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TOLD TRUTHS.

THAT the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce should have returned so caustic a report regarding the apathy of Oregon's railways is a surprise to all who are posted upon such reports. As a usual thing whatever a great railway chooses to do or chooses not to do is calmly looked upon by an investigating committee as about the correct thing: and all improprieties are blandly condoned in a whitewashing document.

But the Portland committee did not do business in that way. It plainly asserted and in no uncertain words that Oregon's railways were non-progressive: that vast scopes of country were lying untouched by railroad iron where a conservative investment would bring magnificent returns to both railroads and the whole state. The committee stated, also, that in some of the large areas now barred from progress by lack of outside communication railroads were playing the dog-in-the-manger policy—and preventing those whose desires to build were laudable.

Oregon's railroads are conducted upon a very detrimental policy. They charge higher rates, return poorer accommodations, and pay less taxes than roads in every other state in the union. While they have benefitted the state in some respects on the whole they have been a handicap—and have brought neither power nor prestige to Oregon.

Vast areas that might prove very rich and productive if some means were obtained to market produce stand out like a torn three-spot in a new deck as monuments to the lack of progress of railway magnates. When eastern people contemplate an area of 8000 or 9000 square miles whose only means of reaching a railroad is during three months in the year and then over a fearful public highway fifty miles in length it is easily seen why they say that Oregon is a score of years behind the times.

NEEDLESS WORRY.

CONSIDERABLE comment has been made over the opening of the Trail on Sunday. Looked at in a business way an experimental opening can do no harm—because if the people do not care for such things the patronage will not justify the opening. Then it will have to close. If the Trail be not allowed to open the Oaks should be closed—and so should all places of entertainment. And if those things shall be closed on the common Sunday why not close them all on Saturday—the Sunday of the Seventh Day Adventists—for the same reason? Surely that denomination is entitled to the same respect shown to other creeds—for, although its adherents are weaker in numbers, they are just as strong in faith.

The fact remains, however, that every working man needs and intends to have a bit of recreation once a week. If some legitimate bit of sport be not obtainable he will take the next best thing that is open. Portland, with its vast concourse of people out for fun, would be a dead one if nothing was open on Sunday save the city park. Stores ply their trades nearly the same as on other days: in fact, for many of them, Sunday is the banner day of the whole seven. They would all close if they were not patronized: they merely yield to the demand of the public.

If the Trail shall be well patronized on Sunday it will indicate that people favor its opening. A trial will be convincing either one way or the other: and the experiment should be allowed.

CITY LOYALTY.

PORTLAND and many of the suburban towns are certainly loyal to the fair—if one may judge by the paid admissions. Thus far the daily expenses are met by the gate receipts—something which has seldom happened at such fairs: while the foreign patronage season has hardly opened. Portland is patriotic.

TOO TRUE!

WITH the real thrift of the average Portland paper the Telegram has caught on to the fact mentioned two weeks ago in The Review that the hawkers who pollute decent spectators by constant soliciting are hurting the Portland fair.

The pestiferous punks will actually chase a man a score of feet if he as much as pauses for a second to glance at the wares—and such work drives one through the buildings at a rapid gait. There is no pleasure in looking at a counter or a case of goods and have the measley wart running the thing act like a grinning automaton.

There is only one way to avoid this and frown down the practise: and that is to look and loiter and refuse to say one word. If one has the nerve it is nice to accept the invitation to handle everything, get prices, hear the yelping pleading—and then calmly walk away! But it does require nerve to do this.

Every Portland paper should pick up this matter and give readers the real happy way to enjoy the fair—though pestered.

A SUGGESTION.

NEXT Sunday Rev. E. E. McVicker will preach upon "Peter's Fall." It is barely possible that Peter should have worn rubber heels—or else used a coaster brake.

Notice.

Owing to the delay in the shipment of machinery promised to the Water Company by the manufacturers in the early part of the season the Water Company is laboring under very great disadvantages, and is taxing its present machinery to its utmost capacity in endeavoring to supply the town with water. The water consumers are therefore requested to economize as much as possible in the use of water for the mutual benefit of all concerned until the new machinery can be received and installed.

Notice is also hereby given that hereafter payment of water rates will be received at the Peninsula Bank.

Saint Johns Water Works & Lighting Company.
By H. L. Powers.

Everyone Should Go.

There will be a new feature introduced in the religious services in St. Johns next Sunday evening at eight. There will be two union services under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., both of Portland. The service at the Evangelical church is for men only while the one at the Methodist is for women. The programs for the men's meeting were circulated the last of the week. Miss Constance McCarcle, state secretary for Oregon, will address the women's meeting. There will be special music and Mrs. Reno Hutchinon will sing. Every man and woman of St. Johns is invited to come out on this occasion and enjoy the special efforts.

A roof painted with Moe & Clark's "Elastic" roof paint sheds sparks as a duck sheds water. No danger when Moe and Clark paint your roof. See their ad.

Looked Over City.

Henry Spotts, of Loveland, Colorado, accompanied by Webb Walker, formerly of the same town but now of Eastern Oregon, were guests of W. L. Thorndyke last Sunday. They were much pleased with what they saw of the city and admired the possibilities of the splendid water front. It is very likely that both these visitors will return later and make small investments here.

Why paint the sides and not the roof? The roof gets the rain and the sun—let us paint it. Moe & Clark, the "Elastic" painters, Saint Johns.

For Sale.

A bedroom suite, but little used—a rare bargain. D. N. Whipple, one block north and two blocks east Cedar Park station, St. Johns.

Brotherhood of American Yoemen.

The Brotherhood of American Yoemen organized temporarily at the residence of Dr. Hensel last Monday night and elected and installed the following officers: Foreman, W. W. Raser; Correspondent, Augusta E. Mansfield; Master of Ceremonies, Adam Kaenleiu; Physician, Dr. L. M. Hensel; Master of Accounts, J. S. Davison; Overseer, C. H. Davison; Lady Rowena, Mrs. Alice F. Davidson; Lady Rebecca, Mrs. Rebecca Wilcox; Watchman, Roy Wilcox; Ourside Sentinel, George Simmons. Guard, Alexander Vaver; Courier, Ella E. Raser; Musician, Marjorie Hensel. The drill team will consist of all the remaining members of the homestead. The next meeting will be in Bickner's Hall next Thursday. W. Raser, who is the State Deputy Organizer, organized the St. Johns Homestead.

Lost.

Sunday, July 16, at dry dock, lady's Chinese handbag. Suitable reward if returned to this office.

The street railway is using all dirt excavated from Jersey street to fill the low spots in the vicinity of Hillsdale. The roadbed is being put into fine shape.

Our Local Grist

Plant a few English Walnut trees!

George W. Cone and family spent Sunday at Long Beach.

The W. H. King Land Company offers several bargains in a change of ad.

Where is that ice-plant which once was to be promptly planted in St. Johns?

A fine line of notions at the Saint Johns Bazar.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Arvenson, Thursday, June 29, a son. And so we grow.

The George Hall barber shop is putting on a big shine with its tri-colored advertising pole.

J. H. Anson, who has been conducting the New Nehalem House at Astoria, has located at St. Johns.

R. A. Spencer went with his family to Seaside last Saturday to spend Sunday by the "sad sea waves."

W. L. Bullis has his residence on Park avenue about completed and will soon be able to occupy the whole building.

Deputy Marshal Caples reports that he has been having some trouble with the patrons of the road house across the river.

Herman Oergel and his little daughter, Mary, expect to celebrate their joint birthday anniversary next Sunday afternoon.

Miss Esther Beck, of The Dalles, and Mrs. George Sault, of Albany, were visiting at the home of S. L. Young a few days last week.

The supreme court has decided that the Lewis and Clark fair design is public property and that anyone may use it. This in Portland.

C. N. Braasch is working upon a little cottage which he is building upon his addition on Park avenue. It will be a nice little home and will be for rent.

Fred E. Porter, at one time a South Dakotan but now a fruit grower at Ashland, has been in the city as guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Peterson. He likes Saint Johns.

There is no denying the fact that when a gang of railroad help get hold of a job they can hustle when they have to. The gang working on Jersey street has sure been doing things.

Picking from his patch of Logan berries over 300 pound boxes of very fine fruit George Simmons is well pleased with his crop. He made a neat little sum and others should follow suit.

It would be a great aid to this paper if those living in South St. Johns and St. Johns Heights would favor us with bits of information. Nearly everything can be made into readable items, and it all makes interesting matter.

Dr. R. G. Moss, accompanied by his wife and daughter, were in this city last pressday. Mr. Moss is an experienced dentist and is looking for a location. He was formerly of Colorado, and made The Review printery a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dolbow, of University Park, are entertaining Clay Foreman, of Detroit, Illinois, and Samuel Noakes, of Mount Sterling, Illinois. The guests are here to view the fair, and see what they may of the entire peninsula.

Work is progressing rapidly on the board sidewalks on Jersey street. The St. Johns Sand and Gravel Company has about completed grading and will lay a board sidewalk on both sides of the street from the center of Fessenden street to the outside of Richmond street. The work will be completed in about sixty days.

Our Local Grist

Always cool nights in Oregon.

William Hewis is hauling lumber for Acme mills.

There's trouble in store for knockers. And it matters not who they may be.

Miss Lena Jay, of Alliance, Nebraska, is visiting at the home of F. J. Faith.

Boarders taken at very reasonable rates. Mrs. McDonald, Ivanhoe street.

Mrs. C. D. Edwards' brother, Fred Schaer, of Hillsboro, visited here last week.

Mrs. R. G. Hemphill, of Pleasant Hill, is guest of her old-time acquaintance, Mrs. L. A. Crane.

Edward Payne and family are visiting at the home of J. W. Herald. Mr. Payne is from Athena, Oregon.

J. A. Sterling, of St. Johns Heights, sent some fine specimens of wheat into The Review office last Saturday.

Mrs. William Rich and Mrs. Helen Waters, of Webster, South Dakota, are visiting at the home of J. S. Davidson.

If the boy who called and reported finding fishing tackle will bring the same to this office he can obtain a reward.

An ice-plant which can sell a good quality of ice in St. Johns at a fair price can, it is believed, do a large business in this city.

George Simmons, who has been on the sick list for a while, is now working on the barn which his father has built near the water tank.

Mrs. Renshaw is conducting a twice-a-week art class at the home of Mrs. Lieberman. She has about a dozen students at present.

The new cigar factory is doing considerable business. A large portion of the product is now seasoning, and soon will be ready for the smoker's match.

S. J. Sorenson has sold his home in the Oak Park precinct to Moses Tufts. Mr. Sorenson is not going to leave St. Johns but will at once purchase a lot and build him another home.

By request the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. C. H. Campbell, will take for his subject next Sunday morning: "Belshazar's Impious Feast." Special music will be rendered at this service.

E. Elliott has been making some improvements about his drug store in the way of paint, both inside and out. The front will be gold and black, while the inside is finished in dark red.

Rev. H. H. Pratt conducted the quarterly conference at the Evangelical church last Saturday evening and also preached Sunday morning and evening as Rev. E. E. McVicker was filling an appointment at Warren.

The Cone Lumber Company has filed its certificate of incorporation with the state authorities at Salem. The capital is $50,000. The incorporators are George W. Cone, B. L. Yost and D. E. Altenburg. The place is, of course, St. Johns.

The residence of W. L. Thorndyke on Park avenue has so far neared completion as to have the priming coat upon the exterior. It is well along in the plasterers' hands, they having commenced work on Tuesday. N. H. Suitter has the complete contract for the work.

Last Saturday was Joaquin Miller day at the fair and the veteran Poet of the Sierras, who spent the whole week there, was the guest of honor at a reception in the Oregon building, where he delivered an interesting address and recited several of his poems. At the American Inn, in the evening, a dinner was given in his honor.