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## GET IN THE HABIT

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FIRE DESTROYS  
INDUSTRYModern Machine Shops  
Suffer Severe Loss

The ringing of the fire bell Friday morning at about five o'clock awakened a number of our citizens, and investigation proved that the Modern Machine shop of Murphy & Bennett on Bradford street was on fire. The blaze had gotten under such headway and burned so fiercely before aid could arrive that no part of it could be saved and it burned to the ground. Mrs. Gillespie, who conducts a boarding house just across the street, noticed the fire first when it was quite small, but before she could telephone in the alarm it had spread all over the place, being assisted by the explosion of a small quantity of gasoline. The machinery was badly damaged and will have to be thoroughly overhauled before it can again be used. There was no insurance carried on the plant, and the loss will probably reach several thousand dollars. The cause of the blaze is unknown, but the belief is that an incendiary did the business or a tramp forced his way into the building to find a place to sleep, and, taking a smoke, threw the match down, starting the conflagration. Several times lately the lock on the door of the blacksmith shop has been found forced, but the proprietors never discovered anything missing. The night previous all fires were put out with water, as is the usual custom, so the fire must certainly have been started by a hobo or incendiary.

Murphy & Bennett have built up a fine business here, and they have several large contracts on hand which they have but little time to lose, and therefore, the loss is especially severe and unfortunate. There was one large and costly machine in the building that had not yet been uncrated and it was pretty badly scarred up.

Work on their new and more modern plant is being pushed with vigor and dispatch, and in spite of the great handicap caused by this fire, they will soon be turning out work in greater volume than ever before.

The new building upon which work has started is a machine shop 36x50 feet, and a blacksmith shop 20x30 feet and are situated on Tacoma and Bradford streets. They will both be in operation within three weeks, or a month at the latest.

Messrs. Murphy & Bennett desire to thank the fire department for their promptness in turning out and doing what they could to stay the flames, and also to the citizens who tendered their aid and assistance, all of which was deeply appreciated and will be gratefully remembered by the proprietors. The "hello" girl at the Central office was a very efficient factor in arousing the people and directing them aright, and her efforts in the matter were also appreciated greatly.

## Are on the Way

The Home Telephone company are laying their poles along the line with the purpose of extending their service to St. Johns. They secured a franchise several years ago, but hitherto they have not found the time to extend their lines this far. Their coming will be hailed with delight by many of our citizens who have gotten out of patience with the dictatorial methods, imperfect service and high prices inaugurated by the company now doing business in St. Johns. The Home will likely reach St. Johns by the first of August.

## Visit the Chief

H. F. Haroldson, cashier of the First National bank of Brookings, S. D., and Frank Kramer, grain buyer for Vandusen of the same city, were guests of their old time friends, Chief of Police Bradeson and family, this week. They were greatly pleased with St. Johns and thought the Chief exercised rare judgment when he decided to locate in such a favorable locality. They will take in the Seattle fair before returning home.

ROSE CARNIVAL  
SUCCESSSt. Johns Queen Prettiest  
in the Bunch

The Rose Carnival for 1909 is now a thing of the past, and while its purpose was well served and it was a success in every sense of the word, all are glad it has passed in to history. The crowds each day were immense and more roses were in evidence than ever before seen at any time or in any place. The weather was perfect during the week and the roses were right at their best. The street cars were filled to overflowing and the service was at times taxed beyond its capacity. Over a million souls were handled during the week by the company, and strange to say no serious accidents occurred. The streets in Portland were continually jammed with people surging from one point to another and during the progress of the various parades a wall of humanity many deep lined each side of the streets, occupied the windows of the tall buildings and took advantage of every point of eminence along the line of march. The seats erected on the postoffice grounds were at times filled to overflowing even though a premium of fifty cents was charged for the privilege. Never in the history of Portland has such crowds congregated upon the streets and public places of that city. And it was a good natured crowd too. No amount of crowding and jostling seemed to arouse their ire. Many necks were stretched to their utmost limit, and then some, in order to look over those standing in front, and many feet were tired, sore and weary from resting them so long and continuously upon the hard surface streets. But all were happy and smiling and joined fully into the spirit of the occasion. It was late at night when many found time to seek their couches so weary that they resolved not to mingle with the crowd another day, but when morning came they were ready to go again.

The floats and electric pageant were the finest even seen in any country or in any clime. The best of everything that had ever been used before coupled with what had been found effective and attractive since were united in these floats and the effects were marvelous to behold. But of all the floats presented before the people during the week, the one representing St. Johns was as fine as any except these were not so many frills and trimmings attached to it. The lack of these, however, were more than offset by the beauty of the queen who graced the float. It was the unanimous opinion of the vast crowd that of all the pretty young ladies in the various floats none could compare with the one on the St. Johns float—Miss Georgia Perrine.

St. Johns did herself proud in the abundance and the beauty of the roses she contributed to the carnival. Thousands of them were daily sent to Portland and aided materially in making the occasion a floral success. The committee in charge worked faithfully and well in getting these American beauties assembled and their aid and assistance was greatly appreciated by the Carnival association. It certainly advertised St. Johns in an effective manner and proved that the city is far from being a back number.

The Rose Carnival of 1909 will go down in history as a marked success, and St. Johns and the Peninsula were active factors in making it such.

## Hogs Getting Scarce

The highest June price for live hogs since 1882 was established at the Union Stockyards in Chicago Monday, when the best porkers sold at \$8 a 100 pounds. The prevailing high prices are due to unusually light receipts of live hogs this Spring at all Western packing centers. Receipts of hogs Monday at the nine leading markets of the West were 29,000 head less than for the corresponding day last week. As a result of the scarcity of hogs, the price of provisions is now the highest for many years.

## BIG STREET CONTRACT IS LET

Portland Boulevard to be Improved at a Cost of Over Ten  
Thousand Dollars—Viewers Make Report on Buchanan and Richmond Streets

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present and the Mayor in the chair. Street work took up the greater part of the session. The contract for the improvement of Portland boulevard was let and the viewers' reports on Richmond and Buchanan streets were read. The minutes of the previous regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

A petition for the improvement of South Ivanhoe, Polk to Ida streets, with cement sidewalks, was read, accepted, and resolution ordered drawn covering same.

Petition for the improvement of South Hayes, from Buchanan to Ida, was taken up and received the same treatment.

A bunch of streets in the Hollbrook addition at the north end was referred to the street committee for investigation as to whether the assessed valuation will in each case stand for the improvement. The streets were: St. Johns avenue, Kellogg to Chapel street; Willis boulevard, St. Johns avenue to Bruce street; Weyerhaeuser street, Kellogg to James; Leonard street, St. Johns avenue to Bruce street; Hollbrook avenue, Kellogg to James street; Portland boulevard, Fessenden to Bruce; Chapel street, St. Johns avenue to Bruce street.

The bids on the improvement of Portland boulevard were then taken up. The first proposal opened was that of V. W. Mason, who is now putting on the finishing touches on South Hayes street, which read: Cut 35c, fill 15c, six foot concrete sidewalk, 95c, cross walk 47c, box gutter 47c, crushed rock \$2.50 per yard, making a total of \$10,114.36 for the job.

The next bid was by Alkerson & Potage of Portland, as follows: Cut

35c, fill 20c, sidewalk \$1.04, crosswalk 45c, box gutters 50c, crushed rock \$2.85.

The final bid was offered by Thos. Cochran, and read: Cut 34c, fill 15c, sidewalk \$1.05, crosswalk 25c, box gutters 45c, crushed rock \$2.45. Upon referring the bids to the city engineer it was found that Mr. Mason's bid was the lowest by \$329.39, and he was, therefore, awarded the contract.

The abstractor on the famous Willamette boulevard problem asked for and was granted an extension of one week in which to complete his labors.

The report of P. Hill, Chas. Linquist and Thos. Cochran as viewers on the extension of Richmond street through the Caples tract was then read, but was referred back to them for a correction in the title. The recorder was requested to notify the property owners to appear at the council chamber for a hearing June 29th, when any objection to the viewers' report will be heard.

The viewers' report on the opening of Buchanan street was then read, which adjudged the benefits to equal the damages. Viewers on this street were K. C. Couch, H. W. Bonham and A. M. Stearns. Report was accepted and a hearing fixed for Tuesday evening, July 6th, the property owners to be notified to this effect.

A report on the rock crusher showed that so far this year it had been operated at a slight loss, but as the property owners along the newly improved streets are the gainers, the slight loss to the management is no cause for worry.

Bills to the amount of \$375.07 were allowed.

The matter of cutting down the grass and weeds along the curbing of the various streets was discussed and finally left with the street com-

mittee with power to act. Some of the streets around the city are getting to have a rather ragged grass fringing their borders and they are great as fire carriers when dry, so it was deemed to be in order to have them cut short.

Messrs. L. B. Chipman, S. C. Norton and Gilbert Goodhue were selected as viewers on the widening of Fessenden street. All are men of good and sound judgment and well fitted to act in this capacity. The "yob" will be a long and trying one.

It was ordered that the road machine go over Chicago street and place it in first class condition.

On motion of Councilman A. W. Davis it was decided to petition the school board that the excess of earth on the high school grounds be placed on Philadelphia street, as there is an enormous fill there to be made, and thus the cost would be lessened to the property owners when the street is improved.

The question of street work in general was discussed, and it was decided that no street should be accepted unless it was strictly up to the specifications in every particular and that no concessions should be made to any contractor.

A resolution opening and widening Fessenden street and appointing viewers therefor was adopted.

The recorder was authorized to notify the Pacific States telephone company to place a phone in the residence of the Chief of the Fire Department Granger, as per the provisions of their franchise.

A resolution to improve Mohawk street, Ivanhoe to Willis boulevard was taken up, and after some discussion was held over for engineer to make new estimates including crushed rock.

MORE PACKING  
PLANTSTo Locate Upon the Pen-  
insula Soon

That the Peninsula will eventually be the site of the largest packing plant district in the world is conceded by most wisacres who are familiar with the situation. The location is so ideal and the facilities so unparalleled that it cannot be passed up. The following from the Portland Journal shows the trend of the movement to the peninsula:

Preparations are being completed by leading stockmen of the Pacific coast to establish an independent packing plant in Portland and a site will in all probability be selected adjoining the Swift plant on the Peninsula.

According to those in charge of the project a \$2,000,000 corporation will be the result of the work now going on and which has been carried on very quietly for about two years.

J. A. Robinson, James and Harry Mitchell, California capitalists with immense cattle interests, are stated to be in charge of the movement, although many local people are asking that a certain amount of the capital stock be assigned to them.

The Mitchells are both well known all over the country and are the largest cattle shippers and feeders in the entire country west of the Rocky mountains. It is understood that they have planned the independent packing concern in order to more thoroughly regulate prices here and see that the producer of livestock gets all the monies he is entitled to.

Along with the announcement of the independent packing project comes the practically confirmed report that Schwartzchild & Sulzberger, who are now operating the old Zimmerman plant in South Portland, have given up their option on the property there and are at present preparing plans for the erection of a huge and modern plant on the Peninsula.

This too will be located in vicinity of the Swift plant and work will likely be started shortly after the visit of Mr. Sulzberger, who is expected in this city to personally inspect the property within a very short time.

## A Quiet Place

A nervous looking man went into a store the other day and sat for half an hour or so, when a clerk asked him if there was anything he could do for him. He said no he didn't want anything. The clerk went away, and the stranger sat an hour or so longer, when the proprietor went to him and asked if he didn't want to be shown anything. "No," said the nervous little man; "I just wanted to sit around. My physician has recommended quiet to me and says above all things I should avoid being in a crowd. Noticing that you do not advertise in the home paper, I thought this would be as quiet a place as I could find, so I just dropped in for a few hours."

LAND OF OPPOR-  
TUNITYOregon Offers Boundless  
Possibilities

The possibilities in productivity of the soil of western Oregon are inadequately comprehended by Oregon people. When method and effort are all they should be this soil is a literal gold mine. Statements by husbandmen of products grown appear in the Yearbook of the Eugene Guard, and show that by intensive methods applied on small tracts the possibilities are boundless, and the region west of the Cascades capable of sustaining an enormous population. The growers in question are scattered through various parts of the district and here are statements of some of their crops:

Rev. F. M. George realized \$640 per acre from cherries, and Enos Presnal bought 10 acres of cherry orchard for \$1500 and the first year sold \$1700 worth of cherries. J. A. Peterson picked three tons of Royal Anne cherries from two acres in 1907 and sold them for 5 cents per pound. O. La Follette, from 168 trees, sold 47,500 pounds and 150 bushel boxes of peaches. L. T. Reynolds harvested 3300 boxes of apples in 1907 from eight acres, and M. N. Bowman and L. S. Fuller cleared \$140 an acre from 16 acres of prunes. A. F. Broadside sold \$150 worth of pears from one acre of trees, and W. Sniffin produced \$260 worth of strawberries per acre. J. S. Morris raised 1000 gallons of Loganberries from three quarters of an acre and netted therefrom \$250. R. Y. Pater grew 520 bushels of corn on eight acres, and James Whitbycombe, director of the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis, cut two acres of alfalfa 22 times in six years, securing 38 tons per acre for the period. Frank Diem picked 10 bushels of walnuts from one tree, and sold them for \$5.40 per bushel. L. Groner got a yield of 75 bushels per acre from oats, and P. Kleppin grew 47½ bushels of corn per acre on land he thought worn out. J. C. Hae harvested from 100 acres 397 tons of mixed clover and timothy, and sold it at \$10 per ton. J. W. Elston got a net yield of \$70 per acre from 12 acres of clover seed, and Andrew Sanders grew 4500 pounds of onion sets from three acres, for which he received \$210. Clarence Koon made \$832 from 80 ewes, selling from them 1508 pounds of wool at 25 cents, \$377, and 91 lambs at \$5, \$455.

These instances are a few from a long list that is of record, and are indicative of what is possible under intelligent cultivation. They do not include the heavy returns from fruit investments in the Hood River and Rogue River districts, but are evidence of what is everywhere possible in the western part of this land of easy living and boundless opportunity.—Ex.

## A Bright Youth

Norbet Wiener, a senior in Tufts College, Medford, Mass., who is 14 years old will receive a diploma at the college commencement as bachelor of arts. And not only will he receive his degree of bachelor of arts, but he will be entered on the rolls of Tufts as having completed a full four years' course in three years. Wiener is the most remarkable student on the roll of any college or university. When he was 18 months old he knew the English alphabet; at 3 years he could read and write; at 5 he studied Latin; at 6 he had mastered arithmetic, algebra, plane and solid geometry; at 8 he read books in Latin, German, French and Russian readily; at 9 he could reason problems in trigonometry and calculus, and was given dealing on ancient astronomy.

A paper in a good sized town in Michigan recently published this item: "The business man of this town who is in the habit of hugging his stenographer had better quit or we will publish his name." The next day 37 business men called at the office, paid up their subscriptions and left behind them 37 columns of advertising and told the editor not to pay any attention to such foolish stories.



St. Johns Base Base Ball Club

Top Row—Jasman, p; Manager Valentine; D. Stone, lf; Schaffer, ss. Second row—E. Stone, 1b and p; Howard, utility; Summers, 3b; Olney, p. Lower Row—Helsler, rf; Adams, cf; Pembroke, c; Fry, 2b.

## St. Johns Lads Injured

A couple of St. Johns boys were injured coming home from the Portland Rose Festival last Thursday evening. Morris McKinnon, who was one of the horseback riders in the parade, was the first victim of an accident. While on his way home his horse stumbled and fell, one of the young man's legs being broken in the catastrophe. The frightened animal ran away, leaving the youth by the roadside, where he was later found by Dr. MacLachlan, who took him home in her automobile. The fracture was quite a serious one, but he is getting along all right.

Gall Perrine, another St. Johns boy, was brushed off a crowded car while crossing the steel bridge on the way home. He was bruised somewhat and had a bad cut under one eye, but was able to be around the next day.

Note the label on your paper.

## Pleasantly Entertained

Miss Florence Carlson entertained a class of St. Marys Tuesday in a royal manner. A launching party was given from four o'clock to six, after which a most delicious dinner of twelve courses was served. The table was beautifully decorated and handsome silver and china service used. Dinner was served by a first class caterer from Portland with a corps of assistants. The house was superbly decorated with class colors, yellow tulle and roses. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and everybody had a time long to be remembered.

Vinton Scott, who is conducting dental parlors in Falls City, Oregon, spent several days with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Scott of St. Johns, last week. He is succeeding well and is building up a lucrative practice in Falls City.

## Pleased With St. Johns

Henry Schellenberger and Mr. Thorn of Owosso, Mich., arrived in St. Johns Tuesday to look the situation over as a place in which to make their future home. They were greatly amazed to find vegetation so far advanced and are immensely pleased with St. Johns and its glorious climate, flowers and surroundings in general. Mr. Thorn states that he expects to pack up and move out as soon as he reaches home and Mr. Schellenberger is of the same mind.

E. W. Angell, who has been working on a large tie contract for the railroad company at Silverton for the past couple of months, is sojourning in St. Johns a few days before returning and giving it another hitch.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

## Will Have Big Attendance

Indications point to the largest attendance of teachers that the University of Oregon has ever had at the Summer Session which begins June 28th, running six weeks, and closing August 5th. Announcement has just been made by Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the session, that he has secured the services of Prof. Samuel B. Seward Jr., of Stanford University, in English Literature and Rhetoric to take the place of Prof. Howe, who is unable to teach on account of illness. Prof. Seward has had much experience as a teacher in summer schools. The courses that he will offer will be in direct preparation for the August state examinations.

The rejuvenated Albion ball club will cross bats with the locals on the Hill grounds Sunday. One of the best games of the season is promised, as both clubs have been putting up great ball lately.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.