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Be a Booster

Crow and boost for all you're worth. Cause they ain't no use on earth; Do you know, there's a lot of people Sittin' round in every town, Growlin' like a broody chicken, Knockin' every good thing down? Don't you be that kind of cattle, 'Cause they ain't no use on earth; You just be a booster rooster— Crow and boost for all you're worth.

If the town needs boostin', boost'er; Don't hold back and wait to see If some other feller's willin'— Sail right in, this country's free; No one's got a mortgage on it, It's yours just as much as his; If your town is shy on boosters, You get in the boostin' biz. If things don't seem to suit you, And the world seems kinder wrong.

What's the matter with a boostin', Just to help the things along? 'Cause if things should stop a-goin' We'd be in a sorry plight— You just keep that horn a-blowin', Boost'er up with all your might; If you see some other feller tryin' For to make some project go, You can boost it up a trifle; That's your cue to let him know That you're not a-goin' to knock it Just because it ain't your 'shout,'

But you're goin' to boost a little, 'Cause he's got 'the best thing out.'

If you know some feller's failin', Just forget 'em 'cause you know, That feller's got some good points— Them's the ones you want to know.

Cast your leaves out on the waters, They'll come back, a saying true, Mebbe they will come back buttered, When some feller boosts for you.

—Exchange.

Ray Steichen Drowned

Ray J. Steichen, 19 years of age, was accidentally drowned at the Government moorings on the west side of the river, where he had been employed since the first of the month, last Thursday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. He met his death in a peculiar manner. With the assistance of Joseph McKee, another employe at the moorings, he was unloading a collection of blocks, tackling and rope from a skiff lying beside the tug Arago. The steamer Breakwater passed in mid-channel at the time and caused a series of heavy swells to toss the skiff against the tug. While attempting to push the skiff away from the hold of the tug, Ray lost his balance and plunged headforemost into the water. He never rose to the surface. Without hesitating, McKee made a heroic attempt to save his companion. Rushing to the end of the skiff from which Steichen fell, McKee dived overboard near the spot where he saw the young man sink. The current had, in the meantime, carried the body several yards downstream in 40 feet of water. McKee, after considerable difficulty, located the drowning boy and secured a grip on the hair of his head. In his death struggle under water, Ray slipped from McKee's grasp as the latter rose to the surface. Exhausted and nearly overcome by his strenuous efforts, McKee was hauled aboard the tug. After an hour's effort on the part of the crew of the Arago, the body was brought to the surface through the agency of grappling hooks and was taken to the morgue at Portland.

Ray was a bright young man and his untimely death is mourned by a large circle of friends. He leaves four brothers and four sisters to mourn his sudden demise. Funeral services were held at the St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Father J. Kettenhofen, of St. Clements' parish, officiating.

Building Permits

No. 96—To J. Bleaky to erect a dwelling on Stafford street between Burr and Alma streets; cost \$1500.

No. 97—To F. E. Zook to erect a dwelling on Swift street between Oregonian and Midway avenues; cost \$900.

No. 98—To M. Johnston to erect roof porch on residence on Jersey street between Richmond and Mohawk streets; cost \$150.

No. 99—To P. W. Hinman to erect a porch and partitions on Ivanhoe street between Chicago and New York; cost \$100.

No. 100—To H. T. Dow to erect a residence on Jersey street between Burr and Alma; cost \$3000.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

The Sewer Proposition

Much has been said regarding the merits and demerits of both cement and vitrified sewer pipe. From our own observations and from what information we can gather, we will take cement sewer pipe for ours every time. We would respectfully invite any and all advocates of vitrified sewer pipe to take a look at the pipe now being removed from Philadelphia street. This has been laid about five years, we believe. Sections of it collapsed while being taken out, while other portions of it was found to be cracked from one end to another. In the short period of five years vitrified sewer pipe, in this instance at least, certainly disintegrated at a very rapid pace. Sure ly, we do not want sewer pipe laid that makes such a miserable showing. This pipe was used but little in the five years. A pipe four inches in diameter would have served the purpose just as well for all the use that was ever taken of it. The only objection we have yet heard against cement sewer pipe is that acids eat holes in it. This may be true enough, but in sewerage there is little or no acids. The city engineer informs us that he has never yet seen a test of sewerage that contained any acid. All of it contains so much ammonia that any acid is immediately destroyed. Acid cannot exist where ammonia is found. This is a scientific conclusion that is never disputed. The only instance where acid would be found would be where a plating factory or something of that nature used a sewer and deposited their waste acid therein. If such an establishment ever came to St. Johns bonds could be exacted by the city council to protect any injury the sewer might sustain on this account. Had bonds been exacted of the contractors who put down the Philadelphia sewer, a tidy little sum might now be turned into the city treasury. We believe it is incumbent upon the city council to secure the very best sewer pipe that can be obtained. It has been conclusively proven that vitrified pipe has no lasting qualities nor is it in very good shape when it is first put into the ground. A glance at the pipe now being laid on Philadelphia and Ivanhoe will prove this. Most of the sections are cracked in one place or another, in a small way, to be sure, but cracked nevertheless. Cement sewer pipe is practically a new product in the Northwest, and for that reason it is difficult to get a line on its longevity. But almost any one knows that cement is almost if not altogether everlasting. Cement pipe, as a prominent citizen remarked in last week's Review, undoubtedly would be lasting if it is made according to the specifications required by the city engineering corps. According to the bids recently received it has been demonstrated that it is cheaper than vitrified pipe. Since the evidence is before our eyes that vitrified sewer pipe is very poor stuff to use as a sewerage conductor, why not try something else? It can hardly be any worse. The cement manufacturers have agreed to put up bonds for a certain number of years as a guarantee of their product. This is more than the vitrified pipe makers have offered or have been required to do. Why not? The reason, we believe, is because the city council did not realize that the Philadelphia pipe was in such bad condition. With the evidence now confronting them, and as business men, they cannot well do other than require bonds, no matter what kind of pipe is used. The two largest contracts for sewer pipe are yet to be let, and if vitrified pipe is used, the property owners should be safeguarded by sufficient bonds on the part of the pipe makers. If they will not give these, let the cement manufacturers do so. They deserve a fair field and a chance to demonstrate what they can do. We believe council will take the necessary precautions and look into the matter thoroughly before another bid is let. The very best is none too good for the people of St. Johns, and we firmly believe cement sewer pipe is the best in every particular. At least we are more than willing that it should be used in front of our property.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk by the Oregon Democratic Publication Company. The incorporators are A. Goodwin Betts, F. J. Clark, and C. P. Houston. The capital stock is placed at \$100,000, and will be issued in shares of \$1000. The articles set forth that the company proposes to do a general printing business and to publish a morning daily to be known as the Oregon Daily Democrat.

A Midsummer Flurry

A little midsummer flurry was created on the streets Tuesday when a petition made its appearance asking that the city council call a special election to vote on either selling the city dock or issuing bonds in sufficient amount to construct sidetracks to connect therewith. Consternation was rife among those who fancied the dock situation was settled for all time to come, and who believed the people had become reconciled to the idea that the city must needs keep the dock. Others, who believed something should be done with the dock in order that it might become useful and occupied, readily added their signatures to the document. The evident object of the petitioner was instantly obtained, i. e. causing a little stir on a midsummer day. When the matter was taken up by the city dads, they decided that there were not enough signatures to the petition to take action thereon, and therefore turned it over to the city attorney for verification in this belief.

While many believe something should be done with the city dock in order that it should not "waste its sweetness on a desert air," yet, as we see it, there is little that can be done at this time. If additional bonds were issued to construct sidetracks, there is no assurance that the dock could be leased. There was a time when an opportunity for so doing was offered, but that time is past. If the dock could not be leased after sidetracks were constructed we would be worse off than we are now, because there would be additional interest to pay each year. If the city council had assurance that the dock could be leased after sidetracks were placed, and that assurance was placed in writing by responsible parties, we believe the great majority of people in St. Johns would sanction issuing more bonds for that purpose, but until such a guarantee is secured, it is extremely doubtful if they would be willing to do so.

As to selling the dock, there are a number bitterly opposed to doing so, and if it was sold on popular vote, a pile of bitterness and hard feeling would be engendered, and it would be long years before it would be wiped out. If the dock was sold, what to do with the money thus received would become a problem. As the money originally was voted for dock purposes, in the event of a sale it could scarcely be used for any other purpose. The bonds were issued for 20 years duration. The parties who purchased these bonds would not likely care to relinquish them, and if not, we would have a large bunch of money on our hands which we could not use to advantage. By straining a point it might be possible to use it in buying up street improvement bonds, but we believe this is all, and there would not be enough of these to employ all the money for some time to come. Then it might be difficult to sell the dock. There is no purchaser in sight now, although there was some time ago. What price it would be held at would cause much contention. If a railroad should happen to become the purchaser, several of our citizens would probably be thrown into spasms. So there you are.

We will not deny that at one time we favored selling the dock. The city had the opportunity of selling then and we believed taxes would be too exorbitant if it was held. But since it has been demonstrated that our taxes are lower than in Portland in spite of the dock burden, and since we have discovered that the money derived from the sale could only be used for dock purposes, we have modified our views somewhat. Therefore, we are willing to bear our share of the burden and willing to let the "white elephant" as we once termed it, slumber peacefully, serenely and undisturbedly until the awakening, whether it be soon or after we have passed from this turbulent world and are calmly reposing beside our forefathers in good old Mother Earth.

Oregon's apple show will be held in Portland November 30 to Dec. 2. It will be a great exposition of the state's fruit-growing possibilities and it will be of wide interest because of Oregon's fame as the home of the red apple. There promises to be exhibits entered in competition for prizes from every apple-growing county in the state. The Corvallis Commercial Club has already offered \$100 for the best apple exhibits from Benton County and the Hood River Commercial Club has offered \$50 for prizes for the best apples shown from that section. Other counties will yet be heard from in the same way.

From A. F. Kaemlein

Trenton, Mich., July 20, 1910.

Dear Mr. Markle: Better late than never, I drop you a few lines to let you know that I still think of St. Johns. The time is going too fast for me. Love letters and cards to my many friends in St. Johns, but it seems hard to get at them. It has been so hot I could not get at writing.

I have been playing the carpenter and also the painter since I got home, but this week will finish my work. I have taken in excursions after excursion—moonlight and the like. The last week was a hummer at Detroit. Hallo Bills did it; the city was packed. I am going to Cleveland, Ohio, Saturday for a few days—wedding of a cousin there. I see by the Review that St. Johns had a big time on the 4th. I would like to have been there. I was marooned on an island—Sugar Island—all day [Must have had a sweet old time.—Ed] big Jewish picnic there. Say, talk about autos! You 'auto' see Detroit.

I certainly had a fine trip from St. Johns to my home. The C. P. R. R. is certainly a fine route for scenery. I went from Portland to Seattle, thence to Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.; there to Winnipeg. That is a great city. It is coming to the front. The streets are so wide that I almost got lost on them. It is getting to be a great shipping center. From Winnipeg I went to St. Paul and on to Milwaukee. It seemed like home in that town; from there I went to my old stopping ground at Thiel, Wis., where I learned the "profess" of making a married and some were waiting for me. From Thiel I went back to Milwaukee and thence to Chicago and on to old Trenton. Mother said she knew me a block away. As luck would have it she was at the door to say "Come in." She put me to work at once, at the table, for she knew I was hungry. I am at this writing feeling better than I ever did in my life. I expect to get back to Oregon sometime near the first of September. Am not certain if I will come single or not. That's a joke. Say "Hello" to the bunch.

ADAM

New Factory For Kenton

Owing to the unflinching demand in the Eastern and California markets for Oregon-made doors, Harry T. Nicolai, for many years with the Nicolai-Neppach Company, of Portland, has severed his connections with that company, has organized the Nicolai Door Manufacturing Company, and announced a couple of days ago that he would start work on a \$50,000 plant at Kenton, on the Peninsula, by the first of next month. The plant is to be completed and in active operation by December 1.

The main building will be 100 by 200 in area, and will be located alongside the O. R. & N. tracks. There will be in addition the dry kilns and warehouse. While the plant will have an initial capacity of about 600 doors a day, the construction will be such that the capacity can be doubled or trebled as the demands of the market require. About 40 men will be furnished employment at the start-off. Electricity will be the motive power, each machine to be directly connected to a motor. The plant will be modern in every respect.

There are two or three other large industrial concerns in the East which have had their representatives in the city looking over prospective sites for either branch or main factories, and at least two of them have all but closed up negotiations for locations on the Peninsula. One of these establishments is planning to build a plant there that will furnish employment to close to 1000 men when operating to full capacity. Would that they decide to locate at St. Johns. We need a plant employing this number of men here just about now.

One of the finest homes in St. Johns is being erected for Joseph Koerner, of the St. Johns woolen mills, by contractor A. A. Schrimsher. It is a 2 1/2 story 9-room frame Colonial-style residence with hard wood floors, furnace heat, full cement basement, sleeping porch, tiled bath, pressed brick fireplace and paneled dining room. This beautiful home is located two blocks east of the new high school building on a fine view lot overlooking the Willamette. It will cost about \$5500 and was designed by architect Lewis I. Thompson.

—Abstract.

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The Water Question

Editor Review:

I was glad to note you exploded the theory regarding the high price of water in St. Johns in comparison with Portland rates. I have heard many complaints myself, and never gave the matter much thought, but like many others, was glad to be more enlightened concerning the difference in price. There is one thing I have noticed, however, and that is when any new addition opens up the St. Johns Water Co. is right on hand with their mains. In Portland this does not occur. There are a number of people living in that city on this side of the "cut" that cannot get Portland water. In the 1910 Addition recently opened up the local company is going right ahead and laying water mains. Had this addition been in Portland it would likely have taken years before water could be secured. It was only on account of the St. Johns Water Co. extending their mains to this addition that made it possible to open up the tract. For this reason alone the local company proves that it is a potent factor in the development and expansion of St. Johns. When one gets all the facts, it can readily be seen that the St. Johns Water Co. is not nearly so "black" as it is painted, and is censured at times when it deserves praise. So many people are down on corporations that they believe they never do any good, but there are exceptions to all rules. There is no denying that water rates seem high here to many who have come from long established Eastern cities and towns, but when one realizes that St. Johns is a brand new town, comparatively speaking, and spreading at an amazing rate, the people really have nothing to complain of so far as the water rate is concerned. Many people in California and other states that might be mentioned would willingly give several times as much as we are paying for the kind of water we are getting. It simply cannot be beaten anywhere for quality.

Old Resident.

At the Stock Yards

Receipts at this market for the week have been as follows: Cattle 1692, sheep 3426, hogs 1437 and horses and mules 19. The cattle market has been strong to higher and there has been a snappy demand for every hoof that showed good quality. Extra good steers have sold for \$6.00 per 100 pounds, and as has been repeatedly stated in market letters from this office, the difference between poor and good quality is steadily growing greater. Packers and butchers who buy here find that the higher priced cattle are the cheapest in the end and that thin cattle are a poor purchase at any price. The sheep market has not recovered from the demoralization of last week. Good lambs have sold high and good quality yearling wethers have brought a fair price, but as a whole the market on sheep is not strong. An advance of a nickel on hogs has been a feature in that division. Good quality top hogs have sold at \$10.30, which is about the highest price since the early days of May.

D. O. Lively, General Agent.

An Oregon Exhibit

Exhibits are now being collected for the Oregon car to be operated throughout the East by the Great Northern, and all sections of the state are urged to be represented. Fruits, grains, vegetables, grasses, etc., are being gathered for use on the car and it is particularly desired to have fruits on the limb, showing them exactly in their natural state. The opportunity Oregon has to secure wide advertising in this way is very marked. Not only will the exhibits be shown to many thousands of people while they are in the car but arrangements have been made for space at a circuit of state fairs, and large exhibits will be made at the Land Show this winter at Chicago. The exhibit car will be accompanied by a lecturer and will be on tour from early fall until next spring.

Don't spend all your money on that good time. Take a rest by all means if you can afford it. But save a little even now. Three per cent compounded every six months makes even one dollar grow in the First National Bank. It issues Time Certificates of Deposit.

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Inhales Gas and Dies

With her three weeks' old baby in a crib beside her, but carefully covered to save it from asphyxiation, Mrs. Clara Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Margof of St. Johns, and a bride of last September, inhaled gas and died in the kitchen of her home at 945 Williams avenue this morning. Her husband who was asleep in another room, found her dead when he arose shortly after 10 o'clock. On the table was the following note:

Dear Folks and Jack: Forgive me for what I am doing, but I can't help it. I am going crazy I know! Mama and papa, don't blame Jack. He is all right. He loves the baby and will work for it, but it is no use. I always was foolish, but now I am crazy and what is the use of living when you do not know what you are doing. Forget me and remember this, I can't help it. You all have done so much for me. I really don't know what is wrong. Will say goodbye and Jack you work for baby, as I know you love him and have always been kind to me. Goodbye, CLARA.

Mrs. Snyder had started to prepare a breakfast for herself this morning, but apparently the suicide impulse came upon her before she finished it, as the food on the stove remained untouched. It is believed she then wrote the note to her parents and her husband. There was a small gas stove on a shelf in the kitchen and after drawing the covers over the baby in the crib she sat down in the chair and took the tube of the gas stove in her mouth, turning on the gas.

Her husband, who is employed as a teamster, works most of the night and usually gets up at 10 o'clock. When he entered the kitchen this morning he found the room filled with gas and the woman lying dead in the chair. Hastily throwing open the doors he called to neighbors who immediately afterward summoned Dr. Jas. S. Dale.

When the physician arrived he declared the woman had been dead for some time and gave his attention to the infant which had inhaled some of the gas. The baby is expected to recover, however.

The first intimation that the woman's mind was affected or that she feared insanity came with the suicide this morning. Her mother had been with her from some time before the birth of the baby until yesterday, and had noticed nothing peculiar. When she left yesterday Mrs. Snyder had fully recovered and appeared entirely happy.

Similar statements were made by the husband when the coroner's deputies arrived, although he was so affected by his wife's act that he was hardly able to speak.

The body of Mrs. Snyder was removed to the morgue.—Monday's Journal.

A Worthy Cause

The charitably disposed people of St. Johns have a worthy object of charity in the person of Mable Runig. She is a young girl fifteen years of age, and since childhood has been badly crippled. One foot is drawn up so that she cannot stand erect and touch the floor with it. Both her parents are dead and she has been making a precarious living by working for her board whenever opportunity afforded. Her clothing is much the worse for wear and is very scant, with no means of securing more. She has been living for several weeks at Selmar's in this city, where she has been working for her board. Mrs. Myers has interested herself in the child's condition and has been soliciting aid to some extent for her benefit. She brought the case to the attention of Dr. W. B. Holden of Portland, who, after investigation, stated that an operation would straighten out the limb, and he very generously agreed to perform such an operation free of charge. Money is needed for clothing, hospital service, etc., and therefore, the people of St. Johns have an opportunity to enlist their aid in a most worthy cause. While Portland is aiding an unfortunate by raising a fund, St. Johns has a splendid opportunity to do likewise. Contributions will be received at the Peninsula Bank of this city, or the Review office to assist this unfortunate little orphan. It is hoped that a generous fund may be thus realized. "Charity begins at home," so all who can should give.

Death of Mrs. Burr

Mrs. S. P. Burr, the widowed mother of Mrs. Lola Patriquin, who lives at 709 Allegheny street, passed to her reward Sunday evening, July 24, at 11 o'clock. She was born in Licking County, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1825, and when five years of age went with her parents to Marshall County, Ill. She was married to Rev. S. P. Burr, a preacher in the M. E. church in Ill., March 4th, 1846. Rev. Burr preceded her to the Heavenly home, having died in 1881. Since his death she has made her home a large part of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Patriquin. She leaves one son, Charles Burr of Genesee, Idaho, and Mrs. Jessie Crawford, of Oakland, Ill., and Mrs. L. Patriquin, together with many other relatives and friends to mourn her death. She was converted to Christ and became a member of the M. E. church while a child and lived a faithful Christian life until her death. Among her last words were: "I am ready and waiting to go. This world has no attractions for me, but I have strong ties on the other side." Her funeral took place from the M. E. church Wednesday, at 1 o'clock p. m. and interment in the Riverview cemetery rev. F. N. Sandifer officiating.

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Council Proceedings

A remonstrance against the improvement of South Ivanhoe, Richmond to Mohawk street, was the first matter taken up by the city council at their regular meeting Tuesday night. The remonstrance was referred to the city engineer to ascertain if enough property was represented to prevent the improvement going forward as proposed.

A remonstrance with enough property owners represented to "kill" the improvement as proposed for six months, was presented against the improvement of Baltimore street, Jersey to Edison. The reason of the remonstrance is said to be because a number of the property owners were desirous of continuing the improvement to the railroad at least.

A petition signed by 23 gentlemen and 16 ladies was presented asking that moving picture shows, pool rooms and card rooms be closed on Sunday. Matter referred to the license committee.

A communication was received from Geo. S. Long of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. objecting to the proposed sewer route through their property at the north. As this route seems to be the only feasible one, the Mayor appointed a committee composed of Councilmen Downey, Hiller, Doble, Davis and Windle, together with the city engineer, to view the property and place a value upon it, so that a just tender may be made to the company. Then if they do not accept it, there will be "something doing."

The viewers' report on the condemnation of a thirty foot strip of land owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. on Fesseneder street was read, and then referred back to the viewers to rectify a slight misunderstanding.

The proposed improvement of Columbia boulevard was held up in order to more fully ascertain the assessed valuation of the property adjoining.

A directory resolution was adopted ordering the engineer to prepare the necessary plans, estimates and profile for the improvement of Fillmore street, Richmond to St. Johns avenue.

A directory resolution was also ordered for the improvement of North Ivanhoe, Cathin street to the Weyerhaeuser tract.

An ordinance providing for the sale of \$6000 worth of improvement bonds was passed.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Leonard street, Chicago to New York, was likewise passed.

The recorder was directed to advertise for bids on fifty cords of wood for the city hall.

The street committee reported that the approach to the ferry was unsafe, and it was decided that the St. Johns Transportation Co. be notified of the fact and ordered to repair same without delay.

A public fountain was ordered installed near the city hall grounds.

Recorder A. M. Esson asked for and was granted a vacation of ten days which he desires to spend at the soldier boys' encampment next month.