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About 200 Per Cent Gain

With a large and constantly growing population of citizens who believe that, IF LET ALONE, St. Johns will continue to go steadily forward, says Ed. L. Stockton in Sunday's Oregonian, that city is fast becoming a city of substantial homes and has made a wonderful gain in building in the last year, as the following comparison of figures will show:

1909	1910
January.....\$2,700	\$10,640
February.....309	31,000
March.....2,350	22,050
April.....5,150	12,700
May.....26,570	9,950
June.....7,825	16,150
July.....5,810	19,000
August.....6,325	27,600

Total...\$57,030 \$151,050
Every month but one shows a substantial gain over last year with a net increase of \$94,000 for the period stated, and already a gain of \$16,000 over the entire amount of last year's permits.

The permits run from as low as \$50 for small alterations to as much as \$16,000, this being the permit issued to C. C. Woodhouse for his store building now being erected on Philadelphia and Ivanhoe streets and which when complete, will be by far the best business block in the city.

Other large permits are, \$10,000 for the rebuilding of the plant of the Portland Manufacturing Company, which was destroyed by fire; the St. Johns Lumber Company's \$2500 stables on Salem and Decatur streets; the \$5000 Catholic school, \$4500 Parish house, and \$4500 convent on Portland boulevard.

Out of the 116 permits, 83 were for new residences and the remainder for business structures and alterations of buildings. This shows an average of 10 new residences being built in St. Johns each month.

In addition to the immense increase in building activity, much has been accomplished in the way of street improvement. All technicalities have been done away with in the long-desired Fessenden street opening, the street widened to feet, making it 70 feet wide, and proposals for its improvement are next in order. This work has been long drawn out because of the condemnation proceedings and some forced changes of procedure, but will now be rushed to completion at an estimate cost of \$25,000, and will give to the city a beautiful thoroughfare from the eastern city limits into the heart of the business district.

In addition to Fessenden street, the improvement of sections of Mohawk, South Hayes, Burr, Jersey, Portland boulevard, Polk, Kellogg and Thompson streets have already been completed, while work is under way on 14 other streets, the largest single improvement being that of Midway avenue in East St. Johns, at a cost of nearly \$10,000.

The work of relaying and extending the Philadelphia street sewer has been completed, the Telephone Company has its conduits for underground wires in place on Jersey street, from Fessenden to Richmond street and from there along the streetcar track to the city limits; the gas and water companies also have their pipes in readiness for the hard surfacing of Jersey street, which will be started at an early date.

The James John High School has been completed in a manner highly satisfactory to the Board of Directors at a cost of \$40,000. The work has been practically all done this year, although started late last fall, because weather conditions delayed the work greatly and caused much of it to have to be done a second time. Plans are now being laid for grading the grounds and furnishing the building. St. Clements (St. Johns) Parish has also erected a school and chapel and opened three classrooms, Sept. 12. Five school sisters of St. Francis have taken charge and are located in the convent adjoining the school building.

Realty transfers since January 1 amount to between \$300,000 and \$400,000, much of which is on contract, and one abstract firm reports making an average of two abstracts each day since the first of the year.

J. S. Downey reports his sales as \$75,000. McKinney & Davis report \$74,000, mostly in small sales, and J. F. Gilmore reports \$48,000.

One of the greatest needs of St. Johns is a public park of some kind, and efforts have been made on various occasions to get the citizens to vote bonds with which to buy a suitable site for this purpose, but without avail. Another attempt is now being made to secure this much-needed breathing place, and petitions are being circulated asking the City Council to call a special

Taxes Will Be Higher

Every indication points to higher taxation for 1911 than for the present year, so far as the city is concerned, owing to the many improvements which must be made to keep pace with the rapid growth of business and the progress in all directions. This is particularly true of the Fire Department.

In addition to the construction of a steel fireboat, it looks as though the city will have to expend a large amount to secure modern equipment, such as automobile-driven apparatus, urgently needed fire stations in different sections of the city and more men. From all directions there come to the fire committee of the Executive Board strong demands for better protection in the suburbs, which are rapidly developing and which it is recognized are entitled to consideration.

Having secured an order from the Executive Board for an advertisement calling for the services of a marine architect to draft plans for the proposed steel fireboat, the committee has done all it can do in this direction until such architect has been employed. It is the intention of the administration to have this craft completed at the earliest possible date, so that the great interests along the river may have proper protection from fire.

At best however, it is said it will require about two years to have the boat in commission. There is a bond issue of \$275,000 for this purpose, and for the installation of a system of reinforcing mains for the waterfront district. A call has come from Rose City Park for a fire station there, and is now being considered by the Executive Board.

Rose City Park is like other suburban districts, which are building up rapidly and have no fire protection whatever at this time.

New stations are needed in Irvington, near the hospitals and in other remote sections. More hydrants are needed all over the city, as well as extensions to the water system to give increased pressure and more abundant supply for fighting fires.

As to automobile apparatus, it is replacing the old-style horse equipment everywhere, and it is regarded as certain that it will have to be installed here. Two hose and chemical carts have already been purchased, but this is but a very small beginning.—Oregonian, Sept. 4.

At election at the time of the general election this fall to vote bonds not to exceed \$25,000 to purchase the tracts owned at St. Johns Heights by Mrs. Nancy Caples and H. E. Harris, about six acres in all. The Council will no doubt grant the petition, and it is believed the project should carry, for if this tract of timber is cut down the city will have lost its last chance to get a park at all close in where it can easily be reached by all.

While St. Johns proper is going ahead as described above, East St. Johns is making a record to be proud of. Since January 1, 45 houses have been erected and 625 lots sold for a total of \$160,000. Electric lights and water have been installed and the gas company is now laying its mains to supply this district, while much is being done in the way of grading streets and laying sidewalks.

The new \$30,000 steel bridges across the North Bank cut at Dawson and Depot streets are completed and the street cars are crossing the one at Dawson street. The present loop is being changed leaving Dawson or Lombard street at Wall street and crossing the cut at Depot street, four blocks east of the present crossing, connecting with the old loop at East St. Johns station. This will do away with the dangerous section of track where it runs along the cut after crossing at Dawson street, thus shortening the distance and allowing faster time to be made, which will shorten the time between St. Johns and Portland by several minutes. Many St. Johns citizens have been fearful that the street car company would soon charge 10 cents fare to Portland, but letters on file in the city recorder's office plainly state that the company has no intention of so doing and point out the unreasonableness of the assertion that it intended to take any such step.

Chehalis, Washington, is doing some good work in advancing new methods of burning out stumps on logged off lands. The Citizens' Club of Chehalis recently held demonstrations of the char pit method of burning stumps and the tests were very successful. It is thought the general adoption of this means of clearing cutover lands will be of great value to the Pacific Northwest.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

For and Against

We publish another list of 25 names this week of those whose names appear on the petition asking that the proposition of annexation be placed on the ballot. Also a list of equal length of those opposed to annexation. We have been charged with picking out names in our "annex" list last week, but to show that we are absolutely fair we herewith publish another list of names none of which appeared last week, and all of whom we presume to be good citizens. Because they have signed the petition asking for annexation does by no manner of means mean that they still favor annexation, however. The object of publishing the names is not for the purpose of comparison, but just to give the public an idea of who have expressed themselves pro and con on this momentous question. The names on the "annex" list comes first:

- W. M. Schultz
- J. D. Chubb
- J. J. Marlett
- E. M. Fortz
- A. Frederickson
- G. O. Ridboe
- Rudolph Moser
- W. M. Plaice
- J. Farsner
- C. Kreeger
- L. Gromachev
- Rudolph Pachkowsky
- John Schuler
- Chas. Schauf
- J. A. Schmalzel
- T. F. Bogardas
- Wm. H. Schulze
- R. Markwart
- Rudolph Braden
- Fred Ziegler
- John Verdigan
- S. W. Bogha
- C. A. Krugh
- A. Chowning
- G. W. Muhm

Against annexation:
J. F. Hendricks
Arnold Unger
J. F. Gilmore
P. J. Peterson
Cap. Snow
A. C. Gesler
E. O. Magoon
Thos. Glover
Chas. Bredeson
C. Oihus
B. F. Noonan
E. L. Stockton
D. N. Byerlee
A. M. Esson
A. W. Davis
L. D. Dobbie
John Peterson
R. R. Churchill
C. J. Anderson
W. S. Basy
W. E. Ashby
W. W. Windle
J. S. McKinney
Judge W. W. Holcomb
Thos. Cochran

One feature that is being harped upon to quite an extent by those favoring annexation to Portland is the claim that the money now paid the city officials would be saved. This is erroneous and misleading, of course. In spite of the fact that thousands of dollars are expended in St. Johns each year as salaries of city officials, the tax rate is lower than Portland. If we were to annex the city officials would be removed, but a larger amount would be raised by taxation than is now the case. There is no chance for us to gain in this. Portland would gain what is paid the officials and we would pay more than if we had the officials and retained the city government. Again, the money that is paid the city officials is nearly all spent in St. Johns. Take these thousands of dollars out of circulation in St. Johns and it means something. Wouldn't it be better to keep this money here than to make the city of Portland a present of it, which we would do by annexation?

Yours respectfully,
P. Hill.
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No Gain in This

De clovah bloom am fadin'
Frum de big fel' by de town;
De purple am a-shadin'
Into sunn ob a brown,
De summah win' am shifitin'
Frum de regions ob de souf,
An' de humblebee am drawin'
Down de co'ners ob his mouf.

He knows de fros' am comin'
Wen de honey days am pas',
Dat de murmur ob his hummin'
Soon will vanish on de blas',
An' he wo'ks a leetle ha'der
'Roun' de blossoms gittin' brown,
An' he stays a leetle later
In de big fel' by de town.

Oh, I'se sorry fer to see it,
Win' a-shifitin' to de wes',
Sorry dat de snow am comin',
But de bee am needin' res',
Foh de toil ob makin' honey
Ain' de easiest, doan you know—
Lak de wo'k ob makin' money
It am drefful ha'd an' slow.

So good-bye sweet clovah blossoms,
An' good-bye ob' humblebee,
You hab made de bread ob summah
So t' o' musical to me;
I shall tink ob you wif kindness
Wen de snow am comin' down
On de dead an' faded purple
Ob de big fel' by de town.
—Floyd D. Raze.

For Sale—Five-room cottage on corner Charleston and Portland boulevard, full basement, all modern improvements, house almost new. Price \$2400, half cash, which includes winter's supply of wood, garden tools, etc. Call or address 532 East Charleston.

Hill Explains

Thursday evening, Sept. 22, Mr. Goddard, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination of Representative from this county on the Anti-Assembly ticket, stated before the public at the gable-fest held on Jersey street that I. E. Collier and I (Paschal Hill) were the men or bosses who selected nineteen delegates to the late assembly. That they were selected in the interests of corporations and to do their bidding. If he had stated the truth, I should have taken it as a great compliment, but the very names and standing of the delegates themselves prove him and his kind to be unworthy of belief. He has slandered and insulted every delegate who attended the assembly or convention. They represent the life and the best interests of our community and represent both factions of the Republican party, not politicians or ward-healers, but honest, upright, business men, respected by all their friends and acquaintances.

As a member of the county central committee and one of the managing committee, I did take enough interest and part in the affair to prevent as near as possible any combination or instructed delegates being sent from St. Johns and country precincts. The same can be said by members of the different wards in Portland. The men who represented St. Johns in the assembly were: Mayor Hendricks, J. S. Kellogg, F. W. Valentine, Charles Bredeson, John Edlefsen, G. J. Perkins, S. C. Cook, H. E. Collier, L. B. Chipman, S. H. Greene, W. H. King, R. Markwart, W. Stadelman, R. McKinney, P. Hill, and one or two others whom I cannot call to mind now. Each and every one of the above named delegates will deny that he was ever asked before or after his election how he stood on any measure or to work for any particular candidate or set of candidates.

As I said before, it is a direct insult to each and every delegate and the communities they represented for a few demagogues and self-nominated candidates to try to make the average intelligent voter believe such rot.

One other matter showing the inconsistency of the Anti-Assembly movement and I am done. On the 4th day of July, Tom Cleeton, candidate for the nomination of county judge, and "Pike" Davis met Mr. Collier, myself and several others in the city hall in St. Johns and assured us that they believed that the assembly was the proper thing and that Mr. Cleeton would be a candidate before the assembly. Mr. Cleeton's name, as we all know, was placed before the assembly and he came within a few votes of being selected as the candidate, and I, with about half our delegation, voted for him to the last ballot.

Mr. Davis was one of the most active men on the floor of the assembly, but after Mr. Cleeton failed in the assembly, he comes out with some of the other disappointed aspirants for office and is branding the assembly as a rotten, unlawful corporation-ruled body.

Receipts for the week at the Portland Union Stock Yards have been as follows: Cattle 2003; hogs 2391; sheep 2950 H. and M. This week's cattle market has shown a strong upward tendency since the opening of business on Monday. A new high price was set on Friday when a lot of choice steers sold at \$5.75. The butcher division has been especially strong all the week. Cows have advanced a full quarter and tops are worth \$4.75. Calves have been steady to firm at \$7.00 for best quality. The hog market has been up and down since the opening of the week's business on Monday. For top quality the price has advanced to \$10.75, where it has remained steady to firm. Hogs of lesser quality were worth anywhere from \$10.25 to \$10.50. The market at the Missouri river points has shown the same fluctuations as the local market. Heavy shipments of Nebraska hogs have featured the market this week and receipts of the local product have been very good, all things considered. The market on sheep for the first half of the week was very draggy, and with the exception of a single sale of lambs, there were no other sales reported. On Thursday the market was livened up to some extent by the sale of several lots of wethers and ewes mixed, but no high points in the quotations were reached. The market may be considered a shade weaker than that of last week as the demand is not quite so strong. Lambs were not in very great demand and receipts were nominal.—D.O. Lively, General Agent.

The petition asking council to call a special election for the purpose of voting on the issuance of bonds for the purchase of a city park is being numerously signed. The land that it is proposed to purchase for park purposes lies within the loop of the trolley line, part of which is owned by Mrs. Nancy Caples and the balance by H. E. Harris, the ice plant man. The tract contains something less than six acres and the price held is \$22,000. The land is admirably adapted for park purposes, being right in the city and easy of access. A park is needed and needed badly in St. Johns, and while the price may seem rather steep to some people, it is likely as cheap as it will ever be secured for.

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Closed the Draws

In the person of Judge T. J. Cleeton, we have a most faithful friend of the people. He is an able jurist, conscientious in the weighing of evidence, fearless and just in his administration of justice, yet most merciful in rendering judgments.

Judge T. J. Cleeton is THE MAN WHO CLOSED THE DRAWS. To support him means to elect a champion for the people in the drawbridge fight. He is fighting this matter to a finish. To turn him down now, would not only deprive him of his power in this battle, but would debar any other man from taking up the contest, indicating that the people were indifferent as to the draws.

Judge T. J. Cleeton is opposed to the assembly plan, believing the direct primary to be the AMERICAN method of selecting candidates, most free from the domination of undesirable elements and giving the people the greatest opportunity to express their preference as to the selection of their public servants.

In short, Judge T. J. Cleeton is and has ever been a faithful officer, bearing a most enviable record in his present office as a man of the people, for the people, and therefore should be re-elected by the people. He solicits your support. Will you give it? A vote for Judge T. J. Cleeton will be a vote for our best interests.

There seems to be a confusion of names in the case of Judge T. J. Cleeton, a number of voters confounding his name with that of Judge Cleland of the circuit court. Judge Cleeton is probate judge and the casualty and personal injury cases of the railroad companies do not appear before him, therefore he could not favor the companies, even if he should wish to, not having an opportunity. Remember when you mark your ballot that Judge Cleeton is candidate for county judge and not for circuit judge.

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Packing Plant News

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Invasion of Ladies

The meditations and deliberations of the city council were broken in upon Tuesday night by a jolly bunch of ladies armed "to the teeth" with the good things of this life. The citadel was carried by storm and the custodians of the city government capitulated in as graceful manner as possible. After bidding the ladies welcome and after they had established temporary headquarters for a commissary, business of the evening was resumed amid long glances of the dads toward the many baskets that had made their appearance so unexpectedly. The "invasion" was gotten up so secretly that none of the gentlemen were aware of what was going to happen. At least they professed to know nothing. The large council table and press table, after the aldermen had solemnly finished their business, were quickly converted into dining tables heaped with the delicacies of the season. And talk about eating. The way those councilmen made things disappear was something amazing. Plate after plate was emptied with celerity and dispatch, and yet when the "fragments" were picked up there was enough left to feed another "army." Neat little speeches in which tribute was paid to the ladies for their thoughtfulness were made by the mayor, recorder and several councilmen.

The ladies were: Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. R. McKinney, Mrs. S. C. Cook, Mrs. W. W. Windle, Mrs. A. W. Markle, Mrs. J. E. Hiller, Mrs. E. L. Stockton, Mrs. G. W. Dunbar, Mrs. A. W. Davis, Mrs. B. S. Hoover, Miss Sala Dunbar and Mrs. H. E. Collier.

Two important contracts were let by the council. One was for cement sidewalking of Jersey street, from Richmond to Fessenden streets, with 12 foot walks, and the other was the contract for the Burlington street sewer, the proceedings brought by Jobs Milling Co. against the proposed outlet of the sewer being dissolved by the court, as the injury they claimed is as yet only anticipated.

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Birthday Party

Mrs. Sophia Cole of St. Johns was 82 years old Monday and her daughter, Miss Eliza Cole, entertained about twenty invited guests in honor of this event at their home on Salem street Monday afternoon. Mrs. Cole is hale and hearty for her age and enjoyed the party very much. She is a native of the Emerald Isle, being born at Ballabagh in 1828. She came to America in 1875 and to St. Johns in 1892. Here she has since resided and witnessed the many rapid changes that have occurred since that time.

Mrs. Abbie Graves, whose age is 93, and Mrs. Guthrie, aged 75, were the guests of honor at the party. Others present were Mrs. K. C. Couch, Mrs. J. C. Scott, Miss Catherine Scott, Mrs. Eugene O'Hara, Mrs. S. E. McKee, Mrs. R. Alsborge, Mrs. Robert Gillam, Mrs. Chas. Mortenson, Mrs. W. H. Davidson, Mrs. J. H. Webster, Mrs. C. J. Cole, Mrs. C. O. Churchill, Miss Maud Cole, E. D. Hurlbert and Mrs. Lucretia Hurlbert. The guests united in presenting Mrs. Cole with a handsome rocker in appreciation of many past favors and wishing her many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. M. E. Osgood, of the Home Bakery and lunch room, gave a party Saturday night to celebrate the passing of her 68th birthday. Among the many presents received by her was a five dollar gold piece. Friends from St. Johns, Vancouver and Portland to the number of 55 enjoyed the good things provided for lunch and listened to a musical program.—Telegram.

Progressive Republican, who favors Direct Primary and Statehood 1, and who will fight for Oregon and Oregon people. Stand up for this state by voting for Lafferty. Eleventh hour attacks have been made upon him by the enemies of this state, which fact should make every patriotic Oregonian work harder for him.

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Evicted

D. J. Horsman, janitor at the city hall, played a very shabby trick upon City Attorney Collier Tuesday, and it was done in a very innocent manner, too. Mr. Collier had a rug in his office that he wanted removed to his Stafford street home and requested Mr. Horsman to take up the same and have it sent to his home. He was greatly amazed when he returned home from Portland Tuesday evening to find the rug, books, papers, desk and other office paraphernalia piled up promiscuously upon his front porch. The janitor had misunderstood the request and made a clean sweep of the office fittings. It was not a case of eviction for non-payment of rent.

\$14,000

For sale or trade—520 acres of wheat land in Eastern Washington, 250 acre summer fallow, 2 small frame houses, large barn and machine shed, chicken house and blacksmith's shop; also one steam threshing machine, one header outfit, 2 three bottom gang plows, 6 sections of harrow, one reversible disk, 2 seed drills, 5 good wagons, 1 hack, 1 cookhouse on new wagon, all for \$14,000. Will sell on good terms or will trade for valley farm or stock of merchandise.

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