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The Street Carnival

The street carnival has come and gone. It did not prove the success anticipated, partly because the nights were cooler than usual, and partly because the attractions offered were not very strong drawing cards. The balloon ascensions advertised to take place daily were somehow lacking until the last day, when the people were surprised to see the balloon ascend. The aerial trip was made successfully and the parachute descent was all that could be asked for. The Knights of Pythias, under whose auspices the event was pulled off, were disappointed in not getting a higher class of entertainments and the net proceeds were much lower than anticipated. The merry-go-round, as is usually the case, did a fair business. The best attraction on the grounds was Prof. Boss, the elastic man, who stretched a couple of feet in height, elongated his arm a foot or so, and transferred a lump on his back to the front part of his anatomy. If trick it was, it was cleverly done. The old plantation was pretty fair. The singing was good but not enough of it, and the dancing up to the average. The snake display was weak and uninteresting. The dancing girls were very ordinary and languid performers. The dog show, combined with a bit of mediocre vaudeville, was entertaining enough for that sort of diversion. Outside of the taffy, doll baby, wheel of fortune, and one or two other concessions, there was nothing else to see. A good side show with any circus presents better attractions than all combined. A number of business houses were decorated with the lodge colors and streamers were strung across Jersey street at regular intervals. Out of town visitors were not plentiful.

Speaks For Itself

There is more or less discussion in public places concerning the matter of a reduction in the police force. Some point to the fact that four years ago, when the city was overrun to a greater or less extent with reckless bridge workers and other lawless elements, that three police officers cared for the welfare of the city in an adequate manner. Therefore they assume that there is less reason for three police officers now than there was then. However, taking the police records for it, the number of arrests for the past four years give a pretty fair idea of what was done in the police department. During the year 1908 with Charles Bredeson as chief, and two assistants, 98 arrests were made. During the year ending April, 1909, J. H. Black, chief, with two assistants part of the time and three the balance, 163 arrests were made. In the year ending April, 1910, Chas. Bredeson chief, with three assistants, 230 arrests were made. In the year ending April 1911, R. McKinney, chief, with three assistants, 328 arrests were made. It will be noted that each policeman made an average of 33 arrests in 1907-8, while in 1910-11 82 arrests were made on an average by each police officer.

Seeks Location

John L. Samuels, a large cattle buyer from Idaho, was in St. Johns yesterday, seeking to purchase vacant land on the water front. He made a careful examination of the city dock, but seemed most impressed with some property he had inspected on the Gattion tract. He gave out the information that he was negotiating for the establishment of an independent slaughter house and yards, which could be used as a center for collecting cattle from Washington, Idaho and Oregon and the products shipped to retail butchers in Portland. He explained that it was no part of his scheme to form an independent packing plant, but from the credentials he had with him he proved that the concern would have large dealings in cattle and sheep.—Saturday's Journal.

The cutting of burned cedar poles has become quite an industry in Coos and Curry counties. Last year an experimental order was given for the burned over piling by the Santa Fe railroad. The timber was found to be satisfactory and there is a big demand for it. There are large quantities of burned over cedar in the forests of the coast counties and it has been found still serviceable even 40 years after the trees were killed by fire.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

Discrimination or What?

The Portland Commercial Club is apparently discriminating against St. Johns and belittling the city to those making inquiries concerning it. A well known resident of this city recently visited the Commercial building for the purpose of ascertaining what kind of "dope" was being dealt out to those desiring information concerning St. Johns. He purported to be a stranger just arrived from the East, and asked for some facts about St. Johns, stating that he had heard something of it, was impressed with what he had heard and desired further information. He was sent by the person he first addressed to see several parties in the building who "might give him the desired information," but they seemed to know nothing. Finally one party directed him to a man who, the director stated, "knew all about St. Johns." This gentleman when approached, stated that St. Johns was on the 5c car line, would soon be a part of Portland, and he believed there was a small city hall there where further information might be secured. And that was all. Great information for a stranger. He would surely feel wonderfully impressed with the place on the voluble array of facts secured from the club. If all other sections of the state are accorded the same treatment, what a great benefit the Portland Commercial Club is to the state at large! Are the employees of the club there just to draw their salaries and give out as little information as possible? It must be a fine incentive to the public to keep such an organization. It is hard to estimate how many people have been turned away from St. Johns and how many industries we have lost through the taciturnity of the club. If an official or assistant at the club knows nothing of a city adjoining Portland, he is entirely unfitted for the position, and the sooner he is discharged the better for the welfare of the club. It is either incompetency or discrimination in so far as St. Johns is concerned. Either is sufficient reason for ejection of the present help employed by the Portland Commercial Club.

Building Permits

- No. 42—To F. W. Valentine to alter saloon on Burlington street between Ivanhoe and Hayes; cost \$100.
- No. 43—To A. J. Godfrey to enlarge dwelling on Charleston street between Fessenden and Seneca; cost \$200.
- No. 44—To L. C. Dunsmore to erect a dwelling on Tyler street between Seneca and Fessenden; cost \$500.
- No. 45—To R. E. Thurmond to enlarge dwelling on Pierce street between Willamette boulevard and Edison; cost \$600.
- No. 46—To L. P. Tallman to erect dwelling on Mohawk street between Columbia and Willis boulevards; cost \$1400.
- No. 47—To Catherine Hahn to erect dwelling on Hayes street between Catlin and St. Johns avenue; cost \$1800.
- No. 48—To T. H. Cochran to construct dwelling on Hayes street between Charleston and Richmond; cost \$2000.

At the Stock Yard

Receipts at the Portland Union stock yards for the past week have been: Cattle 668, Calves 25, hogs 1103, sheep 3203, horses and mules 43. Very light receipts have been responsible for unusual strength in all lines. In the face of big declines at Eastern markets, prices here held up strong. There was a very active demand for everything that was offered and especially for light steers and butcher stuff. The hog market remained strong at 7.50 for the best. The sheep market was strong throughout. There was a little slack in the sale of the horses, but there was a considerable amount of inquiry.—D. O. Lively, Vice-President.

A new alignment for good roads was made during the past week at a meeting in Portland when steps were taken to organize a statewide Good Roads association. The former Oregon Good Roads association was dissolved, after all its affairs had been wound up. By means of a new organization it is expected to secure co-operation throughout Oregon to accomplish its objects. Sentiment for good roads will be aroused.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

Concert For Teddy Monday Night

A concert will be given to provide funds for securing a home and a musical education for Teddy, the little orphan Portland boy, who is gradually growing blind. The Portland Journal, through its columns, has made a large number of our people familiar with Teddy's case. A



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splendid program has been arranged, in which the very best local talent will take part. The benefit will be given in Bickner hall next Monday night. All who attend will receive their full money's worth besides aiding a worthy cause. Remember every cent you pay to this event goes to Teddy, as the expenses of the occasion have been provided for.

Arrest of McNamara Record Sturgeon Caught

Certain chiefs of certain labor organizations do not like the methods pursued in arresting McNamara. Mr. Gompers calls it kidnapping; others declare that it was a put up job. It most likely was, but so was the blowing up of the Los Angeles newspaper office. But there is a difference. McNamara will be adjudged as innocent until proved guilty, and unless proofs of his guilt are established beyond any possible reasonable doubt he will go free. But the lives destroyed in the Times explosion and the property destroyed at the same time are lost forever. The benefit of no doubt will restore them. And those at work in that office were guilty of nothing more heinous than of trying by their labor to earn their bread. And that was but one explosion. There have been many more, and surely a vigorous effort ought to be made to find out and if possible convict the perpetrators, because we want no American "Black Hand." It will be easy for McNamara to establish his innocence if he is innocent, or, stated the other way, it will be impossible to convict him if he is innocent.

But whoever the cowardly murderers were who perpetrated the Los Angeles outrage they ought to be gathered in, if skill and money can find them, for they are simply wild beasts in human form, and of all human wild beasts the most cowardly and fiendish breed. If the evidence was sufficient to justify the arrest of McNamara, the manner of his arrest does not matter so it was legal, and the cry made against it counts for nothing except to show where the sympathies are of those who raise the cry.—Goodwin's Weekly.

J. A. Cole, formerly of the firm of Bitgood & Cole, now of Astoria, was up to Portland on a business trip this week and took occasion to run out to St. Johns for a few hours to shake hands with old friends and to hook up his subscription to the Review for another year. He reports business rather quiet the past two months but picking up and prospects bright for a record-breaking season in the windy city by the sea this summer.

For Sale—Oliver Typewriter, as good as new at Couch & Co's, 241c

Going Right Ahead

Almost every day the plaint is heard from one quarter or another of the city that St. Johns is not growing as rapidly as it should, that property is slow in moving, new factories are not putting in an appearance with sufficient frequency, that work is not plentiful as it should be, and other sad lamentations are heard from time to time. The fact of the matter is there is little room for complaint. The city is pushing forward at a fairly rapid pace for even a western city. Few cities of its size in the United States can show a better record than St. Johns is just now making. In an Eastern city of 5000 inhabitants, if as much work and improvement was taking place therein in ten years as is being done in St. Johns in one year the residents would imagine they were enjoying the greatest building boom that ever happened. Many of our citizens expect too much. They really do not realize the progress that is being made. Over one hundred new residences in one year is surely "going some" for a city of this calibre. Can any one cite a city that is doing better just now? Because a few of our citizens cannot sell their properties at from 50 to 100 per cent more than they paid for them the day before yesterday, is no reason to judge that St. Johns is not going right ahead. We can cite to cities in the East of eight and ten thousand inhabitants where residence property has not advanced ten per cent in the past ten years. It requires a good deal of nerve to state that St. Johns is going back or standing still with the evidence of progress and development everywhere upon which one may cast his eye. "Be still, sad heart, and cease repining." Offer up thanks instead, that you are privileged to reside in a city that is advancing, that never stands still, that the hand of destiny is pointing to with pride, that has no equal in Uncle Sam's domain. If you sold your property now, in ten years' time you would be kicking yourself because you have done so—others are kicking themselves now. Rome was not built in a day, neither will be St. Johns, but it will come mighty near it one of these days.

Employ Local Men

Not so long in the distant past a number of our citizens made a complaint about the city officials not giving outside contractors a chance on improvement work. This belief on the part of the citizens was erroneous, as all contractors, irrespective of where located, had an equal chance on all public work. Within the past year or so, however, Portland contractors competed successfully with St. Johns contractors in several instances. And what a great boon to the city it has been. Take a look along the sewer that is being constructed and note the Greek and Italian laborers working where local men would be working had a local contractor had the contract. It is simply an outrage that our citizens should go begging for work and the places are taken by foreigners that are not worth a cent to the city. The city dads should never give another contract for street or sewer work unless it is plainly stipulated therein that St. Johns labor must be employed whenever feasible.

Rates May Advance

According to one of the city dailies the price of water in Portland will have to be raised to a minimum of \$1.15 or a large issue of bonds will be necessary to "break even" the coming year. The price of water in Portland has been fluctuating for the past six or eight years. When the St. Johns Water Co. was granted a franchise in St. Johns, the price of water in the two cities were practically identical. The local price has remained stationary, while in Portland it was reduced by stages after people began paying for their own mains. It reached low ebb there a couple of years ago and then, in spite of bond issues, it was found necessary to advance the price. If it keeps rising it will be back to the former rate in the near future. The minimum charge in St. Johns is \$1.00 per month.

Three policemen are looking after the welfare of St. Johns instead of four as heretofore. After we become part of Portland we shall only have one, in all probability, so it is not a bad idea to get used to a smaller force now.

Council Proceedings

The third regular session of the new city council proved to be a lengthy one, and considerable business was transacted. Quite a number of citizens were present to listen to the proceedings. The most interesting feature of the evening was Socialist Perrine's arraignment of the sewer contractor and also the city engineer for laxity of duty. He smote them both hip and thigh, and said there was either connivance between the two or the engineer was too easy with the contractor. All members were present with Mayor Couch presiding. The first matter taken up after the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of, was a petition by Thos. Condon praying for permission to erect a large electric sign in front of his place of business which he stated would be an ornament as well as an aid to lighting Burlington street. Referred by the mayor to the water and light committee, who later reported favorably, and on motion of Mr. Valentine the request was granted unanimously.

Holmes Lodge asked for a rebate of \$25 on the license advanced for the merry-go-round during the carnival. The fee is \$30 per month, and as the "jenny" was only here six days, the lodge thought a rebate was not out of order, especially in view of the fact that the same was not profitable to the lodge. Mr. Hill stated that he did not see how this could be done, that the merry-go-round paid for a privilege of a 30-days run and if they did not take advantage of it, it was no fault of the council, that the license was given for one concession and five were run. On motion to not grant the request, all voted in the affirmative.

A petition for the improvement of Edison street from Burlington to Fessenden with cement walk and macadam was presented, and a resolution directing the engineer to prepare the necessary data for such improvement was unanimously adopted on motion of Mr. Valentine.

A petition for the improvement of Philadelphia street from Hayes to Edison with cement walk and macadam full width was accorded like treatment on motion of Mr. Hill.

A petition for the improvement of Portland boulevard to Bruce street with macadam and cement walk met the same fate on motion of Mr. Muck.

A communication from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. asked permission to lay vitrified brick between their tracks and one foot on either side of same along Jersey street, the company stating they had found this sort of hard surfacing to suit them the best for various reasons. Request was granted on motion of Mr. Hill without a dissenting vote.

A communication from the O-W-R. & N. Co., stated that the Bell alarm system on Bradford street was not necessary since the passenger trains were no longer routed that way, and in fact were rather dangerous in connection with operating switch engines. Ordered filed by the mayor. A communication from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. announced that several lights ordered in East St. Johns would be placed as soon as possible. A bill for \$470 presented by the experts who have been auditing the city books, caused some discussion. All agreed that the price—\$10 a day for each of the three—was too high and that it was time to be called off from further suckling of the public teat. On motion of Mr. Muck it was decided to discontinue their services at once, since the most important auditing was done, and to hold the bill over for further consideration. The buildings and grounds committee was empowered to make arrangements with D. J. Horsman for doing the janitor work of the public library in the McChesney block, on motion of Mr. Horsman. The proposed franchise to construct a sidetrack to connect with Lauther's warehouse was read and ordered published, although the Severance estate remonstrated against granting the same. A resolution changing the established grade of Fillmore street between Richmond and Burlington was adopted on motion of Mr. Hill, Councilmen Valentine and Horsman voting in the negative, however. Resolutions to open up Bradford, Crawford, Decatur and Edison streets through the Miner tract by condemnation proceedings were unanimously adopted. An ordinance assessing the cost of improving Oswego street was passed on motion of Mr. Valentine,

Soc. Perrine voting in the negative. An ordinance regulating the time and manner of connecting with the sewer and providing the time thereof reached second reading and was laid on the table for one week.

Mr. Bredeson asked that reports from the rock quarry be demanded each month, and Mr. Horsman asked that the Ferry company receive notice to report monthly also. The recorder was instructed to so notify the two concerns.

Soc. Perrine then launched out on the sewer proposition, handling it without gloves. He stated that the manner of laying the Maple street sewer had the appearance of connivance between the contractor and the engineer, but he would not charge that this was the case. He exhibited a little wad of cement which is being used on the sewer which crumbled like mud on the slightest squeeze of the fingers; he told of a large piece of pipe with a bit of tin around it which was attempted to be used by placing a bit of tin around it; of pipe under one of the numerous tunnels where it was discovered the pipe did not meet by four inches; of many lengths of pipe ready to be put in position that were badly defective. He said the specifications had not been lived up to; and the engineer was as much to blame as the contractor and that he believed in "firing" him if he did not attend to his duty better; that he was too easy with the contractor or in connivance with him. He said he would protest against paying the contractor until the trenches were reopened and the pipe laid exactly according to specifications. He then made a motion that the ditches be opened by the contractors and replaced along with the manholes in a competent and workmanlike manner. This motion carried unanimously. Pascal Hill said that Mr. Seybold, the contractor had admitted to him that the work was not being done right.

Mr. Hill then wanted to know why an ordinance had not been drafted repealing a section of ordinance 202 relating to lowering water pipes. The attorney pointed out that the water company had fulfilled their obligations when they laid the pipe in the first place two feet under ground, and that they could not be compelled to lower them again at their own expense; that the property owners had to stand for this; that if the water company laid pipes only where the grades had been established, many citizens would be without water and the outlying districts would not have been built up; that if the ordinance was to be repealed that some method of payment for lowering the pipes should first be devised. After some little discussion the matter was dropped for the present.

A very happy surprise May party was given Mr. John Keeler, the up-to-date superintendent of the Christian Sunday school, last Monday night, by the "Lend a Hand" class of that body. This is the girls' intermediate class, and 11 of the young ladies, with May baskets gorgeous to behold, fearfully and wonderfully made by their own skilled hands, under the leadership of their teacher, Mrs. Kelly, made an attack on Mr. Keeler's castle and soon had him negotiating at the front entrance under a flag of truce. When he saw the attacking force, however, he beat a hasty retreat up the stairway and donning some of his discarded armor descended and surrendered at discretion. A most enjoyable time was spent by the young people up to pretty near May 2nd, when they retired in good order with colors flying. Mr. Keeler regrets there is but one May day in a whole year.

The Orchard Ladder & Manufacturing Co. of St. Johns met Monday and drafted their articles of agreement, etc. This company is making efforts to establish their plant in St. Johns in the near future for the manufacture of their patent ladder. The officers are W. E. Swengel, president; R. P. Douglass, vice president. O. J. Gatzmeyer, secretary and treasurer. D. G. Busby and W. J. Southworth are also members of the organization. They will put a number of solicitors in the field to introduce their invention.

During the month of May every piece of mail that passes through the local postoffice must be counted. As this is liable to average from 3000 to 4000 pieces per day the public should not complain if distributing of the mails is a little slower than usual. Be assured that the accommodating postmaster and his obliging assistants are doing all in their power to facilitate matters during the "counting out" season.

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