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The two Bills will soon be butting each other around the political arena in great shape. Taft got a good lead by being nominated first, but after the Denver convention Bryan will be right at his heels.

The next session of the legislature should pass a law making the individual who buys liquor from a party who has no legal right to sell it equally guilty, and the penalty should be the same. It should be no worse to sell liquor than to buy it in the eyes of the law. If a law of this nature was in force it would do away almost entirely with illegitimate whiskey selling.

It is quite likely the Goodrich claim against the city of St. Johns which totals more than \$4,000 will be carried to the supreme court if necessary before payment will be made. The claim is said to be unjust, exorbitant and wholly incompatible as regards the services rendered. The city attorney is prepared to fight the matter to the last ditch.

The sentence of Harry Orchard has been committed from the death sentence to life imprisonment by the Idaho board of pardons. Orchard seems rather despondent over the change in his sentence, as he professes a desire for death as a fitting punishment for his sins. If his testimony given during the Haywood trial was true, he and several others are not getting their dues as long as their lives are spared.

Old Hetty Green has at last struck her stride, and is becoming as gay and festive as a young maiden of 19 years. Time was when Hetty would have thrown up her hands in holy horror had any one suggested she pay \$20 a plate for a dinner, but this in connection with other extravagancies, is just what she did recently. After a lifetime of mud and milk and calico wrappers the old girl is rapidly developing into a first class sport.

Under the caption "St. Johns Goes Wild" the Oregonian Wednesday morning used its little hammer labeled "knocker" with all the vindictiveness and sensationalism it could muster in its scandalous article dealing with the closing of the saloons here. A stranger reading the article in question, if he put any dependence whatever in the news service of that paper, could not help but believe our citizens were scarcely half civilized and it was not a safe or desirable place for any self-respecting man to locate with his family. The fact of the matter is that the demonstration attending the funeral of the saloons was not nearly so riotous as reported in that paper, although it was had enough. While drunkenness was rife and the fire cracker ordinance was repeatedly broken, no serious damage was done. Demonstrations like these do not pay, as they only tend to deepen the disgust entertained by many against the saloon. The most hilarious ones were non-residents, however, and St. Johns people get more credit than their due in this characteristic passing of the saloon in St. Johns. Little better could be expected from the tongue-tongued reporter for the paper in the big tower. Scold, indeed, does St. Johns receive a kind word from that paper.

A snake dies hard. When a kid we were taught to hang a snake on the fence after we killed it, where we were told it would wriggle its tail until the sun went down. It is much the same way with the old rotten thing in the republican party. Its tail will wriggle until its sun gets clear out of sight and the deepening gloom of an everlasting night settles over its scaly hide. Its last and most disgraceful wriggle and squirm is the effort being made by some of its leaders to induce Statement No. 1 republicans to go back on their pledged word. The legislator who does so is as dishonest, as deceitful, contemptible, corrupt, as the malodorious Ruff and Schmitz of our sister city in the golden state. There are two republicans to one democrat in the state of Oregon. If these republicans have not sense enough to quit their fighting and pull together for their principles, we are in favor of the democrats getting all the plums. A majority of the people of the state has said Chamberlain is their choice for senator. While he may not be the choice of the representative, the representative was elected to represent the will and wish of the people. He has given his solemn promise that he would do so, and if he fails he becomes a liar, a perjurer, a contemptible, dishonest coward. However disgraceful and galling it might be for him to vote for a democrat after giving his pledged word if he is a man and worthy the vote of any honest man he will make his word good.

There is a disposition on the part of some to rub it into the wets since saloons have closed. This is not a square deal, particularly, in cases where the liquor men have acted on the square and submitted to the law gracefully. Instead of ridicule and contumely, these men should be commended. It is distinctly un-American to kick a fellow when he is down. It is natural too, for the wets to feel sore now, and resent any remark reflecting upon their defeat. It will look much better for the dries to permit the magnanimous spirit characteristic of the true American, and give instead of a kick, the hand of welcome to a cleaner, better, manlier life. Some of the finest fellows we know are either on the side of the wets, or lean that way, and aside from this there could be no more desirable citizens. If we can enlist their aid in the work of upholding the law, by treating them, as they are, our brothers, not as enemies, we have accomplished great good to them and aided our own cause, while if we make enemies of them we will have done them irreparable injury and harmed our own cause. These lads who so strongly resent the banishment of the saloon will as ardently advocate keeping them out two years hence if they will stay away from the jug shops and seek cleaner amusements and less expensive. The only possible argument in favor of the saloon is that its banishment may make the taxes higher. It has been estimated that it will raise the rate of taxation about 2 1/2 per cent. We like to be just as liberal as possible and will allow for a 20 per cent raise. Is such a raise going to confiscate anybody's home? A good neighbor called us down on this point the other day, saying the increase in taxation would cause two poor widows he named to lose their homes. Now, let us look into this matter. One of these widows happens to be one of our most esteemed neighbors, whose property value is perhaps about the same as our own on that street. We have twice as large a lot, but she twice as good a house. Our taxes with the saloons in was \$8. Allowing the enormous increase of 20 per cent this would only make \$1.60. Now if there is a widow or other person living in St. Johns, even if supported by charity, as I do not think there is, who cannot raise the extra \$1.60, if they will but come to us we will cheerfully pungle up the \$1.60 if it will take that to keep them from losing their home, and we are poorer than the widow mentioned because we cannot afford so good a house as she. We are satisfied that after this year there will be no difference felt in the taxation.

There has been a wonderful improvement in the way the main streets of the town have been kept during the past two or three months; in fact, ever since the clean-up last spring. Almost every visitor we have talked with since that time have made some remark about the neatness and beauty of our streets. Some have said we have the cleanest streets they have seen outside of Portland. This means a great deal to St. Johns. First impressions are ever the most lasting. A little time spent each morning by every firm or business house would keep the street clean and smooth. There has been an accumulation of papers along the curb on Jersey street during the past few days which is beginning to spoil the neat appearance there. Let us keep our streets clean not only because of the reputation it gives us abroad, but because it is so much pleasanter for us at home.

One of our socialist friends sent us a lengthy communication which was received too late to go in this issue because of its length, and next week the house cut ad cuts us of an entire page of space. So it is possible the article will not appear until our issue of the 17th. It is a good one, though and will lose no merit by waiting. It is written by a "working man," so the writer claims in his opening sentence, and engages our sympathy at once. We believe the laboring classes, the producers are the backbone of the republic and without them capital would prove an incubus. One thing we would like to suggest to our friend, that is, that he come oftener and cut the article shorter. More people will read a short article and lots of times we can get a short article in, when it is impossible to give room to a long one.

The bar at the mouth of the Columbia is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. The new jetty being built has caused the water to wash out the sand for a width of 3000 feet to a depth of over 26 feet instead of that depth for but 300 feet, and it is expected that the depth will exceed 40 feet below low water mark in a short time. This will mean much for the Pacific coast in general and Portland in particular.

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Doric Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The most momentous event in the history of St. Johns Free Masonry occurred last Saturday night, June 27, when the Grand Lodge convened in the Odd Fellow's hall and dedicated Doric Lodge No. 132. The lodge had been working under a dispensation from the grand lodge for some time, but on this occasion the grand lodge presented the charter, and placed the lodge on the level with its brothers in the state.

The grand lodge that dedicated Doric Lodge and installed its officers was composed as follows: Edward E. Kiddie, M. W. G. M.; Norris R. Cox, D. G. M.; Allen R. Jones, D. G. S. W.; Alexander Kunz, G. J. W.; James F. Robinson, G. Sec.; W. A. Cleland, G. Treas.; Henry Roe, G. M.; W. H. Jones, D. G. S. D.; S. Chas. Davis, D. G. J. D.; H. L. Pittock, G. Steward; A. Sackett, D. G. Tyler.

The grand lodge in session opened in the Master degree and the local lodge opened in the Master degree elected a corps of officers and closed, when the grand lodge dedicated Doric Lodge No. 132 in due form and the following officers were installed:

James McChesney, W. M.; A. R. Jones, S. W.; R. M. Johnson, J. W.; H. Butterworth, treasurer; S. Charles Davis, secretary; W. H. Jones, S. D.; M. Johnson, J. D.; A. Sackett, Tyler.

After the work of installation the lodge was placed at ease and refreshments were served by Mrs. W. V. Jones in a most gracious manner. Mrs. Jones is an adept in the art of making coffee and the members of Doric lodge and their guests were loud in praise of the beverage she served them on this occasion. A vote of thanks was most heartily tendered her by the lodge for her ministrations to their comfort.

After refreshments the officers of the grand lodge returned to Portland, while Doric Lodge 132 opened and held their first session and closed in due form. The lodge has been meeting on Saturday nights, but it is expected to make a change to Tuesday evenings and we will endeavor to keep our Masonic readers informed of any changes. We cannot refrain from congratulating the lodge on the good showing they have made. There are about 35 members in the lodge and everything in the most favorable condition.

Should Have a Station.

Wonder if the O. R. & N. will ever awaken from its Rip Van Winkle sleep? If the management of that road knew the feeling of the business men and the general public, and it cared a cent for the business of St. Johns it would install a station on its belt line in St. Johns as early as possible.

There is some kind of movement on foot to gobble up the waterfront. Numerous options have been taken. The Weyerhaeuser tract has been transferred from the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company to the Weyerhaeuser Land Company. This, in itself would not mean much; but we have been informed that Uncle Yim Hill is the head and shoulders and half the body of this land company, and that the North Bank road is putting in a switch down to this tract from Maegley Junction would give color to the rumor. It is rumored, too, that it is the same interests that are picking up the options along the water front, which, if true, would indicate that Uncle Yim has a hankering for a slightly location for yards and station in St. Johns.

That St. Johns someday, and in the near future, too, will surely become one of the largest, if not the very largest export stations on the Pacific coast is conceded by all far-seeing men who are familiar with the situation. The company that first establishes a station here thus giving us quick transit and lower rates, will certainly gain great prestige with the people, unless it is put off until the action is forced by a competitor. Our people are becoming sore over the long delay of the Harriman line in putting in the promised station and it may be that with the building of the city dock traffic arrangements will be made by our merchants to handle goods without touching the Harriman lines.

The O. R. & N. has its track in here already and at a small expense could establish a substantial depot here and win the good will of St. Johns people. This point is different from the interior where there is no competitor in touch and this should be considered in summing up the matter. A word to the wise, etc.

A Lucky Day.

A very pleasant surprise was given Miss Notay Leland last Saturday, the occasion being her 13th birthday. She received a number of presents from her many friends, and it was not an unlucky day, even though it was the 13th. Those present were: Alfred Tailman, Herman Schulze, Oron Lear, Leah Sorber, Marjorie Crosby, Eva Maplethorpe, Beulah Maplethorpe, Sula Dunbar, Notay Leland, Charlie and Dora Carr.

Old papers for sale at this office.

UNIVERSITY PARK.

Have you made plans for the Fourth?

Mr. Hart's fine residence on Dawson street is almost completed.

Mrs. Minnie Clelland was visiting relatives in Hood River last week.

Children's day was observed at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Fleming and her sister, Miss Fields, are here from Salem, visiting friends and relatives in the Park.

Mrs. Charlie Perry and children of Houlton, are visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Brons on Haven street.

The Congregational church had an open air service last Sunday night at Columbia Park. Quite a number were present.

Ewell Arnold had the misfortune to fall from his bicycle last week and injure his head quite badly, but is able to be about now.

Mr. Stranahan went to the G. A. R. convention at Newport last week, while Mrs. Stranahan was visiting friends at Hood River.

Mrs. D. I. Clarke left last Friday night for Diamond, Wash., where she was called by the sickness of her daughter, Mrs. Simington.

The large building at University Park is almost completed. It is said that the meat market will soon occupy some of the lower rooms.

Mrs. Harriet Besse and her sister, Mrs. Edith Briggs, are here from Sterling, Illinois, visiting at the home of L. G. Reynolds and other relatives.

Many people are being bothered by peddlers and agents on wash day which puts them behind with their day's work. (Use the dog and a shot gun.—Ed.)

We understand that storekeepers in this vicinity handling dry goods, oil, etc. are prohibited from selling fire works, and also that any one shooting firecrackers before the Fourth are liable to arrest.

Mr. Bondy, who just returned from missionary work in China and Honolulu, has been visiting J. D. Webster and relatives in the Park, but is now on his way to his home in California.

Miss Della Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Young, was married to Dale Young Sunday evening at five o'clock at the Baptist church of University Park, after which a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on 1760 Haven street.

Miss Blanche Harbison, who has been attending school at Forest Grove stopped at University Park between trains on her way home to Hood River. Oregon Fern.

Law-Enforcement League.

There has been a good, strong law enforcement league organized under the name of the Peninsula Law Enforcement League with a president and one vice president for each precinct on the peninsula, No. 89, 90 and 91. There is also an executive committee consisting of two members from each of the precincts.

The purpose of this league is to assist the officers of the law in every way possible, by furnishing evidence of the violation of the law when it occurs, and in a better way still, by education and agitation to create a sentiment in favor of the law itself and thus win the assistance of all the people. In this way they hope to overcome all opposition to the local option law and insure its permanence in this section.

The membership is rapidly increasing and there is a monthly contribution from each member, so that there be no lack of funds for the meeting of all obligations of the league. There is a program committee composed of five women to arrange for the literary exercises at the meetings. These meetings are held every Tuesday evening. The meeting of the coming week will be held in University Park.

A Happy Surprise.

A number of friends from Oregon City and Milwaukee Heights came over and surprised Mrs. G. Ward, Monday, her 60th birthday anniversary. She received many beautiful presents and was made very happy by this evidence of the love of her friends. They spent a very pleasant day, leaving for home on the 7:30 car in the evening. Those present were: Mesdames James McFarland, Helen Montour, Addie Sims, Gladys Hanford, from Oregon City; and Mesdames W. E. Niles, Ione Hagerman, Theres Becker and Mr. W. E. Niles of Milwaukee Heights.

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Resolved, that the Council of the city of St. Johns deems it expedient and necessary to improve Buchanan Street in the city of St. Johns from the easterly line of Willamette Boulevard to the westerly line of Dawson street in said city in the following manner, to-wit:

By grading the same to the established grade and sidewalk 12 foot curb, 5 foot walk with such cement walk as have been adopted by the council of the city of St. Johns, together with regulation cross walks, and by graveling a strip in the center of said street 12 feet wide. Said work and improvements to be done according to the plans, estimates and specifications on file in the office of the City Recorder, relative thereto, and under the supervision and direction of the city engineer. Said improvement to be made in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the said city of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer, filed in the office of the city recorder of the city of St. Johns, which said plans, specifications and estimates are satisfactory, and are hereby accepted and approved.

That the cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property especially and particularly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all the property, lots, blocks and parts of lots and blocks and tracts of land between the termini of such improvements abutting upon, adjacent to or approximate to said Buchanan street, from the marginal line of said street back to the center of the block or blocks, tract or tracts of land abutting, adjacent or approximate thereto.

That all of the property included in the said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be Local Improvement District No. 6.

The said city engineer's estimate and assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said Buchanan street between the easterly line of Willamette boulevard and the westerly line of Dawson street, in the city of St. Johns, is \$4927.42.

The cost of said improvement of said Buchanan street to be assessed against the property in said Local Improvement District, above named, and as provided by the city charter of the city of St. Johns.

Passed by the common council June 30, 1908.
Attest: A. M. ESSON, Recorder of City of St. Johns.
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