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## Are Growing Old

Memorial Day has come and gone and many a comrade and sister has gone to their long home in the last year. Gone, but not forgotten by their friends. The day was perfect, the parade was fine and the lunch was all that could be desired, with a good attendance of Post and Corps. The school children did their part well, which proves that their teachers are doing their work well. Then came our Boy Scouts, who are taking lessons in gentle manliness, so that when they become men they will be gentlemen in the full sense of the term. As a result they will be true to each other and loyal to their country. God bless our Boy Scouts. Our Sons of Veterans came next. Soon their time will come to carry the standard and be ready to defend their country at any cost. They will not fail us.

Next in line came the Veterans, heroes, they are, of many battles, where their breasts were bravely bared to shot and shell, a living bulwark in defense of their homes and loved ones. Thousands of them, no braver than these who came back to us, paid the penalty of their devotion to their country by the sacrifice of their lives in field and flood, in hospital and prison, that we, today, might have a free and united country. Once so erect and strong, with eyes bright and step firm, are now becoming more and more stooped and grizzled with weight of years. Their footsteps are faltering and trembling, their eyes dim and lusterless and their campaign of life is rapidly closing in as one by one they are being mustered out and gathered home. Let us do them every honor while they live in recognition of the great work they have done for us, and thus cheer and brighten their life's closing days. May they have the true countersign when the Master calls them. Then followed the W. R. C., we of the first to do what we could to help and nurse the soldiers from time to time during the civil war, proving over and over again that not all of the devotion, patriotism, bravery and self-sacrifice of the nation was at the front. We, too, are growing old, and as we pass on to join that larger Corps where there is no distress to appeal to our Relief, may our daughters take our places here and perpetuate the work willingly and lovingly begun, in showing to the world that we love our homes and our country with true loyalty. We, that are left will

Strew all their graves with flowers,  
 Who for their country died;  
 And freely gave their lives for our  
 Their country's hope and pride.  
 Bring flowers to deck each sod,  
 Where rests their sacred dust;  
 Though gone from earth, they live  
 with God,  
 Their everlasting trust.  
 —W. R. C. Press. Cor.

## Got a Favorable Report

Congressman Lafferty has succeeded in getting a favorable report on the bill appropriating a quarter of a million dollars for the relief of the Sherman County, Ore., settlers who lost their claims several years ago by reason of a decision of the supreme court, which awarded the land to The Dalles Military Road Company. The land had been opened to settlement by an erroneous decision of the interior department, so the court held. The bill is to reimburse the settlers for the amounts they were damaged by being ousted. The bill has several times passed the senate, but this is the first favorable action taken in the house. Lafferty wrote the bill to meet the views of the house committee on claims, and also wrote the report which was adopted by that committee.

During the past week Lafferty also secured a favorable report upon his bill for relief of Harry S. Wade for \$5000. Wade was employed by the government on the Celilo canal where he was seriously injured in 1911. While drilling in solid rock Wade struck an old undischarged blast, and as a result of the explosion his eyesight and hearing were almost entirely destroyed.

The biggest single shipment of packing house products for an Alaska customer ever made left Portland recently by special train for Tacoma, where it will be put aboard a refrigerator vessel and re-shipped north. The shipment amounted to 400,000 pounds of frozen meats valued at over \$50,000. The meat will be kept frozen until used. Hereafter such big shipments have been supplied by eastern packers but Oregon is now able to fill these orders.

## Advertising St. Johns

Editor Review: Through the Commercial club we are all doing united work, by united efforts in the upbuilding of our city. We can do individual work if we will. St. Johns has people from all parts of the United States and through them all parts of the United States can be told of our possibilities. The method is easy. The Daily Oklahoman of Oklahoma City, has daily circulation of over 40,000 and is read by 50,000 families, all of whom have now learned that St. Johns is on the map. Let all our readers send letters to their former home papers. The people back there will like to read them. Here is the sample of the one I placed before all Oklahomans:

WHERE THE COLUMBIA ROLLS  
 Editor The Oklahoman:  
 The warm weather is approaching, July heat will soon be with all Oklahomans. Some of you will remain in the state all summer, and some will lie away to cooler nooks and to restful places. Already some of you have your clothes packed and fishing tackle straightened out preparatory for a trip to the lakes. Why don't you come to the Northwest? Roses are now their prettiest and "Rose Day" in Portland will soon be celebrated. Why not come? Let me tell my old friends what they can get in the way of climate and in the way of recreation.

If you have overworked and need sleep and rest for a short time, surrounded in the meantime with all the comforts of the world can afford, come here at ocean level, at the mouth of the Willamette, where you can rest your eyes on the snows of Mt. Adams, or the glaciers of Mt. Hood, and remain here until fall, feasting on the fattest strawberries, or the highly flavored raspberries, or the sweet cherry, or the fragrant currant, or the luscious pear, or any of the choice fruits of this wonder land. It is here in the midst of winter in the hottest of summer, then climb Mt. Hood and toy with the glaciers. If you desire to bathe in the surf, take a boat at this point and go around on the west side of Oregon—over by the ocean, where are to be found the handsomest stretches of ocean beach, and the most perfect summer resorts on the American continent.

At Newport or Seaside you can find anything the heart of man desires in the way of pleasure. It is but a short distance to fine trout streams, if you desire mountain sports; and you are where the sun simply removes the chill from the ocean breezes.

And while here in this glorious region where the atmosphere is divinely touched with the essence of health giving qualities be sure and call on the undersigned at St. Johns—a suburb of the "London of the Pacific Coast."

From our doorway three snow capped mountains—monuments of things done in the past, loom into view; from our doorway the blue waters of the Willamette, on whose surface glide the river boats and ocean going ships, mirror the adjacent mountains; from our doorway the sky scrapers of Portland are silent monuments of Portland's activities; from our doorway the numerous mills in sight speak in eloquent words of the pay-roll, so essential to commercial prosperity. Notify all Oklahomans that a generous inviting Oklahoman latch string is on the outside. A cool bottle will not be difficult to find.  
 D. C. Lewis.  
 St. Johns, Oregon.

## Entertains Thousands

Portland is busy this week entertaining its guests from outside points, both in Oregon and outside the state lines. Thousands of visitors are thronging the city, enjoying the annual Rose Festival, its varied entertainment, parades and show of prize roses. Never before has the annual event been on such a big scale, with such attractive features and the number of visitors is greater than at any previous festival. Each year this flower fete grows in importance and interest. Business men are keeping open house and entertaining their out of town customers, while practically every household in the city has guests from the outside who have come see the festival. Seattle has sent a big delegation of boosters and from far away Pasadena came a motor car to be entered in the decorated auto parade.

If you have visitors at your home don't fail to tell us about it, or drop a postal. Visitors are entitled to this much courtesy on the part of those of whom they are the guests.

## Made Good Progress

St. Johns has made more progress in street improvements the past year than in former years. Many of the more important streets have been improved with hard surface pavements, and others will be paved next year.

Jersey street is being repaved with Westrumite. It is the principal street of St. Johns, and hence the new pavement will be thoroughly tested.

The annual report of City Recorder F. A. Rice gives an idea of what has been accomplished in St. Johns in the way of street work the past year. The amount received in the street fund was \$188,088, and \$185,901 was paid out, leaving a balance of \$2187. For sewers something over \$55,000 was paid out. The Fessenden street improvement cost \$21,736, and on Portland boulevard \$8068 was expended. For Buchanan street, \$9085 was paid out.

The report of the city recorder shows that the city received for the year \$256,624 and paid out \$245,128, leaving a balance of \$21,218 in the city treasury. The city has outstanding improvement bonds to the amount of \$203,500, all of which has gone into street improvements and sewer mains. The report shows that for the past quarter the city received \$74,682, and after paying expenses had a balance of \$1975.

These figures indicate that the municipality of St. Johns is doing an annual business of \$300,000, which is a remarkable showing. The town a few years ago was a struggling village of a few hundred people.

At the last meeting of the city council it was ordered that another block of improvement bonds be sold to the amount of \$7000. St. Johns water front is its greatest asset, it being deep and extensive. Manager Ayer of the St. Johns Lumber Company recently addressed the council and declared that one of the things St. Johns needs is at least one good street leading to the water front from the upper district. He also expressed the opinion that it is not the part of wisdom to put down the streets anything but hard surface pavements, as there is but little difference in the cost between macadam and hard surface. Mr. Ayer also advocated building first class streets to the north and south of St. Johns. He said that one good street in each direction would work to the benefit of the place.

A resolution to improve Fessenden street between Jersey and Smith avenue with hard surface was adopted. The disposition of the council is to encourage the paving of the principal streets with permanent material.

During the regatta, while the Elks' reunion is in progress, St. Johns will be able to show what progress it has made in the race course in front of the town, where there is deep and unobstructed water. The race may be seen from the high banks of the river. The St. Johns Commercial club, under the direction of B. F. Crawshaw, general secretary, is making arrangements to make the most of that event to enable the hundreds to see the city at the junction of the Columbia and the Willamette rivers.—Sunday's Oregonian.

## Paupers are Scarce

Millionaires are more numerous than paupers in the Northwest according to the reports of the Bureau of Census.

The figures show that in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon there are only a total of 1580 paupers enumerated in the almshouses.

There are 18 states of the Union, each of which has more paupers than are to be found in all of the seven Northwest states combined.

Statisticians ascribe this condition to the general prosperity of the Northwest work for all who desire it and all who go west are imbued with the spirit of industry. Great country for everyone save the drone.

Orders for approximately 50,000,000 feet have been placed with mills of Oregon and Washington to supply as material for the new equipment for the Harriman lines in this territory. The traffic officials are preparing for the new crop season by ordering 8200 box cars and 56 cabooses to be distributed over the Union Pacific, O-W. R. & N., Southern Pacific and Oregon Short Line roads.

## Death of Eleazer Smith

Eleazer Smith passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Evans in St. Johns, Saturday, June 1st, 1912, at 5 a. m.

He was the son of Wm. and E. S. Smith, born the 21st of May 1838, in Wayne county Indiana. He united with the Baptist Church in early life, but later joined the Friends church. He was a true and consistent Christian. He was married to Mary Jeffery January 12, 1859. To this union were born eight children, six of whom are still living. One married daughter passed away in September, 1891, and one died in infancy. Those who survive him are Mrs. J. H. Evans, St. Johns; Mrs. Ella Chartier, Denver, Col.; L. L. Smith, Portland; Ernest Smith, Lander, Wyo.; Mrs. Adda Wright, Glendon, Ore., and Mrs. Ida Fricker, London, Ohio. The wife and mother passed away in October, 1887.

His death, like his life was full of peace. All that loving care and medical skill could do to alleviate his suffering was done, but his work on earth was ended and was called to the spirit land. He has closed a pure life that will endure in the memory of his children, relatives and friends. He said all was well with him, and repeated Romans 1: 8—"There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit."

He enlisted in the civil war and there contracted disease which has followed him through life. He was a charter member of Compton Post, at St. Johns and was buried by the Post Sunday, June 3rd, at Riverview cemetery. The family wish to express their thankfulness to the neighbors, friends, Corps, and G. A. R. for their kindness and assistance in the death of their beloved father.

## Labor Growing Scarce

It is getting to be quite difficult to get adequate labor in St. Johns. All the idle men seem to have secured employment at one thing or another. Last week the St. Johns Lumber Co. telephoned this office to send down half a dozen or more men as soon as possible. We made a visit to the places where the men were in the habit of congregating, but not a single man could we learn of that wanted a job. We understand that some of the contractors are having a difficult time in getting help. Mr. Ayer, of the St. Johns Lumber Co. states it is his purpose and intention to replace all foreign labor at the mill with American labor as soon and as rapidly as he can find the men. He would sooner pay more for white labor, he says, but dependable white labor has been most difficult to secure. The scarcity of white labor augurs good times.

## An Exciting Experience

Otis Shepardson, wife and two children arrived at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. E. S. Wright, from Mexico, Saturday evening. They had an exciting and disagreeable time while in the land of rebellion. Recently Mr. Shepardson purchased a large ranch near Culican, Mexico, and had it well stocked. The rebels came along and gave them three hours to evacuate. Leaving their furniture, horses, cattle, chickens and most of their clothing to take care of itself, in company with a number of other American families they made their way out of the country as best they could. For several days, together with four other families, they took refuge in a small hut, but were finally successful in withdrawing from the country without suffering personal violence. Before leaving they placed a list of their property with the American consul, and they will likely be reimbursed for any damage done to their property.

Many extra trains will be provided by Northwestern railroads to handle the crowds from the territory who will come to Portland during the grand reunion of the Elks, July 8-13. The O-W. R. & N. Co. has arranged for 100 Pullman cars in addition to its full regular equipment and the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and S. P. Rys. will also run many extra passenger trains. The Elks give assurances that hotel accommodations at Portland during the re-union will be ample. Rooms at private homes are being listed in addition.

For Insurance see F. W. Valentine

## Council Proceedings

With the exception of Aldermen Perrine and Hill all members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Muck presiding.

A petition was filed for the improvement of Philadelphia street from Edison to Bradford street with hard surface and from Bradford to the city dock with plank 40 feet wide. Charles Anderson was present and made a strong plea for this improvement, claiming he had been endeavoring to have it done for the past six or seven years. Matter was referred to the street committee and engineer for report next week.

The four saloons of the city made application for renewal of liquor license, all of which expire July 1. Referred to license committee.

Bills amounting to \$150.46 were allowed on motion of Alderman Davis.

W. F. Stadelman told of a new kind of hard surface now being used successfully in Vancouver, which strongly appealed to other citizens who had also investigated it. The pavement is being laid in Vancouver for 65 cents per yard, and is of an asphalt nature. The city engineer agreed with Mr. Stadelman that the paving was good. Mr. Stadelman was desirous that this paving be introduced on the improvement of Fillmore street. The aldermen acquiesced and the former petition was returned to be exchanged for a Vancouver paving petition.

Upon motion of Alderman Valentine a resolution was adopted for the improvement of Hartman street from Central avenue to Myers street.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Central avenue from St. Johns avenue to Bruce street was unanimously passed on motion of Mr. Valentine.

An ordinance prohibiting motor cycles and other mechanical vehicles from using the sidewalks was unanimously passed on motion of Alderman Horsman.

## Curiosity Satisfied

An inquisitive soul, presumably from Portland, made a splendid attempt to test the merits of Westrumite paving last week. With an immense auto truck filled with iron, weighing about twelve tons, he repeatedly traversed the street in its uncompleted condition. Apparently the object was to indent or badly injure the pavement with the heavily burdened wheels, but the pavement withstood all the assaults he made upon it. Warm day that it was, only a temporary indenture that quickly dissipated, was the worst he could do. The aimless manner in which he maneuvered up and down and across the street gives rise to the suspicion that his mission was directed and countenanced by parties who do not want to see Westrumite make good. Anyway, his journey was productive of more good than evil, and the worth and stability of Westrumite as it is now being laid fully exemplified.

## Westrumite For Kenton

Contracts for laying Westrumite paving on nine streets in the Kenton district was awarded by the city council at a recent meeting to Giesch & Joplin, the total amount of the contract being \$91,907. Bids for the improvement of these streets were received three months ago and they have been held in abeyance pending an investigation into the qualities of Westrumite, for which the property holders petitioned. Bids for concrete pavement were much less than those for Westrumite and those for asphalt and gravel bitulithic were but a little higher.—Daily Abstract.

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## Philo Christo Banquet

Three months ago the two beautiful ships—the Mauretania and Lusitania—set sail for Palestine, having been launched by the Philo Christo class of the Evangelical Sunday school, both vessels having been launched and manned by the same company under the superintendency of T. J. Monahan, a man noted for his success as a leader and promoter of worthy projects. Mrs. Maud Hall was made president of the company, a place seldom attained by one of the gentler sex, but her success in directing and controlling the affairs of the company has proven the wisdom of the choice. One of the brightest young men of the class, Mr. Roy Beam, was elected secretary of the company, and he has proved a winner, having kept the books in the best of shape ready for inspection at any time. Another unheard of thing happened when the captains were to be appointed, and the accomplished Miss Laura Graden was placed in charge of the Lusitania with the privilege of selecting her own crew, and thinking if there was any one who could successfully compete with her in this race for supremacy on the high seas, it would be Mr. Roy Perkins, one of St. Johns' successful young business men. So he was placed in the pilot house of the Mauretania. The crews having been selected and everything being in readiness, the two proud vessels and prouder crews with colors flying, set sail for Palestine as the goal and a banquet to be given by the captain and crew of the losing vessel as the prize. After a most pleasant and successful voyage, with the best of feeling between captain and crew of the two vessels, which kept within hailing distance throughout almost the entire trip, the Lusitania steamed in to port a few miles in advance of the Mauretania without an accident, proving the superior ability of the captain and crew of the Lusitania, but both vessels proved themselves sea worthy and the officers and crews successful mariners, as they both successfully braved the winds and waves of an ocean voyage. The losing contestants took their defeat in good part, for they knew even though they had lost the race they could prove their ability as hosts and hostesses, so they turned to the Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church, who had many times proved their ability to serve a banquet fit for a king, and their success will be attested by the seventy-five who were privileged to sit down to the four-course banquet served in the beautifully and tastefully decorated I. O. O. F. building. T. S. Monahan served as toastmaster, proving his ability here as well as a leader of the young people. The class was honored by its organizer and first teacher, Rev. C. P. Gates, who responded with a most excellent toast on "Our Class." It was received with ringing applause, which was proof of the high esteem in which he is held. The pastor then responded with a few words on "The relation of the class to the church." The toastmaster then called on the efficient and successful superintendent of the school, Mrs. Geo. M. Hall, who gave us a very impressive and helpful talk on "The relation of the class to the Sunday School." The "Old Bachelors" were then presented by Mr. Wynn, who, in his original and comical way, told us that it was not his fault that he was a bachelor, saying that he had long ago secured his own consent. The "Old Maids" had their representative in Miss Laura Graden, and although she looked rather young and handsome to class herself with the spinsters, she certainly did justice to the occasion. The company parted with the singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and a hearty good wish for the success of the class. Reporter.

## A Review of Reviews

The Review will soon begin a weekly story of the things that happened at the time the Review was first issued, beginning November 11, 1904. In looking over the old files we find many things of interest that will really be news to many readers. St. Johns has made as much progress and there have been as many changes in the past eight years as generally occur in a lifetime. Men and events that have almost passed from memory in that short space of time will be recalled to mind. New residents as well as "old timers" will find much to interest them in the days when St. Johns was just emerging from its swaddling clothes.

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