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The Water Situation

Many complaints have been made from time to time concerning the price of water in St. Johns, especially by those favoring annexation. The quality has never been in question, but the price has, and it is doubtful if there is any one in St. Johns who has not heard a complaint at one time or other about the "exorbitant" price of water in this city.

We have taken occasion to look into the water situation in St. Johns to some degree in regard to price in comparison with Portland. We find that the minimum rate now charged in the city of Portland is one dollar per month. Until recently it was 75c per month. Besides this the people are compelled to lay their own mains or go without water.

According to the books of the St. Johns water company there are less than 1200 subscribers for water in this city. Of this number about 1000 pay a minimum and maximum of \$1.00 per month. The balance pay more than \$1.00 for domestic use. This does not include users of water for sprinkling purposes.

Just wherein St. Johns would be the gainer so far as the water question is concerned by annexation to Portland is hard to foresee. Some of the water bonds in Portland are now almost due and no sinking fund has been created to take care of them.

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company that is completely submerged with debt, as is the Portland company? Would the people of Portland stand for buying the water works here and extending Bull Run water supply to St. Johns? Their burden is too heavy now and an additional burden could not be tolerated.

No one in St. Johns need complain of a scarcity of water. But how about Portland? We append a few extracts taken from the city dailies that speak for themselves: "Committees from Sellwood, Ivanhoe, Tremont, Kenilworth, Berkeley and Dover addition appeared yesterday afternoon before the water board and made appeals for immediate relief from the water famine.

Miss Kate Parker said she had no water all of Tuesday. Scarcely enough was caught Monday night with which to do the cooking yesterday. Enough was again secured last night to use for breakfast. Water for washing her hands and face is out of the question, and she reports neighbors have not had enough water the past two weeks for a bath.

George A. Carsley related similar experiences. He carried several pairs of water from a well quite a distance away. His lawn and garden are parched and dead. He declared the people out there voted themselves into the city to get water, but they are getting none. He emphasized the danger of a fire, and said there is absolutely no protection. He said there was no sign of more water, and that something desperate would be done if the situation was not relieved.

Indignant women crowded into a mass meeting at Clinton-Kelly church last night and vied with angry men in hot protest against continuance of the water famine from which they all suffer. A slender stream of water, said they trickles through rotting wooden pipes at night. During the day the pipes are dry and 10,000 people and the sprinkling carts, having no other source of supply suffer.

All residents of these suburbs appear to be willing to stand the expense of a complete system connected with the city, and are now devising means to have the water mains laid to their places."

House Warming Party

A number of young people spent last Friday evening in East St. Johns, at the beautiful new home of Donnie McCann. Music and games made the evening merry and delicious refreshments were served. The guests departed in the wee small hours declaring, to use the expression of one young man of the party, that they had the "time of their lives."

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A Splendid Success

The Sweet Pea contest inaugurated by C. C. Currin at the North Bank Pharmacy was a success beyond the most sanguine expectations of the enterprising and energetic proprietor of that deservedly popular establishment. All day July 14 the atmosphere in the store was heavy with the sweet perfume that exudes from these fragrant flowers. The bouquets ranged in size from a glass full to enormous dishpans filled with the scented beauties. All shades and varieties were in evidence, as many as twenty-four varieties being represented in one bouquet. All day long the store was filled with people admiring and enjoying the beautiful array of sweet pea blossoms. The sight was extremely pleasing to the eye as well as to the nostrils. Refreshments of ice cream and soft drinks were given out generously and freely by the proprietor and his clever assistants to the lady guests. The occasion was immensely enjoyed by all, and the enterprising spirit shown by Mr. Currin was fully appreciated.

Largest collection of blooms of one color—Carrie Wales.

Largest bouquet—Mrs. Catherine Bjork.

Best bouquet—S. W. Rogers.

Bouquet of most colors—Mrs. N. R. Kendall.

Mrs. F. L. Babcock was awarded the prize for the first bloom from seeds given by Mr. Currin. The cash prizes for the best photographs of sweet peas will be awarded later by the company furnishing the seed from which they were grown.

Following are the exhibitors: Mrs. Willis Moxon, Mrs. C. Sager, Mrs. F. L. Babcock, Mrs. George Robertson, Christine Gee, Maurine Thurmond, Mrs. E. C. Monnich, Mrs. F. C. Mighells, Mabel Rundall, Mrs. B. J. Simmons, Mrs. John Poff, Della Lindly, Carrie Wales, Miss S. Desilet, S. W. Rogers, Mrs. A. J. Teeling, Eleanor Noonan, Viola Kruger, Greta Enfield, Mrs. N. R. Kendall, Mrs. Katie Wood, Mrs. Catherine Bjork, Ruth Henderson, Ellis Galoway, Mrs. Fred Granger, Mrs. Wm. Kaer, Gladys Stark, Ray Gosney, Mrs. T. J. Monahan, Mrs. J. F. Mortensen, Ruby Anderson and Gerald Royer.

At the Stock Yards

Receipts at this market for the week ending Monday are as follows: Cattle 736, calves 293, sheep 221, hogs 1448, and horses and mules 141. There has been a surprising amount of strength in cattle values and the market spread in price between poor quality and good quality cattle is steadily growing wider. One load of good cows sold for \$5.10. Top quality steers brought \$5.65, and thin and poor quality steers sold as low as \$3.80, some of that quality having been taken by feeders. The sheep market has been poorly supplied and the demand has been strong. Good lambs sold for \$6.00 and buyers have been eager for more. In sympathy with the big decline on the Eastern markets, hog prices here went off five cents per hundred, but there were not enough to give buyers the opportunity to take off more than that amount. Good top quality hogs sold for \$10.25 and \$10.20. D. O. Lively, General Agent.

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Work for a Greater St. Johns.

Anent Sewer Pipe

The question has been raised as to whether cement sewer pipe is practical or not. If it is not, we cannot understand why. There cannot be the least doubt but that cement has staying qualities far beyond any other known material. Just how long it will last no one can tell. It has been known to last for hundreds of years, and then in better shape than when first placed. Why sewer pipe cannot be manufactured with the same staying powers is difficult to conceive. That it will percolate to some extent when it is first made may be conceded, but the dirty grease and slime that passes through a sewer certainly would make it unworkable in a very short time. Cement has passed beyond its experimental stage and has been clearly proven to be a great success. If sewer pipe is manufactured of cement and contains the necessary amount of cement that the specifications of the engineer calls for, the danger from this kind of sewer pipe is, indeed, far remote. If the cement pipe people are willing to put up bonds to guarantee their product it should be sufficient. And they say that they are willing to do this. No claim is made for longevity of vitrified sewer pipe, but the claim that it made and established that cement withstands the elements and time for hundreds of years. A demonstration of the practicability of green sewer pipe is worth but little. The only true test is statistics from other places where it has been in use for years. And if these statistics are reliable no demonstration is necessary. If bonds are necessary as a guarantee for stability of cement sewer pipe, why are they not as essential if vitrified sewer pipe is used? What guarantee have we that the quality will be first class? The condition of some of the vitrified sewer pipe is evidence enough that bonds should be required in either instance. Because Portland is slow to acknowledge any merit in cement sewer pipe is no evidence that there is none. We do not know what pressure and inducements the vitrified pipe people have brought to bear and offered the councilmen of that city to not discover the merit in their competing company.

Burlington Prospering

Bids have been asked for the construction of a water system and electric lighting plant at Burlington, the present terminal of the United Railways, a few miles down the river from Portland. The owners are taking an active interest in perfecting their plans at this thriving little suburb. The work of building sidewalks is going on rapidly and the hum of activity is heard on every side.

The large mills are working to complete the vast number of orders that are coming to them and every man in Burlington is busy. One of the greatest difficulties that has been experienced by the Burlington sawmill has been to secure capable men for the work. At times three shifts, working night and day are employed. Much of the timber is being sawed for railroad construction work, the demand coming from the Northern Pacific and the United Railways.

A water works and system is designed for furnishing water to the entire townsite as well as a lighting plant for the same territory. This activity, it is understood, marks the beginning of considerable work at Burlington, including the completing of several roadways which are now being pushed to completion.

Building Permits

No. 91—To J. T. Peterson to erect a dwelling on Portland boulevard between Richmond and Charleston streets; cost \$1,600. No. 92—To Culp Bros. to erect a warehouse near Jersey street between Burlington and Leavitt streets for Bonham & Currier; cost \$2,000. No. 93—To F. O'Connor to erect a dwelling on Hayes street between Buchanan and Polk streets; cost \$200. No. 94—To W. W. Holcomb to erect a dwelling on New York street between Jersey and Willis boulevards; cost \$1,500. No. 95—To T. W. Burch to erect a dwelling on Richmond street between Willis boulevard and Hudson street; cost \$1,400.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

Oil Wharf at Linnton

Covering a water frontage of 400 feet, the Associated Oil Company is building a new wharf on its property at Linnton and making other extensive improvements at the same point which will run up into many thousand dollars. The new dock is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy within the next 20 days, as a large force of mechanics has been employed to rush it through as quickly as possible.

A. D. Parker, the local agent of the concern, announces that the dock will be equipped with the most modern devices calculated for giving quick dispatch in the matter of loading and discharging oil at the plant. Additional pipe lines, pumps, storing and measuring tanks are being installed. A new steel pumphouse is being erected. A large tank car loading rack and a spur track are being built for taking care of the shipments of oil by rail. When the improvements are completed it is declared that it will be one of the very best equipped oil plants on the Pacific coast. The storing capacity of oil will be something like 700,000 barrels of the liquid fuel.

The Associated Company keeps four big tank steamships in continuous service between San Francisco and the plant at Linnton, the capacity of each ranging from 18,000 to 55,000 barrels of oil. Each averages a round trip a week. The J. A. Chanslor, one of the largest carriers on the Coast, has completed the round trip in a trifle more than five days. She was recently added to the fleet and has been in service less than four months.

Because of its growing trade, the company is making arrangements for the building of another tank steamer of the same capacity as the Chanslor for service between San Francisco and Linnton. Two or three years ago one or two ordinary size steamers were found adequate to handle the traffic, which is given as an illustration to show how the fuel has grown. Oil is used as fuel on practically every steamer running out of Portland, and the railroads take big quantities of the fuel. It has been substituted for wood and coal for heating many of the large buildings.

The Political Pot

The Republican Assembly ticket was partially completed at Portland Saturday and finished Monday evening. Five delegates from St. Johns were selected from precincts No. 90 and 91 as follows: J. F. Hendricks, John N. Edleson, F. W. Valentine, L. B. Chipman and Paschal Hill. Seven more were selected by a committee—W. Scott Kellogg, F. P. Drinker, H. E. Collier, Ed McClain, S. H. Greene, W. W. Windle and Ed. Monahan. H. E. Collier was elected as a candidate for Representative, O. R. Downs for Justice of the Peace, St. Johns district, and P. T. Hanson for Constable. Friends of K. C. Couch, without his knowledge or consent, presented his name to the convention, but he had it promptly withdrawn because he does not believe in what the convention stood for. Mr. Couch intends to seek the Republican nomination and election to the house of representatives as a direct primary and State No. 1 candidate. He is not in sympathy with any effort, expressed or implied, that tends to nullify the direct primary law or any of its provisions.

A. B. Conkey, vice president of the G. E. Conkey Co., manufacturing chemists, of Cleveland, Ohio, who recently made a business trip to St. Johns, in a letter to the Lauther's Mercantile Co. has the following to say: "Naturally, since I spend so much of the year in your section of the country, there is every reason why my thoughts should turn westward, especially since I have tasted of those invigorating cool evenings. It is too bad they cannot be shipped in exchange for merchandise."

Hewitt & Wright, local contractors, have secured the contract for the erection of an \$11,000 school structure at Ridgefield, Wash. The building will contain eight rooms and will be thoroughly modern throughout. Work will commence upon same next Monday. These contractors are securing quite a reputation as builders of temples of learning. They are now putting the finishing touches on the one they have erected near Vancouver, Wash.

Council Proceedings

All members were present as usual at the regular meeting of city council Tuesday evening. The first matter of importance taken up was the engineer's acceptance of the improvement of Mohawk street, Jersey to Willis boulevard, which was endorsed by the street committee and accepted by council.

An ordinance establishing the grade of New York street, Edison to Willis boulevard, was passed.

A committee from the fire department asked that three more hose carts be secured and placed in the north end, south end and east end of town, in order to facilitate quick action in case of fire in either of these territories. Matter was taken under advisement. Complaint was also made that parties have been taking hose, wrenches, etc., from the hose house without leave, and in some cases failing to return same. The mayor stated that he would look into the matter and make an example of some of the culprits if discovered. All parties are warned that anything taken from the hose house hereafter will be termed a felony, and arrest and conviction will speedily follow.

A resolution was adopted providing for laying of twelve foot cement sidewalks from Fessenden street to Richmond.

A resolution for the improvement of South Ivanhoe, from Richmond to Mohawk, with macadam and cement sidewalk, was also adopted.

A resolution appointing viewers to assess benefits and damages on the five-foot strip of land adjoining the trolley line on Fessenden street was adopted. Messrs. Chipman, Goodhue and Norton being selected to perform this duty.

The Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co. asked that no action be taken toward laying a sewer through their tract until representatives could meet with council this week. A special meeting will likely be called for tonight to confer with the representatives.

New Order of Owls

The new Order of Owls held their first meeting in the M. W. A. Hall Sunday evening, and elected the following officers:

- President—J. F. Hendricks. Vice President—R. R. Churchill. Indicator—Chas. Bredeson. Secretary—W. S. Basey. Treasurer—C. L. Johnson. Warden—W. E. Ashbey. Sentinel—C. C. Oihus. Picket—T. L. Bennett. Trustees—B. J. Williamson, T. H. Cochran and F. B. Granger. Committee on Bylaws—W. W. Holcomb, J. E. Jennings and W. E. Ashbey.

It was decided to keep the charter open until Wednesday evening, July 27th.

The Owls is a brand new fraternal organization and believes in love, laughter and good fellowship. It's creed is if you have a flower to give, give it today. One throb of gladness is worth more to the living than a wealth of costly blooms laid however tenderly above the dead. It believes you can accomplish more good by praise than censure. It requires fifty members to secure a charter, and these have been readily obtained.

Great Annual Event

Portland's autumn livestock show and race meet on the Country Club grounds will be known as the Harvest Festival, and the biggest purse ever offered in the Pacific Northwest for a single race will be hung up. It will be \$10,000 and will be known as the bankers' purse. Another, offered by the hotel men, will be \$5,000. Many smaller prizes will be offered and it is believed the festival will attract a larger gathering than any similar meet held in this part of the country. James J. Hill will probably be the biggest attraction of the festival. A strong telegram of invitation has been sent him, which it is believed he will accept. It is planned to put the great empire builder on the program for an address. Dates of the festival are September 5-10. The amusement end of the festival will be far more prominent than ever before. The attractions will be selected with a view to meeting the varied tastes of the multitudes in attendance and it is promised there will be a good time for all.

Dr. Hughes of Denver, a relative of S. J. Downey, was a St. Johns visitor last week.

A Painter of Renown

Van Dearing Perrine of New York City is visiting his brother, Geo. L. Perrine, and family in this city. The visit was a most unexpected one, as G. L. had no intimation whatever that his brother was anticipating a visit to St. Johns. It has been 22 years since the two brothers have seen each other, and the meeting was a most joyous one to both. Mr. Van Perrine has reached a high eminence in his chosen profession as painter of Nature's elementary forces. Referring to his work, John Spargo has, among other things concerning him, to say in the Craftsman: "In the spring of 1905 I first heard of Van Dearing Perrine. I sat with a friend watching the splendor of a glorious sunset over the Palisades, the towering cliffs along the Hudson. He spoke with glowing enthusiasm of Perrine as a young American painter who had chosen for his theme the solemn grandeur of Nature's elemental forces amid the romantic, rugged glory of the Palisades. Later, when I saw an exhibition of Perrine's work, I agreed with this belief in him, for I saw that he had developed in his painting a strange spiritual quality that promised to add a new element to our landscape art. Perrine is essentially a poet and a mystic. His attitude toward Nature is that of the poet seeking to interpret the mysterious hidden sources of movement and power, rather than that of the painter trying to convey a description of the landscape. One of his most ardent admirers is Richard Watson Gilder, who has hailed him as 'the most original figure in American landscape art today.' One of his pictures hangs in the White House at Washington, another in the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh, and many others in private galleries of some note. Altogether, there is no more significant figure in American art today than this gentle mystic and Nature-worshipper. It is certain that Van Dearing Perrine is destined to exert an important influence upon American art, and sure of an abiding place in its history."

Mr. Perrine is a pleasant and congenial gentleman. He is much impressed with St. Johns and its surroundings. The magnificent scenery surrounding us appeals irresistibly to his artistic eye. It is more than possible that some of the scenes along the two rivers will be reproduced upon canvas by his master hand as a result of his visit to this section.

Absconded

Ernest Thompson, a dishwasher in the Burlington Hotel here, disappeared Saturday night and is sought by the officers on a charge of looting the cash register of Mrs. Ada Pennington's candy store of \$10.00. Thompson on Saturday afternoon came to Mrs. Pennington and induced her to let him run the store that night, enabling her to go home earlier. She put Thompson in charge and went home. It was the owner's custom to leave \$10.00 in change in the cash register when locking up, for use of the girl opening the store the following morning. Thompson knew this and when locking the store went to Mrs. Pennington's home and told her he had only \$8.00 for change. She readily gave him \$2.00 to put in the cash register and this with the money in the store is missing. There is no trace of Thompson. The loss was discovered Monday morning when the store was opened.—Telegram.

Odd Fellows Install

The following officers were installed at the regular meeting of the I. O. F. last week: N. G.—E. S. Wright. V. G.—Guy Morton. Treasurer.—G. M. Hall. Rec. Sec.—C. P. Gates. Fin. Sec.—C. H. Boyd. Conductor—Alex. Scates. Chaplain—D. N. Byerlee. R. S. N. G.—H. S. Simmons. L. S. N. G.—J. S. Downey. R. S. V. G.—T. F. Smyser. I. G.—P. Hill. O. G.—C. Johns.

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