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High School Notes
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A FRESHMAN'S VIEW.
High School life is pleasant,
High School life is great,
But life without the Freshmen
Would be a monstrous fake.
We thank the noble Juniors
For their helping hand,
And swear that all the High School
Will by them always stand.
The Sophs boast of taking
In the dead of night,
A pennant from the flag-pole
That surpassed their's out of sight.
But listen, all ye Sophies,
Listen, while I say
That when the Freshmen do a deed,
They do it in the day.
That's why we boast of spirit,
That's why we boast of sand,
We do our deeds in day time,
And by each other stand.

Of all the mysteries those which
have occurred down at the Jas. John
High School are the most puzzling.
Those artistic hieroglyphics of the
Sophomores and Juniors painted on
the sidewalks on last Hallowe'en
night, have been more than equalled
this week by Sophomore and Junior
pennants appearing on the flagstaff
of the schoolhouse as if by magic.
When the Juniors gained the first
laurels on Hallowe'en night, they
thought that the Sophs were van-
quished, but their victory was of
short duration, for the Sophs have
come back with double force and
with the aid of the Seniors have
scored by being the first to hoist
their pennant to the flagstaff. They
have also kept it there a little longer
than the Juniors have. But as the
Sophs were before, the Juniors are
not vanquished, so the Sophs must
keep a sharp lookout. Watch this
space for developments.

A PARODY.
Twinkle! twinkle! What is that?
"Pinky" Smith without his hat,
Up above the fog so high,
Tacking pennants to the sky.

When the Juniors are at rest,
Sleeping soundly with the blest,
Then you see his top-piece bright,
Swaying, swaying, late at night.
—Poet Laureate.

JUNIOR'S ANSWER.
Rapping! Rapping! What is that?
Junior Whistler with a slat
On which a Junior pennant flies,
Which he places in the skies.

While the Sophomores tucked in
bed,
Think the Juniors surely dead,
But when they wake up in the
morn,
They see the flagstaff of their pen-
nant shorn.

And in its place a Junior's prond,
Flaunting gaily above the crowd
Of classmates, there below,
Who growl because they were so
slow.
—"Shakespeare."

"OH, THOSE SOPHS!"

Ah! Ha! there, Loyal Junior,
Those Sophs! Are you sure they're
dead?
You may have thought them sickly,
But 'twas just a trance instead.

They showed the Sophomore spirit,
When they climbed the flagpole
high,
And placed their gallant pennant,
To wave aloft in the sky.

Give again three cheers for the
Seniors,
Who with the good Sophs, too,
Tore down the rag of the Juniors,
And placed their's up anew.

And last, three groans for the
Juniors,
They are sinking fast to their grave,
They're no match for the Sopho-
mores,
My grand old friends so brave.
—"Poet Laureate."

THE FRESHIES' FRIEND.
Hurrah for the loyal Juniors!
They say 'tis time you die,
But that's not so, for we all know
Our pennant floats on high.

Then ho, Juniors! Sound the war
note!
Ho, Freshies! Clear the way!
Our classes stride, in all their pride,
Along the halls today.

Today the flagpole gaily
Flings our pennant bold,
Which goes to show that we'll not
lay
Within the ground so cold.
—"Shakespeare."

MR. HUGHES' SPEECH.
Last Friday Mr. Hughes of the

Council Proceedings

All members responded to roll
call at the regular meeting of the
city council Tuesday night, with
Mayor Hendricks presiding as
usual. The gist of business before
the board was unusually light.
A remonstrance was received
from three property owners on Tyler
street objecting to the appor-
tionment of cost for improvement of
same, but the remonstrance made
its appearance too late for revision.
No action was taken in regard to it.
Claims against the city to the
amount of \$284.19 were allowed on
motion of Councilman Johnson.
An ordinance apportioning the
cost for the improvement of Tyler
street was passed on motion of
Alderman Davis.
The attorney was directed to
prepare the necessary document for
an easement over the Weyerhaeuser
land for the purpose of laying a
sewer.

The chairman of the street com-
mittee was asked to formulate a
plan and make a recommendation
for a suitable approach to the new
city dock.

Councilman Davis urged that
work along the line of the improve-
ment of Dawson street be pushed
with all possible speed. The en-
gineering department was instructed
to take the matter up at the earliest
opportunity.

Mr. Davis also made a motion
that the recorder be instructed to
request Mayor Simon to appoint a
member from St. Johns on the dock
committee, which he is empowered
to appoint. The motion was lost
for want of a second, the other
members of council believing it to
be a little early to expect anything
from Portland. Councilman Downey
stated that he knew of no man in
St. Johns fitted for such a position.

As requested by council last
week, Attorney Collier gave a writ-
ten opinion as to the legality of the
recent vote upon annexation. He
believed it was perfectly legal and
that the vote would stand as re-
corded, St. Johns becoming part of
Portland the first day of next July.

An ordinance assessing the cost
of Tyler street was passed.

A Query

Editor Review: The deed re-
ceived from James John regarding
the high school grounds specifically
states that it was deemed to "the
city of St. Johns for school pur-
poses," and "heirs and assigns"
are not mentioned. Now the ques-
tion forces itself to the surface: If
the city is dissolved next July, to
whom will the grounds revert to—
the heirs of James John, or the city
of Portland? Reader.

Pleasant Evening Spent

One of the most enjoyable social
events of the season was given last
Saturday evening. It was in the
nature of a birthday party given by
Mrs. A. Stucker at her home, 116
Mohawk street, in honor of her
daughter, Grace, and Miss Mae
Johnson of Portland and was a very
successful evening of entertainment.
The house was beautifully decora-
ted for the occasion and the even-
ing was spent in an enjoyable man-
ner, games and music being the
leading features. An elegant supper
was served at 11:30, followed by
a number of songs, after which
the invited guests, numbering
about thirty, departed to their sev-
eral homes in the best of spirits.

P. R. L. & P. Co., and of the Public
Safety League, addressed the
students of the James John High
on the subject of public safety. He
gave us a very interesting speech,
telling us of the various kinds of
accidents and the way to avoid
them. Humor was not altogether
lacking. His account of the un-
timely end of "Father Knicker-
bocker," killed by a subway, after
escaping submarines, airships,
steamboats, automobiles, etc., was
very amusing. Mr. Hughes is an
interesting speaker, holding the at-
tention of his hearers all the time.
This was shown by the hearty ap-
plause given him as he left the
room.

Lost—Black and white pointer
dog, three large black spots over
hip, black head with stripe, lame
left fore leg. Return to 171 Fourth
street, Portland. Reward.

Exciting Glove Contests

One of the most interesting and
exciting glove exhibitions ever
pulled off on the peninsula will take
place in the skating rink tonight
under the auspices of the St. Johns
Athletic association. Bud Ander-
son and Bobby Evans, between
whom exists an intense rivalry, will
furnish the leading attraction in a
ten round go. They are two of the
best 133 pound men on the Pacific
Coast and the bout will be full of



BOBBY EVANS

of life and ginger. Both have de-
feated a number of good men.
Three fast preliminaries have been
scheduled: Fred Abernathy and
Kid Gillen will meet in a six-round
setto at 128 pounds. Joe Lynch
and Fred Miller, 135 pounders,
will meet in a four round bout, and
Jack Perry and Alex Grant will
meet in a four round fight at 145
pounds. Jack Day will referee.
Preliminaries start at 8:30.
All lovers of good boxing should
in nowise miss this event tonight.

Sold Tobacco to Minors

Pitchford Bros. were arrested and
convicted before Judge Downs'
court last week on the charge of
selling tobacco to boys under 18
years of age. They were taxed the
minimum fine with costs. Judge
Downs stated that the "next of
friend" need not expect to get the
minimum" in his court.

The following is the law on the
subject from Bellinger and Cotton's
Code and Statutes of Oregon:
Article 1980: It shall be unlaw-
ful to sell, barter, trade, give, or in
any manner furnish to any minor
under the age of eighteen years,
any tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes in
any form, or any compound in
which tobacco forms a component
part, without the written consent
of or order of such minor's parent or
guardian; and when such minor
has no parent or guardian, then, in
that case, consent may be given by
the county court, sitting for the
transaction of county business, upon
proper application in the county
in which said minor may have his
residence. Any person violating
the provisions of this act shall,
upon conviction, be fined in any
sum not less than five dollars nor
more than fifty dollars.

Article 1981: It shall be unlaw-
ful for any minor under the age of
eighteen years to smoke or in any
way to use any cigar, cigarette, or
tobacco in any form whatsoever in
any public highway, street, place,
square, or resort. Any minor violat-
ing the provisions of this act shall,
upon conviction, in any sum
not less than one nor more than
ten dollars, or by imprisonment at
the option of the court, two days
for each offence.

By reference to a notice published
elsewhere in this issue, it will be
noted that the school board is ad-
vertising for bids on the grading of
the school grounds around the new
high school building near the city
hall, and also for the erection of a
retaining wall and walks. This is
something that will meet with the
approbation of all. When this work
is completed in first class style the
appearance of the high school build-
ing will be improved 100 per cent.

Realty dealers of the state are to
be asked to attend the annual con-
vention of the Oregon Develop-
ment League at Salem during the
last three days of November. It is
felt that these two organizations
can accomplish a great deal by com-
ing together and working for the
advancement of the whole state. It
is expected the realty men will hold
their first annual gathering at the
same time as the Development
League convention.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

A Place in Your Home

Is THERE a place for YOUR
boy in the home?
Not long ago was printed in the
Ashland News a letter from "A
Boy's Friend." The writer said
he had asked a certain young fellow
why he spent so much time on the
streets.

"There's no place at home for
me," was the answer.
Would that be YOUR boy's
answer, if asked the same question?
Let this soak into your thoughts.
Isn't it a fact that in many homes
there is no place for the boy? Isn't
it a fact that in many homes he is
made to feel that he is not care-
ful enough to use the parlor, not care-
ful enough to be allowed any of the
privileges granted his sister?

Is it any wonder he takes to the
streets, where the open world
awards him at least a few rights;
where he is of consequence to at
least some persons, however un-
worthy? Think this over!

The boy is the biggest thing in
the world. This statement is not
intended to reflect upon the girl. It
is recorded merely as an utterance
of fact. He is power in the mak-
ing, and the power within his
active, awkward frame will be
right or ruin, according to the
guidance given it. The carelessness
that brushes a hand-painted plate
off the parlor mantel needs only
the gentle grooming of the
right sort of mother to recast into
the thoughtfulness that will make
a path to a home of his own. The
enthusiasm that now escapes in
needless noises can be fitted to such
fine purposes and civic responsi-
bility. Better his boots should
track the carpet with stains that
will come off, than that the sight of
the spotless floor-covering should
remind tear-dimmed eyes of moral
stains on the soul for which that
clean carpet is the price.

To develop gentleness in the
average boy is not a difficult task.
It requires patience and persever-
ance, but everything worth while
demands some measure of these
virtues. But aside from the ease or
difficulty involved, this is the main
point—the boy MUST have a place
in the home! It must be given
him in such a way as to make him
feel that the home is incomplete
without him; that his absence is as
much to be deplored as father's or
mother's; that he is a member of
the great firm of Home and Family,
to which we are indebted for nearly
all the best things we have.—Ex-
change.

Stories at Less Than a Cent Apiece

In the fifty-two issues of a year's
volume, the Youth's Companion
prints fully two hundred and fifty
stories. The subscription price of
the paper is but \$1.75, so that the
stories are less than a cent apiece,
without reckoning in all the rest of
the contents— anecdotes, humorous
sketches, the doctor's weekly arti-
cle, papers on popular topics by
famous men and women.

Although the two hundred and
fifty stories cost so little, they are
not cheap stories. In variety of
scene, diversity of incident, skill
and truth in character-depicting,
they cannot be excelled.

The Announcement for 1911,
beautifully illustrated, giving more
detailed particulars of these stories
and other new features which great-
ly enlarge the paper, will be sent to
any address free with sample copies
of current issues.

Every new subscriber receives
free the Companion's Art Calendar
for 1911, lithographed in thirteen
colors and gold, and if the subscrip-
tion is received at once, all the is-
sues for the remaining weeks of
1910.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.
New subscriptions received at this
office.

Come to the taffy pull! There
will be music and fun. Dr. and
Mrs. H. O. Brown will entertain
the members of the Epworth
League and their friends at their
home, No. 415 Kellogg street, one
block east of the postoffice, on Tues-
day evening, Nov. 22. Come old,
middle aged and young and forget
your troubles. Bring ten cents for
the benefit of the League treasury.

Ashland claims it will have the
most beautiful street in Oregon
when its new boulevard is com-
pleted. This thoroughfare will be
100 feet in width, with paving on
both sides of a park row in the cen-
ter that will be beautified with trees
and shrubbery. The paving will
be completed next spring.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

"Socialism on the Wane"

Editor Review: Feeling some-
what blue on reading an article in
the Oregonian under the above
caption, I took occasion to look up
the vote of the Socialist party from
its first appearance to date.

I find that in 1892 the Socialist
party for the first time nominated a
presidential ticket in the United
States. The party had tickets in
six states and polled a vote of 21,
512. And thereafter as follows:
1896..... 36,275
1900..... 85,971
1904..... 442,000
1908..... 449,379
1910..... 1,200,000
(Conceded by Capitalist Press).

It will be readily seen that dou-
bling the vote every four years from
1892 down to the presidential elec-
tion of 1908, the vote should have
been 344,192, whereas the actual
vote was over a hundred thousand
greater, 449,379. But now in only
TWO YEARS of Republican pros-
perity, at a bi-election, with noth-
ing to especially influence the vote,
we have practically multiplied the
vote by two and three-fourths.

In 1908 the vote was as follows:
Taft..... 7,637,676
Bryan..... 6,393,182
Debs..... 449,379

Total..... 14,480,236
There are three more such two
year periods up to 1916. Now get
your pencil and figure what will be
the Socialist majority over all other
parties in 1916 at that rate of in-
crease, remembering Taft's speech
in Boston, Dec. 30, 1907, as follows:

"If the abuses of monopoly and
discrimination cannot be restrained,
if the concentration of power made
possible by such abuses continue
and increases, and it is made man-
ifest that under the system of in-
dividualism and private property
the tyranny of oppression of an oli-
garchy of wealth cannot be avoided,
then Socialism will triumph, and
the institution of private property
will perish."

O! Gee! I feel blue.

G. L. Perrine.

Judge Holcomb Dead

This community was startled
Sunday morning when it became
known that Judge W. W. Holcomb
had passed to the great beyond in
the early morning hours. The
Judge was a native of this state,
having been born at West Union,
Washington county, April 11, 1853.
He was graduated from the Pacific
University and was admitted to the
bar in 1879, after which he prac-
ticed his profession in Oregon and
Washington. He went to Los An-
geles in 1890, where he established
an enviable reputation as a criminal
lawyer. Poor health, however,
caused him to give up his large
practice there and come North. His
last appearance before the bar was
in defence of the Finch murder case
in Portland. The first of this year
he came to St. Johns, where he
made his home until his death. He
had recently finished building a
handsome residence on New York
street in the nature of a surprise for
his wife who has been making an
extended visit in California. They
had lived in the new home but one
short week when death came. Heart
failure was the cause of his demise.

Judge Holcomb was a poet of
considerable ability, a number of
his productions having been pub-
lished in the Review and also in
many of the more prominent news-
papers and periodicals. He leaves
a wife, residing in St. Johns; his
mother, Mrs. Amanda Holcomb;
three brothers, Charles, Abraham
and Frank, and one sister, Mrs.
Belle Wilson, all residing at the
home farm in West Union, and one
brother, Grant Holcomb of Spring-
field, Oregon. The funeral services
took place at the home Thursday
morning, attended by a large con-
course of friends of the deceased.
Interment took place at the West
Union cemetery.

Judge Holcomb was a man great-
ly interested in the welfare and up-
building of St. Johns. He had
many times remarked that St.
Johns was in all respects the most
desirable city in which he had ever
resided. He was a familiar figure
upon our streets, and will be great-
ly missed. Ever ready to aid and
assist all in distress, his pocketbook
was also always open to advance
any object tending to promote the
welfare of St. Johns. He was a
splendid specimen of manhood, tall,
massively built and of robust ap-
pearance. Of a pleasant, genial
disposition, he made friends rapidly,
and kept them.

See F. W. Valentine for real es-
tate and insurance. 204 N. Jersey.

Water Consumers

Water consumers in Portland
hereafter will have to pay for the
pipes of landowners. Such is to
be the effect of the new charter
amendment. Great many persons
voted for the amendment, desiring
to compel non-proprietor consumers
thus to ease the tax burdens of
landowners.

The next effort in this water busi-
ness will be that of consumers,
seeking to shift the burden of lay-
ing mains and maintaining the
water system to taxpayers—that is,
"free" water for consumers. This
issue will come up in due time, and
the Oregonian, along with citizens
who oppose "free" things for those
who use them and benefit from
them, will insist that persons and
families that use water shall pay a
fair price for it, just as this paper
has insisted that landowners who
benefit from new mains shall pay
fairly for the improvement.

The one merit of the new amend-
ment is that it will compel many
persons who pay no taxes and owe
no responsibility to property and
care little or nothing for tax bur-
dens—it will compel them now, as
water consumers, to contribute to
the benefit and ease of landowners.
It was this consideration of the
question that gave the amendment
many votes, perhaps enough to enact
it.

It is obvious that the new amend-
ment means HIGH MONTHLY
RATES FOR WATER in Port-
land. It makes impossible any sub-
stantial reduction in those rates.
—Oregonian.

Farewell Party

A farewell party was tendered
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hurlbert at
the residence of O. E. Learned
Monday evening by the Thimble
Club. A feast, composed of all
that was best in the culinary art,
and which was declared by many to
be the best they had enjoyed in
many days, was spread at 6:30.
The ladies of the club fairly out-
did themselves and proved that
there are some splendid cooks in St.
Johns. A beautiful cake fork was
given Mrs. Hurlbert as a testi-
monial of the high esteem in which
she is held. The evening was
spent in a pleasant manner, and all
tendered their best wishes to Mr.
and Mrs. Hurlbert for a pleasant,
safe and enjoyable trip. They left
yesterday for Howell's Station,
New York, where they will remain
indefinitely.

Seriously Injured

Miss Margaret Van Bogart met
with a painful accident Tuesday
night of last week. She was hurrying
to catch a street car at the Rich-
mond street stop, and when near
the polling place at Learned's real
estate office, she stepped into an
unprotected telephone hole. She
was badly wrenched and bruised by
being violently thrown to the
ground, and was picked up by sev-
eral men who were at the booth at
the time. Her injuries are said to
be quite serious.

Big Mining Deal

The biggest mining deal in the
history of the state took place dur-
ing the past week when the Rain-
bow Mine, in the Mormon Basin,
near Baker, was bonded to the
United States Smelting, Refining &
Mining Co. for \$1,050,000. The
purchasers have four months in
which to look over the property
and make a cash payment of \$250,
000. At the end of six months the
balance of the purchase price is to
be paid. This is one of the best
known properties in the state, and
has a gold production of about
\$200,000 to its credit.

Makes His Escape

E. C. Hurlbert, who made such
a strong fight for annexation, and
who pictured in glowing colors the
great benefits to be derived by an-
nexation, that taxes would be lower
and values higher, cheap water,
cheap insurance, cheap gas, and
many other desirable things too
numerous to mention, showed his
faith in his prophecy by selling his
home and leaving this week for the
East. That is one of the bad fea-
tures. The "antis" who want to
keep their property and make St.
Johns their home, are the ones who
have to bear the burden imposed
by those who want to get away.

A Great Showing

The fruit crop of the Hood River
district for 1910 is valued at ap-
proximately \$1,000,000.

One monster log, the biggest
ever sawed in the Coquille Valley,
Coos County, was 9 feet in diam-
eter and made 11,000 feet of lum-
ber.

Eight acres near Eugene pro-
duced 103 bales of hops, which is
over 2,500 pounds an acre.

The Mount Hood Railway &
Power company has started a saw
mill near Bull Run with a capacity
of 30,000 feet daily. It will saw
ties almost exclusively.

Much interest is manifested in
walnut culture in Oregon, and the
fact that trees of bearing age are
loaded with nuts of fine quality
gives great encouragement to grow-
ers.

Crook county contains one of the
largest bodies of irrigable land in
the West, having 350,000 acres.

Oregon's apple crop is gaining on
the original estimates and the State
Board of Horticulture places the
1910 yield at 1,250,000 boxes.

Postal receipts for Portland for
October show an increase of 22.65
per cent over the corresponding
month of last year. Moreover, the
latest figures are the biggest in the
history of the city.

Two great conventions of na-
tional interest are already scheduled
for Portland next year. They are
the gathering of the woolgrowers
of the country next January and
the session of the Christian church
here next July.

Lake County lands, a few years
ago considered worthless, are now
producing splendid alfalfa seed sell-
ing at 15 cents per pound.

Exports from Portland during
October totaled 11,511,476 feet of
lumber and 1,173,240 bushels of
wheat.

A Big Industry

Down in Kenton, the fast grow-
ing manufacturing center near Port-
land, there is being erected a plant
for the manufacture of asphalt felt
roofing and building papers, some-
thing that has been needed in this
section for some time. The com-
pany is organized under the laws of
Oregon with a paid up capital of
\$50,000.

The company has secured a
factory site containing about six
acres adjoining the Nicolai Door
Company's plant and east of the
Davis Safe & Lock Works. It ex-
tends from the Columbia Boulevard
to the Columbia Slough and is very
advantageously located.

Ground for the building was
broken last week and a switch is
now being graded, which will per-
mit of the loading of six cars at a
time. The main building will be
nearly 200 feet square and built in
such a manner as to allow of ex-
tension without interfering with
the business. A reinforced con-
crete building 10x40 feet will be
erected and used for the boiler
room and melting room.

The machinery for the new plant
is being manufactured in Philadel-
phia and is to arrive in Portland so
that it can be installed and manu-
facturing of the company's products
started by February 1 of next year.

This plant will be the only one
of its kind within a radius of 700
miles, most of the building paper
and roofing used in this section of
the country being manufactured in
the East, and heavy freight charges
are necessarily added, making the
cost to the consumer correspondingly
advanced.

The raw materials can be pro-
cured in Portland just as cheap,
if not cheaper, than in the East,
and the plant here should be able
to control the trade of the entire
Northwest. The factory will give
employment to about 35 men at the
start and will probably produce
about 150 carloads of the finished
material per annum.—Abstract.

Oregon will have a special day at
the Chicago Land Show, it having
been fixed on November 30. Ore-
gon people will be in charge of the
program and special exercises will
be held in the lecture room of the
Coliseum in honor of the occasion.
Under the direction of the Harri-
man lines in this territory, a splen-
did exhibit of Oregon products has
been gathered that will be shown
at Chicago, excellent space having
been secured for it. The products
of the state on view there will be
explained by competent lecturers in
charge and the state generally will
profit very largely from the show-
ing to be made.

Note the label on your paper.