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A VISIT TO THE SCHOOLS

Editor Takes a Day off and Gets Acquainted With the Methods Used in Modern Institutions.

It has been said that the bulwark of the nation is the public school and there never was a greater truth uttered. It is the cradle of patriotism, the birthplace of that sterling integrity, indomitable energy and high degree of intelligence and ingenuity which has placed this nation at the head of all in the rank of nations. Another saying of the wise ones is to the effect that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." With all due honor to the mothers of our land, and they are entitled to the highest honors that can be bestowed upon human kind, we believe, and think history will sustain this belief, that the hand that wields the birch rules the world.

A great number of our brightest statesmen, leaders in the commercial and financial world, received but little of their training, which enabled them to make their great achievements, from their parents. To the instructions, example, words of encouragement and faithful, efficient help of their instructors in the public schools is due the honors that have come to them and whatever success they may have achieved in life. The school teacher stands out above and beyond all others in the training and development of the young. We do not except even the ministers of the gospel, whose work in life is supposed to be the highest of all, for the reason that they have but an hour or two one day in the week, whereas, the teacher has six or more, five days in the week. We find, too, that despite the immoral, degrading and debauching influences of evil homes and associations of the early life there have been very many men raised through this school life and the training they received there to honorable and respected positions, with characters beyond reproach, a credit to their country.

Then we think we should honor those who have the training of the young and give them our best support morally and financially. There is a most trying position. Their difficulties such as would dismay many who look with indifference and sometimes with contempt upon their calling, because of their dense ignorance of what their calling is.

It has always been a pleasure to us to visit our public schools and note the enthusiasm, the keenness, the intelligence, the energy displayed by the pupils and instructors therein. It always brings a feeling that so long as these institutions are sustained, our nation is safe. We do not know when we have passed more pleasant hours than those we devoted last week to a visit in our public schools. We first visited the high school building, which was erected during the past vacation, and is still not quite completed. This is a splendidly arranged structure, and the finishing and furnishings inside are in keeping with the structure itself as recently described in these columns. Mr. Williams, president of the school board, very kindly acted as chaperone during the visit and conducted us throughout the entire building. We met Miss C. A. Boss, the principal, in her office over the west entrance of the building. Miss Boss is a very able instructor, capable manager and is possessed of a pleasing, charming personality, which cannot but win for her the highest regard of her underteachers and pupils.

Misses Rundall and Waters have charge of the high school grades. Miss Johnson the 4th grade, Miss Dunn the 3d grade, Miss Beach the 2d grade, Miss Stevens the little tots who attend this school. Nowhere in any land may be found brighter, more interesting or capable young people than we have in our public schools here. We regret that there are not more young men and young women in the high school. There is a large number of young persons in the city who have passed beyond the age of compulsory education, that we did not find in the schoolroom who should by all means avail themselves of the instruction there, if it is possible for them so to do.

This building is located, as we said in a former mention of it, on a slight rise or knoll and in the west center of a half block so that when it becomes necessary, as it will in the near future, to build an addition it can be placed on the east end of the present structure and make a symmetrical arrangement of the whole. In the basement are rooms for the children to play, one for the boys and another for the girls, where they can take exercise without going out of doors in bad weather.

The building is furnished with a double McPherson furnace, a splendid draught furnace with a fan operated by electricity. There is not the slightest occasion for the rooms being uncomfortable at any time of the year. If the weather is too warm, the cold blast may be used and if cold, the warm air from the heater is wafted into the rooms by means of the fan. At all times pure fresh air is kept in circulation, making the rooms healthful to the highest degree. In the recitation rooms there is abundant blackboard space and closets are provided to each room for the care of the books, clothing, etc. of the pupils. In fact, there has been nothing left undone which would add to the comfort of the pupils or convenience of all in the building. The rooms are kept in the best of shape by the janitor, Mr. Clark, who is as proud of his class as are the instructors in the rooms above of theirs.

(Continued next week)

THE CITY DADS IN SESSION

Council Meets on Tuesday Evening and Transacts Its Usual Budget of Important Municipal Business

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening, and transacted the grist of routine business in their usual careful and harmonious manner. Nothing of special interest came before the body for their consideration with the exception of the new charter proposition. The new councilman, Peter Autzen, was on hand, and as Recorder Esson stated that Mr. Autzen had taken the oath of office before him previous to the meeting, he took his chair as a full fledged father of the city of St. Johns.

Roll call showed all members present, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after a slight alteration, approved.

A petition from J. F. Wyvel was read. The petitioner prayed for permission to alter his building near the St. Johns hotel in a manner satisfactory to himself, but as no definite specifications were presented council held the matter over for more light on the subject.

Recorder Esson announced the appointment of E. W. Garlick as special police at the skating rink in place of Mr. Piggott, resigned. The appointment was satisfactory to the dads and duly approved.

The following bills were read: Portland General Electric Co., for fluid used during the past three months, \$120.30; water for September, fourteen hydrants at \$3.50 each, \$49; refund to the trustees of the Evangelical church, \$6.08. On motion these bills were ordered paid, as was also \$300 on the bill of \$535 for jail cells. A bill of \$19.30 presented by the firemen for looking after the recent fire and taking care of the apparatus afterward was read, but this amount appearing rather steep for the work done, the bill was held over for revision.

The recorder reported that the four petitions necessary to bring the charter question before the people for balloting thereon had been duly filed. Attorney Greene then stated that the next step to take in the matter was to pass an ordinance calling for a special election for the purpose of voting on the passage and adoption of the charter. He, therefore, presented an ordinance which he had prepared calling for the election to take place on January 8, next. This quickly passed first, second and third reading and was placed on its final passage. It will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The following were then named and duly appointed as officers to hold said election: First ward—Judges, Marion Johnson, John Poff and C. S. Thompson; clerks, O. E. Learned and O. R. Downs. Second ward—Judges, P. W. Hinman, N. A. Gee and C. W. Potter; clerks, Chas. Davis and L. B. Chipman.

The city hall affairs were then discussed, and the city attorney was instructed to bring action against the Youngferdorf bondsmen for damages sustained by the city by reason of the delay in getting the hall finished. Twenty-five dollars was allowed the attorney to defray expense of getting the matter before the court.

R. C. Clark was reappointed special police at the school house by the mayor, and the appointment confirmed by council.

City Engineer Edwards formally accepted the city hall as it now stands, and said acceptance was ordered filed.

Trolley at Whitwood Court.

It is quite probable that a trolley line will be running between Whitwood Court and Portland before many moons. Engineers have been at work for some time driving lines through that territory, and that an earnest effort will be made to accomplish this is evidenced by the announcement made several days ago by Attorney A. C. Enmons, for the United Railways Company, that application would soon be made to the county commissioners for a right of way to construct a railway down the Linnton road to the western boundary line of the county, and from thence through Washington county to Hillsboro. It was suggested that this would be a more feasible route to reach the Cornelius gap through which the proposed line to Hillsboro will pass than by running through Macleay Park, as proposed in the original grant to the Oregon Traction company. In addition to securing an easier grade for the road in this way, a track down the west bank of the river would give inter-urban railway facilities to the rapidly growing manufacturing and residence districts of the west bank of the Willamette.

Left for Iowa.

Ve editor, yielding to a desire to once more visit the scenes of his childhood and again get his feet under the parental table, took his departure for Albia, Iowa, Saturday afternoon with a smile two feet long spreading itself over his countenance. As a consequence the force is trying to get out the paper while the editor is busy hunting up the stones on which he stumped his toes in his barefoot days and washing an accumulation of printers' ink off his form in the old swimming hole. So, we hope the Review readers will overlook any discrepancies that may occur during the two weeks of the editor's absence.

Hitting Him Hard.

Some miserable skunk in human form whose birth is, to say the least, doubtful, and whose destination is Hades, has distinguished himself during the past week by stealing the swing ropes of the children from the park. For the good of the community we hope the thief will get tangled up and hung in the very ropes he has stolen. We deeply regret being obliged to admit that so miserable a wretch exists in our community.—White Salmon Enterprise.

One the Cliff Dwellers.

C. A. Hickie, who is now located at Cliffs, the new town along the Columbia on the North Bank railroad, was in this city Tuesday. He says things are humming in the new town.

Baptist Church Dedication.

The St. Johns Baptist church was dedicated in an appropriate manner on Sunday. Dr. J. Whitcomb Brouger of Portland preached the dedicatory sermon, and his eloquent preaching was listened to by a large concourse of our inhabitants. We understand enough money was raised at these services to practically clear the church from debt.

In the evening the services were conducted by the resident pastors of the various churches of the city and the crowded house was sufficient evidence of the interest St. Johns people have in the promotion of ecclesiastical work in the city.

The Baptist congregation has reason to congratulate itself upon the completion of this handsome and substantial structure. Especially is great credit due the pastor, Rev. E. A. Leonard, through whose untiring efforts the new church became possible. The edifice is nicely located and is an ornament to the city.

High Price for Pears.

Medford pears this year have smashed all records for high prices in the New York market. Comice pears from the Rogue River valley this week sold in New York for \$8 per box, or \$4 per half box, at auction. This means about 50 cents apiece to the retail purchaser of the fruit in the New York market. Two cars of Medford Comices were sold, one from the C. H. Lewis, Bear Creek orchard, which grossed \$4,622.80, and the other from J. W. Perkins' orchard, which grossed \$4,558. The highest price secured last season was \$3.450 gross by Perkins fruit.

Still Another Bank.

We clip the following from the Oregonian of October 3: The application of F. P. Drinker of Portland, A. E. Drinker, C. B. Russell, Alexander Sweek and F. A. Voertman to organize the First National Bank of St. Johns, Oregon, with \$25,000 capital has been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency. If this bank materializes it will mean that St. Johns will be supplied with three banking institutions.

Repudiates the Map.

Portland, October 5, 1907—Editor: We notice in your issue of October 4th a comment on a cheap map recently sold by canvassers claiming that the map is a publication of our company. Such is not the case, and we know nothing whatever of its authors. Kindly publish some notice to this effect to offset what you have said with reference to us. The Title Guarantee and Trust Co.

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Stars Defeat Wabashes.

A ball team comprised of a sprinkling of players from various teams of the Tri-City League, styling themselves All-Stars (although, by the way, some of them did not live up to their title) met and vanquished the Wabash team at the local grounds Sunday afternoon. The game was a very lop-sided affair, as the pride of Portland amateur clubs was unable to connect with the ball with any degree of safety. It was only through the generosity of the pitcher for the Stars and the mud fingers of the second baseman who didn't star that they secured any runs at all. Our own Charlie Moore was the particular bright star of the bunch. Four times did he wield his mighty stick with telling effect, twice for three-baggers and twice for singles. Many nice catches were made on both sides, and while the clubs were illy matched we believe everybody got the worth of their money. The score was 15 to 6 in favor of the heavenly bodies.

Beats Minnesota All Hollow.

William Adams, wife and son of Minnesota, are the latest arrivals in St. Johns, and have decided to make this their future home. They are very much taken with this part of the country and think it a great contrast to Minnesota. When they left there the denizens were wearing heavy fur coats and everything was cold, dead and dismal, and it was a great as well as very agreeable surprise to find the grass green and the flowers still blooming in St. Johns. Mr. Adams thinks if the people in those cold eastern states could be made to realize what a delightful climate we really have the railroads could not accommodate the passengers that would come this way.

Charlie Makes Great Record.

Charlie Moore, who pitched for and was manager of the St. Johns team the past season, made the best batting record of any player in the Tri-City league for the number of times at the bat. His official record shows that he was at bat 98 times, made 28 runs and 40 hits, his percentage being 408. This is a record that he may justly feel proud of. It is unusual for a pitcher to stand very high in the batting column of any league, but Charlie got there with both feet.

A Good Sized Boil.

The alcohol plant at Whitwood Court was the scene of a slight blaze Sunday morning. The pitch kettle boiled over and for a time there was grave danger of the entire plant going up in smoke. It required considerable hustling on the part of the employes to subdue the flames. The loss to the plant was slight.

OREGON CORN FLAKE CO.

A New Industry that is Making a Bid for Public Favor In St. Johns.

St. Johns should wake up to the realization that there is an opportunity knocking at their doors for one of the biggest establishments in the city. The gentlemen who have the proposition to offer are prepared to demonstrate what they can do. They have gone to the trouble and expense to put up a small plant in order to give a practical demonstration of their knowledge and ability to make good all their words. There is nothing so convincing as the handling of the goods. We have reference to the manufacture of Corn Flake breakfast food, Cereal coffee, and numerous other cereal products.

Messrs. Page and Stanford, the originators of these new products have their plant in operation and samples may be seen at any time. These gentlemen say they have been offered \$50,000 for their acres in the manufacture of these goods, but they choose to operate its manufacture themselves, which they are sure will bring in before many years more than that amount of profit to them in a year. There are several parties in other cities who have made them splendid offers to locate their plant there, but they like St. Johns, like the location here, realize the advantages to be found in St. Johns for handling their products; the two railroads here, with all their connections reaching all parts of the continent, the deep harbor for the shipping of their output to foreign ports and to Pacific coast points, that will at the same time enable them to ship corn in from the Philippines at a cheaper rate than they can ship it from the east, and unload right at their doors. All these advantages are not to be found anywhere else, and if they can get anything like the same inducements to locate here they will do so.

A certain factory manufacturing these foods in the east which is turning out a product that cannot compare with that of this factory, started with a small gasoline stove a few years ago, now are doing more than a million dollars worth of business in a year. Their product is shipped to the coast, the people here have to pay the freight in addition to the price of the product. Why not have it made here, get it fresh from the factory, a better product than the other factory can make, because of a better process, and at better prices? Mr. Page will meet the people with his proposition in a few days. Some one is going to help finance this institution and are going to do so soon. It should be St. Johns men and the factory should remain here. We should have this enterprise here with its 50 to 100 employes on its payroll, with its dividends adding to the wealth of St. Johns, and its products adding to the commerce of the city. The little plant these gentlemen have put in is, of course, simply to show in a way what the products will be and cannot be expected to do as good work as the full plant regularly installed; but the product of this incomplete establishment will compare favorably with anything in the market.

Mr. Page says they will observe the strictest rules of cleanliness and sanitation. No one will be permitted to work in their factory who uses tobacco in any form. In fact, they will study their employes and select them before a word is said to them about work in the factory, so that they will know their employes thoroughly as to their habits, and none will be employed who do not come up to their standard. It is only in this way he said that one can be sure always to put out an absolutely perfect product.

We trust our business men and men of means in St. Johns will see to it that this institution does not get away from here, but that within a few years the Oregon Corn Flake company will be shipping its product by the car load to all parts of the country. There are now several gentlemen waiting to take the product. One gentleman, alone, has assured Mr. Page that he would take every pound of the output and handle it for the company. We believe the company could be organized so that they could handle their own output without the intervention of the middleman, selling directly to the retailers. It would take more help here in St. Johns, create a bigger payroll, but we really think it would make a bigger revenue to the company. We certainly hope for a favorable consideration of this proposition by our people.

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