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ANNEXATION FOLLY AGAIN

Nothing to be Gained and Much to be Lost by Such a Move at this Stage of the Game

That old sore, annexation is breaking out again. Of course, we suppose there is nothing will cure it but to get into Portland, and then those who have had the heaviest hand in bringing it about will be the loudest howlers against the treatment accorded them by the big city.

Where the Oregonian got its information that Mr. Stadelman was one of the heaviest taxpayers and principal property owners down the river we do not know, but it is to laugh. We have been able to learn of but two or three little cottages that belong to him, while we have citizens here who have blocks and blocks and they do not wish to go into Portland either. But whether Mr. Stadelman owns one or one hundred lots cuts out little figure. We know Mr. Stadelman to be a very good citizen, honest, industrious and so far as we can will always do and say what he believes to be the best for St. Johns. We think too that there are some things he has overlooked when he was sizing up the situation for the paper in the tall tower.

He has forgotten that the outlying districts about Portland are not as well equipped for fire protection as is St. Johns.

The gentleman has sized up the paper just about right. We are opposed to annexation, not as we have been wrongfully accused, because we get a revenue from the city, although we value it at its full worth; but if that was all that it took to keep St. Johns out of Portland we would soon arrange that matter by refusing to do any more work for the city.

In other words, we think it would be money in our pockets to lose the city business if by so doing we could keep the city of St. Johns in a separate corporation.

To go into Portland now, before we get the improvements we need will set St. Johns back ten or fifteen years, and the very ones who are now agitating the change will curse bitterly the hour they ever put their fingers into thematter. This will be particularly true of those who have large property interests.

The taxes will be lower in St. Johns next year than they are in Portland, for the reason that Mr. Stadelman's 75 per cent will dwindle down to about 25 percent of misguided souls who have a hankering to jump out of frying pan into the fire by going into the big city and because the taxes in St. Johns need be no higher than now, while there are \$5,500,000 more money for the big city to pay interest upon than they have this year.

Our citizens need to look well to both sides of the question before they vote themselves into Portland, for on there now, it will be different from what it was the other time, for they cannot get out again if it does not suit them. St. Johns is the most desirable suburb about Portland, will be one of the biggest revenue getters to the big city when she becomes a part of the big corporation, as she will someday perhaps. But we do not want to go into the big city, now, when there is not a single good thing to be gained and a big lot of things that are very undesirable that will be fastened upon us.

DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

The adjourned meeting of the city council convened Friday evening in the council chamber and had a quiet family discussion of the water situation with the manager Mr. Edlerson. We learn that the old bills that have been causing so much heartburning have all been forgiven, and the city has been given a clean sheet so far as the claims for lowering and raising water pipes is concerned.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare a dissertation upon the subject of the Hancock Bonding Act, on which there seems to be an abundance of ignorance. It is the purpose of the city fathers to give the fullest information in regard to this matter in order that our people may be able to place their streets in the best of condition and at the same time be able to meet easily all the expense.

The committee on streets and public property were instructed to secure a proper location for the new drinking fountain for teams.

The council adjourned to meet on Sunday to inspect the plans and specifications with the engineer, for the new city dock.

The 21st regular session of the city lawmakers convened in the council chamber at the regular date and hour this week and after the reading of the minutes proceeded to do business.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting disclosed the fact that the petition of C. C. Woodhouse to add to his store building on Ivanhoe and Burlington could not be granted in accordance with the city fire laws.

The following bills were allowed on motion of Hunter, all voting yes:

D. J. Horsman, salary	17.50
C. E. Andrews, sundries	3.24
Col. Elec. wrks. pocket lamp	1.00
Hendricks hdw. co. hdw.	23.85
St. Johns Review, stationery, and legal work	195.27
R. E. Collins, cutting thistles	2.90
C. Heath	2.90
C. Smith, rock crusher	13.60
D. W. Horsman, labor	1.25
Isaac Baker rock crusher	15.99
Geo. Warner	22.50
P. W. R. L. & P. Co. lights	159.00

The improvement and that perhaps all would do so.

On motion of Davis warrants were ordered drawn to cover the amount due the contractor. All voting yes except Windle and Doble, who voted no.

The Fessenden question came up and city attorney Collier stated that he had called on Mr. Fuller of the street car line several times, but that their attorney has been so busy since he returned from the democratic convention at Denver that he has not been able to get to the matter, and it seems that under the existing laws the city cannot condemn this street for public use since it is already devoted to the use of one public utility.

The argument of the Goodrich case has been postponed until one week from next Monday.

The matter of grade on Hartman street was brought up and the city engineer stated that he had taken levels on the street, but the dock work had been keeping him so occupied that he had not been able to complete the work.

The city attorney was requested to interview the street car people and endeavor to get them to join us in the improvement of Fessenden street.

City engineer reported that he would make strenuous efforts to get the plans and specifications ready for the next meeting. It is a big job and one that requires a great deal of care in the making, for the reason that a slight mistake may mean a great many dollars to the city. The fact that the city engineer is able to make the plans is a big saving to the city of more than his whole year's salary and should be appreciated.

It is hoped that the calls for bids may be made in such a way that the local contractors may have an opportunity to bid on part of the work. There are those who would like to bid on the housing of the dock, who do not wish to bid on the piling. If it can be arranged so that this can be done it will be a nice thing for some of our own people.

FRATERNAL HIGH JINKS

Fraternal Brotherhood Have a Pleasant Evening With all the Accessories Thereto

That is what it was called by the unwashed individual on the outside when we were vander hands and delivered into the tender hands of State Manager P. E. Taylor, it was firmly impressed upon our mind that there had been something doing in the inner circle of the genial fraternity of the Fraternal Brotherhood.

On the evening in question, Friday, August 28, with the assistance of Mr. C. E. Lenon of the law firm of Jeffries & Lenon of Portland and George P. Dougherty, of Portland, president of the Past Presidents' Association of Oregon, a class of 54 was initiated and their trials were just over when we butted in. They were refreshing themselves with delicious cake and ice cream and were enjoying a delightful social hour and while we panished a generous supply of the delicacies the State Manager, Mr. Taylor gave us some very interesting history of the recent doings of these enterprising fraternalists. This class of 54 makes 61 new members who have been inducted into the mysteries of the order since the 15th of July and at present there are 15 more

applications for membership pending we do not think there has ever been such rapid growth in any society in the city at any time. The order is certainly to be congratulated and it seems there must be something that is very attractive in the principles of the order that enables them to capture the inhabitants of a city in such numbers.

There was present a degree team of 10 members and his Chief Deputy, E. A. Taylor from Portland and assisted in the work. Besides these visitors, E. A. Taylor of Portland was also present from Portland and assisted in the work. Besides these visitors, there were also present state manager J. M. Jordan of the Keystone Guard, Dr. C. J. McCusker chief medical examiner for Oregon and also one visitor from Denver lodge, Colorado, one from Montana, one from Seattle and several from Multnomah lodge in Portland.

It was certainly a red letter day for the order and they owe State Manager Taylor a vote of thanks for the result of his campaign here in St. Johns which he has closed so successfully.

Local Nimrods Give a Deer Time of its Life

Barney Noonan, A. D. McDonald, Jack McNiven, and one or two others have returned from a hunting stunt in the wilds near Dallas.

Only one little mealy deer was sighted, according to reports and Barney almost scared it to death by throwing his hat at it. After it was out of sight he wondered why he didn't shoot. Mac might have winged it, but it took him too long to focus his glasses on the creature. He however, took a shot at where he had seen it last, just for good luck and to show that he did not have the buck-ague. Jack started after it on a run and after getting within ten feet of the fleeing animal he threw his gun at it but unfortunately missed his aim. The boys had a very pleasant time, and even if they did not bring a buckskin home with them they can tell you how near they came to getting a deer, but didn't.

As a souvenir of the trip the lads brought to Portland an immense hood owl which Barney captured by scaling a tree and putting salt on its tail, and he spent some time learning it to talk the Irish brogue. After repeated failures Barney gave it up, and the boys left it at Portland to be mounted.

Later: Word was received from the guide who piloted them through the wilderness, that he had found the deer dead in a little glen where it had evidently stooped to rest after Jack's desperate chase. The consensus of opinion of those who viewed the remains was, that the deer met its end by heart failure, superinduced by reason of undue excitement.

Adam and George Take in the Sights

Adam Kaemlein and George Simmons took a little walk Tuesday afternoon and left the whisker office in the tender hands of Happy Harry and the licorice store in charge of George's best girl. They left their coats at home so they would not get warm walking. They went to the Swift city, thence to the packing plant and like any other kids, just kept going as long as they could see something new ahead of them. They went over the big bridge to Vancouver, saw a civilian wallop the stuffing out of a soldier, took the street car and came home, tired, happy and froze to death just as the home folks were preparing to organize a search party to drag the slough for them. There is no telling what a pair of young green kids will do when they get away from their natural guardians.

Do Not Like It

Some of the good citizens on Philadelphia street, between Hayes and the river are vowing vengeance on the city fathers and all concerned and declare they will not improve the remainder of the street if the portion of that street between Ivanhoe and Hayes is not reduced to a plane surface. This sounds like the man who had an abnormally ugly face, and becoming angry at it one day cried out: "I'll fix you," and catching up a razor, cut off his nose. While his face was homely before, it now was simply hideous. The only losers will be the citizens who will not improve their property when the proper time comes and it can be done in the most economical manner.

Happy Hansons

The family of Mr. P. T. Hanson was very much surprised and made very happy by a brief visit from their daughter, Mrs. Mabelle Hanson Walker of Seattle. As her visit was a business one and necessarily short coming Saturday and returning Tuesday evening, called by an urgent message from the home office. Mrs. Walker is a full-fledged business woman and is very successful in whatever she undertakes. Her recovery from her recent dangerous illness is complete and she was never in better health than at present. Her many friends wish her abundant prosperity in the future.

Will be Better Than Ever

There will be a large number of visitors from St. Johns to the state fair. We have heard many promise themselves the pleasure of a visit from one day to the whole week. The fair this year will be of more than ordinary interest in many ways. There is one feature that will interest our dairy and farmer friends. For the first time in the history of the fair association, there will be exhibited specimens of the polled Jersey breed of cattle. It is said that this development of the Jersey stock retains all the superior qualities of the ordinary Jersey and has the additional favorable feature of being without horns, making them about as easily handled and as docile as a flock of sheep.

A Good Minister

A series of meetings will be begun by the Christian church people on or about the 13th of this month, to be conducted by Evangelist Olson, now engaged in a meeting at Puyallup. Mr. Olson is said to be a "powerful" good preacher and the congregation is anticipating a good meeting. The support, co-operation and prayers for an abundant success is asked of all believers everywhere by this little body of Christians.

A Good Showing

Mr. Geasler of Calef Bros. furniture store tells us that the sales of that establishment for the month of August last year were \$450, and for the same month this year were \$1056. He also says that his sales for July this year were much heavier than for that month last year. This looks like prohibition was killing St. Johns we don't think.

If There is a Difference We Know it Not

Yes, we are illiterate and unlearned in regard to the dolms and claims of socialism. Years ago we made a fairly close study of the principles which seemed to us to be a sort of a gold brick proposition for the laboring man and every new campaign there were new dolms and new sayings but so far as we were able to learn there has been nothing accomplished to better the condition of the laborer. That "little dinky remnant" that our good friend talks about did manage to pull off a murder or two in orthodox European style. We are too ignorant to know the difference between the socialist in the "great movement" and those of the "little dinky" class, all seem alike to us, and really while the "great social movement" claims to embrace the whole world, on the continent of Europe, the only conclusion we can come to is that they are all one, that the frisky gentleman in the territory of the czar, who is wasting all his fourth of July ammunition to try to annihilate the ruling class, and the "little dinky" class who are practicing on a smaller, but apparently just as effective scale are all so closely allied that to stand up and "differentiate" is a puzzle to our most eminent statesmen, therefore our friend does well to forgive us. We know nothing of any blooming conspiracy, and think it is all the imaginings of a fevered mind (politically speaking) but that the papers of the whole country as a class think they are doing the best they can for their country's good, the greatest good to the greatest number. We are charitable enough to think even the Appeal to Reason and Wilshire's publication have this for their ambition, but how they take some of the dolms that are to be attributed to the socialist and harmonize it with the ambition of a good newspaper is a conundrum to us. We know there are some of the best people we have in the land in the ranks of the socialist and some of the blackest criminals who disgrace our country. We do not think for a moment that any party or class of people has a monopoly on the goodness of this world, not even the churches. We do think the socialist's ethical reasoning is very lame. That he is as unjust as is the monopolist who would put him to the very limit of his energy that he might turn his very blood into gold.

Our old parties are largely responsible for the socialist party. There would have been no excuse for it if they had but done the right thing; by the laboring class, but they would not and now they are trying, when it

Need More Practice and Better Team Work

The fire ladders met their second grand defeat at the local hall ground Sunday. The Gold Seal club of Portland were their opponents and carried off the honors three to one. The local boys showed a woeful lack of practice and team work and the result was nothing more than could be expected. The boy wonder who opened the season for the Albina Tri City club was on the ground for the Gold Seal lads, and his delivery was too many for the fire eaters. Raymond Lee and Ray Poff took care of the delivery end of the business for St. Johns, but their poor support, wildness and the heavy batting qualities of the visitors allowed the score to crawl up against them in an alarming manner. With a little practice and an early start in the season the fire department could put up a team that would rank with the best of them.

is quite late in the day for they may well sit up and take notice. The growth of the socialist party, which no doubt includes in the figures the "little dinky" party that has the socialist did not make the figures for the government, they have the right to repudiate these "little dinky" party, is rapid, the government statistics read something like this: In 1888 they cast only 2000 votes; in 1900 it had swelled to 100,000; in 1902 it rose to 229,762; in 1904 it reached nearly 450,000; in the last four years the number of dues-paying members has more than doubled again, and it seems probable that the vote will be close to a million this fall.

The old parties would do well to quit cutting their own throats now and do something for the people before the socialist gain control of the legislative halls. If they do not they will have but themselves to blame. Even red revolution takes the place of peace and prosperity.

Will Visit Japan

The united chambers of commerce of Japan have extended an invitation to the representative business men of the cities along the Pacific coast to participate in an excursion which will leave San Francisco on September 25th. Those preferring to go by another route, however, will join the party in Japan. The entire trip will consume about three months and the visitors will see the famous chrysantheums at their best.

Rev. E. A. Leonard Resigns as Pastor

It is with sincere regret that we learn of the resignation of Rev. Leonard to take effect the first of October.

Mr. Leonard is a splendid leader, careful and able financier, a faithful and devoted pastor. He has with the assistance of the good Baptists of St. Johns erected and paid for the beautiful church home in which they meet, except the small amount they owe their extension board which they have three years in which to pay.

Mr. Leonard will be greatly missed by not only the members of his own church, but by the many of the city who are not members of his congregation, but were wont to go there and hear him and also by the members of the city ministerial board. We have not learned whether or not the church has accepted the resignation, but suppose they cannot do otherwise if Mr. Leonard insists upon it, but we do hope that he may be prevailed upon to continue with us longer.

Human Ostrich With Cast Iron Stomach

It is said that we go away from home to hear the news. This seems true in this instance at any rate.

We get the following facts from the Scientific American and the truth of the statements can easily be ascertained by those who so desire. A little more than three months ago a man by the name of Frank Durga applied to Doctors Gale & Bartie of North Bend, Oregon, for treatment for cramps in his stomach. An examination was made and he was sent to the hospital where he was operated upon and the following list of articles were removed from his stomach:

There was removed 5 rifle balls, 3 Jack-knives, 4 doorkeys, 17 horseshoe nails, 4 6-penny nails, 1 fish hook, 1 end from jointed rod, 1 plate from Jack-knife handle, 15 dimes, 3 nickels and four ounces of glass. The aggregate weight of this cache was 1 pound 14 ounces.

It does not seem possible that a human being could take in such a lot of indigestibles and live. The fact that the case is so near and that the story is vouched for by these surgeons gives it to say the least the appearance of truth.

The Scientific American prints a photo-engraving of the articles taken

Brother Downs Gets Taste of Bachelorism

Brother Downs is disconsolate. He has no one to love him—except his dog—and he gave up his tale of woe. We noticed the happy satisfied look on his expansive phiz and inquired the cause of his trouble. He remarked that he and his wife had had a "few words" that morning and she had left him. While we were debating on the propriety of congratulating him or offering condolence he said that Mrs. Dobson, his daughter of Athena had been visiting them for some time and that these good ladies had gone to visit relatives at Napavine, leaving O. H., and the dog to play the "Two Orphans" stunt at home. He will certainly have the sympathy of all who have passed through a like experience, and we suppose his daily food will be waffles and hard tack flavored with black coffee. Such however are some of the tribulations that come to the married man.

Good Accommodations

There will be plenty of restaurant accommodations at the Oregon State Fair, which will be held in Salem on September 14-19. One-half of the lower part of the grandstand at the race track has been leased to Mr. Watson, proprietor of Watson's famous restaurant at Portland and this alone insures the very best facilities for satisfying the hungry crowds of people that will attend the fair. Heretofore this section of the fairgrounds has been occupied by the pool sellers and saloon men, but all such unsatisfactory places have been dispensed with and the change will be a most acceptable one. The other half of the grand stand's first floor will be used by confectionery stands and places where soft drinks will be dispensed. There will be several other eating houses and lunch counters on the grounds also.

Rev. Owens of the Baptist church at Astoria will exchange pulpits with Rev. Leonard of St. Johns next Sunday.

It Might Have Been

Work on the Swift plant is progressing in a satisfactory manner, and it will not be long now until the Peninsula's most important industry will be doing business on this site. Too bad for St. Johns that the Swift people did not secure the Weyerhaeuser tract of land at the north end as the scene of their immense operations. This tract has lain dormant so long and has been the source of so much speculation and prophecy that operations there on an extensive would be a great relief to all of us.

A Strange Land

A Missouri orator is said to have perpetrated the following: "We live in a land of high mountains and high taxes, low valleys and low wages, big crooked rivers and big crooked statesmen, big lakes, big strikes, big drunks and big pumpkins; silver streams that gambol in the mountains and pious politicians who gamble in the night; fast young men and faster girls; sharp financiers and sharper sheets; fertile plains that lie like sheets of water and thousands of newspapers whose sheets lie like thunder." It sounds like Sam Jones.

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