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GOOD TIMES ARE COMING

Wise Men in the East Announce Glad Tidings

In one grand chorus the captains of industry of America announce the glad tidings that prosperity is returning; that the tide of good times is rising rapidly. There is not a discordant voice in the chorus. Merchant, builder, banker, broker, manufacturer and saving bank promoters proclaim that the new era of prosperity, the business of good times, is right upon us.

But let them give their testimony themselves, and tell on what they base their assertions:

Franklin MacVeagh, Secretary of the Treasury—The business situation is a very hopeful one and there is nothing in sight but reasonable, rational prosperity. We are making a new study of our financial resources for Government maintenance and with it a systematic study of Government expenses, so that by applied intelligence we can make one balance the other and quiet any disturbance over Treasury deficits.

James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern Railroad—The outlook is good in all directions. The Great Northern road runs through a district that supplies one-sixth of the wheat of the United States. The wheat outlook is good. The West and South are to be the great sections of this country in the future. The West is now, for that matter, the South exhausted her soil before the war by her improvident method of agriculture and is now struggling toward a restoration of it. When the tariff agitation is over in Washington things will begin to hum.

Cornelius N. Bliss, of Bliss, Fabry & Co., selling agents of the largest textile mills in America, and former Treasurer of the Republican National committee—Business is all right; not big, not rushing just yet, but I expect to see a good average fall business. We are between the seasons now. Activity should begin about July, in preparation of orders for the fall trade, and the only thing that may hold us back is the tariff. Nothing much can be shaped up so long as they hang onto that in Washington. As soon as they pass the bill, no matter how they settle it, business will pick up.

Henry Clews, banker and stock broker—Stocks are selling at prosperity prices. The stock market is always some months ahead of actual business conditions, because Wall Street discounts the future. I do not see a shadow on the country's prospects, and though there has been suffering and a great many people—everybody, more or less—have been hurt financially, I believe it was all for the best. We are not likely to get hurt twice in the same way, and we shall now use more safety appliances in business. I look for a wide, healthy expansion of industry early this fall. Nothing but a great disappointment in the wheat and corn crops can prevent it, and we have no ground for apprehension on that score.

Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation—We will soon be on the high road to prosperity. The mists are clearing away and we shall soon see the sun of prosperity bright as it ever has been.

William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation—Since early March there has been a gradual and well-sustained improvement in the steel industry.

William A. Clark, ex-Senator of Montana, capitalist and miner—I am certain that as soon as the tariff is settled there will be a great improvement in the industrial and financial situation.

Enjoying Themselves

Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermit are having good hunting luck on the Jaja ranch of George McMullen. Their bag includes a water buck, an impala and other varieties of antelope. The expedition has now a total of 60 specimens, representing 20 different species. Mr. Roosevelt has killed a python. Kermit, on a recent trip, despatched a leopard at a distance of six paces. The animal already had mauled a beater and was charging Kermit.

DOUBLE HEADER PULLED OFF

Locals Capture Both By Superior Playing

That Manager Valentine has a team of ball players that would shine in any society was fully demonstrated in the two contests that took place on the Hill grounds last Sunday. The strong Albina team with its bunch of seasoned players were the opponents of the locals in both games, and in each instance the visitors were the losers. The first game was a beauty and kept the nerve of the faithful few in attendance on the ragged edge from start to finish. Both teams played classy ball and the pitchers did fine work all the way through. Jack Olney was the steadier and had better control of the ball, and it was through his fine work that the locals won by the close score of 2 to 1. The St. Johns club was strengthened by Baron Schaeffer who played short. His seven chances in the first inning were all nicely and cleanly taken care of. The weather was ideal for ball playing and the contests were thoroughly enjoyed.

The second game lasted but five innings. Taylor, who started to do the twirling for Albina, could not locate the plate, and after the bases had been filled up, McConnell who pitched the first game transplanted him. By the time his arm again got warmed up seven runs had crossed the plate. After this disastrous inning there was nothing doing for St. Johns in the scoring line. Jasman, a new wonder, who by the way is a cousin of the genial local manager, held down the pitcher's mound for St. Johns. He made a splendid showing, striking out eight men in five innings, and the speed he developed was something fierce. The balls whistled so swiftly around the batters' ears that they could only poke at them in a hopeless, dazed sort of way and they were greatly amazed when the ball struck the bat. Through an error on the part of Secondbaseman Frey in dropping a thrown ball Albina's first run was made possible. Another run was all that they could glean during the remainder of the game, thus making the score 7 to 2 in St. Johns' favor. Through winning the double header St. Johns' standing is as good as the best of them, while Albina has dropped down into the cellar.

Club	Won	Lost	P. C.
St. Johns	3	2	.600
Vancouver	3	2	.600
Forest Grove	2	2	.500
Albina	1	4	.200

A Valuable Deposit

C. D. Titus of this city is the owner of one-half interest in a large body of paint formation. The land contains 160 acres and apparently is almost wholly composed of this material. Eminent authorities have looked into the matter and declare it to be the very finest composition yet discovered, and will eventually be worth a mint to the owners. Only one other such mine has yet been located, and that is in Massachusetts. The mines near Salem are said to be far inferior in quality and are not to be compared to Mr. Titus' product. The deposit is located in Clark county, about 30 miles from Portland. Much interest is being aroused over the discovery.

A Long Time Buried

Creatures resembling frogs, but unlike them, in that they are whitish in color and have no eyes, were discovered last week in a sandstone bluff three miles west of Denver by a truck gardener. While digging in the bluff he uncovered a number of cells, inside of which were soft, mushy-looking balls. When these were rolled out, they proved to be living creatures, presumably of another age. Local geologists are of the opinion that mudbeds existed ages ago where now stand the sandstone bluffs, and that a chemical process changing the mud gradually to stone, imprisoned the amphibians just discovered.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

WILLAMETTE BOULEVARD LINE

Was Discussed by a Number of Property Owners Residing Along This Thoroughfare at Meeting of the City Council on Last Tuesday Evening

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening and indulged in another lengthy session. Roll call showed all members present, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and concurred to be correct.

A number of property owners from along the Willamette boulevard were present and the true width of this thoroughfare was the theme of discussion. Ever since a petition was presented to council by the property holders on the west side of the boulevard praying for a five foot cement sidewalk on the west side from Richmond to Pierce streets there has been a constant agitation over the width of this handsome thoroughfare. The west side inhabitants declare that an 80 foot street is all that can be obtained, while the east side citizens are just as positive in declaring that a hundred foot boulevard has been provided for. Council has been trying to ascertain the true line for some time, but it seems a most difficult problem to solve. The Albina records should show conclusively just how wide the street is, but they are in such a haphazard condition, according to the attorney, that it would require a wizard to find the record if such there be. No index was provided and some of the handwriting would stump a Philadelphia lawyer. City Attorney Collier in company with different officials, have pored over the pages to a greater or lesser degree without avail, while abstractors have stated it to be a stupendous job to make out an abstract establishing the lines of this thoroughfare. All the maps show the boulevard to be 100 feet, and from evidence adduced Tuesday night, all the individuals who bought property on either side

were aware of the fact that 100 feet would be required, and as a result all houses on the west side have been built back far enough to permit 20 feet being pared off. There seems to be but little doubt that the thoroughfare was originally intended to be 100 feet wide, and the chances are that this fact is recorded somewhere in the records, and may be discovered later. Francis I. McKenna, who was very familiar with conditions relating to streets and boulevards on the peninsula, stated that a resolution declaring this boulevard to be 100 feet wide passed the Albina council sometime in 1890 or 1891. It should not be a difficult matter to discover if the records for those years bear the assertion out. Half a day's time is all that should be necessary to digest the proceedings of two years unless the handwriting is not legible.

According to the evidence and testimony gathered from Messrs. Carhart, Baker, Bolen, Thurman, Dunbar, Stearns and Bredeon, there can be no doubt whatever that every property owner along this thoroughfare was fully cognizant of the fact that Willamette boulevard was 100 feet wide when they purchased their property, and there is not a deed or abstract in existence proving that any lot on either side of the boulevard is more than 80 feet long. The question, however, that remains to be solved is whether the thoroughfare was ever legally established and recorded as 100 feet. Without that positive proof the question will ever remain in doubt, even though there is not the slightest doubt but that the boulevard was fully intended to be made that wide. It is that width all the way up the peninsula and there is no reason to believe

that an exception was made in St. Johns. On motion of Councilman Cook the matter was laid over for two weeks for a more minute investigation, and any one having any evidence on the subject would gladly be given a hearing.

A plat of the Happy Day addition in East St. Johns was presented for acceptance by L. H. Smith, but owing to an irregular strip of land in the center of the street which would have to be condemned later the plat was rejected.

Plat of Viewcrest in Oak Park No. 2 addition was accepted.

A judgment secured by Lawyer Mendenthal against Hon. K. C. Couch for legal advice dished out during the city hall fiasco, and amounting including costs to \$118 was allowed. Council learned something about this affair that they did not know before suit was instituted, and that was that Mr. Mendenthal fully earned his fees, as he was confidential advisor for Attorney Greene all the way through, and was fully familiar with every step taken in the proceedings. After the eyes of council were opened to this fact the charge was deemed quite reasonable.

Bills to the amount of \$347.75 were allowed. An extension of twenty days was given the engineer on his report on the improvement of Fessenden street, Jersey to the river.

City Engineer was instructed to check up improvement of Oswego street, Fessenden to Portland boulevard.

Report of the city recorder was read and accepted.

An ordinance ordering the improvement of Portland boulevard passed the council.

A Pleasing Decision

Portland people are delighted over the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision this week opening the Portland gateway. This is a ruling Portland has long contended for and the victory is regarded as an important one. Its chief significance will mean a free interchange of passenger traffic at Portland between the Hill and Harriman lines. This is bound to increase the travel of Eastern visitors to the Coast through this city, for at present travelers coming through Portland bound either to or from the Sound, must re-check their baggage and buy new tickets here. This is inconvenient and has often deterred passengers from coming to this city. The decision means that through tickets must be sold via Portland, a thing the Hill lines have hitherto maintained should not be required of them as it gave the long haul to the Harriman roads. The Hill roads are expected to appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

Going In Heavy

Richard Shepard and Anthony Hardy have purchased a tract of 3000 acres of land near Goble from the Columbia Timber Company, paying nearly \$50,000 for it. This tract is logged off land, is well watered and is fine soil for fruit. At present it is seeded down to timothy and clover. The tract is in Columbia county, on the A. & C. R. R., about 40 miles from Portland and includes the village of Redtown, consisting of a number of store buildings, houses and barns. The purchasers will plat this land and place on the market some time in June.

Excavation Begun

M. E. Kilkenny has secured the contract for cement work on the new school building to be erected in East St. Johns, and began excavating the first of the week. Thus another local man gets a whack at the new structure.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

Funny Proposition

Man comes into the world with his consent and leaves it against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings. In his infancy he is an angel; in his boyhood he is a devil; in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up; in his duties he is a chump; if he raises a check he is a thief; if he is a poor man he is a poor manager and has no sense; if he is rich he is dishonest; if he is in politics he is a grafter and a crook; if he goes to church he is a hypocrite; if he stays away from church he is a sinner; if he donates to foreign missions he does it for show; if he doesn't he is stingy and a "tightwad." When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him; before he goes out they want to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age he is in the way, only living to save funeral expenses. Life is a very funny proposition after all.—Selected.

Local Couple Marry

George Donaldson and Mrs. Florence Rucker were united in marriage at the residence of Rev. J. R. Johnson, pastor of the Christian church, Wednesday evening, May 19th. Both are well known St. Johns young people. The groom is connected with the Collapsible Box Co. in this city and is a fine young man. The bride is a sister of Mrs. A. M. Esson and Mrs. W. A. Trout and is an accomplished and popular young woman. The newly wedded pair have gone to house keeping on John street.

Count Up Rapidly

Mrs. Fay Irish of Clark county, Wisconsin, last week gave birth to five babies, three daughters and two sons. All are alive and well. There are now ten children in the family, the other five being born singly, and all are living.

Happy Social Event

The most complete surprise party of the year occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Tallman on South Hayes Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tallman anticipate making an extended visit to their former home in New York state, leaving the first of the month, and the party was organized as a sort of farewell reception. Friends to the number of about forty gathered together and after sending one of their number in the front way to hold the attention of the host and hostess the invading army solemnly filed in through the back way and before the inmates of the house were aware of the fact they were completely surrounded.

The occasion was a particularly happy one. Every one felt very much at home and the moments sped pleasantly and swiftly by. One of the pleasing features of the gathering was a vocal solo by Mr. Kender, accompanied by Miss Long on the piano, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Refreshments of the most delicious variety kept the inner man in a joyous mood. The event will linger long in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be present. Among those in attendance were J. R. Kerr and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brunson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Garlick, Mrs. J. C. Scott and daughter, Mrs. Blanche Gains and daughter, Miss Nellie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brunson, Mr. Kender, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Garlick, the host and hostess. We failed to secure the names of others attending this happy affair.

Regular Schedule

The United Railways company has issued time tables for their line on the west side, according to which cars leave Whitwood Court for Portland beginning at 6:34 a. m., from which time a car leaves every hour until 7:34 p. m. Leaving Portland for Whitwood Court 6:25 a. m. until 6:40 p. m. At present Burlington in the end of the line, the new railway is doing a fine business and on Sundays the service is inadequate.

Be a BOOSTER for St. Johns.

DEATH OF H. D. WHITMAN

Formerly Proprietor of the West Coast Laundry

H. D. Whitman died at his home in this place Wednesday, May 19th, 1909, of stomach trouble. Mr. Whitman came to St. Johns a couple of years ago and purchased the West Coast laundry, which after operating for some time, disposed of it to the St. Johns Laundry. He was a modest, unassuming man and during his short residence in this city had acquired many friends. We clip the following from the Dallas Itemizer of May 20th concerning him:

H. D. Whitman, who some six years ago established the first steam laundry in Dallas, passed away at St. Johns, of some sort of stomach trouble, and was brought up to his old home at Monmouth for burial yesterday. Mr. Whitman had been a resident of Monmouth for some 15 years and was well known there and at Independence, where he had done laundry work for many years. He came from Monmouth here and started a laundry in the old Charley Black house at the foot of Court street, but owing to peculiar conditions arising, he concluded that he could do best by returning to Monmouth, and did so after operating here only about one year. Some months ago a better thing in the same line was offered him at St. Johns, and he removed with his family to that place. Mr. Whitman was related to the old pioneer family of that name so prominent in early Oregon history, his father being Squire Whitman. He was aged about 57 years, and leaves a wife, three daughters and one son to mourn his loss. Mr. Whitman was a prominent member of the Woodmen for many years, and was noted as one of its most enthusiastic workers serving the camp for many years in honored capacities, more especially as captain of their drill team, which will be remembered as having won a number of prizes in competition with other teams in this place. He carried an insurance of \$1000 and had not transferred his membership. He was a thoroughly fraternal man in every respect, endeavoring to carry out the obligations which he took on joining the order in his everyday life, and treating his fellow members as he desired to be treated by them.

He will be laid to rest at 2 o'clock this afternoon by the members of Monmouth camp, under the beautiful ritual burial services of that order, and will be followed to the grave by many loving friends who recognized in him a true neighbor and consistent Woodman. His bereaved wife and family have the sincere sympathy of hosts of friends all over the county.

Referred to Socialists

It certainly seems like a crying shame to see the huge dredger Chinook lying at anchor near the government moorings year after year and gradually going into decay. What a lot of good it could accomplish if it was again placed in commission. Something surely must be wrong with Uncle Sam's business ability when he permits this magnificent vessel to remain here and pay the regular salaries of its captain, watchman, fireman, etc. If this is a criterion of how Sammy would transact his business were the Socialist's fond dream to come to pass and he would have control of all works and industries what a sad mess he would make of it? The idea of a dredger in the prime of its existence, costing approximately one million and a half dollars lying idle for at least four years does not look good to taxpayers. If a new boiler is needed, as is averred, why not secure it? Counting the interest on the investment, depreciation, etc., every month the dredger lies so calmly at anchor at least fifteen thousand dollars is practically being thrown away.

High School Debate

The regular meeting of the Boys' Debating club of the St. Johns high school was held last Friday, May 21. The question for debate was "Resolved, that Government Ownership of Railroads is Desirable in the United States." Arkie Anderson and Archie Smock supported the affirmative, while Jerome Whisler and Arthur Clark took care of the negative. The decision of the judges was unanimously in favor of the negative. After the debate a short business session was held. Meeting then adjourned. Reporter.

Changes Hands

S. C. Kircher has purchased the furniture and fixtures of the Central Hotel from Thos. Hunkins and has taken charge of same. Mr. Hunkins will leave in a day or two for New York state on a three months' trip among the scenes of his childhood. Mr. Kircher promises to keep the hotel up to date and endeavor to make it a popular stopping place for all sojourners in this city.

Keep It Beautiful

Beautiful St. Johns is a proposition that should appeal strongly to all. Many visitors will be in our city this summer on account of the Rose Carnival and the Exposition at Seattle, and everything should look its very best. Every lawn should be put in shape and in front of every home and business place and in the alleys and byways, every particle of litter should be picked up and burned. Let everybody make it a point to pick up all pieces of waste paper, etc., from in front of their homes and let flowers and shrubbery cover every unsightly spot about our homes. We have won the title "Beautiful St. Johns." Let us keep it as a load stone and guiding star to attract new industries and a greater amount of capital within our borders.