

THE SAWMILL'S BOOKS.

They Needed Not an Auditor, but a Mathematical Carpenter. Biffkins froze me with a stare. "I remember," he went on, calmly ignoring my interruption, "one time when I was litred to keep books for a sawmill way up north. 'Twas six days by log wagon from ever' place except in the infernal regions, the same bein' a quarter of a mile away, straight down. The darned simpletons they sent down to Nigger Wool settlement after me had so much business with a roulette dealer that he forgot to tell me to get some office supplies, so when we got to camp I found that the principal equipment of my palatial abode by three lumber crayons, slightly shop worn, and a last year's almanac. I got some smooth pine boards and kept my books on them with chalk. "How did it work?" I asked, interested in spite of myself. "Like a charm," grinned Biffkins, "until the foreman of gang I got on a drunk one night 'n' slept in the office 'n' used up fourteen pages of the general ledger for kindlin' wood the next mornin'. The company sent up an auditor to check over my books, but he went back plumb disgusted. Told 'em they didn't need an auditor—that they wanted was a carpenter who was handy at figures. Ah! that reminds me!"

FLOATING STORES.

Merchandise Steamers of the Muskoka Lake Country in Ontario. Among the interesting features of life in the Muskoka lake country, in Ontario, are the floating stores. A good sized steam vessel fitted out with every imaginable item of merchandise that might be required makes a tour of an assigned chain of lakes once each week. On a certain hour of a certain day the boat is expected at the different resorts and summer homes, and enough merchandise must be bought at each to tide over until the next trip of the floating store. Upon stopping on board the store boats, says a writer in Popular Mechanics, the purchaser approaches a counter with scales and cash drawer, as in any other kind of store. Behind the counter are shelves, on which are displayed such articles as may tempt the eye. Behind these shelves is the entrance to the storeroom and hold, in which more merchandise is stored. Each article has its place, and the storekeeper can find it in a moment. Sometimes isolated farms on the lakes are not worth stopping at every trip, so a flag is flown when stores are desired. The store vessel drops anchor when the signal flag is flown, and some member of the family rows out and makes the purchases.

Engraved Gems of the Ancients. Engraved gems are among the most interesting objects of art inherited by us from the ancients. Though many of the carvings and intaglios were engraved on precious stones over 2000 years ago, they are still as clear and fine as if they were cut yesterday. The designs engraved on these stones indicate that the old Greeks and Romans regarded them as charms against accident or misfortune. This superstition generally took the form of a fondness for representation of certain animals. Sailors affected the dolphin because it was believed to be the merman's friend. Women, so far as fishes were concerned, preferred the representation of the prolific aringa of the Adriatic, which was a symbol of fruitfulness because of the great number of its eggs. The ant was worn as an emblem of industry. By the frog was indicated the idea of resurrection, because that interesting batrachian renews its youth each spring by shedding its old skin.

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THE DIAMOND CUTTER.

His Skill Has Much to Do With the Brilliance of the Gem. When the expert looks at a diamond he can tell you in a moment where it came from and even whether it was cut lately or some years ago. He knows by its color whence it comes, for the color of the Brazilian diamond differs from that of the South African, and even in South Africa different colors are found in different mines. In the round the diamond has little brilliancy for there is a crust that must be cut away before it can properly refract the light, and it is this power of refraction which makes the brilliancy of a diamond and has everything to do with its value in the market. The skill of the diamond cutter has much to do with bringing out this brilliancy. He must do the most he can with the rough stone before him and lose as little as possible of the precious weight in the stone. Diamonds are found in all kinds of queer shapes, for the carbon may be in any position while being crystallized, and the act of crystallization may affect only parts of that carbon. When the expert cutter has a rough diamond before him he judges almost instantly how it will cut to the greatest advantage. If it inclines to the pear shape he will make a pear-shaped diamond of it. If it is square or round the cutting will follow the natural lines as closely as possible, so that the loss may be reduced to a minimum. To make the stone as brilliant as possible the diamond cutter cuts many facets so as to refract the light from as many points as he can. A full cut brilliant has at least forty-eight facets, and so expert are the cutters that they often cut diamonds so small that it requires a hundred to weigh a carat. Each has forty-eight facets.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SARATOGA'S SPRINGS.

The Water Was First Used by the Indians as a "Cure." The Saratoga Springs "cure" antedated the settlement of this community by the white man, when the High Rock spring was only a bubbling springlet, drunk at first by the Indians as a fresh water spring. Finding that their health was improved by the water, they brought them that it must have medicinal qualities, and from that time all sick Indians were brought to High Rock spring for the healing of their ills. The "outward and visible sign" that impressed the red men was the deposit of the salts of the water about the spring in the form of a cone, called tufa, which still exists and from which it received its name and through and over which the water bubbles to this day. In 1800 the Congress spring was discovered and became renowned the world over as a saline cathartic. This, combined with the sulphurous iron water of the Putnam spring, made Saratoga Springs famous as the leading health resort of the United States. The remainder of the thirty-five mineral springs were discovered from time to time, and all have a wide therapeutic application in the treatment of almost all chronic diseases and are divided into four groups according to their component parts. These groups are: first, sodic, muriatic, alkaline, saline, cathartic; second, sodic, calcic, muriatic, alkaline saline; third, chalybeate; fourth, sulphur.—National Magazine.

Living Over Catacombs.

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Proposals for Street Work.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, until 4 o'clock p. m. on the 24th day of August, 1909, for the improvement of Tacoma street from the west line of Jersey street to the east line of Hayes street by placing same to subgrade and macadamizing full width from Jersey street to Ivanhoe street, and a strip 16 feet wide from Ivanhoe to Hayes street. Said improvement to be made as provided by resolution dated September 11, 1908, and macadam laid as provided by Ordinance No. 192 of the city of St. Johns. Also to lay wood walk 12 feet wide on south side of said street extending back from Jersey street to center of Block 19, James John Addition. Said improvement to be done in accordance to the plans, profile and specifications of the city engineer now on file in the office of the city recorder. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor for a sum not less than ten per cent of the contract price, and no bid will be considered unless accompanied by such check, and upon blanks furnished by the city recorder for such purpose. Said improvement must be completed on or before October 25th, 1909. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. The estimated cost of said improvement is \$818.57. By order of the city council, A. M. ESSON, City Recorder.

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, until 4 o'clock p. m. on the 24th day of August, 1909, for the improvement of East Burlington street from the east line of Jersey street to the east line of Jellison street by sidewalk and by lowering the street to sub grade and macadamizing the same without a sand blinder, said macadam to be twelve inches deep in the center of street and tapering to a depth of six inches at either curb, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 192 and the charter of said city and in accordance with the plans, profile and specifications of the city engineer now on file in the office of the city recorder. Separate proposals may be made for either grading, macadamizing or sidewalk included in said improvement. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor for a sum not less than ten per cent of the contract price, and no bid will be considered unless accompanied by such check, and upon blanks furnished by the city recorder for such purpose. Said improvement must be completed on or before October 25, 1909. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. The estimate cost of said improvement is \$893.47. By order of the council, A. M. ESSON, City Recorder.

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Notice to Contractors

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors of School District No. 2, St. Johns, Oregon, until the 26th day of August, 1909, for the erection and completion of a High School building, as a whole or several parts thereof, according to plans and specifications prepared by Charles H. Burgess, architect, Albany, Oregon. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to "School District No. 2, St. Johns, Oregon," for the sum of \$500.00, or 2 per cent on Subdivision, as a guarantee that the contractor will furnish an approved bond, equal to 50 per cent of the contract within ten days after the awarding of the contract. All bids must be made out on blank proposals for the same. Blanks furnished upon application by the clerk or architect. Plans and specifications may be seen at the School Clerk's office, St. Johns. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of School Board No. 2, J. E. TANCH, Clerk.

Treasurer's Sale of Delinquent Assessments

Notice is hereby given that I will on Monday, the 30th day of August, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. sell at the front door of the City Hall for the City of St. Johns, Oregon, at public auction to the best bidder, cash in hand, the following piece of real estate, or so much thereof as will be necessary to pay balance of assessment, interest and costs against same: St. Johns Heights Addition—Lots 1, 2 and 3, block 19; balance due \$15.80. Said sum against the property is due by reason of assessment placed upon the city lien docket of the city of St. Johns on the 16th day of June 1908. J. E. TANCH, City Treasurer of St. Johns, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 1909.

GRANULATED SORE EYES CURED

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes," says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all good druggists. Subscribe for the St. Johns Review and keep posted on the doings of the city.

BABY MORPHINE FIENDS

are made by all soothing syrups and baby medicines that contain opium and narcotics. McGee's Baby Elixir contains no injurious or narcotic drugs of any kind. A sure and safe cure for disordered stomachs, bowels and fretfulness—splendid for teething infants. Sold by North Bank Pharmacy.

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Advertisement for Columbia Phonographs. Promotes records and gramophones available at Portsmouth Drug Co.

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Advertisement for Sand and Gravel. Offered by L. D. Jackson, located at 103 N. Jersey St.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

A collection of church notices including services for Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, and Lutheran churches. Lists dates, times, and locations for various religious events.