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The Monahan Reception

Postmaster T. J. Monahan and wife, having been married for a period of forty years, decided it the proper thing to give a little reception to their friends last Saturday evening in honor of the occasion. The event was a most pleasing one, and the couple scarcely realized they had so many good, true friends. Several hundred participated in the hospitality extended, and wished the "young" couple many more years of wedded bliss. For thirty years Mr. and Mrs. Monahan have lived in St. Johns, and seen it develop from a veritable wilderness to its present cosmopolitan appearance. Few people have more friends than this most worthy couple, and it afforded them keen pleasure to be present upon this most delightful occasion. The following appeared with cuts of Mr. and Mrs. Monahan:

Married 40 years and having lived 30 of them in St. Johns is the record of T. J. Monahan and wife. Married at Alathus, Mo., May 19, 1872, and they moved to St. Johns in May, 1882, and have resided there continually since that time. Both have been prominent in the social and civic life of St. Johns during this period, Mrs. Monahan being especially prominent in the United Evangelical church, of which both are members.

Mr. Monahan entered the employ of the Willamette Bridge Street Railway company in May, 1890, and had the honor of being the conductor on the first street car to enter St. Johns. At that time his run was from St. Johns to what is now Stanton and Commercial street, and his schedule was six trips a day. He was school director from 1898 to 1903, and city councilman in 1903 and 1904, during which time he drew up nearly all the ordinances passed by the city. It is said not one of these has been found faulty. Early in 1906 he was appointed manager of the St. Johns branch of the Portland General Electric Co., which position he held until appointed postmaster, June 23, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Monahan have had seven children, only three of whom are living. Their two boys, E. F. and W. H. Monahan, are in the employ of the city of Portland and their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Thayer, is in the St. Johns postoffice as her father's assistant.

A reception was held at the Monahan residence, corner of Smith avenue and Oswego street, last night, attended by a number of old and new friends, who called to congratulate them on having passed the 40th milestone of married life.

From Monday Evening's Telegram:

Postmaster and Mrs. T. J. Monahan, of St. Johns, observed their ruby anniversary Saturday evening in keeping open house for their friends, more than 200 of whom called to offer congratulations and to leave numerous valuable presents, consisting of silver, linen and cut glass. A large cut glass punch bowl was given by the members of the Evangelical church, to which both belong. Mr. and Mrs. Monahan were married at Althaus, Mo., May 12, 1872, and came to St. Johns in May, 1882. In May, 1890, Mr. Monahan started to work for the Willamette Bridge Street Railway Co., his run being at that time from what is now Stanton and Commercial streets to St. Johns, making six runs a day. After 16 years of service on this line, 14 of which he had Frank A. Smith (still employed by the present street car company) for his motorman, he assumed the management of the Portland General Electric Co.'s St. Johns office, which position he resigned in June, 1910, to become postmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Monahan have had seven children, of which three are living. Ed. F. and Will H. are employed in Portland, and Mrs. C. H. Thayer is chief clerk in the St. Johns postoffice.

Among those present at the reception were Mrs. Nancy Caples, Mrs. A. V. Learned, Mrs. J. B. Yeon, Mrs. J. P. Wrinkle, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hoyt, Mrs. John Poff, John Mock, Mrs. J. C. Scott, Mrs. S. C. Beach, Mrs. M. A. Massy, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Smith, all of whom were either residents of St. Johns or the peninsula at the coming of the Monahans or arrived soon after. These old-timers had an enjoyable hour talking of the early days before St. Johns "woke up." Mrs. G. M. Hall, assisted by Mrs. W. S. Plowman, Mrs. E. S. Harrington, Mrs. Maud Hall, Mrs. Ella Kilkenny, and the Misses Lillie Sizemore, Laura Graden, Oneta Plasket, Ina Peterson, Gladys Bredeson, Nellie Graden and Goldie Marcy, served the refreshments, and Leon Peterson and his orchestra furnished music.

Roosters Will Crow

Editor Review: I noticed a communication in last week's Review in which complaint was made about the crowing of game roosters. Now I have a couple of them myself, and may be the party the writer was alluding to. I admit that my roosters do crow sometimes. When I got them I tried to get crows that did not crow, but was told that the crowless ones were all dead. I then tried to get ones having the most musical and melodious vocal organs, and until the communication appeared, believed I was successful in securing the most tuneful roosters in St. Johns. In these days of phonographs and self-playing pianos, the roosters must exert themselves to be heard, and it may be that the voices of my crows have become a little cracked in consequence. Crows have crowed since the time of Peter of old, and it does seem a shame to suppress them now. In the early morning hours when the roosters get in their best work, and in odden times they did confine themselves to those hours principally, and do so yet, I believe, in rural districts. But in cities and towns, where bustle and confusion is kept up until late at night, the roosters do not get much chance to sleep, and have to snatch a nap when an opportunity offers. It is, therefore, not to be wondered at that they get a bit off on the crowing hours. They now crow as soon as they get awake, whether it is day or night. I am quite sorry to have my neighbors disturbed by the crowing of my crows, but I cannot induce them to quit. Perhaps if Burbank turns his attention to the poultry line he may produce crowless roosters, but until that time comes it is safe to presume that roosters will crow in spite of the discomforts to humanity.

A Cuck Owner.

Nat'l W. C. T. U. Convention

There will be one entire week of W. C. T. U. work in the sessions of the National Convention beginning October 19th. Every state in the Union will be represented. Some 1500 White Ribboners will be guests of our great and beautiful Oregon. Multnomah county will, without doubt, entertain these distinguished guests royally. Multnomah county local unions have planned a membership campaign. Three days this week the members are making a house to house canvass, telling the wonderful story of the great achievements of this great body of women. They expect to roll up a new membership of many hundreds. In fact, they have set their high water mark at 2000. They especially desire to appeal to the young womanhood of the county. Young women, your influence is a mighty power for good or ill. We pray you belt this mighty power onto the driving wheel of a righteous life. Don the white ribbon, the ensignia of temperance and a white life for two. Take a stand for right conditions. The only test of membership is the taking of the pledge of total abstinence and payment of one dollar per year dues. Where can any man or woman invest one dollar per year, with as sure a guarantee of compound interest. Help to roll up the largest county increase of members on record, that Multnomah county may win the Frances Willard prize banner, and better still, help us plant the white ribbon banner of temperance and purity in hundreds of homes, where the rally cry will be heard clear and loud.—Campaign Membership Committee, W. C. T. U.

Where Did Maryland?

The Colonel's stamp is on thy shore, Maryland!
He ran like heck and then some more,
Maryland!
Observe the close Rooseveltian score
That swamped the streets of Baltimore,
And dropped Bill Taft clean thru the floor,
Maryland, My Maryland!!
—Goodwin's Weekly.

Calico Ball

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Commercial club will give a Calico Ball this evening in the M. W. A. hall to the members of the club. This promises to be a most enjoyable event. All members of the club and auxiliary are expected to be in attendance, as well as the wives or sweethearts of the former.

Means Much for St. Johns

Any community that wants to increase its numbers and business and promote its general welfare along the line of material commercial improvement, must first of all reach the people it wants to get. Towns and cities all over the country are today expending large sums of money to bring themselves to the favorable notice and attention of persons whom they hope to interest, and influence them to locate or invest, or both, in their locality. This is done by advertising through the public press, and specially prepared literature. Primarily, therefore, the first great purpose is to reach the people it is hoped to get, and this method has to be conducted at long range; correspondence follows, the particular advantages and opportunities are set forth, and in rare occasional instances some of the parties may make the trip, generally in connection with some other matter, and look the ground over. As stated, this is the general mode of procedure, unless, as in some cases where there are ample funds available, a special representative goes to where these prospective people are and personally presents the claims of the place he represents. It will be seen, therefore, that this means a considerable expenditure of time, money and effort.

Instead of having to go through the above described or similar process, there comes to St. Johns a most favorable and unusual opportunity of getting the full benefit of these final and practical results, and in a large measure brought right to our door. As we have said, the first thing is to find the people and then make the appeal to them. With the coming of the Regatta the people will come to us, and lining our water front and hill-sides and thronging our city. They will be numbered by thousands, attracted by the spirited races which will take place on the fine water course in front of the city. It means something—it means a great deal, a very great deal, to have all these people hailing from all sections of the Union come to St. Johns, where they will see our magnificent water location, on two navigable streams, the unexcelled railroad facilities, represented by the terminals of the Hill and Harriman transcontinental systems, with the Milwaukie line exerting every resource to gain an entrance to our harbor; to observe and consider the industrial field here presented for manufacturing opportunities; to witness a good, up-to-date home community; in short, to see and know for themselves, our advantages, facilities and conveniences. Can any one estimate in dollars and cents what such a thing means to us if we properly appreciate it, and which we are going to do? It is the favored and timely opportunity of a life time and St. Johns will be sure to embrace it. With the Regatta, the Sweet Pea Show and the Industrial Exhibit, we shall be able to present a finely featured program and attraction that is bound to make a favorable and lasting impression. The details are now being carefully worked out by the Commercial club, which has systematically divided up the work and assigned it to the different selected committees.

One thing more we should not forget, and that is, that in all probability it means that the Regatta will become a fixed and permanent feature that will hereafter regularly take place at St. Johns every year.

Somewhat Different

In Denver yesterday, it snowed from midnight until two in the afternoon. The fall was general all over Colorado, and at Colorado Springs the storm developed into the worst blizzard of the year. Heavy overcoats were necessary to comfort in the chill atmosphere of the Colorado storm.

This May day in Oregon was different. There was perfume of flowers in the air, and the hum of bees in the doorway. The buttercups were in the bud, and the clover advancing to the bloom. The roses were abloom, and their blushes in the golden sunshine adorned the nature that touched and tinted them into beauty. The robins and larks chorused in the tree top and mayday zephyrs laden with the perfume of wild blossoms kissed maiden cheeks and toyed with golden locks. It was different in Oregon.—Journal.

A Pleasant Surprise

A merry crowd of about seventy young people surprised Miss Clara Nelson at her home on North Edison street last Friday night. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and progressive games. Dainty refreshments were served in a unique way, and the guests departed at a late hour, feeling that the time had passed all too quickly. Among those present were Misses Gertrude and Jennie Negstad, Georgiana Hayes, Clara Nelson, Florence Jackson, Ruth Cairright and Valore Chambers; Messrs. Harry Egan, Arthur Carlson, Conrad Negstad, M. Peterson, Harold Simmons, Arvid Dahl, Theodore Nelson, George Jackson and Henry Hollingsworth.

When big timbers are wanted, Oregon forests are called upon to supply them. Two big spars 70 feet long and 26 inches in diameter are now wanted to complete a dredge on the Panama canal and the Washington officials directing the work have asked Oregon timbermen to furnish them.

Council Proceedings

All members surrounded the board at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday with Mayor Muck presiding.

A petition was presented for the improvement of Hartman street between Seneca and Central avenue, and a resolution directing the engineer to prepare the necessary data for said improvement was adopted on motion of Alderman Valentine.

Three petitions containing about 180 names were presented under the following caption: "We, the undersigned citizens and water users of the city of St. Johns, believing that the power of regulating the price of all public utilities lies with your honorable body, earnestly and respectfully ask that proper action be taken by you to reduce the price of water to consumers. The price charged is unreasonable, excessive and burdensome to the consumer, and we do not believe that the water company has the right to the unreasonable charges now exacted. Further, we are of the opinion that the exorbitant price on water is the very greatest handicap to the progress of St. Johns. Prompt action on your part will be appreciated." City Attorney Stroud stated that the city had the power, and he believed the rates exorbitant. He suggested that a committee be appointed to wait upon the water company and get an expression from it on the subject. On motion of Alderman Hiller it was decided that such committee be appointed, and on motion of Alderman Horsman the committee should consist of Aldermen Hiller, Perrine and Jennings. Mr. Perrine said that his time was now so fully occupied that he would be unable to serve, and suggested the name of Mr. Horsman instead, which proved acceptable.

Bills amounting to \$2,600 were allowed on motion of Alderman Valentine.

The proposed improvement of Burlington street from the city hall to Bradford street was taken up. It was found that the cost was too excessive for some of the property under the fifty per cent. dispensation, and the petition was referred back to ascertain if they would not sign waivers up to 100 per cent. of the valuation of their properties. If this was done the dads thought they could see their way clear to pay any balance remaining. The improvement of Edison street from Richmond to Burlington was accepted by the council.

Sons of Veterans

All sons and grandsons of veterans of the civil war are cordially invited to join with Antietam Camp No. 47, Sons of Veterans, in participating in the Memorial Day exercises. Please assemble at the G. A. R. headquarters at 10 o'clock a. m., where you will be shown your position in line.

B. H. Miller,
Capt. Com'd'g Camp No. 47,
Bernie Rand, Secretary.

Building Permits

No. 30—To D. E. Brodahl to erect a greenhouse on Gresham street between Buchanan and Burr; cost \$300.
No. 31—To John Watson to erect a dwelling on Burr street between Seneca and Columbia boulevard; cost \$500.

Mrs. W. H. Davidson of 616 Salem street has the thanks of the editor for the finest bunch of roses we have seen this year. It was the first bouquet she has gathered from her bushes this season. They were all beauties and fully developed.

The Library

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

Books for vacation:
It is time to be ordering your special vacation card. On this card you may take from the library from one to ten books from one to three months time without renewal. Remember several days will be required to get your card and books. Do not delay making your selection until some other vacationer has taken the books you most wish. If you are not sure what you want the library will be glad to furnish lists and suggestions.

For Home Builders:
A bulletin has just been posted on the Home Beautiful. On one shelf below it will be found books of up-to-date house plans, including bungalows, craftsman houses and rustic cabins. There are also books on furnishing, home decoration and landscape gardening.

New books:
Three dozen new books came in Saturday and Monday, among them were Priscilla Hardanger Books—Priscilla Pub. Co.

The Spoilers—Beach.
Handicrafts in the Home—Priestman. Takes up among other things: sheet metal work, pottery, wood and chip carving, stenciling leather work, hand-made rugs, raffia work, quilting, netting, beading. Songs and Song Writers—Finck.
Traces the development of song from the folks of savages and early European folk-song to the modern opera, and has interesting chapters on the various song writers.

Standard Opera Glass—Annesley. Consists of detailed plots of the celebrated operas with critical and biographical remarks, dates, etc.
The Green Cloak—Davis.
Essays on the Spot—Stewart. Six chatty essays on subjects varying from "Chicago Spiciness" to "Kubla Kahn"—just things, as the author says, which interested him when he felt talkative.
Somebody's Neighbors—Cooke. Boss of Wind River—Chisolm. Pinocchio in Africa—Cherubini.
The first Pinocchio book has long been the most called-for book on the children's shelves. This will be fully as popular.

Evangelical Church

Mothers' Day was observed by the church and Sunday school at the morning service Sunday, May 12. There were readings, recitations, a special by the choir and one notable part of the exercises was a song by the mothers—and oh! the wondrous love and pathos of that song must have touched the hearts of a great many who heard it and made them think of other days. Rev. W. S. Plowman delivered a short but very interesting sermon on "Mother, Behold Thy Son." The ladies' chorus furnished special music both morning and evening; they are doing a great work under the leadership of Mr. A. U. Davis. Mrs. G. M. Hall, the Sunday school superintendent, deserves a great deal of praise for the very able manner in which she conducts the school.

There were 76 in the Philo Christian class Sunday, the greatest number in the history of the church for one class. The young folks of St. Johns who have no church home do not know what they are missing by not attending this class. At the business meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, 440 Chicago street, Tuesday evening, there was a good number out, and after the business session all enjoyed themselves in a social way. The class will attend the evening services next Sunday, May 19th, in a body, as is their custom every month. Everybody is invited to all these services. Lady ushers from the Philo Christo class will welcome you the coming Sunday. Come.—Reporter.

Some Good Races

C. W. Boost, commodore; G. J. Kelly, past commodore; L. M. Myers, chairman of the regatta committee; Ray King, vice commodore, and James Welch secretary of the Portland Motor Boat club met with the board of governors of the Commercial club last week and a general discussion of the plans for the racing event to take place at St. Johns, Tuesday of Elks' convention week, was held. There are \$1000 at the disposal of the Motor Boat club for this event; \$500 was subscribed by the Elks' committee and \$500 to be donated by the citizens of St. Johns. A request will be made that the cruiser Boston be anchored at St. Johns during the races, and if possible some torpedo boats.

The first race of the Oregon Speed Boat Association's new boat, the Wild Wolf, and the Wigwam II, from Astoria, and probably a very fast boat from Bellingham, Wash., will take place then. There will also be a race between the fast pleasure craft, among which are C. V. Cooper's Charmalee II and G. J. Kendall's fast boat Sylph, Dr. Brown's Betsy B. and Frank Thorn's Francis F. The city engineer of St. Johns has surveyed the course, so that if there are any records broken it will be official.

Those who can, do—
Those who can't,
Well there's no reason why you can't wear the Florsheim shoe.—
Johnstone's Department Store.

Declamatory Contest

Saturday evening, May 18, there will be held in the High school auditorium the Multnomah County Declamatory Contest. This will be the final contest for a number of try-outs that have been held during the past two months in various parts of the county. The contest will be divided into three divisions, A, B, and C, which represent advanced, intermediate and primary grades. There will be given three medals, Gold, Silver and Bronze, three in each division.

St. Johns will have three contestants, one in each division. Miss Lulu Day of the High school will represent us in Division A; Verne Hall in Division B, and Alice Brown in Division C. Gresham is to send three contestants and there will be four or five others from various parts of the county.

This is a part of "greater contest" that has been arranged in athletics, declamatory and spelling. The preliminaries in athletics have been completed in the St. Johns schools, and about 40 boys and girls have been chosen and will be sent from here to Gresham to compete with the other county schools in running, jumping, vaulting, throwing and other athletic events. This will be held at Gresham Saturday, May 25th. A \$30.00 silver cup, which has been on exhibition in a window of the St. Johns Hardware Co. is the Grand Prize that the St. Johns schools expect to win. Besides this there are about \$100 worth of merchandise prizes to be given to the individual winners.

Fathers' Day

The following from last Sunday's Oregonian may be of interest to our readers, and is another instance where St. Johns has taken the lead as usual. The clipping was kindly handed to us by Mr. Monahan:
I recently saw a statement that Mrs. R. B. Loggins, of Columbia, Texas, had made a suggestion that the Sunday preceding Mothers' day be set apart for Fathers' day. Waiting to see if some one would not reply to it, and not seeing anything in the paper about it, I thought it about time that some one from St. Johns said something in behalf of what our noble women have done toward giving the fathers a place on the Calendar. I speak of Mrs. G. M. Hall, who, on the first Sunday after Christmas of last year, had a program of the children in honor of the fathers of our land. It was attended by the mayor, some of the council, the Grand Army of this place and a number of prominent citizens. They listened attentively to an address delivered by ex-Senator Beach, followed by Rev. Guy Stover in a sermon at the Evangelical church. I feel as though one who had devoted so much of her time to advancing the interest of our town and people and the interest of the Evangelical church, of which she is a devoted member, should have recognition from her church and town. T. J. Monahan.

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