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## Help to Boost St. Johns

Every person in St. Johns should lend his or her aid in boosting the city. The best way to do so is to tell others on the outside of our wonderful resources and natural advantages and the things we have that would attract capitalists, investors and home seekers. In writing a letter it is difficult to remember and enumerate the many blessings the city possesses. Therefore, to obviate this difficulty, a list of the leading attractions have been compiled and neatly printed on backs of envelopes. This affords a splendid medium of advertising at little cost. Every letter that leaves this city should be enclosed in one of these envelopes. In this way all can help. Our citizens should take a pride in telling of the city's numerous attractions. No other locality has more things to boast of. Envelopes may be obtained at this office at the rate of ten cents per pack of 25, or three packs for 25 cents. Below is a fac-simile of what appears on the envelopes:

**St. Johns**  
Is second in manufacturing.  
Is seventh in population.  
Has twenty minute car service.  
Has navigable water on 3 sides.  
Has finest gas and electricity.  
Has two strong banks.  
Has five large school houses.  
Has abundance of purest water.  
Has hard surface streets.  
Has extensive sewerage system.  
Has the best dock on the river.  
Has fine, modern brick city hall.  
Has payroll of \$85,000 monthly.  
Ships monthly 2,000 cars freight.  
All railroads have access to it.  
Is gateway to Portland harbor.  
Has many brick business houses.  
Taxes lower than in Portland.  
Climate ideal and healthful.

**St. Johns**  
County of Multnomah  
State of Oregon  
**AMERICA**

**St. Johns**  
Is near Swift packing plant.  
Has a most promising future.  
Has a strong Commercial club.  
Thunder and lightning seldom.  
Zero weather a curiosity.  
Distinctively a manufacturing city.  
Adjoins the city of Portland.  
Has 5,000 population, and  
Has no cemetery.  
Is practically eight years old.  
Taxable property, \$4,500,000.  
Has large dry docks, saw mills  
Woolen mills, iron works,  
Stove works, asbestos factory,  
Ship building plant, laundry,  
Veneer and excelsior plant,  
Flour mill, planing mill,  
Box factory, and others.  
More industries coming.

### Gives Good Advice

G. W. Millward, writing to an Eastern paper from Western Washington, offers the following advice to young men contemplating coming west. Of course it is as applicable to Oregon as it is to Washington:

Shall the Eastern man go West? Yes, by all means, providing he has pluck and determination to make his way, and incidentally, a little money, but it doesn't take much.

The question of "pulling up stakes" in a place where a man was born and raised is a subject which requires a great deal of careful thought in as much as it is like digging up a tree that has become firmly rooted in the soil and transplanting it where soil and climatic conditions are widely different to its natural abode. I believe the risk is worth while, but no one should make the change thinking that he is going to get a better living from the profits of his labor here than where he is, no matter whether he is skilled or otherwise. I believe a common laborer is better off at home than he is in a strange place, because of established friends and credit, which abroad must be won anew.

There is and ever will be too much selfishness in the world to cause people anywhere to receive strangers with open arms. The reverse is to be expected. This, however, should be no drawback to the well meaning young man who desires to better his condition by a change of location.

Self reliance and freedom from binding obligations are the greatest assets a man can have, and if he takes the step alone and succeeds, the victory is all the greater, and if he fails in the attempt he is confident of going down to defeat with his face to the enemy. The credit in either case belongs to him.

The principal things which go to make a people prosperous and contented are climate, soil and markets. There may be better climate in other parts of the world, but when taken in connection with the soil and markets I do not think one need seek farther for it. Being devoid of extremes of heat and cold, with thunder storms and blizzards unknown, what more should a person desire. Yet for all this, the snow-capped tops of the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges 60 miles away can be seen every clear day in the year, and with all our warm rains, green grass, and 40 to 50 degree climate, these regions are buried in snow and trains from the East are arriving from one to two days late.

During the winter or rainy season the ground is being completely saturated with moisture, which is stored between the surface and the deep underlying strata for use during the coming growing period. The absence of damaging spring frosts enables the farmer and gardener to plant very early so that his vegetables reach the market and command good prices. The early potato crop can be harvested in time to use the same ground for late cabbage, thus doubling the producing capacity of the land without wearing out the soil.

One acre of potato land will produce on the average, according to recent estimates, about 15 tons or 500 bushels. At an averaging selling price of \$25 per ton will amount to \$375. If the same ground is set out in late cabbage a yield of 20 tons will be realized which may be

sold at an average price of \$15 per ton, or \$300, which make a total of \$675 per acre each year.

Of course one must know the land, because all of the land will not produce everything. Some is adapted to one thing and some to another. The low, valley, or vegetable land will not bring in as good a crop of fruit or berries as the upland, so the gardener must make up his mind just what particular branch he wishes to do, and then select his land accordingly. From one to five acres is all any one man can handle, as the profits are so good as to warrant him specializing in one or two vegetables and making a special study of them. Do not commit the error of trying to raise a little of everything, because you will be unable to make either pay, and experiments are costly. I believe the production of a vegetable requires as much study as any other one thing.

The price of this land, if close to the city, is naturally high on account of its profitable income and nearness to markets, often selling for \$1000 an acre. Even uncleared land sells for \$400. But good land may be had for \$25, and often one finds some one who will sell the land with all necessary buildings on for a very small price. Any of the land for sale can be purchased for a small payment down and a few dollars a month, most people paying for their homes from the profits of their toil.

The question of buildings at the start is of very small consequence as all persons who undertake it live at first in a "shack" until they can do better. Many live in tents and enjoy it the same as if on a fishing or hunting excursion. They have come west to better themselves, are not particular about quarters, and the climate being favorable a great deal of expense is avoided. Another thing, wild berries abound in abundance, and the streams and woods are full of fish and small game.

Homesteading in this state is different to what it was once. A homestead in Washington is hardly desirable for several reasons. In the first place the western part of the state has been and is yet to a great extent a vast forest covered with gigantic timber. In fact timber is so plentiful that it hardly ever brings over one dollar a thousand on the stump, and the best of them have all been taken up. When one is to be had you might spend years before it could be marketed, so a person will do better to get a smaller tract as mentioned before, and the government now appraises the timber and you will have to pay for it.

East of the mountains are large areas where a man may take up 320 acres, but unless it can be irrigated it is of no value. The water is being put on it as fast as possible, and when this is done it becomes the richest land in the world. But this takes time and money and is not to be thought of by the man of small means.

As to the markets they are of the best, and wherever a community gets large enough the railroad is extended to handle the produce. I would advise any young married man who desires to make a change to come to Western Washington, get a small piece of land and get busy, and if there is anything in you at all, you cannot fail because the climate, soil and markets are here, the schools are of the best, you will be welcome and can live in ease and comfort. G. W. Millward.

Picture framing done at Portland prices at H. F. Clark's, the furniture man.

### A Bit Tangled

A Missouri editor, who was brim full of hard cider, got a wedding account and a sale mixed, and served to his readers this dope:

William Smith, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith, was disposed at auction to Lucy Anderson on my farm, one mile east of here, in the presence of seventy guests, including the following, to wit: Two mules; 12 head of cattle. The Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial, the least weighing 1250 pounds on the hoof. The beautiful home of the bride was tastefully decorated with a seawash calf, a spade, a sulky hay-rake, one feed grinder, one set of double harness, almost new, and just before the wedding ceremony was pronounced Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by one milch cow, five years; one Jersey cow to be fresh next April, carrying a bunch of flowers in her hand and looking charming in a gown made of light spring wagon, two boxes of apples, two ricks of hay, one grindstone, mousseline deori trimmed with about 189 bushels of spuds. The groom is a well known and popular young man, and has always stood well among society circles of 12 Berkshire hogs, while the bride is an accomplished and talented school teacher of a splendid drove of Poland China—pedigrees if desired. Among the beautiful presents were two sets of knives and forks, one spring-tooth harrow, curry-comb and brush for the bride and other articles too numerous to mention. The bridal couple left yesterday on an extended trip, term of 12 months' time, extended to responsible parties, otherwise spot cash luncheon will be served at the stable. After this Mr. and Mrs. Smith will go to housekeeping in a cozy home in a corner of the cow-barn, where there is a full set of dairy appliances which go with the best wishes of the many friends of happy couple. Dr. R. L. Granby, Auctioneer.

As a result the editor was wallowed seven times, licked the other fellow twice, had to fight two damage suits and lost 37 subscribers. Now he is on the water wagon and could not be pried off with a pinch bar. At the sight of a cider mill or a big red apple he goes into hysterics.

### Baraca Items

A special service for young men will be given by the Young Men's Baraca Bible class at the Baptist church (Chicago street) two blocks east of the post office) next Sunday evening, March 3d. Special music will be furnished by the young men as follows:

"Tell Mother I'll be There"—Messrs. Wood, Teeling, Keliher and Maher.

"Onward Christian Soldier"—Mrs. Louis Simons.

"Mother's Bible"—The Baraca Trio, Messrs. Wood, Teeling and Keliher.

Cornet solo by Mr. Archie Maher.

The pastor will preach a special sermon to men. Subject: "Wanted—A Man." All are invited, women and children, as well as men.

NOTICE—As I see myself compelled to set traps, all who come into my enclosure after sundown will have to take the consequences.—Mary Albert, 512 Tyler street, St. Johns, Oregon. 16 2tp.

### A Change Probable

A representative of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. met with the board of governors of the Commercial club Monday to discuss the car service. He made it very plain that while the company wanted to do all in its power for its patrons, single cars and ten-minute service was impossible at this time. He stated that the St. Johns line was not a paying proposition now nor never was; that it was not even paying expenses; that the St. Johns cars traveled more rapidly than any other line in the city of Portland; that the speed was just as high as the Portland ordinances would permit; that the company had to measure everything in dollars and cents, and until St. Johns lines proves at least self supporting, more expenditure in service could not be thought of. When the suggestion was made that every other car leave St. Johns via Dawson street and return the same way, the balance of the cars to run as at present, he believed that might be accomplished, and also that the cars which now stop at Portsmouth might be run through to St. Johns. It was decided that a committee consisting of H. E. Pennell, P. H. Edlefsen, Peter Autzen and A. Larowe meet with representatives of the company tomorrow, go over the ground thoroughly and arrive at some agreement in the matter. If alternate cars travel only on Dawson and Jersey street in St. Johns they will likely be designated as "St. J. D.," so that passengers may understand which car to take on leaving Portland. This arrangement would be quite an improvement over the present way of routing the cars, and the chances favor very much its adoption by the company.

Architect Ernest Kroner of Portland has prepared the plans for a new lodge building to be erected on Fessenden street between Kellogg and Jersey streets in St. Johns, for Laurel Lodge No. 186 I. O. O. F. The building will be an attractive two story structure, 40x81 feet in dimensions, with basement excavated under the entire building. The walls are to be of tile with stucco exterior and interior and the interior will be of heavy mill construction, making an attractive appearing and very substantial building. A portion of the floor space of the lower floor fronting on the street will be used for business purposes and is arranged for two store rooms 20x52 feet in size. At the rear of the store rooms space is provided for a banquet hall or social room and a small and conveniently arranged kitchen. The entire upper floor is arranged for lodge purposes and in addition to large lodge room with a stage at the end, it contains the necessary ante rooms, property rooms, reception rooms, etc. The building will provide ample space for lodge purposes for several years to come and will be a creditable addition to the buildings of St. Johns.

### Death of John McKee

John McKee, a former resident of St. Johns, and at one time proprietor of the Burlington hotel, died at the home of W. H. Oakes, two miles south of Gaston, early Sunday morning, of typhoid fever after a 10-weeks illness. He was born August 23, 1867, in Illinois, later moving to South Dakota, and came to St. Johns in 1906, working on the North Bank bridge until its completion. October 29, 1908, he married Mrs. Mary J. Cameron, who at that time, ran the Cottage hotel. They moved to Gaston in Jan., 1911, where they engaged in farming, going to Mr. Oakes' home shortly before he became ill. Mrs. Oakes being a sister to Mrs. McKee. The deceased carried an insurance of \$1000 in the Fraternal Brotherhood lodge, of which he has been a member for several years. He was a steady, industrious and moral man, faithful to his obligations and liked by all who knew him. Mr. McKee expects to remain at the Oakes home for the present.

### Didn't Happen in St. Johns

Pat O'Shaunessy had been told by the doctor that he could live but a few hours, and his wife and assembled relatives and friends asked him whether or not there was one last wish that he would like to have gratified. "There is," said Pat. "I'd like to hear the village band play once again." Accordingly the village band, under the leadership of Prof. Kinney, gathered. When at last it had played: "Say Au Revoir, But Not Good-bye," and had taken its own departure, Mrs. O'Shaunessy, kneeling at her husband's bedside, asked: "Can yez die aisy now, Pat?" "Vis," replied Pat, "I can die aisy now; Hell has nothin' worse than that."

### Sales in Realty

McKinney & Davis report the following sales of real estate during the past few days:

Lot 100x100, corner of Stafford and Buchanan, to Mr. Beam, who will soon commence the construction of a handsome residence.

Lot on Fessenden, near Jersey, to Prof. C. H. Boyd.

Lot in same district to Capt. F. E. Smith, who will erect a garage, 50x87 thereon.

Lot in same district to Mr. Imboden, who will likely build in the near future.

Lot on Stafford street near Ida to Edwin Stewart, who expects to start construction of a dwelling thereon in a few weeks.

### Building Permits

No. 12—To H. L. Whisler to erect a dwelling on Portland boulevard between Thompson street and St. Johns avenue; cost \$800.

No. 13—W. J. Nolan to erect a dwelling on Stafford street between Burr and Buchanan; cost \$500.

Lost—Small white dog. Black on head. Lost about four weeks. Been seen around St. Johns. Whoever holds him notify C. K. Majeske, 907 N. Jersey. 11p.

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### High School Notes

The pupils were delighted to find Monday morning that the concrete floor of the gym was being covered with a wooden floor. The workmen expect to have it finished this week and the boys are impatiently waiting for the time when the locked doors will be opened.

The girls are again playing basket ball. Although it is late in the season, they are taking great interest in it. Twice a week ten and 12 girls are out for practice. They hope to be in condition to accept the challenge of the Beaverton girls a week from Saturday, when the James Johns boys play a return game at that place.

We are glad to see Fred Marlett back in school again.

Mary Gatton has entered High school. She is a graduate of St. Clements school.

Eva Clark of the class of June '11 is at home after teaching in Eastern Oregon for six months. Her stay will be short, as she leaves in three weeks to take another school in Coos county.

The Freshmen have lost much of their embarrassment and are fast learning the mysteries of High school life. We hope in a few weeks to see them better initiated into the social pleasures.

James Johns High School boys play Park Place High at Bickner hall, Friday evening, March 1, at 8 p. m.; admission 15c. As the teams are about equal in strength it will be a fast game. Everybody come and yell for our boys.

The J. J. H. S. boys will play the Astoria Quintet on their own ground March 2. We send with them our best wishes for victory and hope the boys may come back crowned with laurels.

The James Johns High school basket ball team and Beaverton High school team met in a contest at Bickner hall last Friday evening. The Beaverton team made a splendid appearance in their gold and black suits. How could they do otherwise for their suits were almost identical with those of the home team? This caused so much confusion that the James Johns boys were obliged to change their suits and "crawl into their old shells." This made no difference, however, with their ability, for they were still James Johns boys. The score ran up just as fast.

We cannot stop with the comment that the boys played a splendid game, but we must particularly commend the fancy fashion in which most of the baskets were made. The boys did not meet much opposition with the visiting team, as this is their first season in basket ball playing. However, the visitors were sturdy fellows and James Johns was kept busy. The score, 17 to 12 in favor of James Johns was the result of a very interesting game.

When the James Johns student body get spirit enough to attend basket ball games then we will find that the citizens of St. Johns will encourage our team and we shall gain more victories. Wake up! Reporter.

### Leap Year Hints

Girls, be sure and look before you leap. Pick out a fat man. They wear better in the long run, and then, too, they are easier to land. A fat man is tender hearted and simply cannot refuse an offer of marriage.

Never mind the looks. Don't wait until you find a Greek god. Grab off a homely one while the grabbing is good. The homely ones are the ones who bring home the pork chops.

If you can't support the young man in the manner in which he has been accustomed, be honest and straightforward about it and tell him so. Don't lead him to expect champagne when you have only a beer income. Never lie to a young man about your salary, for when he learns the truth there is apt to be trouble.

Be sure that your approach is all that it should be. Everything depends upon that. When you ask a young man to marry you don't go about it as though you were ordering a ham sandwich in a one-armed restaurant. Be pleasant and polite about it. Approach him with tact and let him find out your true nature after it is too late for him to back out.—Ex.

For Sale—Four lots 50x88 with alleys, one block from postoffice, faces on Fessenden street. All improvements in and paid for. Price \$800 each; \$100 down, balance \$10 per month with 7 per cent interest on deferred payments. Best bargain in St. Johns.—McKinney & Davis.

### For District Attorney

Advocating progressive policies and promising that his office will not be used as a tool by corporations or any body of men to further their ends, Seneca Fouts, prominent attorney of Portland, is out for the republican nomination for the district attorneyship of Multnomah county.

Fouts is 35 years of age and has resided in Oregon and Portland the greater part of his life. He served



with the Oregon forces during the Spanish-American war and is a graduate of the University of Oregon, gaining his diploma in 1905.

Fouts was a member of the legislature during the last session and was one of the leading progressives in the house of representatives. He was largely instrumental in securing the passage of many bills benefiting the people and was, also, chairman of the revision of laws committee, probably the most important committee in the house.

Because of his excellent record and his honesty and faithfulness as a public servant, he has received the unanimous and united endorsement of the Workingmen's Political club, composed of practically every official union in Multnomah county.

His platform reads as follows: "If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office conduct the office of district attorney as a true progressive, giving the little fellow an even break. I will appoint deputies capable of transacting the business of the office and avoid spending the people's money for special counsel; compel them to refrain from private practice and devote their entire time to county business. As a member of the legislature I served the people faithfully and honestly and as district attorney I will do the same."

The words to be printed opposite his name on the ballot will be: "Progressive Republican for La-Follette-Roosevelt policies. With the people, down with monopolies."

### Governor West to be Here

Governor Oswald West will visit St. Johns at the invitation of the Commercial club Wednesday evening, March 13. Arrangements are being made for holding the meeting in the High school auditorium, to which the members and their friends will be invited to attend. After the address by the governor, the members will adjourn to the club rooms where a reception will be held. The topic upon which the governor will speak has not yet been announced, but it will probably deal principally with the good roads movement.

### A Farewell Party

A farewell party was given in honor of the Misses Jennie and Rutalile Greene, formerly of this city, Monday evening at the home of Thomas Buckles. A good time was enjoyed by all present. Games were indulged in, and about 11:30 a dainty lunch was served. Only their intimate friends were present. Miss Georgia Perrine will return with the Misses Greene to Castle Rock, Wednesday, where she will visit a few weeks.

One Who Was There.

PASTEURIZED MILK AND CREAM, fresh butter and eggs, and a complete line of cheeses, including: Tillamook cream, Canada Nippy, Swiss, Brick, Camembert, Neufchatel, German Breakfast, MacLaren's, Limburger and Pri-most at Portland prices.—St. Johns Dairy Produce Co. Phone Columbia 194.

Bargain—Mandy Lee 140-egg incubator used three times. Going out of the poultry business.—E. Swenson street. 16 2tp.