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## ST. JOHNS IN THE LEAD

As a Result of Winning Sunday's Game from the Strong Woodburn Team 9 to 2

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
St. Johns	3	0	1.000
Prakes	2	0	1.000
Oregon City	2	1	.667
Woodburn	2	1	.667
Vancouver	1	1	.500
Salem	1	2	.333
East Portland	0	3	.000
Albina	0	3	.000

The Apostles easily took the Woodburn Indians into camp Sunday to the tune of 9 to 2. While the afternoon was not at all propitious for ball playing, being interspersed with fitful downpouring of the elements, the boys pluckily pulled a nine inning game through on a very sloppy and heavy field. The Woodburn lads were nattily attired in the showiest uniforms seen on the local diamond for a long time, but the inclement weather played sad havoc with their handsome appearance. A goodly sized crowd of the ever faithful, who would not miss a ball game whatever the state of the weather, turned out to do homage to the local club and root them on to victory. The Easter bonnet was strongly in evidence, and when a good play was made a Merry Widow skypiece that resembled a stovepipe saddy out of plumb or a headgear with the girth of a cartwheel could be seen bobbing up when enthusiasm got the better of its owner. A number of Woodburn fans accompanied the Indians to the grounds and their spirits were dampened when the weather when the contest was over.

In spite of the condition of the grounds the game was a pretty one and quite exciting at times. The contest was marked by brilliant bits of fielding by both teams, but the locals far outstripped their opponents at all points of the game. The only misplay charged against the Apostles was a misjudged fly on the part of Centerfielder Houck, which was directly responsible for the two tallies scored by Woodburn, and owing to the heavy grounds this error was excusable. Anderson, who pitched for St. Johns, was steady as clockwork and fielded his position in the style. He was also very handy with the bat, making

three hits out of four times up. If he keeps up his present gait Chas. Moore will not be missed this year. Brown at short is a jewel. Several times did he scoop what looked like impossible chances out of the mud and shoot the sphere to first with a rapidity and accuracy that fairly took one's breath. Fleming at second is another player of the first water. This position last year was always a weak point, but now Captain Philbrick has the right man in the right place. Fleming is also one of the most reliable batters on the team. Moore, at first, is surer and better than ever, and his splendid stickwork was responsible for a number of the runs Sunday. One of the features of the game was Parker's sensational catch of a difficult fly in left field which electrified the crowd. Houck in center and Philbrick at third, while not very sure batters, play their positions well. White makes a good man in the right garden. He has a strong wing, is death to flies and after he gets over trying to kill the ball every time he comes to bat will give a good account of himself with the stick. Weed, the new catcher, looks like a good man. He lands on the ball hard every time he comes to bat, and while he was unlucky in placing his hits, he proved that he can hit the ball. Taken altogether the bunch is a good one, and we see no reason why the pennant shall not come to St. Johns this year.

It is to be regretted that the Saturday games have been cut out. We believe if they had been kept up for a short time they would become as popular as the Sunday games. Sure it is that many would attend the Saturday games who will not go on Sunday.

Next Sunday the locals play at Woodburn.

### Bring in your printing now.

The contract for laying the pipes of the St. Johns Gas, Light & Heat company was let Thursday to Jacobson & Bates of Portland.

Chester Vincent came up from Corvallis, where he is taking up a course in civil engineering. Friday last for a short visit with his parents. Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Vincent.

## DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

An Interesting Session Tuesday Evening in Which a Large Budget of Municipal Business Was Disposed of

The city fathers met in regular session Tuesday evening and opened the ball at 8 o'clock, every member being in his place.

Petition for several fire hydrants was presented and on motion of Dobie was accepted and placed on file.

In the matter of Lauther, Page, et al vs. Youngferdorf & Son the recorder was authorized to draw a warrant to cover the amount allowed by the court, on motion of Dobie.

Communication was read from the St. Johns Gas, Light & Heat company requesting the city to have grade established on all streets between Jersey and the river and between Richmond and Fessenden. The communication stated that the contract would be let for laying the pipe Thursday of this week and that actual operations would begin within one week thereafter. A communication was received from Architect Goodrich making formal request for this work to be done. On motion of Dobie the communications were placed on file.

On motion of Davis the bond of the Union Guaranty association in favor of the city recorder was accepted subject to the approval of the mayor and city attorney.

Communication of the Fidelity Guaranty Co., requesting a report of the city finances from the city officers was read and referred to the finance committee.

The recorder showed that there was in the treasury \$9,161.08 in the general fund and \$952.85 in the city hall fund. On motion of Davis the incoming treasurer, Tanch, and the outgoing treasurer, Geo. Hall, were instructed to get together and make a satisfactory transfer of the city funds.

The monthly report of the Ferry company was read and on motion of Bonham the check covering the franchise fees was returned to the company.

Communication from the fire department announced the re-election of Barney Noonan fire chief.

Application of Sam Cochran for renewal of liquor license was granted on motion of Windle.

The matter of the improvement of Philadelphia street was brought up and elicited a spirited and lengthy discussion. It seems that some persons remotely or not interested at all in the street are objecting to the grade between Ivanhoe and Hayes. They desire a plane surface instead of a curve as it now is. So far as any evidence was given at the meeting is concerned the only reason for objecting was jealousy. Some one was getting something nobody else was. Ex-mayor Couch declared if the plane was followed it would damage his cellar to the extent of \$1000, while

if the present grade was permitted to stand there would be little or no damage. That his store was built upon what the city engineer in office at the time the store was erected fixed as grade. Mr. Couch also read a statement from another property owner stating that he was satisfied with the grade as it now stood and would seriously object to its being changed. Attorney Parker appeared for George Dyson and registered a kick against the grade as it was but failed to state that either his client or anyone else would be damaged in the least by the grade remaining as it now stands. Honestly, we cannot see why one should insist upon a line of action that will damage one citizen \$1000 or more, while it will accomplish absolutely no good for any one else. If it would benefit several thousands of other people, there would be some excuse for doing so. As it now appears to us, it looks like spite work, something we have absolutely no use for, and if that is all there is to it, the council are a blooming lot of chumps if they do not accept the street as it is. If it can be shown any one is being damaged that is another matter.

On motion of Hunter the city attorney was instructed to file a written opinion on the matter at the next meeting.

Bid for cement walk on Polk street was read and a request that a cement walk five feet wide with curb instead of a wooden walk six feet wide with curb be placed along this portion of Polk, was referred to street committee. Contractor Jackson was granted permission to make five foot cement sidewalk on Polk and on motion of Bonham the five foot cement walk was accepted in lieu of the six foot wooden one to be covered by ordinance.

Nine bills aggregating \$132.50 were allowed and warrants ordered on motion of Bonham.

The heads of various departments and committees reported the city property in their respective hands. Among other things reported was an Oregon Boot. This peculiar foot gear excited the curiosity of Alderman Davis who learned that it was not a rubber gosh to keep the wet out, but a wooden affair to keep the old soaks in.

Chief Noonan reported the loss of a lantern and the hose connections out of condition. The lantern was found in possession of the city engineer, and the fire chief was instructed on motion of Hunter to make such purchases as would put the fire hose in perfect working order. These various reports were accepted on motion of Dobie.

Complaint of lights out on several crossings was referred to light committee.

On motion of Davis the denomination for the bonds for city dock was made \$500 each.

On motion of Hunter the report of treasurer was referred to the finance committee.

Attorney Collier asked for facts in the case of Goodrich vs. city of St. Johns and was promised facts "a plenty" by Dobie.

Resolution looking to the condemnation of a part of Lively street passed at this time, followed by the resolution for the improvement of Oswego street which appear elsewhere.

Mayor Brice appointed E. B. Holcomb chief of police, but it seems the appointment was not favorable to the council and the old officer will hold over another week.

The recorder requested the council to give the treasurer the room now occupied by the chief of police, have a door cut through the wall, connecting that room with the office of the city recorder, giving both officers free access to the books and vault of the city recorder. On motion of Dobie the building committee was instructed to place that bill board in the city hall beside the city recorder's door so as to prevent the marring of the walls by different officers and others nailing notices thereon.

The matter of taking up the planking of Pittsburg street and grading same was referred to the street committee.

### F. L. Test to Leave St. Johns.

We take the following clipping from the Eugene Register which speaks for itself. We are very sorry to lose Mr. Test. He has been with the Portland Woolen Mills here for the past five years and is a quiet, steady, reliable, young man, the kind we like to see make their permanent home here. We congratulate Eugene in securing him for a citizen: "F. L. Test of Portland was in the city yesterday visiting his brother-in-law, W. J. Hill. While here Mr. Test purchased an interest in Hill's Gun store and will become an active partner although the business will be continued under the same name, Hill's Gun store. Mr. Test is now assistant superintendent of the Portland Woolen mills and for seven years was in the credit department of Olds, Wortman & King. He is a fine accountant and a business man of much experience, although quite young. He was born in Lane county and lived in Eugene for 15 years. He will be quite an addition to the working force of the gun store and Mr. Hill was fortunate in inducing him to take a share in the business. He will shortly move to Eugene."

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### UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

What the Proposed Appropriation is Needed For.

An act to amend section 3529 of Bellingier and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon by increasing the annual appropriation for the support and maintenance of the University of Oregon.

To the Voters of Oregon: The last session of the Oregon legislature passed a bill appropriating \$125,000, annually, for the support and maintenance of the University of Oregon, for keeping buildings, grounds and the other property thereof in repair, and for the construction of buildings, for the purchase of land, apparatus, library books and supplies.

A referendum was invoked upon the bill, so it will not become a law until it is approved by a majority of the voters of the state at the regular election on June 1, 1908. The alumni of the University of Oregon issues this statement to the voters of Oregon, in the confident hope and belief that careful consideration of the facts will induce them to vote "yes" on the ballot and convert the bill into a law.

The University, along with the rest of the state, has just entered upon a remarkable period of growth. In every section of Oregon there are being established high schools from which the sons and daughters of the people are finding their way in steadily increasing numbers to the halls of the University. The attendance

has doubled since 1901 and has increased 23 per cent since last year, despite the referendum and the temporary crippling of the institution.

It is a lamentable fact that the University of Oregon is now receiving the smallest appropriation for maintenance of any state university in the union. The present appropriation from this state amounts to \$47,500. In addition to this, the university receives about \$12,000 a year from interest-bearing funds and registration fees. The University of Washington receives \$200,000 per year (exclusive of buildings) for maintenance; the University of Idaho, \$71,150; the University of Montana, \$74,550; the University of Colorado, \$145,000; the University of Nevada, \$85,000; the University of Iowa, \$230,000; the University of Wisconsin, \$721,000; the University of Nebraska, \$235,500; and the University of California, \$558,035.

The direct maintenance cost per student to the state (exclusive of buildings) in a number of typical western universities, for the year 1907, is shown in the following table. A second table shows the entire cost per student to the state, including expenditures for building and equipment. The maintenance figure for Oregon is estimated on the basis of the new appropriation of \$125,000, and not of the present appropriation of \$47,500, which would make a cost per student much less. The number of students given is inclusive of the department of Liberal Arts, Engineering, Medicine and Law, for the reason that the outside State Uni-

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