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## JOLLY C. E. BASKET SOCIAL

A Fine Program Was Rendered and Everyone Had a Most Enjoyable Evening

The Christian Endeavor of the Holbrook building held a basket social last Friday night that was a pronounced success in every sense of the word.

A fine program was rendered first, which placed every one in the best of humor towards himself and all the world. We have not a copy of the program and as we were not in at the beginning cannot give it in full, but the part we saw was exceptionally good. Little Verne Hall brought down the house telling how he would run things if he was president, and when it came to the buying Master Verne had the staying qualities that will make him a master of finance in the years to come. He set his heart on a Noah's ark, of the pattern used by the Noah of the noble red man, and he stayed in until all the big boys quit, paying two dollars for his war ship.

A young lady told how she crept under the sofa and listened to her big sister making love with her best fellow. Some of the older boys suggested that her story was true to life but of course the young folks would not carry on that way now days. Particularly this young lady, for she knows better now. Just the same it brought down the house and she was obliged to come back and tell the experience of the French maid from Cork trying to learn the American language. Her description of the process of learning the difference in the meaning of ailing the bed clothes and ailing the baby was especially laughable.

Then there was Rupert Moon. He

was a whole show in himself. It would take too long to tell all the stunts which he did, but every number was a double header and there must have been a half dozen times he was on the floor. He is an intrepid personifier and character delineator, has perfect command of his expression and language, especially in representing the s-a-t-t-a-m-e-r-e-r.

Young Mr. Bolden, too, took an interesting part in the program. It was his first appearance, and every time the band played or the audience gave an encore, he became frightened almost out of his wits and displayed a strength of voice that will be of great assistance to him when he engages in politics, and when he grows up becomes of a voting age W. J. Bryan can count on an effective follower.

The Peninsula band, first and last but not least on the program, deserved and received the thanks of the society. They came down from Peninsula and played a half dozen or more pieces, for their expenses. It was very kind of the boys and the society did all they could to make them happy while they were here. They are a nice lot of fellows, some of them too, have been playing only since the Fourth of July, but under the able instruction of their leader, Mr. Bean, are making splendid progress.

The society netted over \$50 during the evening and they wish most heartily to thank the good friends who assisted in making the social such a success, both financially and socially.

## A Good Meeting

The meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge last Monday night was decidedly the best one in many ways that we have ever attended in the Laurel lodge. The principles of Odd Fellowship were displayed there on the floor as we have never before witnessed, and there is a stronger bond of fellowship between the brothers than there has been since the institution of the lodge. We have never been in a lodge, anywhere, that was as fraternal as the Laurel lodge. Still there has been as there is in almost all families, some little discord at times, and this feeling has at times manifested itself too strongly. But on that night everything that can possibly mar the brotherly love that must exist between true Odd Fellows was wiped out and the membership stands united in a friendship such as Damon and Pythias or David and Jonathan displayed for each other.

There are a number of good societies one may become a member of, but we do not know one that surpasses the Odd Fellows in the principles which they teach, nor in the personnel of their membership. Laurel lodge holds within its membership the best of the manhood of St. Johns and there is no better anywhere. No man will do himself an injustice to take membership with this lodge, on the other hand, it will be an honor to him, and a help in the hour of adversity that he may not obtain anywhere else.

Resolutions of sympathy and respect were adopted on the death of W. W. Raser late member of Laurel lodge. The usual benefits were also tendered Mrs. Raser. It is the chiefest pleasure of the Odd Fellows to stand by their membership in these hours of trials.

## Got Cold Feet

The Chapman high school football team failed to show up Friday afternoon for a contest with the St. Johns High. Our fellows think the Chapman lads should take a foot warmer to bed with them. The lads got out hand bills and billed the city, had their pretty girls down at the park to yell for them, but there was nothing doing. The visitors did not show up. Well, our boys will have to learn that this world is full of disappointments.

The Mergenthaler hits Alaska. The Daily Alaskan of November 9 invites its readers to come in and see their new machine which is the same as our Mergenthaler Junior. We congratulate the Alaskan upon its enterprise and progressiveness.

## A New Game

The United Artisans held a very interesting meeting last Monday night. After the regular business session was over the members divided up and engaged in a game of "well we don't know what they call it, but they had three handkerchiefs tied up in three separate bunches as solid as possible and they made a mark on the floor about ten or twelve feet from a board with four holes of different sizes in it which stood on end and the game was to throw the handkerchief through the holes. The top hole, which was the largest counts five when the handkerchief goes through, lower down are two more holes somewhat smaller, each counts ten and the bottom one, the smallest of all, counts fifteen. We were told that ordinarily they have little bags of beans which are thrown instead of the handkerchiefs, but the member in charge of the frijoles was absent on this occasion and the face mops were used instead.

It is the most hilarious game imaginable. It looks so easy. You just cannot miss the holes in the board at the distance, you think, but when you let go, the missile you throw very often misses the board entirely and you stand there and look just silly while your friends guff you. Those Artisans who were absent from the meeting, and the ones who did not remain after the business meeting was over missed the fun of their lives. The attendance was not just as good as it should be as there were a number absent. It is hoped that every member will be in his place next Monday night.

## LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

The L. T. L. met in the Christian tabernacle Sunday, November 22, 4 p. m. and elected the following officers: Chester March, president; Florence Byerlee, vice president; Edna Hollenbeck, secretary; Flora McNiven, treasurer; Lulu Hollenbeck, organist.

A very interesting program has been arranged for next Sunday afternoon and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Every young person whether interested in the temperance cause or not is especially invited to the meeting. The meeting opens at 3:45 p. m. at the Christian tabernacle.

In another column will be found the advertisement of M. E. Hollenbeck, who has opened a grocery at 955 North Kellogg street. Mrs. Hollenbeck has no hired help, and will thus be able to sell at the very lowest prices for cash. She has many good friends in the city who will be very glad to patronize her new store.

## DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Dads Convene and Transact Their Usual Budget of Municipal Business in a Satisfactory Manner

The common council of the city of St. Johns met in their 33d session Tuesday evening every member being present.

Petition by Mr. Talman to put in cement sidewalk on South Hayes was read and on motion of Bonham petition was accepted and placed on file. On motion of Davis resolution was ordered drawn instructing the engineer to prepare a profile establishing grade on South Hayes between Burlington and Mohawk streets. All yes.

Communication from telephone company stated that the charges for telephones at the time franchise was granted was \$3 and \$3 per month and that these terms had not been exceeded. On motion of Dobie, communication was accepted and placed on file.

Communication from the ferry company stated their lowest price for the ferry was \$17,000, which included franchise and all slips, etc. On motion of Hunter communication was received and placed on file. All yes.

On motion of Hunter city attorney was instructed to prepare a call for election for the purpose of voting bonds for \$17,000 to purchase the ferry and \$3000 for making necessary changes in the slips and present incidentals.

Resolution instructing engineer to establish grade on South Hayes from Burlington to Mohawk was adopted on motion of Dobie. All yes.

Windle reported that Pittsburg street was simply impassable and that it would be necessary to plank a strip 10 feet wide from the ferry slip to Bradford street. On motion of Hunter the street committee was authorized to purchase 7000 feet, or as much 3x12 inch lumber and stringers as may be necessary to plank a strip 10 feet wide from the ferry slip to the railroad track on Bradford street. All yes.

There is a proposition coming before the people that will create more or less discussion, and perhaps some hard feelings, because of the different views that are taken of the matter. The price asked for the ferry may seem large to some, and perhaps it is large. So is \$1000 per acre a big price for vacant land in the city of St. Johns. But when one can divide it into lots and sell the lots so as to return \$2000 per acre it does not look so big. It is the same with the ferry boat. Suppose the ferry company only paid \$1,000 or \$8000 for the boat and the franchise as some claim, if it is worth \$17,000 and paying interest on \$17,000 now, the fact that it cost less than that figure is no argument that the city should not pay that much for it.

The stubborn facts confront us that we must have a free ferry for St. Johns if we would secure the trade of the Tualatin valley where hundreds of farmers would bring their produce to St. Johns, thus creating a demand for a commission house or two here to handle the business and would increase the retail trade of our merchants. Another thing every year for a long time the street improvements of St. Johns will demand an increasing amount of hauling of crushed rock, and before we have nearly all of the streets improved as they should be we will have paid out more than the price asked for the boat in freight charges and have no boat to show for it. If we buy the boat the county will operate and keep the same in repair and we will have to pay but our proportion of the amount the same as we do for the other free ferries in the county.

Some may think that the \$3000 extra above the price for the boat is unnecessary, but there should be better slips than are in use at present and there are also other changes that are desirable to be made so as to get the best service out of the boat. It is but just and right that the boat should be turned over to the county in the best possible condition. If it should be found that the \$3000 would not all be needed it would revert to the general fund and nothing would be lost.

A call for an election will probably be issued next week to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued to the amount of \$17,000 for the purchase of the ferry and \$3000 for incidental expenses. The call should be made so that one may vote for the \$17,000 and against the \$3000 if he so desired for there may be some who will not be in favor of putting the property in the best possible condition for the county, although it is but just and right to do so. We hope our good friends in St. Johns may all see their way to making this purchase. It is possible to buy or build another boat and place it in operation here, but for a term of 14 years an exclusive franchise will be in operation that will keep another ferry boat from using the present landing, besides, it would be working an injustice upon some of our own citizens to endeavor to freeze them out after the hard struggle they have had in establishing the present ferry and bringing it to its present profitable operation.

It certainly is to the interest of every citizen of St. Johns to look at this question from all sides and deliberate well and then act in such a way that there may be no after regrets. We need, must have a free ferry here if we expect St. Johns to make the growth that is due to her position on the Peninsula.

The following bills were allowed on motion of Hunter:

Isaac Baker	12.00
E. A. Husey	6.00
F. Bullock	10.00
H. Thompson	12.00
L. Foster	14.00
W. R. Burlew	15.75
A. T. Smith	14.00
W. O. McKinney	5.00
L. McInnis	21.00
J. Poff	1.63
Geo. Warner	24.50
E. B. Good	6.50
J. Longan rodman	11.00
Zimmerman, Wells bldwre.	7.75
B. Hayner	5.00
P. W. Wetherall	8.00
R. Bell	14.00
C. Poff	12.00
J. F. Poff	13.68
Lautner Transfer Co	5.25

Total \$219.06

Mendenhall claim for \$75 for assisting Ex-City Attorney Green in the Youngerford case was taken up and reported from Ex-Mayor Couch and Mr. Greene showed that Mendenhall had never done any work on the case, that the papers were made out by Greene, presented by him and acted upon by the court without the Mendenhalls having ever seen the papers. It was the sense of these gentlemen that the bill was exorbitant and on motion of Davis the claim was laid on the table.

The recorder presented report stating that a representative of R. L. Polk & Co. had solicited his office for the sale of a new issue of their Portland directory at the usual price of \$6. On motion of Hunter the recorder was authorized to subscribe for the same. All yes.

The matter of Tacoma street improvement came up and the recorder stated that time was up for opening of bids, but there had been

no bids received. On motion of Hunter the proposition was tabled for the present.

Engineer's report accompanying profile for the improvement of Montie street showed that there was a cut of 729.4 yards and a fill of 4636.2 yards an excess of 3906.8 yards of fill with no dirt to make the fill with. On motion of Bonham the profile was laid on the table for one week. All yes. The cost of improvement aggregates \$5069.29.

Recorder Esson reported that about half the assessments were paid in on the Willis boulevard extension and that the time was about up and asked authority to have advertisement for sale of delinquent assessments made, which was granted.

On motion of Hunter the council adjourned to meet in the recorder's office as a committee of the whole to consider repealing ordinance 183. On their return after an hour's conference the city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance repealing ordinance 183. This passed first and second readings and on motion to suspend the rules and pass to third reading the vote stood: Johnson, Hunter, Windle and Dobie, yes and Davis, Bonham and Miller, no. It required two-thirds vote to suspend the rules, on motion of Johnson the matter was laid on the table for one week.

Adjourned.

Ron Esson, of Hood River, brother of A. M. Esson, our genial city recorder, was in the city the first of the week. He recently sold his drug store at Hood River and is looking up a location. He went to The Dalles Tuesday to look into a real estate deal that looked good from a distance, which if it does not suit him will send him back into this country again for a location.

## UNIVERSITY PARK.

Mrs. J. L. Briggs of Carlton is here visiting with her mother Mrs. Mc Cord of Haven street for a few days.

Rev. Riggs filled the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday evening. His sermon was very interesting and was enjoyed by all.

Edron-To Mr. and Mrs. S. Ingram of Portsmouth avenue, Friday, a girl.

A reception was given on last Friday evening for the minister at the Methodist church, Rev. Jeffrey and family, who have moved into their new home, the parsonage, and many friends and well wishers were in attendance. A very pleasant time was reported.

Mr. Frank Briggs, of Sterling Ill. is here visiting the family of L. G. Reynolds, and other relatives.

Mr. Miles of St. Helens, an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Brown visited a few hours with that family on Friday last week.

Rev. D. B. Gray will preach next Sunday evening at the Congregational church. Come out and hear him.

Rev. O'dell, of the Congregational church filled the pulpit at the Methodist church on Thanksgiving day. Rev. O'dell is an eloquent speaker.

The Rebekahs held their convention at the Artisan Temple on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. John Gilman, has opened her home at the corner of Flake and Dawson streets, to the Ladies Guild of the Congregational church, who will serve a tea lunch on Thursday evening, Nov. 26. A small program is being prepared, and a large play room will be furnished for the amusement of the children.

Oregon Fern.

Little Fred's mother had company. One of the visitors, an old friend whom she had not seen since her marriage, asked to see Fred. The mother went out to bring the little fellow in. Presently the sounds of a scuffle, in the next room, were heard and the low tones of the mother as though remonstrating with the youngster. Then the shrill voice of Master Fred was heard: "I don't care, company or no company, I won't have my face washed with spit."

Miss Ida Fournal of Oregon City is visiting friends in St. Johns this week.

## DEATH OF W. W. RASER

Ex-Councilman and Well Known Citizen Passes Suddenly Away Last Friday Evening

The old saying that "in the midst of life we are in death" was never more startlingly manifested than in the demise of W. W. Raser at his home last Friday evening. Mr. Raser had not been in very good health for some time and for that reason traded his farm in Clackamas for city property on Drummond street, Portland. He had just recently moved into his new home and purchased the Home bakery here in St. Johns, expecting to move it nearer to his home in the near future.

W. W. Raser was born February 21, 1847, in Wayne county, Ohio, where he lived a number of years and then went to Illinois. He was married to Miss Ella E. Mackmore in Geneseo, Henry county, Illinois, September 2, 1873. To this union there were born six children, three boys and three girls of whom but two lived through their infancy and survive their father: Clint, of Portland and Nellie Viola.

Mr. Raser served a term in the Civil war as a cavalryman and was a member of Company Post G. A. R. at St. Johns. He served two terms as councilman of the city of St. Johns and was a member of that body when he moved from St. Johns to his Clackamas farm. He was a member of Laurel lodge 181 I. O. O. F., Holmes lodge 101, Knights of Pythias and Laurelwood Rebekah lodge 160 of St. Johns. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and carried \$2000 insurance in that order, his being the first death to occur in the St. Johns lodge during the four years of its existence, also the first loss by death to the Knights of Pythias. He was deputy organizer of the

Brotherhood of American Yeomen and was preparing to organize a lodge at the time of his death. He came to Oregon in 1904 and settled in St. Johns, leaving here last year.

Mr. Raser was sitting at the table with his grandchild on his lap when he was stricken and fell to the floor dropping the little one and upsetting the lamp setting the room on fire. The fire was promptly extinguished and a physician called, but Mr. Raser was dead before he arrived and never spoke after he was stricken.

The esteem in which Mr. Raser was held by the citizens of St. Johns was attested by the large number of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Yeomen and G. A. R. members who attended his funeral service at Erickson's undertaking parlors Sunday at 3 p. m., and the many beautiful floral offerings. The Knights sent a shield of carnations and lilies; the Laurel lodge, I. O. O. F., a pillow of carnations and chrysanthemums; Rebekahs a wreath of carnations and chrysanthemums, and a large number of individual floral pieces were presented.

The funeral address was given by Rev. Chester Paul Gates, who dwelt especially upon the importance of being prepared for just such a sudden call, seeing that it is liable to come to any of us at any time. The music was furnished by the K. of P. quartette, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Interment was made in River-view cemetery.

The sincerest sympathy of the entire community is extended to the wife, son and daughter who survive him. Mr. Raser had several brothers who were widely scattered and we were unable to learn their places of residence.

## Fine Clay at Whitwood

It has been thought for some time that clay in Whitwood Court was of a quality that would make superior pottery or hard brick, but no experiment was made until recently when a sample was worked up with the hands and baked when it was found to make the hardest kind of brick, equal to the vitrified brick of commerce. A large number of samples of clay from other sections were baked at the same time but all of them melted more or less and ran together because of the sand being of a siliceous nature. This specimen however did not run but baked hard as flint. There is great depth of soil and a large area, so that there is an abundance of clay for a large factory. Experiments should be made so as to determine for what purpose the clay is best adapted, whether pottery, high grade brick or sewerpipe, perhaps for two or more of these lines of manufacture.

The location of Whitwood Court in the hill side above the main line of the Northern Pacific makes the tract still more valuable, for it will be a down hill pull and best of shipping facilities. These points are to be looked into, we understand and if every thing is favorable a company formed to operate a factory on the ground.

Leslie Moulton and wife returned Monday from a seven-months' sojourn in Crook, Wheeler and Wasco counties. Mr. Moulton says that country is fierce, where he spent the most of the time. That the great DeSclutes reclamation scheme is a fake. That the soil is a silt from the decomposition of the lava that has no vegetable food in it and plant life cannot be supported by it. That out of 300 acres of alfalfa and wheat but 100 tons of hay was reaped this summer, some of the alfalfa being three years old. That the sand is so light that when the water is turned on it rises in a cloud on top of the water and floats away. That nothing but sage brush, juniper bunch grass and jack rabbits will grow there and these not very thrifty. He gives the farmers that are going in there by the dozens just five years to all get out.

The sending of Mrs. Valentine to Alaska on the free Telegram excursion will be the biggest at St. Johns has ever had and will bring us more prominently before coast visitors than anything we could do. Let us put in every vote possible. It is where we get something for nothing.

## New Vancouver Ferry

The St. Johns Ship Building company is constructing a new ferry-boat for the Portland Railway and Light company at their shipyards which will be a splendid vessel when done.

The hull will be about 30x150 feet over all and is most substantially made and braced for all the rough usage that it may ever be subjected to. This company is turning out some of the best hulls that float in Oregon waters, and the lines of the ferry boat are very good indeed. She is a double-enders with easy slopes giving the least resistance possible to the water. She will have new machinery, we are informed, with more powerful engines than those in the old ferry and will cut down the time of transit about one half. The carrying capacity, too, is about doubled. This will be a fine thing for the railway company as there has been considerable complaint about the old boat recently. The Portland Railway is making many improvements in their equipment made necessary by the greatly increased business.

H. H. S. S. Tad and E. R. Parker came down from Willamina, Oregon, Saturday to spend Thanksgiving with their father and mother. The boys are engaged in getting out ship building materials as stern posts, stems, keels, knees, spars, etc., and are having all the work they can do to fill orders, and sometimes more than they can get done. Tad says it is splendid exercise and gives him an appetite like a sawmill and it almost takes the trump of Gabriel to wake him up in the morning. The boys return to Willamina today, expecting to come home again in time for Christmas.

Real estate is moving very lively in St. Johns considering the so-called hard times. There is hardly a dealer who has not made several transfers within the past few days and more are in prospect. There can be no better investment in this part of the country than a few lots in St. Johns. It does not matter much in what particular part of the city they lie, either, for they are all good property. It will be but a matter of three or four years until you cannot buy any where in the city for less than 3 or 4 times the present price.

"God's Mission for America," will be the morning topic of Pastor Bentzen at the Baptist church next Sunday. In the evening he will speak on "Belshazzar's Feast."