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## THE VALUATION GROWS

### Shows Big Increase in a Few Short Years

June 19, 1905, St. Johns' city fathers were wrestling with the ordinance requiring owners of cows to remove the bovines' bells at night, and the whole town was in an uproar over the suggestion that a pound law should be enacted, many objecting that the grass on the streets would soon get so long and thick if this were done as to be a menace to the city, from the ease with which a serious fire could be started.

All this seems rather comical in the light of developments. St. Johns' assessed valuation in 1904 was \$3,171,618, while this year's valuation, as given by the County Clerk, is \$3,549,600. These figures are subject to some change, but are substantially correct. The valuation in 1906 was \$2,181,135; in 1907, \$2,452,950, and in 1908, \$2,697,825. The required estimates of the funds necessary for the ensuing year have not yet been completed, but that at least 6 mills will be required is the opinion of Councilman Cook.

County Clerk Fields reports the total assessed valuation of school district No. 2 to be \$3,656,850, an increase of nearly \$400,000 over last year, and an increase of \$3,774,392 since 1902. The assessment in that year was \$182,468 and covered practically the same territory so that the increase has all been in the valuation of the property and not as is sometimes the case caused by adding contiguous territory. The assessment by years since that time is: 1902, \$182,468; 1903, \$304,904; 1904, \$419,380; 1905, \$1,643,380; 1906, \$2,990,325; 1907, \$3,306,000; 1908, \$3,562,495; 1909, \$3,956,850. This shows the rapid increase in property values in the district, nine-tenths of which is included in the City of St. Johns, an increase of \$1,223,800 being made between 1904 and 1905 and \$1,346,845 the next year. While the increase for succeeding years has not been so large, it has been enough to show a substantial foundation for the present valuation.

The district owns property well worth at prevailing prices \$150,000 represented by three large school-houses already completed and a \$40,000 High School now under construction and the land (a city block in each case) upon which they stand. The tax levy last year was 6 mills for school purposes and will no doubt reach that figure this year. The buildings are all well built, well lighted and heated and are sanitary in every particular and the teachers' yearly salary bill is over \$10,000.—E. L. Stockton in Telegram.

## Now Has Fourteen Mills

The Portland Flouring Mills will maintain its position as the chief flour manufacturing concern of the Pacific Northwest and during the past week purchased the Hammond Mills and holdings in Seattle and vicinity at an approximate cost of \$590,000. The property consists of the largest flour mill in Seattle and has a capacity of 2000 barrels a day. T. B. Wilcox, head of the Portland Flouring Mills, and associates conducted the negotiations leading to the purchase. He said the growth of Seattle has made it advantageous to have a mill there and the purchase includes a number of warehouses in Washington and the agency of the Hammond concerns in San Francisco. The Portland company now has 14 mills running night and day in different parts of the Northwest and is turning out an enormous product.

Dr. John McLoughlin and his work in aiding the early settlers at Oregon City will not be forgotten and by a decisive vote, this pioneer city has declared it will maintain the historic home of Dr. McLoughlin as a public monument to his work. This tribute to Dr. McLoughlin will meet with hearty approval of all right thinking people everywhere.

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## At the Stockyards

Due to the stormy condition, receipts of everything at the Portland Union Stock Yards last week were light. There were 1090 cattle, 234 calves, 683 sheep, 1266 hogs, 22 horses and 247 goats. The cattle market has ruled steady to strong, there has not been much opportunity for selection in the offerings but prices have ruled about as they have heretofore, with the exception of heifers and cows, which may be quoted at about 10 per cent. higher. Cows that brought \$3.50 the week before would have sold for \$3.60 on this week's market. The calf market has been steady and strong with a demand for light vealers practically unsupplied. The light sheep receipts have made it necessary for local packers to go to Montana for supplies. Prices have been high in the sheep division. Lambs have sold at \$6.00 and fairly good wethers at \$4.75. The demand for sheep can be said to be increasing continuously. The hog market has been nothing short of sensational. The strong price of \$8.10 for tops quoted in our market last report went glimmering when anything like a good quality shipment brought from \$8.25 to \$8.50. Just at the time this letter is being closed, a sale is reported at \$8.60 for a car of hogs that weighed around 250 lbs. There is little prospect of the hog market going back to a low point, and the shippers need have no fear that the market will be over supplied. This market could readily use four or five times its present receipts. The live stock raisers of the Pacific Northwest are to be congratulated over the present high standard of values.—Correspondent.

## Thirty Miles of Pipe

The St. Johns Water company now has about thirty miles of water pipes laid in this city and the capital they now have invested here amounts to many thousands of dollars. Many people imagine the company has a regular mint in their plant here by reason of the comparatively high price charged for water. This, however, is far from being the case. On the contrary never yet has interest on the money invested been realized. The city has developed so rapidly that there has been a constant demand for extension of service, requiring constant expenditure. In many cities six or seven miles of pipe supply more people with water than thirty miles do here owing to its scattered condition. Of the thirty miles only one car load is of wood and it is being replaced by iron as rapidly as possible. If you feel inclined to complain at the size of your water bill, just remember that you live in a scattered community and that as the population increases and the vacant spots are built upon that water rates will naturally get less.

## Held Conventions

State dairymen and fruit growers held their annual conventions in Portland during the past week and both were well attended and very successful. Both these great industries will receive a decided impetus from the gatherings of the past week. Better acquaintance of the men actively engaged in dairying and horticulture has resulted and the interchange of ideas is always valuable. Thursday night a reception to the two bodies was given by the Commercial Club. A valuable suggestion was made by President H. C. Atwell of the fruit growers, who advises an annual fruit show in Portland at which all sections of the state shall be represented. This idea is being taken up actively by all interested in the development of the state along these lines and the advantages that may be expected to result are very great.

## Now at Kalama

L. Burk, the real estate man, is on a business trip to Kalama, Wash., where he will spend a couple of weeks listing some desirable farm property. He will also visit his brother, a heavy land owner and fruit raiser of that vicinity. Mr. Burk was for several years a resident of Kalama and will no doubt be able to tell his friends and patrons of some elegant bargains in farm realty on his return.

The best way to insure a safe and steady income for your old age is to save now. Ask the First National Bank. 3 per cent.

## THE CHIEF GETS INDIGNANT

### At the Disposition Made of His Prisoner

Chief of Police Bredeson is justly indignant at the treatment he received at district attorney's office in Portland last week. Tuesday night of last week Officer Dunbar arrested the son of a former prominent citizen for carrying concealed weapons and impersonating an officer by claiming to be a deputy sheriff and wearing a big star. A revolver and blackjack was found upon his person and he was placed in the city bastille. A gentleman came over from Portland and endeavored to settle the matter with the chief and recorder and have the lad released without the case going to trial. He claimed he had the thing "fixed" at the district attorney's and sheriff's office, but this had no weight with the local authorities and his overtures were turned down cold. The district attorney's office was then called up and inquiry made as to whether the case should be tried here or in Portland. The reply was to bring the prisoner to the district attorney's office. Accordingly the chief started with the prisoner in company with another consigned to the juvenile court. Arriving at the attorney's office first the chief left the young man in custody of the man in charge of the office, telling him he would be back to sign the complaint under the state law as soon as he had disposed of his other prisoner. Returning shortly he was amazed and indignant to learn that the young man had been released. The man in charge made light of the offence and told Mr. Bredeson that if he arrested every one in St. Johns that carried concealed weapons half of the town would be before the bar of justice. The chief left after telling the guardian of the district attorney's office a few of the things that came to his mind. Because the young man's father had both money and influence did not seem sufficient reason for releasing a prisoner guilty of a very grave offence, especially so since it was his second appearance there, having been fined \$25 for the same misdemeanor not long ago.

But not to be outdone so easily, the chief made another visit to the attorney's office Saturday and laid the matter before a deputy there, who rather reluctantly made out the papers for his re-arrest. Constable Lou Wagner made the arrest and the young man was placed under \$50 bail.

## Has a Duty to Perform

"Sneaks and thieves don't advertise", was the text of an immigration sermon recently delivered by a McMinville minister. He followed this up by showing the value of intelligent publicity work in attracting settlers to the Pacific Northwest and the benefits alike to the newcomer and the country settled. Each settler means added wealth to the state and in return the Pacific states offer greater opportunity to the man from the older sections of the country. The Northwest has a duty to perform, believes this pastor, in bringing people from the overcrowded districts of the East to this land of opportunity and live cities in the Northwest are making the most of their advantages in attracting settlers.

## A Painful Accident

A young son of Mrs. Vinson, who conducts a grocery store on South Jersey street, met with a painful and serious accident last Saturday. He was playing around in the upper part of the building when he accidentally fell to the floor. His eye came in contact with an old rusty nail which was sticking up through a board, puncturing the lid and painfully injuring the eye. The physician in attendance hopes to save the sight unless blood poison sets in, a condition that is quite probable. The little fellow is one of the faithful Telegram delivery boys and it is hoped no serious complications will result.

French the gospel of St. Johns.

## A Fast Growing City

Portland, Ore., probably is growing the fastest of any city on the Pacific Coast. The population increases at the rate of about 20 per cent. per annum, and the census of 1910 undoubtedly will show a total population of more than 265,000, not including the thriving suburb of St. Johns, with 12,000, or other outlying districts adjacent to the city limits, which are served by a 5-cent trolley fare. Should all those within the 5-cent fare zone be included in the estimate of the city's population it would bring the total up to more than 300,000.

Portland is distinctively a New England city in its character, and it throws light on the traditions of its founders, that it came very near being named Boston. It is built so substantially, and the people are so conservative in all that they do that the impress of the New England influence is manifest in many ways.

All freight products from the famous Inland Empire of Washington, Oregon and Idaho come into Portland by railroads built on a water grade. Everything runs down hill into Portland without the necessity of crossing mountain ranges. The Hill and Harriman railroad interests are very active in and about Portland, and particularly in developing Eastern Oregon, which has had practically no rail-road facilities up to the present. All of this development means a greater Portland.

Oregon is the garden land of fruits, while all the grains but corn can be raised about Portland, and corn can be raised in the Inland Empire.

In Portland proper there are probably about 3000 residences in the course of construction, to provide dwelling accommodations to keep pace with the enormous growth of the city. Besides these there is a large number of business buildings being erected, from eight to twelve stories in height, of A-1 steel and concrete construction.

The natural advantages of the place make it delightful as a residence city. Roses bloom outdoors all the year round, grass is always fresh and green, the dogwood trees blossom twice a year, the first having ripened about the beginning of July.

## Will be Most Complete

The Oregon Agricultural College Winter Short Courses which commences on January 4th, and continues for a period of six weeks will be the most complete ever offered. Practical work in every line of agriculture, dairying, horticulture, domestic science and art, road building and business methods will be taught. An exceedingly strong staff of instructors will have charge of the work. The equipment for demonstration and experimental work is the most complete ever used at the College. There are twelve Literary Societies with an average membership of thirty at the Oregon Agricultural College. Six hundred and seventy men are drilling in the Cadet regiments and the College now has two regiments and two regimental bands.

## Officers Elected

St. Johns Camp No. 7546, M. W. of A., held their election of officers Thursday evening, Dec. 2, and the following were elected:  
 Consul—Jas. H. Gee, 2nd term.  
 Adviser—L. B. Moulton,  
 Banker—Geo. L. Epps, 3d term.  
 Clerk—A. F. Kaemlein, 4th term.  
 Escort—J. M. Hanks, 2nd term.  
 Watchman—N. M. Gordon.  
 Sentry—F. M. Glaub.  
 Manager—S. J. Shelter.

You ought to save money. You owe it to yourself to protect yourself against a Poor old age. Save today what you can. The First National Bank will show you how. Pays 3 per cent.

## SESSION OF THE CITY DADS

### Municipal Affairs Receive Careful Attention

All members of the city council were on hand at the regular session Tuesday night. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the county clerk stated that the valuation of taxable property in St. Johns this year amounts to \$3,505,785, an increase of more than \$800,000 over last year.

The chairman of the street committee was authorized to confer with Mrs. Nancy Caples in regard to opening up and extending Folk street, Dawson to Willis Boulevard, and see if an amicable adjustment might be made that would facilitate the improvement.

Bills to the amount of \$88.81 were allowed.

Councilman A. W. Davis, who had been appointed to ascertain the rate charged in Portland for vessels tying up at the docks, reported that \$10 per day was the usual charge, and it was decided to adopt the same rate here.

The subject of arc lights was then brought up and Alderman Johnson stated that he believed the more arc light we had the better it would be, that it would be a very difficult matter to secure more lights if the city annexed to Portland but they would not likely be removed after they had once been placed, and that since the people had to pay for the lights and wanted them they should have them. There are 46 arc lights now in force in St. Johns at a cost of \$233 per month, and ten more at least will be placed next year.

Councilman A. W. Davis made a motion that a commission of five besides the mayor and attorney be appointed to amend the city charter in at least two respects, viz: Providing that at least half of the councilmen be held over at each election in order to prevent an entirely new board of officials, who would be entirely unfamiliar with the progress of work already made along various lines, from being elected, and allowing for the full valuation instead of 50 per cent. thereof of property for street work, thus making it possible to improve any street in St. Johns. As the charter now reads if the improvement amounts to more than 50 per cent. of the assessed valuation of the adjoining property a street may not be improved unless each one signs a waiver allowing the work to proceed. On this account any resident or non-resident who owns a lot along a street that it is proposed to improve can block improvement if he so desires. The motion, which leaves it in the power of the commission to make as many amendments as it sees fit, or none at all, carried unanimously and the mayor asked for and was granted a week to make the appointments.

Councilman Cook brought up the subject of numbering houses as provided by a recent ordinance, and as there had been nothing done so far toward having this work done, he believed steps should be taken at once to push the matter along. It was then decided to instruct the engineer to map out the numbers as they should be and the work will then be turned over to the street committee with power to act.

An exciting game of basket ball will be played in the skating rink tonight between the Seniors and Juniors. There is considerable rivalry between these two clubs and the affair promises to be more than usually interesting. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged. If you are a lover of basket ball, don't fail to be in attendance; if you are not, go anyway, because the club needs the money.

Spokane will run an excursion of business men to California next month and the party will be entertained in Portland on January 18. This will be the first of a number of excursions to be run from Washington cities through Portland to California during the winter.

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## Kenton News Notes

The Kenton Building & Contract Company has commenced the erection of two five-room cottages at the corner of Brandon and Watt streets. They are being built for employes of the Lester W. David Company and will cost \$1,500 each. These are the first of many cottages to be built as homes for workmen this winter.

Within three weeks the Cement Pipe Company's plant will be completed and ready for operation. Large orders for glazed sewer pipe have already been received and every effort is being used by the Kenton Building and Contract Company to complete the plant.

As a result of the recent cold snap, between 200 and 300 green concrete blocks were frozen. Aside from the loss of these little damage is reported. Regardless of the present rain, the building of concrete block buildings is progressing daily. Protecting awnings have been built to shelter the workmen and little inconvenience is experienced.

The sinking of the Swift Company's plant having been stopped weeks ago by the driving of piling, inside work is being done and already the plant presents a finished aspect. The engine room and power plant is practically completed. As soon as the plant is finished, killing of cattle will be commenced.

Not only are the Union Stock Yards filled to utmost capacity, but hundreds of cattle are out in the open, left to roam over the slough lands. The number is augmented with the arrival of each train.—Abstract.

## Facts About Disease

Most of us depend entirely too much upon the judgment of others when attacked by disease, and if everyone who reads these lines could be made to realize the terrible necessity of doing some of their own thinking on important subjects, the effort expended will not be unrewarded. In the study of human life, use your own judgment. When doctors disagree, it is time for you to do some thinking on your own account. He who depends entirely upon what can be accomplished through drugging, when his health is in need of urgent attention, is walking blindly towards impending disaster. He is apt to fall over the edge of a precipice, and into the great beyond at any moment. One might say he is "feeling" his way through life. He is unable to look ahead, and he knows not what is before him. He is groping in the darkness—of a hidden mystery, though his fears may be alleviated by the sometimes absurd and ridiculous advice that guides his physical welfare.—Bernarr Macfadden, in Physical Culture for December.

## Will Renumber Houses

Under the provision of an ordinance recently passed by council the houses of St. Johns will soon be renumbered. The city engineer will map out a system and work will be done under the supervision of the street committee. Charleston street will be the starting point for north and south and Jersey street for east and west. Charleston street was adopted in preference to Burlington street because the latter does not extend east to the city limits and it would be difficult to number the houses accurately on the east side. As the names of a number of streets have been changed new signs will be provided in accordance therewith. The renumbering of the houses will be a great aid in making it easy to find any party in St. Johns that might be desired.

## Door Factory Next

Peter Autzen has purchased the quarter block of land opposite the veneer works on Bradford street from W. S. Lauthers. The deal was made through the agency of J. S. Downey, the irrepressible real estate man, and the consideration was \$4500 cash. We understand that Mr. Autzen is contemplating erecting a large door factory on the newly acquired site and that construction will likely begin in the very near future.

WANTED—Property to sell. J. S. McKinney, Office at St. Johns Heights Station; Phone Richmond 1491.

## WILL INITIATE A CLASS OF 25

### Greatest Fraternal Event in City's History

St. Johns Camp No. 773, Woodmen of the World, will initiate a class of 25 or more on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. District Organizer, W. L. Plummer, with the assistance of the camp, has already secured the 25 applicants and more are yet to follow. Neighbor Chief Cox, Past C. C., also Neighbor Lee, both of Multnomah Camp No. 77, Neighbor Barber, Clerk of Web-foot Camp No. 65, also Neighbor



I. I. BOAK, head consul

Jennings of that Camp will assist us in the initiatory work of that evening. Other prominent neighbors of the different Camps of Portland will also be present. The uniform rank of St. Johns Camp will put on the work and will also do a few stunts in the way of fancy drills after the initiation. Arleta Camp will attend in a body. This Camp also has a class of 25 to initiate on Thursday eve, Dec. 23. Refreshments will be served and a time like the Woodmen of the World always have is expected. The Woodmen of the World is the largest fraternal insurance order on the Pacific coast with over 103,000 members in the Pacific jurisdiction—over 7000 in the city of Portland, two Camps with 1500 each. St. Johns Camp has 75 members and by January 1st 1910 will number over 100. The Pacific jurisdiction has \$3,000,000 in reserve, which shows that the order is not only prepared to do business today, but in the future as well. Join now. Get into the best fraternal insurance order while you can. A western order for western people. The largest fraternal order. The best known order. The order that is growing fastest.—Camp Correspondent.

## A Handsome Xmas Present

If you are looking for something that will please your young daughter more than anything else, this is your opportunity. We have a handsome square Chase piano in excellent shape that originally cost \$1000, built of massive mahogany that we are willing to dispose of for \$100, \$25 cash and balance at \$5 or \$10 per month; or \$75 cash will take it. The frame alone is worth much more than that. It has an excellent tone, was recently tuned and is in fine condition throughout. It can easily be turned in anytime on another piano at any of the piano stores for full value. So if any member of your family desires a piano now is the time to secure it. Reason for selling, have another piano, and the two take up too much room. Call at once at 529 South Ivanhoe St.

The Smith-Wagoner Co. recently sold a plot 100x100, improved with a six room house in Oak Park Addition No. 2, St. Johns, to Mrs. Amanda E. Bones, of Carlton, Oregon, price \$3600. Also four lots in Bones Addition to St. Johns to Arthur C. Oberlin for \$1400. This Company has recently platted 175 acres, adjoining Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, into two acre tracts, planted to walnut trees, and intend selling it in small acreage, they to maintain it for a period of five years.

Calef Bros., Opposite P. O., is a good place to look for Holiday goods.