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GOODHUE WINS THE OFFICE

Elected School Director on Monday Last

The school election held in the Holbrook block Monday afternoon aroused quite a little interest. The only office to be voted for was one school director. There were two candidates for this position—J. E. Williams as a candidate to succeed himself, and Gilbert Goodhue. When the votes were counted it was found that Mr. Williams had received 91 votes and Mr. Goodhue 147.

J. E. Williams has served on the school board for the past several years honorably and well. He used the same careful judgement and business methods in the school affairs as in his own private business. As chairman of the board he was instrumental in securing the building in the north end, the one in the east end and the proposed new high school. He gave freely of his time to push these structures along. While some question his judgment in favoring the sites selected, those who were familiar with progress of the city and the needs of the different locations applaud the selections which were made by the board. The sites were secured at reasonable prices in both instances. He well knew that to purchase a piece of land for school purposes from an individual who owned no property adjoining it an exorbitant price would be demanded, and therefore, the man or company who had property adjoining or surrounding the sites would be most apt to sell at a reasonable price because his property would greatly enhance in value as a result, and, therefore, in conjunction with the board, he sought such conditions. As a consequence both plots are today worth much more than was paid for them, as an inquiry as to prices asked for adjoining property will testify. Ever an exponent of the highest possible degree of education, he took a singular interest in his duties and was ready at any and all times to use his time and his talents in the advancement of education. Therefore he can retire from office feeling that he has been faithful to his trust and has discharged his duties in every instance without fear or favor. Not being infallible, he may have made some mistakes, possibly has, but he has been sincere in all that he has done, and no man had ever any need to be in doubt as to how Mr. Williams stood on any question.

Of the new member, Mr. Goodhue, no evil word can be spoken. An honest man, careful and fully competent, we believe he will perform his duties satisfactorily and well, and that the people of St. Johns will have no cause to regret his election.

Bachelors Give Dance

The dance given in Bickner's hall last Thursday evening by the Bachelor's club was a decided success. The hall was extensively and beautifully decorated for the occasion. The prevailing color was red, and some of the effects were far removed from the ordinary. The genius who had the arrangement in charge showed plenty of originality and skill. More than fifty couples were present and enjoyed to the full the good time prepared by the unfortunate males who have so far been unable to find or secure a better half. It is really a shame there are so many bachelors in St. Johns when there is such a variety of pretty and congenial young women here. It is quite likely, however, that the ranks of the club will be sadly depleted before the year is out, if all reports are correct.

Commendable Law

According to the laws of the State of Washington now in force every person who shall manufacture, sell, give away or distribute, or have in his possession any cigarettes, cigarette papers or cigarette wrappers shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. This is a first rate law and it would not be a bad idea for the state of Oregon to enact a similar one.

THE MOVEMENT NOT DEAD

High Bridge Project Still Very Much Alive

The movement for a suspension bridge at St. Johns has not died a natural death, as some people imagine. The matter has been taken as far as it can be advanced at the present time. Nothing can be done until the Legislature again meets, with the exception of circulating petitions bringing this matter before it. In ample time this will be done. Ways and means will be sought whereby funds may be raised to place signature seekers in the field, and a thorough canvass of the entire county may be inaugurated, or as much of it as may be deemed advisable. The movement will be made so strong and so far reaching that the Legislature will be compelled to give it serious consideration. No, the movement is not dead, only smoldering, and will burst into a strenuous flame when the time is ripe. The following bearing on the subject we clip from the People's Press of last week:

A number of the St. Johns residents not fully satisfied with the benefits that will accrue to that town by the building of the Broadway Bridge are carrying on a campaign to erect a suspension bridge from St. Johns to Whitwood. Some think the project is too much to be undertaken at the present as the west side is sparsely inhabited opposite St. Johns, and as the county would necessarily have to be interested in order to carry the project to completion, and are therefore not very enthusiastic about pushing a matter of so much importance at what they consider a premature date.

Since the site of the proposed plan is in St. Johns and the charter of that corporation does not permit of bridge building, an appropriation will probably be asked of the Legislature. In the meantime it is proposed that petitions be circulated, and a chance be given to every property-owner in the county to sign them. This is the only necessary expense preceding placing the matter before the Legislature, and that is considered small.

The supporters of the plan assert that financial assistance would probably be given by the United Railways Co., if by the span they could gain access to the Swift Packing Plant. However, the railway company is silent on the question. It is inevitable that in the course of time the bridge will be a necessity, and the more enthusiastic can see no good cause for delay, especially as a number of years will elapse between the inception of the scheme and its final completion.

Again in the Toils

S. V. David, a promoter, with offices in the Wells Fargo building, was arrested yesterday noon by Deputy Constable Kierman on a warrant issued from the District Attorney's office charging forgery. The complaint in the case is signed by Charles W. Lenoir, a former employe of David, who says the latter forged his name to a check drawn in his favor by O. W. Oleson. The amount of the check was \$25.

David was released on bail in the sum of \$1000 and will be given a preliminary examination June 21. He alleges it is a conspiracy against him and that the involvement on the check was made by Lenoir himself and that he received the money. The prosecution of David grew out of an affair in which Lenoir became involved Thursday. Oleson gave the check in part payment on a piano which Lenoir said he owned. It later developed he did not own it and was made to refund the money yesterday morning by assistant Attorney Frank D. Hennessey. He now says he did not receive the money from David.

David has been more or less prominent in the courts since he came here over one year ago by reason of his connections with the St. Johns Gas Company and the Washington Home Telephone and Telegraph Company of Vancouver. He made contracts to sell stock and bonds for both companies, disagreements arising from both—Saturday's Oregonian.

ST. JOHNS LOVELY CITY IN JUNE

While People in Eastern Cities are Dying by the Dozen from Excessive Heat the Residents Here are Enjoying Life to the Fullest Possible Degree

Did you ever stop to realize how really beautiful St. Johns is in June? Here Nature is certainly clothed in her richest and brightest garb. Myriads of flowers, the finest the world has ever known, decorate and embellish the front yard, the back yard, the sides and here and there and everywhere of almost every residence in St. Johns. Poor indeed, is the man whose home can boast of no flowers, and he is to be greatly pitied. Of all flowers grown the roses are far in the lead. They attain such size, beauty and perfection here, and are cultivated with so little effort, that at times this great gift of nature is not appreciated as it deserves. Visitors from the East go into raptures of delight when they first see how magnificently they thrive and abound on every hand, and they never seem to tire of speaking about them. The old timers have grown so accustomed to seeing them almost the year around that their appreciation has lost much of its keenness and relish, but without them they would be sadly lost and unsatisfied.

Lots of Street Work

All members were present at the regular meeting Tuesday evening with Mayor Hendricks in the chair. Almost the entire evening was devoted to street work, and if it keeps this up the administration of the present council will pass into history as being noted for the vast amount of street improvement they were instrumental in pushing through.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, a remonstrance against improving Stewart street with a surface grade was read. Several property owners along the proposed improvement were present and stated that they were unwilling to have the work done unless it was placed on a permanent grade. As no action had been taken on the petition calling for a light grade other than turning it over to the street committee for their recommendation, the interested parties were advised by the mayor to get out a new petition allowing for a uniform grade and it would have the immediate attention of council, and this course was decided upon by the citizens present.

The matter of Willamette boulevard was taken up, and A. M. Stearns made a report on what could be gleaned from the records concerning this thoroughfare augmented with several important suggestions as to the most feasible way of terminating the controversy. The report showed that Mr. Stearns had gone to considerable trouble and expense in ascertaining the exact status of the case and deserves much credit for his enterprise in the matter. Deeming it of much importance to the parties most vitally interested we publish the report in this week's issue.

Mr. Stearns will endeavor to effect a compromise with the property owners and report to council next Tuesday evening.

Bills covering supplies, blacksmithing, rodman and labor at the rock crusher to the amount of \$48.30 were allowed.

Upon recommendation by the mayor and upon confirmation by the council the services of the assistant engineer will be discontinued and when assistance is required one of the policemen will serve in that capacity. Upon suggestion of Councilman J. W. Davis the mayor appointed J. H. Fletcher as special police, whose duty will be to look after automobiles searching at too rapid a rate along Willamette boulevard. The citizens along that thoroughfare have been greatly annoyed by gasoline wagons making a race course along this driveway and raising clouds of

dust, and it was to control this nuisance that the appointment, which was confirmed by council, was made. An ordinance establishing the grade of South Jersey street between Richmond and Mohawk streets was passed, as was also an ordinance establishing the grade of Willis boulevard between Fessenden and St. Johns avenue. Resolutions to improve Willis boulevard, South Jersey street, and Mohawk street, the latter from Ivanhoe to Willis boulevard, were adopted. An ordinance was ordered prepared putting special policemen under bonds, and will be presented at next meeting.

A Narrow Escape

The article below from Tuesday's Oregonian gives the particulars of what might easily have proven a fatal accident that befell "Happy" Harry Hunter, P. J. Peterson and O. L. Chapel, formerly a real estate dealer in this city, during an automobile tryout on the Linnton road:

Three men narrowly escaped cremation on the Linnton road yesterday afternoon in the explosion of the gasoline tank of the automobile in which they were riding. Leaping from the sides and the rear of the machine, which was ablaze in an instant, they escaped without a scorch by their agility. Adding irony to the near-death experience of the trio, the car was on a trial trip, two of the men being prospective purchasers, and the third, the driver, being the owner, buoyant with anticipation of selling the machine. The automobile was completely destroyed and represents a loss of \$4000, minus \$1200, the amount of its insurance.

O. L. Chapel, owner of the machine, Harry Hunter and Peter Peterson were the men who experienced the miraculous escape. Chapel after remodeling the machine, which was of 1905 make, was taking a spin to test the merits of the machine in the presence of Hunter and Peterson, who intended to buy it. When within 100 yards of the Lakeview roadhouse the gasoline tank burst, a stream of oil trickled to the generator and instantly the machine was enveloped in flames. Chapel, in jumping for his life, gave the wheel a twist, heading the automobile for the side of the road, where it burned until irreparably destroyed. Last Sunday night, the machine, less than a day before its sudden destruction, bore several elderly women along the same road. They, said Chapel, would undoubtedly have been burned to death under the circumstances that confronted him and his companions.

that the Garden of Eden is not far off. In these busy days it is hard to find the time and the opportunity to commune with nature as often as we should. Many of the beauties and attractions of nature are lost to us because the time is not available to see them aright. But they are here as nowhere else. Mother Nature must certainly have a warm spot in her heart for St. Johns, because she is so lavish with her gifts, and a newcomer can only gaze in wonder at our being favored so well, and it is not strange that he feels impelled to return home at once resolved to pack up his household effects and move his family to this wonderful haven of ours.

An evening in St. Johns in June is most delicious. The life giving breeze that comes direct from the Pacific ocean with its salt tinged air, the fragrant atmosphere laden with its perfume of roses, the silvery moon which is never so bright nor quite so clear anywhere else, all tend to lull the weary to rest and a sweet repose.

St. Johns is a city beautiful at any time, but in June is when she is at her best, and a feeling of joy and thankfulness just to be alive is more complete this month than at any other time.

The Knights of Rest

A new organization is being formed in St. Johns entitled "The Knights of Rest." Two prominent citizens have started the new society and they hope to gather many into the fold within the next few months. The plan of the new order is unique in its character, and the by-laws are quite stringent. Numerous acts are punishable by fines. For instance if a member does any manual labor whatever he is fined, and it is necessary to pass their hands up for inspection each meeting. If a callous spot or suspicion of a blister is perceptible a fine is imposed. No member is permitted to walk farther than ten blocks any one day and if perspiration begins to appear at any time he must take a rest before he continues farther. No member is permitted to appear upon the streets before 9 a. m. each day, and no violent argument is allowable. One trip to the postoffice is allowed each day. One hour per day is set apart when no member is allowed to converse, but must sit quietly upon his chair. No deep or intricate topic can be discussed that requires much thought. Perfect rest is the object of the organization. To become eligible for membership one has to swear that he has done no manual labor for a period of one week. The gentlemen are quite enthusiastic (that is, as nearly as the bylaws will permit) over the new society and believe it will prove a howling success. Regular meetings will be held every day on the street corners from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Not Objectionable

Rev. J. J. McCann, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, at Elgin, Ill., announced from the pulpit Sunday that he was not opposed to Sunday baseball. "As long as a man attends to his religious duties," said Father McCann, "I can see no harm in watching or participating in a game of baseball on Sunday. Sunday is a day of rest and after religious duties have been attended to, an innocent pastime does no harm." I. W. Beal of the Episcopal Church also said Sunday baseball is not objectionable.

John Sechrist, chief of police of Vancouver, Wash., spent a few hours in St. Johns Tuesday evening. He greatly admired the city hall and regretted the fact that Vancouver did not have anything of a like nature half so good and convenient.

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WIDTH IS STILL IN DOUBT

An Interesting Article on Willamette Boulevard

Since there is so much interest aroused over the boundary line of Willamette boulevard, we publish in full the data and other information gleaned by a careful and exhaustive review of the records by and at the instance of Mr. A. M. Stearns, which he delivered to the city council last Tuesday night. The article is concise, logical and contains a common sense view of the situation. Whether or not you are directly interested in this thoroughfare it will be worth your while to read it. It follows:

Portland, Oregon, June 22, 1909. To the Honorable Mayor and Council of St. Johns. Gentlemen:

As agreed some weeks since I have secured an abstract of all proceedings relative to Willamette Boulevard that we were able to find, and will for the purpose of saving you time state the result in a condensed form.

An ordinance passed in 1891 recites at great length lands condemned, with list of owners, proceedings of viewers, damages assessed, etc., etc., but takes the boulevard only to a point now lying in Portland. Thereafter an ordinance was passed continuing said boulevard in the following words, to-wit:

"Willamette boulevard shall be 100 feet wide throughout its entire course, beginning at a point where the section line between section 21 and 22, Twp. 1 N., R. 1 E. intersects the bluff of Willamette river; thence following the bluff through Abram's and Knox' tracts, and through tracts of land to Willamette boulevard in Willamette; thence along the last named boulevard through Willamette and Arbor Lodge to and through the land of John Mook; thence to St. Johns."

You will readily see that the crucial point in this matter now is to know what the boundary of St. Johns was at the date this ordinance was passed. I have not had time personally to examine this, but assume that the party to whom I intrusted the examination is correct. At any rate he finds as follows:

At that time the East line of St. Johns was Main street, now Richmond street, making the westerly terminus of the boulevard at that time opposite Sixth street or Fillmore street. At that time the viewers appropriated lands as follows:

"Lands belonging to S. J. Adams, lying between the west line of A. L. Miners' Addition and the East side of Main street within 50 feet of boulevard and a tract belonging to W. W. Caples, lying between the West line of Miner's Addition and the East line of Main street within 50 feet of the center of said boulevard."

A legislative Act was passed February 17, 1899, transferring the control and management of the said boulevard from the city of Portland to Multnomah County, making same a county road. This Act has nothing to do of course in determining the location of the boulevard or its extent, but simply transfers its management to the county, as it was left by the Albina council. Examination of the records of the city of Portland does not show that anything was done relative to this after the Albina Act until taken over by the County. It is probable that the intention by those having the matter in charge was to make Willamette boulevard 100 feet wide to Richmond street but the proceedings were seemingly incomplete, and by no means settle the question in dispute between the citizens of St. Johns owning upon the boulevard, but on the contrary rather aggravate the situation, and I fear makes it impossible to continue with the improvements under contemplation, unless it be on a compromise upon a commonsense and equitable basis, for which purpose I beg to make the following suggestions:

I am advised that if attempt is made to widen the boulevard through districts now improved, cutting off fences and improved lawns that its legality will be attacked, and at best (Continued on page two.)

LOCALS DO UP RED SOCKS

Win a Warmly Contested Game from Albina

A hotly contested ball game with a whirlwind finish happened at the Hill grounds last Sunday. The Albina team, which has been made over anew, were the opponents of the locals and proved that the general shaking up the club received has resulted in banding together a team of the first quality. Ryan, who did the twirling for the Red Socks, mixed up his offerings with a slow, easy, agonizing ball which the Apostles tried to kill, but not being used to slow delivery, struck too quick and invariably knocked a measly little grounder, when they intended sending it a mile or two over the fence.

Shaffer, the Apostles' usually reliable short stop, had a day off with his throwing wing, making a couple of very bad throws to first. These wild throws, coupled with a nasty one contributed by Summers, were responsible for the three runs gathered by the Albinas, as not an earned run was made by that club.

Stone pitched a good, steady game and struck out ten men, and should have had a shut out to his credit. A couple more runs might easily have been secured by St. Johns had Adams stood on third base when a long fly was knocked to deep left field and then came in before the ball could be retrieved, but he played so far off that he could not return to the bag and then reach home. Also he took a desperate chance in another inning when he was on second and endeavored to reach home when the ball was knocked to short right field. It was fielded cleanly and he was caught by a mile. Fletcher Stone also made a foolish play when he ran from third to home when the pitcher had the ball, making an easy out.

The score was 3 to 2 in favor of Albina when the locals went into bat in the ninth. Summers, the first man up, sent a sizzler down the third base line, and reached first in safety. Poff, lately of the O. A. C. who had a St. Johns uniform for the first time this season, was the next man up, and he disappointed his friends by whiffing the air, which, by the way, was the only strike out credited to Ryan. E. Stone then got a clip on the shoulder and took a base, sending Summers to second. Howard sent a speedy one to short which was a little too hot to handle and rolled out into the field. Summers scoring on the play and Stone and Howard reaching third and second respectively. While the Socks were trying to realize how it happened, Stone thought he saw a good chance to slip home without being observed, but failed miserably. Pembroke then sent a fielders' choice to left which both the third baseman and left fielder failed to get a good hold of, and the winning run came in.

The attendance was execrable, only about fifty paid admissions being recorded. The manager is pretty well discouraged the way base ball is supported in St. Johns, as he usually has to dig down into his pockets to help defray expenses of the visiting team. He has a good aggregation of ball players and the fans always get their money's worth, still the turn out is scandalously light. If an improvement in the number of attendance does not take place soon very few games will be played in St. Johns this summer.

Following is the score by innings and the summary:  
Albina ..... 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0-3  
Hits ..... 0 2 0 1 0 0 2 0 1-6  
St. Johns ..... 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 2-4  
Hits ..... 0 3 0 0 2 0 0 1-6  
Struck out—By Stone, 19 by Ryan, 1. Bases on balls—Off Stone, 1; off Ryan, 1. Hit by pitched balls—Ryan, 2; Stone, 1. Two-base hits—Adams, Pembroke and Sherman. Double plays—Cox to Griffith to Shefman (2), Kennedy (unassisted), Adams to Schaeffer to Kennedy. Left on bases—St. Johns, 4; Albina, 6. Time of game—One hour, 25 minutes. Umpire—Ed Rankin.

Remember, a license is required to catch bass and salmon in the Willamette river, as well as in other rivers of the state.