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## When Pa Was a Boy

When he was just a little boy,  
Gee, how he ust to work!  
He sawed the wood and built the  
fires  
An' never tried to shirk.  
He always filled the reservoir  
An' swept the porches, too;  
'N I gues there wasn't many things  
Pa didn't ust to do.  
Now ma gets up and builds the  
fires,  
She says I am too small—  
An' sweeps the porches an' the  
walks  
An' doesn't mind at all.  
She says she's glad to let my pa  
His morning nap enjoy,  
Because he's tired with all the  
work  
He done when he's a boy.  
When I get big I'll get a wife  
Edzackly like my ma;  
To do the chores an' let me sleep,  
Just as she does my pa.  
An' when I've had my mornin'  
nap  
You bet that I'd enjoy  
To tell 'em how I ust to work  
When I was a little boy.—Ex.

## A Mammoth Saw Mill

That the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. will soon erect a mammoth saw mill on their tract in the North End now looks most promising. The fact that a representative of the company made the statement in open council meeting last Tuesday night that it was the purpose of the company to erect not the second largest mill on the coast but THE largest and that it would be built in about one year, possibly a little longer and possibly in less time, would indicate that they are at least planning such a project. The representative had no excuse for prevaricating about it. There was nothing to be gained by it, and it was reasonable to believe that if this is not part of Weyerhaeuser's plans he would not have said so. We are very well aware the mythical Weyerhaeuser mill on the Peninsula has long been a "chestnut" with deep layers of moss attached to it, but we believe this is the first instance where any member of the company has expressed himself to anybody of our citizens. Heretofore, it has been practically hearsay and rumor, with no direct word from those in authority. For some time past the company has contented itself in this part of the world with selling logs instead of sawing, claiming it to be more profitable, but conditions are changing somewhat in the lumber market, and it should occasion no surprise if the year 1911 finds Weyerhaeuser busily engaged on erecting an immense saw mill that will employ a veritable army of men on the lower peninsula. Stranger things have happened.

## A Public Spirited Man

Hon. K. C. Couch has proven himself to be a most public spirited man. Recently he spent nearly one hundred dollars in macadamizing the street in front of his store, and now he has petitioned the city council to lay 12-foot cement sidewalks and grade Philadelphia street from Ivanhoe to Hayes, preparatory to hard surfacing in the spring. Therefore, the money he spent for macadamizing will be practically thrown away. If there were more men in St. Johns possessed of the same amount of progressiveness and enterprise: there would be fewer poor streets in St. Johns.

N. J. Bailey brought us a chunk of "padding" otherwise known as "Printer's Padding Glue" which we have since tried and find it to be the very best. Mr. Bailey says he is making the glue for Mr. E. V. Prentice. It is much superior to the ordinary glue, is more easily melted, dries quicker and does not get so flinty as the ordinary glue; but retains much elasticity, thus making it an ideal padding glue. Mr. Prentice would certainly do well to bring his product to the attention of the fraternity in general by a vigorous campaign of advertising of some sort, for every first class shop in the country will use it when they learn what it is.

Wealth in Oregon streams, as well as in the fertile soil of the Beaver state, is shown by the figures of the annual take of Salmon in Oregon waters, chiefly the Columbia River. A total of 290,000 cases, 35,000,000 pounds, was packed during the past year, having a value of \$3,500,000.

## School Meeting

While the school meeting last Thursday night was poorly attended by our people, what was lacking in attendance was made up in interest. Most interest centered around the petition of the teachers asking for a 20 per cent raise in salary. Some imagined the increase asked for included the superintendent's salary, but such was not the intent of the petition. Miss Anna Quigley put up a brave and vigorous fight for more wage. She believed the teachers were entitled to larger salaries, that it costs more to live than formerly and the present salaries received were inadequate. P. W. Hinman was of the opinion that if the teachers made it a practice to live in St. Johns while teaching here, as they should, they would save considerable in car fare and living expenses. Gov. Fletcher was of the same mind and believed the teachers were getting plenty; if they were not satisfied, why did they sign up at a stipulated price? After signing he thought they should stick by their word; if they had any respect for it; he saw no need of voting on the question; though the teachers were getting fully as much as they earned; that he would sooner vote to lower than to raise their salaries; that poor workmen support families on less than the teachers claim they spend for clothes. A. C. Gesler believed some of the teachers were getting as much as the city could afford, while others might well be raised, but he was opposed to raising all 20 per cent as requested. On motion of W. S. Basye the question was put to the people present, and the proposition was turned down strongly and unfeelingly.

School Clerk J. E. Tanch read a report of financial conditions, which was approved. Chairman of the Board S. H. Greene, announced that a five and two-tenths mill tax rate would be necessary to clean up all indebtedness and carry the thing along in good shape for another year. This was put to vote and carried unanimously.

## High School Notes

J. H. WHISLER, Editor.

One of the swellest songs rendered by any chorus at the State Teachers' Association which met in Portland Dec. 21, 1910, was "Charity," the music written by Gioachino Rossini, a brilliant composer of the early 19th century. This song given by the girls' chorus of the Jas. John High School, was sung in an artistic manner with excellent quality of tone. The girls' voices blending in perfect unity made it possible to bring out the fine shading.

Miss Lola Walker sang the solo obligato. She possesses a voice of rare sweetness and richness of tone quality.

The citizens of St. Johns can be justly proud of the ability the High School girls have shown.

The orchestra from the Oregon Conservatory of Music deserves special mention for the able manner in which it accompanied the chorus.

The boys' basketball team have played two games, one with Allen Preparatory School and one with the Jefferson High School's second team. The former was a defeat while the latter was a decided victory.

A bright crimson cyclamen adorns the front window of the Jas. John High, the gift of Miss Edith den Bleyker, a former instructor in the High School. Each pupil looking upon this recalls the bright, sunny nature of Miss den Bleyker, and thinks with full appreciation of their former well loved teacher who so kindly and thoughtfully remembered them both with a substantial gift and a letter of congratulation. This letter reached the High School Tuesday morning, December 20, and at the reading an enthusiastic room proclaimed their feeling of appreciation by a prolonged clapping.

The following program of the Hyattian Literary Society, which was held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, was a brilliant success. A short biography of Hypatia was skillfully given by Miss Brice. "The Customs of Christmas Time in Different Countries" were described by Misses Rawson, Toole, Jensen, McCarthy and Whelan. The program was appropriately closed by the singing of America by the society.

## Buys Marine Iron Works

Including the machine shops and dock, the entire property of the Marine Iron Works of St. Johns, comprising 360 feet of river frontage and extending back for a distance of 470 feet to the O. R. & N. railroad track, was purchased this morning by the Star Sand Company at a consideration of \$40,000. The area contains a trifle more than a city block and the price paid is about \$5000 a lot. It is one of the biggest deals made down that way in the last year.

The site will be made the Peninsula headquarters of the Star Sand Company, which is engaged in the sand and gravel business. The iron works building will be dismantled and the machinery sold. Many miles of new sidewalks and streets will be laid and improved on the Peninsula the next few years and the purchasers decided that they needed headquarters in that section from which to conduct operations. No attempt will be made by them to utilize any of the property for shipbuilding or for the manufacture of machinery.

The Marine Iron Works plant was the property of a stock company, of which D. J. Mayer, former clerk of the Port of Portland Commissioner, and J. B. C. Lockwood, a consulting engineer, held leading shares. Shipbuilding and repair work were carried on successfully by the concern. One of its biggest jobs was the rebuilding of the Government dredge Chinook at an outlay of something like \$200,000. Some of the leading shipbuilders on the Coast were its competitors for the contract. The Chinook was completed in record time and early in the fall she was placed in service at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Much of the sand and gravel for its new plant at St. Johns will be procured from the river above Vancouver by the Star Sand Company, which also owns a plant in the Barracks City. Its principal headquarters now are situated on the west side of the river below the Albina ferryboat line. The company has been planning to branch out in its operations for some time past. Recently it let a contract for the building of a powerful dredge, which will be ready for commission in the early spring. The sale this morning was negotiated by H. H. Urdahl, of the Lumbermen's building.—Telegram.

## At the Stock Yards

Very light receipts in all lines have characterized Holiday week on this market. There were 767 cattle, 96 calves, 1753 hogs and 1398 sheep. A very high range of values has applied, due largely to the fact that there was not enough to go around among the various buyers. Two lots of calves sold at \$8.25 and hogs sold at 9 cents. One small lot of lambs sold at \$6.10 and mixed sheep at \$5.00. Quality considered, the few steers that came on the market sold at high prices, and the same thing applied to cows. Shippers throughout the country are overlooking the best opportunity that has been offered them in not supplying the heavy increased demand for good livestock on this market.—D. O. Lively, General Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Muck entertained a number of friends at their elegant home on Burr and Stafford streets at a New Years watch party. The palatial home was exquisitely decorated with carnations, holly and Oregon grape. Music and cards furnished the entertainment, after which a most delectable lunch was served.

The new year was ushered in amid much merriment, the guests exchanging the compliments of the season, after which all departed for their respective homes assuring their hosts of royal entertainment and the most enjoyable party of the season. Among those present were Madames Drinker, P. H. Edlefsen, C. Muck, Derrie, John Edlefsen, Rice, Evans, Jackson, McLean and Misses Blanch Edlefsen and Emma Muck, Messrs. P. H. Edlefsen, John Edlefsen, McLean, Drinker, McKeon, Derrie, Evans, Rice and C. Muck.

A project to create a reserve for mule tail deer in the lava bed region of Klamath County has been started and the matter will be brought to the attention of President Taft. Opposition has developed however, on the part of sheepmen who want to retain the lava bed country for winter range. They contend the deer reserve should be created in the mountains nearby.

## The Salary Question

Editor Review: I desire to make a few comments upon the school meeting last Thursday night and upon the salary question. It seems that Miss Anna B. Quigley of the Central school was the only lady teacher present and she defended the petition in an impassioned, if not impressive, manner. She told how poorly paid the St. Johns teachers were, comparing the mere pittance (?) they received with the average wages paid servant girls, dish washers, etc. in Portland. From her figures the servant girls had all the best of it by a large margin, because while they did not receive as much as the average teacher, their expenses were far less. She then read a list of necessities of a teachers' life of today as based upon estimates furnished by the various St. Johns teachers. Clothing was placed at \$276.20 and board at \$372.50, making a total of the two items of \$648.70—enough to discourage any young man with anything less than a million from wedding a modern teacher of public schools. But this was not all: \$98 for summer travel and pleasure. Think of it! The clothes and board have been estimated and now almost \$100 for what? Car fare and bou bonis! Laundry is listed at \$40.70, and literature at \$17.90; church and lodge, \$29.20, amusements at \$30 and car fare \$30. The list when combined is most disheartening to the teachers, and the more they thought about it the more reason they saw for asking an increase. Had they only made up their estimates before they signed up to teach at the present rate they could easily have figured that it would have been best to seek housework. But they neglected, apparently, to do this. Unthinkingly they signed up with the school board without knowing what they would have to pay for the necessities of life. So they find their salaries woefully inadequate to live the lives of heiresses. Hence, a feeling of sadness is engulfing the hearts of the teachers since the practical men—the dollars and cents too closely. And it is said that there is a vast murmur of discontent arising throughout the city. Wives who have martyred themselves by spending \$40 to \$50 per year on clothes and believed they were well dressed, have found how deluded they were. If it costs teachers six times this much to dress, they are going to make a strong strike for a larger appropriation this year for dress. Thus, while the teachers will not get a 20 per cent raise in salary, the poor married man will have to reach a few per cent deeper into his pockets.

Miss Quigley also gives a long plaint to the Oregonian Monday concerning the hardships of a teacher's life in St. Johns and the pitiful salary received. She says that suitable board and lodgings cannot be obtained in St. Johns at any price. That means, I suppose, not enough frills and trimmings to suit school ma'ams with decided tastes and numerous peculiarities. It is true that private homes as a rule have a holy horror of lady school teachers with finicky ways and superior manners, but any lady teacher that is willing to receive what others just as good as she receive, and ask no more than others ask for, can find places to room and board in St. Johns and in a respectable way, too. If lady teachers find it difficult to secure congenial places for living, they have only themselves to blame. Patronizing airs, peculiarities and egotistical ways have made it so. There are exceptions, of course. Miss Quigley's plaint contains some merit. Some of the teachers are getting rather low salaries compared with Portland, but compared with Eastern cities they are getting higher salaries. Had Miss Quigley with her petition asked for a raise in salary of those teachers now getting the minimum, it is likely her prayer would have been heard and acceded to. But to raise all was asking a little too much, and Miss Quigley must admit this. She has shown plenty of spunk and a fighting spirit that is admirable, but the movement for higher salaries needed revision before it was launched upon the troubled waters of public opinion.

With very few exceptions the teachers of St. Johns are receiving as much as they earn. The term is truly one month longer than it should be. Children will learn just as much in nine months as they will in ten months. Why the term has been made ten months is more than I can understand. Nine months, six hours a day and fewer holidays will accomplish more at a less cost than ten months, and from four to five hours work per day, as now obtains. The state law calls

## Raises the Question

The following communication was presented to council Tuesday night, and it speaks for itself. The opinion of Attorney Perkins may be published next week:

Gentlemen: I take the liberty of calling to your attention certain matters that I believe vitally affect the City of St. Johns, as well as affecting the operation of the St. Johns Rock Quarry by myself. The primary reason for addressing this communication is this: I have been informed by financial agents, brokers and bankers, dealing in municipal warrants and securities, that on account of the election or alleged election, held in November in the City of St. Johns, pertaining to the annexation of the City of St. Johns to the City of Portland, the results of which being very much in doubt on account of the legality of the election being questioned, that they would not consider the purchase of St. Johns warrants, bonds or other securities until the question above referred to is definitely settled by the courts of this state.

In the face of these conditions it seems that all public work must be held up until this question is finally decided by the courts. The writer has no desire or intention of attempting to interfere with the wishes of your Honorable Body, or the wishes of the citizens of the City of St. Johns, but I most respectfully request that you give this subject due consideration, and if conditions are as represented to me, it would seem that it would be your duty to immediately take such steps as would bring this issue before the courts with the idea of definitely settling same at an early date.

My chief reason for calling your attention to this matter is that if street work is to be held up in the City of St. Johns for an indefinite period, I must necessarily seek some other market for my rock. I learned that Attorney George J. Perkins had submitted an opinion to some interested parties in the City of St. Johns regarding the above issue, and I therefore called on Mr. Perkins and requested him for a copy of his opinion, which copy I herewith enclose.

Yours very respectfully,  
M. G. Nease.  
(In regard to the above we might state that the city attorney does not believe street bonds could be affected, but it would likely be impossible to dispose of ferry, park and like bonds until the question is effectually settled.—Ed.)

## Tunnel Completed

Tuesday, January 10, has been fixed as the date when the big Harriman tunnel across the Peninsula will be ready for the operation of trains. The cost of boring the big hole through the ground is estimated at \$1,000,000, and two years have been consumed in its construction. The length of the tunnel is 5,430 feet, or a little more than a mile; its height in the clear is 22 feet, and it is 17 feet wide. Trains will operate through it over a single track. At each end the walls are supported by two massive concrete portals, and it is planned eventually to replace the timber casing throughout with concrete. The tunnel will lengthen the distance from Portland to Troutdale several miles, as compared with the Sullivan's gulch route, but will eliminate the heavy grade of Sullivan's gulch by way of which the O. W. R. & N. company's trains now leave the city.

While plans have not yet been announced as to the operation of trains, it is said that the new line will be used almost exclusively for east bound traffic and that west bound traffic will come in over the Sullivan gulch track on the down grade. The line from the junction opposite Swan island to McKenna Junction, by way of St. Johns, will be used for freight trains through the manufacturing district on the Peninsula.

for six hours per day, but is it lived up to in St. Johns? I strongly favor a nine month term, five and a half or six hours per day and a minimum of \$75 per month for instructors. Longer hours are worth more than the same amount of work would produce in most any other line of industry. An average of 60 to 70 cents per hour is not bad pay.  
Equity.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

## Council Meeting

Council held its usual weekly meeting in the city hall Tuesday evening with all members present. A petition for an arc light at the corner of Chicago and Fillmore streets was read, and on motion of Councilman Hiller was ordered installed. On motion of Alderman Davis a light was ordered installed at the corner of Richmond street and Willis boulevard also.

A petition from the Ferry company asked for the privilege of discontinuing the ferry service during repair season. Council decided to neither grant nor deny the request, but on motion of Councilman Johnson the petition was accepted and ordered filed.

A communication from M. G. Nease, lessee of the city rock quarry, which is published elsewhere in this issue, aroused the ire of the doctory statesman of the North End. He emphatically declared it an insult and imposition, and he would have none of it. He didn't want the legality of the annexation vote questioned, at least not by the city council. The bonds, he declared, were perfectly good and could be disposed of. It was only a little flim flam game, he said, and no attention should be paid it by council. Councilman S. C. Cook believed if the election was illegal no harm could come from settling the question definitely and abolishing any doubt that might exist as to bonds of the future. Mr. Downey, however, couldn't see it that way and voted against Mr. Johnson's motion to accept the communication, but he proved to be a lone minority on the motion.

The question arising, the mayor ruled that all steps extending into the streets be removed instantly. The engineer's acceptance of Edison street was also accepted by the solons on motion of Mr. Davis. Bills amounting to \$910.30 were allowed on motion of Mr. Hiller.

Ordinances accepting deed from St. Johns Lumber Co. and assessing cost of improving Portland boulevard were passed on motion of Mr. Dobie. Mr. Downey made an effort to resurrect the Fillmore street petition, but was unsupported.

## REMOVAL NOTICE

To the General Public:  
The St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Co., have moved their office from the Peninsula Bank building to 107 West Burlington street, formerly occupied by the St. Johns Land Co. The office will be open during the regular business hours, and on the 9th and 10th of each month to 8 o'clock p. m. All patrons are courteously requested to make payments within the first ten days of each month.  
P. H. EDLEFSEN, Manager.

## How About This

What have you in vacant or unimproved property to exchange for a fine new modern home? This is one of the swellest bungalows in St. Johns, has full basement, 24x42 feet, large porches, wide cornice, five large rooms and large reception hall, besides closets, pantry and bath; has stationary tubs in basement, wood lift, piped for gas and wired for electricity, nothing left undone to make a complete modern home of it. This is located on the best river view lot in St. Johns, the price is \$2600. Will take \$1600 in exchange for St. Johns property, balance long time.

We also have a number of sale contracts ranging in various amounts, with both large and small monthly payments, bearing interest at 7 per cent, paid monthly, we are offering in exchange for property. Call and talk it over with us.  
MCKINNEY & DAVIS,  
Electric Building,  
St. Johns.  
Phone Columbia 2.

For Rent—A large six room house, newly kalsomined, close in, on South Jersey street; \$12 a month. Call Columbia 297. 9ft

## Local and Otherwise

E. S. Wright and family spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. Wright's mother at Catlin, Wash.

C. A. Kieney of Newberg, Oregon, was a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. Liddberg, 411 Allegheny street, the latter end of last week.

The masquerade ball given by the St. Johns Athletic club last Saturday night in the skating rink was a huge success. Everybody had a good merry time, and the old year was ushered out and the new one in in a happy manner. The attendance was large and jolly.

Eugene boosters will build a home for their commercial club. The Club will incorporate and issue bonds, erecting a five or six story building for their quarters and leasing such surplus space as there may be. The Eugene club is very much alive, having lately added a large number of members, and a big promotion fund is now being raised.

Portland proposes to celebrate Dewey Day, May 1, 1911, in a manner long to be remembered. The cruiser Boston, which is credited with having fired the first gun in the Spanish-American war, will be in the harbor, acting as a training ship for the Oregon Naval Reserve, and the same gun that fired on the Spaniards in Manila Bay will boom out a salute to Admiral Dewey. That great sea fighter is to be invited to attend the Portland celebration.

That Oregon produces strawberries and raspberries in the heart of winter has been proven time and again. That St. Johns is one locality where this occurred was substantiated by F. W. Coffyn when he brought several branches containing clusters of the luscious fruit to the Review office last week. They were grown in his garden, and he states that his family have been using them right along for the past two months.

Thousands of pounds of black walnuts and acorns are being shipped by the Government from Arkansas to District Forester Chapman of Portland to be distributed for seed throughout the burned over forest areas of the Pacific Northwest. Forest rangers will take charge of planting the seed and within the next quarter century it is expected Oregon will have great quantities of hard woods available for furniture making and other uses.

In another column will be found the advertisement of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company. As the name indicates, it is the result of the merger of the O. R. & N. with the O. & W. This should prove beneficial to both the companies and their patrons, for the one, eliminating a lot of unnecessary operating expenses, and for the other bringing cheaper rates by being able to secure one through local instead of two local rates as obtained heretofore.

The Oregon-Washington and Southern Pacific Railway companies have just issued some of the neatest and most comprehensive folders descriptive of Oregon and its resources and opportunities that we have so far seen. They tell just what the Easterner wants to know in a concise and conservative manner, and will no doubt be the incentive of adding greatly to the population of this state. General Passenger Agent Wm. McMurray is deserving of a full word of praise for bringing the publication about.

President Atwell of the State Horticultural Society has issued a call for a convention of fruit growers and fruit shipping associations of the Pacific Northwest to meet at Portland January 24. The convention will consider the organization of a fruit growers central selling agency and also decide what attitude shall be taken toward apple box legislation. It is proposed to model the association on the citrus fruit growers organizations of California and limit it to the boxed apple trade. It will include western Montana and western Colorado, which, with the Pacific Northwest, grow practically all the boxed apples of the country. Better distribution of apples, providing against glut in some markets and scant supply in others are the prime objects of the association.