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A PLEASANT RECEPTION

Tendered Mrs. Howells, Nee Hendricks, and Her Husband at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark

One of the pleasantest social happenings we have had the pleasure to enjoy in the city was the reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Howells at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Clark on North Ivanhoe street last Friday evening.

The Knights of Pythias cut their work short in order that they might attend the reception and we went in a body. All the pretty sisters who could come were there ahead of us and we had a delightful time visiting after we had paid our respects to the happy young people who are just starting out on the journey of matrimonial life.

There was a very pretty feature of the reception that we must not fail to mention, and that was just after we had arrived at the home of Mr. Clark, the hostess came out to where the bride was seated and said that she sisters had learned to esteem her very highly and did not wish this opportunity to pass without something in token being given that she in after years might look upon and remember the loving hearts that wish her the best on earth in her new relations, and handed her a beautiful cut glass fruit dish. Calls for a speech from all sides, and the pretty bride arose and said: "I never made a speech in my life, but I just must say something now. I cannot find words to express our appreciation of this lovely present; it is very kind and just lovely of you and we shall always think of you when we see this reminder on our board. We thank you very much."

Then there were songs by the K. P. quartette and recitations by different impersonators. Among them we remember Dr. Vincent who told about the dago vendor at statuettes getting even with the old logger who bought a bust of Garibaldi, and to show his contempt for the general particularly and all dagoes in general he at once smashed the bust on the pavement and said: "that is what I think of Garibaldi." The dago was mor-

tally offended, but the logger was too big a man for him to attempt to punish and the only thing that was left to do was to show his contempt for the big Irishman's honored men, he gathered up his wares and as he dashed each statuette to the pavement he exclaimed in his wrath: "You smasha da Garibaldi, I smasha da George Wash, I smasha da Abe Link I smasha da Pope da Rome, I smasha da whole darn biz." He then walked off with his head in the air a vindicated man.

Mrs. George Hall, who is a whole show by her lonesome told the story of Uncle Skinfint's generosity. His niece had got married and it was up to him to do the handsome as he was very wealthy and his niece was in rather straightened circumstances. He first thought to give her a \$1000 piano, then he had a second thought and declared that the second thoughts were always the best, and he kept having second thoughts until his present was reduced to just seven cents. The thirty old gentleman had saved \$999.93 in just a few minutes. He was generous, though, and threw in a nutmeg with the seven-cent nutmeg grater.

Then just as we were recovering from the story of Uncle Skinfint the hostess hustled us out under the big cherry trees to tables where there was some of the most delicious ice cream we have eaten in many days and we just believe it was better because our sisters provided it for the occasion. There was one breach of equity, however, and that was when we got into our host's cherry tree. Our valiant chief of police was there, too, but he looked the other way. We might all have disturbing consciences if it were not that the jolly host himself assisted in the deprecations.

We enjoyed a most delightful evening until near midnight when with a heartfelt wish for the future happiness of the young couple and good wishes to our genial host and his fair helpmeet, we all went home happy in the thought of having enjoyed the fruits of true, genuine friendship.

DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

The patriarchs of the city met in their council chamber Monday evening as usual all being present except Alderman Doble, who is absent at Uncle Sam's annual picnic with his boys at American Lake.

After the usual preliminary skirmish a petition was read asking the improvement of Hayes street from the south line of Catlin to the south line of the Weyerhaeuser tract. On motion of Bonham petition was read and referred to the city attorney. All voting in the affirmative.

Petition to amend the bicycle ordinance was read and laid over until ordinances were reached when it was brought up.

Proposal of the water company in writing to lay the six inch pipe on South Jersey and place six hydrants was read and a petition from the property owners along Bradford street that a hydrant be placed at the intersection of Pittsburg and Bradford streets coming in at this time the former matter was considered at the same time. It was decided on motion of Davis that because of the restricting clause in the charter the council could not contract for five years, and the proposal was returned with request that the five year clause be stricken out, and that the location of the hydrant at Fillmore street be made to read intersection of Pittsburg and Crawford instead. All voting in the affirmative.

The report of the St. Johns Ferry for July showed their receipts for that month to have been \$428.10 and a check for the amount due the city on their franchise was received with report—\$6.98. On motion the

report was accepted and placed on file all voting yes.

The following bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn to pay the same:

St. Johns Lbr Co lumber	\$12.55
St. Johns Hdwr Co hdwr	8.75
Hendricks Hdwr Co hdwr	33.40
D. J. Horsman, janitor	18.22
Eric Anderson, witness fees	1.00
R. E. Collins labor	7.00
Wm. Caples labor	7.12
St. Johns W Co hydrants	59.50
E. T. Trumbull, team work	2.75
J. M. Walker, 10 hrs work on walks	2.50
C. Brunson, 40 hrs work city dock	19.00
Al Olin, city dock	13.00
—Mossman blacksmithing	37.50
Total	\$213.49

On motion of Davis the water and light committee were instructed to see the water company and make some arrangements about the city hall and fountain, all voting yes.

Standard street ordinance passed the council with an unanimous vote on motion of Windle.

Resolution to improve Hayes street from the south line of Catlin to the south line of the Weyerhaeuser tract with a standard board walk on both sides of the street; resolution to improve Pittsburg street with crushed rock and walks, and Crawford and Salem with crushed rock; also to put crushed rock on East Burlington and Tacoma streets were held up for some necessary changes and will be reported to the council at the next meeting.

The Bonham-Eason bike ordinance claimed the attention of the lawmakers. The need of some regulation that would make it safe for

pedestrians and at the same time give the bike pushers a chance for a solid road in the winter time was so apparent that the bill passed without a struggle and becomes a source of revenue to the city.

A little merriment was brought out by some of the facetious members jollying the members from the North end making such timely provisions for their comfort in the dark days of winter. All conceded it a good provision just the same.

On motion of Hunter it was ordered that the recorder have the necessary blanks provided for the operation of the bike ordinance.

The application of Manager Brink of the skating rink for the appointment of George Etheridge as special police at the rink was favorably considered by the council, Mr. Brink to remunerate him for his services.

St. Johns Business Good, Says Telegram

Under the above caption the Telegram correspondent makes a very pleasing and fair statement of the business situation in St. Johns.

He says: Reports of the increased business done by the merchants and the phenomenal increase in the amount of money spent in new buildings have struck the calamity howlers dumb. In July this year the building permits aggregate \$8700 as against \$4600 for the same time last year, while in the seven months from January 1 to August 1, \$94,000 has been expended for this purpose, as against \$67,000 for the same time of last year. This explains why there are empty houses in town, as many who have heretofore lived in rented houses have built themselves homes and are saving the rent money. Thirty-three thousand dollars, or 20 per cent increase in building permits in seven months for a town of 4000 people is considered a good record in a so-called hard times year.

St. Johns herself is in good financial circumstances and will end the year with money in the bank. Taxes next year will be very little if any higher than they were this, as the increased valuation will afford the increased revenue to be raised by taxation because of the saloon license money.

The merchants report increased sales and collections easy, while idle men who really want work are very scarce and do not have to remain idle long unless from choice. Streets are being graded all over the city and will be covered with crushed rock from the city's rock crusher just installed.

This little squib is particularly pleasing because we are usually given the worst of it by the dailies in the big city. The facts have here been fairly put and we consequently feel a sort of a warm spot growing in our heart for the Telegram. We hope the big paper may continue the good work and not spoil the fine beginning in the next issue telling what a set of rascals we are out here. We are sure that we are not as bad as we look to some people.

Bring in your printing now.

THE UNITED COFFEE CLUB

More Information Regarding This Organization Which Proposes Locating a Branch Here

As indicated in our mention of the coffee club last week, we went to Portland to see if we could learn anything in regard to the working of the club, the nature of the new proposition and if the scheme would be a good one for St. Johns.

We showed the manager our but lousy card and was very pleasantly received. He was very patient under our cross questioning and gave us all the information we desired.

We found a neat room fitted up with the very best of furniture kept in the cleanest and finest condition and neat tables spread with spotless linen, where patrons were being served on the fat of the land all prepared in the most approved fashion. The prices charged were very reasonable and there was absolutely no confusion.

This coffee house idea is nothing new and it is not claimed by the promoters that it is original with them. More than 200 years ago there was instituted in England just such enterprises as these coffee houses, except that there was served beer instead of coffee in these English resorts. There are in California 18 similar coffee houses that are proving a great success, not only in a financial, but in a social way. The people of St. Johns have voted the saloons out and have thus deprived a large number of men and boys of their usual place of amusement. They have a right to ask that they have something in exchange. Of course there are the churches and Sunday schools, but they do not hold every day and a goodly number of these boys and men would not perhaps care to spend any of their time in these places of worship. Therefore a place should be provided for these citizens, and it is especially up to the temperance element to make this provision. This coffee house is the best thing that has presented itself where the change is being made from a whiskey neighborhood to a temperance community. The reason for this is that a number

of harmless games are permitted to be played and these games are all free, there are a goodly number of magazines and papers kept for the use of the patrons and the club room is kept open all day and until late bed time and it is free to any one who may wish to come and spend an hour with a friend or to read the latest papers. It is a clean place of resort, for there are no cigars, tobacco or intoxicating drinks permitted to be kept or sold in the place.

A competent manager in placed in charge of the place. This manager may be selected from among our citizens here, or he may be furnished from the head office in Portland. If he is selected from among our own people here he must have considerable ability and be most trustworthy person. These are matters of detail that may be arranged after the stock is sold and the establishment of the club is assured.

That the club will be a success is sure, from the fact that in Portland, where club No. 1 has been established but for three weeks, and in isolated part of the city so far as the transient trade is concerned, the club is now earning about \$1.50 per day net profits. The great advantage of going in with the united club association is we will have the instruction of the experts belonging to and managing the headclub. Another advantage is if at first this club does not pay, the club will receive its share of the profits of the other clubs and thus be carried along until it is on a paying basis. We feel confident that it will pay from the start, because of the many attractive features. It is just what we have felt a great need of in the city and we trust that our people will take hold of the matter with their characteristic energy and have the club in operation at an early date. There will be a representative of the association in the city this week and we hope our enterprising and progressive citizens will give him the glad hand.

City Fathers Might Get a Tip From This

Ballast brought here by vessels from foreign ports the forthcoming fall and winter will be discharged without expense to the vessel at Linnton, the Columbia Engineering company agreed to take care of the material.

The company has secured a new location at Linnton for its large steel works now located at 10th and Johnson street and will move the entire plant as soon as the ground can be got in to shape. Included in this project is the filling in of 902 feet of water frontage where piling is now being driven for a wharf. To make the wharf permanent, however, dirt will be filled in as quickly as possible. Some will be dredged from the river in addition to that brought here as ballast.

Last year the ballast was taken care of by the Pacific Bridge company, and thousands of tons of sand and gravel from far foreign shores were used in making the East Side fills. The material was dumped on scows and towed from the vessels anchored in the stream to the company's large bunkers at the foot of East Salmon street.

While thousands of tons of ballast was brought here last year it is expected that a much greater quantity will be brought here this year because everything points to Portland being visited by a much larger fleet year than ever before. Possibly the fleet will consist of 150 big windjammers, many of them bringing from 1000 to 1200 tons of ballast.

Last year a large percentage of the incoming vessels brought general cargo from Europe, so that the quantity of ballast was not as large as in some seasons of the past.

Up to a year ago it cost vessels 30 cents a ton to get rid of the ballast, but under existing arrangements this expense is eliminated. And the material is worth the cost of handling it, because as a rule it makes good fills.

Fire Boys Will Not Draw the Color Line

A great game of ball will be played on the Jersey street grounds August 15. The contest will be between the St. Johns fire department and the Golden West colored lads. The fire department has assembled a good team for the fray. Lee will do the twirling and Brady will do the coloring act behind the bat. The colored ones promise to bring a club that will wipe up the earth with any team the poor white trash can put up. For pitcher, a 16-year-old wonder has been unearthed and a Chemawa Indian will cover 2d base for the chocolate boys. The Golden West team has some heavy sluggers with them and it is possible that the height of the fence will have to be extended to keep the ball in the clover patch. The game is called for 3 o'clock, and if you are a lover of good base ball don't fail to be on hand at this hour.

Have Incorporated.

J. E. Kilkenny, George L. Epps and J. F. Hendricks, all of St. Johns, have incorporated under the name of the Columbia Electrical engineering company. Their principal office will be in Portland and their capital stock \$5000. Their business will be to carry on a general electrical engineering work, construction, contracting, buying and selling of electric supplies at wholesale and retail to locate and deal in power sites and sell real estate and personal property.

Now Called Ma.

Little Mary started to school slate and pencil in hand. By and by she stopped the use of the slate and the tablet was substituted. She dropped the "r" and May was her name. High school days increased her knowledge and also her name—it appeared as Mayme. College days crowded full and the notes reached Pome signed, Mae. College days soon passed and in a little home of her own the little household cares call her Ma!

Watch the label on your paper.

Buy a Ticket and Join the Procession

The Knights of Pythias will give their annual picnic at Estacada on Wednesday, August 19th.

It will be remembered that there was a K. of P. picnic about a year ago at this place where all say they had a very jolly time in spite of the rain that made the day rather damp for comfort. This time they do not figure on any rain as the weather man is on his good behavior. So if you want to have the finest time of your life, just hunt up that grub basket and fill it full, see some of the boys who have tickets for sale and get on the car here at St. Johns at 7:30 on the morning of the 19th and go with the bunch. If you do not have the time of your life we will be the worst surprised man in St. Johns.

The fare for adults will be 75 cents and for children 35 cents. This will barely cover the expense of the car and incidentals if full car loads are secured, and that is the aim of the boys, to make expenses give their families and friends a nice outing. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to see one of Portland's famous beauty spots.

St. Johns Should Do More Advertising

Our father back in old Iowa had occasion to send us a lot of maple sugar recently and upon going to the depot to ship it the agent told him he had no knowledge of such a place as St. Johns. That there was no such a place on themap. When we were back home last fall, being an oil railroad, we could not resist the temptation to call on the agent, since looking young man and tell him that about the time he was wearing dress es we learned the lightning jokers' trade and that our first work was at his station. Learning that we had been living at Hood River, said: "So you are from Hood River. That is a great country. We have advertising matter from there all the time. It is the biggest advertiser on teh line." The reason that St. Johns is not known in the East like Hood River is because she does not advertise what she has for the homeseeker and the manufacturer. Hood River has apples but when it comes to a place for factories and for lovely homes in a climate that is faultless, we have her skinned mile.

Go Hand in Hand.

A disease similar to leprosy has been found among the rats of San Francisco, and the experts are trying to learn if the rodents can communicate the disease to human beings. So long as rats and Chinks are harbored in the same den, the people of the big financed metropolises of tremblers may expect any freak of nature. The best thing they can do is to put the rats and the Chinks in the same sack and sink them in the bay.

D. W. Bath of the Hillsboro Independent with Irving S. Bath of the Bandon Recorder have purchased the Western Oregon at Cottage Grove. Two Baths a week should give Cottage Grove a fine, clean paper and here is hoping that it will.

Bryan Officially Notified of Nomination

That the people of Nebraska take the nomination of the Peerless one as a candidate for the office of president of the U. S., seriously was evidenced by the immense audience that attended the official notification of the great Commoner at Lincoln, Neb. Wednesday that he was the choice of the democratic party for that position.

The despatches say that there was never before such crowds gathered on any occasion in the history of the city as gathered there on that day to see their citizen given the greatest honor within the power of the great party to bestow. That the people of Nebraska are in earnest in their allegiance to Mr. Bryan was demonstrated in the cheers from the thousands of throats which swelled to a deafening roar as the formal notice was given by Henry D. Clayton of Alabama.

There is a wonderful difference this year in the reception of Mr. Bryan by the people of his own state from from that of the two other occasions when he came before them for the same honors. At those times it was barely possible to get out a corporal's guard to do him honor in a half-hearted manner. This difference is significant, and means that the republican party has a much harder battle before it than ever before when Mr Bryan was up for the office of president.

Mr. Bryan declared that his principles had gained for him whatever of prominence in the political world he may be possessed of at this time and that the action of the convention that had again placed him at the head of the democratic ticket but confirmed him in those principles and made him adhere to them, firmly to them.

We would be glad to give his address of acceptance if we had the space, but not having room for it in full, it might not be amiss to give some of the salient points contained therein.

He avows fidelity to all the declarations of the democratic platform. He accepts Mr. Taft's challenge and puts all the responsibility for the abuses in federal government upon the republican party. He makes his war cry for the campaign: "Shall the people rule?" declaring that to be the paramount issue of the present campaign, condemns the republican party for its bondage to the

Tyranny of the trusts, railway and other corporations and the republicans for obstructing anti-trust legislation, scores Taft's letter of acceptance as a public confession of the weakness of the republican party and its inability to control the stock jobbing and stock-watering of the railroads. He applauds the democratic party for its bold stand on publicity and praises democratic leaders for their unmistakable interpretation of the meaning of the publicity plank.

He pledges himself if elected to convene congress in extraordinary session immediately to ask, among other things, for the immediate fulfillment of the democratic pledge on direct election of senators.

People cannot rule unless they control the house of representatives, and the republican party is committed to sag rule, while the democratic party is pledged to reform in rules.

The democratic party has risked and suffered defeat to bring about the remarkable awakening of public conscience which Taft refers to in his letter of acceptance. The democratic party has taken a stand on the side of equal rights and invites the opposition of those who use politics to secure special privileges and governmental favoritism.

The democratic party seeks not revolution, but reformation; cures are mild when applied at once, and ity as their application is postponed.

Such are some of the declarations of the festive William. All now know how to put the value upon the declarations. The fact remains that the republicans will not have the walk away they had at the last election. Mr. Taft is not the candidate that Roosevelt was, and Bryan has a hold upon the people as he never has had before. It will be well then for the republicans to foster harmony in all sections of the country among their voters, for if they do not, they will not only have to take a democrat senator from Oregon, but the nation will have the pleasure, doubtful as it may be, of honoring a democratic president in the person of W. J. Bryan, the Commoner.

The sale of special one-way tickets from all points in the United States to all points in Oregon begins September 1 and continues until October 31, and St. Johns should get busy in order to get her share of the emigrants that are coming. We need at least 2000 more people in St. Johns coming year. It remains to see whether we tell the world what we have here and secure the people who are looking for our attractions.

Old papers for sale at this office.