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## The Park Situation

It is high time that the matter of a public park be again taken up and not allowed to lag until the question of voting bonds for the purchase of same is placed on the ballots for the April election. The necessity for a public playground and recreation park is most apparent. St. Johns has delayed the purchase of suitable grounds for such a purpose entirely too long already. The only objection that could possibly be made is that it might "cost too much." This has been the objection in the past, and in the meantime values are steadily advancing. Delaying the matter is only making it more costly. It is impossible to select a site in St. Johns for a public park that some citizens will not claim the price asked by the owners is "too high." The ideal spot for a park was offered the city three years ago, but it was considered "too high" in price, and the proposition was defeated at the polls. Today the same land could not be purchased for double the price asked for it then. Another proposition has been presented to the council for park purposes, and that is six or seven acres within the loop near Northern Hill. This has been offered by H. E. Harris and Nancy Caples for \$22,000. But some people object because they believe the price asked is "too high." All agree that the site would be most satisfactory—convenient, a trolley track on either side of it, near the river, slightly, and in every way most suitable. While the price asked may be, and we believe is, up to its full present worth, what of it? Is there a man among us who will sell any of his property at a less price than he deems it worth? Not one, unless hard pressed for money. The fact is that the price of this land will never be any lower, but on the contrary will advance. Property in St. Johns is not on the decline by any means, and the parties owning the land in question will not feel very badly injured if the proposition, is turned down.

But we want a park, and we want it this year. If no better proposition is presented, why not buy this and fit it up as it should be? We are all making mistakes every day by not buying property in St. Johns because we think it is "too high," and in after years this will be demonstrated to us. Suppose it costs the city of St. Johns \$25,000 to buy this land and fit it up for a public park, would it prove a burden to any of us? No. It would raise the taxes but little over half a mill at the present valuation.

Many more visors would come to St. Johns if they knew what to do with themselves when they arrived here. At present there is scarcely a comfortable place for them to rest. They can either keep on walking or drop down somewhere by the wayside. Surely a park in this city is a crying necessity. It would prove a wholesome relief to all of us to have the opportunity to spend a few hours with our families in a local park during the warm summer Sunday afternoons, when a comfortable seat and a bit of shade is most desirable.

Let the council take the petition from the table and have the question placed upon the ballots for April election. We believe it will carry. If we become part of Portland a public park will become a remote possibility. "God helps them who help themselves." Let us help ourselves now while the opportunity is afforded us.

The following food combinations have been found by experience to be chemically harmonious, healthful and very nutritious: Flaked wheat, with nuts, dates and cream. Flaked wheat, nuts, honey and cream. Cold slaw with olive oil, protoid nuts, unfried bread, sweet apple with cream or milk.—Ex.

Perhaps a proper diet for a dainty Miss who needs only to recline upon downy cushions and peruse the latest novel, while her maid shoes the flies away; but for the timber jack, the backhoe, the husky farmer, or the mechanic, corned beef and cabbage, spuds and brown gravy, cheese and macaroni and plenty of it should be the principal fare and that above would serve as a delicious dessert.

A number of North Atchison, Kansas, girls invited their friends to a party recently, saying that a feature of the evening would be a swimming match between two girls. When the guests arrived they found two girls seated at a table with a bowl of water between them in which floated a match. The men were especially indignant as they felt they had been cheated.

## The Paving Question

Next Thursday night the property owners of Jersey street will meet in the city hall to decide upon the kind of hard surface desired for that thoroughfare. Bids have been called for from all hard surface companies caring to offer same, and they will be opened on that night. While there is diversity of opinion as to the kind of surface that Jersey street should be paved with, Westrumite, since the return of Messrs. McKeon and Hill from the eastern cities, seems to be strongly in the lead, as it should be. All evidence so far produced attest that it is the very best hard surfacing on the market today. Not one derogatory fact concerning it has been unearthed. A thorough investigation has been invited by the company, and it has gone to considerable expense to have it investigated. The result is that it has been found to be even better than represented. The company agrees to give sufficient bonds to guarantee their product for as long period as any other company is willing to do. No Westrumite paving has yet been laid west of the Rocky mountains, which gives St. Johns a glorious chance to jump right in the lead. It being the first to be laid in the west, if Jersey street is paved with it, there is no question that it will be of the very highest standard the factory is capable of producing, and the price will naturally be placed at the lowest possible notch. With a \$100,000 industry at Kenton the company is bound to make the first pavement it lays of the best. If the first one proves unsuccessful they cannot hope to secure a foothold in the Northwest.

The advertising value of the first Westrumite paving ever laid west of the Rocky mountains will be immense. Photographs of it will be printed in all the advertising matter the company issues. Leading business men and substantial citizens of numerous cities on the coast and inland will be sent to St. Johns to investigate it. No matter how much of it is laid afterward, the one laid first will always want to be seen by investigators. Most people coming to St. Johns are charmed with it at once, and representative citizens coming here from all parts of the west will naturally get interested in the city to a greater or lesser degree, and thus the city of St. Johns will become known far and wide. Therefore, why not pave with Westrumite? There seems to be everything to gain and nothing to lose. Bitulithic is good, there is no denying that, but we are convinced that Westrumite is better.

Go to the city hall next Thursday night and hear the report of Messrs. McKeon and Hill. Any citizen interested is welcome to attend the meeting.

## Should Use a Shingle

A White Salmon, Wash., man may lose his arm as a result of trying to spank his son. As he swung about to hit him the boy instinctively threw his hand behind him for protection and an indelible pencil he held jabbed his father's wrist. Blood poison set in and it may be necessary to amputate the arm. Moral—Before spanking look for indelible pencils. Another moral—When retreating from an enemy always protect your rear, prompt action and a well laid ambush often wrings victory from defeat.

The Rev. H. M. Hitchcock, pastor of the Second Reformed church of Trenton, New Jersey, would bar the words "hello" and "dam" from the English language. He says that the word "hello" causes thousands of people to swear daily, and he would substitute "lo," instead. The church has asked the telephone company to abandon the use of the word. As for "dam" as applied to water, he says it reminds one too vividly of "damn."

The Rev. gentleman needs a vacuum cleaner applied to the spot where he is supposed to store his brains and have it thoroughly cleaned. To the pure all things are pure.

The formation of a syndicate to clear logged-off lands of Southwest Washington and place them on the market is a step that might be followed with profit on this side of the Columbia river. These lands, once cleared, are among the most desirable and valuable for diversified farming, fruitgrowing and dairying. To put them to use is to make a great addition to the wealth of the state.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

## Unnecessary Legislation

A measure is being vigorously pushed in congress for the establishment of a National Health Bureau, with power to enforce certain measures that may be devised by the medical fraternity, such as a high system of prices or fees, compulsory vaccination, etc. This bureau is not needed, and medical legislation has no fitting place in the land of the free. Compulsory vaccination is dangerous in the extreme.

"Vaccination," says a well known writer in the Ladies' Home Journal, "is the putting of an impure thing into the blood—a virus or poison—often resulting in serious evil effects. In vogue for more than 100 years, it has been received by most persons without question. But the time is passing when people will accept a medical dogma on blind faith; they now demand to know something about the practices to which they are called on to submit. And most insistent of all should be the demand to know something of a practice which, like vaccination, involves the risk of disease and of possible death."

"That vaccination has such risks is conceded even by its most zealous advocates. In Philadelphia and vicinity there were in the autumn of 1901 no fewer than 36 cases of lock-jaw, which were admitted to have resulted from vaccination, and nearly all were fatal. After a study of these cases a prominent Philadelphia physician and professor, himself an ardent believer in vaccination, arrived at the conclusion that neither careless dressing of the wound nor infection from a foreign source could account for these cases of lockjaw following vaccination, for, as he pointed out, cases had occurred not only among the ignorant and filthy, but also and equally among those who lived under the most favorable conditions and even where the utmost precautions had been taken. He concluded, therefore, that the danger lay in the virus itself."

"During the same year—1901—Cleveland, Ohio, was suffering from a severe epidemic of smallpox. Vaccination was carried on all over the city; and with what results? In one household three children whose vaccination had been pronounced 'highly successful' broke out with a profuse eruption of smallpox 19 days after the operation. In many instances arms swelled down to the elbow and wrist, with enlargement of the glands in the armpits, and the patients were thrown into a high fever. It was not unusual to find pieces of flesh as big as a dollar and twice as thick dropping out of the vaccination sores, leaving ugly, suppurating wounds which took from six weeks to three months to heal. The health officer of the city was appalled at the sights that met his eyes, and, despite his ardent belief in vaccination, after witnessing, to use his own words: 'the tears and cries and pains and misery' of the people, he declared that 'the man who can stand all that is no man.' A sigh of relief went over the city when he stopped vaccination."

## Mid Winter Bargains

Will exchange for St. Johns property one acre on Oregon City electric line, set to fruit and berries, 5-room house, small barn, near school, church and stores. One block to postoffice. What have you to exchange for this?

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

This is farmer's week at the Oregon Agricultural College and there is a large attendance of those interested in agricultural problems. Lectures and demonstrations of the greatest value to farmers are being given. These cover stockraising, dairying, horticulture, intensive farming, and practically every branch of the industry. The attendance is much larger than during the special short courses of former years and great interest is shown by farmers from all parts of the state.

O. J. Gatzmeyer, attorney-at-law, has removed his office to the McDonald block, upstairs. See his card in this issue.

## Goes by Default

The primary election called for February 27 will likely be passed up this year. Would-be candidates shied at the proposition and would have none of it in their. It is too new, too incomprehensible, too red-tapish for the local politician to take hold of it. In other years candidates for municipal office were as thick as flies in July, but this year all are exceedingly shy and filled with a sense of modesty that forbids them to announce as candidates before the primary. Heretofore, before primaries had become a thing to be considered in St. Johns it was the rule to keep politics underground until just a few days before election. The primary forces their hand 50 days before election. And it is necessary to secure the signatures of 25 tried and true voters before a candidate can enlist for the primaries. This required courage and a strong heart. It gave any and all an equal chance to run for office without the previous knowledge of those who have been in the habit of manipulating political wires. Therefore, all hesitated, waiting upon the "other fellow," and Monday, the last day for filing nomination papers, was allowed to pass without any candidates filing. Therefore, the primary election goes by default. And it seems to us that it is just as well that this should be. It is utterly useless and should have no place in local elections. It prolongs the agony and is conducive of no good purpose, except it does away with cut and dry affairs. It leaves a clear field for all who wish to make the run. All candidates must now run independent of any ticket or any clique. They must stand upon their own feet. And the result will be a survival of the fittest. In fact, the campaign this year should resolve itself into a veritable love feast. It is entirely in the hands of the people. There'll be no chance to complain about the result.

The Hill and Harriman lines will subscribe \$1,000 each to the 1911 Rose Carnival. President John F. Stevens, of the North Bank announced the Hill subscription this week and the Harriman officials say the \$1000 formerly given will be forthcoming as usual. Both railroad systems are making great efforts to handle an unusually heavy traffic during June because of the wide advertising that will be given the Festival and the large number of tourists attracted this way as a result.

## The Political Moroscope

If present indications count for anything it will be doubtful if more than one full set of candidates will seek the various city offices at the April election. The following citizens have either announced their intention of becoming candidates, or it is predicted by their friends that they will do so:

Mayor—K. C. Couch.

Recorder—Frank A. Rice, F. H. Brodahl.

Treasurer—W. Scott Kellogg.

Attorney—A. M. Esson, O. J. Gatzmeyer.

Councilmen at large—F. W. Valentine, A. A. Muck, S. L. Dobie.

Councilmen First Ward—J. F. Hendricks, C. J. Anderson.

Councilmen Second Ward—J. E. Hiller, P. Hill.

Several property owners objected to the profile of Fillmore street, and after consultation with the engineer it was decided to alter the same satisfactorily to the property owners. The new profile will be ready for adoption next week.

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P. J. Peterson requested an extension of 90 days on the Fessenden street improvement which was granted.

A resolution providing for the improvement of Philadelphia street from Ivanhoe to Hayes, with cement sidewalks and grading preparatory for hard surfacing, was adopted.

A written opinion of the City Attorney on the proper method to acquire the ferry slips and approaches, in harmony with the free ferry bill, advised that the question be submitted to the people to be voted upon, and he believed it would be better for all concerned if a special election were to be called for this purpose, as a month's time could be thus gained. On motion of Mr. Cook an ordinance was ordered

## Council Proceedings

All members reported for duty at the regular session of the city council Tuesday evening, and it was at the midnight hour when the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Hendricks, while not particularly pleased with the ordinance providing for an exchange of a slice of Maple street for a sewer easement through the Weyerhaeuser tract, appended his signature to same, believing the greatest good to the greatest number would thus be effected. This removes the last obstruction to the hard surfacing of Jersey street, and proceedings may now continue without a hitch. The latest hour for receiving bids on the Maple street sewer, has been placed at March 7th.

A petition for the improvement of Hudson street, from Buchanan to Richmond by cement sidewalk and macadam, was read. As considerable doubt exists as to the property standing for the improvement at the present valuation, a resolution was adopted directing the engineer to prepare the necessary data and ascertain whether the improvement could be made without all property owners signing vouchers.

A number of property owners were in attendance from the southern part of the city and remonstrated against paying for the sewer system which they were assessed for but unable to reach because it would be necessary to traverse over private property to connect with the same. The private property in question is the Miner tract, bounded on the north by Richmond street and on the south by Tyler.

After considerable discussion Councilman Downey made the motion that condemnation proceedings be immediately instituted to condemn Decatur, Crawford, Edison and Bradford streets through the Miner tract for street purposes. The sweeping motion was carried unanimously, and the city attorney was directed to begin unrolling the red tape necessary in condemnation proceedings. The property owners were apparently delighted with the manner in which council abridged the difficulty, which will afford them four different routes to connect with the sewer, instead of one which was asked for.

E. E. Coon, of Portland applied for a license to conduct a wholesale liquor business at Unger's former stand, 103 North Jersey. Matter was referred to the liquor license committee.

N. A. Gee, F. H. Brodahl and Thomas Cochran, viewers, presented their final report on the opening and widening of St. Johns avenue, which was accepted on motion of Councilman Cook, and March 7th was set as the date for hearing any remonstrances that might be made to same.

Bills amounting to \$112.25 were allowed.

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## W. C. T. U. Institute

The W. C. T. U. of Multnomah county held a most interesting and helpful institute in its sessions at the Baptist church last Tuesday.

It is the intention of the organization to hold an institute once a month with some one of the 12 different unions in the county, so as to educate the people as to the purposes, aims, methods, etc., of the W. C. T. U. There are over 300 members in the county, divided into some 40 departments and is not confined to fighting liquor exclusively.

One of the points brought out was that the mail box could be used almost as effectively as the ballot box and the members were urged to use it freely on congressmen and legislators and ask them to support such laws as would promote temperance, sobriety and purity of life, both public and private.

Mrs. Additon brought the labor question into the discussion and took the position that success in the fight against liquor could not be attained without the aid of the laboring class, that this is the class which is wronged the most of all by the liquor traffic and it is this class of our people, the producers, the bone and sinew of our nation, she insists, that should be interested in the work, and its sympathy and support courted at every point and on all occasions by the W. C. T. U. The work cut out clearly for the Union in the state and nation and in Multnomah county particularly is to get in touch with this class and educate them to the importance, from a monetary point of view as well as morally, socially and spiritually, of fighting this enemy of the government and happy homes in every way human ingenuity can invent, and with all the power of God given strength.

She expressed herself as being in most hearty sympathy with labor organizations, that it was necessary to protect labor against the oppression of unscrupulous capitalists and the only way this could be done was to organize.

The contest for the gold medal held in the evening was participated in by Mrs. George Hall, of St. Johns; Mrs. C. A. Ponnay, of Portland, and Mrs. Gilbert of Albina. All of these have won silver medals in similar contests. Mrs. Hall was declared the winner. She chose for her subject "The Court of Last Appeal." Mrs. Ponnay's subject was "The Bridal Wine Cup," and Mrs. Gilbert's "The Factory Chimney."

The local union spread a bounteous repast for members and guests, consisting of delicious salads, cakes, pickles, frioles, sandwiches and coffee. It was declared by those who have attended former events of the W. C. T. U., this eclipsed any effort of the kind ever made by the union in St. Johns, and the good ladies having the matters in charge are deserving of great praise.

Veritas.

The Pythian Sisters gave a delightful card party at the home of Dr. A. W. Vincent, Thursday evening of last week. Progressive "500" was the order of the evening, followed by refreshments. Mrs. F. W. Valentine and Frank Horsman captured first prizes. The Sisters gave another card party last evening at the home of Chief of Police McKinney, which was also greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Hartel and Mrs. Keeler entertained the Du-bon-air club, at a valentine luncheon at the home of the latter on Thursday last. Red hearts were gracefully festooned about the dining room and the tables and menu carried out the color scheme of red and white. Dainty heart-shaped valentines as place-cards were laid at each plate. Covers were laid for 16.

Portland is joining with other cities of the coast in helping to relieve the famine situation in China. Large quantities of foodstuffs will be sent from this city to the sufferers, transportation companies having agreed to carry the supplies without charge.

For Sale—Lot improved, 50x100 enclosed by woven wire fence, three-room cottage, 14x16 wood shed enclosed by woven wire fence, good lawn, fine roses. Price \$700 on easy terms, or \$600 cash. See owner 714 East Richmond.

drawn calling a special election and have in readiness for passage at an adjourned meeting to be held tonight for the purpose of passing same.

## A Valentine Party

The members of the girls' class No. 3 of the Baptist Sunday school with Mrs. I. M. Shaw, teacher, enjoyed a very pretty valentine party Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. C. B. Young, 848 Fillmore St. Miss Pauline Young, presiding as hostess, arranged and conducted the games and evening amusements in a most capable and charming manner.

The evening entertainment opened with that puzzling but exciting game known as "cobwebs," each one following his web through a maze of entanglements to the end where a present rewarded his efforts.

This was followed by other games of equal interest, prizes being awarded in some cases to those most proficient. A dainty lunch was served at the proper hour.

A valentine box was opened and each guest received a number of appropriate souvenirs.

The capacious rooms were gayly decorated with hearts and other emblems appropriate to the day.

All voted it a most delightful affair. Those present were: Cleo Nutting, Myrtle Hedlund, Laura Jones, Beniah Beam, Vida Evans, Arline Shaw, Beniah Paulin, Sadie Cramer, Blanche Emerson, Leah Sorber, Agnes Emerson, Della Young, Maggie Dickie, Mable Anderson, Frank Grow, Hiram Eastinger, Ray Beam, Howard Helms, Ray Sprouls, Fred Schmalling, John Brownlie, Henry Ford, Melvin Hanks, Bert Willaford, Carlington Young, E. S. Hall, Fred Girt.

## Many Objections Made

The Mount Hood Railway Co. is meeting with strenuous opposition in securing a right of way for entrance to Portland. Property owners along several streets are up in arms against the use of strips for street railway purposes in front of their properties. They all claim to be anxious that the company construct its system, but want it to use other streets than theirs. As soon as one street is reluctantly abandoned and another selected for the purpose the same howl goes up: "You can't use our street." While a trolley line might detract somewhat from the beauty of the streets and be a source of annoyance to these would-be exclusive residents, yet the benefit to the people as a whole would be so great that all objections should be swept ruthlessly aside by the Portland council and the company permitted to use whatever route it deems most suitable. The property owners of St. Johns will not be so squeamish when the proposition is put up to them a little later on.

## A Natural Location

Civic Architect Bennett, who is working on the "Portland Beautiful" scheme, has picked out the junction of the Willamette and the Columbia rivers as the principal site of the great docks for Portland. This speaks well for his judgment. It is an ideal location for docks and wharves, as a glance at the map will readily convince any fair-minded person. It is in the Portland harbor, controlled by the Port of Portland, and will ever be free of bridges or other obstructions to traffic. It is peculiarly adapted for shipping purposes, and the time is not far distant when the entire lower end of the peninsula will be given over almost exclusively to maritime interests. Bennett has advanced some splendid ideas, many of which will no doubt be carried out by Portland. A tunnel through the western hill to the Tualatin valley is part of his scheme.

The funeral services of S. T. Clark, who died at her home in this city Thursday of last week, were held in the Evangelical church Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. C. P. Gates delivering the sermon. Interment in Rose City cemetery.

The average man proposes once. The average woman takes him. If he won't propose (How, Lord only knows) She makes him.

According to the very latest fashion report, "corset-coats" for men are to be "it" this spring. Next thing will be "hobble pants"

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