Municipal Slovenliness.

It is hoped that the new mayor has appointed a working street committee—one that will see that the streets of our otherwise beautiful little city are kept in a little better order than did the previous committee. To illustrate the amount of care the streets of St. Johns have had just take a look up and down Jersey street—the only street of any importance so far in the city's history. Three years ago it was improved and graveled. Since that time not $100 has been expended in keeping it in repair and probably far less in keeping it clean. Great holes have been made by the adjoining property owners and the water company in making connections with the water mains and left so without care being taken to tamp the ground or retaining the gravel for the surface as should be. Then the Telephone Co. fills the gutters with clay and rubbish never cleaning them out after finishing their job. Anybody standing at the intersection of Philadelphia street looking up or down can see all kinds of litter in the gutters, old paper, boards, brick, etc., in places perfectly filthy. Municipal slovenliness is the only appropriate name for this state of affairs.

Our municipal taxes are now and have been higher than Portland where they expend thousands of dollars each year for repairs and street cleaning, but St. Johns with $5000 a year liquor license can't put even a few dollars into repairs or cleaning, and a very pertinent question at this time is: "What is done with all this money?" Portland is a large city where there may be a good chance for graft to creep in, and yet they make some show for the liquor license collected. But of course we would not intimate that there is graft in St. Johns; anyway not to the extent of spending $11,000 in two years even foolishly. Everybody knows that the first thing that catches the eye of the prospective investor is the streets. You may have the streets lined on both sides with great buildings of fine appearance, but if the streets are bad, filthy and unsightly it gives one a decidedly poor opinion of the place, and he may leave the place without even asking a single question, thoroughly disgusted. Then why not clean up and repair Jersey street at least.

A municipal association formed in St. Johns would be to our advantage without doubt.

D. C. Rogers.

Communicated.

Men who are engaged in and in sympathy with the liquor business are in these days of reform and doubtless victory over this malicious business sending up a weak, pitiful wail to the minions of public sentiment, that if the saloon goes out of business the commercial interests of the state and city will go to the wall and universal chaos result. This is a lie. Either from ignorance or from malice. At any rate the essence of truth can not be found in this statement. In a letter in my possession from Gov. E. W. Hoch of Kansas, he asks this pointed question: "How can an institution which destroys the earning capacity of all its patrons and unfix them for any business be a commercial benefit to any community?" If this is not enough listen to the testimonials of men in our own state. Nott & Son say in a letter dated January 6, 1908 at McMinnville, Ore.; "We have been in the merchandise business here over three years. During the 18 months just closed our house sold 40 per cent more goods than we did under the former 18 months of saloon reign, notwithstanding that we were told that prohibition would ruin the town and kill everything." How do you like that? If that is not enough here is some more.

McMinnville, Ore., January 6, 1908.—To whom it may concern: Our business has been better since the closing of the saloons, but this is not the best reason for being in favor of local option. We are glad to see the change of sentiment by men who were ardent supporters of the saloon and voted against local option, but have expressed themselves as being in sympathy now with local option, and will vote against the return of the saloon. C. Tilbury & Sons.

These are facts, pointed facts, and when we come to look at this accursed thing in the light in which it ought to be looked upon, as a crime and not as a business, which under our national constitution and by decision of the United States Supreme court has no right to exist we will then exercise the power of our citizenship and overthrow this monster evil. In St. Johns that time will come on June 1, 1908. Chester P. Gates.

The suburbanites have the hen fever and have it bad. That is a great many of them have. They are buying incubators and setting both the wooden and the feathered hens. Some with good results, some bad and some indifferent. It will pay any one who loves the chicks to invest 50 cents in a good poultry paper that will tell you more in one year than you ever knew about poultry. There is no better paper for the poultryman than the Northwest Poultry News. Leave your subscriptions here.

Essay on Editors

An exchange says a little boy in town was given the job of writing an essay on editors, and the essay is so true to life and so broad in its conception, we think it must have been an editor's boy who wrote it, that he had been previously exposed to his dad and caught it bad. The essay reads:

"I don't know how newspapers come to be in the world. I don't think God does, for He ain't got nothing to say about them and editors in the Bible. I think the editor is one of the missing links you read of, and stayed in the bushes after the flood, and then come out and wrote the things up, and has been here ever since. I don't believe he ever dies. I never saw a dead one and never heard of any getting licked. Our paper is a mighty good one; but the editor goes without underclothes all winter and don't wear socks and paw ain't paid for his paper since it started I ast paw if that was why the editor had to suck the juse out of snowballs in winter and go to bed when he had his shirt washed in summer, and then paw took me out to the woodshed and licked me something awful.

If the editor makes a mistake folks say he ought to be hung; but if a doctor makes mistakes he buries them and people dassent say nothing because he can read and write Latin. When the editor makes a mistake there is lawsuits and swearing and lots of fuss; but when a doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and a perfek silence. A doctor can use a word a yard long without him or anyone knowing how to spell it or what it means; but if a editor uses it he has to spell it and if he says it for one thing and it means something else he gets sewed for lybel. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for it; but if the editor goes to see another man's wife he gets a charge of buckshot for it. When the doctor gets drunk, its a case of being overcome with heat and if he dies, it is from heart trouble; when the editor gets drunk, its a case of too much booze and if he dies, its the jimjams. Any old college can make a doctor out of mighty poor timber; but a editor has to be born.

Davidor Brings Suit.

Suit for the recovery of $100,000 damages from Louis J. Wilde, the Portland Home telephone company, H. J. Meagher, C. R. Wagner and A. L. Hayes was filed in the circuit court this morning by Samuel V. Davidor. The suit is one of the results of the recent split up in the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company of which Davidor was the head.

It is claimed by Davidor in his suit that he is the victim of a conspiracy to ruin his business and to secure valuable telephone franchises controlled by him and his company in various Washington cities, including Chehalis, Vancouver and Centralia.

He claims that the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company owned franchises in Washington that conflicted and that it was in order to wrest the control of the latter company from him and to secure its franchises that the defendants brought about the publication of newspaper articles reflecting upon his management of the Washington company and his business integrity

The suit characterizes the articles as "false, malicious and scandalous" and asserts that the same men who secured their publication induced Gregory E. Matien to file suit against the plaintiff Davidor in the circuit court and also caused his arrest on a charge of larceny. He claims that when the district attorney later looked into the charges he found them to be utterly false.

Besides all that he claims that the defendants forced him to relinquish valuable contracts with the Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph company and sundry other enterprises. All in all he wants $100,000 from his alleged detractors. The suit was filed this morning by R. A. Wade, D. J. Haynes and Lewis C. Garrigus, who however, assert they have not succeeded E. S. J. McAllister as Mr. Davidor's regular counsel.—Journal.

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I am prepared to spray your trees, henhouses, fences, in fact do any kind of whitewashing and spraying. N. A. Gee.

Artisans Entertain Visitors.

Willumbia assembly 300 of United Artisans met in Bickner's hall Monday evening and entertained a number of visitors. There were a number of distinguished guests, among whom were Judge Robert G. Morrow, who is one of the original first 100 Artisan members of the order; Hon. H. S. Hudson of Tacoma, Wash., supreme master artisan; Hon. Geo. W. Bates of Portland, besides a good bunch from Woodstock, who came all the way over here to visit our Artisans. There was a victim on hands to be trotted over the course. He was a husky fellow who had fallen from grace and was glad to get back into the fold again. The exemplifiers had their work down to a fine point. It was the prettiest floor work we have seen and if our old assembly, Oleta, at Hood River could have stepped in they would have opened their eyes in surprise, and they were not so slow themselves.

Just as the assembly was through with their work, the St. Johns band came up and rendered several pieces of most excellent music, of which a number of the visitors as well as our own people took advantage and tripped the light fantastic with the greatest of pleasure. Our band is not to be sneezed at by a man who has no teeth. Their music will compare favorably with that of many bands making pretensions to much higher work than do our lads. Our people should encourage the band in every way they can for it is hard work to organize, hold together and drill a band to do as good work as does our band.

We must not forget to mention our friend, W. O. Manion, supreme medical director, who was also present. Dr. Manion has just returned from an extended visit in Idaho, Montana, Eastern Washington and Oregon. He has had a number of deputies in the field and they have done splendid work. Supreme Master Artisan Hudson in his address to the assembly stated that the last month had been a record breaker for the order, due no doubt in a large degree to the activity of Dr. Manion and his workers, 1600 having been added to the order during the past month. The Artisans have the best plan of insurance we have had the opportunity of investigating and it is securing for them a wonderfully rapid growth. Dr. Manion and his deputies are entering upon a systematic canvass of Portland and suburbs. A deputy will also be sent to St. Johns in the near future to work for the order. We hope our people will give him a careful hearing.

After the band ceased playing refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all. The Artisans have been rather quiet for sometime, but they think it high time they were getting busy again and this is a starter.

The Poultry Yard.

Good sour milk is fine for the little chicks—and the big ones, too. Give them some every day.

I find beets far superior to any kind of roots. I hang them up so that the fowls will have to stretch to get them.

Sitting hens are lice breeders. This is one reason why the incubator is to be preferred for hatching chickens.

Hens that are set outdoors in barrel nests will not only do better work but will be less likely to have vermin to contend with.

The secret in growing May-hatched chickens is to feed well, provide some shade in the runs, and see that the chicks get some green food.

The first thing that should be done after removing the pretty, downy chicks and their mother from the nest, is to destroy with fire the old filling in that nest.

If the chicks are not growing, something is sure to be wrong with the management. Keep them housed from cold winds and dampness. Chilling lowers their vitality.

The first of May is a good time to set the turkey eggs, as the weather is warmer and there is less danger of the cold, rainy spells that so tell on the April-hatched turkey.

A red rag hung to the top of a four-foot stick in the ground near the coop will give the hawks and the crows a pointer that they had better keep away; they are likely to mind it, too.

Never fuss with the sitting hen; let her alone. See that she is constantly provided with water and food, so that she can help herself at will, and then allow her to do the rest. She knows her business.

Street Car Time Table.

Leave 2d & Alder. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Leave St. Johns. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
5 45	11 30	5 48	5 45	11 25	6 15
6 05	11 45	6 00	6 05	11 40	6 30
6 25	12 00	6 12	6 26	12 00	6 40
6 40	12 20pm	6 30	6 40	12 20pm	6 50
7 00	12 40	6 48	6 50	12 40	7 10
7 15	1 00	7 06	7 00	1 00	7 30
7 30	1 18	7 24	7 15	1 18	7 50
7 45	1 36	7 42	7 30	1 36	8 10
8 00	1 54	8 00	7 50	1 54	8 30
8 15	2 12	8 20	8 10	2 12	8 50
8 30	2 30	8 40	8 25	2 30	9 10
8 45	2 48	9 00	8 40	2 48	9 30
9 00	3 06	9 20	8 55	3 06	9 50
9 15	3 24	9 40	9 10	3 24	10 10
9 30	3 42	10 00	9 25	3 42	10 30
9 45	4 00	10 20	9 40	4 00	11 00
10 00	4 18	10 40	9 55	4 20	11 30
10 15	4 36	11 00	10 10	4 40	12 00
10 30	4 54	11 30	10 25	5 00	12 20
10 45	5 10	12 00	10 40	5 15	12 50
11 00	5 24	12 30	10 55	5 35	1 20
11 15	5 36	12 45	11 10	5 55	A. M.

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.

St. Johns Ferry Time Card.

Leave East Side (A. M.)—6:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00 M. P. M.—1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 4:50, 5:30, 6:20.

Leave West Side (A. M.)—6:50, 7:35, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30. P. M.—12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:10, 6:00, 6:30.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, 1908.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the "FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS" in the City of St. Johns in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

Now, therefore, I, William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the "FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ST. JOHNS" in the City of St. Johns in the county of Multnomah and state of Oregon, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one Hundred and Sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

SEAL

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-eight day of February, 1908.

WM. B. RIDGELY,
Comptroller of the Currency.

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