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OIL DISCOVERED AT LAST

And Many St. Johnsites Are Very Happy

Quite a flurry was created in St. Johns when the report below, from the oil fields in Eastern Oregon appeared in the Oregonian Saturday. At least half a hundred of our citizens, including the president and some of the officials, hold stock in the Eastern Oregon Oil & Gas Co. and the news was very cheering to all, although they were confident that it was only a matter of a very short time until oil would be discovered. From other sources the report is substantially verified and the stockholders can feel assured that oil has been found and it can answer the purpose of a very agreeable Christmas present. The report which is dated from Boise, Idaho, follows: "The great oil lake of Eastern Oregon has been tapped. The announcement of D. M. Hunt, contractor in charge of the well sunk by the Eastern Oil & Gas Company, who declares he struck a 150-barrel flow of oil yesterday at a depth of 800 feet."

The well is sunk in Cow Hollow, eight miles southwest of Vale, on Willow Creek. Several oil outfits are working in this vicinity, which is believed to be the center of the field.

News of the strike has just created excitement here. C. O. Thomas, of Vale, arrived in Boise today with the news. He says the word of Hunt is reliable. Parties will leave here tomorrow to look over the field.

Relying on the belief that the oil lake has been tapped, agents of the company are attempting to buy back all the stock, offering a premium. The strike probably will result in a stampede to the field.

An Interesting Game

The initial basketball game of the Firemen's Athletic Club was pulled off Friday night of last week in the skating rink, to a rather small audience. It was a good game all the way through considering the amount of practice our fire fighters have had and indicates some hot times when the laddies get the game down fine.

The score stood 18 to 12 in favor of the Juniors at the close of the second half. Three men of the Juniors distinguished themselves by brilliant playing. Captain Walker, who made two baskets and center Peterson, who scored at seven different times, covering himself with a halo of glory. The other distinguished player of the Juniors was guard Davidson, who run up five fouls to his credit. It seemed that every play he attempted to make the rooster crowed. The star for the Seniors was Captain Goheen, playing center.

The slick condition of the floor was the cause of many of the fouls being made. Norman Scales refereed the game and his decisions were just at all times. The lineup was as follows:

Juniors	Seniors
Walker (Capt.)	Wilson
Manning	Teeling
Peterson	(Capt.) Goheen
Poff	Stiglich
Davidson	Wass

Good Returns Expected

An advertising campaign that will reach no less than 27,428,750 readers of newspapers throughout the country has been planned by the Portland Commercial Club and will be opened up in January and run for three months. The advertising will call attention to vacant lands of this state and the chances here for the newcomer. There is no question that this advertising will result in bringing many people to Oregon and the whole state, not any one section, will be benefited. The key note of the advertising will be "Oregon is the place for you; 1910 the time; railroad development the reason."

Christmas presents for nothing is the way one man phrased it when the First National Bank showed him how to spend the interest on his savings and have his money left.

KENTON NEWS ITEMS

That Part of Peninsula Quite Active

Kenton buildings are making the most of the present pleasant weather. Graders and excavators are especially busy finishing jobs that have been worked intermittently for weeks. Carpenters are making special effort to roof structures partly under way so that in the advent of another storm work may be continued under shelter.

Stakes were driven Thursday for the main building of the Davis Safe & Lock company's plant. It is to be 100x400 feet in dimensions and of brick and concrete construction. The first hundred feet will be excavated for the basement. This part of the building will be two stories high.

Olson & Burns have commenced grading the site for the proposed Kenton Traction Company's car barns and loading sheds at Argyle and Derby streets.

Frame work for the Portland Glazed Cement Pipe Company's building has just been commenced. The building will be 72x100 feet in dimensions and is to have a concrete floor. The machinery will come from Tacoma. Thirty men will be employed in the new enterprise. Manager H. C. Buller expects to have the plant in operation within 30 days.

Building activity is at its highest on the National Wood Pipe plant. Nearly 100 millwrights and carpenters are putting forth every energy toward the completion of the main building within 60 days, depending on the weather. Already several carloads of machinery have arrived and will be installed soon. Progress is hampered, however, by the lack of building material. The plant will cost when in operation approximately \$450,000.

The company recently purchased 25 acres opposite the factory site. It is understood that the property adjoining Columbia Boulevard will be pushed and beautified. The tract was purchased with the intention of building homes for the workmen of the vicinity. Between 150 and 200 cottages will be planned for at first and ultimately that number will be increased to 500.

The concrete block work on the Barley-Bradford building is now up to the third floor. The structure will be under roof in three weeks and ready for occupancy by the end of March.

The Kenton Hotel, with its 90 rooms, will be ready for occupancy within two months. The Brandon Hotel, recently finished, is now open. It has accommodations for seventy-five.

T. C. Benson has commenced the foundation for his residence on Ferry near Derby street. It will cost about \$3000. A. R. Benson, his son, contemplates building his home on the adjoining property in the near future.

Charley Rowley, a Troutdale restaurant man, is preparing to build a two-story store and office building on lots 33 and 34. They are to be two stories, it is understood. While no contracts have been let, work will commence in the near future.

Fred Moritz will commence the erection of three cottages immediately to cost about \$1800 each. Nichols Bros. have rented one of the stores in the Finnegan & Ballou building and are to open with a full line of hardware not later than January 1st.

The Kenton Building & Contracting Co. have commenced the erection of three cottages for Mrs. Dallas Bach to cost \$1500 each. The company has ten residences and three business blocks now under way.—Abstract.

An Era of Weak Eyes

That we have entered into an age of weak eyes and glasses was fully demonstrated at Satterlee's barber shop Saturday afternoon. There were eight persons, including the two barbers, in the shop when the subject was under discussion, and an inventory disclosed the fact that the entire eight were wearing spectacles. If eyesight continues to gradually get weaker posterity will have little to encourage it along that line.

By reference to a notice elsewhere in this issue it will be noted that an annual adjourned meeting of the school district will be held Thursday of next week for the purpose of levying a special tax for general and school purposes. All legal voters should be in attendance.

CITY TAX LEVY DISCUSSED

Quite Likely to be About Same as Last Year

Preparatory to making the annual tax levy, Recorder Esson has furnished the finance committee a statement of the needs of the city for the ensuing year, and also some supplementary data as to receipts and expenses for the last 12 months. In this statement the amount necessary to carry the city over the next 12 months is \$24,324. To meet this there is an income from miscellaneous sources of \$3800, not including saloon licenses, which to say the least are a doubtful quantity, it being almost a foregone conclusion that next year's city election will be fought out on the wet or dry question, and are therefore not to be considered as available next year. The statement does not include appropriations for any increase in either hydrants or street lights, and includes \$8400 for salaries of city officials, based on the present rate and number. The corrected assessed valuation is \$3,505,785, and the total amount to be raised by taxation, after all deductions are made, is \$20,507. From this it will be seen that the levy must be 6 mills or some radical changes in expense accounts must be made. Under the present regime the expense of the city government is \$5 for each inhabitant, man, woman and child.

The list of fixed charges which must be met, as prepared by Mr. Esson, includes: Balance for street lights to January 1, 1906, \$1097.10; balance for water hydrants to December 1, 1909, \$588; interest on city dock bonds, \$3500; dock watchman, \$120; dock insurance, \$385; interest on City Hall bonds, \$600; insurance on City Hall, \$66; deficit in salaries for 1908, \$2097.50; installment and interest on rock crusher, \$860; payment and interest on quarry site, \$418; road roller payment and interest, \$240; Fire department, \$350; street lights, 1909 (same number as now), \$2798.40; hydrants, (same number as now) \$1008; salaries, \$8400; city printing, \$1100; fuel, \$100; office supplies, \$106. Total, \$24,324.

School Clerk, J. E. Tanch, has finished the school census for the St. Johns district and finds an increase of 149 over last year. The school population in 1908 was 1098, 547 being males and 551 females. Mr. Tanch finds 1247 people of school age, 640 males and 607 females. This gives a population estimated by Mr. Tanch at 500.—Ed. L. Stockton in Telegram.

New Paper in St. Johns

"The Living Issue" is the title of a neat little 12-page booklet, the initial number of which made its appearance last week. It is gotten out and edited by Revs. C. L. and E. Owens. The basement of the Baptist church is for the present being utilized as a press room. The publication is devoted exclusively to the cause of prohibition and it will unite with other similar publications in a vigorous attempt to make Oregon dry in 1910. In its introductory remarks it states: "This paper is edited with a specific purpose, and with a definite object in view. The living issue is always the issue between Right and Wrong. One of the most glaring wrongs that exists in our country today is the liquor traffic. There are other evils which will receive consideration in these columns, but the main issue will be the elimination of the liquor saloons from our community and state." The periodical will be published weekly and the subscription price is one dollar per year, or ten cents per month. We wish the new publication all the success possible.

Planting Lots of Roses

Everyone in Portland seems to be planting roses and to a greater or less extent the same is probably true of other cities of the state where the rose attains perfection. Never before has there been such a prevalent idea of beautifying cities as now and the support lent the movement by the people in all walks of life shows that this feeling is genuine and widespread. Nurserymen estimate that Portland people will have planted 100,000 roses by the end of the 1909-1910 season. This includes the Fall and Spring planting. This stunt is believed to be unparalleled in the history of American cities. Estimating that each new rosebush will bear ten blooms during the coming season, it means that Portland will have added 10,000,000 roses to its wealth of bloom during the coming Summer. People of the city are determined to make Portland the "Rose City" in fact as well as in name and show visitors next June that this city has no equal in rose culture.

Beginning Rather Young

M. S. Cobb and L. B. Wilson were busy distributing posters one day last week, and their little sons, to emulate the example of their parents, secured several old magazines and catalogues. Tearing all the leaves out, after their parents were out of sight they took a load of the miscellaneous collection and made a house to house distribution with the mutilated old magazines and catalogues. They are just little mites of fellows and many of our residents were greatly amused when they answered the doorbell or a rap at the door to find the little coddgers there with leaves out of an old catalogue clutched in their hands.

The treasury department has decided to recommend an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for a new public building at Portland, exclusively for postoffice uses. The present building will be devoted to court and other federal purposes. If the appropriation goes through, and the money will be available next summer. Plans will be drawn as soon as the appropriation becomes a law, if enacted.

TO CUT DOWN BIG HILL

Portland Improving This Way on West Side

Lewis & Wiley, the men who have purchased a large portion of Guild's Lake and the unimproved land on Willamette Heights have petitioned the City Council for the privilege of operating ditches on and across various streets in the Northwestern portion of the city to be utilized in sluicing the earth from the knolls on Willamette Heights and sluicing it into the lowlands of Guild's Lake. The petition met with favorable consideration from the street committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon and it will undoubtedly be granted by the Council next Wednesday. The scheme has the approval of City Engineer Morris.

It is the intention of the owners of the property to install powerful pumps in Guild's Lake, pump the water through mains to Willamette Heights and sluice off the knolls. It is a gigantic undertaking, but City Engineer Morris said that the plan was feasible and if the promoters were successful, the improvement would result in great benefit to the city. There are several high knolls on Willamette Heights which are at present an eyesore to that community. These will be cut down by the hydraulic giants on a level with other property and the land will then be used for residence sites. The low land in Guild's Lake which will be filled will be utilized for warehouse sites and railroad terminals.

This scheme is something on the same order as that launched several years ago by Lafe Pence. The latter, however, attempted to secure his water for hydraulizing from the mountains back of Portland which he conducted to the ground by means of flumes and ditches. His plan permitted hydraulizing only during rain season, but the present plan of pumping the water from the lake with high-power pumps will permit the work of cutting and filling to proceed during the Summer as well as the Winter. It is estimated that under the present plans 8000 cubic yards of earth can be removed each day. As there are approximately 2,000,000 cubic feet of earth to be cut off Willamette Heights the work will continue for several months. It is said the machinery has already been ordered and as soon as the Council grants the permit it will be installed and the work started.—Telegram.

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SESSION OF THE CITY DADS

Municipal Affairs Receive Careful Attention

Roll call showed all members present and the mayor in the chair when Council convened Tuesday evening. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

A resolution accepting the viewers' report on Fessenden street from Jersey to the Southeast city limits was read and adopted.

A communication from E. O. Magoon requesting a change in the location of his saloon, as specified in his license, from 209 Burlington street to 111 Philadelphia street was read. Mr. Magoon was present and stated that the transfer was requested because the building he had expected to secure was not available on account of the people now living in same agreeing to pay \$30 per month, while he was to get it for \$20 per month, and the owner decided to retain the present tenants. No. 111 Philadelphia street is the room recently vacated by Hendrick's Hardware store. Matter was referred to license committee.

A petition for an arc light at corner of Edison and Trumbull streets was accepted and ordered filed.

Bills to the amount of \$63.44 were allowed.

Mr. Elliott, who formerly done considerable engineering work in St. Johns during W. W. Goodrich's regime as city engineer was present and offered to sell to the city the plans of a sewer system and other data for the sum of \$350. As it was necessary to first investigate as to the value of the documents to the city, the matter was held over until such an examination could be made.

Mayor Hendricks then announced the names of the charter amendment committee which he had been empowered to appoint, and are as follows: A. W. Davis, S. C. Cook, S. H. Greene, Willis Moxon and Geo. J. Perkins. Attorney Collier and the mayor are also members of the committee.

As the many push clubs along the peninsula have had committees appointed in regard to opening up a wagon road from Swifts to St. Johns, Mayor Hendricks decided that it would be advisable to also appoint one to represent the council and on motion of Councilman Cook the Mayor was empowered to appoint such a committee. After some deliberation the Mayor appointed R. G. Brand, J. B. Holbrook and S. L. Dobie to serve and act in conjunction with the other committees in pushing the project through.

A delegation from the fire department and a son of A. G. Long of Portland were present in regard to installing an electric fire alarm system in St. Johns. Mr. Long stated that an effective system could be placed here for the sum of \$700, which does not, however, provide for the erection of a tower for the bell, which the electric striker sets into detail in the matter and proved to the satisfaction of all that such a system would be an admirable innovation for St. Johns, that a call could be sent into central over any phone and the telephone girl could immediately ring the alarm, the different strokes telling in what locality the fire occurred. After some discussion it was decided to request the engineer to draw out plans for a suitable tower and under which hose could be stretched out to dry. If the plans meet with the approval of council bids will be called for.

Population Now 5,000

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Trimmers and Makers wanted at the Vogue Millinery.

BRIDGE A GOOD THING

So Says One of Our Citizens and Tells Why

Editor Review: I notice you are agitating the erection of a suspension bridge at St. Johns. The object looks to me like a most commendable one, and one upon which all our citizens should unite in pushing along. The trade it would draw from the valley on the west side would be enormous and it would make it practical to annex a goodly portion of the west side water frontage to St. Johns, thus bringing into the fold a large amount of taxable property. The wood question would lose most of its horrors, as wood could be brought from the west side and delivered at one-half the price now charged for this necessary product. Our people could have fresh vegetables, butter and eggs, fruit, etc., almost the year round at prices that would suit a poor man's pocket-book. The bridge could be a county affair, and the cost to each taxpayer in St. Johns would be but slight, as the whole county would have to bear its share proportionately. Then if the trolley line of the west side could be induced to become interested in it and extend their line to the Swift packing plant via the proposed bridge it would afford quick transit to Portland and give the employees along the slough an incentive for building their homes in St. Johns. There are so many advantages to be gained by the construction of such a bridge that they are hard to enumerate, and I know of nothing derogatory to such a project. I agree with your paper in the belief that right now is the time to take the matter up and get it in shape for presentation before the legislature when they convene next autumn. Therefore, it behooves us all to get together in the matter and get in working shape for the building of a high bridge at St. Johns.—Subscriber.

A Christmas Treat

The Portland Woolen Mills Co. will afford their employees quite a treat this afternoon. The mill closes down at noon and the afternoon will be given over to enjoying themselves. A huge Christmas tree has been provided for the employees, and cake, coffee, cigars, confectionary, nuts, etc., will be there in profusion. Hanna's orchestra will furnish music and dancing, games and other diversions will be indulged in. The mill will belong entirely to the employees this afternoon and that they will have a good time goes without saying. The company foots the bill, and the workers are duly grateful for this Christmas treat.

To Call Off Solicitors

The business men of Vancouver have about decided to abandon the practice of sending out solicitors to make a house to house canvass for orders. They claim that while it may be convenient for the housewives, they have to pay for the solicitors, and many times more goods are ordered than the party ordering them can afford to pay for. It is expected that this plan will reduce the price of the goods to the consumer, at least to the extent of the solicitor's services.

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BIG CONTRACT PROBABLE

Local Concern Made the Lowest Bid by Far

The Marine Iron Works of this city virtually secured the contract for overhauling and repairing the big dredger Chinook, which has been lying at anchor in the river opposite St. Johns for the past three years or longer. The contract is a large one and will require the services of a large body of men. In fact it is the largest contract of its kind that has ever been let in this harbor, and it is pleasing to note that a local concern had lowest bid. There were a number of bids made for the work, and are as follows: Willamette Iron Works, Portland, \$162,500; Union Iron Works, Portland, \$175,000; Heffernan Drydock and Engine Works, Seattle, \$171,000; Moore & Scott, San Francisco, \$176,000; Risdon Iron Works, San Francisco, \$183,000; Marine Iron Works, St. Johns, \$132,000. Thus it will be noticed that the Marine Iron Works was more than \$30,000 below their nearest competitor. It is certainly high time that the government has taken steps toward having the vessel once more in commission. It and the city dock have been winking at each other for so long that it was a toss up which would show signs of activity first.

Christmas Night

Sometimes I think that Christmas night's the best. Before the nursery fire, when we've undressed

And all the toys are put away, except Perhaps my engine and the baby's bear,

Then Mother comes away from all the rest Down stairs to tell our Christmas story there.

She takes the baby on her lap and we Sit 'round her on the hearth-rug so we see

The pictures in the fire, and then she tells About how Shepherds watched their flocks by night

And what the angels said, and how the three Wise Kings came riding—and the big star's light.

And then she tell us how it showed the way To just a stable where the oxen stay.

And there they found Him in His Mother's arms, A little baby Christ-Child—and He smiled;

And that (she says) is what made Christmas day For you and me and every little child.

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—Everybody's

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.

You can see how the interest on your savings accumulate when the First National Bank pays 3 per cent. Spend the interest for Christmas presents and let the principal "ride". The First National Bank issues time Certificates of Deposit.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.