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Improvement Delayed

The property owners on Dawson street in St. Johns have about decided that they will take no further steps toward improving that thoroughfare until the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company will dedicate and improve its right of way in return for a perpetual franchise. Mrs. Caples is perhaps the property owner most affected by the proposed opening and widening of this street, as she owns 2400 feet in the district, 1200 feet on each side of the street track, and the strip on the southerly side of car track would be only 75 feet deep if the street were made the desired width of 70 feet. To comply with the wish of the property owners she would have to donate a strip 20x1200 feet on each side of the street car line and then pay \$6000 or \$7000 for improving it. This she is not willing to do but says she might dedicate enough to make a 60-foot street if the street-car company would do its part. Mrs. Caples has given many acres for street purposes, most of it freely, but a strip 42x1000 feet belonging to her was dedicated as a part of Willis boulevard by the Point View Land Company, which overlapped the Caples tract, and this was allowed to stand although it meant the loss of practically 10 city lots, with 28x100 feet more dedicated to complete the 60-foot street. On the other side of the tract Mrs. Caples claims that the St. Johns Heights addition overlaps her property from 75 to 90 feet and that at the time the plot was made she notified the proper parties but they ignored her and went ahead, thus clouding the title to 20 lots, most of which have houses on them. As this has taken up practically 20 more lots, she now feels that it is too much to ask her to give outright nine or ten more lots and pay for improvements besides.

That St. Johns has had a good year is shown by the building permits issued since January. One hundred and fifty-one permits aggregating \$169,540 have been issued for the 11 months ending November 1. These include 89 residences costing over \$500 each, and averaging \$1400; 19 other residences costing less than \$500 each, and 33 permits to alter and repair, and 11 for business structures. The sum total exceeds that of last year by \$38,000. Over \$50,000 worth of street improvements and sewer work has been accepted and paid for and there is \$150,000 worth nearing completion. Work planned and authorized for next year already reaches a sum in excess of \$100,000, with this year not yet finished.—Telegram.

Oregon Activities

Oregon's financial condition, as by the state treasurer's report, is in excellent condition. There is on hand \$424,913, with no debts, bonded or otherwise.

Oregon raises the best apples. This is no idle boast, for not only has this state won sweepstakes prize at the Spokane National Apple Show two successive years but also captured the first prize of \$1000 at the Chicago Apple show this year.

Oregon City has a paper mill that is the third largest in the world.

Wallowa has a startling potato story. One vine that grew on new ground, is said to have attained the height of 6 feet 1 inch in height and produced 40 tubers, the total weight of the potatoes being 16 pounds.

Four hundred boxes of Comice pears, grown near Medford, sold in London this season for \$10 a box. Siberia is buying Oregon apples. One hundred boxes of choice Hood River fruit was recently shipped there for sale.

Another firm with stores at Vladivostok, Mukden and Harbin has been buying and shipping Hood River apples the past two or three or four years, a member of the firm coming to Hood River every fall to attend to the buying and shipping of the fruit.

Rogue River orchardists will plant 1,800,000 pear and apple trees this season. This new planting will cover 20,000 acres and bring the total acreage of the valley up to 85,000.

The annual report of the Portland Union Stockyards company shows Portland is becoming a great packing center. The value of the stock shipped the first year the concern was in operation amounted to \$8,355,000.

A large acreage around Hermiston is being seeded to alfalfa. This is not only a profitable crop for hay but there is money in raising seed, which brings 23 cents per pound.

Bennett's Ideas

Following the natural lines of growth, the population of Portland within a generation will be 1,000,000. After making a study of Portland preliminary to formulating a city plan for the Civic Improvement league, this is the conclusion of E. H. Bennett, municipal architect.

A preliminary report of the work done came from Mr. Bennett yesterday to Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, president of the league. It is a word picture of the Portland to be. Mr. Bennett deals tentatively with the public dock problem. He is convinced that the Portland harbor is to be below the bridges. He suggests the widening and deepening of the original channel of the Willamette river south of Swan island. The docks, he believes, should be in slack water, hence Mock's bottom is suggested as a possibly desirable location, although it is not mentioned by name by Mr. Bennett.

The location for public docks suggested by Mr. Bennett conveys the idea that there should not be a dock here and a dock there to satisfy the enterprise of various localities, but that there should be a system uniformly built and connected with rail, water and vehicle transportation. The harbor for much of the deep sea shipping, he is convinced as a result of his studies, will be to the north of St. Johns in the vicinity of the new manufacturing district. This manufacturing district will soon attain first importance as the center of Portland's industrial activity, he thinks.

The population of Portland will spread all over the level lands north and east and south, Mr. Bennett asserts. The growth is now in that direction. Ultimately the Tualatin valley will be closely built up and rapid transit connection will be made with the heart of the city.

The parks and boulevards should be on the hillsides, a background of beauty for the city practical. There should be a series of parks connected by boulevards that shall so wind in and out among the curves of the hills that first one and another of the splendid views with which Portland is richly provided shall burst into view.

Mr. Bennett speaks of his thought for a number of centers of the city's life. These are roughly divided into commercial, recreative and transportation. He does not indicate a belief that the commercial center shall ever be moved from west side, but he does say that as time goes by the bridges will be less and less used, the people of the east side providing themselves with the commodities for which they now come to the west side.—Journal.

A bunch of St. Johns young folks, learning that it was the anniversary of Wade McLane's birth last Friday, rounded up the herd and raided his residence on North 11th street between Beech and Fremont, and caught the lad with his boots off toasting his tootsies after a hard day's drive on the road. He was not surprised, of course, or he would have had on his best bib and tucker. It beats the band how many different kinds of pickle the worse half of a fellow can get him into. It makes Helintz look like 30c. Wade is a genial kid, well liked by the boys here, who, as a reminder of their sympathy for him in his benedictine afflictions carried along one of Calef Bros. most comfortable rockers to mark this first milestone passed since his present entanglement. It will be remembered that Wade has been a son-in-law of St. Johns ever since he married Florence Byerlee about a year ago. The youngsters say they had a good time and kept Wade awake so late he went to sleep and fell out of his wagon the next day.—maybe.

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Oregon may one day have the most beautiful scenic highway in the world, for the new road now under construction to Crater Lake from Medford is said by experts to be superior to any on this continent or through the Alps in grandeur of its scenery. Road experts of the government in charge of the work, say the new road will have no superior anywhere and they characterize the work as "Forty-five miles of macadamizing through the greatest scenic section of the world."

Many people would be frightened to death if the Lord would answer their prayers.—Ex. But there is a vastly larger bunch who are putting off their prayers until death comes who will be scared a darned sight worse then.

Let All Bid

Tonight (Thursday) a meeting of the Jersey street property owners is called for the purpose of ascertaining what kind of hard surfacing the majority favor for that thoroughfare. It will then be up to the city council to either accede to the wishes of the majority, or vote according to their own personal views in the matter. It seems to us that the proper and most shrewd thing to do would be to call for bids on all kinds of hard surface not specifying any particular kind, and when the bids are opened and the cost of each variety is made known, a decision could be easily arrived at. This would, undoubtedly be the wisest plan, because it would mean a saving to the property owners. It is understood fully that all the various kinds of hard surface companies are more than anxious to place the first hard surface ever put down in St. Johns, because they are aware that many other streets will soon follow suit, and the chances are that in order to be uniform the same kind of hard surface as is laid on Jersey will be adopted for the other streets. Therefore there is keen competition, and why not take advantage of this fact and give all a chance to bid? To decide upon what kind of hard surface would be used before bids are received would necessarily give the fortunate company an opportunity to ask his own price, practically. Take Hassam paving for instance. We understand there is only one company in Portland making Hassam streets. Therefore if Hassam is selected before bids were asked for, why could this company not ask what it chose, since Hassam and none other could be laid? The city charter allows for making the decision after the bids are in, at least we can find nothing to the contrary therein. Therefore, no decision should be rendered by the council until all have had a chance to put in a bid.

To Circulate Petitions

A ferry meeting was held in Hendricks Hardware store Monday evening by a number of our citizens who are heartily interested in securing a free ferry for St. Johns. The purpose of the meeting was to draw up suitable petitions for circulation among the residents of the Peninsula, Portland and the west side, asking the state legislature to enact a law authorizing and requiring the county commissioners to build, operate and maintain a free ferry boat here, provided the city of St. Johns secure suitable landings and approaches leading thereto. It was the general belief that such petitions would have a very favorable effect upon the legislators and that the request would be granted provided a few signatures could be secured. A petition will also be circulated to secure funds to defray the expense involved in circulating the petitions and presenting same before the legislature.

At the Stock Yards

Receipts for the week were 1524 cattle, 12 calves, 930 hogs and 2108 sheep. The range of the values of all lines was higher. There was a demand for some extra cattle for the Christmas trade, and this accounts for the higher prices. The quality of the offerings was much better than usual and buyers were eager for everything that came to the market. The sale of one hay-fed steer at \$10 per hundred pounds was due to phenomenal quality. It was a thoroughbred shorthorn of nearly perfect beef type. Cows sold at good prices and there was an extra good demand for bulls. Lambs were in good demand and one lot brought \$7 per hundred pounds. They were better than anything that has been on the market for some time. The hog market took an upward shoot, one load having brought 8.85. The market at the end of the week closed at 8.50 with eager takers for everything that was offered.—D. O. Lively, General Agent.

How about your clothes? Are they in good condition? We clean, press and repair your clothes on short notice. Work called for in any part of the city.—St. Johns Cleaning, Pressing and Dye Works, 111 South Jersey, street, next to the Princess Theatre.

Calef Bros. will be open evenings until Xmas.

Seeks Damages

From the Telegram. The temperament of a Jersey bull, whether kindly or otherwise, is the controlling question in an action being tried before Circuit Judge Hamilton without a jury today. W. E. Ashby, of St. Johns, owner of the animal, is contending strenuously that it is tame and gentle, while Lida C. Greene, who is suing the owner for damages sustained while trying to escape from it the night of March 19, says it is vicious, evil-minded and bloodthirsty. Mrs. Greene says she lives "under the hill" at the foot of Fessenden street, St. Johns. At 9:30 on the night in question she was returning from a picture show with three young girls. Suddenly, she says, the air became vibrant with the bellowing of the said bull. A moment later the animal charged out of the brush and came for them with its head down and looking particularly ugly in the moonlight. The witness says the three girls escaped by running down the hill, but that she was driven to take refuge behind a tree. The bull butted his head into the opposite side of the tree as she reached a place of safety. Then he looked around one side, and she banded his nose with her umbrella. He drew back and looked around the other way, and received another blow. By this time, Mrs. Greene says, one of the girls returned with their collie dog, and the bull turned his attentions to trying to throw Bruno over the moon. Mrs. Greene's troubles were not ended, however. She says that as she started to run she tripped on a berry vine and buried her knees and head in the mud. She then tried to climb over the fence and caught her skirt on a picket, being suspended for several minutes in mid air. When her daughter tore away the cloth and got her loose, she fell into an old hole from which the stump of a tree had been removed. Her injuries are a strained left shoulder and a bothersome strain of the muscles of the back. She wants \$100 to repay her for expenditures for medicines and doctor's bills and \$10,000 for general damages. The defendant declares that her fright at the animal was needless; that he was as tame as an old sheep and that he followed them for company and without any ulterior motive.

From the Oregon Journal. Testimony that Mrs. Lida Greene wife of a St. Johns lawyer, offered \$1000 to a witness in a suit against W. E. Ashby and wife was given in Judge Hamilton's department of the circuit court today. Mrs. Greene is suing for \$10,000 damages because she was chased by a Jersey bull and fell over a picket fence while scurrying for safety. Miss Anna Bohrer was the witness who testified to the alleged offer of a bribe and her testimony was corroborated by Mrs. Addie Bohrer, her mother. She did not wait to see what Mrs. Greene wanted her to testify to, she said, as she indignantly rejected the offer. Miss Bohrer said Mrs. Greene first offered \$250, raising to \$500 and then to \$1000. Mrs. Bohrer testified to hearing the \$500 and \$1000 offers made. Mrs. Greene said she expected to get \$2000 soon, the witness stated. A man on the car had told her about it and she would give \$1000 of it to Miss Bohrer, she was the alleged statement. Mrs. Bohrer says when they spurned the offer Mrs. Greene remarked: "As poor as you are, I should think you would take money for any old thing."

"That's insult enough for me for 1000 years," Mrs. Bohrer says she retorted. That closed the interview. She said she asked the name of the man on the car referred to and was told that it was John Ditchburn, Mrs. Greene's attorney. Testimony was closed this forenoon and Judge Hamilton took his decision under advisement. Witnesses were brought forward by the Ashbys to show that the bull they owned was a kind, gentle animal, always well behaved.

Mrs. Hanson of Portland bought thro the firm of McKinney & Davis, the house and lot at 411 Tioga street and will make her home in St. Johns. The sales of this firm amount to \$10,000 so far this month and is a pretty good showing for the dull season. They credit the Review with bringing them in touch of some of the deals. This is a word to the wise. Go thou and make a noise like an advertiser.

"We can fill your prescriptions no matter whose blanks they are written upon.—North Bank Pharmacy.

James J. Hill played Santa Claus this week by visiting Oregon and promising new railroads. Extensions of the Oregon Trunk Line from the present proposed terminus at Bend, south through Interior Oregon, the pushing of the United Railways westward through to Tillamook and the building of an independent Hill passenger station in Portland were some of the things the Empire Builder outlined.

"Get your family medicines in an orange and black package." Be sure that "Nylals" is on the package then you will be right. Currin says so.

Council Meeting

Council met in regular session as usual Tuesday night with all members and the mayor present. The first matter taken up was a petition signed by 16 property owners asking for the improvement of Kellogg street from Fessenden to St. Johns avenue. On motion of Councilman Davis the engineer was instructed to prepare the necessary plans, profile and estimates for the improvement as prayed for. Contractors Majeski and Hahn asked for an extension of 90 days time on the improvement of North Jersey street. On motion of Councilman Dobie the extension was granted.

A communication from the county clerk stated that the assessed valuation of St. Johns for 1910 is \$4,036,205. On motion of Mr. Dobie the same was accepted and ordered filed.

At a conference of Mr. Nease, lessee of the rock quarry, and the street committee, the former agreed to start up the crusher and provide the 50 odd yards of rock still lacking upon the improvement of Edison street.

Upon suggestion of Mr. Davis, council decided to make the tax levy next week, which will likely be in the neighborhood of five mills.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnson, the lease of the rock quarry was to be awarded by ordinance to M. G. Nease for a period of five years, with an option of five additional years.

Bills to the amount of \$81.25 were allowed on motion of Mr. Davis.

F. H. Brodahl, N. A. Gee and Thos. Cochran, viewers on the opening and widening of St. Johns avenue, presented report on same and the recorder was directed to notify the property owners affected that the matter would be taken up by the council January 10, 1911.

On suggestion of Mr. Davis it was decided that a representative of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. be invited to meet with council next Tuesday night for the purpose of settling definitely the sewer controversy, that has been agitating the city dads for many months.

A resolution terminating the lease of the St. Johns Lumber Co. on Bradford street was adopted.

A notice was ordered delivered to chief of police directing the St. Johns Lumber Co. to vacate Bradford street within 60 days.

The proposition of giving the O. R. & N. Ry. Co. a franchise to lay a sidetrack to connect with Lauthers' warehouse on Bradford street was then broached once more. Mr. Downey stated that he was not in favor of granting this at the present time, that the street should first be cleared of all obstructions, that he wanted to see a sidewalk on the easterly side of the street, and was in favor of giving no franchise to lay a sidetrack that would occupy ground that should be used for the sidewalk. He had no objections, however, to a raised sidewalk in front of warehouses and manufacturing plants so that freight could be transferred to and from cars. Mr. Davis believed Bradford street was practically dedicated to warehouses and industrial plants, and therefore no sidewalks would be necessary. No further action was taken.

Dull Season Pick-ups

Six-room bungalow, lot 95x100, with alley, 100 feet from car line. Price \$1500; \$200 cash, balance \$1250 per month. This is another dull season offering.

2 lots close to Veneer works, high and slightly. All cleared and ready for building—cheapest lots in Miner's addition. Price \$400 cash.

2 lots 100x100 on sidewalk in No. St. Johns \$600. Half cash. This is a snap.

Come over and talk trade of any kind with us. We can trade you a farm for city property.

McKINNEY & DAVIS

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In extending the Season's Greetings

to our friends we desire to call attention to the state holiday law wherein Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2 will be legal holidays

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St. Johns, Oregon

The Limit Reached

The preacher mounts unto his place and bids us all be brothers; the socialist declares what's mine, is also one another's. The editors throughout the land have preached the gospel cheer: philosophers on every hand, scout at the goblin fear. The optimist demands we laugh when we would rather cry, and hopes a song is on our lips when we lie down to die. I've heard quite oft that worry is a fatal mind disease, and tears are more disgusting than a great and mighty sneeze. They tell us we must grin when'er the tax assessor comes, and to celebrate a sorrow with a hammering of drums; that trouble should be laughed to scorn, and weary cares forsook, by reading something funny from an entertaining book.

But blood is on my hands today; there's anger in my breast; the wearied worm has turned at last, and patience was impressed. An optimist approached me when my troubles reached a mile, and in a calm, sardonic voice entreated me to smile. And when I'm arraigned and looking rather fearful, the court may crack a little joke, suggesting I be cheerful. As sure as I am writing this without a single grudge, if such a thing should happen then, b'gosh! I'll swat the judge.—Ex. Let our afflicted brother not forget that in this vale of woe, such things as these will come to us whichever way we go; but in that day of glad surprise, when all with us is well, and reach our mansions in the skies, these others go to—well!

The Oregon Agricultural College will commence its annual special short courses for farmers on January 3 and the instruction to be offered this year is probably the best since these courses were started several years ago. Experts in the various branches taught have been secured already and the special course will extend over a period of six weeks.

S. W. Childers and family of Springfield, Oregon, have taken possession of their new home on Hayes street, which they took in part payment for their farm near Estacada, purchased by George and Hubert Simmons. Mr. Childers is much pleased with St. Johns.

The sidewalk has been completed on Fessenden street from Edison to Jersey, with the exception of one hundred feet of wooden sidewalk in front of J. H. Crook's property. This will be torn up and be replaced with cement before the street is finished. The work that has already been done on Fessenden street makes a marked improvement.

Sunday was a lovely day. The sun was as warm almost as in June. In fact the greater part of December has been most delightful—lots of sunshine and very little rain, little frost and no cold winds. The people of Oregon certainly have reason to congratulate themselves upon residing in such a delightful clime.

We have been informed that the Eastern Oregon Oil & Gas Co. has purchased the drilling outfit of Driller Hunt, and will hereafter operate same on "their own hook." Work will proceed as rapidly as conditions and weather will permit.

Prof. Guy E. Stockton is a guest of his brother, Ed. L. Stockton, of this city. Mr. Stockton is principal of the public schools at Eugene, Oregon. The two brothers have not seen each other for more than eight years.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

Local and Otherwise

Calef Bros. will deliver Xmas eve.

Suitable Christmas gifts in the line of furs at the Vogue Millinery.

The store that gave St. Johns cheaper and better things. "Currin says so."

Christmas cards, books, toys, at W. C. Roe's. Office of Well's Fargo Express.

Get your wife a set of 1847 Rogers Bros. Silverware at Calef Bros. opposite postoffice.

Xmas turkey carved with a Stilletto carving set will taste better.—Hendricks Hardware Co.

Services will be held at 5:00, 8:00 and 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning in St. Clements Catholic Church.

Frank W. Chipman has taken the agency for the Bankers' Reserve Life Insurance company, and is hustling in great shape in his new vocation.

The fact that "Currin says so" doesn't make Nyal Remedies the best, but the fact that Nyal Remedies are the best is why "Currin says so."

Miss Brodahl, the efficient and obliging assistant at the city recorder's office, has been confined to her home for several days with a severe cold this week.

County Clerk Fields has advised the city council that the assessed valuation of property in St. Johns is \$4,036,205. Last year's valuation was \$3,681,145.

The Bachelors' club will give their December dance in the rink Wednesday evening, December 28. An unusually good time is anticipated by those fortunate enough to secure invitations.

The theme to be discussed Sunday morning at the Evangelical church by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Gates, will be "The Bright and Morning Star." In the evening Christmas services will be held.

A. D. S. Peroxide preparations are the best. A. D. S. Peroxide Cream, A. D. S. Peroxide Tooth Powder and Paste, A. D. S. Peroxide Talcum Powder, A. D. S. Peroxide Soap and A. D. S. Peroxide.—North Bank Pharmacy.

Perry C. Stroud, as will be noted by a card elsewhere in this issue, has fitted up offices in the First National Bank building for the practice of law. Mr. Stroud has been helping with municipal court affairs at the city hall lately.

The public school teachers of St. Johns have asked for an increase of 20 per cent in their salaries. If this were granted it would make an average of about \$95 per month for the 26 teachers now employed. The school board has the matter under advisement.

School Clerk J. E. Tanch has just completed the school census for St. Johns, and finds 1425 children of school age in this city. This is a marked increase over last year. The census for the past eight years reads as follows and is a fair indication of St. John's vigorous growth: 1903-4, 309; 1904-5, 559; 1905-6, 737; 1906-7, 1004; 1907-8, 1109; 1908-9, 1098; 1909-10, 1247; 1910-11, 1425.