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SHOULD BE CLOSED.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the communication of Hon. K. C. Couch, city mayor, in reply to our editorial criticizing the city council for what we believe to be a disregard of the wishes of the majority of the better class of the people they have been elected to serve.

Our good mayor thinks he has scored one against the writer when he asserts that we approved the ordinance reducing the age from 18 to 16 years. We still believe it would be better to admit them to the pool rooms here at the age of 16 and keep them here than to permit them to go to Portland where these dens are infinitely more filthy than they are here. It would be better to keep the boys here between the ages of 16 and 18 where they can be watched over by the proper officials and their own friends than to go to Portland where they meet with no restraint.

The mayor, we believe too, has struck the key note when he says if these places of amusement are a menace and a nuisance they should be shut up. We most heartily agree with him. But right here is where the honorable mayor and city council and your humble servant part. We believe, and we think we judge from experience and observation that has extended over more than a quarter of a century when we say that they are an evil, a menace to the morals of the city, a nuisance to the better class of society in general and therefore according to the verdict of the mayor should be shut up.

Nor do we wish to be misunderstood. There is no more harm in skating or in playing pool properly, than there is in playing ball or marbles. It is in the association of the innocent young with the vicious who frequent these places that the harm is done. The ruin of our boys and girls is clearly traceable to these places which are but one step removed from the saloons themselves.

It was not the skating rinks, pool rooms and bowling alleys alone we referred to in our article, but to the saloons as they are permitted to operate. It has been but a short time since we saw on the street one evening two young boys, not to exceed 15 or 16 years of age so drunk they could scarcely walk. It is commonly reported all over the city that certain saloons have bawdy houses over them and gambling hells beneath them. We have been told that these conditions have been reported to the mayor and the city council, but so far there has been no action taken to mitigate these infamous practices or eliminate them from the city, and when the citizens begin to awaken to the realization of their position and demand the first restrictive law, their demands are made sport of by our councilmen and turned down.

To our good friend Mayor Couch we would say, it is not the specific act of burglary alone to which we had reference, but to those other worse conditions which exist, that of the immoral acts of the seven young people sent to the juvenile court the same week, the drunken boys on our streets, which we honestly believe was the outcome of the associations of these young people in these places of amusement; their observance of the apparent indifference of the council to the immoral, indecent unlawful practices of different saloons, and these places referred to and we believe that this is but the beginning, and that if rigid enforcement of stringent laws is not observed, these cases of depravity will be multiplied many times to the ruin of St. Johns as a fit place to bring a family, and naturally to the stoppage of all advancement in our city socially, morally, commercially or otherwise. We are glad our mayor took this matter up. We believe in publicity. The more that is known of the conditions as they exist, the greater hope is there for a remedy being effected. We believe our council, if they will but stop a moment and consider the end to which these things all tend, will take the necessary steps to remedy the evils in these conditions, without the initiative of our citizens.

The flimsy excuse that it is not safe to land at our little city dock was rudely brushed aside Monday of this week when the Alliance, one of our coasters, landed there and took on a big shipment of flour from the Jobs flour mill. It is a plain case of discrimination against St. Johns, and if our shippers would take it up we believe the river boats could be made to stop here the same as they do at other landings.

Our readers will please take note of the extract from the recent postal law, given at the head of these columns. This ruling will necessitate our paying about 12 cents per week for those who are more than a year behind on their subscription. This we cannot afford to do, so that when a subscriber runs more than a year behind we will have to cut them off the list. We will give our subscribers until the first of April, the time suggested by the department in which to pay up within the limit. After that date we shall be obliged to remove from our lists all names of subscribers who are more than a year delinquent.

There are rumors and rumors of buildings that are to be erected in the spring. These sound good to us and we are glad to hear them. We would be happier still if we were sure of all of them as we are of one good building which will be erected within the next 90 days and be occupied by one of the best business enterprises in the city.

One of the best things this council has done for many a day is to make provisions for some of the unemployed. There are very few in the city and it is ever so much better to give them employment and make good which can be sold when seasoned and dry, at a price which will not only return to the treasury the money expended, but a reasonable interest for the use of the same. It is a wise, good move and should be commended by every citizen of the berg.

If the county commissioners will agree to operate the ferry, of which there is little doubt, and our ferry people will sell their boat at reasonable figures and we think they will, St. Johns will soon have one of the best things that has ever come to this town; but there is one thing certain, and that is, our people should have a definite statement from the commissioners that they will operate the ferry before that boat is purchased by the city. Otherwise there would be an elephant on our hands. The city cannot afford for several years to operate this ferry alone. The free ferry will be a great good to the county. It will be of as much benefit to the county in getting crushed rock from the crusher across the river as it will be a convenience and benefit to our people, therefore we think the commissioners will be very glad to grant our request to operate the ferry.

Miss Fox, county superintendent for the library association, was in the city Wednesday and gave this office a pleasant little visit. Miss Fox is a most interesting and enthusiastic worker for the library, and is especially interested in the library here at St. Johns. She says that any one who has a card here can take the card with them to the home library in Portland and get any book on their shelves, the same as if they were residents in Portland, and that any book they request from the library that is issued to their members there may be obtained on the cards held here as soon as the book can be sent out. Every Tuesday a new supply of books is sent out and old books from the shelves here are returned. This exchange of books is increased as the use of the books grows here. If we would have a larger supply of books on hand here we must make a larger use of the books per week.

The impression seems to have been gaining ground that this library is an old woman's scheme and that it is not patronized except by women folk and a few decrepit old men who have not the means to buy books, or are too penurious to do so; but such is not the case. Some of the best educated men in the city of Portland watch this library and refer to its new books on all the sciences and arts to keep in touch with the latest developments. In fact the best patrons of the library are among the best educated and brightest minds of the country. Behind the management of the library are some of the strongest men we have in the country. So that, instead of being the work of decrepit old men and a lot of old women, it is the work and the cherished work of the brightest and best of our people both male and female, and among these are some of the oldest and most honored men and women of our city and state. The library is doing a great work in the dissemination of knowledge and could do one hundred fold more good if our people would but take advantage of this one of the best opportunities ever presented for gaining knowledge during leisure hours.

At the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. E. A. Leonard, in Portsmouth, Wednesday, January 29th, Edward C. Petersen and Miss Estella May Wood. The happy pair started for Tacoma yesterday morning where they will visit the sister of the groom for a few days. They will be at home to their friends at 1179 East Thirtieth street, Portland, after their return.

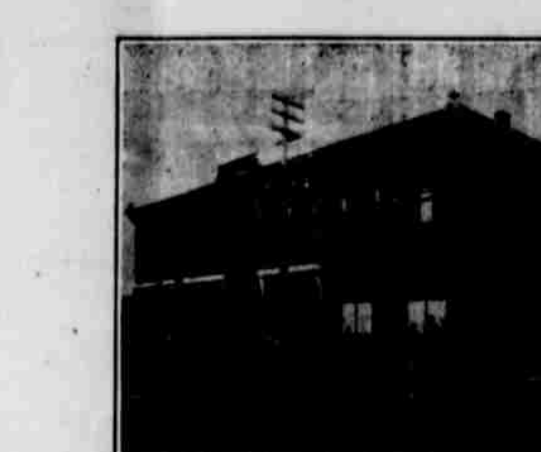
Mr. Petersen is well known in St. Johns as the senior member of the firm of Petersen & Noce, tailors, has a host of friends in the city who will wish him and his fair young bride a most happy life. Mrs. Petersen while not so well known here as her husband has made many friends in the city with whom the Review joins in extending felicitations to the captor of our good friend. The only regret we can express is that they do not make their home with us.

In Portland, Wednesday evening Jan. 29th, C. R. Beckley and Harriet Applegate of Douglass county, Rev. F. L. Young, of the Methodist church officiating.

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Jersey Street, St. Johns

tank, in fact, one of his intimate friends stated that Joe was as many kinds of a d-d fool as Heinz made pickles. Joe said nothing and sawed wood. He put his scheme through to a finish and he now furnishes power to the Hood River flour mills, to the O. R. & N. for all their engines, to numerous other smaller power users and has enough water left to supply twice as much more.

There was a called meeting of the Commercial club Friday evening at which there were visitors from University Park, Piedmont, and other points on the peninsula. The object of the meeting was to take some action in reference to securing a free ferry for the city.

The committees from the other points on the peninsula sought a union of forces by means of a general executive committee composed of delegates from all the organizations on the peninsula, viz: the Commercial club at St. Johns, board of trade, University Park, Nolita club of Piedmont, the Peninsula Improvement society and a fifth organization to be formed at Arbor Lodge.

The immediate objects these organizations have in view is the improvement of the streets, better car service and the free ferry at St. Johns. In this last improvement the sections covered by these organizations are as deeply interested as are our own citizens.

A petition was framed to be presented to the city council asking that body to take the matter up also. The meeting appointed Mr. Perkins secretary to represent the club at the meetings of the other bodies until the next regular meeting of the organization when the regular delegate will be elected.

There is no doubt that this executive committee will prove very beneficial to the peninsula. The interests of the different sections of the entire peninsula are identical and by thus combining their forces will be able to accomplish a great deal more than either section could do singly.

At the residence of the bride's son, S. Crane, 415 Oswego street, Sunday, January 26, 1908, T. J. Losey and Mrs. C. A. Sparschuh. Mrs. Losey sprang a big surprise on her many friends here when the fact was announced that she had again taken a partner for better or worse. No one was aware that she was considering such a step, and the surprise was all the more complete. Mrs. Losey is proprietress of the Home Bakery and through her skill in the baking art has built up and now enjoys the leading bakery business of this city.

The groom is a recent arrival from Topeka, Kansas, where he has been engaged in the bakery business, also. He is a thorough business man, and it is the intention of the newly mated pair to combine their forces and enlarge their business here.

COMMUNICATED.

Editor Review:—In reply to the editorial of last week headed, "Who is at fault?" will say I did not intend the few remarks I made at last week's council meeting any roast for our worthy editor, but will say I meant what I said. Now if any sane man can show me where any of the city officials or city laws are to blame for the conduct indulged in by three or four of our Point View boys two weeks ago Sunday in breaking into three or four residences in that locality and helping themselves to what they wanted, I will lay down. I believe I have put myself on record as to having the welfare of our boys at heart, by vetoing the ordinance that passed the council last fall changing the age limit from eighteen to sixteen years, to enter pool rooms and when this proposed ordinance passed the council and was generally supposed to have become a law, our worthy editor put his stamp of approval on it believing it to be a good change. My position in regard to the skating rink and pool room ordinance that has been before the council for so long is this; if the skating rink and pool rooms are such hell holes as our worthy editor claims for them they should be put out of business entirely. It is not reasonable in my mind to suppose that our boys and girls can go to these places of amusement for six days and nights and no harm befall them and then on that particular day referred to by the proposed ordinance commonly called Sunday, they are all brought to ruin and shame.

Therefore, if these places of amusement are a menace and a public nuisance, they should be shut up. However, I will say this, if the council passes the proposed ordinance, I will not veto it but would suggest that the Portland council be presented with a petition asking them to pass an ordinance not allowing any of the St. Johns boys or girls in the pool rooms or skating rinks on Sunday.

Respectfully yours,
K. C. Couch.

A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. About two months ago our baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. We had two doctors but no relief was obtained. Everybody thought she would die. I went to eight different stores to find a certain remedy which had been recommended to me and failed to get it, when one of the storekeepers insisted that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and our baby is alive and well to day.—Geo. W. Spence, Holly Spring, N. C. For sale by St. Johns Drug Store.

Watch St. Johns grow this year.
NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.
In order to insure a change of advertisement the copy for such change should reach this office not later than Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Please remember this and save the printer.

ONE BIT-A-WEEK
If You want to buy, rent, sell or exchange property see Wolcott (The Rent Man.)
Carpet and Rug Weaving—Leave orders with Mrs. Godsey, 301 Mohawk street.
For Rent—Five room modern house, river view. See J. E. Colvin in concrete block building, Jersey street. 111f

PICKED UP—On the river a two room scow, about Oct. 15, 1907. Owner can have same proving property and paying charges. W. E. Ashby. 12-p
WOOD FOR SALE—Having purchased the wood yard of J. C. Ferrell, I am prepared to deliver wood to any part of St. Johns on short notice. Dry and green wood, by the cord or 16 inches in length. All orders left at the yard will receive prompt attention. J. A. Powell, D. L. Gear.

Building Permits Issued.
No. 129, for 1908 5. To A. C. Gaines to erect for E. W. Tryon, residence on lot 15, block 2, Barton's addition fronting on Brunswick between Nicklin and Fessenden, \$1000.
No. 130, for 1908 6. To Thomas Scales to erect a residence on lot 9, block 1, Merino addition, fronting on Newton street \$650.
No. 131, for 1908 7. To Martin Hammer to erect a residence on Lehigh between Nicklin and Hartman, \$500.

W. C. T. U.
Eld. Daniel Nettleton of the Portland Sanitarium, will speak in Bickner Hall Sunday at 2:30 p. m. on the awful evils of the liquor traffic. All are cordially invited. Young people especially urged to come. Free, no collection taken.
Committee.
E. E. Elliott of Arleta, formerly druggist in St. Johns, died at noon yesterday of pneumonia.

RESOLUTION

Notice is Hereby Given That at the Meeting of the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, Held on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1908, the Following Resolution Was Adopted:

Resolved, That the council of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Polk street from Willamette Boulevard to the north line of St. Johns Heights addition in the following manner, to wit:
To establish the necessary grade for paving and to improve said Polk street, lay sidewalks, grade, etc. Said improvement to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer, filed in the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. The cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property specially and peculiarly benefited thereby and which is hereby declared to be all the lots, parts thereof, and parcels of land within a line 100 feet from the outside line of each side of the said Polk street.
The plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer for the improvement of said Polk street are hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the city recorder of the city of St. Johns be, and is, hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Polk street as provided by the city charter.
Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.
By order of the council.
A. M. EASON,
City Recorder.

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Dissolution Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the firm of Larson & Halvorsen have dissolved partnership and that Jacob Halvorsen will collect all accounts and pay all bills.
Jacob Halvorsen,
St. Johns, Oregon.

TIME TABLE O. R. & N.
Union Depot, Portland.
No. 2 Chicago Special leaves 8:30 a. m.
No. 4 Spokane Flyer leaves at 7:00 p. m.
No. 6 Kansas City Exp. leaves 7:40 p. m.
No. 8 Local Passenger leaves 8:00 a. m.
No. 1 Chicago Special arrives 8:20 p. m.
No. 3 Spokane Flyer arrives at 8:00 a. m.
No. 5 Kansas City Exp. arrives 9:45 a. m.
No. 7 Local Passenger arrives 5:45 p. m.

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