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Ten Years Experience

Following is an article from a subscriber and friend of the Review, living in Clearfield, Pa., and tells the experience of ten years of annexation.

"I see by the Review that some of your citizens are anxious to be annexed to the city of Portland, and having visited your beautiful city a couple of times, and therefore knowing your situation, I thought a few points from one who had ten years of annexation experience might be of some benefit to your people.

Another argument advanced was that we would have to pay less taxes. But the fact is we pay just about one-third more. The schools are no better than they were, yet we pay almost double for running expenses of same.

Your experience will likely be about the same as ours. Now anything you want you can get if you can pay for it.

Judging from our own experience, I would advise holding fast to your own city government and attend to your own business, and not employ others to attend to it for you, unless you feel that you are incompetent to transact and manage your own business.

In closing, permit me to again say, let well enough alone, and all working together, in a few years you will have the very finest city on the entire Pacific coast.

A Theatrical Success

The Willumbia Band Theatrical was a most successful event, both as to the manner of the playing of our young people and the financial end of the enterprise.

The theme of the play was the story of a big express robbery that was supposed to have occurred in Illinois. John Radfield, the villain and erstwhile General Inspector for the Co. he has robbed, is boarding with Mrs. Morris, a widow, and becomes infatuated with the widow's pretty daughter, Laura.

The entire cast of characters was most faithfully reproduced and we have heard nothing but praise from all who were there.

Local Man Wins Out

S. W. Rogers of this city has received the intelligence that he had been awarded first prize in the sweet pea photographic contest held by Paul Rieger & Co. of San Francisco.

The following clipping from the Appeal to Reason has been handed us for republication as food for reflection on the part of the Socialists in St. Johns.

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Mr. Hurlbert Declines

Editor Review: After reading your lengthy editorial, commenting on annexation from my point of view, I have decided it proper to let the readers of your valuable paper know why I do not accept your proposition and fight annexation, and save the sum of money you figure will be lost in the crushed rock account if St. Johns should be annexed to Portland.

I am sorry I did not carry my argument on the water prices out at a greater length, for I notice you attempt to make it appear that the amounts I mentioned saved were not correct.

You made a mistake when you stated that the Portland Manufacturing Co. and the Portland Woolen Mill Co. came here before St. Johns WAS.

Now, Mr. Editor, if prestige was necessary THEN it must be now, and some of our own city officials think so and think that annexation will help make our taxes lighter.

Looking at your proposition from this standpoint, I refuse to accept and am still in the fight for annexation and to benefit the greatest number of our citizens.

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A Splendid Lecture

All members of Laurel Lodge, I. O. O. F. and other Odd Fellows in this city Monday night, who were not in attendance at the hall, missed one of the most interesting and entertaining lectures it has ever been the good fortune of the writer to enjoy.

The most interesting part of his story began at Naples, the most densely populated city in the world, he declared, not excepting Peking or Hong Kong, China.

Two thoughts stood out prominent in the mind of the writer as the good doctor so faithfully portrayed this vice, oppression, poverty, degradation, death: The first was that it was a miracle that the tropical land was not depopulated by cholera, yellow fever or the bubonic plague, induced by the filthy habits of the people.

One of the boys.

No. 140—To L. Vanduzen to repair dwelling on Oswego street between Willis boulevard and Hudson street; cost \$400.

No. 141—To St. Johns Planning Mill Co. to erect lumber shed on Pittsburg street between Bradford and Crawford; cost \$200.

No. 142—To J. J. Karr to erect dwelling on Seneca street between Newton and Buchanan; cost \$800.

No. 143—To N. A. Gee to repair building on Burlington street between Ivanhoe and Hayes, for F. W. Valentine; cost \$80.

No. 144—To A. Zink to repair dwelling on North Leonard between Holbrook and Weyerhaeuser avenues; cost \$75.

No. 145—To H. E. Wagoner to erect dwelling on Willis boulevard between Holbrook and St. Johns avenues; cost \$750.

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The doctor's recital of their trickery and the chicanery they practice in order to relieve the American of his money was certainly amusing.

Building Permits

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Banquet a Success

The banquet and entertainment given in the M. E. church last Friday night was an unequalled success. The crowd was large, the decorations were fine, the music excellent, the speaking interesting and entertaining and the refreshments elegant.

After the reception at the parsonage the guests repaired to the church where the ladies of the church had prepared a feast that was a delight to the eye—appetizing, dainty and wholesome.

After the inner man had received his full meed of attention, "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung by the choir. Judge A. M. Esson then responded to the toast: "Our City's Interest in the Election of the New Parsonage."

Dr. W. T. Kerr acted in the capacity of toastmaster, for which office he is splendidly fitted.

Food for Thought

Here are a few of the things that will be more or less affected by annexation. It might be well to give them all consideration and determine just how each would fare:

- Street lighting
Street improvements
Prospective improvements
City sewers
City water
City docks
Police protection
Fire protection
Taxation
City government
Free ferry
City funds
School funds
Bonded indebtedness
Franchises
Building ordinances
Law and order
Transportation
Shipping charges
Building inspectors
Health inspectors
Council representation
High school
Identity
Possibilities
Realty values
Publicity
Free mail delivery
Population
Revenues
Revenues spent
Banks
Retail business
City contract work let to parties in St. Johns or elsewhere
Saloon regulation and revenues.

Since the "annexers" claim that we are sure to be annexed to Portland, would it not be well to take steps toward organizing a good push club here.

Interesting Services

The mission at St. Clement's Church opened on last Sunday morning at 10:30 and has been attended by constantly increasing numbers.

The subjects treated are: "There is a Life After Death," "Sin," "Death," "The Sacrament of Penance or Confession," "The Use of Articles of Devotion," "Hell," "Judgment," "The Means of Salvation," "The Blessed Virgin," etc.

A special mission for the children was conducted Sunday afternoon and the two following days.

Services are held three times a day, at 5:30 a. m. 8 a. m. and also at 8 o'clock every night.

Father Kettenhofen extends a cordial invitation to all the people of St. Johns to attend the mission during the remaining days and especially to the non-Catholics of the parish.

On Sunday evening the subject will be "Perseverance;" on Monday night, "Is there a God?" Tuesday, "Is the Bible the Rule of Faith?" Wednesday, "The True Church;" Thursday, "Confession;" and Friday night "The Holy Eucharist."

In a matter of such grave importance as the question: "What is the True Church," and where is it to be found, along with kindred questions, every man who is sincerely desirous of saving his soul will naturally take an interest in and try as far as possible to follow a series of lectures such as the ones to be delivered at this mission.

Look alive man! You are spending your youth making money. Are you spending the money as you make it? A hoar old age awaits you. Be shielded against the chilling blasts. The First National Bank will shield you. \$8 made by compounding interest every six months.

Are you going to have your suit or overcoat dyed. If so, let us do it for you. Ladies' and mens' clothing dyed blue, black or brown. Satisfaction guaranteed. St. Johns Cleaning, Pressing & Dyeing Works, next door to Princess Theatre.

C. C. Curran left with us a day or two ago an apple of the Wolf River variety which was sent him from Hood River. It weighs 19 ounces and measures 1 1/2 inches in circumference. Certainly a beauty.

Mrs. Andrew Wilson of Independence has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Simmons, 532 Oswego street, for the past week. She is much delighted with our beautiful little city.

Mrs. E. Rose, Mrs. Lottie Shaw, Mrs. A. Collins and Lewis Simmons were chosen as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which met in Portland Oct. 18-21, in the White Temple.

Contentment of mind, peace, happiness comes to the man who adds to his account in the bank. Have you begun? The First National Bank will help you by compounding interest every six months.

G. D. Estinger is looking after the interests of the Nyssa Oil & Gas Co. in Malheur county, and is making arrangements to begin drilling operations.

F. W. Coffyn took charge of the Journal delivery routes last Saturday.