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## ACCIDENTS AT SKATING RINK

### A Number of Mishaps Have Already Occurred at St. Johns' Skating Resort

The accidents occurring at the skating rink have come with a fair degree of regularity. Gus Johnson suffered a broken wrist about three or four weeks ago, the next victim being Miss Owens with a triple fracture of the wrist, from which the little lady is still suffering, although doing well. Monday a young man, whose name we were unable to secure, fell and broke his wrist. Tuesday evening Baker Linquist, while skating, fell in such a manner as to break one of the bones of his ankle just above the joint. He was taken to the office of Dr. Storey, who set the limb. It is a simple fracture and doubtless will heal in a short time. Mr. Linquist, whose home is in Kansas, came out to spend a few days visiting his father and family and having a good time, but this event puts a damper on the enjoyment for a time at least.

The rules which the proprietor has for the government of the rink are very good if they are observed by the skaters, and they should be. If they are not, Mr. Apple will insist on the parties leaving the rink. Of course if one is injured in the hall it is their own affair, as they take the skates at their own risk, and they should use every precaution to avoid injury to themselves as well as to others. In Mr. Linquist's case we understand there was really no one to blame, as he was entirely alone at the time of the accident, and it was occasioned by a temporary loss of balance. One thing a skater should learn the first thing after he gets his skates on is how to fall down.

The natural thing, one would think, would be to learn to stand up, but this is a mistake. When you find you are about to fall, do not try to regain your feet or to catch yourself or keep from falling hard, or the hundred other things you would naturally do if you were walking along the road—but simply relax every muscle in your body and just sort of wilt down on the floor of the rink like a cabbage leaf in the hot sun. If you will practice this until proficient you will never get injured in the rink. The only way you could be hurt would be for someone to jump on you with both feet—and jump hard. Let everybody remember these suggestions and the accidents in the future will be fewer, or, at least, not so severe.

## NEW FERRY NOW IN OPERATION

### The James John Ferry Which Was Placed in Commission on Wednesday is One of the Finest on the River

The event which St. Johns and Linnton people have been praying for has come to pass. The St. Johns ferry made its initial trip Wednesday afternoon.

The boat, the James John, is a sidewheeler 122 feet in length with 40 feet beam and has a carrying capacity of six 2-horse teams and as many people as can get on board.

The James John is furnished with a double slide valve engine, link motion, 12x48 inch cylinders, supplied with a boiler 44 inches by 25 feet in length and carries 80 pounds of steam. The machinery of the boat was made by the Willamette Iron Works in Portland. J. C. Ferrell, engineer, who had the placing of the machinery, assures us that the boat carries a large surplus of motive power, that the engines do their work easily and smoothly. He also incidentally remarked that this was the thirteenth boat he had fitted with machinery, and all of them did their work nicely; he, therefore, felt sure the James John would do the same.

In the cabin we found 150 or more life preservers in most convenient places and three fire extinguishers where they could be quickly reached in cases of emergency. Besides this fire protection there is a steam pump in the engine room which may also be used to fight fire. There is also another pump in the engine room to supply the boiler with water and an injector to use when the pump does not work.

The crew consists of the following: Captain, James Whitcomb; chief engineer, J. C. Ferrell; purser, Henry Smith. The names of the other assistants we did not learn.

The ferry people are deserving of the heartiest support of our people and the highest praise for their determination and perseverance. From the very start they have been up against every kind of obstacles and have been hindered in a hundred ways, but they have given evidence of the right kind of metal in their makeup, and St. Johns, Whitwood Court and Linnton are now a united community. The initial trip was made Wednesday afternoon, the little steamer leaving her dock at St. Johns at 2:30 and made the trip in about five minutes. Everything worked fine and she rounded into her slip as gracefully as a duck. Brother Stockton of the Telegram and Photographer Ferguson were on hand with their cameras and took several shots at her as she came to. The people at Hotel Claremont near the landing on the west side of the river welcomed the new craft with the blowing of horns, firing of guns and waving of hats and handkerchiefs, which was answered by waving of hats, cheers and blowing of the whistle on the steamer.

After a stop of a half hour on the west side of the river the steamer returned to St. Johns. There were three or four vehicles and about 50 or 60 foot passengers on the trip, all of whom enjoyed the new boat in the highest degree. There will be a few changes made yet in the slips so as to make the landings easier and better, and within a few days there will be nothing left to be desired in the way of a ferry for St. Johns and Linnton.

The merchants of St. Johns should not lose sight of the fact that there is a fine farming community right over the ridge in the Tualatin valley; that they are by reason of this ferry some seven or eight miles nearer to St. Johns than to Portland; that they will have a large amount of country produce to exchange for merchandise and should be encouraged to their trading point. The street to the boat landing should be placed in the best possible condition, every concession possible should be made in the matter of ferriage, arrangements be made whereby their produce will be taken care of as promptly and profitably as it is done in Portland. We believe this can be done without any appreciable expense to our business men and at the same time win for St. Johns a good bit of trade which now goes to Portland. Let us all work for it. There is nothing too good for St. Johns. We are here for business and let us get it.

## PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD

### W. V. Jobes, President of the Jobes Milling Co., Passed Suddenly Away Tuesday

The community was shocked Tuesday morning when the report was confirmed that Mr. W. V. Jobes had suddenly expired at the office of the Jobes Milling Co. Mr. Jobes had not been in the best of health for some time, but there was nothing to indicate that the end was at hand, and therefore the blow was all the more unexpected on the part of the relatives and friends. The deceased had gone to his office from his home as usual Tuesday, and was with his son, W. H., when he suddenly dropped to the floor. Three physicians were hastily summoned, but it was at once discovered that he was beyond mortal aid, and he soon passed into the great beyond without being able to speak a word. Heart failure was the cause of his death.



W. V. Jobes

Mr. Jobes was an upright man and a model citizen. Honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow men, he was greatly respected by all who knew him. A man of sound judgment, he was conservative in his views. In the death of Mr. Jobes St. Johns has suffered a distinct loss and his untimely end is greatly to be regretted.

Mr. Jobes was born in Rockford, Ill., 55 years ago. He came to Spokane, Wash., where, with his two sons, he engaged in the flour mill business until 1904, when he erected the large mill in St. Johns. Deceased is survived by a widow and two sons, W. H. and A. R. Jobes, the latter at present being one of our Councilmen. No funeral services were held here, the remains being shipped to Rockford, Ill., for interment. Mrs. Jobes and W. H. Jobes accompanied the body thither Wednesday evening.

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### CITY COURT DOINGS

#### Interesting Cases Disposed of by Judge Esson.

In the records of transactions in the city clerk's office we noticed two cases where action was taken to facilitate collection of delinquent accounts.

Another case which created considerable interest, particularly so inasmuch as it was impossible for our city court to administer a penalty severe enough to do justice to the crime, was the case of the City of St. Johns vs. I. Wilson, charged with a crime of unmentionable indecency involving two little children 10 and 11 years of age. The full limit of the law was dealt to the contemptible culprit, which was but 50 days in jail. It was unfortunate indeed that he could not have been brought before the state authorities, where he would undoubtedly have been given a good long sentence of penal servitude. We believe that a few feet of hemp judiciously used would be as appropriate in such cases as it is in that of murder in the first degree, and we would be in favor of making that the penalty.

### THE BAND BOYS

#### Visit Stevenson and Have a Good Time.

The St. Johns Citizens' band spent the Fourth of July at Stevenson, Wash. That enterprising town on the bank of the Columbia had figured on having a rousing old time on the national holiday, and in looking around for the very best musical organization to furnish entertainment for the occasion, they decided that no better act could be done than to secure the services of the local musicians. All the boys had a good time. They were treated finely, the girls were good-looking and the lemonade was of the best. They took in the ball game, the races and the dance. Laurence Thornydyke, the irrepressible, went along as mascot. He entered into the free-for-all roo yard race and beat all opponents to a frazzle, and was rewarded for his extraordinary burst of speed with a prize of \$10. The boys all returned on Friday morning tired but happy.

Others who went up from St. Johns are Mrs. Penney and the Misses Laura and Merta Gattson.

### BENEFIT BALL GAME

#### Between the Woodmen and Odd Fellows.

A most commendable effort is being put forth to get up a match game between the I. O. O. F. and the Woodmen lodges. Pascal Hill has very generously offered to donate the use of the ball grounds for the purpose and it is the object of the movement to have these two lodges each pick a team, play a lively game of base ball and give the gate receipts to the public library.

This library benefit game should appeal to every citizen in the town and our business men should arrange to permit as many of their help attend as possible. It will perhaps be difficult for all to get away, but they could buy tickets even if they could not attend and thus swell the receipts. It is expected to make the admission nominal—10c or 15c—and it is hoped that an immense crowd will be the result. The date will be announced elsewhere.

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### Keep Him at Work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Derrie and Mrs. C. J. Muck are spending the week at Seaside. Next week Mr. Muck will take his summer vacation and spend it at the same favorite resort. Mr. Muck of course does not wish his customers to rush him this week, but we would like to call attention to his new ad in another column and ask you to give the gentleman all that's coming to him. Nothing like making a fellow work when you have the chance.

### Enjoyable Outing.

Dr. and Mrs. Stratton, their daughter, their son and his wife and our whisker sharp, E. H. Mansfield, enjoyed a fine little launch excursion on the river Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Stratton was the first white child born in Oregon City. There is no more restful way to spend an hour or two or even half a day. We have a bid in for a trip of this kind when our chaparrone arrives to take care of us.

### Some Fine Cherries.

Pascal Hill, the genial proprietor of the ball grounds, brought in to the Review some of the finest cherries we have ever tasted—in Hood River or any other place. They are of the Lambert variety, and Mr. McKeon was bunched into buying a box of them which would make any country sit up and take notice. Mr. Hill should place his cherries in competition at any available cherry fair, for he certainly would take the bun.

Johnnie Montgomery of Oregon City spent the Fourth with his friend Charlie Leland.