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MORE NEW INDUSTRIES

Foundry and Stove Works and Union Iron Works Located near new Bridge now in Operation.

It is refreshing to go out to some of our industries and see the energy, enterprise and thrift displayed in their work after listening to some calamity howler who seems to think that the country is going to eternal smash 365 days and some odd hours every year. We were down near the bridge across J. J. Hill's big canal across the peninsula Monday where the foundry and stove works of J. M. Leach is in operation and visited the new Union Iron Works installing their plant. Both these institutions are working as busy as beavers and do not seem to know that there is anything wrong with the country and it is just such institutions as this that are making the country. They are having all that they can do and have no time to spend in blackguarding the president or ripping the government up the back. They are simply saying nothing and sawing wood.

These two institutions while being separate organizations work well together and have an admirable location on the suburban line and near the Hill road. They will have every facility for handling their products, besides being convenient to water will give them an outlet for coast trade. The Corn Flake Food company have their location in the same vicinity, although making this a busy little corner of the city. There is a wide scope of unoccupied territory there which will sooner or later be grabbed up by industrial plants and these institutions will make a good starter for quite a bunch of factories of different kinds. The suburban has promised these gentlemen a spur soon as they get their plants in operation which will greatly add to the convenience of their operation. They are beginning in an economical manner by manufacturing and taking orders for the simpler parts of the business first and increasing their business as they get the machinery in. In this way they make their expenses as they go along and rapidly increase their plants. Their mill tools will be drop forged from the best of steel and will successfully compete with the best in the market.

The Union Iron Works are putting in some of the finest machinery in the city. In the blacksmith department they have installed a 25-horse power boiler which supplies the motive force for a 20-horse power engine. This operates a splendid iron lathe 16 feet long with a 24-inch swing, is a double reversible high speed lathe of the latest style. They have besides the lathe a drill press with 24-inch swing, with bits of all sizes used in such an institution, a steam trip hammer and forging hammer, a triple gear shaper and a double arbor emery wheel and power hack saw for sawing iron bars, all operated by the engine.

This company will manufacture loggers tools, sawmill machinery, etc., and do general repair work of all kinds. Their shop is 60x70 feet, one story, made in two rooms. The west one is the machine shop in which is located the engine, lathe, drill press, shaper, hacksaw, emery wheels, the necessary work benches and vices for their work, while the other room contains the boiler, steam hammers, two forges, a power blower for the forges and other blacksmithing utensils. It is the most complete establishment of the kind in the city and should meet with abundant success and we believe it will. W. R. Jenkinson has charge of the machine shop and besides being an expert machinist, is a gentleman in every sense of the word, and one whom it is a pleasure to meet. We are under many obligations to him for information we could not gather by the use of our peepers. The foundry and stove works and this big machine shop will make a very busy place when they are going in full force. Being very near the dry dock there will be a great deal of marine and ship work which will naturally fall to them and which they are admirably equipped to do. There is nothing that gives us more pleasure than to make note of these industries coming into St. Johns, for it proves to us more and more conclusively that our first estimate of this place was a good one and every time a good thing like this gets on its feet and begins to turn out the work, we feel just like the fellow that "hollers" "I told you so."

FIRE BOYS ELECT OFFICERS

Fire Department Worthy of Greater Recognition in the Matter of an Appropriation from the City Council.

The fireboys met on the 23d of October and elected a new firechief, the honor falling upon Barney F. Noonan and the roster of the organization now stands: J. F. Hendricks, president; B. P. Noonan, chief; Adam F. Kaemlein, first assistant to the chief; W. E. Coon, second assistant; K. C. Couch, treasurer; W. J. Lunny, secretary; L. M. Oihuse, captain hose cart, No. 1; Jess Linquist, captain hose cart No. 2; W. L. Speer, captain of hook and ladder company; Al. Shaw, captain of chemical engine company; J. T. King, fire police. All of these citizens are known to be energetic and enterprising men, who have the best interests of the city at heart, who are prompt to get to the front at any emergency call and are men the citizens will be glad to assist in any way they can.

There is nothing which can add so much to the security of property and at times to the safety of the lives of our people as a good well drilled enthusiastic fire department. There are thousands of instances on record of most disastrous fires costing the country in the aggregate billions of dollars because of inefficient fire fighting organizations. The greatest of these which we recall at present is the great Chicago fire, which had there been a well equipped, well drilled fire company anywhere near would have been smothered out with but little loss. There are thousands of others in the same class which perhaps has not been so indelibly fixed upon our mind because of not being personally interested to the extent we were in the Chicago disaster. There are many instances in our own state of this kind. The little town of Gervais up the valley here is one which comes to mind. Nothing could be obtained from their officials or citizens until a fire swept their town off the map, then, like Chicago, they organized a fire fighting corps which was the pride of every citizen and which could not be excelled anywhere for its efficiency. We wonder if it is going to be the same way with St. Johns. About 22 or 23 years ago we fought a fire in the old town of Albia, Iowa, from about 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. when the Barnes house of that place burned, with the highest wind blowing we ever experienced in that town, and had we such a fire department as we have here in St. Johns it would have burned every house between that and the edge of town to the east. But they had the best fire engine money could buy, they had men who had the sand to stay, and they kept the fire confined to the one building. Of course there were many of the citizens who were not members of the fire companies who assisted and if they had not, even the companies could not have prevented other fires, for burning shingles were carried three and four blocks and were only prevented from starting other fires by the watchfulness of the citizens. We have a photograph of the old engine in our window presented to us by Fire Chief John Alford, on our recent visit home.

Do you know what is the matter with our fire department? Just listen a bit. We have been among the boys. We hear lots of things most people do not, because we make that our business. We are looking out for anything we think will help the city. That is part of our business. There are lots of good things we miss, but while lots of them get away, we get some of them. And this is one of them. We have just as good men in our fire department as can be found anywhere between here and Halifax. They have the best interests of the city at heart just as much as you or I or any other man, and besides that they have the pride, the honor of the fire department as another incentive to making their best effort whenever duty calls. Do you know that this last named commodity is the best? Do you know when men will not work for money or praise or orders or force of any kind that may be brought to bear upon them, they will work until they die for the honor, the integrity, the pride of their calling? And it matters not whether it is in the fire department, on the battle field, in the shops or anywhere that regular organization prevails. Let us just whisper to you what is wrong with our fire department. It is very poorly equipped with fire fighting apparatus, very poorly. It has about the nicest little hall, but the most uncomfortable, least attractive rendezvous for fireboys we have ever seen. It is cold, there is not half enough furniture to accommodate the boys; they are dropping out of the company, so that now there are but about 25, while a few months ago there were 50, and they would have been all gone in a short time and we would have had no fire fire company than a jack rabbit, had not the dues which were 25c a month been cut off. They have become tired of routing out at any hour, tearing their shirts to get to the fire two or three seconds quicker than the other fellow, ruining a good suit of clothes or at least getting them soiled so as to necessitate a visit to the cleaner, paying a fine if they miss a fire and paying 25c a month for the privilege of doing this, without any help from the city. Some of our citizens are heartily in favor of appropriating a small sum for the boys to cover these incidentals and we believe that all of them would be glad to do this. We have not been able to see all of them, but we have not heard a single objection from any one. They most certainly deserve it. The least the city can do is to show their appreciation of the work the boys are trying to do by making such an appropriation. It would foster and cherish that esprit du corps which would cause the boys to go through anything for the honor of their department. We believe the council can do nothing better for the good of the city than to appropriate \$50 per quarter for the use of the fire department; thus enabling them to create a fund that will help the boys to have their clothing cleaned when they are badly soiled, or replace a garment when accidentally ruined, besides giving them something with which to decorate their hall and make it an agreeable place to spend their meeting nights. We are satisfied that no enterprising, right-minded citizen would offer an objection to such an appropriation, because it is simple justice. We cannot expect the boys to have fire drill outside of working hours, pay for the cleaning of their clothing soiled and damaged in work for the citizens at large, deny themselves social pleasures in order to attend their fire meetings hustle out any time day or night and work like niggers, all for glory, devoid of any expression of even common gratitude from our people. It is not right, it is not common justice and we do not blame the boys for quitting that kind of a job.

Of course, our city daddies are guarding the city finances jealously. They cannot bring themselves to spend a dollar which they are not obliged to; but surely it is the very poorest policy and the most false economy to take the risk of losing thousands of dollars to save fifty, and at the same time impose upon an energetic, enterprising class of men a burden, which the city by all the principles of ethics, should bear. From what we have been able to gather from the boys they will be satisfied with \$50 per quarter or \$200 per annum and we will be able to get men to take hold of the fire department who will save this many times over every year, and possibly at some auspicious time save it a thousand times at one fire. We wish to insist upon a serious and careful consideration of this question on the part of the council at their earliest possible opportunity.

University Park Not Affected.

A little run down to University Park Monday did not disclose any difference in the bustling village on account of the hard times on Wall street. Every available man was busy as could be in stores, factories, building houses, clearing ground for others, grading lots, in fact, every avenue of business was pushing with its usual vigor. The same conditions prevail at Portsmouth and here in St. Johns everything is on the qui vive. Our people are not alarmed for the outcome and we think there is no need for any alarm. The country is too prosperous, the productions in all lines are too great to stand for any permanent depression.

Beats Tacoma and Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Jensen of Watertown, S. D., are in the city with a view to locating here. They have been in Seattle and Tacoma and taken a sample of each place and are now sampling our bustling little city. There is no doubt in our mind. They will be come one of us. It is too good a place to overlook. They are nice people too, being old newspaper "men" they could not be anything else, and we give them the glad hand.

Installed a Fine New Desk.

H. G. Ogden, the handsome real estate man who has a desk in our office, has become so prosperous that it necessitated a larger desk to take proper care of his business and he has treated himself to a nice big roll top that shines like a nigger's heel in a mud hole. It is an ornament to our office and when it was installed we promptly turned around and shook hands with ourselves.

Get the Dough Just the Same.

Checks "payable only through clearing house" get the money just the same as the old fashioned kind for all necessary purposes. This little hesitation in the stream of financial wealth, when Oregon is producing for the good year 1907 a lumber product of \$30,000,000, live stock and wool worth \$20,000,000, poultry and eggs worth \$3,000,000, a grain crop worth \$15,000,000 and a fruit crop of \$5,000,000, and erecting buildings worth \$20,000,000, seems just a little queer, and things will right themselves. Oregon banks have plenty of money, our people are out of debt, our mortgages are paid, and a little cool judgment and optimism will bring us out all right.

Coming Back to St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bickner of Oswego were visiting in Portland last week and came over to St. Johns Saturday. Mrs. Bickner's sister and baby of Seattle are visiting them and accompanied them to St. Johns. Mrs. Bickner declares there is no place like St. Johns and that in the near future they are coming back here to live, which will be good news to their many friends here and shows their good taste and judgment.

Will Sing at M. E. Church.

H. Butterworth will sing at the Sunday morning service in the M. E. church. Many of our people know of Mr. Butterworth's excellent work and will be glad of this opportunity to hear him. Mr. Butterworth is our new jeweler in the Holbrook block.

Elegant Case of the Mumps.

Mrs. G. W. Dunbar has the finest case of the mumps you ever saw and while the lady does not weigh much more than 100 she thinks her cheeks weigh a ton. Recently, her daughter, Miss Sula, had a face that reminded one of a pocket gopher with a full load, but she has the laugh on her good mama now.

Our Devil Takes a Holiday.

Mrs. George H. Lynn and David Byerlee, jr., went to Hood River Saturday to spend Sunday. Mrs. Lynn will remain a few days, but Dave returned Monday night to continue his job of playing the devil in the Review office.

Reminds Us of Old Times.

B. F. Belieu is suffering from a lame back and hardly able to get around. He has our sympathy, for we were hooked up the same way a few years ago, but we "out-growed" it.

A RAMBLE ABOUT TOWN

Ye Editor Takes a Trip Through Several of Our Business Houses and Tells About It

When a stranger comes in on the car line, just as he turns the corner onto Jersey street the car stops and lets him get off at the real estate office of P. A. Bredeen, one of the most genial and successful of our real estate agents. Anyone looking into that pair of big blue eyes and honest face of his knows at once he is dealing with a square fellow and has confidence in what he says. That is half the battle in handling real estate, and accounts for Mr. Bredeen's success.

Coming up the line from Mr. Bredeen's the next thing that attracts his attention is the display of magazines and books in the city bookstore owned by L. B. Chipman in the McChesney block, one of the finest brick blocks in the city. It is 100x100 feet and two stories, the floor not the store. The bookstore occupies the north room and carries a fine line of books, magazines, periodicals, stationery and stationers, notions. Mr. Chipman is an old timer here, knows the needs of his patrons and keeps his stock well supplied with the necessary articles to supply their wants. In the same room is established the St. Johns Title, Abstract and Trust company where the patrons needing their services will always find competent and expert help to attend to their wants.

The next room is occupied by A. Unger, the cigar man. Mr. Unger has had a lifetime experience in the manufacture of cigars and tobacco and manufactures his own cigars. He carries the finest line of cigars that can be produced from the best tobaccos procurable. He also keeps the finest line of pipes in the city, in fact there are no better in Portland. Mr. Unger also operates a pool room where he has three or four fine tables, with no dead cushions, rough surfaces or ragged baize coverings, but everything is first class. Mr. Unger is a genial, pleasant manager, with whom it is pleasant to spend an idle hour.

G. Ward occupies the next room with a splendid line of candies and other confectioneries. They also keep all kinds of fresh fruits and nuts in season ice cream, sodas, etc. It is a nice, neat, clean, homelike place to spend an hour treating your wife or sweetheart and is deservedly popular with the best people of our city.

The next room is occupied by the postoffice. Here St. Johns' Nasby, F. W. Valentine, holds sway, ably seconded by Deacon Pogran, in the person of W. H. Moxon. The worst fault we have to find with these enterprising gentlemen is they never have any special sales and we have never been able to land a good ad from them yet. We would like to boom the stamp sales and secure free delivery in the city, but they do not seem inclined to make any concessions, even during the holidays, but charge two cents for every redheaded stamp they have on sale. If they would have special sales and throw in an automobile or something like that for the lucky holder of the cross-eyed, redheaded stamp, the last one of some issue they were dealing in, they might run the stamp sales up until we would have free delivery here; but this old fashioned way of every day the same there is no inducement for one to buy stamps and burn them up in order to buy more like there would be if there was an auto coming. We think Nasby and the Deacon should get a hunch on to their business and advertise a fire sale or something to increase their output. We want a free delivery and will have it if we have to buy the whole postoffice and run it ourselves. These few suggestions we leave with our fellow sufferers in the postoffice and hope they may have effect. If there could be some inducement for our people to buy all the stamps they have there it would soon insure getting free delivery, for that is the basis upon which the free delivery system is handled and when the stamp sales reach a certain point we can get the free delivery for the asking, but not until we reach that point and the Deacon says we are several dollars or more below that amount of sales yet.

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