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Jared Aiken and family, accompanied by our genial friend, C. W. Arnett, took dinner with C. T. Moe and wife Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in music and song, interspersed by pointed anecdotes by versatile "Charles."

B. S. Swengel, brother of our townsman W. E. Swengel, has been on the coast since June, visiting several points and says he likes the appearance of things in St. Johns and the great possibilities so apparent in a commercial way here. He expects to make his home here and is sparring for an opening.

The drill team of Portland Homestead No. 916, Independent Order of Brotherhood of American Yeomen will put on the initiation for the St. Johns Homestead No. 1221 at Bickners hall on this evening, September 6. H. A. Miller, our Pacific coast manager, will be with us. All members be present. A. E. Mansfield.

C. W. Bennett of the St. Johns meat market in forms us that he has decided to take off his delivery wagon, sell his meats for cash and give to his patrons the benefit of this saving in expenses. It is a heavy tax to keep a team and driver to run the wagon, besides, when a patron comes to the market he can always recieve better satisfaction when he sees and knows what he is buying. Watch for Mr. Bennett's ad next week. He will have something further to say on this subject.

Dick Shepard returned Tuesday from his visit to Grand Rapids, Mich. He speaks very highly of the enterprising spirit and progressiveness manifested by the people of his old home. There has been a wonderful improvement in the city. Not so great as there has been here and in Portland, but great, nevertheless. He says there is no fruit there this year though. A yellow borer has killed nearly every peach tree in that great peach section, and the trees that escaped the worms were killed by the late frosts. Consequently they are peachless this season. Dick spent a delightful week at Saugatuck, one of Michigan's most lovely summer resorts, and he, with some other Michiganders made the voyage of their lives in a new launch 40 miles or more across and up one of the rivers.

Local News.

Mrs. W. D. Weeks has recently returned from a months vacation at Newport and Ashland.

Captain E. F. Ward is running the ferry James John during the absence of Captain Whitcomb.

Gertrude Thronson of Sunnyside has been visiting her cousins, the Misses Maud and Ina Peterson.

Mrs. Hoover returned from Idaho last week, and with her daughter Ruby, goes to the hopfield this week.

The Misses Steichen, Frank Steichen, two Linkey children and Ed Brown went to the hop fields at Woodburn Friday.

Ed Magoon received word Saturday that his son at San Jose, Cal., was dying of spinal meningitis and left immediately for that point.

Misses Maud and Carrie Chambers of Seaside, but who used to live on Modoc street, have been visiting in St. Johns and returned home Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Hartel is at Astoria this week, guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Kinney. She will also spend a few days at Gearhart Park with Mrs. G. W. Cellars of Portland.

Prof. D. M. Metzger, A. M., dean of Dallas college, will preach both morning and evening in the United Evangelical church on Sunday, September 8. Hear him.

G. B. Ford is putting up a modern five-room cottage on Hayes street that will be a thing of beauty and a joy to the owner when finished. D. J. Stevens is doing the work.

Joseph Bickner, wife and daughter Alda, who are well rembered by St. Johns people have left Ashland temporarily, and have bought a home in Oswego, where Mr. Bickner's relatives reside.

Henry McGuire and family were down from Hood River Thursday, but for once we broke our rule and went to lunch and while absent our friends called. Sorry, call again and go to lunch with us.

Captain Whitcomb of the ferry James Johns received a telephone message Tuesday morning that his little daughter was dying and left for home. Word was received later that the child died Tuesday forenoon.

A long lease has been granted the Western Cooperage company on 17 acres near the drydock. The deal was negotiated by E. S. Jackson & Co. This will give the company a fine water frontage for its plant to be erected here.—Daily Abstract.

J. E. Brink left this week to attend a grand lodge convention to be held at Norfolk, Va., as a delegate from the city. On his return he will bring Mrs. Brink's mother from Kansas for a visit. Mr. Brink's sister from Clatskania is here visiting Mrs. Brink.

J. P. Wrinkle and family returned from Ocean Park and Long Beach last Friday night after several days of delightful outing. They report fishing of all kinds good, particularly fishing for crabs. One morning in particular when they took in 32 fine crabs out of old briny. The weather was propitious during the entire visit.

W. E. Byerlee, who has been falling timber for Porter Bros. in Washington, opposite Viento, became a little too energetic, and in clearing the brush to make a cut slashed through a limb and into his left foot about a week ago. He has been going on three legs since and came down to sympathize with his mother over Sunday.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement of the Multnomah county fair. St. Johns has been designated as one district in the voting contest for the Queen of the Carnival. Our people should decide upon some certain young lady and combine all their forces upon this one individual and boost the balloting. It would be a big red feather in the hat of St. Johns if we were able to send one of our queens to grace the central point of honor in the carnival.

Will Buck, brother of Mrs. S. C. Smith of North Albina, who is one of Walla Walla's fly cops was a visitor in St. Johns Tuesday. Will and the writer "bucked ties" together ten years ago for the Davenport Bros. at Hood River. We would hardly have known him. He has grown to the proportions of a typical metropolitan policeman. Mr. Buck speaks in glowing terms of the progressiveness of his home town.

Tuesday as we were waiting for the ferry boat to start we were watching some youngsters of ages running from eight or ten to 60 fishing for croppies from a scow alongside the boat. One of the youngest, Freddie Evans lost his balance and fell into the water. He plunked right down, but was under only a second, and as his companions were jumping sideways in their excitement Freddie puffed the water out of his mouth and coolly said "I can swim," and he did, around to the side where one of the older boys helped him on deck again. He grabbed his pole and pulled in another croppie as if the ducking was a part of the regular program.

THE BARGAIN COUNTER

An Interesting Column For Prospective Buyers.

See our candies, 207 S. Jersey.

Suits cleaned and pressed, $1.00. Ineeda Laundry.

$750. River view corner lot—terms. S. L. Dobie.

Two lots in Oak Park, cheap for Cash. H. F. Clark.

The West Coast Laundry makes a specialty of lace curtains.

Acreage—I have three acres close in and cheap. S. L. Dobie.

Camp stoves and cots—good line at Clark's—a bargain, see them.

Just the thing. What? Those potato squeezers at the Variety store.

We wash and iron all flat work at 25c per dozen. West Coast Laundry.

You get full weight and first quality at the Central market. Just try it awhile.

$1150. Modern four-room cottage and 50x100 improved lot—terms. S. L. Dobie.

Come in and take a look at our new fall stock. They are beauties. Petersen & Noce, tailors.

$425. Must be sold soon—lot in St. Johns Park. ½ cash, balance $5 a month. S. L. Dobie.

See J. E. Williams and save rent by purchasing one of his fine residence properties on the installment plan.

Come in and take a look at our $25 suits, made to your measure. They are beauties. Petersen & Noce, tailors.

If in need of dental work call at rooms 5 in Holbrook block. Examination free, and advice cheerfully given to all.

Have your property insured in the St. Paul or Northern fire insurance companies. They are the best. S. L. Dobie, agent.

We are getting new customers every day. Satisfaction guaranteed. Give us a trial and be convinced. Ineeda Laundry.

Some very desirable corner lots near the new schoolhouse can be bought cheap and on the installment plan by applying to J. E. Williams.

D. S. Southmayd has a ton and a half of 1907 wall paper on hand for you to choose from. Prices and work guaranteed. Call and inspect this stock.

Are you hungry? then try the Home Bakery. They have the best of home made bread, pies and doughnuts. Try them, they are really good to eat.

"You'll find it at The National Tea store?" That's a mistake, it's at the Variety store where you find what you want. Remember 207 South Jersey St.

Try the Central Cigar stand one door north Peninsula Bank, 103, Jersey St. Exclusive cigars and tobaccos. Base ball headquarters. F. E. Goodell, proprietor.

The Ineeda Laundry makes a specialty of ladies' and children's white dresses and skirts, and fancy hand ironing. We have some of the best hand ironers on the coast.

All our meats are government inspected and the best that money can buy. They are neatly and carefully handled. Come in and leave your order for free delivery. Ward's Central Market.

If you want something good to eat go to the Home Bakery. That bread, those doughnuts and pies take the cake, and for a nice light noon day lunch take the whole bakery. Everything first class.

How is Your Title?

Have your abstracts made, continued or examined by H. Henderson, abstracter and notary public. Rooms 4 and 5, Leo Building, opposite postoffice. Accurate work. Reasonable fees.

J. T. Saylor of The Dalles, general foreman of construction of the Great Southern, south of that city, was in St. Johns Wednesday and made this office a pleasant visit. Railroaders are always welcome here. After 21 years in the service, we know how to sympathize with them. Mr. Saylor is an old friend of our townsman, S. C. Norton, and they were fellow workmen on the N. P. 15 years ago. Wednesday was the first time these old cronies had met since that time. Mr. Saylor shows his good judgment by purchasing a fine lot, and his business here this time is to arrange for the erection of an elegant residence for his future home here. We are happy to extend the glad hand to all the fraternity. They are the salt of the earth and are what makes the wheels go round. Were it not for our railroaders we would have a rocky time of it in these days of get there quick and rustle.

You are invited to attend the Congregational church next Sunday and hear the following subjects discussed—11 a. m., "A Mighty Helper;" 7:45 p. m., "Contrasted Paths and Opposite Characters." G. W. Nelson, pastor.

Ed Hurlburt brought his family down from Estacada to their Chicago street home Friday.

P. J. Peterson received a letter yesterday noon from Minot, N. D., which conveyed the sad information that his nephew, Alvin Albertson, about 20 years of age, while returning from a chicken hunt was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. The young man was riding in the rear seat of a hack with his loaded gun, which slipped in some manner and both barrels were discharged striking him in the head. The mother of the lad, Mr. Peterson's sister, is in very poor health and the shock caused by her son's death gives great uneasiness to the relatives for her welfare.

Mrs. Zoe Poulson and her two sons returned to their home in Turner, Mich., Wednesday after a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Poulson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hinman. Mr. Hinman hopes to prevail upon Mrs. Poulson and another daughter to come to St. Johns to live soon. Mrs. Poulson's husband has been for a long term of years a prominent instructor in the Turner educational institutions and would be a good ad lition to our force here. We hope they may see their way to come.