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PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT

Detailed Statement Concerning the St. Johns Schools that Should Prove of interest.

There has been a decrease in attendance in both the grammar and high schools this month—a net decrease in the high school of 13 and in the grammar school of 22, but the punctuality in both schools has increased materially. The interest in the work and the "esprit du corps" is stronger than ever with the pupils. The athletic exercises given at night in the auditorium of the central school is having a good result upon the pupils of that school and Principal Alderson is to be commended for his efforts along this line.

HIGH SCHOOL.	
Number of days taught during month	20
Whole number of days attendance	2791 1/2
Whole number of days absence	165 1/2
Whole number of times late	11
Number of pupils neither absent nor late	73
Average number of pupils belonging	146.8
Average daily attendance	139.5
Per cent of attendance	95
Number of visits by parents	39
Number of visits by members of schoolboard	0
Number of pupils remaining last month, girls 75, boys 80	155
Total enrollment this month girls 84, boys 88	172
Increase in enrollment, girls 9, boys 8	17
Dropped from enrollment, girls 14, boys 16	30
Net decrease in enrollment, girls 5, boys 8	13
Remaining, girls 70, boys 72	142

CLARA A. BOSS, Principal.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
Number of days taught during month	20
Whole number of days attendance	9484 1/2
Whole number of days absence	415 1/2
Whole number of times late	11
Number of pupils neither absent nor late	310
Average number of pupils belonging	494.5
Average daily attendance	474.1
Per cent of attendance	96.2
Number of visits by parents	36
Number of visits by schoolboard	3
Total remaining last month, girls 265, boys 241	535
Total enrollment this month girls 290, boys 268	558
Increase in enrollment, girls 25, boys 27	52
Dropped from roll girls 33, boys 34	67
Net decrease	15
Remaining girls 257, boys 234	491

W. C. ALDERSON, Principal.

IMPROVE IT TO RIVER'S EDGE

The Good Work Already Under Way on Philadelphia Street Should not Cease Until This has Been Accomplished

Now that work is commenced on Philadelphia street it reminds us that it should not be stopped until the improvement reaches the water front. If the present council wishes to immortalize itself; if the individual members wish to ingratiate themselves in the good graces of the people; if they wish to do the best work of their lives for the city and incidentally for their own advancement financially, if they are property owners, they will work tooth and toe nail for the improvement of Philadelphia street to the water front and the erection of a city dock there. There is little doubt that the people will vote the bonds for the dock and the improvement of the street should be gotten under way as early as possible so that when the dock is completed the street will be ready for use. In this way the city will reap the benefit of this bit of progressive work at the earliest possible moment. It will take some time to get ready for active operations on the street, so that it is important that the initial steps should be taken as early as possible in order that the work may be

completed before the bad weather next fall. Then we will be able to receive and forward freight to and from all points of the outside world without experiencing the vexatious delays and extra expense of the shipment through Portland. The saving of freight to the merchants in a very few years will more than cover the cost of the improvement of the streets and the building of the docks and the merchants can well divide this saving with the people so that the money will eventually come back into the pockets of those who have to pay for the improvements. There is not a man in the city who will not be benefited in a hundred ways by the improvement of Philadelphia street and the erection of the dock. Let us all work for this end.

Some are making the objection that the railroads could not and would not get into this dock if it was erected where it is proposed. The most of these kickers we have heard are but those who kick at every thing that is being done, anyway, so they do not count. They would kick if they by some mistake should be admitted into

heaven. The grade of the streets would not suit them, the gold pavement would not be of the requisite fineness. If it was 20 carats fine it would wear too fast; if it was but ten, it would tarnish too easily, and they would kick and keep kicking until the police would have to throw them out and send them down where they belong.

There are a few sensible people who listen to these kickers and believe them and are led astray until they have an opportunity to learn the merits of the question. So, do not believe every kicker against this improvement you hear shooting off his bazoo, but look carefully into the matter, look at the great saving there will be in freights on anything that can come by water, the saving of time by cutting out the delay in getting through Portland, and remember this, that although the railroads may not come into this dock at once, when the business develops so that there is money in it for the railroads or there is a prospect shown that it will so develop you could not keep the railroads out. They are not built that way.

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The blocks for this structure were furnished by Mason & Urban, whose factory is advertised in the Review. These gentlemen make first class blocks and this little building stands as a monument to their handiwork. The gentlemen occupying the rooms in this building are to be congratulated on their good fortune in securing such a neat and comfortable habitat.

Pave Jersey Street.

There is a good joke being told on two of our gay and festive young business men, who go by the names of Tom and Mack. They were over at Vancouver with a fine pair of drivers and returning through the rain the other night became chilled, and driving up to Dan's Grill left the team standing without hitching, went in to get a hot lunch. As it was lunch time for the horses they started for Jackson's barn at a record making pace. One of them reached the barn all

right, but the other fell, stuck fast in the mud on South Jersey and the buggy jumped on him and held him down until the gay boys came up and released him. In the operation one of the boys got stuck in the mud so that he was extricated with the greatest difficulty. Then they repaired to the genial hostelry of Bredeson & Etheridge where they dried up the mud they had absorbed from the street, and there are now two new converts to the faith of concrete or paved streets.

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Vote for University Bill.

The act increasing the state appropriation for the University of Oregon to \$125,000 per annum, which act was held up by the referendum and will be submitted to the voters of the state next June, should be supported by every citizen of Oregon who feels a pride in his state. That the referendum should have been invoked on a measure for the support of the chief educational institution of the state is cause enough for shame, and the majority for the appropriation when the question comes to a vote in June should be so overwhelming as to prove an unmistakable rebuke to those who held the measure up, and at the same time forever discourage the calling of a referendum vote on an appropriation for the advancement of our educational interests.

Oregonians should feel a pride in having their state university as good as any in the Northwest, and the old appropriation of \$47,500 was wholly inadequate to maintain it. The appropriation of \$125,000 which was provided by the act was not as generous a support as Idaho and Washington gave their universities last year, but it would have made possible many needed improvements, and was a step in the right direction. The people of the state should show their approval by voting for the appropriation, and against the mossbackism which begrudges the money spent for education.

The greatest objection to this bill has been removed by the publicity of the manner in which the funds of the institution are being handled. There seems to be the greatest care taken that the funds be not misappropriated and every safeguard is placed about them that they may be utilized and in an economical manner.

The End is Near.

Have you registered? Well, don't fail to do so at the earliest opportunity. The registry at the city hall will be kept open Tuesday and Saturday nights to give laborers and others an opportunity who cannot come through the day. If you are not able to swear in your vote on election day, you will have no one to blame but yourself if you neglect to register when you have every opportunity to do so now.

Miss Lillian McVicker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McVicker, formerly residents of St. Johns, won the cash prize of \$15 in the oratorical contest at Dallas recently. Miss McVicker is a student of the Dallas college and will complete the classical course in June. Winning first honors on this occasion entitles Miss Lillian to represent the college at the state contest to be given later on.

Mrs. S. E. Simpson was taken ill with something like dropsy Saturday and is still under the doctor's care.

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