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MAY GET NEW DOCK MAY YET BE LEASED

Another Big Shipbuilding Plant Probable

If such action is found within the law, the Port of Portland Commission may lease the St. Johns drydock, which cost \$500,000, to the Oregon Drydock Company, placing both structures under the management of the same concern. Should the deal be consummated, a modern shipbuilding plant will eventually be established alongside of the Port of Portland drydock. A proposition for leasing the drydock at St. Johns has been received by the Port of Portland from the officials of the Oregon Drydock Company and was read at a special meeting of the organization held last week. The proposal appeared to meet with favor, inasmuch as an attorney was instructed to look up the matter and see if such a procedure would be strictly legal. In the proposal submitted it was stated that if such a deal should be closed the lessees would put in a plant at the Port of Portland drydock whereby it would be possible for all ordinary work in the shipbuilding line to be done at that point. In time the members of the commission were led to believe that a modern shipbuilding plant at St. Johns would result.—Telegram

On the Editor

Following is a small boy's essay on editors, which we clip from an exchange:

"I don't know how newspapers came to be in the world. I don't think God does, for he hasn't anything to say about them and editors in the Bible. I think the editor is one of them missing links you read of. He stayed in the bushes until after the flood, and then came out and wrote the thing up, and has been here ever since. I don't think he ever dies. I never saw a dead one and never heard of one getting licked. If the editor makes a mistake, people say he ought to be hung; but if a doctor makes any mistakes he buries them and folks don't say anything, because doctors can read and write Latin. When the editor makes a mistake, there is a lawsuit and swearing and a big fuss; but if a doctor makes one, there is a funeral, cut flowers and perfect silence. A doctor can use a word a mile long without anybody knowing what it means; but if the editor uses one he has to spell it. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife, he charges for the visit; but if the editor goes he gets a charge of buckshot. When the doctor gets drunk, it is a case of being overcome by the heat, and if he dies it's from heart trouble; when an editor gets drunk it is a plain case of too much booze and when he dies it is from a cause too disgraceful to speak of. Any old college can make a doctor; an editor has to be born."

Clearing More Land

Chas. Foss, the energetic land clearer, has secured a contract for clearing and plowing 20 acres of land at Northern Hill for J. B. Holbrook. He has a big crew of men now busily engaged in clearing off the timber and getting the ground in shape for the plow. The clearing of this large tract of land will make a decided improvement to Northern Hill, as a dense forest of trees and underbrush now obstruct the view as seen from the car windows. It is the intention of Mr. Holbrook to plat the tract out into lots and place them on the market. The land lies admirable for building purposes and will likely be utilized to a great extent by the employees of Packingtown as an ideal residence section. The clearing of this property is another step forward in the progress of the Peninsula.

3 per cent. 3 per cent. 3 per cent. These are the signs of the Saviors Club's 500 members with headquarters at the First National Bank. Meetings held daily from 9 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon. Come any day and join.

CITY DADS IN REGULAR SESSION

Portland Boulevard, Tacoma and Pittsburg Street Improvements Accepted. Resolution Adopted Opening Up and Extending Polk Street to Lehigh

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present and Mayor Hendricks presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. A communication was received from the St. Johns Transportation Co., asking for the privilege of changing the ferry time from 40 minutes to an hour in order to meet the hourly service of the trolley line on the west side of the river, and also to give teams more time to load with crushed rock at the crusher and catch the same boat on the return trip. This concession was granted on motion of Councilman Johnson, who deemed it quite satisfactory to all concerned.

A communication from Sam Cochran asking for a rebate of over \$600 on his liquor license, claiming that this sum was due him owing to his closure by order of the Court for an extended period, was referred to the finance committee on motion of Councilman A. W. Davis.

Report of the St. Johns Transportation Co., for the months of September and October were then read. The former showed: Foot passengers, 4002, single rigs, 259, double rigs 139, commutation tickets 46. For the month of October: Foot passengers 3910, single rigs

235, double rigs 127, commutation tickets 58. A check for \$16.48 as the city's dividend for the two months accompanied report. Both were accepted by council.

Portland Boulevard, Fessenden to Oswego street, was accepted by council, after being accepted by the city engineer and street committee.

Pittsburg and Tacoma street improvements were also accepted by council after being duly approved by the engineer and street committee.

Bills to the amount of \$99.10 were allowed on motion of Councilman Dobie.

Two bids were received on the improvement of Portland Boulevard, formerly known as Stewart street. The first was that of M. T. Swan and was as follows: Cut 35c, fill 15c, sidewalk and curb 48c, crosswalk 45c. By L. Seybold: Cut 35c, fill 15c, sidewalk and curb 47c, crosswalk 47c. Upon referring the bids to the engineer it was found that the bid of L. Seybold was the lowest, and he accordingly was awarded the contract.

A remonstrance was received from Mrs. Mary Belieu protesting against the viewer's assessment of her property on Fessenden street.

It was obvious to Council however, that Mrs. Belieu became confused between assessments and benefits, and where she believed she was assessed costs in reality she was allowed benefits.

Smith-Wagoner Co., also filed objection to their assessed benefits on the same street, stating that the amount awarded is wholly insufficient. Remonstrance ordered placed on file on motion of Councilman A. W. Davis, it appearing that the remonstrance placed an exorbitant price on the property and also that the size of the land was not given correctly.

The viewer's report on Fessenden street was held over until next week in order to condense the original report and the amended report into one.

An ordinance relating to resisting an officer was passed by the Council.

A resolution opening Polk street to Lehigh was unanimously adopted.

A. W. Davis made a motion that the recorder write the North West Warehouse Co., to ascertain if they will entertain a proposition to take the City dock off the City's hands on a lease for a term of years. Carried.

Local Freight

Local freight service went into effect in St. Johns Wednesday at the following rates between St. Johns and Portland: First class, 10c, second class 9c, third class 8c and fourth class 7c per cwt. Only tri-weekly service has been secured so far, car leaving Portland Wednesday, Friday and Monday nights for delivery at St. Johns early the following morning. A schedule has been arranged for prompt return of the car St. Johns to Portland. If the tonnage with the service justified it will be extended from time to time, and of course if the tonnage does not justify maintenance of the service it will in due time be taken off. The Commercial club was very instrumental in securing local freight for St. Johns, and it is hoped that daily service will soon be inaugurated. Half a loaf, however, is better than none, and it is likely only a question of a few weeks until the business justifies daily service.

Boosting Oregon

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Secured First Stove

D. L. Page has the honor of purchasing the first heating stove turned out by the stove factory at the foot of Richmond street. It was delivered to Hendrick's Hardware store, and the mayor sold it to Mr. Page Saturday evening. If this stove is a criterion in price and quality there is no doubt but that the St. Johns plant will be swamped with orders as soon as their output becomes known.

The Home Telephone Co. has decided to erect a telephone station here in the spring. The company owns a lot at the corner of Jersey and Chicago streets, and it is likely that it will be located on that plot of ground. The building, we understand, will be a two-story brick.

MINISTERS HIS VICTIMS

Made a Mistake by Coming to St. Johns

A young fellow who gave his name as F. R. Truman had the extreme pleasure under the supervision of Officer McKinney of clearing off a few of the muddy street crossings during the nasty weather of the past few days for his board and lodgings. He is a rather slick young man with a sanctimonious countenance and a low, sympathetic voice. In an endeavor to get along in this world without manual labor he had hit upon the scheme of working religious organizations for money, clothing, lodging, etc. For several months he had traversed Portland with a nice little tale he concocted. Ministers were his strong card, and if there is one in Portland who was not approached and in most cases bunned by this young man he is yet to be heard from. The most effective argument he brought to bear was that he had secured a job but that it would not be ready for him for several days, and in the mean time he had no money and no place to lodge. Usually he worked upon the sympathies of the ministers to such an extent that they usually rendered him financial assistance. After finishing up in Portland he came to St. Johns and called upon Rev. C. L. Owen. After telling his well worn tale in a pathetic manner, the reverend gentleman secured lodgings for him in a Jersey street lodging house where he was to stay until his job was ready for him. Upon calling at the rooming house the next day Rev. Owen learned that the bird had flown. During the recent Baptist convention at Salem, Rev. Owen happened to mention the incident, and among the ministers in attendance from Portland it was found that not one escaped being made a victim of the young scamp's visitation. Last Friday as Rev. Owen was walking up the street he happened to spy the individual loitering on the street corner, and he was not long in informing an officer and the young man was haled before Judge Esson on a charge of vagrancy. A sentence of five days' imprisonment was imposed upon him, and the young rascal put them in doing what was likely the first manual labor he ever done. The street crossings were cleaner as a result and the young man is no doubt wiser in consequence.

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A girl's basket ball team was organized at the home of Miss Madeline Shirley last week and the following officers elected: Madeline Shirley, president; Pearl York, vice president; Eva Edmondson, secretary, and Ellen Bassey, treasurer. After the team has had some practice games will be arranged for.

French the gospel of St. Johns.

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Work for a Greater St. Johns.

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FIREMEN'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Held an Enjoyable Dance Saturday Night

The biggest dance of the season was given by the Firemen Athletic Club in the skating rink last Saturday night. Over sixty couples were on the floor at one time and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the highest possible degree. The firemen know how to make a dance a most successful and pleasing affair and the date of their dances are always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure. The next dance is booked for November 20th and all lovers of good dancing should make a special effort to attend. The skating rink makes an excellent place for dancing, being commodious, centrally located and possessed of a very fine floor. The laddies know how to make all feel at home, and no effort is spared in making each event as enjoyable and interesting as possible.

The Firemen's Athletic Club is a recently formed organization. Its purpose is to promote healthful and clean sports of various natures. Besides the periodical dancing parties given, basket ball, boxing, wrestling and other indoor amusements and diversions will be indulged in. They deserve all the aid and assistance the public can give, and judging from the attendance at their initial dance, they are going to receive it.

Well Attended

A large attendance was present at the first mass of the Catholic denomination at the French block last Sunday morning, and the capacity of the room was taxed to its utmost capacity. A baptism took place and an Altar Society was organized. Next Sunday two masses will be held, the first at 8:30 and the last at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school will be held between the first and last mass, at about 10 o'clock. Father F. J. Kettenhofer, who has charge of the parish here, is greatly pleased with St. Johns. He is a booster of no small degree, and will use his best efforts toward furthering the cause of St. Johns.

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