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WANTED---A PAPER MILL

Such An Enterprise Would Be Welcomed in This City and Prove Profitable as Well

Among the many industries that would pay big money on the investment in St. Johns is a paper mill. Most of the paper used in the Northwest comes from the east, when it could be manufactured almost entirely on the Pacific coast. The large mills now in operation at Oregon City do an immense business, but they cannot supply the demand. The saving in the cost of manufacture in St. Johns over what it costs in Oregon City is quite an item and would in a very few years pay for the entire plant. This company has its logs hauled to this city by tugs, and they are then sawed the required length placed on cars and shipped to the mills. This is an item that would be eliminated by having a mill located here. As it requires from 15 to 20 men to handle these logs after they reach the boom near the dry dock, and it requires on an average 25

cars a day to convey the logs to the mill, it can readily be seen that the daily saving would not be far from \$150 per day. With the advent of the North Bank railroad the shipping facilities here cannot be surpassed anywhere and the company that establishes a paper mill in St. Johns is going to make a barrel of money. Novelty works and woodenware industries also have a wonderful opportunity here. It is a strange fact that even clothespins must be shipped from the east, the freight on which costs more than the manufactured article. Washboards and almost any other wooden household utensil are all made in the east and shipped to the Northwest. An eastern man is always astounded when he sees the enormous amount of good sized pieces of lumber that are burned or go to waste in this country. The time will come however, when they will all utilized a different manner.

St. Martin's Springs Good for the Afflicted

These now famous hot springs are located near the Columbia river about sixty miles from Portland, east. You can take the boat any morning and on reaching Carson's landing you will be met at that point by St. Martin's busses which will carry you to Wind River about two and a half miles distant where the springs are located.

I have always been skeptical as to the virtues claimed for the mineral springs, but after a visit there for seven days I am convinced that they have wonderful curative power. There are certain classes of complaints that cannot be benefited by these waters, no doubt, but for most of the ailments to which "human flesh is heir" they are highly beneficial. Rheumatics especially are greatly helped by the hot baths, and hundreds are completely cured by them.

Nearly every person you meet will tell you how much he has been benefited by the use of these baths and by drinking of the waters, many leaving them in a few days or weeks well men and women. To give an idea of the wonderful effects of bathing, allow me to say that I have weighed myself before taking a bath and again in about two hours after taking it and I found myself reduced from five to six pounds. Of course this result would not be attained by a spare man, but I went there to reduce my surplus fat and I succeeded admirably. Understand this, however the next day I would come back to a pound or two of my old weight, but after taking another bath I would again fall off five or six pounds, so that when I went to the springs my weight was 220 pounds and on leaving I weighed only 209 1/2 pounds and at that figure I still remain.

I have seen many people during my short stay benefited or cured of diaphragm, carbuncle, liver, kidney and bladder troubles, lame back, and many other chronic complaints. I believe the value of these springs can not be easily overestimated and should be more generally known by the afflicted. There is a large hotel here and many other necessary buildings, but the hotel is often full to overflowing. I would therefore advise every one going there in the summer to camp out. In this way a person can live very cheaply. The proprietor gives every person so desiring it, camping ground and seven baths a week for the small sum of \$2. A store on the grounds will sell you groceries as cheaply as can be purchased in Portland. Indeed I do not believe there is a resort in the United States of this kind where a man can be accommodated so reasonably and so cheaply.

Complaints have been made that Mr. St. Martin is very grum, cross and unaccommodating. The charge is not true. Mr. St. Martin is a very quiet man and has little to say unless he is asked for it. He never interferes with anybody. He never pines for the sake of his trade. He gives you the freedom of everything on the grounds. He does not care whether you stay with him or go away. You will always find him in his barn harnessing his horses or currying his horses of which he owns

Sixty Feet too Narrow For Fessenden Street

There has been much discussion in the matter of the improvement of Fessenden street and we have had but little to say so long as it was to be made only 60 feet wide, for no street that is to carry the car line should not be so narrow. The people on Killingsworth avenue are now reaping the fruit of their folly in this matter. Even now, with the light traffic they have, there are times when it is almost impossible for the teams to get through and when that business is doubled as it naturally will be in a few years they will be compelled to widen the streets at an expense immensely larger than if they had been wise and done so in the first place.

The street car company expect in the near future to put a double track around the loop and when that is put in there would be but little of the 60-foot street left. The people along that street then would be in the same condition as are those who live on Killingsworth avenue. The fine boulevard that is being pushed out from Portland will come out in the vicinity of this street and if it is made of sufficient width will be sure to be made the turning point of that great roadway. This would add an immense value to the property along this street.

Now, is prominently the time to make the widening of the street, as it can be done at a minimum of cost. The time will soon come when it will be forced to widen to accommodate the business and then if it is still so narrow the expense will be many times what it would cost to do the work now. It were much better to make the street wider than narrower than 70 feet. We hope every one who is interested in this street will make a careful study of the situation and see if he cannot find it to his interest to favor the wide street. All our streets are too narrow and property would be worth more with smaller lots and wider streets. Fessenden street made 70 or even 80 feet wide would be a great benefit to all parts of the city and would do as much as any one thing to advance the development and value of the property in that section of the city.

many splendid ones. If you ask him anything he will say nothing but will walk away and attend to your wants. A stranger comes in and says: "Mr. Martin, where can I put my tent?" The reply will be: "Anywhere that suits you." "What are your terms?" "See the clerk, that ain't my business."

I confess I like the old man with his old style and independent manner. He is a perfect mountaineer, who bows to no one and fears nothing. He has more money than he needs and spends it freely. Hates nobody and will insult nobody unless they try to insult him or defraud him but if they did that the chances are they would beat a retreat in short order.

If I live long enough I shall visit these springs again and I would strongly advise all my afflicted or ailing friends to give St. Martin Mineral springs a trial.

DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

The adjourned meeting of the city council met Friday evening and made a careful examination of the plans and specifications prepared by the city engineer and after some minor changes accepted the same and they will be found with the recorder by all interested. Our city engineer is certainly a peach and capable of doing anything that may come up in his line. In this dock matter he has saved the city something like \$1800 or \$2000 by getting up these plans, which did not strictly come within the line of his duty. The least that the council could do and be square in the matter would be to make the lad some substantial donation that would at least express the appreciation of the citizens for his good work manifested not only in this instance but is characteristic of all his work. We make this suggestion to get more information regarding the cost of improving Pittsburg street. Mr. Hurlbert stated that he thought the city as a whole should stand a portion of the cost of improving this street as the greater part of the crushed rock from the crusher would be hauled over this thoroughfare for spreading on the various streets, and as the whole city would thus be benefited by the improvement, the property owners along the street should not be compelled to bear all the burden. Mayor Brice gave the figures compiled from the city engineer's estimates on the street and said the cost was much lower than many of the property owners imagined. The total cost of improving Pittsburg, Crawford and Salem streets would not exceed \$1500. The ferry company agreed to make a generous concession on price of conveying the rock across the river for these streets. Much time was taken up in discussing these streets as it is imperative that some kind of an adjustment be made because the rock crusher will be practically useless unless some route was graded to get the rock to the summit of the grade on the St. Johns side. It is certainly too bad that Pittsburg street is thus tied up. No relief could be found in the charter for the improvement of a street where two-thirds of property owners were "ferminal" the improvement as in this case. Therefore unless the remonstrators can see the thing in different light the improvement of Pittsburg street will go a glimmering for six months more, when the proposition can again be taken up. That would give us another winter of hub-deep and deeper mud to the ferry. A suggestion was made that the council plank this street in a temporary manner so that it could be utilized in hauling heavy loads over, but several of the councilmen objected to the outlay of about \$300 required for this work.

on that part of the street was also passed. Alderman Davis then made a motion that city attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance covering Salem and Crawford streets and present to the council at the next meeting provided the remonstrances will permit. Bids for the improvement of Oswego and Buchanan streets were opened and read as follows: Sidewalk Oswego street—Walk 40 cents per lineal foot; crosswalks, 39 cents; box gutters, 35 cents; Bidder, W. E. Hillier. Grading Oswego street—Cuts 43 cents; fill, 20 cents; rock, \$2 per cubic yard; sidewalk 47 cents; crosswalks 8 1/2 cents per square foot; box gutter 50 cents. Bidder, William Lind. Grading Buchanan street—Cut 40 cents; fill 18 cents; rock \$2 per cubic yard; grading \$100; sidewalk, cement, \$1 per square foot; crosswalk 43 cents; box gutters, 50 cents; Bidder, William Lind. Side walk Buchanan street—cement 5-foot—\$1 per lineal foot; crosswalks 50 cents; box gutters 50 cents. Bidder M. Hansen. Alderman Davis moved that the bid of William Lind on complete improvement of Buchanan street be accepted; all yes. Alderman Bonham made motion the bid of W. E. Hillier on sidewalk for Oswego street be accepted; all yes. On Alderman Johnson's motion the bid of William Lind for the grading of Oswego street and spreading of gravel was unanimously accepted. The following bills were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on motion of Bonham:

J. Longan, rodman.....\$ 6.00
F. L. Day, jurymen..... 1.00
G. L. Eppe "..... 1.00
J. T. Brooks, "..... 1.00
P. T. Hansen "..... 1.00
John Poff, "..... 1.00
D. J. Horsman, salary..... 17.50
H. Tolliver, rock crusher..... 10.00
George Warner, foreman..... 15.00
A. G. Long, freight on chemical engine returned..... 1.50
Total.....\$55.90
Report of treasurer and secretary of fire department was read, accepted and placed on file. The report shows \$35.68 in the treasurer's hands. Plans and specifications of the city dock as prepared by the city engineer were read by the recorder and city attorney was instructed to draw up a resolution adopting the same. Meeting then adjourned to meet Wednesday evening.

On Wednesday evening council assembled to pass ordinances for the improvement of Crawford and Salem streets, in order that these streets may be improved with the least possible delay. After this business was transacted the meeting adjourned to meet in regular session next Tuesday evening.

SAD DEATH BY DROWNING

Little Floyd Bolen Meets An Untimely End While Playing on a Raft Along the River

If ever there was a lad that deserved the Carnegie medal it is little Gerald Royer who while playing with his little friend Floyd Bolen on a raft saw Floyd fall in the river and sink beneath the waves. He plunged in instantly and endeavored to



FLOYD BOLEN.

rescue his friend but was unable to get hold of him and only desisted when others came and took him out of the water.

Gerald, who is eight and Floyd, 11 years of age with a cousin of Floyd, Burnie Looney of Kernville and Geo. Nichols were playing with an old

scow and some log rafts which they had made, and as the raft approached the scow Floyd attempted to jump from the raft to the scow, but missed his footing and fell into the river. He came up and Gerald jumped in and did all that he could to get him but could not. He is heart broken over the loss of his friend and declares that if he could have reached him he could have saved his life but, it is however, very fortunate for Gerald, his friends think that he was unable to reach his friend for in his drowning condition Floyd would have been most sure to have clasped his arms around little Gerald and both would have drowned.

He was the oldest son of W. Bolen, carpenter at the Government Moorings and whose residence is at 238 Tyler street. The funeral was from the Fourth Plains church, Vancouver, Washington, Sunday evening at 2 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Bolen are old residents of Vancouver, having come from there to St. Johns some seven years ago. They have four other younger children, two boys and two girls. They have the sincerest sympathy of their many friends.

Little Gerald Royer is the son of J. E. Royer, of 317 Polk street and is a brave little fellow, having demonstrated that he is of the stuff from which heroes are made. He is deserving of the highest honors that come to the brave.

The above is a good likeness of little Floyd, who was a bright, energetic little fellow.

Board at \$5 a Week Mighty Little Left

There is a strike on over on the new electric line across the river. Some difficulty came up between a couple of Greek laborers and one of the bosses. It was not a case of when Greek meets Greek, more likely was when the Greek met the Irish but the result was the same and the Greeks were fired. Then the friends of the dues had their lining and all called for their time. This stopped the teams for the time being and the teamsters followed suit. So there is a quiet time in the operations of the construction department of the new "trolley" line below Linton.

We have been told that the trouble arose over the system the bosses use in the handling their men. It is said they charge \$3.50 per month for sleeping room in a tent, the sleeper to furnish everything for his accommodation except the tent. Then they deduct a dollar hospital fees from all who take employment, if even but for a day. This kind of grafting is common in construction work in Oregon as in many other states, and is always the source of much dissatisfaction among the men, resulting in the so-called three-gang system, one gang coming, another working and still another going. One of our legislators would immortalize himself if he would but work a bill through making it a penal offense to thus take advantage of the poor devils who do the grinding, soul-harrowing, body-killing work of making railroads. It is like taking out oak grubs, the hardiest work known to man and one who would thus defraud the laborer from his hard earned dollars should have a strenuous term at Kelley's Butte.

Warden a Good One

Game Warden McAllister was in the city last Friday looking after the work of some parties who had been selling salmon and sturgeon without a fish license. Our sports and professional gamblers will do well to comply with the law, for it is Mr. McAllister's business to see that they do, and we have known him well for a number of years, when he was a smiling knight of the road and the most successful and thorough one of the bunch; therefore, we would be willing to vouch that Mack will prove a terror to the law breakers and a good friend of the true sportsman. We know him to be a straight, honest square fellow and believe that the people will have good reason to be glad that he has attained to his present position.

The Collapsible Box Co., has been obliged to work over time in order to get their orders filled promptly. That must look good to them.

Fatal Accident Near the Columbia Park

Mrs. Mary Brown was instantly killed at Macks' station on the St. Johns carline Tuesday afternoon. She went to the car to see her friend on board and as she started to leave the car which was going toward Portland she passed to the rear of the car and attempted to cross the track. The car her friend had entered prevented her seeing a car coming on the other track and also kept the motorman from seeing the lady until the car and the woman were almost in touch. Neither the motorman nor Mrs. Brown could prevent the accident after they saw each other. The motorman dropped the fender, which picked Mrs. Brown up and carried her along and prevented mutilation, but the terrific impact in striking the car evidently caused instant death. The motorman said Mrs. Brown saw his car at the same time he saw her and endeavored to get out of the way but did not have sufficient time.

It is another case of absentmindedness to which everyone is more or less addicted. These shocking deaths which occur from this cause would, it seems bring everyone to such a realization of the danger of thus passing to the rear of a car on double tracks without first assuring oneself that the way is clear, that such accidents as this would become impossible. But

Looks a Good Thing

A. E. Rugg, representing Bonville's Western Monthly, a new magazine which will soon be put out for public favor was in the city this week engaged in the work of presenting an advertising scheme to the business men and others. He expects to get the support of the Commercial club to secure 100 subscriptions and will give St. Johns a good page writeup the copy to be furnished by the club. We hope our citizens will see their way to subscribe to the new magazine that we may secure the good advertisement that a fine writeup in it would give us. The first issue will be worth more than many succeeding ones for an ad. because every one will read the first number, ads and all, to see what it has in it. The initial number will be issued in February, and there has already been nearly a million dollars worth of ads contracted for.

At the rate the vacant houses are being filled there will be no vacant houses in the city in a short time. Instead, really seem to be getting more—one almost says—popular. As one goes about among the moving cars one should ever hold uppermost in the mind that the weight of the car at once makes it impossible to instantly stop it, and is almost surely fatal if one is in the way. Only by eternal vigilance may we prevent these sad accidents.

Nothing But Glory in it When Simmered Down

Athletics are fine. Very beneficial if properly indulged in. Most of us glory, too, in the work of our champions and we feel quite chummy when we think of their achievements at the Marathon contests. But what real good is it after all? It does not make anyone any better in this life. It does not hoe an extra fruit tree. It does not saw an extra board or grow an extra pound of wool. It does not add a single dollar to the national wealth or a single day to the life of an individual in the entire nation, on the otherhand hundreds who go in for athletics by over exertion and overtraining come to an untimely end. It occurs to us therefore to ask: Is the flicker worth the candle.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs! Laurelwood Rebekah lodge No. 169 of St. Johns, will celebrate the 57th anniversary of the Rebekah degree, Monday night September 21, in I. O. O. F. hall at 8 o'clock. A short program will be rendered and refreshments will be served after closing. All members are earnestly requested to attend the meeting. Relatives and friends of members are cordially invited. Anna Hathaway, Noble Grand.

Building Boom Now in Progress at Kenton

Excavating preliminary to the erection of 20 stone and brick dwellings is in progress at Kenton, the Swift town site near the packing plant site on the peninsula. Upon the completion of the first installment of houses, work will be gin on a larger number of frame houses and cottages, which are to be erected for the occupancy of the packing house employees. Several construction crews will be put to work building the houses as fast as the excavations are completed. Construction material of all kinds is being assembled on ground in order that no delay will occur in completing the work. All of the concrete and brick dwellings are to be erected on one street and these are to be as nearly fireproof as possible to make them.

The Kenton Building & Contracting company, which has the contract for all the Kenton improvements has given an order to a local mill for 600,000 feet of lumber which is now being hauled to the Kenton townsite and a large order for brick has been placed with a local selling agency, do hereby to be made next week. The contractor estimates that within six months the new town of Kenton will be an established fact.

W. R. C. Entertainment

Patriotic entertainment will be given by the W. R. C. on Tuesday evening September 22. All are invited but a special invitation is given to all loyal women, as we wish to add new names to our already large roll of patriotic workers in St. Johns. Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, of Oregon City, past department president will give an interesting address on the working of the W. R. C. and their relation to the G. A. R., which will be very instructive as well as entertaining. Come, give us a call and we will entertain you. Press Correspondent.

Building Permits

No. 83, to P. Thompson to erect a residence on lot 19, block 12 North St. Johns fronting on Hayes, between Maple and city limits—\$1200.
No. 84 to Frank Walker to erect residence on lot 2 block 26, James Johns addition fronting on Edloun, between Tacoma and Baltimore—\$1500.
No. 85 to A. D. Root, to alter residence on lots 3 and 4 block 34, fronting on Newport between Seneca and Portland boulevard—\$200.
Watch the label on your paper.