniture for nine rooms was: Cigars..... 25c 'n' there ye aire!

Fixing County Road.

Road Commissioner S. W. Simmons commenced work Monday on the county road—better known as Ivanhoe street—with orders to grade and gravel the full width of the street from Burlington street north for a distance of over a half mile. Mr. Simmons has a gang of men and teams under him—and is cutting and filling at a rapid pace—although the street seemed fairly level as a whole. When completed Ivanhoe street will present a much-improved appearance.

THE BONDS CARRY.

But Five Votes Against Bonds—New Principal Chosen.

The proposition to issue bonds of \$10,000 in this school district for the necessary addition to the school house was up to the voters on Monday. The matter had been very thoroughly discussed about town—while THE REVIEW had columns of matter pertinent to the question. It has advocated the issue of these bonds—and the result was shown at the polls.

Against the bonding proposition there were but five votes cast—hence the question may be said to have been settled almost unanimously in favor of the additional school building by this issue of bonds. The vote was not as large as the importance of the question justified—but that can be accounted for on the grounds that there was known to be no opposition to the point at issue.

In the election of a member of the school board to succeed J. F. Poff—who, by the way, refused positively to again be on the board—H. W. Brice was chosen. Mr. Brice seems to be one of those who are business-like in action—and those who know him assert that the purposes and aims of the school will not go backward under his regime. J. E. Tanch was easily chosen to succeed himself as secretary of the board—a position he has ably filled the past year. The new board will have a busy year ere comes another election.

At the first meeting of the school board W. C. Alderson was hired as principal for the coming school year. He is a son of a Methodist minister who has many acquaintances here in Saint Johns—where he formerly preached at frequent intervals—and the teacher comes well recommended.

Church Musicals.

Next Saturday evening, June 24, there will be given in Bickner's hall an entertainment for the benefit of the Pioneer Methodist church of Saint Johns. The proceeds will be added to the church funds. The entertainment will be given almost entirely by the Linnehan Sisters—four in number—who came from Portland, and who are known as sweet singers and elocutionists. A fine violinist will be with them and it is hoped that a large audience will be present. A moderate admission fee will be charged.

Commenced to Build.

W. L. Thorndyke has commenced the erection of a cottage on Park avenue, Braasch's addition. It will be 24x42, two stories with cement cellar—and work will be hurried to completion. Suitter & Davis are doing the work.

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