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A little more than two years ago Saint Johns was found to be an ideal location for a city. On the west were magnificent locations for manufacturing industries of many kinds: locations which might be extended for considerable distance up and down the Willamette. Here there was a splendid opportunity for a harbor: the channel coming almost to the river bank and allowing facilities for loading and unloading boats of the largest size. For many years—full two score or more—there had been a little hamlet where sturdy and vigorous pioneers had cleared a tract of its gigantic trees and made cultivable the soil. There it was that fruit trees were planted as an experiment—and the results of that same experiment are now occasionally to be found with their rich fruit.

Yet year after year passed and the community increased but a trifle in population or importance. Boats made frequent landings and lumber interests thrived a bit: a church building for the Seventh Day Adventists was erected and people worshipped and a little schoolhouse was built and patronized: and altogether it was not an unhappy community.

About two years ago—or a little more—men who discerned the opportunities of this town commenced to secure tracts of land and clear and plat them. They saw what was to ultimately come and took the bull by the horns and exploited this district. They believed in the efficacy of printers' ink—and did not hide their light beneath the bushel. They backed their belief by building; and the man who advocates his statements by investing his own money is usually a winner.

And so it came about that Saint Johns commenced to grow. The street railway which was at first a stub road with service "every little while" changed to an electrified road with frequent trips at short intervals—which have later been advanced to tri-hourly runs. Electric lights glowed here and there and telephones entered into daily life. Business houses opened their doors. Lawyers and physicians were conveniently located. Churches raised their spires toward the clouds and a well-constructed school-building cared for growing educational interests of the younger generation. Grading of streets and laying of sidewalks commenced to give an air of comfort to the many homes about which the cherry and the plum, the peach and the prune, the pear and the apple blossoms sent out the fragrance which promised fruit.

New industries sprang into existence. Lumber mills commenced to do a great business: a flouring mill supplied its quota of flour: a large woolen mill with its host of employes added its industry. Other plants came: and yet all opportunities were not exhausted. What promises to be the greatest lumber plant in America has its site ready for work at an instant's notice—and but recently added to its holdings another bit of water front which caused an investment of about \$16,000. The big dry dock up the river yet tributary to this city furnishes its complement of dwellers and many of those with business interests in Portland find it best to make their home here.

Today Saint Johns is a pleasant little city of some 2500 population—extending over an area of about four square miles. There are business opportunities yet to be found for along the waterfront lie chances ready to be plucked where transportation by rail or by boat are second to none and where rates are not of a prohibitive nature. There are other chances to open up varieties of business which will assume a rapid growth as soon as pushed. Within the city are many who stand ready to show to all who may seek new locations what this locality has for the new-comer who comes for business.

It will pay to investigate Saint Johns.

THIS IS OFFICIAL.

Words That Comes Direct From The Water Company to The Review.

In view of the report that the owners of the Saint Johns Water Company were willing to dispose of their plant, THE REVIEW man this week interviewed H. L. Powers in regard to the proposed sale, and elicited the following information, which will be of interest to many of our readers. Said Mr. Powers:

"Saint Johns is a new and very rapidly growing town, and many of your people will be interested in a few facts concerning the water system. We started in some fourteen months ago equipped, as we thought, with pumps sufficiently large to answer all purposes for some years. We were mistaken, however, and in a short time were obliged to buy a larger pump. This pump, we imagined, would answer the needs of the town for years. Again we were mistaken. Some four months ago we decided to install a pump that would raise 25,000 gallons of water an hour, and at once began negotiating for one."

Then Mr. Powers produced a batch of correspondence and telegrams concerning the new pump.

"Here is what I have to show for our enterprise. The manufacturers promised to deliver the pump June 1. Then they asked until June 24. Then they wired us that they had shipped the pump and that we would get it July 1. The pump not arriving, we sent tracers after it—only to get a wire from the manufacturers last Monday to the effect that the pump would be delivered August 1. To have the necessary power to operate our new pump we hired a large motor at an expense of \$50 per month, and that is yet lying idle as a result of the delay at the pump factory."

"I know we have been censured in many quarters, but we have more than met the requirements of the city council. Instead of building a 20,000-gallon reservoir we are constructing one of 300,000 gallons. Instead of 4-inch we are laying 6-inch mains. In eighteen months we have laid over fourteen miles of mains—half of which are metal. Two wells have been sunk and another contracted for. The reservoir, too, has been built in a far more substantial manner than the requirements of the ordinance called for. In fact the basin of the reservoir is the best that can be constructed. We might have put a cheap wooden fence around it, but it will be inclosed by a handsome iron one."

"I mention these things to show we are going beyond the requirements. We have done our best to keep up with the town, but Saint Johns has been too fast for us. Again, the town is scattered over a large territory and it is hard to reach everybody. Still, Saint Johns has better water service than Portsmouth in the city limits of Portland. While many censure the water company in regard to the service, we are willing to admit it is not what we have endeavored to make it, but it is as good as we could make it within the time we have had to make improvements."

"The fire protection we give to the factories is worth mentioning. We have received no complaint in regard to our service at the dry dock. We have recently installed a sprinkling system at the woolen mill that elicited favorable mention from the underwriters of Portland. We are trying to keep pace with the requirements of the town, and think we are doing it. There are plenty of kickers, and always will be. A couple of weeks ago lightning rendered our motor at the pump house useless. The accident inconvenienced a great many water consumers as well as ourselves. And, although we worked continuously for three days and nights, we were subjected to all kinds of humiliation. I mention this merely to show how unreasonable people will get at times."

"A number of the wealthiest and most influential of Portland's business men are heavily interested in Saint Johns' manufactures, and the water company has done everything possible to give all the factories good fire protection. Factories are the main stay and backbone of any city, and unless they are encouraged they will find another home. We have catered to the interests along the water front, and believe every resident of the town should do so. As to pressure, while it is not so

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NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

Work Commenced Last Monday Morning will be Pushed.

The school bonds voted by the people to be issued to the value of \$10,000 having been sold the contract for the building was awarded last Saturday.

Alex Squires was the successful bidder and his figures for the building complete were \$8797.00. The building is to be 36x92 feet in size, two full stories, with concrete basement and floor under all. J. A. Gray, of University Park, has the concrete contract.

Ground will be excavated but about two feet in order to size up with the balance of the cellar: and the wall built up for the foundation. Mr. Gray was contractor for the new reservoir just built by the water company, and has guaranteed to put in as fine a cement wall as can be built.

The addition will have two large rooms on each floor, with necessary halls, and it is the intention of the contractors as well as of the school board that the addition shall be ready for occupancy when the school term commences. The additional room thus gained will be practically filled when school opens—and but few years will elapse before an additional building will be required if Saint Johns continues to grow as now is indicated.

A New Industry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, who are here from Skamockawa, Washington, are makers of fancy brackets and writing desks, beds, chairs, wall ornaments, and nearly all articles of furniture.

They are going to put up a small mill and install some machinery in the near future, when they will employ skilled workmen. It is an unique industry and something that should take well with the people of Saint Johns.

Entertained.

Three charming girls from Portland—Misses Zula Faulk and Lita and Bertha Otterstedt—were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Smith last Friday. Mrs. Smith has a pleasant way of entertaining guests which makes each successive trip the more enjoyable—while Mr. Smith is an admirable second in his manner of entertainment.

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