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Peninsula's Growth

The probability of several new large industries entering the manufacturing district of the Peninsula has caused investors and speculators to begin looking that way for bargains. Within the last two weeks the Berlin Manufacturing Company of Beloit, Wisconsin, announced the selection of Portland for the location of their large western shops and made it understood that arrangements had been made for a site on the Peninsula whereon to locate their \$700,000 plant. This alone, being one of the largest industries that has ever located in Portland and second in importance only to the Swift interests has greatly stimulated real estate in the manufacturing district. The announcement of the location of the Berlin Manufacturing Company on the Peninsula closely followed upon circulating the report of the agreement reached between the Swift interests and the S. & S. Packers, permitting the independent company to erect its new plant near that of the Swift plant at North Portland. The centralization of these great packing plants on the north side of the Peninsula and the city of Portland will grow and expand into one of the greatest industries of the Pacific Northwest. Ground will be broken within a short time for a \$400,000 building. Columbia University has commenced operations on a new \$75,000 dormitory to be erected upon its magnificent grounds at University Park. Plans have been arranged for an immense school and the new building will be in the extensive program which the catholic educators intend to carry out. At the last meeting of the Mayor Simon Executive Board the triangle containing half an acre lying south of Lombard street at Columbia Park was sold to the Peninsula Hospital as a site for a \$500,000 hospital to be built this summer. The Peninsula has been badly in need of a hospital owing to the numerous persons injured in the many mills and factories in that vicinity, and the promoters of the Peninsula Hospital expect to satisfy the demand.—Daily Abstract.

Factory Opened

With the opening of the Westrumite paving factory this week, on the Peninsula, another of the numerous plants which is making that great industrial center began permanent operations. The present capacity of the plant is 200 barrels of the paving material in a 10-hour shift, and 400 barrels in a 24-hour run. There are 50 gallons of paving material in a barrel, and as two gallons suffice for paving a square yard of street surface, the present plant will turn out material for 5000 square yards of pavement on a single shift and 10,000 square yards of street in 24 hours. As at present constructed the plant is a unit of a larger system which will be developed as the need for the material grows. By installing more machinery, the present buildings can be made to accommodate a plant twice the present maximum capacity. The company management believes that the merits of the new paving material will spread rapidly, and that this city will soon be the distributing center for a great industry. Westrumite is cooked and fully prepared at the factory so that it is applied cold, without any further treatment or process. One of the claims made for it is that it can be put over an old macadam foundation to excellent advantage, or be placed on a specially prepared concrete base as the roadbuilders may wish. One paving contract with this new material is being executed for Jersey street, St. Johns, the cost of which will be \$30,000. The company will use this first piece of work as an example for reference, and bring other persons doubting the paving material's efficiency there to examine the quality of the St. Johns street. Another contract for \$90,000 in paving is announced from Kenton, and at a later date it is said that a \$100,000 contract will probably be granted for the Kenton district, in addition to the contract already let.—Telegram. The improvement of Charleston from Hayes to Olympia, which council resolved to improve last week, will prove a great convenience to the Point View district, giving the people in that neighborhood a cement walk to Jersey street. It is one of the longest single improvements ever undertaken in this city. The estimated cost \$12,454.

"Butts In"

Editor Review: Permit me to "butt-in" with a few remarks about "more sorrow." I see that you take your definition of socialism from the dictionary. Now, I believe you ought to publish their last platform to show their position regarding the public welfare, instead of going to "Webster." I know that many would be interested, and convinced that parts of it any way were all right. If the socialists had a long political record as the republican and democratic parties, I suppose you would go to that record instead? That would be more to the point, for we should and do judge the future by the past. The modern combined way of business, I believe all right, but it is in the "wrong hands," is becoming more concentrated every day and has come about entirely during republican administrations. What the common dub would like to see is for such things to be made impossible as the Controller Bay Steal done through the beloved Taft, our fat idol at Washington; or the Alton deal, or the absorbing of Tennessee Coal & Iron Co. under the Roosevelt regime by the Steel trust. We will have to have the government ownership of public utilities, such as mines, oil, railroads, water power, etc., if we keep a few pairs of hands from holding all of it. The facts are that a few men own a good share of the country's wealth, they got it through speculation in watered stocks, and the republican voters helped them to it. You state that the government has failed to make the postal service self supporting, which is not surprising since the privately owned railways charge excessive rates for hauling their cars, and the express companies with their perverted agents in congress, who prevent the adoption of the parcels post which would allow it to pay better. If the government is a poor business manager it can be charged to the old parties and the influence which prevents them doing any permanent good for the people. It is true they are pretending to do something, but they would do nothing at all but for the fact that many of their supporters are fast going into the vigorous third party. G. E. Taylor.

A Rousing Session

The Bachelor Club of St. Johns convened Tuesday evening, June 27, and a rousing meeting ensued. It was the regular meeting night of the club as well as the date of the semi-annual election of officers. After the roll was called with only a few absentees noted, the business of election proceeded with the usual good order President Bishop always endeavors to maintain. The following were chosen to fill the various offices: H. J. Bishop, re-elected president; Geo. W. Riggs, vice-president; A. E. Johnson, re-elected recording secretary; W. E. Byerlee, re-elected financial secretary; Jess Collamore, Ben Lee, and Ross Walker as managers and H. M. Fassett as head floor manager. The vice president's chair was formerly filled by Clyde Rogers, but became vacant by reason of that individual breaking the sacred vows of Bachelorhood. The members decided to forgive him however, and to prove it they voted him an honorary member. They also planned to serenade the esteemed brother in his newly acquired blissful environments; but having been a member of the club for so long he evidently scented the possible imminecence of a social visit by the "wileless wearies" and successfully eluded them. After the regular budget of business had been disposed of, singing and card games were in order for the remainder of the evening. The "Bachelor Quartette" or more commonly known as the Willamette Four, rendered vocal music suitable to the occasion, while the other members amused themselves by playing the club's official game—crabage—in which W. E. Byerlee and Ben Lee are very adept rivals for the championship. Among other items of discussion was the how and where the club should spend the Fourth of July. This matter was settled by deciding to join with the Fraternal Brotherhood in their excursion to Camas, Wash. It would be superfluous to dwell upon what an enjoyable success that trip was, with 182 of St. Johns' populace aboard the Steamer Undine and among them the "Bachelors" and Bachelor Maids. The Quartette enlivened the trip both going and coming with seemingly an inexhaustible supply of harmonious strains. The repertoire of this bunch of popular entertainers is far above the ordinary, comprising the choicest religious, comic and sentimental songs, which are a source of much enjoyment to the club on all occasions.—Press Cor.

Commercializing Religion

The following clipped from an eastern exchange gives paper's opinion of Billy Sunday, who made such a sensation in Portland a year or two ago: While Bill Sunday's way of doing things is without doubt a mere amusement to some people who are not of an emotional or hysterical nature, it is nevertheless not a form of amusement with those of opposite temperament. Besides, Billy's gigantic graft is strictly sectarian, and with him, a proposition purely of pelf. We have come to the conclusion that these Billies and Sams that every now and then flourish for a time by working up spasmodic spurts of religious frenzy can be justly accused of commercializing and monopolizing the religion of Jesus Christ and watering the stock. Their work is never lasting because it is carried on more for excessive gain than for lasting results, and because the lives and personal habits, as well as the general deportment of the Billies and Sams referred to never stand close inspection or the calcium light of sincerity. The people are getting wise to them and to their real designs, and they are beginning to realize that they are in the work solely for the "dough" and if they can't get their price for "saving" sinners, they are perfectly willing to let them go to gehenna.

Gets Interested

Editor Review: I was very much interested in your article on the front page of the Review, replying to the socialists. Your argument appears to me to be sound. Personally I have no use for people who try to get something for nothing. We do not want to give up a certainty for an uncertainty. Don't you think they should give us some idea of the socialist state? Yet it is a fact that no two can agree on the details. Now what does that prove? I have been told that the socialists were Suffragists. Now, that is so, I have my opinion of them; that is, the fact that Mr. Perrine failed to "come back" last week seems to indicate that he has had about enough. Keep after them Mr. Editor, you seem capable of keeping them going. Subscriber.

A Happy Time

Miss Viola Westhefer entertained a few of her friends in honor of her cousin, Miss Myrd McCloskey, at her home Monday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ports, Mrs. E. W. McCloskey, Mrs. M. A. Crow, Mrs. I. B. Crow; Misses Myrd McCloskey, Viola Westhefer, Vina Swan, Beulah Beam, Sadie Cramer, Nora Evans, Veva Bean, Etta Lunn, Addie Crow, Julia Johnson; Messrs. Andrew Galer, C. C. Sperup, Ed. Westhefer, Labron Edwards, Fred Markette, Homer Cason, Roy Beam, John Baisey, Ben Swan. Refreshments were served and the evening spent in playing various games. A most happy time was enjoyed by all.

The chain gang installed their new officers Monday night for the last half of the current year as follows: Alex S. Scales, noble grand; True E. Smyser, vice grand; D. N. Byerlee, rec. sec.; re-elected: Geo. M. Hall, treasurer, re-elected. After the installation, which was conducted by District Deputy Grand Master Paschal Hill, Brother Hewitt announced that there were about 50 of the prettiest girls outside that ever lived and they wanted in. The door was opened and a bunch of happy, laughing Rebecas trooped in, bearing delicious cakes, which with the ice cream and fruit punch provided by the Bun committee made a most refreshing repast for the weary members of the chain gang.

Mrs. Sarah Satterlee and her two sons departed Thursday of last week for an extended visit in the East. She will visit her old home where her father and mother still live, and if she can endure the climate of that region expects to be gone a year. Mrs. Satterlee has been a "right hand man" at Couch & Co.'s store for several years, is possessed of a very charming personality, and her bright face and pleasant greetings will be greatly missed by the many friends she has won during her faithful service there, and by the same token these friends will all wish her bon voyage and safe return.

Nearly new restaurant range for sale cheap.—Clarke Furniture Co.

Council Proceedings

The sewer question again furnished its full quota of discussion at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, but it is likely the last time that it will be discussed to any extent, because one and all are getting tired of it. All members were present with Mayor Couch presiding. The first matter broached was a petition for an arc light at the intersection of Buchanan street and Willis Boulevard. Referred to the light committee by the mayor, which reported favorably later on and the light was ordered installed by the council, as was also one midway between Richmond and Mohawk on South Ivanhoe, and one at the corner of Willis boulevard and Polk street. E. O. Magoon made application for wholesale liquor license, which was referred to the liquor license committee by the mayor. Bills amounting to \$170.25 were allowed on motion of Ald. Hill; all yes. The engineer's acceptance of Buchanan street was accepted unanimously by council on motion of Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill advanced the idea that inspectors should be placed over all the work. Mr. Andrew believed a property owner on each street improved would prove the best, as it did not require a man well versed in street work to look after this since larger part of his duties would be to keep tab on the proper measure of cement when being mixed and the thickness of the sidewalk. On motion the engineer was authorized to employ such inspectors when needed; all yes. Mr. Hill objected to the rock-quarry people not giving St. Johns preference in rock, stating that Jersey street was being held up on account of the contractors not being able to secure the necessary rock, and also believed the company should be required to render a report each month which it has not been doing. The mayor stated that he had a talk with Mr. Nease, the lessee of the quarry, in regard to rock, and he stated that after Thursday the city could have all the rock it required; that he was filling a contract for Portland streets that he had entered into that would be completed Thursday. This was deemed satisfactory, but he was to be given to understand that the city must have first right to rock hereafter, and that a monthly report must be forthcoming. On motion of Alderman Muck August 1st was set as the date for hearing any remonstrances that might be presented against the viewers' report on the proposed opening of Kellogg street.

A contract for maintaining Maple street sewer for two years with \$5000 bond attached and signed by Messrs. Cochran, Bugbee, Shurts and Baisey was then read. A resolution directing the recorder to issue warrants for the payment of the work was read. Mayor Couch stated that he is in company with J. S. Downey and a couple of councilmen made a test of the Hayes and Edison street laterals and found them working in splendid shape, the water coming through like a "mill race." He also said that Mr. Downey had made the statement that if a good bond was secured and the attorney fees liquidated by the city, personally he would be willing to drop it. Socialist Perrine objected to the maintenance bond. He wanted a bond in such shape that would provide for construction of the sewer according to specifications in each instance. Mr. Muck made a motion that the resolution be adopted, which was duly seconded. Mr. Hill advised against haste in its adoption, that discretion was better, and the property owners and contractor should get together first. Some parts of the sewer he thought good and other parts not so good, but where faulty could be remedied. He said that he did not ask that any more tests be made, but that the property owners should have a chance to consider the bond before the resolution was adopted.

Alderman Horsman vehemently asked why the councilmen objecting to the sewer had not stopped the work or enjoined the contractor from proceeding, instead of waiting until the work was completed and then refuse to pay for it. He had a suspicion that it was all a scheme to throw a part of the burden of the cost onto the whole city instead of the sewer district only. Mr. Hill replied that it was not his place to enjoin, but to protest, which he had done all the way through. The engineer being present, he was subjected to quite a catechising in which Socialist Perrine took the leading part. He stated that it cost twice as much to tunnel as it

Public School Exhibit

An exhibit of Sweet Peas grown by the school children will be held in the assembly hall, Central School building, St. Johns, Oregon, Tuesday, July eighteenth, 1911. The exhibit will be conducted under the auspices of the Junior Class (1911) St. Johns High School. Rules governing: All bouquets intended for competition should be received at the Central School building not later than 10 a. m. July 18th. Each sweet pea grower may make as many entries as desired. The exhibit will be arranged as nearly as practicable according to varieties. First, second and third premium ribbons will be given on each variety. Blue ribbon indicates first premium; red ribbon, second premium, and orange ribbon, third. No prizes will be awarded. Exhibitors are at liberty to supply vases, jardiniere or baskets, as may best suit their own tastes. Glasses will be furnished by the committee for flowers not already provided with vases. In awarding the premiums the judges are to consider the flowers only—not the vase. Each exhibitor will be given a number and the number only will be attached to the bouquet previous to judging. In arranging bouquets, follow your own taste. We advise, however, that you arrange them according to color, one color in a bouquet. Leave the stems as long as you can. All school districts in the west end of Multnomah county have entered this contest. Do not confuse this with the local exhibit of Friday July 14th. The public is cordially invited to examine the flowers at any time during the day.

would have done to excavate the earth, that tunneling was customary in all large cities, and that the contractor had a permit from him to do so; that while the manholes were not as perfectly constructed as a pressed brick front, the work was done in a substantial manner; that he doubted if a machine could do the work without tunneling, owing to the looseness of the soil; that in consultation with a prominent engineer he was told that a flush tank was not necessary on Jersey street, yet as a precautionary measure he had a six-inch syphon placed therein to assist in flushing the sewer; that the storms of the rainy season was all the flushing necessary on this 20-inch pipe. He admitted that under the contract he could have compelled the contractor to trench instead of tunnel had he deemed it expedient and necessary. A vote was then taken on Mr. Muck's motion that the resolution be adopted, and resulted as follows: Aldermen Valentine, Davis, Muck and Horsman, yes; Bredeson, Perrine and Hill, no. Motion carried. Alderman Muck thought something ought to be done to have the weeds cut down about the city, and it was decided to have this matter attended to at once. Alderman Bredeson thought that all fire hydrants should be painted white, so they could readily be discerned. The suggestion was considered a good one, and the water committee was instructed to confer with the water company and have the white put on.

Those parties who were so very much afraid of the loose rock foundation proposed to be used by the Westrumite Paving Company should take a look at the foundation being laid through University Park by an asphalt company, or that being laid by the Bitulithic Co. in various parts of Portland. No attempt is being made to fill the crevices with small rock, as the Westrumite company propose doing. How a patent claim could be established on such foundations is inconceivable.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ashby to the number of 50 gathered at their home on Edison street last Thursday evening and spent the most enjoyable time they had ever known. A short program was rendered followed by a bountiful supply of cake and coffee, after which dancing was indulged in until an early hour in the morning. We hope Ed will soon give another as good and invite us all again.—X

The new Electric Theatre is slowly but surely nearing completion. Few moving picture houses in Portland can compare with it for beauty or substantiality. The present quarters of the Electric have long since been outgrown and cannot accommodate the crowds that through there nightly.

The Boy Scouts

Wednesday evening, July 13, election of officers will be held. Every Scout should be in his place. Scouts will cross the river tomorrow, Saturday evening. Bring the signal flags and be prepared for Second Class Scout examination. Tenderfoot badges have been received. Those who have not yet received one may get it then. Adjutant Carlson, who went to the country to rusticate for the summer, got too intimate with a healthy bunch of poison oak and has a case of eruption on his manly phiz that makes Vesuvius look like 30 cents. The disturbances caused thereby would not be classed by scientists as seismic though of a sulphurous nature. Eric would make a good candidate for the "first aid to the injured" squad. Scouts Piffle, Dock and Dick, who planned a hike to Southern Oregon, seem to have contracted a severe case of "cold feet." The tropical condition of the weather may have caused it, and again it may be certain and sundry pretty little bunches of calico. Eh, boys? The aquarium is ready for installation and will be placed as soon as the plumbers get their work done. The Scouts request the visitors at the library to not touch the glass of the aquarium or to put anything into the water. A sudden jar is apt to cause a leak and your hands in the water is poison to the fishes. Only by the best of care can we build up and maintain a good aquarium, such as will be a source of pleasure and instruction to all who see it. Please help the Scouts by strictly observing these two rules. The Scouts are placing the aquarium in the library for your pleasure as much as for their own, but if you abuse their pets they will be obliged to remove it. The Scouts' sturgeon, because of the unsuitable conditions under which it has been obliged to be held pending the completion of the aquarium has contracted a severe fungus disease and there is danger of losing it, which would be a source of deep regret, for it is a most curious and interesting creature. Everything possible is being done to restore it. The Scouts wish to express their gratitude to Mr. Ayer of the St. Johns Lumber Co. for generously donating the lumber for the aquarium stand; also to Dr. McChesney for permission to place the same in the library room. When asked the doctor replied: "Certainly, certainly, anything to encourage the boys." The Scouts certainly appreciate that spirit and the McChesney stock went soaring in the barracks. The Scouts, too, are under obligation to Edmondson Co. for the excellent workmanship and moderate prices on their work on the aquarium. To Miss Randall, the librarian, the Scouts are especially grateful, because she first suggested placing the aquarium and, too, for her lively interest in securing the best books and periodicals for them, also for numerous other kindnesses received at her hands. She is a "man" after their own hearts, and seems to have captured the whole bunch. Now, to the boys and girls of all ages from 99 down to the youngest, you are cordially invited to visit the aquarium as often as convenient and watch it grow in interest from its present bare form and single occupant until the Scouts have it teaming with life and beauty, both piscatorial and botanical, by adding fruits of their prowess as scouts. The Scouts want a showcase 2 or 2 1/2 x 5 or 6 feet the larger the better, which they propose to fill with entomological specimens they capture on their hikes. These they will classify, name and give of their history as may be of general interest. If there is any one who has such a showcase they do not need and will donate or sell to be placed in the library room, they will receive the everlasting gratitude, not of the Scouts alone, but of all other lovers of nature who come to see moths, butterflies and other curious and wonderful specimens of insect life our Scouts meet ahead. Address—Scout Master, box 6, St. Johns, Oregon. Through the courtesy of A. C. Gesler, ye scribe was permitted to travel in his company behind his fast going mare to Vancouver, Wn. Tuesday. We found that city to be making astonishing progress, miles of hard surface having been laid and numerous building operations under way through out the city. F. M. Phillips, a former well known townsman, manager of Calef Bros' furniture emporium in that city, is enjoying a splendid patronage, and has one of the finest store buildings to be found in Vancouver. The trip makes a most delightful drive.

Library Notes

An increasing demand for technical books on such subjects as machine shop practice, foundry work, electricity, gas, plumbing, carpentering, advertising, etc., is being made. A special order will soon be made for books of this nature and the library will appreciate suggestions as to what books to include. Do you know of any books or magazines which would be helpful in your profession or trade, either to you or to others beginning the same line of work? If, on the other hand, you would like to have books on a certain subject but do not know the best titles, call and see if our lists will help you.

The library is rightly a source of recreation and general culture but it should be more than that. It should be a storehouse of valuable information on all lines of work that are for the public good. You help support the library with your taxes, make it a good personal investment by allowing the library to help you in your business.

LIBRARIAN.

Rupert Moon and his friend, Mr. Hare, of Weiser, Idaho, who have been in attendance at the late convention of the Christian church in Portland, visited friends in St. Johns Wednesday. The former gentleman was greatly surprised and pleased at the wonderful improvement that has been made in St. Johns since he was here two or three years ago. It is Mr. Hare's first trip west of the Cascades and was so charmed with our wooded hills and verdant valleys that he dreamed to return to the sagebrush plains and alkali water of his home state. Both gentlemen are to attend the university at Eugene the coming year and will endeavor to induce Mr. Hare's father to sell there and come to the Willamette for a home.

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