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Quite a Storm

That Oregon has a few surprises up its sleeve and can do things out of the ordinary when it deems the occasion auspicious was fully demonstrated Monday evening. A thunderstorm such as the oldest inhabitant confesses he never saw before in Oregon swooped down upon us. Accompanied by gusts of wind and rain, the lightning flashed intermittently and the thunder roared during an hour's bombardment. It had all the earmarks of a genuine old Eastern thunderstorm with the agreeable exception that the lightning was distant and not uncomfortably close to the city. It successfully removed all traces of homesickness from late residents of the Eastern states. A few minutes after the fireworks subsided and the rain ceased the night was beautiful and the atmosphere wondrously clear and pure. The electric display and the reverberations of thunder were greatly enjoyed by those who had the temerity to stay out in it, but it is said that a few of the "webfoots" were almost scared to death, and could not be induced to crawl out from under their beds, where they had sought refuge, until long after the storm had passed.

Great Industrial Center

Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, chairman of the Portland Civic Improvement League, in discussing Architect Bennett's comprehensive plan for an ideal city in Sunday's Oregonian has the following to say that is of special interest to the people of St. Johns:

"One of the most important features in the proposed development is the extensive improvement of Portland's harbor. Swan Island is selected as the first important location for public docks. It is planned to construct slips both on the island and the main land, to widen and deepen the channel and to provide for deep water facilities on the flats bordering the Columbia River north of St. Johns. Here all the main railroads entering the city from the east and north will center on easy grades and will have easy interchange with water shipping. This section of the city will become the great industrial center of Portland."

Authorities on the manufacture of furniture assert that Grand Rapids alone sends \$5,000,000 worth of furniture to the Pacific coast every year, and yet we have in Oregon a number of factories which are manufacturing furniture of the highest grade at prices as low or lower than those demanded by the Grand Rapids manufacturers. Oregon has many hard woods capable of being made into good furniture and Portland has a hardwood mill which is dressing Siberian oak, Fiji mahogany and other woods which are being manufactured by Oregon furniture factories into furniture of the highest grade. If the people of this state would insist on having "Made in Oregon" furniture, this one industry alone would keep hundreds of thousands of dollars in the state which now goes to Eastern furniture manufacturers every year. This is just one example of what the "Made in Oregon" movement will do for this state, and there are many others.

Senator Bourne announces he has the appointment of one principal and three alternates to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Arrangements have been made whereby Dr. W. T. Foster, president of Reed Institute, will direct the qualifying examination. Examinations will be held Saturday, October 14, at 9 a. m. at the Reed college building, Eleventh and Jefferson streets, Portland. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 20 and will be given a strict physical examination in addition to the mental test. Candidates will be examined in the following subjects: English, United States History, geography, arithmetic, algebra and geometry. Dr. Frank Loxley Griffin, professor of mathematics in Reed College, will assist Dr. Foster in the qualifying tests.

If you want to see a most pleasing sight, take a walk down Philadelphia street from Hayes to Edison. The improvement is almost completed, but few people realize what a splendid and beautiful street it is getting to be. There is not a thoroughfare in Portland that can compare with its rare beauty and sightliness. It is worth anyone's while to take a look at it.

For Insurance see F. W. Valentine

A Chance for the Boys

The small boys of this city will have a way to make their pocket money this fall by harvesting a new kind of crop. The forest service of the United States department of agriculture will collect several tons of cones of the Douglas or red fir, from which the seed will be taken. These will be planted in various National Forests in Oregon where the timber has been burned. Albert K. Wiesendanger of the United States forest service has examined the cone crop about the city and has found a very large quantity on the trees. The cones will ripen between September 1 and September 20 and during this time it is expected that every fir tree for miles around will be stripped of its new crop of cones. The small boy may earn from \$2 to \$3 a day picking cones.

The cones when picked will be delivered to the O. W. R. & N. depot, where the Forestry department will handle them and send them to Weyth, Oregon, where there is a government dryer. Here heat is applied and the cones will open and drop their seeds. Further particulars regarding the collection of cones may be obtained from Lauthers Mercantile Co.

Buy in St. Johns

James Cole of the firm of Cole & Cole, attorneys, has purchased a 50x100-foot lot on Jersey street in St. Johns from W. F. Stine for a consideration of \$10,500. The lot is improved with a practically new one-story brick building, designed so as to contain three store rooms, and was sold through the agency of the Realty & Trustee Co.

The property is located in the business center of St. Johns and is one of the most desirable properties in our sister city. It yields a fair return on the purchase price and will be held as an investment—Abstract.

Some of those who thought to get next to nature's heart and at the same time earn a few shillings in the hop fields the past two weeks received rather scurvy treatment from that good Dame and Jupiter Divinity. It rained almost every day and there was very little picking. A number went without tents and had no shelter. Two women and a tiny baby, in one instance, were obliged to spread their blankets on a pile of brush and sleep in the rain. A number of families have returned to St. Johns.

E. L. Perkins, who has been dispensing hardware on Burlington street for the past three years, lately with the Surrier Hardware Co., has changed his base of operations and is now the obliging and efficient assistant at the St. Johns Hardware store on Jersey street. This bustling firm is to be congratulated upon securing his services, as few in the city has more friends or know more about the hardware business than E. L.

L. Badger and wife left this week for Lincoln, California, where they expect to locate permanently. Mr. Badger goes on account of his wife's health, and in order that she may be with her daughter, who lives at that place. He will likely return soon in the interest of his ball bearing hub. They were very loath to leave St. Johns, for which they have a deep and lasting affection.

Mothers who spend the night with a sick baby appreciate the help they get from McGEHEE'S BABY ELIXIR—especially in hot weather. It quiets the fever and irritation, soothes the stomach, checks the bowels and helps both mother and child to obtain sleep and rest. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by St. Johns Pharmacy.

Mr. J. R. Graden, who is a locomotive engineer, his wife and two daughters, who arrived in St. Johns August 21st, for a visit to his father and mother, departed for their home in Detroit, Mich., Sept. 12th. They were so favorably impressed with St. Johns that they may make it their home before many years.

One acre all cleared and in cultivation on improved street and cement sidewalk—has water, electric light and gas; five blocks from postoffice in St. Johns; two blocks from car line: Price \$2400, \$300 cash, balance half yearly payments at 6 per cent. This is better than 80 acres outside.—McKinney & Davis.

Library Notes

Open Hours: 2:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 9:30 p. m.

"You are worshipping a vision, beautiful only because seen through the haze of ignorance"—"When a man is not up on a thing he's usually down on it." Such were the accusations thrown at each other by two men trying to argue for and against socialism. Neither one would have been applicable if the two men had patronized the library. You have had your appetite on the subject whetted by the recent able discussion in the St. Johns Review—remember that the library is the best place to satisfy it. These books and others will give you both sides by logical thinkers and practical doers.

Socialism: an examination of its nature, its strength and its weakness.—Richard T. Ely. This is an unprejudiced view by a man who is not a socialist.

Men vs. The Man—Personal letters between a socialist and an individualist, each doing his best to convince the other that his side is the true one.

What is Socialism—Kauffman—dedicated to John D. Rockefeller and Eugene V. Debs.

From the Bottom Up—Irvine—the story of his own adventurous life, and how and why he became a socialist.

The Common Sense Socialism—Spargo—a 1911 book.

The Menace of Socialism. Socialism and Christianity—Grant.

The Experiment in Milwaukee—What socialism has accomplished and where it has failed after a year's trial in Wisconsin's chief city—John Collier, civic secretary of the people's institute, New York—an article in Harper's Weekly for August 12.

LIBRARIAN.

Death of Mrs. Cormany

Mrs. Myra Cormany, wife of S. A. Cormany, died at her home, 927 Stafford street, Thursday night of last week, and was buried in the Riverside cemetery Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Cormany was born in Manchester, Ohio, in 1843, and was the daughter of Rev. Foster Webster, the first Baptist minister to hold services west of the Rocky Mountains. She came with her husband and children to St. Johns in August, 1907, residing here ever since. Mrs. Cormany was a great reader, and while prevented from taking an active part in local affairs by deafness in late years, was unusually well posted on educational and political matters. A loving wife and kind friend and neighbor, she will be sadly missed in her home circle. She leaves a husband, a son, Lee Cormany, and daughter, Mary, at St. Johns, and two daughters—Mrs. A. V. Betts and Mrs. Daisy Thorson, of Beloit, Wis., to mourn the loss of one whose place can never be refilled—mother.

Work every Monday night this month. ODD FELLOWS. We put on the Degree of Truth in Laurel now. New regalia. All members in St. Johns in good standing in the order are invited to come to lodge every night, whether a member of Laurel or not. There is a hearty welcome awaiting you. Two husky victims are making the dubious journey this month. Come and help to cheer them on their way. Misery loves company, let's not neglect them.—Secretary.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of HERBINE will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bed time you get its beneficial effect after breakfast the next day. Price 50c. Sold by St. Johns Pharmacy.

During the height of the electric storm Monday night the residence of W. E. Ashby was reported on fire. The fire department made quick time to the rescue, but the small blaze was extinguished before their efficient help was needed. The damage done, which was occasioned by a defective flue, was practically nil.

For Sale—18 acres of land, house, barn and other out buildings, fruit and berry land, 1000 cords of wood on the place, half mile from the depot and river, 32 minutes ride from St. Johns. \$600 down and balance in nine years. H. S. Hewitt, 1124 South Gresham street.

Special prices on enamel ware at McCabe & Corbets.

Council Proceedings

All members reported for duty Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the city council with the exception of Aldermen Davis and Perrine. A communication from the county commissioners relative to the free ferry had a most dampening effect upon all. It conveyed the distressing intelligence that according to the law passed in February, 1911, the time limit had expired in August, and they could not, therefore, see their way clear to do anything in the way of a free ferry. The law reads: "That if the city of St. Johns shall within six months after the passage of this act, purchase and cause to be transferred to Multnomah county, Oregon, the ferry slips," etc. The law passed on February 8, 1911, and the six months expired August 8, 1911. While the council realized that the time had expired since the passage of the act, yet they had hoped that the county commissioners might construe the wording of the act to mean six months from the time the act became a law, which was about 90 days after its passage. Mayor Conch, who has done more to secure the free ferry here than any other citizen, believed the only hope or remedy possible before the legislature met in regular session was that prospects were somewhat bright for holding a special session of the legislature this fall, according to the daily papers, and if this occurred the matter could be taken up, and he believed the time readily extended, after the legislators had been made familiar with the circumstances.

A petition for the improvement of Newton street from Portland boulevard to Bank street, an improvement badly needed the coming winter, was read and a resolution directing the city engineer to prepare the necessary data for its improvement was adopted on motion of Alderman Valentine; all yes.

W. S. Lauthers asked for permission to lay steps on the sidewalk leading into his place of business on Burlington street. Referred to the street committee by the mayor.

A communication from President F. I. Fuller of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. stated that the construction department had been notified to remove all surplus dirt and to place any crosswalks and box gutters attached to their share of the Fessenden street improvement. This company has ever shown a disposition to meet the demands of the council readily and promptly.

C. E. Wheelock was granted, on motion of Alderman Valentine, an extension of 30 days' time on the improvement of Edison street, owing to the fact that it was impossible to do the work satisfactorily within the time originally specified by the council; all yes.

The inconvenience caused by the slow progress on the improvement of Jersey street was discussed to some extent. Wet weather and a difficulty in securing proper material when it was most needed has been ascribed as the cause of the delay. Alderman Horsman moved that the street committee see that contractors provide a crossing over crushed walk wherever needed for the use of pedestrians and passengers in alighting from the street cars; all yes.

An opinion from the city attorney relative to the D. J. Horsman claim for rebate of \$78 by reason of the fact that he had been assessed for sewer assessment in two different districts, which Mr. Horsman contends is contrary to the provisions of the charter, was read and ordered filed. The attorney decided that nothing could be done in the matter, that a ruling of the supreme court permitted of double assessments for sewer purposes, that it was done in almost every city of any consequence. Several of the councilmen and the mayor admitted that it appeared quite unjust, and if it were not for the fact that quite a number of others were in the "same boat" as Mr. Horsman, would be willing to refund the money.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Baltimore street from Edison to Bradford was passed on motion of Alderman Horsman; all yes.

Ordinances declaring the cost of improving Chicago street from Jersey street to Portland boulevard and Fessenden from Portland boulevard to east city limits were passed on motions of Aldermen Muck and Valentine; all yes.

Mayor Couch spoke of the necessity of corrugated iron garbage cans being placed at different points along the business district to take care of the waste paper, etc., that now usually finds its way to the streets. Alderman Hill made a motion that the street committee be

Free Ferry Elusive

Just when the city authorities imagined they had the ferry proposition cornered and were about to pounce upon it with both feet it eluded their grasp with a gasp of delight. A merry chase it has been leading the city fathers during the past seven months, and many attempts were made to ensnare it, yet it is farther off today than it has been since the bonds were voted. The first difficulty arose when a bonding company with its leading attorneys in Boston was awarded the bonds through the agency of First National Bank. These legal lights in the "city of beans" became suspicious of Oregon laws apparently too deep for them to comprehend, after fiddling away a lot of precious time, and refused to accept the bonds on technicalities not altogether clear to many laymen's minds. Almost the entire time allowed by law to effect the purchase of the ferry slips and transfer them to the county authorities was wasted in attempting to effect a sale with this company, which always wanted just a few days more.

Four days before the six month's time limit had expired, Geo. J. Perkins, attorney for the ferry company, met with the council and stated that he had arranged for the sale of the bonds through the Peninsula bank provided the council would pass a certain ordinance. This was done, but too many precious minutes were lost by the company in taking over the bonds, and the time expired. The wording of the ferry law gave six months from the "passage" of the act, yet it was advised by the bonding attorneys that the law would be construed to mean from the time the act became a law, and negotiations continued in such a successful manner that everything was in readiness to complete the deal, when the commissioners notified the council that they would stick to the exact wording of the law, and could do nothing in the matter without the intervention of the legislature.

Therefore, for the present at least, there is nothing doing in the free ferry line. However, there is one small glimmer of hope. Prospects are assuming a somewhat rosy hue in regard to the necessity of calling a special session of the legislature next month on important business. If this is effected, there is good ground to expect that the legislators will extend the time a few months longer. If the special session is not called, the free ferry project will lie dormant for another year. Beats L!

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"

Later.—Further investigation discloses the fact that the county commissioners were probably in error in their decision. While the bill reads "from the passage" of the act, it does not state passage by whom—legislators or the people. By virtue of the initiative and referendum after a bill passes the legislature the people have three months, we believe, in which to recall the same. Until that time has expired it cannot legally be termed to have "passed." If this is correct, the act's real passage occurred in May instead of February, which would give plenty of time to complete the transfer within the time specified by the law. The attention of the county commissioners will be strongly called to this point, and we may get a free ferry after all.

empowered to secure ten cans and have them installed where they will do the most good; all yes. The attorney was directed to look the ordinance up relative to keeping the side walks clean, so that it could be enforced after the cans were provided.

Complaint had been made that the Sacajawea was occupying too much dock room too much of the time, making it difficult for other boats to effect a landing, and the matter was referred to the street committee for investigation and report on motion of Alderman Muck.

A huge electric sign now adorns the front of the Mount Hood Railway, Light & Power company's office on Jersey street. It reaches clear across the 12-foot sidewalk, contains 200 lights and is highly attractive, especially when lit up at night.

Sick children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by St. Johns Pharmacy.

Thinks It Is Easy

Editor Review: In last week's paper you begin your leading editorial with my name and follow with a quotation from the Appeal to Reason to the effect that "the way for the government to take possession of the railroads is just to take them and that is all there is to it." Then you shout "confiscation" and deride my 20 years of reading in socialism.

Now, Mr. Editor, I forbear to use the qualifying adjective which properly applies to the ancient trick of quoting half of a passage to give a meaning directly opposite to what the whole conveys. The sentence following the one you quote says: "the amount to be paid for the railroads can be settled later" and suggests the supreme court as the arbiter. Showing that confiscation is not thought of by this radical correspondent.

The idea he proposes is not the editorial opinion of the Appeal. In the number just previous, in reply to the question as to how the government is to obtain possession of the industrial plants, the editor replies that each case will be decided on its merits, and gives three methods that may be considered: (1) Purchase, (2) Duplication by building new plants, (3) Where there has been fraud and violation of law in acquiring title, confiscation. Personally, I would confiscate some of the millions of acres of land claimed by the S. P. Co., and probably some Guggenheim holdings, and so would some thousands of good republicans and democrats.

The next quotation you make is: "There can be no absolute title to land." And then you crow: "How can a man own a home without a title?"

Verily, a little reading is a dangerous thing. If you read a little more along sociological lines you would understand that statement, which did not originate among the socialists, does not refer to conditions under socialism, but is a statement of a fact as it exists right now.

Do you own a home? Yes! Have you an absolute title to it? No! The very government which guarantees your title retains the right to tax and the right of eminent domain over the whole, the right to take it when public necessity demands. Spring something that isn't so easy.

A. W. Vincent.

We did not intend to "deride" the doctor's 20 years of study. Instead, we respect it. Any man who has studied a score of years on any proposition is entitled to respect. But the doctor was so positive that Appeal to Reason would not print anything in favor of confiscation that the opportunity was too good to be lost.

We are charged with being an "artful dodger." We didn't finish the paragraph because it seemed unnecessary. The writer stated: "When the people want the railroads they will just take them and THAT'LL BE ALL THERE WILL BE TO IT." If that will be all there will be to it, a qualification farther on is unavailing. Doesn't the doctor do a little "artful dodging" himself? The paragraph complete reads: "When the people want the railroads they will just take them and that'll be all there is to it; the question of compensation CAN be taken up later, AS IT IS THE LEAST IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE TRANSACTION." Confiscate first; perhaps attend to the least important matter of compensation at the convenience of the takers. Yes, least important to confiscators, but most important to the owners.

But let us finish the article with the next and last paragraph: "The matter of compensation MIGHT be left to the supreme court after a socialist president has first appointed socialist judges. No one could object to it being left to such an august body as the supreme court. Sure not." Of course it would be nice to take things when we want them and defer payment until we get ready to pay for them—if ever. Nice, but not right.

According to the doctor's letter even the editor of the Appeal to Reason is at sea regarding how the government shall take possession of industrial plants under socialism, as he offers three methods to be considered. If the socialists cannot decide themselves, how can they expect those opposed to socialism to decide for them? Does the editor of the Appeal really know, and is using three different kinds of bait to catch—voters? If he does not, what a wonderful uncertainty the socialists are trying to enmesh the public into!

The doctor's idea and ours do not agree upon title to land. We would sooner have a piece of land

Bargains in Real Estate

Every one of them you can speculate on, as they are a few of the undervalues.

One acre. Corner close to Peninsula mill, all in a fine fir grove, regular picnic grounds, all clean and clear from underbrush. Street improvements in and part paid; for a short time this can be bought for \$2000, \$200 cash, balance as easy as you want it with 7 per cent interest. This is a fine piece of land and it is worth more money. Some day it will make you rich if you buy it.

Two fine lots on Hayes street, all street improvements in and paid. Each 50x100 and in clover, lay high and fine, an ideal building spot for two houses or the best of garden land. For a short time these lots can go for \$400 each, \$100 down balance easy. If you want a lot in St. Johns you won't turn these down.

Two lots on car line in South St. Johns at a bargain. Prices on application.

Two 50-foot lots on Willamette boulevard, \$450 each, half cash; located between Mohawk and Polk. If you are acquainted with values, you will know these are bargains.

We have two of the best lots in St. Johns suitable for flats or apartment houses. These two lots join the postoffice and can be had for a few days for \$2300. Street improvements all paid for. Terms very easy. About \$550 will handle.

100x100 on Crawford that's going to be warehouse property \$1375. All kinds of houses for sale in all parts of town, on all kinds of terms. Come and see us when you want to buy, sell or trade, we can do the business.

McKINNEY & DAVIS.

subject to taxation than have a piece that belongs to the government—subject to removal therefrom at the instance of the people. It is all a matter of taste, anyway, no matter where it originated. Yes, the government (and railroads) can now take any land that public necessity demands—with this difference: The owner receives full compensation, knows just what he is going to receive therefor before he is dispossessed. The socialist writer says: "Take first, pay to suit the taker afterward."

If the editor of Appeal does not favor the socialist writer's views, it is passing strange that in this banner edition of possibly two million copies, going to all parts of the country and among people who know little concerning socialism, that in the same issue he would not refute the utterances of this "radical" writer. Perhaps he forgot to do so—perhaps.

Worth Many Dollars

The rains of Sunday and Monday have been worth thousands of dollars to this section, and have proved of no damage whatever. True hop picking has been somewhat retarded and inconvenience has been caused to the pickers who were brought to the yards too early, but the outlook now is a better crop by reason of the rain. All vegetation, which was suffering from the long dry spell, has been helped wonderfully, the ground having received a thorough soaking, and bumper fall crops will be the result. The forest fires have been effectively quenched for this year, and probably millions of feet of our fine timber saved. The Oregon weather man can be depended upon to do the right thing at the right time.—Polk County Itemizer.

Why Women Suffer

With piles and how to find a lasting cure. Constipation is a most frequent cause of the piles. That is why women suffer more often from piles than men. Indoor work and lack of exercise brings on the attacks. St. Johns Pharmacy and druggists everywhere sell Hem-Roid, an internal tablet remedy that piles, on the understanding that you can have the money back if dissatisfied. \$1 for a large bottle. Dr. Leonard Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y., mails booklet on request.

Money to Loan

A good thing to know if you need it is where you can get money in an hour's time, on easy payments in amounts of \$5 up, on all kinds of property. All business confidential. Private office, room 1 Holbrook block over Review office.

Watch our windows for low prices.—McCabe & Corbett.