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## SCHOOL LEVY IS 4.6 MILLS

### People Are Well Satisfied With Present Board

Little interest was evinced in the school meeting held in the Central school building Thursday night of last week. Only a small sprinkling of citizens was present. The fact of the matter is that the people in general have full confidence in the present board and believe they are fully competent to transact the business of education within themselves. The mass of the people are well satisfied that the board would not ask for more money than was necessary to successfully carry affairs through for another year, and being in full possession of the facts they were more capable of placing the levy where it should be. The city council has full power to estimate and establish the levy for city purposes, and a like power should be vested in the school board.

The meeting Thursday night was practically a ratification meeting. The board gave out the figures and the levy required to meet the obligations for the coming year and they were promptly endorsed. The tax levy decided upon was 4.6 mills, which will net a little over \$20,000.00. In addition there is available for the coming year a balance of \$4,000 after the bills are all paid to March 1st, and \$12,000 to be paid to the district by the state, making all told over \$36,000, which sum the board believes will meet all demands and allow the painting of the central school. Resolutions endorsing the action of the board in not opening the Newport school and its action towards getting control of the money and property due the district from the James John estate were passed.

Supt. C. H. Boyd presented figures showing that St. Johns was educating her school population at less cost per pupil than Portland. With a school population of 1250, the cost per year per pupil in St. Johns is \$29.34, while the cost in Portland is \$32.93, according to published statements of school population, assessed valuation and tax levy.

The question of shortening the school year to nine months was discussed, but as all contracts for teachers and supplies have been made on a 10 months' basis, it was found to be impossible to change at this time, although the sentiment of those present favored such a change.

The school affairs apparently have been conducted in a satisfactory manner to the great majority of our citizens at least. We have heard no complaint either as to the management or the instructors employed. From the superintendent down the instructors seem to be capable, earnest and faithful to their duties, and their harmonious work and painstaking efforts are bearing good fruit. In an educational way St. Johns is right up in the front row near the orchestra.

## Lumber Trade Booming

Loggers of the Columbia River expect the new year will see more raw material handled in their camps than ever before in the history of the industry within a similar period. The lumber trade is said to be booming and the coming year promises great activity. Many mills are short of logs and camps will resume operations in February instead of waiting for spring. New mills in the Columbia River district have drawn heavily upon the usual log supply until it is less than usual at this season of the year. Mills are said to be filled up with orders that will keep them busy for the coming three months.

Preparations are being made for the annual convention of the Northwest Retail Harnessmakers' Association of the Northwest, which will be held in Portland, January 10 and 11. The sessions will be held in the auditorium of the Portland Commercial Club and delegates will be in attendance from the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. About 200 harness men from the three states are expected. The big attraction of the convention is an elaborate banquet that will be held on the closing night.

## At the Packing Plant

Receipts at the Portland Union Stock Yards since September 15th, at which time business was commenced, have been 23,026 cattle, 32,016 sheep, 34,328 hogs, and 509 horses. The ready support given by the live stock raiser and shipper of the Pacific Northwest to the market established at Portland is an evidence of the utility and need of such an institution as the Portland Union Stock Yards. Established along open and competitive lines, this healthy young market will continue to grow until it will take its place among the big live stock centers of the United States.

The selection of Portland as a live stock market center was made after due consideration by men whose success in the meat industry is the result of a lifetime in the business and the people of the Northwest are to be congratulated that they have at hand a place where they can find at all times a ready sale for the animal products of their farms and ranches.

The approximate value of the 1,490 cars of live stock received since the Stock Yards began business has been \$2,235,000 and there have been several features worthy of note in the short life of the market. One of these has been the uniform high value of grass cattle which have brought prices that have been higher than at markets east. Portland has led the United States in the matter of high prices for hogs and the sheep market has maintained a high range. The sale of Christmas cattle on December 14 attracted a great many visitors and the prices obtained for the premium cattle were sensational.

The railroads have granted a special reduction of 25 per cent for feeder cattle purchased at the Portland Union Stock Yards to be fed and returned to their market. This applies where the regular rate is \$22.50 and over and extends to a distance of 450 miles. This is an important consideration. Live Stock Shippers from S. P. & S. points can route via Portland instead of via Vancouver as heretofore.

The Transit House, a new hotel for the accommodation of shippers and visitors has been opened at the Stock Yards and good accommodations are provided at a reasonable cost.

The Portland Union Stock Yards extends a New Year's greeting to the feeders, breeders and shippers of live stock in the Pacific Northwest and invites their co-operation to the end that 1910 will be successful and prosperous to those who take advantage of its facilities for the sale of live stock and the demand that exists for greater supplies.

D. O. Lively, Agent.

## Big Union Planned

One big fruit growers' union for the entire Rogue River Valley district is planned by orchardists of Southern Oregon. A movement is under way for merging the Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass fruit growers' unions into one organization and it is proposed to give over to this body the packing and shipping of all fruit grown in the valley and also the buying of packing, spraying and other orchard materials direct from the factory in carload lots. The formation of such an organization will insure the uniformity of the pack and maintain the high reputation of Rogue River fruit. The proposed union is to be incorporated and its affairs will be handled by a board of directors and a manager.

## Revision of Rates

A general revision of rates on the North Bank road that is favorable to shippers of the Northwest has been announced and will go into effect February 1. The new rates will apply between points on the road in Washington and between all stations and Portland. New and more favorable rates will be made on packing house products and fresh meats in carloads. These concessions by the Hill line will add to the business of Portland livestock packing plants and increase the prestige of Portland as a packing house center.

A young son of Capt. F. E. Smith of the Sacajawes, was accidentally shot in the leg by a playmate last week. The damage was done with a 22-caliber rifle, and the wound while painful is not dangerous unless complications arise.

Warm room; board if desired. Reasonable. 615 Ivanhoe, north.

## SHOULD HAVE A DEPOT HERE

### Business Demands Such An Institution Now

Chas. Davis is now assisting Agent A. W. Davis in the clerical duties pertaining to the railroad office here. A. W. has more than had his hands full looking after the multitudinous duties of the local office, and the services of an assistant were most badly needed. The O. R. & N. officials are not treating St. Johns right in affording only a little dinky box office here, where more business is found than anywhere else along the line, according to population. We are deserving of a first class railroad office here, and should have it. The railroad officials have most assuredly been slighting and stinting St. Johns in this respect. Whether the railroad commission could force the company to place a depot here commensurate with the business transacted is something we do not know, but if it can its aid should be invoked without delay. It is with a feeling of shame and humiliation that a St. Johns citizen directs the stranger to the little 2x4 box stall, miscalled an office, when he desires to transact business with the O. R. & N. at this place. Parties desiring to flag one of the passenger trains now passing through this place must stand in the cold with nothing but his hat between him and heaven, or crowd into the little receptacle, for charity's sake, called an office. Certainly the prosperous and modern city of St. Johns is deserving of something better. With 1253 cars of freight going out of St. Johns during the month of December, a showing which no town of double this size believe ever made, there is every reason in the world that a depot commensurate with the business done here should be erected, and erected at once. So let us have it, you O. R. & N. fellows.

## A Fine Exhibit

Splendid examples of fir finishing, said to be the most elaborate ever sent from the Northwest, will be shipped this week to Washington, D.C., where they will enter into the new building being erected by the Bureau of American Republics, under the direction of John Barrett. The wood will be used in the reception room of the new building, which will be completely finished in fir. This will result in a big advertisement for this wood as finishing material. The wood has been prepared for shipment East, and goes as a gift from the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association. The finishing consists of panels, scrolls, medallions, desks and brackets of the most elaborate hand-carved design. The grain of the wood is shown to splendid advantage and is stained with an oak finish.

## A Suspicious Character

An individual giving his name as Frank Lundy was given accommodations in the basement of the city hall Tuesday. When a search was made of his person two ugly looking revolvers and a large clamp knife was found. LeRoy Smith informed the police department that the man had been hanging around in the neighborhood of his home for several days and he was picked up as a suspicious character. From letters found in his possession it was evident that the man would bear watching and that his past record was not as straight as it might be. He will be sentenced for carrying concealed deadly weapons by Judge Esson this (Thursday) afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Osgood of the St. Johns Bakery, entertained about 35 of her friends with an elegant lunch New Year's eve. Visitors were present from Vancouver and Portland as well as St. Johns. Two violins furnished music. Mother Osgood was the recipient of many fine presents and hearty wishes for a happy New Year.

Apprentices wanted at the Vogue Millinery.

## Not So Cheap After All

A rather amusing story is told of a man who went into a hardware store in a neighboring town and wished to purchase an ax, says an Ohio paper. Being shown the article and informed that the price was \$1.15, he said, "Why I can get that same kind of an ax from a mail order house for 90 cents." "Very well," said the hardware man; "I will give it to you for the same price provided you will do the same with me as you will do with it." "All right," replied the customer as he handed over a dollar bill, the merchant giving him back 10 cents in change. "Now," said the hardware man, "I want 25 cents more to pay express charges," which the purchaser gave him. "How much did your ax cost you?" "One dollar and fifteen cents," the man answered. "Very good. Now give me five cents more for money order fees and postage," which the purchaser had to hand over. "Now, how much did your ax cost you?" "One dollar and twenty cents," said the customer. "Not so cheap, after all," said the merchant, whereupon he picked up the ax, tossed it back on the shelf and told the customer to call for it in ten days, as that would be as soon as he could get it if he had ordered it from the mail order house.

## Will Install Hydrants

Since it is highly probable that the property owners along Fessenden street, from Jersey to the southeastern limits, will begin the improvement of this magnificent thoroughfare with the opening of spring, Mayor Hendricks stated that in his annual report he would recommend the placing of seven fire hydrants along the street. When he mentioned the matter to Council Tuesday evening it was met with general approbation, and it is practically certain that the hydrants will be placed with but little delay. P. H. Edlefson of the Water Co. has agreed to lay an eight-inch main the entire distance provided six or seven hydrants are installed. These hydrants along Fessenden street are essentially necessary. At the present time this portion of the city is without fire protection, and with the important improvement that has been gotten under way the residents in that section are more than deserving of adequate fire protection.

## Who Will Be the Next

Special attention is called to the page ad of the North Bank Pharmacy and W. M. Tower, in this issue. These two parties are making a strong bid for patronage that has formerly gone to Portland and they are worthy of all the patronage that can be thrown their way. Their prices are placed at the very lowest and good goods can be sold for. Anything cheaper must be of very inferior quality. We would like to run a page ad for the different business men of the city each week. We are making a special price on a page for a limited time, and any one desirous of taking advantage of it should advise us of the fact at once. Messrs. Curran and Tower found it so profitable that after running the ad last week they decided to have it run this week again. Who wants it for next week?

## An Interesting Case

A rather spicy case was tried before Judge Downs Monday afternoon. The small temple of justice was crowded to its utmost capacity. The attendance was composed mainly of the venerable element who tried hard to whip a fading hearing into unusual activity when the most interesting bits of testimony were introduced. The principals in the case were residents of St. Johns, and the details at times were quite nauseating. The defendants were bound over for appearance before the Grand Jury.

Building permits for the year ending December 31 showed that permits to the valuation of \$135,065 had been taken out. For the year 1909 the total reached \$94,276, showing an increase last year over the year previous of more than 30 per cent. But just watch the year 1910.

Putting away money safely is insurance against adversity. Put your money in the First National Bank.

## SESSION OF THE CITY DADS

### Municipal Affairs Receive Careful Attention

All members were present when council convened in regular session Tuesday evening. After the minutes were read a petition from Contractor Thomas Cochran asking for a 60-day extension of time on the improvement of West Polk and Portland boulevard, Fessenden to Thompson, was read and the extension granted.

Night Watchman G. H. Ransier, of the St. Johns Lumber Co., was appointed special police upon request of the management and the appointment confirmed by council.

A report of the St. Johns Transportation Co. for the month of December was read and accepted. It showed 1666 foot passengers, 58 single rigs and 55 double rigs had been transferred on the ferry during the month, and that 17 commutation tickets had been sold.

Bills to the amount of \$116.69 were allowed.

The street committee and engineer, who had been investigating the value of plans, profiles and field notes owned by Elliott & Scoggins to the city, reported that they would be willing to give \$200 for same. The offer, while considered very low by Mr. Elliott, was accepted by him. One-half of the sum is to be paid down and the balance in six months.

A report of the city treasurer for the month ending December 31, showed a balance in the treasury of \$2,761.96.

An ordinance providing for the sale of city improvement bonds, of which there are about \$30,000 worth to be sold, was passed by the council.

Mayor Hendricks reported that the water company would lay a six-inch main on Fessenden street provided the city ordered the placing of six or seven fire hydrants along same. Mr. Hendricks stated that he intended recommending this action in his annual message to council.

## A Pretty Good Record

An Indiana editor, says an exchange, has taken time, despite his heavy duties as a "moulder of public opinion," to keep track of his material and mental progress and offers the following summary of his gains and losses during the year: Been broke, 300 times; had money, 65; praised by the public, 6; damned by the same public, 249; asked to drink, 18; refused, 0; missed prayer meeting, 52; roasted by others, 52; washed the office towel, 3; missed my meals, 0; taken for a preacher, 11; taken for a capitalist, 0; found money, 0; taken baths, 1; delinquent subscribers paid, 57; delinquents did not pay, 436; got whipped, 0; whipped other fellows, 8; cash on hand beginning of year, \$1.67; cash on hand now, 47 cents.

## Moves to This Side

The Chinook is being placed at the foot of Richmond street and a large force of workmen are preparing to rush the alterations and repairs with all the speed possible. Many visitors will likely take occasion to have a view of this mammoth vessel at close range and the Marine Iron Works will be the scene of great activity during the next five or six months. President Maher is to be congratulated upon securing this large contract, and his pluck in going after it in competition with so many larger concerns is certainly commendable to say the least.

General Compton Post, No. 22, G. A. R. and W. R. C., will hold a joint installation at I. O. O. F. hall Saturday, 8th inst. at 2 P. M. All members should be present. Department Commander Shaw will install the Post.

Your family makes you think nine-tenths of the time. Think to some purpose. Begin saving. The First National Bank helps. It pays 3 per cent.

## Loves the Printer

Uncle Sam no doubt loves the printer and therefore pursues him. The United States prints and furnishes envelopes for less than the printer is obliged to pay for the stock and sends the envelopes through the mails free of charge, while the printer has to pay postage when he wants to send envelopes or anything else through the mails. Uncle Sam sends advertising matter through the mails free of charge, calling attention to what a "good thing" he has to offer in envelopes, while the printer would be sent to the "pen" if he attempted to use a government envelope for the same purpose. Uncle Sam can conduct land lotteries and advertise them, but if the printer advertises any kind of game of chance or even publishes the result of a progressive card party at which prizes are awarded, the printer commits an awful offense. Uncle Sam even tells the printer he doesn't know enough to run the subscription end of his business and that the government employees at Washington, with little foreign prefixes dangling to their names, must act as "credit men" and tell us we cannot trust a perfectly reliable patron for more than the time allowed by them. Uncle Sam, you're a dear old man, and we shall try to continue to obey you, but we may not continue to love and honor you twenty-four hours each day unless you love the printer sufficiently to be fair with him or buy his business, pay him what his plant is worth and then run the printing business for the whole United States. Do this or we shall be in favor of at least pulling your whiskers from time to time.—Exchange.

## It Might Be All Right

Ed. Review: Would it not be a good idea for the city council and the school board to publish state-ments at the end of each year at least giving a complete record of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending? I do not wish to cast any reflection on the manner the public money has been expended, for I believe it was used wisely and well, in most instances at least, but it would be a source of satisfaction I believe to all our citizens to know this. It is easy to ascertain the facts I know by looking up the records, but this is inconvenient. The cost of publication naturally would amount to something, but the benefit should be greater than the cost, it seems to me. It is the custom to do this in many of the eastern states, and could do no harm here.

Citizen.

## Now Run Passenger Cars

Six passenger trains daily now pass through St. Johns on the O. R. & N. tracks. The Washington & Oregon R. R. will continue this practice for some time to come. Two trains stop here for passengers on signal. Routing the passenger trains around the peninsula will aid greatly in bringing St. Johns and its admirable location to the notice of many who would otherwise possibly not learn of its existence. The many industries along the water front are thus brought to notice which often escape the observation of the visitor who comes here by trolley.

## Fire Destroys Launch

Fire totally destroyed the fine launch Lima which was tied up near the city dock New Year's eve. The fire department was on the scene in good time but was unable to render very much assistance owing to the difficulty in reaching the flames in an effective manner. The launch was owned by a Portland party, and had been in charge of H. E. Knight, who says he left the boat all right when he came over from Whitwood Court in it. The cause of the blaze is unknown. The loss is about \$800 with no insurance.

Gordon Goodhue, who was accidentally shot over the heart one day last week by a companion with a 22-caliber rifle, is getting along nicely and will soon be as well as ever.

The new offices of Smith-Wagoner Co., are now located in the Lewis building, suits 311 and 312, corner Fourth and Oak Street.

## WARM TROLLEY CAR FIGHT

### The Development League is Securing Results

Will G. Steel, one of the grand men of the peninsula, gave a most interesting account at the St. Johns Commercial club Wednesday evening of his fight in behalf of the Peninsula Realty Association for heated cars between St. Johns and Portland. He read the charges he preferred against the trolley company before the Railroad Commission and the answer filed by Mr. Joslyn, and also the communication sent to the company by the local Commercial club, which stirred the association to take the action it did. Mr. Steel stated that as soon as he had filed his charges a great improvement in the service was at once inaugurated, and that if the company fulfilled the promises it has made the people of the peninsula would be satisfied, but the Realty Association intended to keep the matter agitated until this is guaranteed. The visit of Mr. Steel was greatly enjoyed, as he is one of the most active and progressive gentlemen on the East side. He told some interesting reminiscences of the early days of St. Johns when this city was nothing but a dense forest, that were highly entertaining to the members present.

The matter of a depot at St. Johns was discussed at some length, and it was decided to request the O. R. & N. to erect a suitable one here as soon as possible.

## Death From Cancer

Mrs. Isabel R. Cosen died in this city Sunday, Dec. 26, and was buried from Zellar-Byrnes undertaking parlors Dec. 28, Rev. C. P. Gates preaching the funeral sermon. Deceased had come from Minnesota only a week prior to her death and had hoped that the change in the climate would prove beneficial, but the tiresome trip on the cars was too great for her. Cancer was the cause of her death. She was aged about 51 years. Mrs. Cosen was a sister of Mrs. H. S. Hewitt of this city.

## Have to Earn Their Keep

The police department requires any one asking for lodging to perform one or two hours work in return for a sweet reward and breakfast. The city has been well repaid for meals furnished in this way, and greatly lessened the risk of fires, as these hoboes have to sleep somewhere. They will build fires or sleep in barns, sheds or wood houses and nearly all of the tourists smoke, which makes the risk of fires greater if permitted to roam about the city and sleep wherever they may find a sheltered spot.

## Building Permits

No. 1—To F. S. Lindley, to alter dwelling on Hayes street, between Polk and Buchanan streets, for Frank McSorley. Estimated cost, \$400.

No. 2—To V. W. Mason, to erect a manufacturing plant of concrete blocks on Myers street, between Hartman and Thompson streets. Estimated cost, \$1,000.

## New Officers Elected

The following officers were elected by the fire department at their meeting Monday night: President—Chas. Bredeson. Chief—J. T. Murphy. Secretary—Ross Walker. Treasurer—R. R. Churchill. 1st Assistant Chief—Ed. Petersou. 2d Assistant Chief—L. M. Oihus.

February 17 will be the date of the next dancing party to be given by the Bachelors' club. Both the Christmas eve and New Year's eve dances given by this popular club were huge successes and greatly enjoyed by the participants.