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A BIG DEAL IN PAINT FACTORY REALTY A SURE GO

St. Johns Will Benefit if It Goes Through

LARGE MILL TO RESULT IN OPERATION BY JUNE

The article published below which appeared in the Oregonian Sunday morning was very agreeable news to our citizens, and if the deal goes through as anticipated, it will mean the development of a portion of our water front that has heretofore lain dormant. It is a foregone conclusion that Weyerhaeuser will sooner or later build the immense mill on his tract that has been announced from time to time and on which the hopes of many of our citizens hinge. The broad tract which they possess has bottled up the north end for so long that it has gotten to be rather a standing joke. But there is no denying the fact that in the not very distant future a scene of activity never yet witnessed in St. Johns will be enacted on this tract. It is too valuable and too well located to permit the owners to much longer pay the increasing taxes without deriving some benefit therefrom. When Fessenden street is improved and the new saw mill on the Daly tract is erected the residents in that section of the city may look for further developments on an extensive scale. The article is as follows:

D. H. Weyant, one of the owners and general manager of the Sierra Mineral Paint Co., was present at the Commercial club last Thursday evening, and made a very pleasing talk concerning the intention of the company in regard to building a plant at East St. Johns. Mr. Weyant stated that an admirable piece of ground had been secured there, and arrangements were made for securing more ground adjoining, that the company intending erecting a plant that would be a credit to the Peninsula and themselves as well. That the buildings would all be large, strong and substantial, and only the very best material would be used in their construction. He said the reason they were moving their works here from Salem was owing to the difference in freight rates, and the splendid shipping facilities afforded on the lower Peninsula. He expects the plant to be in full operation by June 1st and the cost will not be less than \$30,000. Mr. Weyant proved himself to be a fine gentleman, well versed in all lines pertaining to the paint industry and greatly pleased with the company's investment in this territory. He believes that St. Johns has a great future before it, and that it is only a question of a very few years until it is a city of a large magnitude.

Plenty of Music

Music will be a big feature of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and during the exposition season the finest musical organizations of the United States will be heard. Liberator's, Innes' and Ellery's bands will divide the season and these will be heard daily. The Temple of Music is centrally located, and in this beautiful building continuous concerts will be given free from the first day of June until the closing day on the sixteenth of October. A number of handsome band stands have been erected at various points, and these are so dispersed that music will be heard in every part of the grounds. Shorter concert seasons have been arranged for orchestras and bands from foreign countries and among these will be heard the Philippine Constabulary Band and the National Band of Mexico. Vocal and solo instrument concerts will as a rule be heard in the Auditorium and this new permanent building represents one of the finest halls for such purpose, that is to be found in the United States. Of great importance and assistance to concerts held in the Auditorium will be the new organ which has been installed for the exposition. This instrument is one of the largest pipe organs yet built, and in tone and possibilities is not surpassed. Interesting novelties in music will be heard, and among these will be noted a native Philippine band whose instruments are entirely composed of bamboo. The range and class of music produced by these rudely constructed instruments is remarkable, and the extremely crude appearance presented is in strong contrast to the equipment of other organizations.

Now for Base Ball

If the weather is propitious Manager Valentine will have his colts out on the 11th of this month for a game of ball. The Hop Gold club of Portland will be the opponents of the locals and an interesting contest is promised. It will give our people an opportunity to witness the St. Johns club in action and furnish an idea of what chance there may be of winning the pennant. Manager Valentine claims they are the best ever, and that St. Johns now has a club that all will feel proud of before the season is over.

Pleasant Surprise Party

Mr. and Mrs. Harry York were given a very pleasant surprise party at their home in this city Tuesday evening of last week, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. York's birthday. The time was spent in a most pleasing manner, and refreshments of cake and coffee were served. The company broke up at a late hour, after wishing Mrs. York many happy returns of the day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry York, Mr. and Mrs. Will Finch, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Cox, Mrs. E. F. Day, Mrs. W. P. Brooks, Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. H. S. Hewitt, Mrs. York, Guy Morton, Miss Mhuerva York and Miss York.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

ELECT ENTIRE CITIZENS' TICKET

All the Charter Amendments Carry and Proposed Purchase of the Ferry Boat James John Turned Down at the Municipal Election Monday Last

BOUNDARIES OF ST. JOHNS ARE ENLARGED

The municipal election passed off in a quiet and orderly manner Monday. The entire Citizens ticket was elected and all the charter amendments carried. S. H. Greene received a fine vote for City Attorney as an independent candidate. Geo. L. Perrine, Socialist candidate for Mayor, received quite a complimentary vote. The Socialist ticket throughout made a good showing. The proposition of purchasing the ferry boat was turned down, and the annexation question carried strongly. Many voters became confused on this issue and believed it was a question of annexation with Portland instead of inviting outside territory into St. Johns, but it proved that our citizens are strongly opposed to uniting with Portland at this time. The annexation question carried in the new district by a vote of 15 to 1. Following is the vote in detail:

For Mayor—First Ward
J. F. Hendricks, Citizens—172.
G. L. Perrine, Socialist—79.

For Recorder
A. M. Esson, Citizens—295.
P. J. McCarty, Socialist—41.

For Treasurer
R. E. Collins, Socialist—54
J. E. Tanch, Citizens—192

For City Attorney
H. E. Collier, Citizens—125.

S. H. Greene, Independent—106
J. L. Shurts, Socialist—29.

For Councilmen at Large
C. J. Anderson, Socialist—62.
A. T. Bolden, Independent—56.
A. W. Davis, Citizens—151.
S. L. Doble, Citizens—173.
C. L. Johnson, Citizens—162.
J. A. Nelson, Socialist—50.
M. T. Swan, Socialist—54.

For Councilmen
S. C. Cook, Citizens—150.
J. W. Davis, Citizens—175.
S. Dickenson, Socialist—56.
Gaylord Mallett, Socialist—72.

For Mayor—Second Ward.
J. F. Hendricks, Citizens—137.
G. L. Perrine, Socialist—75.

For Recorder
A. M. Esson, Citizens—168.
P. J. McCarty, Socialist—38.

For Treasurer
R. E. Collins, Socialist—30.
J. E. Tanch, Citizens—176.

For City Attorney
H. E. Collier, Citizens—106.
S. H. Greene, Independent—78.
J. I. Shurts, Socialist—26.

For Councilmen at Large
C. J. Anderson, Socialist—51.
A. T. Bolden Independent—55.
A. W. Davis, Citizens—136.
S. L. Doble, Citizens—135.
C. L. Johnson, Citizens—131.

J. A. Nelson, Socialist—40.
M. T. Swan, Socialist—48.

For Councilmen
F. P. Brown, Citizens—166.
A. Fredrickson, Socialist—37.
John E. Hiller, Citizens—146.
John Langan, Socialist—32.

On the proposed charter amendments the vote was as follows:
Amendment to Section 50, First ward—109 yes, 92 no. Second ward—111 yes, 63 no.
Amendment to Section 31, First ward—96 yes, 67, no. Second ward—99 yes, 52 no.
Amendment to Section 42, First ward—89 yes, 82 no. Second ward—100 yes, 67 no.
Amendment to Section 66, First ward—92 yes, 68 no. Second ward—107 yes, 47 no.
Amendment to Section 79, First ward—91 yes, 78 no. Second ward—99 yes, 66 no.

On the purchase of the ferry boat the vote was as follows:
First ward—84 yes, 133 no. Second ward—83 yes, 108 no.

On the annexation question the vote was as follows: For annexation, First ward—180; against 65. Second ward—173 for and 37 against annexation.

CEMENT WALKS TO BE LAID

Richmond and S. Hayes To be Beautified

LAST REGULAR MEETING

The last regular meeting of the present city council met Tuesday evening with all members present. The newly elected councilmen and mayor were also present to get a line on the business before the house and familiarize themselves with the present method of conducting affairs. After the minutes were read and approved a communication was read from John R. Kerr praying for permission to remove 75 yards of dirt from the line of improvement on Hudson street which he desired for the purpose of filling his yard preparatory to building. Matter was referred to the street committee for investigation.

Report from the St. Johns Transportation Co. showed that during the month of March 5,572 foot passengers, 144 single rigs and 104 double rigs crossed on the ferry. A check for \$5.79 as the city's percentage accompanied the report, which was accepted.

Report of city physician, Dr. A. W. Vincent, was then read. The report shows that during the past year 69 births, 19 deaths and 27 contagious diseases occurred in St. Johns.

M. McKinnis made application for the position of watchman on the new city dock, which was placed on file.

Bills to the amount of \$432.24 were allowed.

Bids for the improvement of South Hayes and Richmond streets were numerous. The first opened on the former street was that of Kilkenny Bros., and was as follows: For cement sidewalk \$1.07½ per lineal foot; crosswalks, 47c; box gutters, 47c.

V. W. Mason's bid was next, which read: Cement sidewalk \$1.06; crosswalks, 48c; box gutters 60c.

C. A. Alkerson's bid on same street was: Cement sidewalk \$1.04; crosswalks 50c; box gutters 60c.

M. Hanson & Co.'s bid: Cement sidewalk \$1.04; crosswalks 60c; box gutters 45c.

On referring the bids to the city engineer it was found that V. W. Mason's was the best bid and he was awarded the contract.

On Richmond street sidewalk M. Hanson & Co.'s bid was first opened and was: Cement sidewalk \$1.05; board walk 60c; crosswalk 50c; box gutters 45c.

Bid of C. A. Alkerson: Cement sidewalk \$1.04; wood walk 65c; crosswalk 50c; box gutters 60c.

Bid of V. W. Mason: Cement sidewalk \$1.06; Wood walk 60c; crosswalk 50c; box gutters 45c.

Bid of L. Seybold: Cement sidewalk \$1.00; woodwalk 60c; crosswalk 50c; box gutters 50. This was deemed the best bid and Mr. Seybold was awarded the contract.

A copy of the ferry bill was read and ordered placed on file.

An ordinance fixing the price of crushed rock and providing time of payment thereof was read and passed the council.

On motion of Alderman Davis the mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of three to unite with a like committee from the Commercial club in devising some means of securing a free ferry. Mayor Brice requested a few days time in which to make a careful selection of this committee, and the appointment will be made at the adjourned meeting Saturday evening.

C. J. Anderson was present and stated that an experienced man had informed him that it would be inadvisable to improve Philadelphia street permanently this spring, owing to the big fill required, as the dirt should be allowed from a year and a half to two years to settle in a permanent manner. Believing this to be good logic Mr. Anderson asked permission of the council to circulate a petition calling for a temporary improvement of this street, the gradient specifications of the engineer, being to be done according to the present instead of macadamizing the roadways to lay plank for a strip of sixteen feet in the center, and a good drainage system on each side to per-

HUGE ELEVATOR AND DOCK

Likely To be Erected On the West Side

PLANS ARE NOW READY

It is more than likely that the huge grain elevator and dock to be constructed this summer by Eastern capitalists and operated in connection with some of the various farmers' associations will be erected on the west side of the river in the vicinity of Whitwood Court. Fred Muller, secretary of the Portland Board of Trade, has the matter in charge. St. Johns made a hard try at securing this enterprise, but failed owing to greater inducements being offered by the Portland Board of Trade. Complete plans for the dock have been drawn by Goodrich & Goodrich architects of the Fenton building, and both dock and elevator are expected to be ready by August 15. Mr. Muller would make no definite statement as to the location of the dock, or whether it would be located on the Willamette or the Columbia. It is known, however, that there has been some movement around Glen Harbor, and the leading grain firms of the city are inclined to view Glen Harbor as the prospective site of the elevator.

It is stated that borings have been made in that locality and that the site would be eminently suitable. Mr. Muller said yesterday that the land had been bought and that all the boring necessary had been done. At present he was engaged in making arrangements for railroad connections in order that this year's grain crop might be adequately handled.

Mr. Muller leaves for the East Saturday, where he will finally sign up the funds required for the building operations. He stated that construction would begin immediately after his return towards the end of the month.

Death of Mrs. McKinnie

Mrs. Agnes Osburn McKinnie died at the Fir Grove Sanitarium, Mt. Tabor, April 3, 1909. Deceased was born in Mason City, Ill., April 17, 1855, and was married to Charles M. McKinnie, Nov. 4, 1875. Moved to Kansas in 1878 and to Oregon in 1905, making this city their home for one year, after which the family moved to Silverton, Ore., where the husband died in 1906. For the past two years she had made her home in St. Johns.

Deceased was the mother of seven children, two sons and two daughters dying in Kansas. Is survived by both her parents, two brothers, H. E. and V. A. Osburn residents of Kansas, Noah Osburn of Los Angeles, Cal., and three daughters, Mrs. Florence Rucker, Mrs. A. M. Esson and Miss Sarah McKinnie, all of this city. Mrs. McKinnie since the age of 14 years had been a member and faithful church worker. Ever a loving and devoted mother, a faithful friend and well beloved by those who knew her best, her death is a great loss to all.

Mrs. Rucker accompanied the remains to the former home town of Augusta, Kansas, where they were laid beside the husband in the family burying plot. Mrs. Rucker is not expected to return before July 1st of this year.

mit the water to run off rapidly without materially injuring the street. Substantial curbing to be laid and temporary plank sidewalks used. By this method a good street is eventually secured, and Mr. Anderson believes he will experience no difficulty in securing the required number of petitioners. Council authorized him to secure the signers at once, and the engineer was instructed to alter his estimates in conformity with the proposed change in the improvements.

Council adjourned to meet Saturday night, when the salaries of the various officials for the ensuing year will likely be settled upon.

C. W. Bennett has disposed of his meat market, the new proprietor taking charge Wednesday.

Will Begin Operations

A contract has just been signed by the Eastern Oregon Oil & Gas company for drilling on their property in the Malheur district, and interesting developments may be looked for later.

As much interest is evinced over the developments of the Malheur oil fields, in which a number of our citizens are interested, we publish a continuation of the article written by a prominent writer who made a recent trip to the field:

Another expert report on this property is that of D. M. Watson, of Portland, Ore., a man whose career in oil finding has been nothing less than phenomenal since he has not made a single mistake in locating oil in the past five years, nor during that time has oil been discovered at any point where he advised against boring.

The substance of his report is as follows:

"On Nov. 11, 1908, I examined about 10 sections of your mineral claims. I am glad to say that I found a most flattering condition. The oil sand runs from southeast to northwest and covers the bulk of your lands underlaid with an oil sand that runs from north to south and is not so rich but will yield good wells in most places. The best sand will be found from 500 to 700 feet from surface. The next sand will be found from 800 feet to 1400 feet and will yield good wells. I am glad to say you have most gratifying prospects for a big oil field."

Bearing evidence to Mr. Watson's almost supernatural powers in finding oil pools, Mr. Joe Park, Broker Parkersburg, W. Va., writes in answer to a query thus:

"Mr. Watson knew more about our field after being there 24 hours than some of the operators who have been and are now producing oil, have learned in several years, and more than I had learned about the field in 20 years."

Since both the Malheur and Eastern Oregon properties are in the artesian water belt it is the intention of both companies to locate a string of flowing wells for three miles on the southern slope of their oil fields, and such wells would water 12000 acres of the level valley land beneath them, convert this immense area into a model townsite and tributary neighborhood of orchard and farm homes, and the enhancement in realty values because of these wells is almost inconceivable. The 4000 acres of Eastern Oregon Oil and Gas Co. will fare equally well with the 8,000 acres of the Mammoth Oil

Evangelical Conference

The 15th annual conference of the United Evangelical church of the Oregon Conference convened in the St. Johns church on April 1, 1909, at 9 a. m. The Conference was opened by Bishop W. F. Hill with an interesting address and bearing greetings from the Eastern Conference, and concluded that part of the session with the communion service, after which they entered into the business session. Revs. Hall of Watts and Heisebus of San Francisco were in attendance. Rev. Bentz, the fraternal delegate of the Evangelical association, was also present bearing greetings from his Conference and church to this Conference, and in the greetings expressed their hope of organic union in the future, after which "Bless Be the Tie that Binds" was sung. Rev. H. L. Pratt and M. J. Ballantyne both resigned owing to unavoidable circumstances. The two districts were thrown into one and Rev. C. C. Poling was elected presiding elder. The bishop gave an excellent lecture on Friday afternoon, subject "Educated Ministry," which was much enjoyed. A. A. Winter, who had been elected acting president of the Dallas college, was elected financial agent of the school.

The statistical secretary's report showed an advance along nearly all lines. Action was taken tending toward vacating the present location of the 2nd church and the funds be used to develop a new work in the city. The boundaries were changed in a few instances.

Following are the Conference appointments for the ensuing year:

Alsea—J. L. Burns.
Bridgeport and Lewesville—S. M. Wood.
Brooks—C. A. Burris.
Corvallis and Beulah—E. E. McVicker.
Dallas—H. H. Farnham.
Florence—S. J. Lindsay.
Independence—M. J. Ballantyne.
King Valley—To be supplied.
Salem—G. L. Lowell.
Sodaville and Sweet Home—E. J. Brickley.
Ada—F. E. Fisher.
Dayton—W. S. Plovman.
Hillsboro—Guy R. Stoner.
Krupp—V. Urbino.
Lafayette—L. H. Wood.
Laurel—W. N. Phelps.
Portland First—H. A. Deck.
Portland Second—Supplied by pastor of St. Johns and Portland churches.
St. Johns—C. P. Gates.
Troutdale—A. W. Brickley.

Happy Coincidence

She—"Do you remember how I used to walk all over Portland trying to find a hat that would please me, and you would come home to a poor supper and an unpleasant evening?"

He—"Yes; but you never seem worried or worn out now, and we have such pleasant evenings."

She—"Oh, yes; I buy my hats at the Vogue now and am always pleased. Everybody admires the Vogue hats."

A cow mistook the hand of Stanley Voorhees, a young lad living near Vancouver, for an apple, and before the boy could jerk his hand from the cow's mouth a thumb and one finger had been mashed to a pulp. The boy at the time was trying to drive the cow from a box of apples.