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THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

A Commodious and Handsome Edifice on Chicago Street Well Under Way of Construction

It has been a little over two years since Rev. E. A. Leonard, the Baptist minister, came here and found about fourteen of his people meeting together in the Adventist church building, with a Sunday school attendance of about twenty. They now have a membership of 68 and an average attendance at Sunday school of 75, which shows a very gratifying growth.

The most substantial evidence of their prosperity, however, is the commodious and elegant church building which they are erecting on Chicago street near Modoc. This structure is 44x70 over all, including the Sunday school room on the east side of the building, which is 18x44, leaving the main audience room 44x52 feet, with a seating capacity of 400 when the two rooms are thrown together—which is accomplished by sliding doors that are raised by means of balancing weights. Back of the pulpit is a large baptistry and on either side are dressing rooms. In addition there is a pastor's study and a kitchen, which makes the structure the most complete and finest building of its kind in the city.

The building is finished on the inside with Oregon fir stained with color of antique oak. The walls are wainscoted four feet high with the same finish as trimmings. Above the wainscoting the walls are of adamant plastering. The entire building is well lighted by large stained glass windows, two of which are memorial windows; one a fine, large, beautifully colored memorial window \$200, and the other a smaller one, presented by the B. Y. P. U. at a cost of \$50. The cost of the building is \$4000, the lot \$1000, making the property cost when the building is finished \$5000, and there is room enough on the property for a neat, commodious parsonage, which will be erected in the near future.

When it is remembered that two years ago, when Mr. Leonard came here, there was not a dollar in the treasury, and it is known that every dollar's obligation has been met to date, it is really a great work. To be sure, when the building is completed ready for dedication, there will be a deficit which, it is confidently expected, will be met on dedication day. The Baptist people here feel very grateful to their brethren in Portland, who have been very generous in their donations toward the building fund for this church.

It is a pleasure to note the erection of elegant and substantial church edifices in this city. There is hardly anything that conduces to the desirable reputation of a city so much as an abundance of well constructed and well filled church buildings. When a man, particularly a thoughtful man with a bunch of young children, is looking for a location, all other things being equal, he will always select that place which will give him the best educational and church facilities—and this, too, whether he is or is not a church goer or professed Christian. It is a just tribute to the beneficent work of Christianity that even unbelievers prefer a city of churches to a churchless one. Our citizens have not been burdened by solicitations for the work of building this church, and we would suggest that it would be the graceful thing to do for them to attend the dedicatory services accompanied by their well filled pocketbooks and show their appreciation of the good work these people have done. We make this suggestion without a hint of it from anyone connected with that denomination, and with the statement that we are not connected with the church—in order that our readers may know this is not an advertisement for that estimable portion of our citizens.

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OUR SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTORS

A General Idea of Our Educational Facilities and Instructors Who Will Teach the Younger Generation

It has been said by those who are a great deal more accurate in their observations than we that "the public schools are the bulwark of the nation." While the thought is not original we do not believe there is one more true. Where the intellectual faculties receive the highest degree of training, there will be found the greatest degree of power. If a highly educated man makes a failure in life, as they sometimes do, it is not because he was educated, but because he was not rightly so. There has been an unbalanced education, for some reason. Our educators, therefore, are to be commended for their efforts to give our children the broadest and most comprehensive education that the time at their command may admit.

We are happy to state that St. Johns' managers of the department of education are keeping abreast of the times in their line. We have two of the finest buildings to be found in the state, outside of Portland, for the use of the public schools. The Central School is located on South Jersey between Charleston and John streets; is two stories high and contains 13 rooms. In addition to this there is an annex of two rooms which has been used for the primary department the past two or three years, but since the new school building has been erected will probably be utilized as a wood house. The Central school building is fitted up with and has all the modern appliances and conveniences that obtain in the best modern schools, and has a capacity for the present to accommodate all the pupils of the lower grades of the southern part of St. Johns. This school is presided over by Principal W. C. Alderson with 13 competent instructors under him, as follows: Miss Edna Bailey, Miss Mabel Burghdoff, Miss Muriel G. Woolley, Miss Clarionette Hailey, Mrs. Adelaide Beebe, Miss Mamie E. Adams, Miss Violet Peddicord, Miss Fannie Lawler, Mrs. Verne M. Fonner, Miss May Mailey, Miss Hattie E. Brown, Miss Lick, Miss Anna B. Clark.

The North school building is not yet completed, but every effort is being put forth to have it in readiness to accommodate the pupils at the opening of the schools this fall. The structure is being erected on a knoll between Chapel and Stewart streets on Holbrook avenue, and the school ground covers the north half of the double block. The building is erected on the west half of the grounds and is so constructed that when the city grows enough to necessitate the erection of additional room it can be added to the east side of the present structure, making the building equally distant from the street on either side.

The building contains eight rooms, four on either of the two floors, and has a fine basement the full size of the house, which is 66x91 feet; and, like the older structure, is built of Oregon fir throughout in the most substantial manner—finished with adamant plaster and the recitation rooms are furnished with blackboards of the same material in fine hard finish, smooth as glass. In the basement in the north end will be a lavatory and toilet room, while a similar room for the use of the boys will be in the south end—between will be a play room for the joint use of the youngsters. In the east half of the basement will be kept the fuel for heating purposes and the furnace by which the structure will be heated. Directly over the stairs leading from the street will be located the principal's room, where the pupils may be observed as they enter and leave the building. The rooms are fitted with book closets and a cloak and coat room is located between the main rooms on both the north and south ends of the building. We have never seen a more admirably arranged school building—and when it is completed St. Johns may well feel proud of its educational facilities, for this building will also be furnished with the most modern style of furniture and appliances.

Miss Clara A. Boss, late of Everett, Washington, will have charge of this school as principal. This of itself assures St. Johns the very best service, as Miss Boss comes with the highest recommendations from other places where she has had charge of the high school work. Miss Boss is a graduate of the Normal school at Cedar Falls, Iowa—also of the State University of Iowa, and in the latter institution spent several years as instructor. She has had 18 years' experience as teacher and bears a splendid reputation as an instructor and manager of high school work. Under her will be the following teachers: Miss Ethel Randall of Marshalltown, Iowa, also a graduate of the State University at Ames, Iowa; Miss Ethel G. Waters, Miss Stevens, Miss Irene Johnson, Miss Donna Beach, Miss Madge Dunn.

This building has been selected for the high school because the pupils of those grades will be better able to make the longer walk than the little ones. There will be four of the lower grades, perhaps five, taught in this school in addition to the high school grades, in order to accommodate the little ones of the north end of the city. This makes St. Johns a school district of the first class and necessitates the election of a superintendent—a matter the board will undoubtedly consider before the opening of school this fall.

The school grounds will be graded off in such a manner as to have them well drained, the surface gently sloping from the building in the center toward the streets. St. Johns can well afford to shake hands with herself in congratulations on the outlook for her children, and while she is about it there is no harm in crowding over the fact that in four or five short years the school census has grown from a little handful of a sparsely settled country school district to a metropolitan district of more than 1000 pupils.

VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Miss Venus Monahan Celebrates the Event.

Friday was a red letter day to Miss Venus Monahan. A number of her good friends gathered at the residence of her father and assisted her to celebrate the occasion of her birthday. It was a very happy event, the time being most interestingly spent with games, social intercourse and feasting.

Mrs. G. M. Hall and Mrs. Mamie Monahan assisted in the entertainment of the guests. Not the least enjoyable feature of the day was the presentation to Miss Monahan of a lady's gold watch with a beautifully engraved hunting case; something which Miss Monahan had long desired and will therefore be doubly appreciated, coming from her father and on her birthday.

Those present were: Ethel and Clyde Thayer, Clarissa Huff, Vern Hall, Carl Nelson, Ina and Maud Peterson, Gladys Bredeson, Royal and Cordelia Cross, Mildred Van Dusen, Ella, Eva and Luella Edmondson, Anna and Lulu Foster, May and Roy Hall, Charles Johns, Maybelle Beller, Mrs. May Cross, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thayer, S. H. Simpson, G. M. Hall and E. F. Monahan. After a delightful time the happy guests departing wished their pretty hostess many happy returns of her anniversary, in which good wishes The Review most heartily joins.

Did You Take a Peep?

Did you see the eclipse of the moon Wednesday evening of last week? Miss Luna was as coy as a bonito signorita with her first amour, and pulled up her mantilla over her off cheek and peeped out with her off eye at the skating rink boys, but, like the same signorita, later on, the mantilla disappeared and a well developed bunch of bangs hung down over the forehead just above where the big black eyes of the dulce far niente would be located. It was a sight seldom seen in this locality.

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DISPOSING OF GARBAGE

Citizen Tells How He Makes Way With His.

Speaking of cleaning up our streets and the city in general, one of our citizens—who may be called an old timer, and thus relieve us of the stigma of "butting in before we become naturalized"—described his method of caring for his sewage, and we give it to our readers for their benefit and for the assistance of the city fathers until they have solved the garbage problem. This good friend digs a pit five or six feet deep and as big square in the back part of his town lot, at a point convenient of access, walls it up and covers it over, leaving a hatchway which he covers with a cap. Into this pit he dumps whatever is of an incombustible nature—that which may be burned he destroys in that manner. Such a pit, he says, will last for years, and when nearly full may be covered with dirt from another pit of like dimensions made near it, and in this manner with a little labor one's premises may be kept sweet and clean. A little disinfectant put in the pit occasionally in the shape of a can of concentrated lye, chloride of lime, or other antiseptic will prevent foul odors or deleterious gases from rising from the pit. To prevent tin cans from filling the pit too rapidly he takes an ax or other heavy instrument and "smashes" them flat before putting them in.

Apricots Hard to Beat.

F. G. Powers, who owns a little tract of land at the east end of Cedar Park, brought in a sample of apricots which he has on exhibition in the window of Jackson's drug store that has California skinned to a fare-you-well. They are about four times as large as the California variety and to us they looked like nectarines, but as an old Californian says they are apricots we will have to stand under, for we are not as good authority on that class of fruit as we are on buckeyes and black walnuts. They are certainly beauties—and if this country can produce such fruit as this there is not the slightest excuse for sending our good money to the land of sunshine and earthquakes for it.

JOLLY BONFIRE PARTY

Fine Time Had on the Banks of the Willamette.

One of the most enjoyable times was spent on the bank of the Willamette river last Thursday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashby gave a bonfire party to a number of their friends. The features of the evening were rowing, bathing, games, songs, etc., after which a bounteous lunch was served by the light of the bonfire.

Those present were Mesdames Ed Ashby, H. Ashby, W. Basey, M. Basey, Kelley, Eaton, Turrell, Byars, Brenner, Ennis and Briggs; Misses Hall, Basey, Turrell, Brenner, and Hazel and Nellie Robinson; Messrs. Ed Ashby, Walter Basey, John Basey, Kelley, Eaton, Thomlison, Dean and Turrell.

Very Mild Fine.

There was a case of more than common interest disposed of in the municipal court Monday morning. It was the case of the city of St. Johns vs. James Ingersol, in which that person was charged with having violated ordinance No. 3 of the city referring to immoral conduct. He is a gray haired old sinner and should have more sense, if not more decency, than to endeavor to entice little 13-year-old girls from the path of rectitude, and we think the penalty inflicted is very mild indeed for the offense. After hearing five witnesses Municipal Judge Esson sentenced Mr. Ingersol to pay \$75 fine or 35 days in the city bastille.

Real Fine Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Scott returned Saturday from a month's visit at Mount Hood. This is the finest trip our people can possibly take, and now that the transportation facilities have been made so perfect by the addition of a line of automobiles from Hood River, which will take you in two and a half hours from the train to Cloud Cap Inn, the long dusty ride being thus eliminated from the trip, there should be hundreds of our people avail themselves of the delightful ride, a view of the lovely scenery and the invigorating effect of the life-giving, sweet mountain air.

LOCAL ROD AND GUN CLUB

Re-inforced by the Portland Club Joining with Us and Bringing Their Apparatus Along

If there is anything which appeals more than any other to the American sport it is the use of a gun. It is a fact that none can deny that the Americans as a class are the best marksmen on earth. He takes to shooting like a duck to water. From the time he begins to toddle around his mother's knee a gun of some kind is his plaything and he never loses interest in the gun until Death hits the bullseye and he passes off the range.

The thing which in his maturer years creates the greatest interest in the use of the gun is the gun clubs of the country. Next to the use of the gun the rod and line claims the attention of the American sport. For this reason almost every gun club has for its name "Rod and Gun Club" and something to designate which one it is. St. Johns, therefore, has its rod and gun club, which was organized last May, and since which time it has been constantly growing, and is now in a prosperous condition. The club has a fine range containing four acres, which was donated to the club by Sam Cochran who holds a five-year lease from the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, and have their traps set on a hillside overlooking the Willamette. It is an ideal location just at the north end of the city where it will disturb no one and where the boys meet and test their skill with the shotgun and clay blackbirds.

Recently the Portland Rod and Gun club range was sold and they were obliged to vacate. Our boys got word as to the situation and they didn't do a thing but vote the entire bunch of the Portland club in good standing into the St. Johns club, provided "Barkis is willin'," and we have assurances that "she be." This will make one of the best gun clubs on the coast, and they have the making of the finest range. Arrangements are being made to hold a three-days' State tournament here this month if possible. It is a little late to make it, but our fellows are hustlers and they have taken hold like a dog at a roof, and will make the fur fly from now until the great tournament is pulled off.

Every sportsman in the Northwest will want to come to St. Johns and have a try with our shooters, and those who do not will wish they had. So when you receive a notice of the date, write it in your hat so that you will see it every time you go out of the house, and be one of the bunch. There are many attractions at St. Johns, and if the time ever should hang heavy there is another nice little city up the Willamette, and a nicker and a thirty minute ride over one of the best street car lines in the West will put you in the heart of the city. This street car ride is all the more interesting because there is a constant panorama of new houses and new ones being constructed nearly all the way. St. Johns, Portland and all other suburbs of St. Johns are prosperous, hustling communities. They are doing things on a big scale and our boys propose to make this tournament the event of the season in sports. This they can easily do with the addition of the good, strong Portland club, who have the experience and knowledge necessary and some of the best shots on the coast in its membership.

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