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As Others See Us:—

Robert Burns, with his: "O wad some power the giftie gie us"

To see ourself's as others see us, voiced a wish common to all men, but perhaps we might as well admit gracefully, most ardently felt by all Americans. We are eager to know what the people of the older countries think of us, and this we venture to hope, neither because of a lack of confidence in ourselves, nor by reason of undue vanity, but simply because we realize that our institutions, both political and social, are in the nature of experiments and of sufficient importance to be of interest to all the world. Let us hope we are wise enough to profit by reasonable criticism and as for advice, if we do not see our way clear to accepting it, it will at least serve the purpose which most advice serves—that of giving us greater enthusiasm than ever for our own way. And the people of other countries have not disappointed us. They have been quite as ready to tell us what they think of us as we have to listen. Whether or not they approve of us, they all agree that we are interesting. One of the most readable of these discussions of ourselves is found in "America, the Land of Contrasts," by James Muirhead. The author spent three years traveling through the United States, and on the whole found us a very likeable people. Nevertheless we are often forced to laugh at ourselves, though in such a kindly fashion that it doesn't hurt. Especially illuminating are the chapters on "The American Child," "The Humor of 'The Man on the Cars,'" and "American Journalism—A Mixed Blessing."

Of a more thoughtful nature, but even more interesting is "American Problems" by Munsterberg. Prof. Munsterberg has been filling his position at Harvard University for so long that his latest book can scarcely be classed as the opinion of an outsider. Yet he is no doubt able to look at matters in this country a little more dispassionately than a native American. His ideas are distinctly new and well worthy of attention. For instance, he declares that American society of today is the victim, not of nervousness but of the fear of nervousness.

The chapter on prohibition and temperance has already called down a storm of protest on the author's head. Almost equally startling are his remarks on "The Intemperance of Women," and "My Friends the Spiritualists."

Better known than either of the above is "The American Commonwealth," by Bryce. This book has reached the dignity of a text book and no one can afford to miss its keen insight into American affairs. Ask for these books at the library. New books on the five cent shelf are: "Winning Barbara"—Worthwright; "Harvester"—Porter; Iron Woman—Deland. A shelf of unusually interesting books are being displayed under the Pioneer bulletin. Watch for thanksgiving bulletins.

Road to Dry Dock

A route has been surveyed that will give a 6 per cent. grade from the dry dock to Willamette boulevard for a wagon road, and it is believed the same will be constructed before Spring arrives. The Port of Portland and Western Coöperation Co. have agreed to build the road at their own expense provided the city engineer survey a feasible route. This the engineer has obligingly done at the instance of the city council, and we believe it is eminently satisfactory to all concerned. The Port of Portland has been badly hampered from the fact that no wagon road has ever been connected with the dry dock, and it is rumored more or less vaguely that the Western Coöperation Co. will erect a large plant on its land adjoining when facilities have been provided for ingress and egress by team. The new roadway will prove a boon to both concerns, and also to others who desire to reach the dry dock.

Jack Skelton, after spending the past month in St. Johns, has returned to his former home in Pennsylvania. That he is possessed of plenty of nerve is proven by the fact that just before leaving he was advised by a letter of the fact that the weather was below zero by ten degrees at his old home in the central part of the state. He expects to return here in the spring.

Can Do Much Good

"What good can a commercial club do in St. Johns?" one of our citizens queried last week. Much good. There are a number of propositions that can be furthered and hastened by a live commercial club. For instance, a road to the Monarch Lumber company's mills and to the Swift Packing plant we believe could be effected if gotten after by an active body of citizens. The value of such an innovation could not be overestimated. Many employes there would build homes and live in St. Johns were a decent manner provided of traveling to and from work. This is the nearest point to these industries suitable for residences.

Something might also be done with the city dock in the way of providing sidetracks and its occupancy. All that is required, we believe, is a little effort in that direction. If this were accomplished quite a burden would be lifted from the shoulders of the taxpayers of St. Johns, to say nothing of the benefit that would accrue from the use of the dock.

Passenger boats have a habit of omitting to stop at St. Johns as they ply up and down the river. At the same time they stop at most any dinky little place after they leave the Willamette. This might be corrected by a progressive body of citizens rising up and demanding to know the reason why.

It seems to be a fact that the county commissioners are giving St. Johns a mighty small run for their money, spending all it turns over to them each year for the benefit of other places, and refusing or neglecting to do anything for us. Another instance where a commercial club could be of valiant service.

We believe the Mount Hood railroad company could be induced to extend its line to St. Johns if it were shown that our representative citizens were heartily in favor of its coming, and would be willing to lend aid to some extent in securing the right of way.

A cemetery and a city park are badly needed in St. Johns. Both institutions are necessities for any metropolitan city. A commercial body could help along this line.

New industries are most necessary. Here is where a commercial club could get in its best licks. Publicity and getting in touch with corporations and individuals seeking industrial plants would be the prime motif of the club. Help could be rendered in securing the ground and financial assistance advanced if necessary. Yes, a good commercial club can find much to employ itself with in St. Johns.

New Powder Plant

A large powder concern has closed a deal for location of good sized works on Sanvie's island, near the mouth of the Willamette river. Construction will begin at once and it is hoped that it will be ready for occupation the first of next year. The works will be composed of many small shops separated from each other to minimize danger in its manufacture. This will be the first industry to locate near the conjunction of the two rivers, and may be considered only a forerunner of many more to follow. The site is ideally located for shipping, no bridges to interfere with maritime traffic. The use of powder in the Northwest has grown to gigantic proportions, and its present use is infinitesimal in comparison to its future use as the country develops. The new industry will furnish employment for a number of hands.

Building Permits

No. 98—To Albert Olin to erect dwelling on Olympia street between Charleston and Crutshank street; cost \$600.

No. 99—To Dr. B. F. Rambo to erect a garage on Stafford street between Burr and Buchanan; cost \$150.

Legislation that will give the buyer of clothing the same protection as pure food law gives the purchaser of provisions is to be sought as the result of the recent convention of Oregon wool growers. "Pure Wool" may be demanded and those making and selling goods of poorer quality must label their product showing how much wool and how much shoddy the goods contain, if the proposed measure is made a law.

Note the label on your paper.

A Model Store

Bonham & Currier have made a number of alterations and improvements about their stores. The exterior has been brightened by the painter's brush, new bins and compartments for holding and displaying all manner of vegetables and fruits have been constructed, alterations have been made in the display windows that make a wonderful improvement, new tables and show cases have been installed, and throughout the stores have been rearranged and made models of convenience and attractiveness. Few realize what a great and varied stock this enterprising firm carries. We must confess that we did not until we were conducted through the building Saturday evening by courtesy of Mr. Bonham. The basement was a revelation to us. Tons and tons of canned goods, teas, coffees, tinware, meats, grain, and what was not neatly piled ceiling high on every hand until the eye almost grew weary of following tier after tier of standard goods. The basement runs the full length of the building, and available space is difficult to discern. The ware-room in the rear is in the same condition, and despite a balcony above newly erected, is overflowing with all manner of goods. In the dry-goods department one whole side of the room is devoted to shoes neatly shelved. There must be thousands of pairs of them, all shapes, sizes and styles. We could not help mentally comparing the mammoth stock and fine modern stores with the one Bonham & Currier had when we first came to St. Johns. The transformation in a few years is really marvelous, and fully exemplifies the fact that fair dealing, strict appliance to business and courteous treatment will ever win if persisted in.

High School Notes

The High School basketball team will begin regular practice next week. The school will be represented by a team consisting almost entirely of experienced players, for all the mainstays of last season's team are in school this year. The loss of two players who played as regular men last season does not materially weaken the team. Many new men will be out for positions on the team; the old players will be crowded for places, thus insuring the best possible results.

The members of the athletic association have been working diligently for the past six weeks to raise money to purchase a canvas for the skating rink floor in order to provide a place where games may be played at home during the season. They have done this work individually and as a body without the assistance of the school board. Owing to a scarcity of funds the school board has been unable to aid athletics in the school in any marked degree heretofore. We understand that they now have a very substantial fund to be expended solely for athletic purposes and we hope they will be willing to assist the athletic association in purchasing the canvas by giving it their financial backing.

Freshman query—"Who demolished that big window in the gym?" A meeting of the Senior class was held Tuesday for the election of officers. The officers elected by the serious minded assemblage was as follows: Thomas Bugbee, president; Clara Nelson, vice president; Ruth Cairnright, secretary; Arkie Anderson, treasurer. Publius.

TIME TO KNOW THIS

What Hem-roid will do for any woman with piles. Many a woman drags along a life of misery with piles because she does not know of HEM-ROID, the sugar coated tablet remedy that cures any kind of piles by restoring good circulation of blood in the clogged, swollen parts. HEM-ROID is sold under a guarantee of satisfaction by St. Johns Pharmacy and all druggists. \$1.00 for 24 days' treatment. Dr. Leonard Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y., mails a free book describing it.

First Christian Science Society:—Sunday 11 a. m., Wednesday at 8 p. m. Reading room open Tuesday and Saturday from 2 to 4 p. m. All cordially invited to the services and reading room. Sunday service subject: "Ancient and modern necromancy, alias mesmerism and hypnotism denounced."

Fire Alarm Signals

The following signals have been adopted by the fire department, in giving fire alarms, which will facilitate the effectiveness of the department and give the public a chance to locate the direction of the fire before leaving their homes. Thus firemen will not be compelled to rush to the city hall when an alarm is given when the fire might be near where they reside. They can go direct to the blaze instead of the city hall.

General Alarm—Greatest noise possible. Call for first and second companies (city hall) one stroke, pause then two strokes in succession. No. 3 (Near Catholic church) one stroke, pause, two strokes, pause, three strokes in succession. No. 4 (South St. Johns) one stroke, pause, three strokes, pause, four strokes in succession. No. 5 (North St. Johns) one stroke, pause, two strokes, pause, five strokes in succession.

Recall—three strokes, pause, three strokes. It would be well for every subscriber to cut this out and paste it on his bed post, so that when the alarm of fire is given it will only take a moment to apprehend where it is located. The firemen have the system arranged in such a manner that there is little danger of becoming confused.

A Case of Arson

Some malicious individual decided that he would like to see the Owl saloon go up in flames Monday night, and as a means to this end, he procured a good sized can, filled it with gasoline, placed a gunny sack therein and attached a fuse to it. Locating this infernal machine at the rear of the building where combustion seemed most feasible, he touched a match to it and made his getaway. This was at 3:50 in the morning, but not too early to escape the eagle eye of Night Policeman George Etheridge, who noticed it shortly after the blaze started and turned in the alarm. The fire laddies made a record time in reaching the scene, and while the smoke was so dense that it was difficult to discern where the fire really was, they very quickly subdued and extinguished it. The firemen never did better work than at this blaze. The damage is estimated at \$50. No clue to the miscreant has yet been obtained.

Will Be Great Boon

That the completion of the Panama Canal will mean millions of dollars to the fruit growers of the Pacific Northwest was the statement of J. N. Teal in an address to the State Horticultural society at its annual meeting. He believes the fruit grower will profit more by the opening of the canal than the man engaged in any other industry, with the possible exception of the lumberman, although producers generally will be benefited. Mr. Teal told of the reduced freight rates to the world that will follow when the canal is opened, while at the same time better rates will lower the cost of almost everything the horticulturist uses. Markets for fruit will be widened greatly because of cheapening of transportation. Mr. Teal estimates a saving of approximately \$20,000,000 in freight charges to the growers of the Northwest each year.

GOOD ADVICE FOR ST. JOHNS PEOPLE

People in St. Johns who have constipation, sour stomach or gas on the stomach, should use simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded by Adler-i-ka, the new German appendicitis remedy. A SINGLE DOSE brings relief almost INSTANTLY because this simple mixture antiseptizes the digestive organs and drains the impurities.—Jackson & Thompson, druggists.

The first cargo of lumber to be used in the construction of the Panama-Pacific Exposition buildings went from an Astoria mill. The Pacific Northwest will probably supply many cargoes for this purpose during the pre-exposition period.

Lost—November 16, note dated Seattle, Wash., July 31, 1909, signed W. J. Rouse. Return to Review office. Reward. 3 p.

Commercial Club Meet

The St. Johns Commercial club met in the city hall Monday evening, and the seating capacity was inadequate to seat the number present. The time was taken up in electing a permanent president, board of directors treasurer and temporary secretary, and also appointing several committees. Sixty-five new members were added to the roll, and \$545 more pledged as donations. The meeting proved that great interest is being taken in the club, and there is a sincere desire on the part of all to make it one of the greatest and most effective organizations in the state.

The meeting was called to order by temporary President K. C. Couch. The election of a permanent president was one of the first matters taken up. The names of H. C. Pennell, Peter Autzen and Frank Test were suggested and placed in nomination. The former two declined to run, and Mr. Test was made the unanimous choice of the members present.

The following directors were elected: Peter Autzen, C. E. Bailey, H. W. Bonham, Thomas Cochran, C. C. Currier, A. W. Davis, F. P. Drinker, J. N. Edleson, P. H. Edleson, W. R. Evans, A. C. Gesler, J. F. Hendricks, A. R. Jones, J. H. Johnston, F. C. Knapp, M. G. Nease, H. C. Pennell, Capt. F. E. Smith, Frank Test, C. C. Woodhouse, Jr., V. W. Mason, C. R. Thompson, A. A. Larrowe, H. C. Schade, F. W. Valentine, J. F. Gillmore, P. C. Stroud, S. L. Dobie, Chas. Fry and I. B. Martin, making thirty in all.

By virtue of a resolution adopted the board of directors were endowed with the power to elect officers, formulate by-laws and look after the general management of the club. The meeting adjourned to give this board a chance to convene and elect officers, appoint committees, etc.

President Test took the chair when the directors convened. Upon motion A. W. Markle was selected to act as secretary until a permanent one had been elected. John N. Edleson was elected treasurer without opposition.

The following were appointed as a committee on quarters: S. L. Dobie, H. C. Schade, F. W. Valentine, A. A. Larrowe, C. C. Currier, C. E. Bailey.

M. G. Nease, A. W. Davis and Peter Autzen were appointed a committee to seek a suitable permanent secretary.

H. W. Bonham, M. G. Nease, H. C. Pennell, Chas. Fry were appointed committee on by-laws.

Next Monday night was designated as the next meeting night, when the committee on by-laws believed they would be able to report.

Following are the new donations: Name Amount per mo. M. L. Holbrook \$10.00 Peninsula Lumber Co. \$10.00 East St. Johns Land Co. \$10.00 Johnstone Toggery \$10.00 Peninsula Iron Works \$5.00 S. H. Satterlee \$5.00

A number of others have promised donations, but have not yet decided on the amount they can afford to give. This makes a total of \$2180 in donations, besides 130 members at one dollar per month.

Following are the new members taken in since last week's report: R. W. Good, St. Johns Laundry Co., S. H. Satterlee, N. J. Bailey, D. C. Lewis, J. H. Johnston, V. W. Mason, A. M. Esson, F. C. Knapp, P. G. Gillmore, M. L. Holbrook, James Caito, C. G. Boock, Smith Hardware Co., John Noce, D. N. Byerlee, I. B. Martin, Chas. Fry, M. E. Kilkenny, Gustave Tetz, Robert Anderson, D. F. Horsman, A. H. Blackburn, A. B. Lindboe, G. E. Schmeer, J. Rasse, Thos. Store, Emmett Maxfield, A. Sloan, H. L. Nutting, O. J. Gatzmyer, Fred C. Couch, J. T. Brooks, J. C. Brooks, Lou Williams, Marion Johnson, William Burley, J. J. Hurlbert, Wallace Tindall, L. Harding, O. M. Cornell, A. S. Benson, S. C. Norton, Columbia Electric Co., Henry Henderson, Rev. G. W. Nelson, D. Tallman, A. M. Stearns, S. W. Ormany, C. J. Muck, L. E. Rose, M. F. Tufts, Henry Muck, R. D. Jackson, W. H. King, A. R. Jones, W. R. Evans, W. M. Tower, L. B. Chipman and Chas. Sargent.

Baraca Items

Young man, are you a stranger in the city? If so come to o'clock Sunday morning and join the young men's Baraca class. You are a stranger here only once.

The young men's Baraca class were entertained at the Laurels, Nov. 16th as the guests of Ryder Cornman. A splendid evening is the report of all present.—Reporter.

Council Proceedings

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with the mayor presiding as usual. Little of much importance developed.

T. H. Cochran asked for an extension of time on the improvement of South Jersey street, owing to weather conditions, but as the consent of one of the bondsmen was lacking the matter was held over for another week to have the omission supplied.

An application for permission to place an electric sign in front of Malloy & Brazee's saloon on Burlington street was received and permission granted.

A resolution to improve Gresham from Buchanan to Ida street was adopted.

Two routes for a roadway to the dry dock from Willamette boulevard having been presented, it was decided that the mayor, street committee, engineer, president of the dry docks and the property owners interested meet this afternoon and decide definitely upon the route.

R. E. McIntire objected to the water company placing a quantity of wood close to a lot for which he is agent, claiming that it injured sale of same. Matter was held over for a week.

Two Chicago firms offered bids for \$30,000 improvement bonds, one offering \$311 premium and the other \$606. The former failed to enclose a check as evidence of good faith and as required in the advertised proposals, while the other failed to send certified check. Bates & Co. and the First National bank offered a premium each of \$75. The Peninsula bank offered par and accrued interest. As it has been the expressed purpose of the city to favor local institutions, all things being equal, the bonds were awarded to the First National Bank.

The Boy Scouts

A good friend to boys, who was a good mother to two boys through all the years to honorable, upright manhood, this week sent the scouts five dollars to finish lighting their barracks. The gift is the more highly prized coming from this source, for the true scout will love his mother above all others, and because of her will love, respect and defend all womankind everywhere. Their hats are off to the kind donor on this occasion and sincerely hope that sometime, in some way they may have an opportunity to reciprocate this favor.

Scouts Butts and McGregor have won the much coveted position of first class scouts. It is an attainment to be proud of, but to be able to wear the badge with honor and distinction worthy of what it stands for—unselfishness, helpfulness to others, the highest ideals in social, political and commercial life, clean games, clean dealings, clean living, under all conditions and under all circumstances—will put the boys on their mettle. We hope to see these first two full-fledged scouts ever winning higher honors. The eyes of their fellows will be on them and the esprit du corps will depend very largely upon their fidelity to the principles of the scouts' government.

Scout Neil's fractured arm is rapidly recovering, but he is afraid he will be as left-handed as a Benjaminite by the time it is well. Several of the scouts have passed from the tenderfoot to the second class grade; a list of the promotions will be given next week.

The box social and dance given in Bickner hall last Friday evening by the Elite Dancing club for the benefit of Mrs. Lee Fortune and family was not nearly as well attended as it should have been. The hall and lights were furnished free, Manager Sutton donating his services free, and Miss Leah Walters of Portland, violinist; L. J. Lindsey of the same city, violinist; Miss Laura Gaton, pianist and Dick Perrine, trombonist, also donated their services free. The gross proceeds amounted to \$20.00 which will be turned over to Mrs. Fortune.

"I do not believe there is any other remedy so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Oregon. "This remedy is unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by all dealers."

The St. Johns Dairy Produce Co. at 206 North Jersey, is now better able than ever to supply the wants of their patrons. Come and see, Telephone Col. 194. 52-3

The Boston Lyrics

The next number of the High School Lyceum Course will be the



Boston Lyrics, which appear here the evening of December 4th. This is a high class entertainment, which none should fail to attend.

Now a National Bank

The Peninsula Bank has now become a full fledged national bank and will hereafter do business under the title, "Peninsula National Bank." This institution has ever since its inception been one of the strongest and most substantial banks in the state. When many other banks were tottering and falling several years ago, this institution held its own and retained the utmost faith of the community. It has now become a national institution, in consequence of which it is stronger than ever. The old officers have all been retained, as follows:

President—R. T. Platt, Vice President—F. C. Knapp, Cashier—John N. Edleson, Asst. Cashier—Stanton L. Dobie.

Epworth League Notes

Next Sunday evening being the last Sunday of the Gypsy Smith meetings, no evening service will be held at the M. B. church, both the leagues and church members who desire being permitted to attend. Go early.

Next Wednesday evening, Nov. 29, the league will hold a social and Blue J supper at the home of H. W. Brice, Chicago and No. Hayes streets. The league has been at work for the last three weeks on this social and it promises to be another of the good times coming this winter. To appreciate the refreshments and other things, you will have to come and get a copy of the menu. Everybody come. Prices range from one cent up. There is a limit.

Philathea Class

COME—Whom? Every young lady in town. When? Every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Where? To the First Baptist Church. What for? To be a Philathea and study the Sunday school lesson. Why? Because we are interested in you. Who is interested? All the members of the Philathea class. Even the Baraca's are interested because they don't want us to keep the class room.—Reporter.

J. J. Hurlbert left Wednesday evening for San Diego, California, and will visit Mexico before coming back. He goes on both pleasure and profit bent, taking his family that they may enjoy the Southern sunny climate with him in the winter while he hustles for his company, the Banker's Reserve, of Omaha, which is just now opening up that country.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets do not sicken or gripe, and may be taken with perfect safety by the most delicate woman or the youngest child. The old and feeble will also find them a most suitable remedy for aiding and strengthening their weakened digestion and for regulating the bowels. For sale by all dealers.

C. O. Woolsey, lately of San Francisco, has purchased the furniture and fixtures of the White House hotel, and has taken possession of same. Mr. Woolsey is an old timer in the Willamette valley, residing in the valley when there were no bridges over the Willamette at Portland and the East Side was a forest.