

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

Devoted to the interests of the Peninsula, the Manufacturing Center of the Northwest

VOL. 7

ST. JOHNS, OREGON, FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1911.

NO. 21

IT'S NOW UP TO YOU
To subscribe for THIS Paper
All the news while it is news is
our motto. Call in and enroll!

GET IN THE HABIT
Of advertising in THIS Paper
and you'll never regret it. Be-
gin at once and keep right at it

Pick 'Em Out

Below is a complete list of candidates who have complied with the requirements necessary to enter the race for the various city offices. In looking over the list one will note that only one member of the present council—J. S. Downey—is a candidate for re-election.

- For Mayor**
- K. C. Couch—Republican-Democrat.
- A. W. Vincent—Independent-Socialist.
- For Recorder**
- F. H. Brodahl—Independent.
- Frank A. Rice—Republican, Democrat and Independent.
- For Treasurer**
- W. Scott Kellogg—Republican, Democrat-Independent.
- For City Attorney**
- A. M. Esson—Republican-Democrat-Independent.
- O. J. Gatzmeyer—Independent.
- Councilman at Large**
- Charles Oredeson—Independent.
- G. W. Curtis—Independent-Socialist.
- J. S. Downey—Independent.
- N. A. Gee—Ind-Socialist.
- J. F. Hendricks—Rep-Ind.
- D. Frank Horsman—Independent.
- F. W. Valentine—Rep-Dem-Ind.
- For Councilmen for First Ward**
- John W. Davis—Independent.
- Randolph Graden—Independent.
- Gaylord Mallett—Ind-Soc.
- A. A. Muck—Rep-Ind.
- J. I. Shurts—Ind-Soc.
- For Councilman for Second Ward**
- C. J. Anderson—Ind-Socialist.
- W. S. Basey—Independent.
- A. T. Boldon—Democratic.
- J. F. Gillmore—Independent.
- P. Hill—Republican-Independent.
- Rudolph Markwart—Independent.
- G. L. Perrine—Ind-Soc.

Vote For a City Park

The opportunity for securing a city park will be provided next Monday, when the question of issuing bonds for the purpose will be voted upon. There is no reason why St. Johns should not possess a park. In fact the city is not up to the times unless it acquires one.

The interest upon the bonds is all we need directly concern ourselves about; Portland will have to pay the principal after annexation. The site offered to the city is well adapted for park purposes, and \$21,000, or an average of about \$500 per 50x100 lot, is not an exorbitant price when the location is taken into consideration. In fact many of the lots are worth \$600 to \$800, as any realty man will attest. It is doubtful if any are worth less than \$500. The property will, so that if a better and more suitable location can be found later on, this ground can be sold for what it cost at least, and the proceeds applied upon the purchase of another. But we want a park, need a park and should have one. It would be something to boast about, a place to spend many pleasant hours in good old summer time, and would be a source of pleasure for the youngsters.

The land in question is situated just south and adjoining the ice plant on Dawson street, and is owned jointly by Mrs. Nancy Caples and H. E. Harris. It contains a fraction less than six acres, is within the trolley line loop, easy of access, level, and contains a number of fine fir trees. It might be well for those who are unfamiliar with the location to pay some a visit Sunday, so that an intelligent vote can be cast Monday.

Back to Nature

A hen is not supposed to have much common sense or tact. Yet every time she lays an egg she cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot of intellect to show, but none the less, most roosters have enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts, has a persistent way. Of letting people know he's around by his insistent bray.

The busy little bees, they buzz, bulls bellow and cows moo. And watch-dogs bark, and gamblers quack and doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks pigs squeal and robins sing. And even serpents know enough to hiss before they sting.

But MAN, the greatest masterpiece Jehovah could devise. Will often stop and hesitate before he'll ADVERTISE

Roscoe Parker Married

Roscoe Parker of the Parker Bros. was married March 14, to Miss Ida Anderson. The ceremony took place in Portland, Rev. J. R. Johnson officiating.

The wedding was something of a surprise to the friends of the groom and when he and his bride arrived here they were given a hearty welcome and compelled to attend the "hard times" social where they received the congratulations of all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker are now keeping house in their new residence near the Parker Bros. Mill. The Times joins in extending best wishes to the happy couple.—Willamina Times.

There is an old warning about poking your nose in other people's business which Earl Moore thinks originated with the man who caught behind the bat without a mask over his "mug" in a hot game of baseball. Earl tried it Monday. The pitcher put in a hot one, the batter tried to fan out a home run but tipped a foul just so the sphere caught Earl's unprotected bugle.

For a time he saw all the signs of the zodiac and a number of stars not yet charted. After he put a little tar on his fingers and pulled his nasal appendage out from between his eyes, where the ball had driven it, that facial ornament leaked a gallon or so of good Irish blood, and it wasn't green, either, even if Earl was. He will know better the next time.

Mrs. G. O. Keeney and young daughter of Cheyenne, Wyo., are guests at the home of the former's mother-in-law, Mrs. C. F. Lidberg, 411 Allegheny street. Mrs. Keeney is immensely pleased with Oregon, which is in strong contrast with the cold and barren lands of Wyoming. She may decide to remain here permanently.

That Aviation Contest

About 75 people met at the lovely home of Mrs. Overstreet on Burr street last Saturday evening for the purpose of entertaining the winners in an "aviation" contest held recently by the enterprising young people of the Christian church.

They divided their members into three sections to make a trial of the three most successful flying machines: the dirigible, the biplane, and the monoplane, the one making the shortest flight to entertain the other two sections, the object being to increase the membership of the C. E.

Miss Edna Fountain was captain of the dirigible, Jerome Whisler the biplane and Earl Moore the monoplane. In the get-away the dirigible sailed away majestically, leaving its competitors aghast, leading the fair captain giving the merry ha! ha! to her pursuers and was soon out of sight in the distance. Interest then centered in the planes. The biplane made a fair start and Captain Whisler, who is otherwise known as the Shakespeare, poet-laureate of the James Johns High, began to get chesty and make plans for all kinds of fireworks when they should pass the dirigible; but suddenly there came a discordant sputter from the motor, the carburetor was bucking and the plane scarcely held its own. Then it worked good for awhile and a short advance was made, but it was a brief respite when the inevitable came and with a groan the noble captain struck his colors and gracefully floated around to a good, soft place to alight. But how has the athletic Captain Moore fared with the monoplane? Like its relative, the biplane, Captain Moore's bird ship made a fair start, but in his usual energetic way he crowded on too much power at the start and the motor slipped an eccentric, sprung a side rod and came to a dead stand still. "Out of the way, quick!" roared the captain, "Let me have hold of that crank shaft and I'll turn the machine myself." But it was too late, just as the captain's beeps began to swell and the propeller blades began to hum and the airship was gathering itself for a strong, victorious flight, the plane came in contact with a tall pine, crumpled up, the ship turned turtle and came down in the hazel brush, just outside the grounds, with nobody hurt. Just about this time Captain Fountain with the dirigible came sailing in with all colors flying, circled the grounds and alighted in front of the grand stand like a duck, amid the cheers of all beholders and was declared the winner. There may be some poetic license taken in this description, but this is the way it looked to the writer judging from the blackboard illustrations of the flight. And the "gathering of the clans" at Mrs. Overstreet's was to entertain the dirigibles at the expense of the defeated bird men.

The amusements of the evening were a number of new and interesting games, interspersed with songs by Mr. Thompson of Portland, with his sister, Miss Thompson, as accompanist. Mrs. Keeler gave two readings in a most delightful manner, the latter in response to a hearty encore was particularly applicable to the "tight wads" who go to church, sit with closed eyes and sing "I'm glad salvation's free" while they permit the basket to pass without contributing anything. After the entertainment, the guests were served with the most delicious cakes and fruit punch, and we were obliged to hurry this closing ceremony so as to get home before Sunday. Now, just a word more. If you wish to have just the happiest time of your life, work your rabbit's foot to secure an invitation to some function of the C. E. to be held at the home of Mrs. Overstreet and then go, even if you have to put off your own wedding. It's a combination that never fails. Dad.

John Curi, father of Mrs. C. J. Anderson, corner of Ivanhoe and Richmond, met with a severe and painful accident about six o'clock last Thursday evening. He had just come down stairs and as he stepped upon the sidewalk some one ran into him with a bicycle, knocking him down and injuring him to such an extent that by reason of his great age his physician thinks he may never be able to walk again. The wheel men ought to either keep to the street or use greater care in passing buildings. With a 10 or 12-foot sidewalk to ride upon there seems no excuse but criminal carelessness for running the old gentleman down.

If you have anything in the furniture line to sell, see H. F. Clark, the furniture man.

Ends Four Years' Service

Rev. Chester Paul Gates will close his ministry in St. Johns on next Sunday, April 2. According to the law of the United Evangelical church, a pastor having served a term of four years must move on.



REV. C. P. GATES.

Mr. Gates was appointed to St. Johns in 1907, and having served the specified term, must move. He regrets very much the necessity that is laid upon him, yet proceeds in observance of the law. The theme of the services next Sunday



MRS. C. P. GATES.

will be: A. M., "The Finish"; 7:30 p. m., "The Irrecoverable Past and the All Possible Future."

Rev. Gates and his estimable wife have innumerable friends here, who are loath to have them leave, but trust that their new location will not be so far away but that they can often pay a visit to St. Johns.

About 52 persons, old and young, were present to enjoy the mask social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Childers last Friday evening. A short program, consisting of music and readings was given after which marshmallows and punch was served. A prize was given for the best sustained character. The proceeds will go towards helping to pay for the hospital expenses of one of the members of the M. E. church who is now in a Portland hospital.

Oregon is getting its full share of the colonists who are crowding the westbound trains. A telegram from Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, to Manager Chapman of the Commercial club, bore the information that over one-third of the passengers on the Oriental Limited one day out of the Twin Cities were bound for Oregon. This ratio is probably true of practically all of the colonist trains coming to the Northwest.

The apple is such a common and well known fruit that few people are familiar with its remarkable medical qualities. But one of the best things a person can do to keep in good health and to keep sound is to eat an apple just before going to bed. The apple is an excellent brain food, because it has, in easily digested shape, more phosphoric acid than any other fruit.

Oregon's Naval Militia will get the Cruiser Boston for use in training the members in the ways of the navy. The vessel will be available May 15 and will be stationed at Portland. Cruises will be made to seacoast points to give the membership practical instruction in handling a fighting ship. The Reserve is an active organization that promises to become more important as time passes.

Thad T. Parker greeted many of his old St. Johns friends here Sunday. Thad is located at Willamina where he is engaged in the law and other business. He has leased his newspaper plant, and is devoting his time to other work. The experiences he relates in getting out a newspaper are highly amusing. Thad's many friends were glad to greet him once more.

Anent Westrumite

Editor St. Johns Review:

With growing conviction of your fair-mindedness, which has been fostered by personal contact, and a full appreciation of the influence which the Review yields in St. Johns, I am appealing to you to publish certain results of a personal investigation I have made into the merits of Westrumite.

I am fully aware that the publication will be construed by certain lean and fleshy swivel-chair politicians as the paid product of a competing company. But disregarding these narrow, biased views and acting on the urgent solicitation of the minority of the Jersey street property owners, and a not inconsiderable number of ordinary tax-payers, I feel justified in setting down such facts as my own inquiries have developed, relying on your own personal acquaintance and my constantly expressed views for the advancement of the city to offset any biased insinuation that may be offered.

In making the investigation into the merits or demerits of Westrumite as a hard surface material, my first move was naturally to examine the recorded patents of the founder of the company and the authorities that dealt with his product. These investigations showed me that Westrumite is a trade name, was registered in 1903 by Leonard S. Van Westrum, in accordance with the several patent specifications he had filed in Germany and in England for his material. In 1904, following the procedure he had adopted in Germany, Van Westrum obtained three patents which are numbered 752,485-752,486 and 752,487. These patents refer to an emulsion of oil and water, consisting of 90 per cent water and were originally for the sprinkling of streets, for which purpose they are admirably adapted.

Mr. Van Westrum on his arrival in this country made application to the New York authorities for a demonstration of product and on August 21 and 22, 1905, such a demonstration was made at Staten Island. As a dustlayer the product was pronounced "excellent," but the excessive cost of the product militated against its adoption. Further experiments made later on the Midway Plaisance at Chicago, and in 1907 Van Westrum, recognizing that the abnormal cost of sprinkling would debar its adoption in many American cities, used his product in a different way.

At St. Paul, Minn., he used this oil and water product to sprinkle the several layers of macadam, and after repeated failures with the use of his emulsion under the layer method he applied to the owners of Bitulithic patents for license in the midwest to use the novelty of their invention, which novelty provided for the mixing of the various grades of the stone together, and the addition of his Westrumite emulsion, thus making possible a more dense mineral aggregate than was provided by the use of his emulsion under the layer method.

William Pierson Judson, the eminent New York consulting engineer, says in his book that Westrumite is an emulsion of oil and water saponified with ammonia and other ingredients. John Henry Larson, in his book on roadmaking, confirms this statement. When, owing to complications, the holders of the Bitulithic patent were unwilling for the agreement to continue, Van Westrum made application to the United States Patent Office for another patented roadway and on April 25, 1910, Patent No. 956,009, "A method of building roads which consists of mixing an asphaltic cement agent whose basis is water with broken stone, gravel, earth, etc., in their natural condition, spreading and compacting the mixture on a suitable foundation" was issued. This patent is the sole one that has hitherto been granted to Van Westrum for an asphaltic pavement and the recent date at which it was granted precludes the possibility of it having received a fair trial under severe traffic conditions, even granting that it has ever been used for the laying of a regular roadbed.

Representatives of the Westrumite company have exhibited in St. Johns laboratory samples of the Westrumite pavement, but their specifications make no offer that they will take this sample, seal it, and file it with the city engineer and use a product equally as dense with the same percentage of bitumen on Jersey street; and it is my belief that the laying of such a mixture would infringe the basic patent held by the Bitulithic people, the validity of which was upheld by the decision of Justice Lurton in 1909, and afterwards upheld by Supreme Court.

The committee of two which

visited the eastern cities reported that the streets of Hammond and Chicago visited were without flaw. From letters filed with the city recorder of St. Johns, I have extracted the following statements directly antagonistic to these views:

Magnin Brothers, of Hammond, Indiana state that "the letter given to Mr. Hill regarding Westrumite pavement about a month ago, was secured from us by misrepresentation on his part." George S. Dobbin writes: "As a free-holder and citizen of the city of Hammond, Indiana, I do not like Westrumite for improving a street. It is no good." Peter L. Davis states: "I have been a member of the board of public works of the city of Hammond for the past five years. In my opinion Westrumite for dust layer is good, but for a permanent improvement, I do not consider that it is good." John Kane, chairman of the streets and alleys committee for the past seven years at Hammond, Indiana, says: "Westrumite dries out and the surface wears off and blows away within eighteen months after the completion of the improvement."

A. M. Turner, president of the First National Bank of Hammond, said: "Our experience with Westrumite has not been highly satisfactory."

With regard to Chicago, the letter sent by Engineer Andrew was returned to him with the succinct remark across its face in blue pencil "N. G." whilst the city of Chicago under their seal declare that "the Westrumite laid in this city was practically worse than useless."

These letters and many others in the same strain are a matter of record, being filed with the recorder. City Engineer Andrew has claimed that the specifications furnished by the Westrumite company are indefinite. They make no mention of sub-grade, no details of the amount of bitumen in Westrumite, and are uncertain as to the process adopted in laying the flush coat. He made a careful dissection of the two sets of specifications in an interview for the Portland Journal Sunday, and a schoolboy knowledge of the elementary laws of physics, apart from any technical knowledge of road-making, must show that the road constructed upon the layer upon layer principle, containing some 45 per cent of voids, cannot have the compressive strength which a road bed constructed on a principle where the wearing surface approximates the density of common stone must have. The absolute worthlessness of the guarantee bond, however optimistic the guarantors may be, has been shown by the city attorney relying on the decision of supreme court of the state of Oregon. The weak financial standing of the Westrumite company is a matter of record with the commercial agencies. I hold no brief for any competing company and almost incredible as it may seem to those whose whole training has been a refutation of the principle, I am merely anxious to uncover what I consider a gigantic steal from the citizens of St. Johns.

If the result of my personal investigations can have any weight, let me urge the rank and file of the citizens of St. Johns to call a meeting. Let me urge them to obtain the opinion of a reputable engineer who is unbiased by the opinions of any competing company. Let the samples of Westrumite that are being hawked around the city be filed with the engineer as a sealed sample of their product, and let the citizens themselves, unmoved by the hoarse howlings of interested politicians, do their own personal investigating. And if they find that their judgment, after carefully weighing the matter, leads them to laying down Westrumite on Jersey street in opposition to the views I have expressed, and if they can show evidence that the product will be a credit to the city, I will certainly do my little all, vaunting it in and out of season to advance the sale of the Westrumite product and to uphold the credit of the city of St. Johns in the years to come.

J. F. WRIGHT.

The Leighton Hardware Co. has succeeded the Hendricks Hardware Co. and the new management assumed control last week. E. L. Perkins, the efficient and obliging assistant of Mr. Hendricks, has been retained by Messrs. Leighton, and his smiling countenance will continue to beam upon patrons (especially the ladies) of the store.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles will give an old time eastern dance in M. W. A. hall, St. Johns, Tuesday, April 4th. Good music and good time assured. Admission 50c, ladies free.

How do you easterners like this Oregon weather?

Council Proceedings

Westrumite scored another decided victory at the regular council meeting Tuesday night, when the city engineer waived his objections to the specifications submitted by the paving company and also expressed a willingness to make his estimates in accordance with the bid recently submitted by the Westrumite company. The seating capacity of the hall was more than reached by the attendance.

All members were present with J. W. Davis filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. W. Windle. The first matter taken up was petitions for arc lights at Mears and Oregonian, Swift and Macrum and Olympia and Macrum streets. The three lights were ordered installed on motion of A. W. Davis.

A written communication from the engineer, in which he stated that owing to a preponderance of sentiment in favor of Westrumite, he waived his objections thereto and was willing to change his estimates, was read and on motion of Mr. Dobie received and placed on file.

An ordinance adopting Westrumite, there being one or two slight alterations, and a resolution providing for the improvement of Jersey street with that material were ordered drawn by the attorney for next week's session on motion of Mr. Downey.

An ordinance providing for connection with the sewer was passed on motion of Mr. Cook, all voting in the affirmative with the exception of Mr. Dobie, who contended that the time given for connecting was entirely too short.

A portion of the Jersey street sidewalk and the improvement of Otsego were accepted by the council.

An ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving Chicago street from Jersey to Portland boulevard was passed on motion of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Downey made a motion that the tree adjacent to the city hall on Philadelphia street be removed. All opposed this step except Councilmen Cook and Downey. So the axman will spare the tree for the present at least.

The library committee was authorized to procure the necessary furniture for fitting up a library room in the McClesney block to the extent of \$125 on motion of Mr. Hiller. Bills amounting to \$491.50 allowed on motion of Mr. Johnson.

The Pythian Sisters' card party was held on Friday night at the I. O. O. F. Hall. A large crowd was in attendance. Mrs. P. J. Miller won the ladies' first prize and Mrs. Thos. Cochran captured the second. C. H. Derric received the gentleman's first and H. S. Hewitt carried off the second. These weekly card parties are very popular and much enjoyed. The next one will be held April 4th at the same place.

Bonham & Currier, with their usual enterprise, have decided to close their stores after April 1st at 6:30 p. m., and later, if the people accustom themselves to the change, will make the closing hour at six p. m. This is a move that should appeal to the public. The clerks are deserving of the additional time this will give them. The other stores should follow suit.

The excavation for the new building on the old site of the St. Johns Review and Dobie's realstate office, is almost completed. Construction work will be pushed right along. It is Bickner Bros.' intention to build a brick structure where Mansfield's barber shop and the confectionery store is now located sometime during the next two years.

The members and pastor of the Congregational church desire your presence at their place of worship, corner of Richmond and Ivanhoe streets, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Come.—G. W. Nelson, pastor.

I. F. Clark, brother of H. F. Clark, the furniture man, hailing from San Diego, Cal., arrived in St. Johns Wednesday and will probably engage in business here.

S. W. Bugbee, the drayage man, purchased two teams of fine draft horses at the Union Stock Yards Monday. Increased business demanded more horse flesh.

Albert Dix, living on Willamette boulevard, left Wednesday for Rik River, Idaho, where he goes to install a lumber plant.