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Starts Life on a Trolley

The following taken from a New York paper has reference to a nephew of Mrs. Coupe of St. Johns, the youngster born on a trolley car.

The most original baby in New York is David Mills Reilly, of 224 East 64th street. He chose a trolley car to be born in last night, and had 1000 people waiting in the middle of the street to find out whether it was a boy or a girl.

Women over 20 years of age are not to be permitted to work over 10 hours, more than six days a week, or for less than \$1.65 as clerks, bookkeepers, factory hands, waitresses or at hotel or laundry work.

Farm work is not affected by the bill, except that a minimum wage of \$1.65 is established, and where board and lodging is included in the pay, it shall not be charged for at a greater sum than \$4 per week.

The bill generally provides that persons shall not be employed for lower wages or terms than is consistent with health. Work is permitted for more than ten hours in cases of emergency, when the pay for overtime must be doubled.

Another section provides that if any corporation transfers to the United States courts any suit to which a citizen of Oregon is a party the governor shall summarily revoke the license of the corporation.

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Then the door opened and Mrs. Reilly was carried to the ambulance backed to the step of the car, and then Dr. Mills came out with a bundle held snugly in his arms.

"Hey, doctor!" yelled a man in the crowd and a hundred more took it up. "Hey, doctor—hey! Hey—what—"

"It's a boy," announced the young surgeon.

And then Master Reilly got the big cheer. There was a cheer for his mother, too, and for the doctor as well, and three more times for the trolley car kid.

"He's a beauty, isn't he?" she asked proudly.

"He is," said the doctor, "one of the finest I ever saw."

"And might I be asking your name, sir?" said Mrs. Reilly.

"David Mills," replied the doctor.

"Then if you have no objections, it'll be his name too, sir," ventured Mrs. Reilly.

"I'll be proud to be at the christening, Mrs. Reilly," said Dr. Mills.

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Minimum Wage Bill

A minimum wage bill, which will permit no man over 20 years of age to work as a clerk, mechanic, railroad man, bookkeeper or factory hand for more than 10 hours a day, more than six days a week for less than \$2.50 has been prepared by the state federation of labor and will be placed on the ballot in the November election.

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Socialist and Religion

The communication published below we received in our Tuesday's mail, with the request that it be published. It is an anonymous affair and written by a feminine hand.

Editor Review: Read your editorial on socialism with interest. But am surprised beyond measure to note that you have so many serious objections to it.

Some individual socialist may object to religion. That is free speech. But our platform and not the individual is what you must look at.

If we were a democrat or a republican and refused to vote that ticket because of some man's individual belief, you would call me a narrow man.

We will add a few lines in reply. Since the lady boasts she is a Christian, she should read in her good book: "Judge not, lest ye be judged."

Jean Valjean—Wiltse. The story of the hero of Victor Hugo's Les Miserables, adapted for younger readers. There is no more fascinating figure in fiction than Jean Valjean.

Modern Plumbing, Steam and Hot Water Heating—Lawler. One of the best modern books on plumbing.

Creative Evolution—Bergson. Translated by Arthur Mitchell with the aid of William James.

Should be Unlawful
Editor Review: Will you inform some of your subscribers if it is lawful for people to keep game roosters, sometimes two and three at one time, that crow almost day and night?

Editor Review: Since a Commercial club has been organized in St. Johns, and I understand it is an energetic one, anxious to improve local conditions, I would like to suggest that it bring pressure to bear upon one or more industries in the city and induce them to dispense with foreign labor and employ home citizens.

It may be possible that the above street orators are not sent out by the Socialist party, but it is the general impression that they are. People cannot think otherwise so long as no remonstrance comes from the Socialist party, and an injustice and injury cannot help but result.

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The Library

Open Hours: 1:00 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Sundays: 2:30 to 5:30

Below are printed the circulation statistics of the nine sub-branches of the public library for the month of April. It will be seen that the St. Johns library easily leads the list.

Table with 2 columns: Branch Name, Circulation. Includes St. Johns, University Park, Brooklyn, Arleta, Montavilla, Gresham, Woodstock, Troutdale.

The magazine rack has been taken apart and the racks proper placed against the wall where they accommodate the magazines in a more orderly manner.

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Evangelical Church

Having been appointed pastor of the Evangelical church in St. Johns, and after spending three Sundays in charge of the congregation, it is only justice to the members and friends of the church as well as the people in general, that I should in this public way give my impressions.

I consider St. Johns one of the most beautiful little cities on the Pacific coast, with possibilities almost inconceivable, and advantages, due to its location, possessed by few cities in the West.

I find them very sociable and public spirited, which is manifest in the interest taken in her schools and public improvements.

As to the church of which I have immediate charge, I find it a veritable hive of busy workers.

I stepped into the Sunday school on my first Sunday to be initiated into the work and found 187 assembled under the efficient leadership of Superintendent Mrs. G. M. Hall.

She has the school well in hand with a strong coterie of workers and teachers of which I can only mention one or two, which I especially noticed because of the large number in classes.

There were 44 in the primary class, under the seemingly almost idolized teacher, Mrs. Ella Kilkenny.

The other, the "Philo Christo" class under the leadership of our estimable postmaster, J. J. Monahan, with 55 in class. This class is taking a journey to Palestine, and with no mishaps will arrive there the first of June.

There is a banquet awaiting them at the end of the journey, which will be announced later. This journey is carried on as a friendly contest.

The attendance and attention at the church services have been most gratifying, giving proof of the great opportunities and possibilities for successful work; this, I am sure, largely due to the sociability and interest manifested by the members and friends of the church.

Next Sunday, May 12, will be observed as "Mothers' day." There will be a program consisting of special music, a few short readings or recitations and an appropriate address by the pastor.

Mothers as well as the public in general invited to attend.

Services both morning and evening each Lord's Day at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend any and all of these services.

Wm. Stephen Plowman, pastor.

A Good Bill
Congressman Lafferty has introduced a carefully prepared bill providing for a settlement of the Oregon and California land suit favorable to the people, and also providing a just method for disposing of the lands forfeited to the government.

The bill provides that the President shall classify the lands for disposal according to their value, and that they shall be opened to settlement by proclamation, under the drawing system.

This method would avoid confusion, increase the number of claims to be disposed of, and provide for the more dense population of those districts that are most fertile.

If the bill passes 2,365,000 acres will be forfeited to the government.

The bill contains other provisions for the quieting of the title to lands sold by the railroad company in violation of law before the pending suit was instituted, and its passage would relieve the unsettled condition of realty titles throughout the Willamette valley and other affected districts.

H. E. Harris, owner of the ice plant, is seriously contemplating the construction of a manufacturing plant adjacent to the ice plant for the purpose of manufacturing ice making machinery.

Council Proceedings

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Muck presiding.

A petition was presented for the improvement of Smith avenue from Columbia boulevard to Buchanan street with concrete surface from curb to curb.

Referred to the engineer and street committee to ascertain if the property will stand for the proposed improvement.

Daniel Williams asked permission to improve the street surrounding the White House hotel at the corner of Burlington and Decatur streets to grade to enable him to excavate full basement and thus get rid of the excess dirt involved.

Referred to street committee and engineer for recommendation.

Walter A. Goss asked for permission to allow the side track to the old brick plant from Fessenden street remain lying upon the surface of the street after improvement of same has been completed.

He stated that he had secured possession of the brick plant and intended to operate same almost immediately. He did not insist upon the track remaining; on the contrary, he stated that if the property owners objected thereto, he would not desire it to be continued.

However, he stated that the brick plant would be operated in any event, and did not think the sidetrack would be of great benefit to him.

After considering the matter to some extent it was decided to order the sidetrack removed by the trolley company.

A report from the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. disclosed the fact that there were now 94 arc lights shedding light in St. Johns.

A request that the petition for the improvement of Ivanhoe street from Richmond to Mohawk be changed so as to eliminate hard surface was granted and matter was held over one week before taking further action.

Bills to the amount of \$239.75 were allowed on motion of Alderman Horsman; all yes.

W. S. Lauthers asked that a franchise be granted the O-W. R. & N. covering the sidetrack to his warehouse. This franchise had reached third reading in December last, and has been held in abeyance ever since.

It was decided to take up the matter for definite action next week.

Gilbert Overstreet was present in the interest of a plumbing ordinance that had been drafted by the plumbers of the city. It was decided to hold the ordinance over and enlarge the scope of same to include wiring and fire construction, and Aldermen Perrine, Hiller and Valentine were appointed as a committee to assist in formulating an ordinance covering the various propositions.

Aldermen Hiller and Jennings were appointed by the mayor to get options on suitable land for Park purposes in North St. Johns, and Aldermen Valentine and Davis as a committee to secure all requisite data on the Caples park proposition so that if the park question is put to vote two parks could be voted upon at the same time, and the people know exactly what they get for their money.

A resolution to improve Polk street from Willamette boulevard to Jersey street was adopted on motion of Alderman Hill.

W. R. C. Sewing Circle
The W. R. C. sewing circle met at the home of Mrs. Downey, 933 North Hayes street, April 26th. Those present were Mesdames Hewitt, Chaney, Nolan, Aikin, Barnard, Masters, McCollum, Bogardus, Simmons, Godfrey, Fones, Robinson, Clayton, Smysner, Johnson, Shutter, and Miss Minnie Nolan.

All spent a very pleasant afternoon in visiting and sewing and finished with a delicious lunch which was fully enjoyed. And as all such meetings have their partings we all were soon on our way to our several homes hoping to meet again in the near future.—Press Cor.

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