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## The Dumping Ground

How to dispose of the sewage in the district of North East Portland which slopes toward the Columbia River is a question bothering the city officials. It originally was planned to construct sewers draining this so they would have their outlets in Columbia or Oregon sloughs, but there has been so much opposition to this plan that it has nearly been decided to abandon it. It is claimed by those opposed to this plan that the current in the sloughs is insufficient during the summer months to carry away the sewage and that unsanitary conditions would result.

At a meeting of the sewer committee of the council this morning the proposition was discussed and was suggested that a main trunk sewer be constructed skirting the northern limits of the city from Woodlawn to a point on the Oregon slough below St. Johns. Lateral sewers draining contiguous territory will then be constructed to empty into the main sewer. This would necessitate building the main sewer through the incorporated limits of St. Johns, but as the city has voted to become a part of Portland after July 1, it is believed that little difficulty will be encountered in following out this scheme. The entire matter, however, was left to the city engineer to prepare plans for the disposal of the sewage from this territory.

W. T. Vaughan representing the Vernon district, which will become a part of this big sewer district, petitioned the committee to lay the sewer in that locality of cement pipe. He declared that since the advent of cement sewer pipe in this city the cost of terra cotta pipe has been reduced about 25 per cent and he believed in fostering competition which has been started. The committee went on record as favoring cement pipe for this sewer.—Telegram.

## Turn Them Down

St. Johns seems to be considered a fair field for exploitation by numerous advertising fakirs. Directories, hotel cards, circulars and other schemes are worked to death by these traveling artists, who make big money and give little or nothing in return. The business men of this city, however, are getting onto them in pretty fair shape and give them the "cold shoulder" whenever they roll into town.

When the smooth-tongued fellows desire to work the town they usually call upon some big merchant at the start, for if such a merchant puts down his name for an advertising space it makes the balance of the canvassing easy. Other business men seeing the Big Merchant Prince has put down his name, therefore endorsing the scheme by patronizing it, fall into the open trap without a murmur, and 99 times out of 100 are buncoed. The leading business men of a town should realize their responsibility in such matters. By subscribing to some dizzy, wild scheme they are not only putting themselves in the way of being fleeced but they are making it easy for others also to be fleeced.

The safest way for the business men is to make a hard and fast agreement to turn down all advertising schemes offered by strangers whether endorsed by Business Men's Associations or not. They will thus save themselves money and the everlasting annoyance of being bored by solicitors, and they will have the satisfaction of doing something for home industry. The newspaper of a town that pays wages and taxes and contributes to the general welfare is entitled to all of the local business in the way of advertising. The business men of many sprightly towns have agreed to turn down all outside advertising fake schemes, such as directories and blank books, and there are more towns that should fall in line.

Lumber was delivered Saturday at the St. Johns Shipbuilding plant for 30 pipe pontoons for the Port of Portland dredges and work began this week. The company also has received an award from the Columbia Contract Company to build a barge and another is under way for the Albina Fuel Company. The dredge boat Columbia is to be sheathed above the water line at that plant and repairs are being made on the steamer J. N. Teal.

A brand new copy of Polk's Oregon and Washington State Gazetteer and Business Directory may be secured at this office for \$6.00; regular price \$9.00.

## Death of I. W. Suitter

Isaiah W. Suitter died at his home in this city after several months' illness of Bright's disease. Mr. Suitter was born in Cary, Me., in 1865 and came to St. Johns in 1905, where he resided up to his death. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Ann Suitter; two brothers, Nathan, in Bonita, Oregon, and Reuben, in Cary, Maine; two sisters, Mrs. Phoebe Victory, of Hodgson, Me., and Mrs. Susan Pelham of this city; four sons and three daughters. Mr. Suitter was an industrious and model citizen. Left about three years ago by the death of his wife with a large family of young children on his hands, he cared for them faithfully and well as long as he was able. A few weeks ago he went to a Portland hospital for treatment, but the dread disease had made such inroads on his system that he was beyond earthly aid, and but little relief was afforded. He was a faithful member of the Baptist church and was well thought of by all who knew him. Outside of \$1000, insurance policy he leaves his family in destitute circumstances. Being of an independent nature, it was only until the last few weeks of his life that he would permit the aid of the charitable disposed. Being right in the prime of life, it was hard to die and leave his orphan children unprotected for.

The funeral services were held in the Baptist church Saturday at 11:30 p. m., Rev. C. L. Owen officiating. Interment took place in the Columbia cemetery at Kenton.

## Still In Business

Valle Vista, Ore., Jan. 18, 1911. Editor Review: Having not c d in last week's Review an announcement that I had retired from the real estate business and gone to farming, I herewith beg permission to correct the error in this extent: It true that I have severed my connection with the Smith-Wagoner Co. It is also true that I am living on a farm, but in regard to retiring from the real estate business, I wish to say that I have never had better prospects in the real estate line than at the present time and I wish to further announce to all my friends and patrons in St. Johns that I am in a position to supply them with investments that will out class anything which we have ever offered to them in the past, and will guarantee them a clean, square deal.

Any of my friends who wish to look over Washington county will be most cordially welcomed at Valle Vista, my new home, our new town site and suburban acreage.—L. H. Smith.

## New Brick Building

Bickner Bros. have completed their plans for a solid brick building to be erected upon the site of Dobbie's real estate office and Mrs. Martin's millinery store. The structure will be a story and a half high, 34x90 feet in size and thoroughly substantial throughout. It will be constructed especially for moving picture shows with balcony overhead. When completed it will be occupied by the Electric Theatre and the room in which this play house is now located will be occupied by Harry Mansfield with a strictly first class pool and billiard hall. It is expected the building will be completed by the first of May.

The cut of timber by Oregon mill during 1910 was the biggest ever known and reached a total of 2,000,000,000 feet, according to the best efforts obtainable. This, too, despite the fact that trade conditions were conflicting. The current year sees a more favorable outlook and it is probable the cut of 1911 will greatly surpass that of 1910.

Twin Falls, Idaho, takes the palm for the greatest yield of potatoes in competition with western states along the line of the Oregon Short Line, which offered a prize of \$500 for the best crop. Louis A. Snyder, living near Twin Falls, was awarded the prize, having grown \$640 bushels on one acre. He irrigated his crop three times and planted and cultivated the tubers by machinery.

The Home Telephone Company of Portland recently installed one of its pay stations in St. Johns Pharmacy, 105 No. Jersey street for the use of all persons desiring to communicate over the Home system.

## To Construct a Tube

Application for a franchise for the Portland Subway Company, giving the right to enter into a general street railway business and to construct a tube under the Willamette river and through a loop aggregating a mile in length under West Side streets, will be made at the next meeting of the city council.

The company which was recently incorporated in Oregon, is represented in Portland by A. K. Bentley, L. V. Keady, A. E. Hammond and A. Clark, who say they are the agents for Eastern and European capitalists who intend to invest \$20,000,000 in the development of their enterprise in Portland in the next four years.

They estimate that it will require fully a year to secure necessary preliminary privileges and contracts and that the construction will demand three years.

Their plans include the building of 150 miles of surface tracks on East Side streets in addition to their tunnel under the river and under the West side business district. They do not propose to bring their cars to the surface on the West Side, but will operate through a sub-surface loop, over four parallel tracks, connected with convenient stations on the street level.

The stations will so correspond with the sets of tracks that passengers will never need to cross any of the rails to enter the cars. Moving stairways, inclined walks and elevators will be provided.

According to the terms of the franchise an all night service will be inaugurated. Tickets will be sold by either conductor or agents of the company at the rate of 6 for 25 and the city will receive a percentage of the gross proceeds. Mr. Keady declared yesterday that a single share of stock will be offered to the Portland public and that virtually all the money to finance the enterprise already had been subscribed in Eastern and foreign centers.

"The backers of the plan," he said, "figure that the population of Portland will double in the next seven years and they therefore believe that the city can well accommodate and support two independent street railway systems. The tunnel project has been reported upon by competent engineers and has been pronounced feasible. We shall have a north outlet in Sullivan's gulch and one on the south near Hawthorne avenue.—Journal.

## At the Stock Yards

Receipts for the week have been: cattle, 2490; calves, 94; hogs, 1825; sheep, 3454; horses, 69. Under the influence of a fairly liberal supply of cattle, prices showed a weaker undertone, and while the demand was active and snappy, it was not altogether a seller's market as has been the case for several weeks previous. The supply of sheep was moderate and the market was slow and draggy with lower prices prevailing. The mutton market moves at times in strange circles, packers load their coolers with mutton and the demand falls off for no reason that is explainable. When this is the case, the market sags and during the week that has just closed the prices have been anything but encouraging. The hog market was lightly supplied and the demand was active from 8.50 to 9.00. D. O. Lively, Gen. Agent.



Members of Laurel Lodge No. 186 and visiting brothers here are requested to be in Odd Fellows Hall promptly at 7:30 next Monday evening. We are promised a visit from Laurelwood Rebecas, Peninsula Lodge I. O. O. F. and Marietta Rebecas that night and we wish to give them all that is coming to them. State Evangelist Gregg, a member of our order, holding meetings in the Christian church, sent a special invitation to our lodge to come in a body, or individually as we saw fit, to hear his address Sunday evening at 8 o'clock on the subject: "Fraternal orders, their benefits—Which are the best." The undersigned was to deliver this invitation in open lodge last Monday night, but forgot to do so. D. N. Byerlee, Secretary.

Register, voter. This may be your last opportunity to register in St. Johns. Next year you may be compelled to go to Portland to do so. Be glad you are saved the time and expense this year.

## The Reason Why

Occasionally some one makes the plaint: "Why don't you have more personal news in the paper?" For the benefit of those who believe the Review does not contain as many personals as perhaps some other papers in the country, we will advance a few reasons. St. Johns from a newspaper man's point of view is situated somewhat peculiar. In most other towns there is a depot for the arrival and departure of visitors. This is always a prolific source of news to the reporter. He can go there near "train time" and mingling with the crowd can gain a number of personals usually. In St. Johns this is denied. In other places there are hotel registers to scan and secure names of visitors and from whence they came. Here this is also not accessible. Nearly all local people going on a visit get on the street cars, and visitors come the same way. It is therefore hard to fill up the paper with personal mention. The Portland papers have reporters here every day looking for news, but the Review contains more than all combined relating to St. Johns. Keeping count last week, out of twenty persons we inquired of for news, two unimportant items were all that could be gleaned. The editor has almost to see the news item for himself. Reader, when you complain of a lack of news items in the paper, just stop and ask yourself if you know of just one news item that is not contained in a fresh copy of the paper. Perhaps you have a visitor at your home and you are incensed because the editor has not found it out. The fact of the matter is that you have not done your duty when you failed to tell him of the fact, either in person or by postal. A live newspaper is dependent upon the co-operation of the public. It is impossible to make a house to house canvass each week in search of the news. It must be either sent in or picked up on the streets or business places. When news are scarce in a local newspaper it is generally because little has happened. The editor always wants to find out as much as possible of the happening of the city, and if he can find but little it is not because he has not tried to find more.

## Polk's Gazetteer

Just issued for 1911-12 is the most complete work of the kind published. It contains an accurate business directory of Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and every other city town and village in Oregon and Washington, and the names and addresses of country merchants and professional men, lumbermen, etc., who are located close to villages; also lists of government and county officers, commissioners of deeds, state boards, statutory provisions, terms of courts, names of postmasters, postoffices, express, telephone and telegraph offices, Justices of the Peace, hotels, daily and weekly newspapers, besides much other information useful to all classes of business and professional men. A descriptive sketch of each place is given, embracing various items of interest, such as the location, population, distance to different points, the most convenient shipping stations, the products that are marketed, stage communication, trade statistics, the nearest bank location, mineral interests, churches, schools, libraries and societies. An important feature is the classified directory, giving every business arranged under its special heading, thus enabling subscribers to obtain at a glance a list of all houses manufacturing or dealing in any particular line of goods. The work generally is compiled to meet the wants of the business community, and is so thorough as to deserve liberal patronage. Price \$9.00. R. L. Polk & Co., Seattle, Wash.

## Patrons Take Notice

All parents having children they desire to start to school during the spring term for the first time during the spring term of the school should see the principal of the school to which they are to be sent not later than Monday, January 30. Any child six years old by April 15, is eligible for admittance for term beginning Feb. 2, 1911. No new pupil will be admitted to First Grade after the second week of the term. Kindly start them at beginning of the term. Chas. H. Boyd, Supt.

A handsome hitching post has been placed in front of the Water company's office on Burlington street.

## Has Bearing on Streets

Editor Review: In giving several reasons last week why it would not be a "monstrous wrong" for the city council to have the annexation question decided, there was one point you seemed to have overlooked. That was if we become a part of Portland in July, the council could go ahead and have all streets in St. Johns gotten under way of improvement. If it was certain that annexation or consolidation would take place in a few months, this could be done away with. Under the Portland charter property can be assessed to the full valuation for street improvement and 85 percent of same are required to remonstrate before the proposed improvement can be abandoned. Therefore, if we are going to become a part of the larger city, council could get exceedingly busy and order all streets improved. The poor condition of streets seems to have been the strong point of the annexationists. If they want better streets, let them pay for them. If the matter was settled the street problem would become easy. Therefore, from many points of view it would seem the duty of the city council to have the matter determined definitely as soon as possible. Reader.

## Says Realty Too High

William Dudley of Spokane was a visitor to St. Johns the first of the week. He said that he had looked well over the ground in and around Portland, and he finds the price of realty in St. Johns is much higher than any other suburb of Portland. He admired the site of St. Johns immensely, but believed the city would advance with greater speed if price of realty was reduced in proportion to other outlying districts of Portland. He believed the price of water frontage to be prohibitive for manufacturing purposes. He stated that the worst possible thing St. Johns could do at this stage of its progress was to consolidate with Portland. Real estate, he said, could not possibly advance in value thereby, because it was too high now, and he could conceive of no practical reason why any one would wish St. Johns a part of the larger city, as that city could give the smaller city nothing that it could not secure for itself and secure it much quicker.

## Evangelistic Meetings

Christian church: State Evangelist Samuel Gregg, holding meetings for this body of Christians will speak tonight, (Friday) on "The Devil and His Angels." The speaker isn't Sam Jones, nor the son of Sam Jones, nor yet one of his disciples, he is distinctly and positively—Sam Gregg; but he has a pleasing personality, an earnest, forceful manner of presenting his facts to his hearers in language that all can understand. And at the same time there is bubbling to the surface of his discourses those bright scintillations of wit and humor that involuntarily come to the man who is at peace with God and man. His subject for Sunday evening is: "Fraternal Orders, their benefits—Which are the Best." All fraternal orders are invited to hear this address. The stereopticon will be used Friday night on "The Devil and His Angels." The speaker did not say, however, whether he had captured an authentic picture of Robbie Burns' "Auld Clutie," or not, but it will pay you to come and see. All are invited. B.

## Word From Paschal

Following on a post card received at this office from Paschal Hill, one of the investigators of the paving situation in the Eastern states: Bloomfield, Iowa, 1-8-11 In the land of yellow corn, fat cattle and fat hogs, snow eight inches, not cold; sleigh bells jingling. Will be through with our investigation in ten days, but am going out into the country for one day's old-fashioned rabbit hunt. Am anxious to get back; never want to leave home again. Paschal.

Evangelical—Morning theme: "An exposition of the book of Esther." In the evening union services will be held, at which time Rev. C. P. Gates, pastor, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the February graduating class of the high school.

Gus Johnson of Clatskanie, Wa., was the guest of his old time friend, W. H. Klug, this week. Mr. Johnson is a councilman of his hustling home town; and paid a fraternal visit to the local council Tuesday evening.

## Will Hold Jubilee

Elaborate preparations are being perfected to greet the home coming of the Innocents from their trip abroad. The barbecue will be held on the public square at Burlington and Jersey streets. The ground for a short distance will be paved with alternate strips of Bitulithic and Westrumite hard surfacing, as it is not yet known which kind the Innocents prefer. As nothing is too good for the Irish, great care has been exercised in the selection of the animal for the barbecue. It was finally decided by the committee in charge that Ashby's famous and costly bull would make the most fitting sacrifice. Although a little perverse and frisky at times, the selection is conceded by all to be a wise one. The reception committee will meet the Innocents at Piedmont and conduct them in triumph to the scene of festivities. Good speaking has been arranged for. G. G. Carhart, in his singularly sweet and pathetic voice, will deliver an address on the touching theme: "By George, How We Missed Them." He will tell how sad and lonely the community has been during the absence of the Innocents and what great pleasure it gives all to note their return. This will be responded to by Paschal Hill, one of the Innocents, who will speak upon "Chicago After Dark, or the Dangers that Lurk in a Large City." He will tell of the many pitfalls spread to catch the unwary, and how narrowly they escaped being caught in the net; how they entered at twilight several innocent looking amusement halls, and with what unspeakable horror they hastily made their exit after getting an inkling of what was really going on. A number of hair raising anecdotes from personal experience will be given. S. C. Norton will then enlarge upon the beautiful theme: "The Wanderers' Return." He will tell of the many sleepless nights and prayerful hours he passed in their absence; how he closely scanned the daily papers in fear and trembling lest he might read of a horrible accident befalling them, and what a great relief it is to have them both home safe and sound. He will tell how faint was his heart failed him at the last minute; that he finally concluded a man of his age was hardly capable of looking after a couple of such frisky young colts. Mr. Norton has spent many tedious hours over his peroration, and it will no doubt be deemed the most masterful and sympathetic production ever heard in St. Johns. R. W. McKeon will respond to this with: "The Story of the Tea Kettle, or How We Did It." This address will be purely scientific and deal particularly and especially with street covering. He will stick close to his text for fear he might unwittingly tell something they had decided would be better to leave unsaid. Geo. M. Hall, P. A. Bredeen, P. J. Peterson and other noted speakers will also be called upon to deliver appropriate and stirring addresses. Bewitching strains of music by the band will intersperse it all with such feeling selections as "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," "How Glad I Am," and "The Devil's Dream." That the event will be one long to be remembered goes without saying. They are expected home next week.

## Council Meeting

All members of the council were present at the regular meeting of that body Tuesday night, with Mayor Hendricks presiding. L. Seybold asked for an extension of 60 days time on construction of the Burlington street sewer; granted on motion of Councilman Johnson. A petition for an arc light at the intersection of Salem and Crawford streets was referred to the water and light committee on motion of Councilman Cook. M. T. Swan asked for and was granted 60 days extension of time on the improvement of Columbia boulevard on motion of Mr. Cook. The election of C. C. Ollius to the chief of the fire department was recommended by the mayor and approved unanimously by ballot by the council. The Star Sand and Gravel Co. asked for permission to macadamize Richmond street from Bradford street to the river at their own expense; was granted on motion of Mr. Davis subject to the acceptance of the city engineer. A communication from the Weyerhaeuser Land Company stated that the deed for easement of Maple street sewer had been prepared and would be forwarded to the recorder in the near future. The transfer of the Thomas Glover liquor license was recommended by the liquor license committee and endorsed by council on motion of Mr. Davis. Bills amounting to \$7.85 were allowed. Ordinances establishing grades of Macrum avenue and Kellogg street were passed on motion of Mr. Davis. An ordinance providing for the sale of improvement bonds to the amount of \$30,000 was passed on motion of Councilman Hiller. Mount Hood Railway and Power Company's franchise was held over another week for further investigation after referring the matter to the committee of three—S. C. Cook, S. L. Dobbie and J. E. Hiller—in connection with the attorney.

## The Political Pot

The question of becoming part of Portland is still agitating the St. Johns people and may be the only issue in the city election next April. Present guesses are that the tickets will be about as follows: Anti-annexation ticket: Mayor, A. W. Markle; Recorder, Fred C. Couch; Treasurer, J. E. Tanch; Attorney, A. M. Esson; Councilmen-at-large, S. L. Dobbie, S. C. Cook, H. W. Brice; Councilmen, First Ward, Fred Valentine and T. H. Couch; Second Ward, K. C. Couch and G. L. Perrine. Annexation ticket: Mayor, J. S. Downey; Recorder, A. T. Bolden; Treasurer Paschal Hill; Attorney, Perry C. Stroud; Councilmen-at-large, H. S. Hewitt, George M. Hall and B. Frank Horsman; Councilmen first ward, J. H. Fletcher and P. T. Hanson; second ward, P. A. Bredeen and Albert Feldman. A primary election will be held February 27, and all must register for this.—Telegram. The guess is a wild one so far as ye editor is concerned. We have troubles enough of our own without attempting to add more thereto. Thanks.

## SPECIAL BARGAINS

Five-acre tracts from \$75 to \$200 per acre according to location. Lots 50x100 from \$85 to \$125 right at Valle Vista station. Seven and one-half acres, all improved, orchard and small fruits of every description, house, woodhouse, chicken house, barn, \$1100 worth of fruit annually. The best investment in Oregon. Two blocks from station. Any reliable person can obtain this home on easy payments. Five-acre tract 325 feet fronting on R. R. sidetrack near station, two-thirds in cultivation. Elegant townsite, price \$1500. First come, first served. Buy of owner who has no office rent or other city expenses. Make some profit for yourself. Take United Railway at 4th and Stark, and get off at Valle Vista. Postoffice address, Leroy H. Smith, Hillsboro, Ore., Route 1.

## A Good Man Dies

Mr. D. I. Huff, well and favorably known in St. Johns and surrounding country, but living at Peninsula station died quite suddenly Friday morning, January 13. He had been complaining for about one year, but was always able to attend to his work and business up to the day of his death. He came from South Dakota, where he was greatly loved and respected, about ten years ago, and settled down on the Peninsula. He went into farming and fruit raising and dealt largely with the people of St. Johns and surrounding country. He was a conscientious and upright citizen and invariably threw his influence on the side of order and good citizenship. He is survived by his widow and two daughters: Mrs. James Mills, of Northern Hill and Mrs. N. H. Wendell, of Aberdeen, South Dakota. He was buried at Riverside cemetery and was followed to his grave by a large number of his friends and neighbors who speak of him in terms of endearment.

See F. W. Valentine for real estate and insurance. 204 N. Jersey.

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