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SHOULD GET BUSY AT ONCE

Now is the Time When the Citizens Should Get Together and Push to the Front

Right in line with what we have been saying in regard to St. Johns getting ready for the coming season we received the following letter from one of the finest men on the Peninsula which is right to the point. Our business men who are interested in the growth of St. Johns must devote enough of their time to meeting together, discussing methods and planning the work of exploiting the advantages and attractions of St. Johns to put in motion some successful course of action or the other sections of the Peninsula will leave us in the rear and St. Johns, instead of leading as she has for the past few years will tag along behind. We do not believe that our people are of that class that would be satisfied to go backward or even to stand idle and let others go ahead of them. We will be glad to do anything we can to further such a proposition. If a meeting is desired, let us know and we will gladly announce it free of charge and make any statement the exigencies of the case demands. May we not hear from some of the business men on this point? The letter follows:—

Editor Review, Your editorial of September 25th touching upon the work to be done by the different clubs of the Peninsula in line with advertising for another vigorous campaign was read with interest and we cannot refrain from urging the citizens of your town to take up this work with spirit.

There is no question but what the entire Peninsula will be thickly settled some time during the next 20

years but just at present St. Johns is in somewhat of a peculiar position and if a misstep is made or if your citizens refuse to respond to a liberal campaign of advertising your growth may be retarded for at least five years.

Across the Willamette river from St. Johns lies the bustling town of Linnton and if any citizen of St. Johns feels that Oregon citizens are sleeping over on the hillside they should take a trip from Linnton to Portland. At the end of the journey they would be convinced that something was doing over on that side of the river.

Above St. Johns on the Columbia river side you have the immense Swift Packing plant, but you must remember that these people are laying out their town site and spending tens of thousands of dollars in street improvements, etc.

It looks to us as if our St. Johns friends should get busy immediately and plan a campaign that will result in showing visitors to this part of the country that they have the finest town and harbor between Portland and the sea.

The transcontinental lines have just made a \$50.00 round trip rate from Missouri river points to the coast cities to go into effect May 1st, next and it is reasonable to suppose that 75 per cent of the people visiting Seattle will visit Portland, St. Johns has the opportunity of her life to get busy. Yours very truly,
Peninsula Lumber Co.
F. C. Knapp, Secretary

DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

At the 27th session of the city council all members were present except Alderman Hunter, who was absent from the city.

After the opening exercises the recorder presented a statement from the tax collector showing the amount of taxes due on lots A, B, C, D, E, dedicated to the city by Mr. Holbrook last year, which taxes were to be paid by the city. The City Attorney was instructed to take the matter up with the proper authorities and have it adjusted.

The taxes on the city dock lots the last half of which was to be paid by the city came under consideration and on motion of Bonham was ordered paid, all voting yes.

Messrs. George Hall and Charles Anderson appeared in behalf of the citizens on Richmond street. It seems there are some of the property owners on the street who do not wish to put down the cement walks at this time because there having been fills made alongside their property the settling of the fills would ruin the walks. After an extended discussion it was decided on motion of Davis that the recorder notify these parties that they would not be required to put down their cement walk until the ground had settled to safe degree and that when advertising for bids these exceptions would be placed in the ads and the con-

tracts let accordingly, all voting yes.

Messrs. Hall and Anderson urged strenuously for the cement walks on the entire street when any kind was made, because of the greater economy, the greater value it would add to the property and the greater cleanliness and beauty of the cement walk. And they were right.

Contractor Lind asked permission to unload a barge of gravel on the Richmond street dock. The matter was given careful consideration and it was decided that the traffic going over the dock was such that it could not be used for unloading gravel upon and that the dock was not strong enough for that purpose, having had several timbers broken the other time it was so used and that it was unsafe for such use. On motion of Johnson, the recorder was requested to notify Mr. Lind of these conditions.

On motion of Bonham the following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Portland Abstract advertising for bids on dock \$ 10.00
D. H. Horsman, janitor salary half month 17.50
Irwin Hodson Co. lien docket and blanks 11.65
St. Johns Water Co. 59.00
Review advertising and job work 108.20
J. Longan, rodmn 6 days 12.00
Total \$275.91

The matter of a house for the city Chugomobile was brought up by Alderman Bonham and the matter was referred to the street committee to see what arrangements could be made to get the machine under cover as early as possible.

In pursuance to instructions of the council, City Engineer Andrew had secured E. W. Schraymeyer as inspector of piling for the city dock at the rate of \$110 per month to serve until the piling were placed. On motion of Bonham appointment was approved. All yes.

Engineer was instructed to secure an assistant that would enable him to get his street grades set and at the same time do his work on the city dock. This to be paid out of the dock fund, because the extra help was required on that account.

Chief of police reported several defective sidewalks and report on motion of Doble was turned over to the street committee for action.

After an extended discussion of the Pittsburg street improvement on motion of Davis a committee was appointed by the mayor to interview Mr. Ayers of the St. Johns Lumber Co. in reference to this matter and the clearing of Burlington and Bradford streets from their obstructions at the mill site. The committee appointed was Johnson, Bonham and Doble. Adjourned.

BANCROFT BONDING ACT

A Great Factor in Street Improvement by Making it Less Burdensome to Property Owners

A number of our citizens are taking advantage of the bonding act to improve their streets and sidewalks. This way of making improvement we do not believe is generally understood or it would be more generally adopted. A district in the city may petition for the improvement of their streets by grading, macadamizing or finishing with bitulithic paving and concrete sidewalks or any other style of improvement they may see fit to adopt in harmony with the ordinances of the city. Grading, macadamizing and concrete sidewalks can be constructed on most of our streets at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per lineal foot cost, to the abutting property. By taking advantage of this bonding act one can pay this cost in ten equal annual payments and only six percent interest on deferred payments if at any time before the ten years have elapsed one wishes to make his payment in full he may do so and thus save the interest. There is nothing that is so helpful to the man of ordinary means as this bonding act for it enables him to improve his property in the latest and best manner without its being a burden upon him. Suppose a man has a lot of 100 feet front, and he wishes to improve it. Suppose it cost \$1.50 per lineal foot. His lot, fronting on the street would have, under the present ordinances regulating the improvement of streets, to pay 40 per cent or \$60; the next lot 25 per cent, or \$37.50; the next 20 per cent, or \$30; the next 15 per cent, or \$22.50. Of this amount one tenth will have to be paid at the completion of the work on the lot facing the street this would amount to \$6 down and six dollars per year with the interest on the balance.

We do not think there is any one so poor that they may not have a macadamized street and concrete walks in front of their dwellings in St. Johns on this plan. Why not make one large district of the principal streets of St. Johns and have them all improved according to this plan? This will make it more economical for the reason that given in large contracts the work can be done cheaper and having large quantities of the bonds they would find a more ready and better market. This is another matter that a live Push club could investigate and act upon to the incalculable advantage and advancement of the city, and it would find enthusiastic and ready helpers in the city council.

LOCAL BRIEFLETS

What are you doing in regard to the growing of roses? Now is a fine time to plant them just as the early rains are coming.

Miss Sula Dunbar, who has been suffering for several days from a severe abscess on her face has so far recovered that she has attended school again this week.

Mr. J. P. Winter, a prominent attorney of Pendleton, law partner of Judge Lowell of that city was in the city the first of the week the guest of Attorney Collier.

If you have fleas about your premises put out a sheet of fly paper with a piece of raw beef in the center of it. The fleas will get stuck on the paper trying to reach the beef. It is said. Try it.

Higgen has out done Taft as an calculator. Recently Taft took a little babe from the arms of its pretty mother and kissed it just as his train was starting; but when Higgen was notified of his nomination twenty young women kissed him. Now, Hobson, where are you.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Collier, father and mother of City Attorney H. E. Collier have come to St. Johns to make their home so as to be near their sons, their other son will arrive in St. Johns perhaps the last of this week and will also make his home here.

The rains of the past few days have been wonderfully invigorating. They have freshened the air, laid the dust and put Oregon in her best possible condition. They have also been a fine thing for the farmer, the gardener and stock grower, but a little hard on the orchardist.

William Rich of Manitoba became tired of that rigorous climate where it is winter nine months of the year and early spring and late fall the other three recently came down where people can live without danger of getting frost bitten and bought a fine corner lot of Mr. Luthers, where he and his wife and four children have a fine comfortable home.

The Portland Railway Light and Power company are intending to combine their different shops into one big plant. They have no place of sufficient size favorably located on which to establish a plant of this kind. Why not have them come to St. Johns? We have plenty of room here and there is no better place on the face of the earth for such an enterprise. The bringing of it here would increase our population some 500 or 800 souls. It is worth working for. Why not get after this? No other section about Portland enjoys so favorable a standing with this company, both as to the country and the people.

Mrs. A. T. Bolden, who has been visiting her mother, who is very ill, for several days returned home Saturday.

The friends of George H. Black and wife will be interested to know that he has moved to Roswell Idaho from Boise.

Mrs. Leo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McNeil is visiting her parents while her household effects are being moved to Washington, Washington.

Don't overlook the fact that you can date your paper ahead at the old price of one dollar per year for the next few days. It might be well to take advantage of this fact and renew before the day of grace has passed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Killian of Monticello, Iowa, visited their little nephew, Master Fred, Tucker last week. They have been visiting friends at Boise, Idaho, for the past three weeks and came on to St. Johns for a visit with their nephew before returning to their Hawkeye home.

Coach Robert V. Forbes, the famous Yale end, who was hired by the Associated Students of the University of Oregon to coach their football team is making a great hit with his men. Fifty men are turning out for practice daily.

The Council Crest station of the Wireless Telegraph company talked with Oahu, Hawaiian Islands last Saturday night. The distance is about 2300 miles as the crow flies. Not bad for a starter. It is thought regular communication will be established between these two stations at once.

Walter Hoover and his wife and William Hoover and wife were taking in the sights of St. Johns Monday. The two gentlemen are operating a saw mill at Detroit, and while the mill is undergoing repairs they took advantage of the fact and came to see what was new in our progressive city.

To be or not to be, that is the question." Whether it is better to get up and bustle and be an "it" in the progress and development of the Peninsula, or lie supinely while all our neighbors outstrip us in the race for public favor. It is up to our citizens to say. The Review stands ready to do its share and more too in the work of "carrying the news to Mary", so come running and get busy.

And if you want becoming hats becoming to the Vogue.

FOR SALE

Tent 16x20 used 11 months; first class condition, with matched flooring floor and board walls.
Tent cost \$25, floor cost \$30 complete, will sell for \$25 cash. Call at this office.

Note the label on your paper.

Man's Life is Full of Strange Contraries

Somebody has figured it out that a man's life is made up of a strange lot of contraries. He comes into the world without being consulted and usually quits it against his will. When he's little the big girls kiss him when he is grown only the little ones do. If he's poor, he's a bad manager if he's rich he's dishonest. If he possesses ability, he fails to get a chance to show it; if he has none, he is pushed into the most conspicuous places. If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor, if he doesn't give to charity, he's a tight-wad; if he does it for show, if he is actively religious, he's a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he's a hardened sinner. If he shows affection, he's a soft specimen; if he seems to care for no one, he's cold-blooded. If he tries to be friendly, he is an easy mark; if he doesn't he's stuck up. If he dies young there was a great future ahead of him, if he lives to an old age, he has missed his calling. 'What's the use?'

Whosoever Will May Buy Space in Paper

Two or three of our good friends came in and cancelled their subscription because we run the evangelists matter on the first page week before last. Several other of our citizens have been agitating themselves because we did so. Why bless your little shrivelled up hearts, the evangelists pay us for their space or they would not receive it. If any of the other churches wish to run a page ad for the same money they are welcome to do so. By the time the evangelists have finished their work here they will have paid us more than all the churches in the city put together have paid us since we came, including the church they are working for. They will have paid about ten times as much as one or two of the merchants who have been kicking about it have paid us for advertising and job work since we have been here. What are you kicking about? Don't be a coward and let us get the news second handed come to us like a man and tell us. We like a man who will come to us and kick, but we hate a moral coward.

Big Crop of Apples

Mrs. D. L. Page says Hood River is not so much. She has one tree in her lawn that is in full bearing this year and she gathered the crop of apples the other day and filled her cellar bins and all the boxes and barrels about the place and then did not have all the apples in. We do not know the size of her cellar, but if it is as large as the average, that tree must be a whopper. Really, though, there is not the least doubt but immense crops of apples could be grown here, and just as fine looking as those of Hood River, if proper care were taken of them. The only advantage Hood River could have in the apple line would be in the keeping qualities and perhaps in the color, having more sunshine there than here. But we do not need to grow apples beyond our family use, which may be done on any little town lot.

Delightful Event

Mrs. John McNeil and daughter, Emma, entertained a few of their friends at their home, 616 North Hayes street Friday to a Four o'clock dinner. Those present, as nearly as we can learn were Mrs. Bredeen, Mrs. Satterly, Mrs. Gilmore and mother, the two Mrs. Sellick, Mrs. McKinzie, Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lee and Miss Dora Carr. The guest report a most delightful afternoon, Mrs. and Miss McNeil royal entertainers.

Plenty of Roses Yet

The roses for which the North Pacific Coast is so famous are blooming with almost the freedom and perfection of early summer, and the approach of Autumn has added to their coloring. The Portland Commercial Club has resumed the decoration of its tables with flowers furnished by different members, the display being the subject of much comment by Eastern visitors in particular.

Butterworth the jeweler, has the finest display of silverware, cut glass and toilet articles in gold and silver we have seen in the city. It is good for the sore eyes to look at.

Finds the East Not In It With Oregon

Following is a letter received from Paul Bannon, who left St. Johns several months ago for Newark, Ohio, and gives a slight idea of existing conditions there:

Newark, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1908.

Dear Friends: Well, I got back East all right, but am far from being stuck on the place, as times are awful hard back here at the present time. Half 'of the works are shut down and most of the men are loafing around town.

I think I will be back in good old Oregon either next spring or next fall. The East is simply nothing compared to the West. It is all one can do to make a living back here, while it is easy to make a nice living in the West, and have something left over, and then one does not have to work during the worst part of the winter. You only gave me seven months to get tired of the East when I left St. Johns. Well, you guessed it about right, only you gave me too much time. I would not mind eating my Christmas dinner in St. Johns, but am afraid I will have to spend that day in the East. However, you can paste it in your fat that the next one I eat will be in Oregon, U. S. A.

It is raining here today, and we had an awful hard thunder storm last night. I thought it was an earthquake as I am not used to hearing such thunder storms.

With kind regards to all my friends in St. Johns, and advising them all to stay in Oregon, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Paul Bannon.

The St. Johns Brick Company Incorporates

William Robb, G. L. Archibald and G. D. Estinger, have filed articles of incorporation for the St. Johns Clay & Pressed Brick Co. Portland is designated as the principle office and the amount of the capital stock is given as \$25,000. The purposes set forth are as follows: To manufacture for sale clay and cement brick, pressed brick, plain and ornamental brick, building blocks, bases, columns, pilasters, building brick, terra cotta, the roofing, drain tiles, sewer pipe, flumes, ornamental figures and designs, vitrified and other building materials which can be made from clay, sand, cement, gravel, etc.; to excavate, sell, import and export sand and gravel, or other kindred materials used in the manufacture of building materials or in the construction of buildings or in the paving of streets or construction of sewers or pipe lines; to purchase sand, clay and gravel pits, mineral and other lands, and to operate and maintain excavations and mines thereon; to manufacture, buy, sell, import and export cement, lime, limestone and all kinds of plasters and artificial stone; to establish plants for the manufacture of its products with all necessary machinery and equipment therefor; to construct and operate power houses; to acquire and dispose of patents, patent rights and contracts; to engage in a general contracting business for the construction of buildings, laying of pipe lines, etc.

A Collection Scheme Which We May Adopt

J. C. Shackelford has dropped onto a most unique scheme for collecting his accounts, and the result will be watched with interest by business men of this town who have bills to collect. At the end of this month Mr. Shackelford will sell at public auction all accounts which have not been paid by that time, and will publish a list of accounts sold, what he realized from the sale, etc. If an account is not sold it will be held over until the next month and put up with the next bunch.—Enterprise Chiefly.

We do not wish to see a man, business never done so in all our business life and we had been thinking of taking up the above method and have been arranging a list of bills we have not been able to collect including those who "stopped their paper" without paying arrears and advertise the bills for sale. We will of course reserve the right to reject such bids as are not satisfactory. This we will do in a short time, soon as we can get the list made up.

Foot Ball Team

A high school foot ball team has recently been organized with Clyde Tee Ling as captain. This is the first time in its history that the high school has been represented with a foot ball club and they deserve all the encouragement our citizens can give it, since the boys have promised to make good. Their first game is being played to-day with Portsmouth on the Columbia University grounds. The average weight of these athletes is 130 pounds. Tom Carroll will act in the capacity of coach and see that the young colts are put through their paces.

Free Ferry Needed

How about that free ferry? Why not get Whitwood Court and Linnton interested in a free ferry between their locations and St. Johns. It would be as much of a benefit for one as the other. Wonder if a good live push club could not get in some good work all that line. A free ferry is one thing we need and need badly. It would mean ten times the traffic between the two sides of the river at this point within a few months.

J. N. Hagensen and family have taken up their abode at 818 Ivanhoe street. We are glad to welcome Mr. Hagensen to St. Johns and wish we might have a thousand more such families come in during the coming year.

The Artisans Meet

Notwithstanding the very disagreeable evening the weatherman put up Monday night the Artisans had a good turnout at their open meeting and there were good things ad infinitum. Plenty for all and an abundance to spare.

The friends and visitors spent the evening most pleasantly with the members of the lodge in games and a number of old artisans report they had the best time they ever enjoyed in lodge.

Every artisan in the city is invited to be present next Monday night as there will be initiatory work and a big time is planned for. This Artisan crowd is a live one and they do things, so if you are an Artisan and can make it a point to meet with the bunch you will be made to feel welcome. It is a way they have.

Man Missing

Andrew McCallum, of 815 North Hayes street, St. Johns, has been missing from his home since Thursday, October 7. He was last seen at noon on that date at the drydock. Mr. McCallum was 59 years of age, height 5 feet, 9 inches, weight 150 pounds; light-blue eyes; index finger of left hand stiff. When last seen he wore a black fedora hat and gray clothes. He had been ill for a long time and this made him markedly sensitive. Mr. McCallum came to Oregon three years ago from St. Louis, Mich.

Mrs. McCallum says that her husband wandered away in a similar manner on a former occasion. She is, however, extremely anxious regarding him and will appreciate any information that will enable her to learn of his whereabouts.

P. S. Bannon and A. Jones are putting their bodies to soak in the hot springs at St. Martins this week.

Note the label on your paper.