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WHY NOT TRADE AT HOME? NEW INDUSTRY IN EAST ST. JOHNS PENINSULA IS PROGRESSING

A Few Timely Remarks Concerning the Pernicious Habit of Going to Portland to Trade

The above is a question that comes home to everyone in the city of St. Johns. Why not patronize our home institutions as against those of Portland? People will go from here to Portland because they can get a 10-cent article for 9 cents, or a dollar article for 99 cents. They do not take into consideration the half day it takes to go over and come back and the car fare. These are minor matters and if that was all there would be little objection. But the thing that hurts the people of St. Johns, the thing which loses them dollars where they gain cents by trading in Portland, is the retarding and deteriorating effect such action has on business at home. Every dollar you take from the trade in St. Johns robs yourself of at least 20 cents. Trade with your home merchant who pays taxes in your own city, whose entire interests are centered in the welfare of your town. What does the Portland merchant care for the welfare of St. Johns? It is fruit to him if every merchant in St. Johns is compelled to shut up shop. We have been told that the recent purchase of furniture for the city hall was made in Portland, and that too, without giving our home furniture men an even chance with the foreign merchants. If this is true, it was not a square deal, and we do not believe it was done intentionally but thoughtlessly, for the mayor, who did the purchasing, is a merchant himself, and would know the effect of such an action, if he had but stopped to think, and he would no doubt be just as indignant as any one if some of his patrons should make a practice of going over to the city to do their trading. The precedent, however, of our mayor going to Portland instead of buying here, is a bad one to set before his customers. We do know that in other instances our mayor has held bids made from outside parties in order to give our home people an opportunity to make their bids, and has at all times advocated getting everything here that could be gotten here, since we have been a resident. We do not know his personal view in the matter, because we have never spoken a word to him regarding it.

This matter of patronizing home institutions comes directly to our notice in our own business. Some of our patrons have gone over to the city to get their job printing done, when they could have got just as good a job done at home at exactly the same price or a little less than the standard printing offices do the work there. Some of the cheap John offices may cut the prices and by using inferior stock make both ends meet, but it is not satisfactory either to the printer who cares for his reputation, or for the patron who wishes good printing done.

Another thing, one of the merchants who has made the strongest objection to going to Portland to trade has not had his name in our paper as an advertiser, since we have been here. He really does not deserve our efforts in his behalf, but he is one of our citizens and one of our merchants, and as such we mean to do everything in our power to benefit his trade. So far as we are concerned, we have not bought a cent's worth of either the necessities or luxuries of life for that matter, in Portland that we could obtain here, and do not mean to. Our business is here, our interests are here, and we do not propose to let a little matter of one or two cents send us away from our town to spend our money. If our merchants will be half as loyal to The Review as The Review is and will be to the merchants, it will receive greater support in its advertising patronage, and have greater opportunities to assist the merchants. We believe if the merchants will advertise more in their home paper and tell what they have for sale there would be less of this vagabond trading done than there is.

A Woodenware Manufacturing Establishment Located There, Also Many New Buildings Under Construction

Another industry which has recently been located in St. Johns, and which will be in operation within the next two or three weeks is that of the wood working establishment of Barnes & Lindsley. The plant is situated in East St. Johns directly north of Smiths Crossing about a quarter-mile. Here the company has bought a tract of land reaching from the O. R. & N. belt line to the Columbia slough, and soon as the slough is dredged so as to admit of deep water craft, as it will in a short time, the gentlemen will have both water and rail transportation at their command.

When we visited the plant Monday they had installed a splendid planer capable of dressing four sides at once any sized stick of timber up to 6x15 inches any length that can be cut. They also have placed a 50-horse power engine fed by an 80-horse power boiler. They have also in place a pendant cut-off saw. There are on the way a number of other machines, all up to date, among them a multiple boring machine which will bore both perpendicular and horizontal holes to the number of 24 at one operation of the machine. Besides this there are a number for the manufacture of house finishing material.

At present the works will be engaged in the manufacture of telephone and telegraph cross arms until the machinery is all placed in the factory and stock is received. They have an ideal place for their works. It was formerly an old orchard, used so long ago that there is scarcely a mark of any habitation there. A single rose bush of a fine variety marks the spot where once, perhaps, the dwelling stood among the fruit trees. There, too, we noticed one variety of pear which is immune from the San Jose scale. While all other fruit about it was covered with the scale, this tree, with perhaps 35 or 40 or perhaps more upon it, did not have a single scale. We do not know the variety, nor whether it is a good one, but if it is, it is worth its weight in gold for this one quality. Here is a chance for A. I. Mason or Hon. E. L. Smith to do a stunt. Come down and get some scions for Hood River.

Returning to the factory, we were told by one of the proprietors their method of handling the material. It is brought in and unloaded, put into the dry kiln; from there it goes through the planer, from there through the various resaws, cut-offs, boring machines and shapers until the finished product reaches the far end of the building, where it is reloaded onto the car or put onto a steamer.

The dry kiln is 20x70 feet and is supplied with double tracks so that one car can be in the shed at all times, while the other car may be at the planer discharging its load through that machine. The room between the dry kiln and the planer is 20x50, and the room the planer and other machines are in is 26x100, all these rooms being under one roof, and making a building 220 feet in length. In addition to this room the boiler room is 16x42, built of brick as is the engine room, which is 14x23. The fuel for the plant will be chiefly planer chips and other refuse of the shop, reinforced sometimes by a few slabs. This establishment will give employment to 25 or 30 men when in operation, and a great many more when fully developed.

From this plant we went to the big railroad dump of the Hill road which is being shoveled out across the Columbia slough. It is a monster contract. The grade is being built 75 or 80 feet high right across the slough. The action of the water on the dirt as it is dumped in causes it to spread at the bottom until there is quite a wide base. Then the dumping is suspended for a time until this base solidifies, and then more dirt is piled upon it until the grade is completed. Piling is driven down for the track to carry the dirt over the slough. The pile driver has now reached a point about 175 or 200 yards from the north bank of the slough.

The Hill road is making a switch yard through St. Johns from 300 to 400 feet wide, and are extending this switch yard further east as they have to remove the dirt from the big cut.

Across the slough on the island is located the Swift plant where hundreds of men are working night and day in the service of this company preparing for the new works and the new city. A big dredger is making a deep water channel to the Columbia both above and below the works, so that the water of the river may flow through and keep the channel open. The city for the 3000 employees to do the butchering for the Pacific Northwest is to be located, it is said, on this island. This company has land touching the river and the two big railroads, so that there need be no fear that they cannot get transportation facilities. If the railroads cannot furnish the cars, the company can build their own boats and use the water.

This is called the dull season but in this trip out and back we counted 32 houses in the course of erection, running in all sizes from the humble cottage of the laborer to the more pretentious two or even three story residence of the wealthier classes, and they were strung all the way across the peninsula. It will be but a very few years until this entire peninsula will be covered with a busy, hustling population, and the man who gets in on the ground floor is the one who will take the doughnut when the building sites begin to get scarce. There never will be a better time to buy St. Johns property than right now, for the people are coming and taking the most sightly locations; mills, factories and mercantile establishments are taking up the water front and business locations, until even now people from the outside are beginning to think property is expensive.

What is Being Done on the Packing Plant and Other Matters of Importance.

Work is progressing splendidly with the improvements now making on the Peninsula for Swift & Company and the other big packing plants which are to occupy the site, says the Portland Daily Abstract. The ground which was covered with cottonwood trees has been cleared, yielding approximately 500 cords, which have been sold to the Willamette Pulp & Paper Co. at Oregon City to be made into paper. The big dredger now at work is constantly scooping out vast quantities of earth—9000 cubic yards per day, of 24 hours each, for it never rests. Over 20 men are employed and 60 barrels of fuel oil consumed daily. The low lying lands are being filled with clean sand and gravel. When all is done a 40-foot channel will result in the Oregon Slough. At present Peninsula avenue back of the slough is being filled in.

The great packing interests now own about 3000 acres on the Peninsula, and have a water frontage of about three miles. The fill along the Oregon Slough will require a depth of four feet, while that near the Columbia Slough will require a depth of 19 feet. The foundations for the packing plants of the "Big Four" will be placed this fall. The buildings will be of brick and construction is to be rushed. It is understood that negotiations are pending for an additional dredger which would greatly accelerate the work. In round numbers the packing companies' investment is placed at a million dollars. As matters now appear the buildings will be completed by mid-summer next year.

Real estate in the vicinity has increased 100 per cent within a year, and conservative dealers prophesy that it will more than double again within the coming year.

It is practically arranged that the Union Stock Yards now in North Portland will remove to the peninsula. The O. R. & N. company will place a switch near the foot of Delaware avenue on the Troutdale extension, which is already built to Delaware avenue.

AFTER OIL NEAR ST. JOHNS.

A local company has been formed and money secured to prosecute drilling operations in the East Side oil district, remarks the Peoples Press. The center of the district is on the Ogden farm, near St. Johns, and the well that was sunk there to the depth of 800 feet gave indications that encouraged the promoters to go ahead with more extensive operations. Experts assert that at 1500 feet oil can be found in this district and the well will be sunk to that depth. Should there be oil found in anything like paying quantities this section of the East Side would have a boom that would make all former peninsular booms look like a bedraggled rag and property values from the mouth of the Willamette to Piedmont would raise and hump themselves until no man was without cash. With the two railroads centering in this district, the big packing plant already started, the certainty that the Columbia will be dredged and made a harbor from the mouth of the Willamette to Vancouver, and the general growth of the district as a manufacturing, educational and residence district, peninsula property is one of the best investments at any ordinary price in the city today, whether these St. Johns chaps ever find a drop of oil or not.

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Brewers	4	16	.238

Astoria came up the line Sunday and crossed bats with the locals at Hill's grounds. The St. Johns club tried Springer, a new acquisition, in the box, and his work proved highly satisfactory to our management. Sixteen times did he cause the Astorians to fan the atmosphere, thus making a record for strikeouts on the local grounds. Charlie Moore played second base, but he had rather an off day, two errors being charged against him. He, however, redeemed his fielding errors with the stick. Johnson, the new man who has taken Drennan's place in center, showed up well at the bat and also in the field. The game throughout was interesting, but the Bohemians never saw the home plate. The score was 6 to 0 in favor of the locals.

DOUBLE WEDDING

Four Young People Happily Married at One Time.

A very pretty wedding was consummated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McLeod in South St. Johns July 31, when their daughters, Mabel and Myrtle were married to Ray L. Gebott and Archie Buchanan, Rev. Arthur B. Waltz of the Baptist church at University Park, performing the ceremony. The young people were members of Mr. Waltz' congregation.

The house was prettily decorated with sweet peas, laurel and sprays of Oregon grape. Many beautiful presents were received, consisting of cut glass, china and silverware. The happy young people were serenaded by the St. Johns orchestra during the evening, and a most delightful time was spent on the spacious grounds under the soft light of numerous Chinese lanterns and colored lights which decorated the cunningly devised nooks and corners where the refreshments were served. It was a veritable fairyland, and made an ideal spot for a wedding feast. The young people are well known in the city and their many friends join with The Review in wishing them a double share of this world's happiness and prosperity.

SAMPLES OF GOLD

Daniel Calkins the Possessor of a Nice Collection.

Daniel Calkins returned last Friday from an extended trip of two weeks to some of his new mines along Imahua creek about 40 miles northeast of Joseph, Oregon. Mr. Calkins brings back some samples which would make Rockefeller's eyes water. He has two vials, one of them entirely filled with shot gold, the pure quill, about \$20 worth, and about \$10 worth in another vial of coarser gold of the same kind. Besides these he has samples of copper ore, which is rich in gold and silver from these mines. If we were back a quarter of a century in our years we would hire a cheap boy to take our place, buy a pack mule and hike straight for Imahua creek. It would be just our fool luck to strike it rich, for the yellow stuff is there and lots of it.

Successful Operation.

M. Hart, formerly of Hood River, who recently sold half of his 20-acre farm there and went to Springfield, Ore., has bought 340 acres of good farming land near that place. Mrs. Hart has been a sufferer for several years with cancer and was unable to find any relief until recently she went to Dr. O'Keefe of Portland, who removed the cancer in six weeks and cured her completely. The doctor found it necessary to graft new skin on the wound in order to heal it, so large was the removal of cuticle by the operation. W. E. Godsey, the genial blacksmith, is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hart, and it was at his home that the successful operation was performed.

Great Improvement.

The oiling of the streets makes a great improvement in the appearance of our principal thoroughfares. The business men who are responsible for this enterprise are deserving of the thanks of the public. It speaks well for the city.

Birthday Surprise.

Mr. Paul Rood was agreeably surprised last Thursday night by a party of 60 young people, representing the young people's society of which Paul is a member, and ex-president. He was presented with a beautiful fountain pen, and the evening was spent in games, and a short program rendered. The duet by Mr. Heden and Miss Johnson, and the speech of Mr. Hallstrom were especially enjoyable. The time was well chosen as it was Paul's eighteenth birthday, and his cousins, Miss Minnie Lund and Frank Lund were visiting at his home. Paul was presented with many beautiful bouquets and well wishes for a long and successful life.

A. H. Bales, a lumber merchant from Loveland, Colo., was in St. Johns Saturday.

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