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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1908.

We wish to secure one or more canvassers in St. Johns, one in Linton, one or more in University Park to work for the Review. We will give a liberal commission and besides to the one securing the most votes by their subscriptions and soliciting we will give a paid up scholarship to the amount of \$50 in some business college. We have one scholarship paid up and some one will get to use it this winter. Will it be you? Come in and let us tell you all about it.

We believe our city fathers are wise thanks to the experience of some of their predecessors and that the next expert in the operation of wild cat schemes will be obliged to show something tangible before their franchise will be used in their favor.

Mr. McGarry is said to have paid \$2500 for the defunct gas plant. If he succeeds in working the catch and gets a franchise, either through the restoration of the old dead franchise, or by the issuance of a new one we wonder how much of a rakesoff Davicker would be willing to allow for the operation.

The Saturday Evening Post in its last edition gave Governor Chamberlain the benefit of nearly a page of eulogism. It gave his history almost from the cradle to the grave. Our George does not look bad in the big paper except when viewed by some of the disgruntled old ring who have met another Waterloo or Bull Run with Our George as the active element.

The money which is being secured for the erection of the city clock will go on interest about the 25th inst. and as this will amount to about \$250 per month no time can be lost in getting things in shape to start thopping after that date. The plan of the Albina dock has been decided upon in most of its details, and it is likely things will be humming along the water front in a few weeks.

According to Grosscup, the corporation judge, who thinks it is wrong to fine such an institution as the Standard oil, the supreme court is supreme with a big S. The president is not in it, and the people can be Vanderbiltized. We will see by taking an observation later, that the people backing the president is a good pair to draw to and in this case we think will beat three of a kind-like Grosscup.

Many people are wondering why Judge O'Day has been retained by the city authorities in the Goodrich case when we are paying an attorney \$1000 a year to protect the city's interests. The reason given is that a large array of legal lights have been secured by the plaintiff and that one man cannot hope to defend the city in a successful manner against these disciples of Blackstone, they being so much work involved that the city attorney could not do the case justice. Whether the council was wise in this conclusion, the result will no doubt determine.

Number 2 volume IX of the Oregon Historical society's quarterly came to our table last week. As usual it is a very interesting number. This publication should be in the hands of every citizen of the state. Every issue is worthy of preservation. The second chapter of John Minto's aerial, "From Youth to Age as an American," in this issue is a very interesting one and deals with what is becoming more and more vital questions of the nation: Soil waste, and Forest preservation." The latter being compared with an equally important subject: "Reforestation." Another very interesting biographical sketch is presented by T. C. Elliott. It is a paper read before the Walla Walla Men's club on April 20, 1908. It relates the incidents, so far as is known of "Doctor" Robert, Newell, Pioneer.

Now comes Attorney McGarry and affirms that he has bought the holdings and all the right and title of the high financier S. V. Davicker to all the appurtenances, equipment, hereditaments of the would-be St. Johns Gas Light Power and Heat Company and the next move will be for the gentleman to work our city fathers to a franchise.

FIRE BOYS' RECEIPTS

That Mrs. W. V. Jobs is one of the brightest and most delightful ladies in our city, everybody is aware, but last Friday evening she emphasized the fact to the delight of a good lot of our sturdy young men. It was the occasion for a reception given to the fireboys by Mrs. Jobs.

The boys turned out just like to a fire alarm, and were Johnny on the spot. This time there was no hurry up call for water, and get that hose connected, shin up that ladder, stay with it boys, and such other little maxims as the captains encourage the boys with and direct them at a fire; but the boys stayed, just the same and they connected, not with the hose, but with the delicious ice cream and cake and instead of a hurry up call for water, there was a hustle on the part of the two handsome ladies who assisted Mrs. Jobs in serving the refreshments to keep the glasses filled with the refreshing and delicious fruit punch.

Finally, however the fires of their thirst was quenched the order to limber up and get ready for the return signal was given. There was a fine musical program furnished by the hostess, and some of the most eloquent of the fireboys expressed their gratification and appreciation of the event in the best language they could command, knowing that words could not tell it all. The boys returned to their homes near the witching hour with a very warm spot in their hearts for Mrs. Jobs and her assistants and while they hope that she may never need their aid to stop a fire we are sure every man of them will respond gladly and work as earnestly for her as they did to do justice to her hospitality.

Mrs. Jobs was assisted in serving by Dr. Mary McLachlan and Miss Johanna of Portland. The home on Kellogg street was beautifully decorated with colored electric lights and Jap lanterns. The boys are loud in their praise of the gracious manner in which they were entertained. But the vital question with them now appears to be: Who went up the tree.

FIRE BOYS' BENEFIT.

The fireboys, if they ever had any idea that they did not have the best wishes and high regard of the citizens of St. Johns, should not require any further evidence after the results of the benefit given them by Messrs. Drink & Thomas at the skating rink. The rink was packed with visitors in the galleries and the floor was just like a swarm of bees with skaters.

It was a big hit for the management for there was a large number of those who are not in the habit of attending the rink, and after seeing how lively the rink is being run and what excellent selections are being presented in the picture shows will come often. They should do so too for the spirit that prompts a business man or firm to give a benefit to a public body of men like the fire boys is commendable and should be encouraged by a substantial patronage. Besides, they have gone to a heavy expense to fit up the rink and making it possible for our people to have a clean and enjoyable source of amusement right here in St. Johns at a price that just cancels the air fare to and from the city and the entertainment is equal in every respect to the best of its kind to be found in the city. Do not forget this and as long as these conditions are preserved, let us make it a point to take advantage of it and give these gentlemen a hearty support.

The fireboys feel grateful to Messrs. Drink & Thomas and to the citizens who responded so liberally when this opportunity was given. We know it will be remembered, too, when there is a fire and these husky lads come up against it, for they have been tried and found to be pure gold.

MOTHERS' MEETING

The W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Galland in Whitwood Court, Tuesday and as an evidence of the interest taken in these meetings during the warm summer months will mention that there were 14 ladies attended this meeting.

We were fortunate in having with us Mrs. Henton of Mountain View, California, as the guest missionary in Mexico. She gave a very interesting talk in a very pleasing manner describing that beautiful country and its people. Especially the poorer classes, their habits and the great need of their education. She spoke too, of the good work the temperance people were doing and of the hearty support of President Diaz in this work.

After an interesting program and business session the good hostess ushered us down to the river, where tables were spread under a large walnut tree. Here we were daintily served with ice cream cakes and fruits. After a social time and feast of beautiful scenery, Mrs. Stockton invited us to meet with her for our next mothers' meeting. We adjourned happy with the thought of meeting again in Whitwood Court the first Monday in September.

COMMUNICATED

Editor Review:
 In your issue of July 31, 1908, we find under the heading: "Divings of the city council" a bill from this company has been presented with an item for lowering the mains and pipes in the city, extending back into 1903. The fact of the matter is, that no bill, whatsoever has been presented dating further back than March 5, 1906.

In order to understand what it means to lower water mains, and at the same time give service to consumers, the item covering the cost of lowering mains on Hayes street may be of some assistance. It is shown by an itemized account that a distance of 1500 feet has cost this company \$310.00, or a little more than 20 cents per foot, besides paying the mains to quite an extent and increasing the cost of maintenance, this would be equal to 25 consumers at \$1 per month for one year, which is a great many more than we have to this date on North Hayes street in 1500 feet and for the company to bear the whole expense after laying the mains, must seem unfair and unjust to the most prejudiced mind.

In our estimation, the Water Company has done as much in furthering the interest of this community as any other concern, and is still doing so.

When comparing regulations as to laying mains in other towns or cities, we think this city is more fortunate than are others, in not being obliged to grade and improve their streets in order to have water piped to their homes.

Interest at 7 per cent on an investment costing \$100 in five years or since 1903 would amount to \$15.00; the cost of lowering the pipe averaging ten cents per foot, affecting a saving of \$30.00 in interest.

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 By P. H. Edieson, manager.

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Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, until 4 o'clock P. M. on the 25th day of August, 1908, for the improvement of Buchanan street from the easterly line of Willamette Boulevard to the westerly line of Dawson street by grading, graveling and sidewalking same in the manner provided by ordinance No. 190 and the charter of said city and in accordance to the plans, profiles and specifications of the city engineer, now on file in the office of the city recorder.

Separate proposals may be made for either the grading, graveling or sidewalking included in said improvement. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor for a sum not less than 10 per cent of the contract price, and no bid will be considered unless accompanied by such check, and upon blanks furnished by the city recorder for such purposes.

Said improvement must be completed on or before the 25th day of October, 1908. The right to reject any all bids is hereby reserved.

The estimated cost of said improvement is \$497.42.
 By order of the city council,
 A. M. ESSON,
 Recorder of the City of St. Johns.
 Published in the St. Johns Review Aug. 7, 14, and 21, 1908.

Proposals For Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the city recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, until 4 o'clock P. M. on the 25 day of August, 1908 for the improvement of Oswego street from the northerly line of Portland Boulevard to the northerly line of Barton's Addition by grading, graveling and sidewalking same in the manner provided by ordinance No. 191 and the charter of said city and in accordance to the plans, profile and specifications of the city engineer, now on file in the office of the city recorder.

Separate proposals may be made for either the grading, graveling or sidewalking included in said improvement. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor for a sum not less than 10 per cent of the contract price, and no bid will be considered unless accompanied by such check, and upon blanks furnished by the city recorder for such purposes.

Said improvement must be completed on or before October 25, 1908. The rights to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.
 The estimate cost of said improvement is \$485.58.
 By order of the city council,
 A. M. ESSON,
 City Recorder.
 Published in the St. Johns Review August 7, 14, and 21, 1908.

RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the city of St. Johns that it is deemed expedient and necessary to establish the grade of Allegheny street in the said city, from the northerly line of Willis boulevard to the southerly line of Fessenden St., and it hereby requires from the city engineer, plans, specifications and profile for establishing the grade of said street, and that the city engineer shall file such profile in the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon.
 Adopted Aug. 4, 1908.
 A. M. ESSON,
 Recorder city of St. Johns.
 Published in the St. Johns Review Aug. 7 and 14, 1908.

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