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As Paschal Saw It

Following is a portion of Paschal Hill's report given at the meeting in the city hall last night. It should be satisfactory evidence to all that Westrumite is the kind of hard surfacing we want for Jersey street and other streets also:

On the 12th day of January we took train from LaSalle depot for Hammond, Ind., where by previous arrangement we were met by E. F. Kunert in person, with one of his cars. We passed over various pavements to East Chicago and after being shown through all the principal thoroughfares paved with different materials, we sped on to Indiana harbor, took car for Whiting, about 5 minutes' ride, where we inspected the refining plant of the Western Westrumite company, after which we returned to Chicago, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday were spent principally in Whiting, East Chicago and Hammond and the following are some of the results of our labors:

In all the miles of Westrumite pavement we never saw one patch that had been applied by reason of faulty construction or from wear and tear. In fact, the streets, a large number having been constructed from three to five years, were in as perfect condition as those put down in the last two years. Their cleanliness and smoothness, even surface was quite noticeable at a distance and we could readily tell a Westrumite street before we got to it.

The following are some of the expressions from property owners, teamsters and others who have had experience with and observed Westrumite:

Geo. L. Girard, a prominent business man and large property owner of Whiting says: "Doubtless good as brick, don't want any other, would pay one-half more for it than any other pavement."

G. M. Baum, Superintendent of Manual Training school of Whiting (an institution which covers four acres and is second only to that of Indianapolis, which is the best in the United States): "Have observed Westrumite put down from start to finish, consider it the best from a sanitary standpoint, consider it the best pavement on the market."

Edwin H. Farr, editor Whiting Call, who up to two years ago fought this pavement, says: "The Westrumite paving which has been laid in the streets of Whiting is considered by the residents and property owners to be the best, most satisfactory and most durable paving known to the world today, taking price into consideration and requirements of traffic; as, after several years of hard wear and tear, they show no indications of disintegration, presenting the same smooth, clean surface as when first finished. In fact, the greater wear they get the better they seem to be."

Magnus Bros., dealers in flour, feed, salt and mill products, Hammond, said: "Well pleased with Westrumite. Our teamsters say it affords a better and surer foothold for the horses than any other pavement we have in this city and one of them says 'I wish all the streets were like this.'"

C. G. Wolff, barber, Hammond: "Recommend Westrumite. Prefer it to any other pavement. Westrumite put down in front of my property two years ago and it looks better now than when first laid."

J. J. Nejdil, postmaster, and a member of the firm of Nejdil & Greenwald, general contractors, (they lay brick, cement and macadam): "There is no sentiment with me in this matter. I own property on a street paved with Westrumite, which pavement has been in for six years and is now in as good condition if not better than when first laid. The pavement has been torn up for the purpose of running in water mains, etc., and has been replaced without difficulty and after a short time you could not tell whether there had been a patch or not. Since this pavement was laid I have had my side street paved with the same material."

E. F. Kunert, owner of the largest and best equipped garage and auto livery in Hammond: "My opinion of Westrumite after having traveled over these streets for five years, will say that I do not believe that there is any other pavement has its equal for wearing and cleanliness. Parish avenue, Indiana Harbor, has been down about five years and that street looks better today than when I first saw it."

The above are only a few views of the many interviewed and are taken from letters and affidavits of which we procured a large number, and now in our possession. In conclusion will state that after meeting with such hearty approval we tried our best to find some one to knock. We went among the factories, property owners, team-

Reclaim Stump Land

The transformation of a wilderness into a Garden is planned for Western Washington and Oregon no less wonderful than the miracle wrought by irrigation east of the Cascades. This is the solution of the logged-off land problem that now seems in sight. To the South-west Washington Development Association must be given the credit of carrying this movement forward until it has reached a point where successful clearing of large areas of stump lands at low cost is successfully accomplished.

At the convention of the association held last week in Vancouver, the method of operation and plans for the future discussed. Professor Sparks of the state college at Pullman showed by actual demonstration how land may be cleared of stumps and roots with a minimum of money and effort and at the convention sessions prominent delegates outlined a scheme of pooling large stump areas and making fertile farms out of now almost worthless lands.

The organization of a big company to handle the land, clearing it and placing it on the market in small tracts to the farmer, was forecasted. It was suggested that money be raised for the work by bonding the land, similar to the plan followed in irrigation districts. Easy payments for purchasers were favored and it was generally agreed that the resulting development in dairying, vegetable growing and fruit raising would be astonishing in its far-reaching benefit, to the territory lying between the Cascade mountains and the sea.

Eight Months Enough

Isn't an eight-months term of school plenty for one year? It would seem so. The children would learn just as much and they would have more chance to build up their bodies in the open air. In some of the eastern states, where almost nine months of winter prevail, it is not such a hardship for the youngsters. But to be cooped up in the school room in Oregon with the bright sunshine, flowers and birds singing on the outside in the spring and early fall, isn't a child's mind more apt to wander to the beauties and delights on the outside than to school books? Pupils can do better work on shorter terms, and the teachers also. Better to pay the teachers a little higher salaries and make shorter terms. When we older folks were attending school we can still remember how awful long a five-months term seemed to be. Nine months would have filled us with despair. Give the youngsters a chance to enjoy life as well as to secure an education.

A Swell Affair

The Valentine ball given in the rink-Tuesday night of last week by the ladies of St. Johns was the best attended and most elaborate social function that has taken place in St. Johns for many moons. The handsome gowns worn by the ladies were the subject of much admiration and comment. A number of them were made especially for the occasion, and the effect produced was pleasing in the extreme. The rink was beautifully decorated, appropriately to the day it commemorated, and the ladies proved to be past mistresses of the art of embellishment. The music was rendered by Weinberger's orchestra and was of choicest selections, and the dancers enjoyed themselves to the fullest degree. The ladies of St. Johns were the recipients of numerous congratulations upon the success of the affair, with the expressed wish that more of the same kind will soon follow.

A colony of Danish farmers is to be brought to Oregon during the coming spring and established on lands in Multnomah and Yamhill counties. The immigrants will number about 100 and are all experienced in intensive farming. Small tracts will be used and vegetables, small fruit and poultry will be raised. Practically every foot of ground will be utilized by these thrifty farmers from abroad, and it is said that they can teach the American agriculturist a few things in conserving all the resources of the soil.

sters, merchants and fire departments trying to find some one to knock or find fault, but the result was the same and we did not find one but what had a good word for Westrumite.

A Story With a Moral.

Once upon a time a man sorely oppressed by family and financial troubles contemplated leaving this vale of trouble and tears. Desiring to describe his feelings and give his reasons for his departure the following lines were penned. Happily, through the ministrations of good friends his mind was diverted. The moral, however, is plain:

I am standing on the summit of Eternity at last,
As reckless of the future as I have been of the past;
I am void of all ambition, I am dead to every hope.

The coil of life is ended, and I am letting go the rope.

I have drifted down the stream of time till weary, sore oppressed,
I am tired of the motion, and simply want a rest;
I have tasted all the pleasures that life holds out to man,
I've scanned the whole world over till there's nothing left to scan.

I have heard the finest music, I have read the rarest books,
I have drunk the purest vintage, and tasted all the cooks;
I have run the scale of living and sounded every tone,
Till there's nothing left to live for, and I want to be alone.

Alone and unmolested; where the vultures do not rave,
And the only place that's left me is the placid, quiet grave;
I am judge and jury mingled, and the verdict that I give,
Is, that without friends and money it is useless to live.

In a day or two my body will be found out in the lake,
The coroner will get a fee, the printer get a "take";
The verdict will be "Suicide, from causes yet unknown,"
Golgotha draws another blank—a mound without a stone.

To change the usual verdict I will give the reasons now,
Before the rigid seal of death is stamped upon my brow;
'Tis the old familiar story of passion, love and crime,
Repeated through the ages since Cleopatra's time.

A woman's lips, a woman's eyes—a siren all in all,
A modern Cleopatra, fit to cause the strongest man to fall;
A wedded life, some blissful years, then poverty crept in,
With care and doubt and liquor from whiskey down to gin.

The story told by Tolstoi in comparison with mine,
Is moonlight unto sunlight, as water unto wine;
The jealous pangs I've suffered, the hideous nights of woe,
I pray no other mortal may ever undergo.

But I've said enough, I fancy, to make my reasons plain,
Enough to show the causes of a shattered heart and brain;
What wonder, then, that life holds not a single tie to bind,
A wish or hope to live for—an interest in mankind.

Already dead, but breathing—a fact that I regret,
A man, without desire, now, excepting to forget;
And since there is denied me one, why should I linger here,
A dead leaf from the forest of a long forgotten year?

So, au revoir, old cronies; if there's a meeting place beyond,
I'll let you know in spirit, and I know you will respond;
I'm going now, old comrades, to heaven, or to—Well,
I'll let you know which shortly.
Farewell, a long farewell!

Twenty-two towns will be placed on the railroad map of Oregon by the operation of the Oregon Trunk up the Deschutes canyon and on to Madras, which will be started March 1. These centers have never before had railroad transportation and the surrounding country will increase in productivity and wealth to a remarkable degree because of the markets placed within reach of the farmer by the coming of the railroad. Pioneer conditions will obtain no longer in Central Oregon. There is now remaining no obstacle to its complete agricultural development.

Products of the Beaver state will have their inning during the two weeks beginning February 27, when the "Made in Oregon" exposition will open in Portland. Home manufacturers will show what they are doing to meet the demand of their own people for factory products, and the wide variety of articles to be shown will, unquestionably, prove a surprise to many. A local department store will house the exhibits. A similar exposition was held some years ago and was a great success. The promoters of the coming show expect to outdo the former one.

Plans have matured for the commencement of the \$18,000 business block and Pythian Castle to be erected by the Knights of Pythias on the corner of Charleston and Jersey streets. We understand a long lease has been taken upon the lower floor of the contemplated structure.

We Need a Park

Last Sunday plenty of evidence was seen that St. Johns needs a park badly. Hundreds of visitors took advantage of the beautiful weather and made a trip to the hustling and pushing city of St. Johns. After parading up and down the main streets and a visit to the water front, there was nothing else to do but get onto a street car to rest from their walk.

No where, lest it be a doorstep or edge of the sidewalk, was to be found to sit down with their children and rest their weary feet. A park properly equipped with seats, playgrounds, swings, etc., would have been hailed by them with thanksgiving. Many mothers in St. Johns would be only too glad to take their children and their sewing to a park and spend a few delightful hours every day the weather is favorable, if such an institution was available. Why then not have a park? The city can well afford it, an excellent site can be secured, and there is no reason under the sun why we should longer delay about the matter unless it might be that 'too high price' objection that killed the best site St. Johns can ever hope to secure for a park.

There is nothing the matter with the site at Northern Hill. If there are any better, we would be glad to know it. We want the best, all points considered, and the Caples-Harris tract seems to be just that at this time. The price is no higher than you or I would ask, likely, if we were the owners thereof. When the question of voting bonds for the purchase of the same comes up, be sure and advocate its purchase, with enough additional money to fit it up in a proper manner.

At the Stock Yards

Receipts for the week have been cattle 1275, calves 24, hogs 599, sheep 7212, horses 20. The week has been one of recovery in almost every line. Cattle advanced from the low point 25c. Hogs made a gain of practically 50c and the sheep market has been fairly steady. Choice steers brought \$7 and good to choice 6.85. The high point in the Chicago market last week on cattle was 6.90 for four lots of choice Herefords. They weighed 1500 pounds, and were considered fancy. This market was fully \$1 higher on cattle than Chicago. The hog market was poorly supplied and prices took a sharp upward turn. Friday's offerings sold at 8.75 for the best. There was a big run of hogs on the eastern markets and prices broke from 25c to 30c. The supply of sheep was liberal, with the majority of the offerings medium to poor quality. One lot 80-pound lambs brought 6.00 and a lot of yearling wethers, weighing 98 pounds brought 4.95. The horse market showed considerable amount of inquiry for better quality drafters, with a light supply on hand. There was little or no demand for ponies or range stock, but for 1600 or 2000-pound, matched teams there was an active inquiry, D. O. Lively.

Cobb Bros. are now engaged in the brokerage and salvage business, and are disposing of an immense stock of goods at Union and Failing streets. Former experience having taught them that they could get as good printing at a lower price at the Review office than in Portland, they placed with us a large order for printing. One of the "benefits" they have discovered of doing business in Portland is that it costs \$3.00 per 1000 to have circulars distributed. Here it costs about four bits.

Chinese women are getting right in line and demanding votes for women. Mrs. J. Lung, graduate of the Canton Normal school, and Miss B. Loo, a graduate of the University of California, two Chinese suffragettes, in an address before the Young Chinese organization of San Francisco, demanded that the yellow race rise up and overthrow the Manchu dynasty and proclaim a republic with woman suffrage attachments.

Portland Commercial club got 2070 letters in five days inquiring about home conditions, farming and livestock. The writers were from all parts of the world, but chiefly from the United States. The business men of St. Johns should get busy and do so much boosting and publicity work that a goodly number of those immigrants would come here to live.

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

Should Move to St. Johns

That Portland property owners are being over assessed by the tax-gatherer and that Portland real estate may get a black eye because of the exorbitant levy was the declaration made last night by Charles K. Henry, discussing the action of the tax levying boards of the city and county and the \$4,750,000 expenditure of the legislature. Mr. Henry says the taxes in Portland are fully 50 per cent higher than they are in San Francisco and that San Francisco has had the reputation for years of being one of the worst tax-ridden cities in the country. He pointed to a letter he had just received from owners of the Thompson estate who live in San Francisco, in which they claim that the Portland property is taxed at least one-half higher than their San Francisco holdings.

"When are we going to see an end to this business of piling up taxes?" asked Mr. Henry. "Last year the taxpayers of Portland were forced to bundle \$4,400,000 for the tax eater. This was an unprecedented sum and showed wasteful extravagance on the part of those who handled the business of the city, county and schools. This year they come along and propose to hold us up for \$6,400,000, an increase of 45 1/2 per cent. Where in the world does the money go to? Who gets it? What good do we derive from the expenditure of such a vast sum in the administering of local governments?"

Mr. Henry declared that the high taxes in Portland are having a bad effect upon the development of the city and that investors in real estate and prospective builders are being scared away in the face of the market value property assessment and the 22-mill tax levy.

"We can't do business carrying such a burden," continued Mr. Henry. "The legitimate business men of Portland and property owners are wearing their lives out working for the tax-eaters. Assessor Sigler at a meeting of the business men last fall, promised he would not raise the assessment in the business center of the city, but when the assessment for the year was announced it contained an average of 15 per cent. We were assured that the tax levy would not be increased but when the boards got through digging into our pockets, we were confronted with an increase of four mills, or nearly 25 per cent."

"Nearly every other business man in Portland feels as I do about this tax business. The tax levying bodies, who seem to be hand in hand with the tax-eaters, seem to have reached the point in their brazenness that they hold the taxpayer in utter contempt. Such a word as economy is not to be found in their lexicon; all they seem to think of is how to get more money to spend."—Sunday's Journal.

Building Permits

No. 7.—To H. E. Reed to erect a dwelling on Charleston street between Willis boulevard and Hudson street; cost, \$600.

No. 8.—To B. F. Neal to erect dwelling on Burlington street between Willis boulevard and Leonard street; cost, \$1000.

No. 9.—To O. D. Landerholm to erect dwelling on Mohawk street between Nicklin and Swenson street; cost \$1000.

No. 10.—To Carl Thompson to enlarge dwelling on Edison street between St. Johns avenue and Catlin street; cost \$300.

No. 11.—To Kerr & Son to erect dwelling on John street between Fillmore and Gresham streets for O. E. Learned; cost \$2100.

No. 12.—To J. I. Shurtos, to enlarge dwelling on Hayes street between Mohawk and Richmond; cost \$150.

C. J. Keith, an old friend of the Byerlee family, recently from Omaha, Nebraska, accompanied by his brother, G. L. Keith, were visitors in St. Johns Wednesday. They are looking for a place to locate and have been going all winter, taking in Chicago, St. Louis, San Antonio, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Roseburg and all the country between. They stopped quite awhile at Roseburg trying to become attached to the place but decided that in their attempt to get the maximum number of acres to the square mile, they had piled the dirt too high and were putting the prices up to the same altitude. They like the appearance of St. Johns very much and are coming back when our linotype will have time to "Jim around" and show them our attractions.

Council Proceedings

All members of the city council answered to roll call at the regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The first matter to attract the attention of the solons was a petition for an arc light at the corner of Portland boulevard and Oswego street. On motion of Councilman Davis the request was granted.

A petition for the improvement of South Hayes between Buchanan and Ida street was referred to the engineer for the purpose of ascertaining if the property would stand for the improvement, on motion of Mr. Davis.

Kilkenny Bros. asked for and was granted 30 days extension of time on the construction of Jersey street sidewalk. This is the last extension that should be granted on this contract. It really should be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible to get it out of the way of the sewer and hardsurfacing contracts.

Construction of sewer laterals on Gresham and Fillmore streets from Mohawk to Richmond was accepted on motion of Councilman Dobie.

Bills to the amount of \$56.35 were allowed on motion of Councilman Johnson.

An ordinance assessing the cost of improving Fessenden street from Edison to Ivanhoe was passed.

An ordinance assessing the cost of construction of sewer laterals was passed.

The school board asked for the privilege of grading half of Philadelphia and Tacoma streets which was granted on motion of Councilman Cook.

A resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Cook for the improvement of Olympia street from Allegheny to Charleston street by grade and cement sidewalks.

The fire commission which had been instructed to look up suitable locations for the establishment of sub-hose stations, reported the following as best adapted for the purpose: Cor. south Jersey and Polk, Portland boulevard and Newport street, Cedar Park near Schmalling's store. Each station to be provided with cart and at least 300 feet of hose. The commission will look further into the proposition of securing suitable buildings for the purpose.

An ordinance authorizing a special election for voting bonds for the purchase of the ferry slips and approaches with the pontoons in the sum of \$6000, said election to be held Saturday, March 11, passed on motion of Councilman Hiller.

Mr. Davis made a motion that carried, directing the recorder to write to the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. and ascertain what it is willing to do toward opening up Dawson street. Mr. Davis insisted that this improvement be done this year and that no time should be lost in getting it started.

On motion of Mr. Cook the engineer was directed to prepare estimates for the improvement of Charleston street from Hudson to Fessenden and have same in shape for presentation to the council next week.

Mr. Davis asked that the proposition of voting bonds for the purchase of the Caples-Harris tract of land for a public park be put in the proper shape by the attorney for the April election. Mr. Collier stated that everything was in readiness and the ordinance providing for same could be passed at any time. It was decided to place the matter on the ballots April 3d.

As an evidence that the people of Kenton have great confidence in Westrumite hard surfacing, eleven streets in that hustling burg have signed up for hardsurfacing with Westrumite, each petition being signed by from 65 to 100 per cent. of the property owners affected. Petitions for the improvement of four more streets are being circulated, upon which the same product will be used. These people have investigated Westrumite thoroughly and are convinced that it is the best hard surfacing that can be procured.

A. Wilhelm has associated himself with the Pitchless Lumber Co. and will open up and develop a well equipped furniture making establishment in connection with the lumber company. There is an excellent field here for a furniture factory, and it is likely that this plant which starts with a small beginning will flourish and grow to be one of the leading industries of the peninsula.

The meeting of the Jersey street property owners in the city hall last night occurred too late for report this week. A detailed account will be published in our next issue.

Will Hold Primary

The city authorities, in order to prevent any question that might be raised by allowing the city primary election to go by default, have decided to hold the same Monday, February 27th. This is the date originally set by council, and according to the city charter, is the proper time for holding it. One of the city papers tried to create a hubbalooboo over the matter by contending that this date was not in accordance with the state law, and that a big blunder had been made, but the effort fell flat. It has been proven that where the state law and the city charter do not exactly jibe, the charter has precedence in matters relating to city affairs. While it appears entirely unnecessary to hold a primary this year, when no candidates have filed nomination papers, yet in accordance with an ordinance passed providing for holding the same, it was deemed wisest to carry the force out to avoid any complications or objections that might arise later on. Recorder Eason has had notices posted calling the primary election for February 27. The First Ward polling place will be 202 South Jersey, and for the Second Ward at the city hall. Polls will open at noon and close at 7 p. m.

Progressive 500

A delightful 500 party was given by the Pythian Sisters in the K. of P. hall Tuesday evening. About sixty-five were present and progressive 500 engrossed their attention until the score boards were filled. Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served. These parties occur once a week and are for the purpose of raising funds for defraying expenses of the Pythian Sisters' convention to be held here soon. The sum of ten cents is collected from each attendant at the gatherings. Last week the party was held at the home of Chief of Police McKinney, Mrs. J. F. Hendricks acting as hostess. It was well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Next Thursday night the affair will be held at the residence of P. J. Miller on Polk street. On Tuesday night Mrs. W. C. Bailey captured the ladies' prize and Mr. Johnstone the gentlemen's prize, while Mr. Boardman and Mrs. Tucker received the booby prizes.

Shofner-Karr

A wedding of interest to many in our city occurred Tuesday, February 14, when Miss Anna J. Karr was united in marriage to Mr. Webb Clayton Shofner, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Archbishop Christie of St. Mary's Cathedral, at Portland, Oregon. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Karr of Fessenden street, and has many friends in this city and in Portland. Mr. Shofner is well known here, being born and raised in Portland, and is the son of Col. Jas. C. Shofner, formerly a prominent business man of Portland, but now a resident of Sonoma, Cal.

The pupils of the Central school had a longer vacation than was expected. Owing to dilatory tactics of the Electric company, the repairs to the motor, which had refused to perform its function further until it was fixed, were not completed until Tuesday. Of course the pupils were grievously disappointed—when the repairs were consummated.

The erection of a business structure for Councilman A. W. Davis was begun on Monday. It is located on Jersey street, adjoining Johnstone's Toggery on the north. It will be 25x60 in size, with a cement brick front. When completed it will be occupied by a mercantile firm, which has secured a long lease upon the same.

The contractor on the Jersey street sidewalk should have taken advantage of the beautiful weather the past couple of weeks. The chances are that this work and the construction of the sewer will be in progress on this thoroughfare at one time, and the traveling public may need airships to effect a passage.

Geo. Urban has had his property, consisting of three or four fine lots in the eastern part of the city, cleared and put under the plow. He will fill the same with the finest lot of vegetables care and skill can produce. N. A. Gee did the circular work in clearing the land.