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The Last Word

Editor Review: After perusing Miss Quigley's scathing and scorching denunciation of my humble self in last week's Review, I am properly degraded, overwhelmed and almost squelched by the vials of wrath uncorked. Ye ladye faire has waived the woman's prerogative of "the last word," and while she may again deem it "cowardly" and the act of a "fool" I am rather inclined to take advantage of it. But in the face of Miss Quigley's terse production, which is strong in logic and beautiful in diction, it is with a feeling of deep humility that I prolong the discussion.

Miss Quigley seems greatly incensed because the writer's name has been kept in the dark. As a rose would smell as sweet by some other name, so a discussion would be just as effective if the names of the participants are lost sight of. Some people, however, are so in love with the beauty and expressiveness of their names that it affords them keen pleasure to have the same appear in print and no opportunity is allowed to pass by without taking advantage of it. The name of the writer has been withheld from a sense of modesty, rather than cowardice, and since the fair lady's last epistle, it would seem to be an act of discretion to continue to conceal it.

I certainly bear no ill will toward Miss Quigley and the other teachers of St. Johns. They have the right to ask for more wages and they have the right to live where they please. As one who helps to pay the teachers, however, I also have a right to express my views on the subject. I have only the friendliest feelings toward the lady teachers, Miss Quigley to the contrary notwithstanding, and if their services are worth more than they are being paid they are entitled to a raise. But the teachers have used all their persuasion in showing that they need more money for various purposes and not in attempting to prove their services are worth more. In this age of commercialism people are prone to endeavor to secure the best possible service at the lowest possible price.

EQUITY.

Probable Candidates

The political pot is beginning to smoke up a bit now. The fact a primary election is to be held on the 27th of the month makes the situation somewhat different than it has been heretofore. All candidates must circulate petitions and have them signed by 25 legal voters before their name will appear on the ballot. With this condition complied with, any qualified property owner may become a candidate for any of the various offices. Cut and dried affairs are a thing of the past. It is not now possible for several politicians to get together and nominate a ticket to suit themselves, and keep other likely and willing candidates out of the race. Many names have been suggested as good timber for the city offices, but all are rather timid about getting petitions in circulation. Among them are:

For Mayor—J. F. Hendricks, K. C. Couch, A. W. Davis and H. W. Brice.

For Attorney—A. M. Esson, Attorneys Gatzmeyer and Stroud.

For Treasurer—W. Scott Kellogg, J. E. Tanch and Geo. M. Hall.

Recorder—Fred C. Couch and O. R. Downs.

Councilmen-at-large—S. L. Dobie, A. C. Gessler, W. H. King, R. D. Jackson, H. W. Bonham, S. C. Cook, J. E. Hiller, Geo. G. Carhart.

Councilmen First Ward—W. W. Windle, F. W. Valentine, C. J. Anderson of Richmond street and A. A. Muck.

Councilmen Second Ward—J. S. Downey, Paschal Hill and Geo. L. Perrine.

The very wide extent of the work of the Oregon Agricultural College is shown in the report just submitted by President Kerr touching the activity of the college during the two-year period of 1908 and 1910. He shows that during the past biennium, more than 80,000 persons have actually participated in the work carried on by the college or under its direction. Many thousands more have been supplied with bulletins issued by the college, circulars and personal correspondence. This shows what a great factor this institution is in advancing the agricultural, horticultural and livestock interests of the state.

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A. W. Davis has purchased a lot on South Jersey street directly opposite the Central school building.

Council Proceedings

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, a petition for the improvement of Macrum avenue from the east side of the O. R. & N. tracks to the east city limits was taken up and on motion of Councilman Davis the city engineer was directed to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for grading and mreadamizing only. This will be a continuation of the improvement of this street authorized a couple of weeks ago.

A petition, signed by eighty or more citizens asking that the fire bell be placed on the city hall was presented. Petitioners claim that if this was done it would be more readily heard by the populace. On motion of Mr. Davis the matter was referred to the building and grounds committee with power to act.

A petition from a number of the property owners affected asked that bids for both vitrified and cement sewer pipe be advertized for and that the lowest bidder receive the contract. On motion of Councilman Johnson the time and manner ordinance and call for bids was ordered drawn in accordance with the request.

A petition from Chas. E. Pottage asked for an extension of 90 days time on the construction of the Burlington and Philadelphia street sidewalks. The length of time asked for seemed too long to suit the solons, and on motion of Mr. Johnson 60 days' extension of time was granted.

A petition for an arc light at the intersection of Crawford and Salem streets was granted on motion of Councilman Downey.

Bills amounting to $350.70 were allowed on motion of Councilman Hiller.

On motion of Councilman Dobie council accepted the construction of the sewer laterals of Decatur and Crawford streets, which was recommended by the street committee.

The proposed franchise of the Mount Hood Light and Power Co., received second reading, and will receive its first publication next week. All alterations and changes desired by the solons were amicably adjusted, and the proposed ordinance seems in its present state to be satisfactory to all concerned.

An ordinance providing for holding the primary election on February 27 and appointing judges and clerks for same was passed on motion of Mr. Dobie.

High Cost of Living

A young lady who taught a class of small boys in the Sunday school desired to impress on them the meaning of returning thanks before a meal. Turning to one of the class whose father was a deacon in the church, she asked him:

"William, what is the first thing your father says when he sits down to the table?"

"He say, 'Go slow with the butter, kids; it's 40 cents a pound,'" replied the youngster.—Ex.

Mid Winter Bargains

1 7-room plastered house, lot 40x100 for $1050, $100 cash, balance $10 a month. Nice fruit trees.

1 6-room plastered house, lot 35x100 for $1050, $100 cash, balance $10 per month.

We have some vacant lots for sale that are away below the market.

We will buy any kind of St. Johns property that is cheap. Come and see us.

McKinney & Davis

Teacher: I shall not keep you after school, Johnnie. You may go home now.

Johnnie: I don't want to go home. There's a baby just come to our house.

Teacher: You ought to be glad, Johnnie. A dear little baby—

Johnnie (vehemently) I ain't glad. Pa'll blame me—he blames me for everything.—Lippincott's.

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A man who said he was too poor to take a local paper once sent $1.50 in answer to an advertisement in a city paper, for a remedy to prevent his horse slobbering. Teach your horse how to spit, was the reply he received.—Ex.

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Fred Anolz is constructing a cozy dwelling in the North End.

Odd Fellows Fraternize

Last Monday night was an occasion which will be remembered for a long time by the members of Laurel lodge I. O. O. F. It was the occasion of the visit of Peninsula lodge of Odd Fellows and Marietta and Laurelwood Rebekah lodges and was one of the happiest events in the history of the local lodge.

The routine work of the home lodge was railroaded through and the doors thrown open to the guests. The hall quickly filled with happy men, women and a few little ones. An hour was spent in social greetings between the host and guests and then the new "Bun" committee got busy with the most delicious spread that has graced the festal board of Odd Fellows hall for years. To entertain each other and to boost the bun committee in their labors Vice Grand Scales acted as toast master, calling upon prominent members of the various lodges for pre-dinner speeches. Many humorous and otherwise good speeches were made by all who were called upon except Bre'r Hewitt, whose sylph-like form was decorated with a white apron evidently picked too soon and before it had attained a size adequate to the purpose for which it was gathered. When the toastmaster called on him for a skirt dance he plead lack of time and being a member of the bun committee was excused for the time, but when Toastmaster Boyd, who presided when post-dinner speeches were ripe, called for his little stunt and recalcitrant Bre'r Hewitt claimed he that he was too full for utterance, all hands and the swamper thought he was handing us a lemon.

By no means the least entertaining feature of the evening was the music furnished Dick Perrine and his dainty and charming accompanist, Miss Gatton. Dick's trombone solos were sweet, rich, mellow, delicious, like the nectar of the gods, while under the magic touch of Miss Gatton's pretty fingers the old piano re-echoed the songs of the birds, humming of the bees, the rippling laughter of the meadow brooks, the shouts of happy children, and all other delightful sounds of the good old summer time. If you wish the best there is in music, set your combination so that your timelock will open on Dick and his trombone with Miss Gatton and a good piano.

The delights of the evening were indulged in to a late hour and every one seemed to most heartily enjoy the occasion. Laurel lodge seems to be awaking from its trance or Rip Van Winkle sleep and applications are coming in at every meeting.

One of 'Em.

Held For Arson

In revenge for a beating received in a drunken row sometime during Saturday night, it is charged, "Red" a swamper in Sherman Cochran's saloon at St. Johns, burned up all I. S. Brahme's clothes and his two suit cases worth $75. "Red," as he is known—he will not tell his real name—refuses to talk of the occurrence at all, but from the police and the man who lost his clothes it is learned that he and Brame roomed together in the upper room of a small frame building at the corner of Catlin and North Hayes and that there was a big fight there in which "Red" received a severe beating, in revenge for which he piled Brame's clothes and suitcases on the bed and, after pouring kerosene oil on them, set them on fire. Only the fact that the bed did not touch the wall and had wire springs saved the building from destruction and, as it was, a man named Hogan and another living down stairs were nearly suffocated before the fire was discovered and extinguished. None of the participants will tell what started the row. A charge of arson has been placed against "Red" and he is being held to await the action of grand jury.—Telegram.

A large engineering corps has been busily engaged running a line midway up the hill at Whitwood Court. They claim it is for the purpose of running a trolley line to connect with the large school to be erected on the brow of the hill in the near future. Several parties have been solicited for options on their land for the right of way. It is understood that work upon same will commence with the opening of spring.

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An Indiana telephone girl dislocated her jaw while yawning. She must have been listening to a conversation over the wire between two girl friends.

The Political Situation

Chances now very much favor that two distinct tickets will be placed in the local field this month. One will represent the annexationists and the other the "antis." Many of the politicians are very much in favor of adopting such a course. The object to be attained is: If the antis win, the council will, by virtue of such a vote, be empowered to contest the recent vote taken on annexation. If the annexationists win no action will be taken in the matter by the council. This puts the matter squarely before the people. If a majority favor annexation they will thus have an opportunity to express themselves by voting for their candidates and the antis will have the same opportunity to declare themselves. It will be claimed by some that a majority did vote in favor of annexation, and that another vote would mean nothing. It is true that a majority of those who voted upon the question did favor annexation, but it is likewise true that only two-thirds of the voters did vote upon the question at all. This will give the other one third who did not vote a chance to declare themselves and afford an opportunity of learning how many have changed their faith since the matter was balloted on in November. It is proposed to conduct the campaign in a clean cut manner devoid of mud slinging and factional bitterness. Each candidate is presumed to indicate on his petition, which he must circulate for signatures, his standing on the question. It is believed that the proposition will meet with general favor.

Dreamland.

Tonight, my darling I'm dreaming
Of the halcyon days that are gone
And the light of fond memory's streaming,
On the days when our hearts beat as one.

But the storms of our lives threw their shadows
O'er the path of our love's fairest way;
And tonight, through the tear-deepened darkness,
Hope catches no tremulous ray.

For the sun of life is fast sinking,
And o'er yon horizon afar,
Where the night from the day-fount is drinking,
Gleams portentious, my fate's evil star.

Behind me the pageant is passing,
The drama that long since has passed.
While memory its scenes are all missing
To haunt me through years to the last.

Once again in your womanly beauty,
I see you as when first I beheld,
'Ere lovers allured you from duty,
And the pride of my manhood was filled.

Then I turned my back to the sunlight,
To the pale, dim beams of the stars,
To hide my soul's sorrows in shadow,
Away from the sun's crimson bars.

Not much longer I'll carry my burden.
The end of my journey I see,
And the grave shall receive its last guerdon,
And I from my bondage be free.

Perhaps there is somewhere a portal,
Where Earth's hopeless and sorrowing find,
A resting place quiet, immortal,
A home for the wretched consigned.

Where the grim, grinning ghosts of the past,
From the soul are ever debarred,
By no pen of Remorse in this glorious Last,
The page of the present be marred.—W. Scott Wilson.

Building Permits

No. 4—To D. Koth to erect a a dwelling on North Polk between Swift boulevard and Bank street; cost, $500.

No. 5—To Fred Anolz to erect a dwelling on Chapel street near Portland boulevard; cost, $650.

No. 6—To J. J. Karr to erect a residence on Hayes street between Trumbull and Catlin; cost $1000.

D. Koth is erecting a neat little habitation on North Polk street.

Oregon Pick-Ups

Baker county has an irrigation project on foot involving the expenditure of $4,000,000.

About 200,000 apple trees are being planted in Douglass county this season.

An oat meal mill is to be established at Baker.

Eugene is to have a match factory.

Polk county will have the largest English walnut orchard in Oregon. Recent purchasers of the Hart ranch near Falls City will plant 6000 walnut trees.

Oregon produced this year 615,034 bushels of corn and 17,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Oregon shipped green fruit during the past season amounting to 3,500 cars.

Orchards in Ontario district produced at the rate of 1,000 boxes of apples to the acre.

The Columbia output of salmon for the season was 290,000 cases, valued at $3,500,000.

The value of traffic on the Columbia river increased $3,200,000 in 1910 over the same period of 1909.

Oregon grows more hops than any other state. 90,000 bales produced in 1910, valued at $3,000,000.

Eugene reports that 3,000 people have been brought into that city during the past year.

A sale of Southern Oregon Sugar Pine covering 40,000 acres, is reported from Medford to an Eastern syndicate. The purchase price was $3,500,000.

The Hood River Apple Growers' Union paid $201,000 to orchardists during the three months commencing with September.

At the Stock Yards

Receipts at this market for the week have been 1459 cattle, 89 calves, 1683 hogs, 5969 sheep and 21 horses and mules. The cattle market for the week has been easy in tone and prices have sagged from 25c to 50c from the high point of a week or two ago. There was nothing of extra quality in the offerings and the top prices was not tested. The hog market also shows weakness in sympathy with eastern points. Supplies were made up equally from Missouri river and Portland, and the quality aside from the contract delivery was not such as to bring out the full strength of the market. The top price was 8.65. Good quality sheep brought good prices. One lot of wethers brought $5.25 and the ewes sold for $4.50. Most of the sheep offered were not fat and with the heavy supply to chose from, buyers were indifferent to everything but the best. There was some business in the horse division, and in keeping with the sales made, quotations were about as follows: Drafters, extra 1500 to 1700 lbs., $165 to $350; drafters fair to good, $125 to $200. Chunks, $100 to $150; chunk medium, $50 to $100 drivers medium to good $40 to $120 plugs $10 to $40.

D. O. Lively, G. A.

Factories Coming

That a $2,000,000 factory which will employ 500 men on the day it opens is about to be located in Portland, that a paternal compensatory law like that of Germany for injured employes should be adopted in Oregon, and that eternal vigilance in freight matters is the price of trade extension was the substance of the addresses delivered at the 16th annual meeting of the Manufacturer's Association of the Northwest in Alisky hall last night. More than 100 manufacturers were present.

Dr. J. R. Wetherbee in his address announced that there were five new factories on their way to Portland, and the president of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the United States would be in the city in a few days to make final arrangements for coming to this city. He refused to name the concern.—Oregonian.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has announced that after January, 1911, the government will discontinue the printing of stamped envelopes and recommends that the same be done by the local newspaper and by special permit for the towns nearest the newspaper where a town has no paper of its own. No large towns will be allowed to have a monopoly on the printing of the envelopes to the detriment of the smaller newspaper.—Ex.

The New Trolley Line

That St. Johns will have another trolley line within the near future is now practically assured. In a short interview with E. W. Bowness, manager of the power and light department of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Co., he stated that it would only be a short while until the company would ask the city of St. Johns for a franchise to operate an electric railway upon certain streets in the city, and that the company was working out its plans with this object in view. While naturally rather reticent concerning the proposed route of the new line, he conveyed the impression that the route practically would be from the Broadway bridge out Vancouver avenue to the packing plant, and from thence circle around the lower peninsula and return to Portland by a route along the brow of the hill. Asked as to whether Hill or Harriman interests was behind the project, he stated that neither were interested, that it was purely and entirely an independent company.

It seems that the difficulty experienced in getting a satisfactory franchise from the Portland council on account of objections being made by some of the citizens along the line of proposed route, has delayed their plans considerably regarding the extension of the St. Johns line, but Mr. Bowness assured us that it would positively be extended and at no distant date.

Many conjectures are made by our citizens regarding the exact route the line will take. Some say Willamette boulevard to the Weyerhaeuser tract, thence to the East St. Johns depot and on to Swifts. Others that Gresham street will be used from one end to the other. Some say Hayes and some say Fillmore. Certain it is that values of lots have taken a climb, while others have been taken off the market in anticipation of the coming of the new electric railway. That it will be a great boon for St. Johns when it comes is conceded by all. The extension to the Swift territory will prove of immense benefit, as it will permit of laborers there to have their residences in St. Johns proper with easy and comfortable access to their field of labor.

Much time will also be gained in making the trip to and from Portland, as the route will be more direct and stops will not be nearly so plentiful as by the present service. Then the prestige the city will gain by having a competing trolley line will attract industrial plants and homeseekers here that otherwise would perhaps never come. Its coming will mark the beginning of brighter and better days for St. Johns.

A Happy Surprise

A very pleasant surprise party was given E. Le Roy Perkins, the genial counter jumper of the Hendricks Hardware Co., by his sister, Miss Lillilian and friends, at the home of Miss Nellie Brown, 402 Gresham street, Tuesday evening, and to say it was a surprise would be putting it mildly, as it was a complete surprise. The evening passed all too quickly with games and music, after which refreshments were served consisting of fruit salad wafers, cake and tea. Those partaking of the evening's surprise were the Misses Minnie and Oneda Plasket, Nellie and Laura Graden, Nellie Earley, Ella Edmondson, Perkins and Brown; Messrs. E. H. and Homer Plasket, Bert Johnson, Geo. West, S. H. Winn, J. Earl Killkenny and E. Le Roy Perkins.

A quiet wedding took place at the M. E. parsonage at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, February 1. The contracting parties were Bert Mason of Ione, Ore., and Miss Ruth Godfrey of St. Johns. The bride is an accomplished young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Godfrey of this city. The groom is in the mercantile business in Ione, Ore., where the couple will make their home. All their friends wish them a happy voyage down the stream of life. Rev. F. N. Sandifer pastor of the M. E. church officiated.

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You know that dandruff means baldness—it keeps collecting, forms in layers and robs the hair of nutrition. The first application of Nyal's Hirsutone will loosen the dandruff and supply nourishment. —North Bank Pharmacy.

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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.

May Get Another Mill

It is rumored that the big Inman-Poulson Lumber Co. of Portland has purchased the Peninsula Lumber Company's holdings, and will greatly enlarge the same. If this report is true it is more than probable that the Peninsula Lumber Co. will erect a large mill on their ten-acre tract near the new city dock, which it has owned for several years.

Mills to Start Up

Approximately 1000 mill hands are expected to be put on duty in Portland sawmills this month. From the 10th to the 25th most of the local lumber manufacturing plants which have been closed for some time, following annual repairs, are scheduled to reopen on at least one shift. This would put at work in the mills more than 1000 men now idle, and would necessitate employment of many others in handling the product of the mills.

The Portland Lumber Company plans to resume cutting February 15. This big institution will take from the idle list about 250 men. The North Pacific Lumber Company may not be open before March 1, but is expected to do so before that time. Its force also numbers about 250, when running one shift. The St. Johns Lumber Company plans to resume mill operations February 20, and carries on its payroll about 180 men. At the Eastern & Western plant, one side is cutting now, and is expected to start on the other side very soon, taking about 100 more men. At the Clark & Wilson, February 10 is fixed for resuming operations, which will call for 100 mill workers. —Telegram.

Mothers' Meeting

The mothers' meeting held at Mrs. Tallman's last Monday was well attended and a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

Sketches from the life of Mrs. Willard's mother were read and incidents related after which plans were laid for a circulating library which will be well established in a few days; those desiring good reading matter for themselves or children will do well to inquire of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

An all day institute will be held in the Baptist Church February 14, a treat that none can afford to miss. Further notice with program will appear next week. Press Cor.

H. Henderson, the abstract man, has removed to the upper story of the McDonald block, where he is having two rooms nicely fitted up. His increasing business demanded more room, hence the change. Mr. Henderson has gained the reputation of being one of the most reliable abstractors in the state.

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Leroy H. Smith, formerly of St. Johns, but now a hustling real estate man of Valle Vista, left a mamoth pear at this office last week which was grown on land in that fertile valley. It measured 12x15 inches and weighed just two pounds and Mr. Smith stated that he had a number more that were even larger.

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Frank Test who was seriously injured by a fall at the Portland Woolen Mills several weeks ago, has returned from a Portland hospital, where he had been confined since the accident. His numerous friends were glad to see him around once more.

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The subject for the evening service Sunday at the Christian church will be that announced for last Sunday, which the speaker was prevented by illness from giving on that date, namely: The Devil and His Angels. Be sure to come out to see and to hear about the tabernacle; it will be intensely interesting to all. No collections except at the Sunday services.

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To suit both those who like beefsteak rare and well done, cut it in two and partly cook one piece before putting the other one on.

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Dr. Webster has returned.