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ROBERT MAPLE DIED FRIDAY

Had Been a Resident of St. Johns 20 Years

Robert Maple died at his home on the corner of Fessenden and Lively streets Friday evening of last week at the ripe old age of 88 years. "Daddy" Maple, as he was familiarly called by the great majority of our citizens, had long been a resident of St. Johns. In fact it has been twenty years since he built his home on the location stated above, and he has seen St. Johns grow from a wilderness to a modern and up-to-date city. For a quarter of a century Mr. Maple had been employed at a Morrison street marble cutting establishment in Portland in plain sight of thousands of people who passed that way. Therefore his figure became a familiar one to many people. Being lame, he worked for many years with the aid of a crutch. As a marble cutter he had few superiors, and a record he kept showed that during his life time he had lettered over 30,000 tombstones.

Mr. Maple was a well informed man and kept in touch up to the time of his death with the current events of the day. He had constantly on hand a fund of stories and reminiscences that were highly interesting. For a man of his age he was singularly spry and active up to a few months before his death.

Mr. Maple was born in Steubenville, Ohio, July 25, 1821, and was married to Eliza Page in Vancouver, Wash., in 1897, who survives him. A son by a former marriage resides in Los Angeles, Cal.

Funeral services were held in the M. E. church last Sunday at 2 o'clock, a large concourse of friends and acquaintances attending.

Will Help Some

Pending timber sales from the national forest reserves of Oregon and Washington will mean a revenue to the two commonwealths of more than \$300,000. This sum will go to the school and road funds of the two states, the counties benefited being those in which the timber grew. The distribution of this money will mean great improvement to both states. Sales this year will be the heaviest yet made from government reserves. Last year sales in the two states aggregated 130,000,000 feet, board measure. This year proposals have been made for the purchase of about 650,000,000 feet. Growing scarcity of timber on private holdings is leading mill men to the reserves for logs. This increase is expected to continue for the next few years until the point is reached where only mature timber will be cut. Stumpage prices this year charged by the government are about \$2. The forestry law provides that 25 per cent of the stumpage revenue shall go to the state where the forest is out. This means that the revenue to the two states for the coming year for timber out of forest reserve lands will be about \$1,200,000.

Holds Seventh Place

Oregon ranks seventh among all the states in railroad building during 1909. These figures are compiled by the leading railroad publications of the country and show that the Beaver state added 134 miles to its railroads during the year just closed. The Pacific Northwest is declared to be the great goal of competitive railroad building in the United States. The struggle of the railroads to enter Central Oregon is detailed and development in the Willamette Valley and in the Oregon Coast Country is recorded. This is a far better showing for the past year than was made in 1908, when 79 miles of new railway was built in this state.

Remember that a dollar from your wages in the First National Bank is a tireless toiler working for you day and night. Save something from your wages today by interest compounded every six months.

New Electric Line

A new electric line, to be known as the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Railway, will be built along the coast from Astoria south. It will run through Warrenton, Columbia Beach, Gearhart Park, Seaside, and will eventually be extended around Tillamook Head to Tillamook. This road is being promoted by the United Public Service Company of Philadelphia, Pa., and is to be under the management of well known men of Astoria and Portland. F. L. Evans, of Astoria, is president; Harvey Beckwith of Portland, general manager of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, is vice president, H. G. Van Dusen, of Astoria, is secretary, and J. M. Anderson, cashier of the Scandinavian American Bank, is treasurer of the new road. All surveys have been completed, rights of way have been secured and valuable franchises have been obtained from the city of Astoria and the county of Clatsop. Work has been received that the company will proceed at once to commence work on the first section extending from Astoria to Seaside, and the road is to be completed and in operation from Astoria to Columbia Beach, a distance of eight miles, by July 1st and to Seaside by September 1st. The contract for supplying 2,000,000 tires for the road was awarded to the Kelley Lumber Company at Warrenton and they will commence delivery in a short time. This road will be one of the finest scenic lines in the West and will follow the coast line its entire length except for a short distance. It will pass through all the numerous resorts on the coast and is bound to be popular. The building of this line will materially increase the values of beach property and provide quick and comfortable transportation to a number of fine coast resorts.—Abstract.

At the Packing Plant

After the usual holiday quietness, the market has recovered in a very gratifying manner. The cattle, hogs and sheep have brought good prices. Hogs at \$9.00 is the highest point ever reached at this season, and if the market performs this year in accordance with average seasons some record breaking prices for the entire country may be looked for between now and spring. The attractive hog prices have brought out a goodly showing of Idaho stuff and shippers have returned well pleased with this market. Cattle supplies are well cleaned up and a very active market is looked for from now on. A good string of northern California cattle are headed this way and it is expected that prices will be good enough to attract cattle from Montana, Wyoming and Idaho which have formerly gone the other way. The sheep and lamb market has been very steady with few arrivals, if we except the train load of Montana sheep brought in a few days ago. Indications are that all lines will maintain a high level from now on with none of the slumps which were features of the trade before the holidays. The receipts at the yards have been very light, there being only 1295 cattle, 49 calves, 2661 sheep and 1699 hogs received during this week.

D. O. Lively,
General Agent.

Locates Here Again

We are glad to note the return to our city of a former citizen, Doctor Albert Carey, who practiced medicine in St. Johns before it had taken on so many city airs. A native of Ohio, he came to this place from Honolulu, Hawaii, to visit members of the family of Mr. J. C. Scott, former superintendent of water works, and finding health and prosperity, made it his home for two years. He went to North Carolina six years ago to care for his aged father, and engage in professional and philanthropic work, but failure in health brings him back again to the salubrious climate of St. Johns to make it his permanent home. He now has residence and office located at 902 Fessenden street, and is prepared to resume the excellent service rendered during his previous stay here. Mrs. Carey has opened a piano school at the same place, and is prepared to give thorough instruction in her line of work.

Dr. W. Q. Tucker, of San Francisco, called on his old friend, Chief Bredeson, Monday. The Dr. is looking up a suitable location for the practice of his profession.

GOT LITTLE TOO HILARIOUS

And Was Presented With Pair of Black Eyes

A rather lively time for a few minutes took place at the home of Frank Nowolsky, who owns a home on North Kellogg street, a few evenings ago. The family are Russian Polanders, and L. Kowal and a companion of Portland, both of the same nationality, visited them on the night in question. To cheer things up and make the evening pass in an agreeable manner, the visitors brought along a couple of bottles of spirits ferment of a man's size. Believing this to be inadequate for reaching the right temperament a little beer was added to the liquid refreshments when they reached St. Johns. Everyting went along swimmingly for a time until L. Kowal commenced to get very hilarious. The mixture of drinks got in their work and he commenced to dance around the room and emit yells frightful enough to scare all the wolves out of Siberia. The host put up with the disturbance as long as his nerves would stand it, and then in order to save the carpets from being baptized with a mixture of beer and whiskey, he called a halt, and told the noisy one to subside or get out of the house. This he refused to do, and the host then got his overcoat and helped him on with it, gave him back the money he had spent for refreshments and told him to make himself scarce. Kowal, who had been enjoying the confusion he had made, declined to leave, and continued the disturbance. Nowolsky, who is a powerfully built man, then neatly placed a bunch of knuckles to the man's eyes two or three times and threw him out. As a sequence Kowal had his countryman arrested on a charge of assault and the case came up before Judge Esson Tuesday morning. After hearing all the testimony the "judge" dismissed the defendant and threw the costs onto the plaintiff. Kowal, whose eyes looked as if a house had fallen upon them, paid the costs, but he seemed to think American justice was something strange. The idea of a man who has had his eyes painted a delicate but unmistakable shade of black and thrown bodily out of a house having to pay the costs also was something new to him, and he left the temple of justice muttering something about American ways that was far from complimentary.

An Enjoyable Smoker

The fire department held a smoker and feast in honor of the new officers recently elected Monday night. A full attendance was on hand, and the kind of a time you read about took place. Each and all enjoyed themselves to the limit. Chris Oihus, Ed Peterson and W. S. Baise had charge of the commissary department and looked after the refreshments with grace and skill. They say that Baise's coffee was the best that ever came down the pike, and that there is a fortune in it for him if he wants to follow coffee making as a profession.

Making Things Hum

The big dredger Chinook now lies anchored at the foot of Richmond street and a busy force of 130 workmen are engaged in making the necessary repairs and alterations. More mechanics are being engaged daily and a scene of great activity is now in progress there. President Maher expects to have 200 men at work before long and expects to pay out at least \$75,000 in wages before the contract is completed.

When you trade at your home store you can demand prompt service and courteous treatment. Bonham & Currier.

Mrs. L. H. Chambers, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Leggett in this city, departed Tuesday for her home near Oregon City.

Caused Much Damage

While passing through the Willamette bridge Saturday night, a large ocean going steamer, supposed to be the Santa Rita, struck the ways of the St. Johns Shipbuilding plant and took out four sets of them, inflicting damage estimated to amount to \$4000. After demolishing these she struck the dock of the Portland Woolen Mills, causing considerable damage.

One of the officials of the St. Johns Shipbuilding company said yesterday that around 7 o'clock Saturday night, a large steamer, which from information that he has received, is believed to be the oil tanker Santa Rita, went down through the Willamette bridge, and after passing through the draw she started to turn around, as it is said by some that she was backing through the bridge. Apparently not taking room enough to make the turn, she struck the upper ways of the company's plant and tore out four sets of them. In the lower ways eight pieces 12 inches by 14 inches were tore out and the piles supporting them were broken off even with the water's edge.

After tearing out the ways of the shipbuilding company, the steamer struck the dock of the Portland Woolen Mills, knocking it badly out of plumb. Officials of the company say that they have not received a complete report of the damage done, and are not yet in a position to make any statement of the probable amount of damage. They say that the dock is badly out of line, but whether any of the piles were broken is not known, as their man who is looking into the matter, has not yet reported.—Journal.

SESSION OF THE CITY DADS

Municipal Affairs Receive Careful Attention

Quite a number of citizens were present at the regular meeting of council Tuesday evening. They were mostly property owners of Fessenden street between Jersey and the river, and were anxious to learn what disposition would be made by council to their remonstrance against the proposed widening of the street. After roll call which showed all members present and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the remonstrance against the opening and widening of Fessenden street, Jersey street to the river, and signed by a great majority of the property owners along this street, was read, accepted and ordered filed. The property owners believe there is no necessity for the widening and ultimate improvement of that part of the thoroughfare at this time, as there are no improved streets leading into it below Hayes, and therefore they do not believe themselves to be justified in advocating such a heavy expenditure at present.

An annual report of the St. Johns Volunteer Fire department



CHAS. [STRANGLER] SMITH of Portland

Who will wrestle with Kid Welch of Salt Lake City at the St. Johns Skating Rink Wednesday evening, January 19th. Smith weighs 144 lbs. and Welch 145. The go will be a catch as catch can affair with three best out of five falls, pin falls only; no holds barred; winner take all. Preliminaries—Wrestling match between two pupils of Mr. Smith's club of Arleta; two four-round boxing matches between Frank Ely of Portland and Teddy Tobler of San Francisco, and Wynn Manning and Dick Webster of the Firemen's Athletic club. This sporting event will be under the auspices of the local Firemen's Athletic club and a large attendance should be on hand and encourage the lads in their efforts to bring high class events here. Admission \$1.00; reserved seats.

If you make it a rule to set aside a certain per cent of your income EVERY pay-day you will be independent. YOU MUST SAVE. There is no other way. The First National Bank pays 3 per cent. it

Nearly every one has promised himself to begin saving. Nearly always it is "Sometime." Begin now. The First National Bank helps savers to an extra premium of 3 per cent. it

Jimmy and the Baby

A young man and his wife who live in St. Johns are the parents of a smart little boy seven years old, whose name is Jimmy. Jimmy was the favorite round the house until about a year ago, when another tiny feather from the wing of love came upon the scene. Jimmy didn't like the intruder, and so expressed himself as follows:

We have a baby at our house, The doctor left it there one day, It's not much bigger than a mouse, I wish he'd take the thing away! It has no hair upon its head, The top seems soft and hollow, It has no teeth, but must be fed, We musn't keep the little fellow.

It cannot get upon its feet, And all it does is make a sound, But when it wants something to eat, By George! It makes them all stand 'round. It will not laugh nor play with me, But mamma says it may tomorrow. But I know that cannot be, Let's send back the little fellow.

LATER ON.

It's growing big, its eyes are bright, And O! It smiled at me so sweet; I think it knows me now by sight, For it looks pleased whenever we meet. O how I wish that he was big, So that we could romp together, I'd wheel him in a nobby rig, Say—Let's keep the little fellow.

I love my little brother dear, It's getting cuter every day, It laughs and kicks and does not fear To pull my hair, and play that way.

I love to think what fun there'll be When it can run and holla, I think I now can plainly see We'd better keep the little fellow.

I love to see its laughing eye, To listen to its baby talk, I even like to hear it cry, I only wish that it could walk. Behold its calm and peaceful sleep, So sweetly stretched upon its pillow; I cannot live unless we keep The pretty little fellow.

And they kept it.

—J. H. Fletcher.

was then read. It showed the damage done by fire in the city during the past year to be very slight, and that there remained in the treasurer's hands a balance of over \$60.00. A couple of fire alarm companies learning that the city was contemplating the installation of an electric fire alarm system, sent communications to council asking for a chance to bid on same or submit prices before the contract was let. On motion of A. W. Davis the recorder was instructed to advise the communicants as to the system under consideration and secure prices on same for reference in the future when the city may be ready to install such an innovation. The viewers on the opening and extension of Charleston street, composed of S. W. Rogers, H. S. Hewitt and T. P. Hanson, submitted their report, which was received by council and held over for one week for careful investigation. Bills to the amount of \$52.23 were allowed.

Mayor Hendricks stated that at the instance of several members of the council he had temporarily suspended special policeman Etheridge until the appointment of the officer was confirmed by council. The mayor also stated that a full force of policemen were more necessary now than at any other time in the city's existence, and he believed it incumbent on the council to furnish adequate police protection. Councilman Johnson also stated that this would be a very poor time to reduce the force, since two ships were tied up at the dock with their crews of sailors, who as a rule are bibulously inclined, and that 128 transient workmen had been added to the force of the Marine Iron Works on account of the Chinook contract, and that more were being added every day. Therefore, he favored a full force for the present at least. It was decided after some discussion to re-appoint Mr. Etheridge, and an ordinance was ordered drawn providing for four policemen.

Building Permits

No. 3—To J. J. Karr to erect a dwelling on Portland boulevard, between Wall and Fairhaven sts.; estimated cost \$1800.

No. 4—To G. H. Owen to erect a dwelling on Kellogg street, between Chicago and New York; estimated cost \$800.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

ALONG THE PENINSULA

Abstract Man Picks Up a Few Items of Interest

Dyer & Co., concrete block contractors of Kenton, have just purchased a block of 40 lots in the First Electric Addition from Simmons & Son, of St. Johns, for a reported consideration of \$12,000. The tract is 214,600 feet in dimensions and is bounded on the east and south by Denver and Pippin streets. Plans are being drawn for a concrete block structure, two stories, 50x100 feet, presumably a business block, although Dyer & Co. have not announced whether the building is to be devoted to stores and offices or apartments. The building will be erected at the corner of Denver and Pippin. A gravel pit is located on the western extremity of Mr. Dyer's newly acquired property, which will prove of great value in his concrete work.

The Kenton Building & Land Co. has commenced the erection of five more cottages on Brandon and Aubrey streets, to cost in the aggregate about \$8000. This makes a total of 32 cottages under way and recently finished by the company. Mr. Patterson, the paying teller of the Bank of California, has recently finished his concrete block residence, and is now occupying his new home at Derby and Ferry street. It was erected at a cost of \$6000 and is one of the finest appointed homes in Kenton.

Six arc lights have been placed on the principal street corners and four more have been granted by the City Council.

The East St. Johns Land Co. is clearing a large portion of their tract of underbrush, leaving only the trees, in preparation for an active selling campaign this spring. Both telephone service and electric lights are now at the disposal of residents of the district as both companies are now putting up poles and wiring the territory. Nearly 40 homes of the better class, costing from \$2000 to \$4000 each, have been built in the district during the last year. As the building is all done by private individuals, this is an exceptionally good record. Numerous property owners are merely waiting for settled weather conditions before commencing building operations on a larger scale than ever before.

About 120 men are employed at the O. R. & N. tunnel and work is going on day and night. Excavating has progressed about 500 feet from the north terminus of the tunnel. Last Wednesday was a gala day among the laborers, most of whom are Hungarians, as Christmas was then observed according to the precept of the Greek Catholic church.—Abstract.

Shot Two Otters

Within ten miles of Portland, on Columbia Slough, four miles below Cleone, M. S. Fisher, a Cleone rancher, shot two otters Sunday afternoon. The pelts measure four feet from tip to tip.

The animals were sighted by Fisher's two sons Sunday morning. They informed their father and with friends the latter started to dig them out. The digging commenced at 11 o'clock and lasted until late in the afternoon, when Fisher was able to crawl in and drive the female out, when she was shot. The male had to be smoked out, and then viciously attacked Fisher, who, after putting a shot in the otter's leg, clubbed the animal with his shot gun, bringing death at the expense of several scratches.

John P. Plagemann, of H. Liebes & Co., fur dealers, valued the pelts at \$25 each.

Mr. Plagemann has received a silver fox, the first to be killed in Oregon for 10 years. It is valued at \$250. H. Turner, a trapper in the employ of Liebes & Co., trapped the animal and reported its mate was still on the slopes of Mount Hood, near where the fox was captured.—Oregonian.

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