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LOTS OF STREET WORK ON

Council Kept Busy Pushing Matters Along

Council met in regular session Tuesday night, and again street work occupied the greater portion of the time.

R. W. McKeon was present and addressed the council on the matter of guaranteeing concrete work. He claimed that as a property owner he had a right to have a guarantee that the work would endure for a period of at least five years.

Mr. Moe claimed that the water company refused to supply water to his residence on Alma street, and he applied to council for their aid in compelling them to do so.

Geo. L. Perrine was present and stated that he wanted to make some material changes to his residence, and therefore desired council to furnish a street grade of Edison street so he would know just where he was at in regard to grade.

A proposition from J. Cunningham to lease the rock crusher was tabled because bids had not yet been advertised for, and according to the charter this is essential.

The engineer's acceptance of portions of the sidewalk on Richmond street and passed upon by the street committee, was accepted by council.

The viewers' report on Buchanan street was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Bills to the amount of \$288.84 were allowed.

The investigating committee on police negligence reported that P. Hill had withdrawn his charges.

Resolutions authorizing the engineer to prepare plans and estimates for the improvement of a block of six streets in North St. Johns were adopted by council.

An offer for the purchase of the new city dock made by the Northwest Warehouse Co. through Attorney Perkins was rejected and a counter proposition submitted.

A Little Too Frisky

Five St. Johns lads became a little too exuberant while on a St. Johns car coming from Portland Saturday night and were arrested.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

NEW PLANT IN OPERATION

Modern Machine Works in New Quarters

Five weeks to a day from the time their plant was destroyed by fire, Murphy & Bennett, the bustling machinists, had their new plant built and in operation.

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Contributed

The baby show at the Electric Theatre wound up Sunday evening after a strenuous and arduous campaign on the part of some of the parents and their friends.

An Ideal Boat House

Among the numerous boat houses on the St. Johns water front one in particular should not pass unobserved. That is Mr. Levens' boat house, and it is a floating palace in many particulars.

Will Build at Whitwood

L. M. Mills has moved his family from Grand Rapids, Mich., and are for the present making their home with a daughter, Mrs. Richard Shepard, at Whitwood Court.

NEW DOCK LIKELY TO BE SOLD

If the Deal Under Way Goes Through it Will Mean a Great Deal to the City, and St. Johns Will Get the Full Benefit Without any of the Expense

The new city dock that has caused quite a good deal of anxiety on the part of the city fathers, and which has been looked upon in the nature of a "white elephant" by many of our people, now promises to become a blessing in disguise.

The council in connection with the Commercial club tried various plans to push the matter through. Mayor Hendricks and Attorney Perkins were especially active in the matter, and spent much time and went to a great deal of trouble to bring the matter to a focus.

Expect a Gusher Soon

That fortunes will soon be made in the oil fields surrounding Vale, the county seat of Malheur county, Oregon, is a fact says the Vale Plaindealer, that is now not to be denied by the most pessimistic of her citizens, much as they hooted at the idea only a few short months ago.

In an interview with Mr. R. W. Eames, the efficient manager of the Mammoth Oil Company, as well as the Eastern Oil Company, which adjoins the property of the Mammoth on the east, the Mammoth Company owning full twelve sections of oil lands lying in the northwest corner of township twenty, Range 45, West, while the Eastern Oil Company owns about as many sections of oil lands, just to the east of the property of the Mammoth company, that gentleman said:

"The Mammoth Company is operating a standard rig, is now down about 830 feet, and while the well was down about 700 feet the showing was so good, having passed through 70 feet of oil sand, that my head driller, suggested that we dynamite the well, and guaranteed a ten barrel a day well at that time, but the president of the company decided to continue the deep sinking, as the indications pointed that they would, in a few hundred feet more of drilling, open a light gravity body of oil on a paraffine base, the very best illuminating oil on the market, besides striking, lower down, a high grade lubricating oil, worth more on the market today than the ordinary. As soon as the men return from their Fourth of July outing, we will redouble our efforts to break through into oil in paying quantities before the bad weather comes upon us, and believe, that with good luck on our side, we will have a "gusher" for a Christmas present.

"At the Eastern Oregon Company's ground, we expect to start a standard rig on the 20th of July next, and sink as rapidly as possible. That ground also has a most excellent showing.

"In the same neighborhood, so as to speak, is situated the lands of the Columbia Oil and Gas Co., a Spokane company, they are operating another standard rig and are now down 650 feet. Their showing is also very good, and their manager expects to strike

would be practically the same as what they offered the city. That is, the cost to the company would be the same.

If this offer is accepted it will pull the city out of a rather bad hole. As it now stands the city is paying about \$10 per day interest on the bonds, and the insurance and depreciation in value of the property is quite an item, and the city is deriving no benefit whatever from the existence of the dock. If this company gets the dock at the price stipulated it means that the Richmond street dock can be placed in first class condition, the rock crusher and road machine be paid for, and a neat balance will be left in the treasury for any contingency that may arise.

An Inhuman Girl

The Brooklyn police have in custody a 15-year-old girl who is charged with committing a most remarkable assault upon a lad of her own age while a crowd of terror-stricken people looked on.

The rockpile on the Linnton road will be read for operation by August 1, according to the estimate of Commissioners Barnes and Lightner. The sub-jail, with a capacity of about 50 prisoners, is completed, and workmen are now employed putting the crusher in place.

The rock in the quarry at the new rockpile is said to be of better quality for road making than the rock at Kelly Butte, and also easier to quarry and crush. The Kelly Butte quarry will continue operations with county prisoners under Sheriff Stevens, as at present. The rockpile on the Linnton road will be operated with city prisoners, under the direction of the County Court.

The Linnton road quarry is within a few rods of the line of the United Railways, which must haul the crushed rock for the county free of cost, under the terms of the franchise under which the line was built on the Linnton road.

At Kelly Butte the prisoners have worked the rock away from the crusher so far that much time is lost in wheeling the rock from the bluff to the crusher in barrows. The Commissioners have decided to lay track and install cars at Kelly Butte, thereby enabling the prisoners to move larger quantities of rock and get out more crushed rock in a given period.

The proposition looks like a very good one to us, and believe the city fathers will make no mistake by pushing the thing through. While the price is somewhat lower than was first anticipated, yet it seems the best solution offered.

By keeping it ten to twelve years a large price might be obtained, but in the meantime while the people are struggling to make a first class city of St. Johns it is not well to burden them too heavily to aid posterity that will be amply able to look out for themselves.

The chances are very favorable that the company will accept the proposition since it is quite probable that they can secure a right of way for \$5,000, and if this is the case it

Soon to Be in Operation

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The new rockpile is located on property recently purchased by the county, about half a mile south of Claremont Tavern. The crusher and quarry are just north of the sub-jail, in a canyon. The Commissioners purchased the land on both sides of the canyon, so that blasting can be done without interfering with private property owners.

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SPREADING THE NEWS AFAR

Local Business Man Tells of Conditions Here

We publish the following letter written by L. B. Wilson, and which recently appeared in a *Attica, Kansas* paper, to show that at least one of our business men is doing what he can to bring St. Johns and the Northwest to the attention of the outside world.

Dear Sir: Many of my acquaintances in Kansas requested me to write to them and tell them about the climate and the products of Oregon. I have decided that the easiest way to make good my promise is to write a letter to your valuable paper, which I know is read by a majority of the people who may be expecting to hear from me.

After residing here a little more than one year I am ready to say that in my judgment there are many worse places than Oregon. To begin with, the climate is healthful. All members of my family have had good health and we are well satisfied. The rainy season caused us no distress whatever. There was, of course, a great deal of rain during the winter, but there was also much nice weather. Oregonians seem to like the rain. The summers in Oregon are delightful. The days are seldom extremely hot and the nights are always cool and pleasant.

To one who has seen the rapid transformation of the prairies in Kansas and Oklahoma, the development of a region like the great Northwest seems slow. When the first settlers came here, the hills and valleys were covered with a heavy growth of timber. Before farming operations could be commenced it was necessary to chop down the big trees and to remove the stumps. To do this of course required patience and persistent effort.

The principal products of the farms in the vicinity of Portland are potatoes, hops, oats, hay, garden vegetables and fruits. Cherries, strawberries, blackberries and raspberries are abundant and are of excellent quality. Wheat is raised very extensively in the upper Willamette valley and also in the eastern part of the state. Oregon apples are always in demand in every important fruit market in the country, and while speaking of Oregon products, I must not forget to mention the roses. To people who appreciate beauty they have great value and are a constant source of pleasure.

The most important industry in Oregon is lumbering. Many million feet of lumber are shipped annually from points on the Willamette and Columbia rivers to all parts of the world. The output of the saw-mills is perhaps a little less than it was a few years ago but the slight decrease seems to be due to the fact that fewer orders are being received from the east, and not to any decrease in the demand nearer to the source of production.

Portland is the great commercial metropolis of Oregon and perhaps it is not stating it too strongly to say that it is, and will continue to be, the most important city in the Northwest. I know there are many people who will dispute this statement. Seattle is a powerful rival in the race for commercial supremacy, and in the trade with Alaska it may

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THEY MAY BE "STUNG"

Doesn't Look So Alluring As It Did

The people of Mount Scott district recently voted to be annexed to the city of Portland and they are discovering a thing or two they had not counted upon.

The district contains some 15,000 people and one regular policeman will have the job of looking after the entire district according to reports. It is possible they may secure water by connecting with the Mount Tabor reservoir, and it is possible that they may not. As to better fire protection, it is said that an engine now in use at a downtown fire station is to be transferred to the Mount Scott district. The biggest rub is on the sidewalk question. The city council of Portland last week passed an ordinance providing that there shall be no sidewalks laid in the city limits of Portland other than those of cement, pressed brick, concrete or stone, and it makes it practically impossible for the people of the Mount Scott section to put walks in front of their places—the cost of cement walks being so great that in many cases they would exceed the value of the lots.

In speaking of the proposition the Peoples Press (East Side) says: "Already some of the people who were most favorable to annexation are beginning to wonder if they have not been 'stung'."

Still Too High

The re-advertised for bids on the new high school were opened Thursday of last week, and it was again discovered that all bids exceeded the amount on hand for the purpose of constructing this edifice, and therefore none could be accepted.

There was a material reduction in some of the bids over the previous ones, but not enough to talk business. As the matter now stands the architect will either have to alter his plans to come within the limit, or plans of some other architect will necessarily have to be sought. It is quite evident that Architect Burggraf did not estimate his material and labor at Portland prices when he made his estimates, but based them on conditions existing at Albany, where local contractors claim labor and material are nearly 25 per cent lower than here.

Mixing Things Up

I married a widow who had a daughter. My father visited our house frequently, fell in love and married my step-daughter. Thus my father became my son-in-law and my step-daughter my mother, because she was my father's wife. My step-daughter had also a son. He was of course my brother and at the same time my grandchild for he was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grandmother because she was my father's mother. I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time and as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I was my own grandfather.—Ex.

A Good Suggestion

Recorder A. M. Esson this week presented the Review office with a few splendid specimens of wheat grown in North St. Johns. The stalks were considerable over four feet in length and filled to the "muzzle" with the largest and finest grains of broad maker that we have ever seen anywhere. The Recorder tritely suggests that the vacant lots in St. Johns be sown to wheat instead of thistles, as there is a difference of \$3 per sack between the two.

H. G. Odgen, wife and daughter, Miss Jeanette, of Dayton, Oregon, made a short visit at the home of R. W. McKeon the latter part of last week. H. G. has developed into a typical farmer.