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## A Fine Entertainment

The High School pupils did themselves proud at their entertainment in Bickner hall last Thursday evening. "The Merchant of Venice, Up-to-date" was the play produced, and it was carried through with a skill and thoroughness that was exceedingly pleasing to the patrons and friends. The entertainment opened with a cantata entitled "A Garden of Flowers," in which the various flowers were represented by handsome young ladies with the exception of the tulip, H. Fassett transforming himself into this flower. The "posies" made a very pretty setting for the garden, and by the way were quite musical as well as attractive. C. A. Webster acted in the capacity of gardener and he looked after his "plants" in a very careful and attentive manner. F. Mossman as man in the moon made an appropriate skyman, even if his face was somewhat marred by coming in contact with the comet's tail. The young ladies taking part in the cantata were: Ruth Couch, sunflower; Grace Stucker, lily, Lola Walker, rose; Hazel Couch, buttercup; Myrtle Dickie, daisy and Ermon Wheelock, pansy.

A song, "Doan Ye Cry, Ma Honey," by the High School girls, was pleasingly rendered and reflected much credit upon Mrs. E. Lenona Coover, the supervising musical instructor, who acted as director during its rendition and who had charge of training the young ladies for the cantata. The fresh young voices blended beautifully and the song was greeted with rounds of heart applause. Mrs. Coover is the finest musical instructor St. Johns ever had.

All who participated in the "Merchant of Venice" acquitted himself or herself splendidly. The play was carried through without a hitch, and the fact was made very apparent that there is a large vein of dramatic art among the High School pupils. It would require too much space to go into detail regarding the work of each individual, but suffice to say that one and all executed the parts assigned them faultlessly and well.

To Miss Bona belongs a goodly portion of the praise for the splendid success attained by the pupils. It was through her careful and painstaking efforts that everything passed off so nicely. From a financial standpoint the affair was also a success, and a tidy little sum was netted which will go toward paying expenses incident to the commencement exercises.

## At the Stock Yards

Receipts for the week were: Cattle 953, calves 50, hogs 2879, sheep 840 and horses and mules 61. In point of supply and demand the cattle market for the week broke about even and while there has doubtless been a slight decline in prices, buyers attribute the difference in quality as the cause. The same condition can be said to have applied to the sheep market. There was an active demand for the lessened receipts and prices remained steady to strong at the recent decline. The hog market in the face of increased supplies showed a slight weakening in prices. While the demand is strong values are 5 to 10 cents less than they were at the opening of the week.

D. O. Lively, General Agent.

## Building Permits

No. 70—To W. S. Gillmore to erect a dwelling on South Ivanhoe street, between Richmond and Mohawk, for J. S. McKinney; cost \$1,500.

No. 71—To Paul Nelson to erect a dwelling on Nicklin street, between Oswego and Charleston; cost \$250.

No. 72—To E. C. Hurlbert to erect a dwelling on Fessenden street between Willis boulevard and Leonard street; cost \$1,500.

## Crops in Fine Shape

Bumper crops throughout the Willamette Valley in hay, grains and fruits are reported. Vegetables of all kinds never looked better and the celebrated farming district where crops never fail will bear out this year its established reputation. With its rich soil, widely diversified crops, and intelligent, industrious population, the Willamette Valley is becoming a vast garden, tremendously rich in possibilities.

## New Year Greeting, 1910

BY W. W. HOLCOMB OF ST. JOHNS

Fate has turned the dial of time,  
Gone old year—adieu, 1909;  
The death of the old, it is true,  
Caused the instant birth of the new.

I hear those mournful midnight bells,  
Death and change their solemn voices tell;  
Hope and fate blended in their peal,  
My soul and mind its ills reveal.

Hope whispers, pluck not thorns today,  
From the same vine the rose in May;  
A happy New Year to you, tells  
Those midnight bells, those New Year bells.

The last day of the year its course has run,  
The good-night kiss of the departing sun,  
It's pink blush on the floating clouds show,  
And on Mt. Hood's perpetual virgin snow.

Night, the child of day, and the mother of time,  
Dead and forever gone, old year nineteen nine;  
Good-bye to you, with all your faults, it's true  
I loathe the change of the old for the new.

I view this solemn New Year, dark and drear,  
Death and fears, pain and tears, your mission here;  
War's plague and pestilence, you will have them,  
And many earthquakes with your nineteen teens.

The human race, like time and space, no end,  
Hope and fears, joy and tears, together blend;  
The wild rose vine will bear its many thorns,  
Earth and sea will be swept by howling storms.

Satan on Halley's orb will be here soon,  
And play his tune with a long-handle broom;  
That New Year bell a tale will tell of gloom,  
As we go too soon with friends to the tomb.

Today, the last of May, let's pluck the rose,  
Old Halley's come and going where—who knows?  
His speed is great, his light is dim and frail;  
Still on the trail—we see he's lost his tail.

## Oregonian on Docks

The Oregonian asserts its position in relation to public docks in the appended clipping. As an expression from a prominent source it has much value:

"Six members of the Council and the Mayor defeated the public docks debt scheme and saved taxpayers of Portland, for the present at least, from an unnecessary project that would run into millions of dollars. For this act these men are entitled to the thanks of the community. This scheme is loaded with greater possibilities of extravagance, taxes and debt than any that has ever been put before the municipality.

It is the sworn duty of members of the city government to use their intelligence to serve the public. Some of them have exercised their brains in this case. There can be no more important service than that of protecting the public against debt and extravagance and near approach to bankruptcy, or against use by private interests of the credit of the city for their own benefit.

Shipping interests of Portland are able to provide their own wharves and are not entitled to tax-supported docks. The bulk of shipping is in hands of large firms who are more competent than officials to conduct wharves on an economical basis.

Wharfrage is a business in Portland's affairs that private enterprise can manage best. This is one of this city's superior advantages as a port, and there is no need of throwing it away."

**The Biggest Bank**

Portland has now the biggest bank in the Pacific Northwest. The First National of that city has lately increased its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. The stock has all been subscribed and paid for and gives the bank a combined stock and surplus of \$2,500,000, the biggest in this corner of the United States.

## Boldon in Idaho

Council, Idaho, May 23, 1910.

Dear Mr. Editor: I thought after arriving up here in the mountains of southern Idaho that you many readers and my many friends in St. Johns might be interested enough to read a short account of my trip to this beautiful mountain region, so here it is: I left Portland on Wednesday at 7 a. m. on the river steamer, The Dalles City, for the Dalles, Oregon, a distance of 120 miles. It took us 14 hours to ascend the river. We passed through the locks at noon, saw the beautiful Bridal Veil falls, where the stream makes a leap of 800 feet down almost perpendicular rocks. We passed by the island in the river where the lonely soldier graves of the early Indian wars are located. A fine monument is there to mark the spot. We stopped long enough at Hood River so that I got time to run up town and purchase a box of the world renowned strawberries for 15 cents per box, which together with a cup of coffee and a sandwich prepared by my good wife at home, I ate with a relish. We got to the Dalles at 9 p. m., had two hours and 20 minutes to wait for the O. R. & N. overland, and while the comet's tail was sweeping the earth we were sweeping through mountain gorges and canyon in one of those comfortable chair cars, over a road bed which is a credit to our western country. We arrived in Weiser, Idaho, at 2 p. m., Pacific time and the first thing I noticed I was one hour behind time, so had to turn my watch one hour ahead. Weiser City lies in beautiful Snake River valley at the confluence of the Weiser and Snake rivers, a city of 5,000 people, and is just now enjoying a boom in real estate and values are running high. Washington county, in which Weiser is located, is dry, so the wet places were conspicuous by their absence. I had to stay over night in Weiser to get a train for Council. The train left next morning at 10:10, but I didn't get on board—for once in my life I missed a train. I was out auto riding in the morning from 8 until nearly 10, and as we were returning and out about two miles our machine died for lack of gasoline, so I footed it into town in time to miss the train. Then to get even with some one, for I was vexed, I went and called on my clerical friend, Rev. Mr. Curtis, the Christian minister in charge here in Weiser, and whom I had met in St. Johns two years ago when he was there as a singer with that wonderful revivalist, Oleson. Took dinner with him and his good wife, and after dinner he hitched his fine roadster to his buggy and we drove until 5 p. m. over as nice a country as one would wish to see. All this valley is under a ditch, irrigated, and values are high. One five acre tract, one mile out, sold the day before I was there for \$5,000; eight years ago same land could have been bought for \$15.00 or \$20.00 per acre. Saturday morning I took train for Council, 60 miles up Weiser river, where an altitude is reached of over 3,000 feet above sea level and as beautiful a valley as one could imagine. Right miles from Council is the Mesa orchard tract of over 1,000 acres and just now being boomed by eastern capitalists. A coach load of millionaires came up with us from Weiser and switched their coach here at Council and remained over Sunday. Council is a village of about 500 people and here too, like Weiser, all irrigation ditches, and land is selling high, from \$100 to \$200 per acre.

Now Mr. Editor, for fear of trespassing on your space and patience, I wish to thank my many friends and patrons in St. Johns for their kindly treatment while I was handling the Journal there last winter.

A. T. Boldon,  
Ex-Journal Manager of St. Johns.

**Making a Great Record**

The amount of street and sewer work contemplated for this year is something immense. To give an idea of how great it is, the amount that in all probability will be expended along this line represents an average of over \$30.00 to every man, woman and child in St. Johns. If the city of Portland would expend proportionately as much this year the total amount would reach in the neighborhood of eight millions of dollars. The fact of the matter is that St. Johns is expanding more on public improvement than any other city of its size in America. And yet some people imagine we are progressing extremely slowly in the way of street improvement.

Begin today to save something for the rainy day that will come to you as it came to all. Save. Save. The First National Bank will welcome your deposit no matter how small with a Time Certificate of Deposit.

Wanted—To borrow \$300 at 8 per cent for two years. Gilt edged security. Address "B," this office.

## Memorial Exercises

Memorial Day was fittingly observed in St. Johns. The old veterans, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, L. of G. A. R. and W. R. C., together with a large concourse of friends gathered on the city dock as at first intended. The high water made it impracticable to get upon the dock, so the vessel was used for holding the appropriate and impressive ritual services. The parade formed in front of their hall at 10 a. m. Many school children were in line besides many citizens. After the services were concluded a sumptuous repast was served by the ladies in the hall. Each year the line gets a little thinner, the steps of the survivors a little more faltering and a little more feeble, and it is apparent to all that in a very few short years the old veterans will all be laid to rest. It is, indeed, sad to realize that this will be so. The brave defenders who upheld and defended the honor of our nation are passing all too swiftly to the great beyond. While we still have them with us all honor and veneration should be accorded them. They have fought a good fight and perpetuated a nation second to none in the world. So while they are passing through the valley and the shadow, let us extend all the aid and assistance we may in rendering their declining years full of peace and happiness.

## In Memoriam.

Realizing as the years pass by that our active participation in the exercises that we have held build up, namely Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day, May 30th, are about finished and that we have to depend more and more upon the help of our fellow citizens in this matter, and feeling grateful for the superb manner in which the people of St. Johns arose to the occasion and the many acts of kindness and sympathy with which we were literally loaded in this our time of Memoriam, be it therefore

Resolved, that we are especially grateful to the St. Johns Ferry Company, Messrs. H. W. Smith, J. T. Peterson and P. J. Peterson, who so freely stepped in and gave us the free use of their ferry for our exercises when the high water had made it impossible to use the city docks and that the trip and the use of the ferry boat made an ideal place for such services for which we unanimously thank the Ferry Company.

Resolved, that our thanks are tendered the Rev. Nelson, pastor of the Congregational Church for the able Memorial sermon of Sunday, May 29th.

Resolved, that as money is needed on such occasions we wish especially to thank each and every one who so generously responded to our comrade P. T. Hanson's request to furnish the sinews of war. Almost every one freely gave his mite to the good cause. Comrade Hanson says if he had been as active as he was in '61 and '65 that he would not have had any of the friends feeling bad because of his neglect.

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to Professor Boyd and the teachers of our public schools for their active parts during our exercises.

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to Comrade J. T. Butler and Annie Butler, his better half, for their music during our hall exercises.

Signed,  
O. R. Downs,  
P. T. Hanson.

## Visits His Old Home

Adam F. Kaemlein left yesterday for an extended visit to his old home in Wisconsin. He is recovering nicely from his recent operation for appendicitis and the trip to the scenes of his childhood will no doubt fully restore him to perfect health. Like many others he will not realize what a powerful hold Oregon has upon him until he revisits his old stamping ground and views the changes time has wrought. The call of Oregon will then be strong upon him.

See the St. Johns Sand and Gravel Co. for estimate on your basement or cement and plaster. We can save you money and make a little for ourselves. Phone Richmond 1571.

We want some vacant lots cheap for cash, also some bargains in small homes wanted for cash. McKinney & Davis.

## After the Speed Fiends

The police department is after the auto speed fiends with a vengeance and woe betide any of the scorchers that come under the watchful supervision of the limbs of the law. Monday M. Miller and D. C. Pelton, two prominent citizens came spinning down the boulevard at a rate that would have put Halley's comet to shame. The chief had his men on the alert for just such gasoline burners and they were promptly placed under arrest, and with little demur donated a ten-spot each to the copious coffers of the city treasury. Tuesday, C. Grant, driver of Olds, Wortman & King delivery wagon, was taken into the net. This enterprising young man had several times previously made the run in safety, but he was not forgotten, and when Officer Johnson saw him coming to the city Tuesday afternoon, he took a convenient location along Willamette boulevard, knowing that as soon as the driver hit the boulevard on the return trip he would make the dust fly as usual. And he did, but he was sorry for it. The officer nabbed him before he had time to frame an excuse. As a result the city exchequer was the recipient of a nice little donation.

## Tag Day June 4th

Sixty thousand tags have been prepared by the young people of the various churches of the city and surrounding districts for the Portland Commons Louise Home Prison League Tag Day next Saturday. The proceeds from the sale of tags will be used for rescue and prison work and to combat the social evil.

Tag day headquarters for St. Johns has been arranged in the Bonham & Currier's store. A number of ladies have consented to sell the tags. Any woman or girl desirous to help ought to report at the above headquarters. Fifty-five pastors and a large number of their congregations have pledged themselves to the Tag Day cause, and it is expected St. Johns people will show their colors towards the work of rescue.

The tag represents three branches of rescue work: Picture of the erring girl, representing the Louise Home, picture of five babies taken at the Home, prisoner and his guard.

One of the most important features of the Commons work is dealing with the wayward ones after they have left the Commons Shelter and work are provided and the boys are given a new start on the Commons Industrial Farm. Remember the date—June 4th.

## Meet Their Waterloo

The fire department ball team journeyed to Yamhill Sunday and crossed bats with the club representing that place. The Yamhill boys were loaded for the St. Johnites, however, as they secured seven semi-professional ball players from Portland to help them out. The combination was much to strong for the fire eaters, and they could simply do nothing with the masterful twirling of the Portland pitcher. The score at the round-up was 2 for Portland and 1 for St. Johns. The boys had a very pleasant time, however, and were treated finely by the Yamhill folks. A return game will be played here in a couple of weeks, when it is likely a different story will be told regarding the outcome.

All persons who desire to donate roses for the Rose Carnival are requested by the committee to leave same at Brooks & Son's shoe shop, 111 South Jersey, before seven o'clock in the evening and not later than eight o'clock in the morning each day of the carnival.

All kinds of laundry work done promptly. Rough dry washing 3 cents per pound. Calls made for laundry at any place. Ring us up Phone Rich. 991, St. Johns Laundry. Churchill Bros. proprietors.

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## Council Proceedings

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night. The first matter taken up was a petition for the improvement of half of Oswego street, but as there was some doubt of the property adjoining allowing for the assessment, matter was turned over to the street committee for the purpose of securing waivers from the property owners in that event.

A petition for one of the longest portions of streets that has ever been presented to city council—Fillmore street, Richmond to the Weyerhaeuser tract, over 6000 feet—was read, and by adoption of directory resolution the engineer was directed to prepare the necessary data relating to its improvement.

A remonstrance against the viewers findings as regards his property on Charleston street was lodged by John Johnson. It was in the shape of a notice of appeal to the circuit court from the viewers' report. Attorney S. H. Greene will look after the legal end of it for Mr. Johnson.

The Jobs Milling Co. by A. R. Jobs, filed a remonstrance against the Burlington street sewerage system passing their property and emptying into the river upon their water frontage. Councilman Downey believed that it council should pay attention to all the complaints that might come in by reason of the sewerage pipes draining into the river at points objectionable to some of the property owners, it would be doubtful if a sewer could be installed. He favored putting down the pipe as proposed, unless it could be shown that it was highly inadvisable to do so. As the final date for receiving remonstrances had not yet been reached, it was decided to lay the matter over until next week.

E. M. Portz complained that the water company refused to place a hydrant in his yard, that unless he wanted it placed in his residence they refused to place it at all. He sought relief from council, and the water and light committee was instructed to look into the matter.

Claims against the city to the amount of \$1502.50 were allowed. This included sprinkler, insurance premiums on the various public buildings, city printing, engineer's assistants, etc.

The matter of the improvement of Fessenden street then occupied the boards for a short while. The city attorney stated that the legal preliminaries were now being arranged and he expected they would be completed in a day or two. S. Turner of the Fessenden street committee stated that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. had agreed to their proposition and that any delay that might now arise would be on the part of the city or property owners, as the company was willing that matters should be pushed forward as rapidly as might be desired. The mayor stated that it was the desire of council to keep matters along this line moving right along, and therefore the meeting should adjourn at the close of the session to meet upon call, which would be as soon as the legal matters were settled satisfactory to all concerned.

A representative of the Warren Construction Co. was present and spoke of the merits of bitulithic hard surfacing of streets. He asked that a committee from council be appointed to investigate this quality of paving now upon many streets of the city of Portland. He said it could be laid at \$1.85 per yard. No action taken.

Messrs. Bolen and Cooper were present and objected to the grade of Tyler street, but after the engineer had thrown a little more light upon just how it would carry out, the gentlemen were satisfied, and removed their objections.

An ordinance re-assessing the cost of improving Burr street in order to pay for the crushed rock used thereon was passed. All voted in the affirmative with the exception of Mr. Downey, who refused to vote on account of not clearly understanding the proposition.

An ordinance re-establishing the grade of Burlington street met with decided opposition, councilmen Windle, Downey and Dobie voting against the measure when it came up for final passage. The affirmative votes of Aldermen Hiller, Johnson, Cook and Davis passed the ordinance. The objection was maintained on the ground that the three negatives desired a flat grade on the cross sections instead of a rolling one as outlined by the profile and approved by the property owners. The engineer, however, stated that a level grade at the cross sections would be impracticable and would give Burlington street a 14 per cent grade instead of a 10 grade, as the profile now provides.

The building and grounds committee was instructed to interview Mr. Loy in regard to securing a building suitable for housing the water wagon on his ground adjoining the city hall plot.

The engineer was instructed to secure a descriptive sketch of the triangle piece of ground in front of Bickner hall, so that council would not get tied up on this proposition when work on paving Jersey street was inaugurated.

M. G. Nease, lessee of the rock crusher, stated that he will soon be in shape to handle all the business the city can throw his way.

A request was received from the Commercial club that council purchase the furniture of the club and fit up a couple of rooms in the city hall in order that the club could meet there and dispense with dues and assessments.

The city attorney agreed to secure all the data necessary relating to Dawson street so that it would be in line for improvement.

Adjournment to Thursday night to take up the Fessenden street proposition.

## Local and Otherwise

The brick yard has resumed operations after a layoff of a number of months. It is said that enough orders are on hand to run the plant full force for some time to come. This is the only industry in St. Johns that has not been running full time since the first of the year.

Lice soon eat up your profits. Kill this pest quickly and surely with Conkey's Lice Powder for body lice, Lice Liquid for ridding the poultry house of mites and Head Lice Ointment for the little chicks. They are all guaranteed to give satisfaction. Ask for a copy of Conkey's Poultry Book. It is full of valuable information for the poultry raiser. Lauther's Mercantile Company.

If sickness should come to you; if you should lose your job, what then? Have a nest egg in the First National Bank and you will have little fear for the future. Pays 3 per cent, too.

For Sale—New 8-room house on Burr street and Portland boulevard, 50x100 lot, modern throughout. Part cash, balance on easy payments. Best buy in St. Johns. Call at 508 Jersey street or Review office.

For Sale—A fifty dollar course in the Scranton International Correspondence School, any department, at 20 per cent discount, at rate of \$5.00 down, \$5.00 per month; further discount for cash. Address "B," this office.

If you want to buy, rent, sell or exchange property see Wolcott, (The Rent Man.) St. Johns Office, 401 South Jersey. Portland Office, 245 1/2 Washington Street, Phone Marshall 1556.

A good second hand white enamel-lined refrigerator for sale cheap. 314 West Chicago street, or see S. W. Rogers.

Lost—A pocketbook containing over fifty dollars in St. Johns, Sunday afternoon last. A suitable reward is offered for its delivery to the Review office.

Harry Mansfield, the veteran razor wielder, was off duty for a couple of days last week on account of a severe cold.

The Columbia Electric Engineering Co. of this city has received the contract for installing the electric fixtures for the huge Davis Safe & Lock works at Kenton. The work will amount to nearly \$10,000.

The dates for the trials of the alleged participants in the St. Johns Hindu racket have been set as follows: Gordon Dickey, June 8; Ray Van de Bogard, June 13; John S. Groves, June 25; J. W. Dunbar, June 20; Milton Unger, June 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Monahan have returned from a most pleasant sojourn among their old-time friends and acquaintances in Missouri and other Eastern states. They had no desire to remain in the East, however.

Two nice new modern cottages near Keaton, two blocks to car, for sale. Easy terms. See S. W. Rogers, 309 North Jersey street.