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WAS BIG SUCCESS

The Sweet Pea Show and Industrial Ex- hibits Far Exceed Expectations

The Sweet Pea Show, Industrial Exhibit and Regatta will go down in the history of St. Johns as the greatest events ever held in its short existence. Never before were the streets more beautifully or more elaborately decorated, never before was the same interest shown in any public event and never before had St. Johns such crowds of people. The industrial exhibits in the city were far and away beyond the expectations of our most sanguine citizens. The manufacturers and business men of St. Johns seemed to take a special pride in making attractive and interesting showings, and they succeeded well. As it was the first exhibit of the kind that had ever been attempted in the city, it was feared that not enough interest could be aroused locally to make a successful exhibition, but such was found to be far from the case. The dock was resplendent in attractiveness. It was surprising the transformation that took place in so short a time. Sweet peas were much in evidence, and their beauty and perfection could not possibly be excelled in any place or in any climate. The perfume arising from the blossoms permeated the immense structure throughout, and the air was heavy with the pleasing and incomparable odor. Few of our citizens realized what a really magnificent dock it is until they had viewed it at the show, and one could not help but feel proud of the fact that the city of St. Johns is in possession of such a structure, even though it has not so far proved a financial success. The main streets of the city presented a most attractive and pleasing appearance with banners and flags swinging in the air. Practically all the business houses were embellished with flags, bunting or other appropriate designs, and the city hall was finely decorated, presenting an attractive appearance.

That St. Johns can do things was clearly demonstrated. While a great amount of work fell upon the shoulders of the Commercial club and Ladies' Auxiliary, yet they were fully equal to the occasion, and worked indefatigably and unceasingly, and are fully satisfied with their efforts. The various committees looked after the duties assigned them in good shape, and harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout.

The leading exhibitors were: Peninsula Iron Works, machinery and castings; Calef Bros., home furnishings and Crescent Ranges; Portland Manufacturing Company, veneer, box and basket work; N. J. Bailey & Co., woodenware and novelties; St. Johns Harness shop, horse and vehicle supplies; Rawson Company, mechanical inventions; St. Johns Planing Mill, sash, doors and windows; Portland Woolen Mills, cloth and blankets; Asbestos Company, asbestos novelties; Collapsible Box Co., patent boxes, coops and woodenware novelties; Orchard Ladder & Manufacturing Co., portable ladders; St. Johns Public Library, books, magazines and other literature; St. Johns Hardware Co., ranges, fireless cookers and hardware; St. Johns Lumber Co., variety of sawed timber and lumber; Jobs Milling Co., flour and feed.

All these exhibits were most attractive, tastily designed and a credit to the city. It would require too much space to give a detailed account of each exhibit, and it would be difficult to do them justice in words. They had to be seen to be appreciated, and we believe practically all our people did view them at the dock. Suffice to say that the exhibits were beyond the fondest hopes of the most ardent booster, and created unlimited praise and admiration. A stranger could not help but be impressed with the fact that St. Johns is a city of enterprise, industry and activity.

Dancing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening of Monday and Tuesday. It was free to the public, and was taken advantage of to the greatest possible degree. The smoothness of the large floor was a revelation to the dancers, as it was generally imagined the floor would be scarcely fit for dancing with any degree of ease without special dressing, but it was quite the contrary. All the available space was fully occupied with lovers of dancing, especially so in the evenings, and all were de-

lighted with the novelty of dancing in such a spacious building. The music was first class and dancing was continued until a late hour. Rowdiness was not permitted or attempted, and everything passed off smoothly and pleasantly as in a well regulated ball room.

The weather could not have been more pleasant, although the atmosphere warmed up a little Tuesday p. m. The music furnished by the Peninsula band helped to liven up matters. The counter attractions at Portland diverted a larger representation of Elks from visiting St. Johns than would otherwise have been the case.

The races in the river did not prove as exciting or as interesting as many had hoped for, and it was rather difficult to get a line on the distances and entries, the motor boat club failing to furnish definite data until a late hour.

John E. Wolf, driving his own Wild Wolf beat all competitors by more than three miles in the 20-mile free for all. Had the engine of the Vamoose, the boat built by Captain J. C. Smith of Rainier, carried through, the Wolf might have lost the honors, however, for the hydroplane from down the river led by 42 seconds in the first half lap of 2 1/2 miles.

The Vamoose finally sunk as a result of engine trouble and the launch, Harvey W. Scott, rescued the occupants. The boat, by the time on the laps, showed that it had the edge on the Wild Wolf.

Neither of the boats came anything near the speed attained by the old Oregon Wolf, creator of a world's record last February, by an average of 42.2 miles over a 30-mile course. The best time was made by the Vamoose on the first lap, when it went 34 miles an hour. The Wolf was two miles slower on an average, but maintained a constant gait without faltering, displaying the skill of the engineer, John Wolf and the pilot, Orth Mathoit.

The Wolf got off to a bad start, the load almost choking the engine, while the Vamoose started off like an arrow and soon had a good lead on the Wolf. In the second turn the Rainier boat began to falter and the race was won.

The 20-foot hydroplane race was one in which luck played a big part. The Spear II, Ray Newberg's new plane, took first after following the Swastika owned by Henry Dixon and propelled by a 60-horse engine. The Swastika looked like a sure winner in the first lap with the other boats in a race by themselves half a mile behind. Just as the Swastika was going along at its best a connecting rod in the last cylinder broke and the boat dropped out of the race. The Spear also had its hard luck, the Diamond O running into it and staving a big hole in the port bow which had to be plastered over with tar and canvas to permit running.

The winner made good time, however, covering the 10-mile course in 25:14. The Chehalis II, owned by Dave and Roy Crockett of Astoria, was another demonstrator of class, finishing third.

The 10-mile handicap race was won by Sunny Jim, the 30-foot runabout owned by J. Welch. The "P" owned by C. Graves, finished second.

Many other entries started in the various races but the majority tried to keep the pace set by the faster boats and soon dropped out.

The officials were: L. M. Meyers, starter; W. B. Hollingsworth, A. A. Muck, Dr. C. E. Hill, John Stevenson and K. C. Couch, judges; A. E. Roy, Joseph Kane, T. D. Condon and J. C. Beck, timers, and J. L. Scarth, scorer.

Running a newspaper is just like running a hotel, only different. When a man goes to a hotel and finds something on the table which does not suit him, he does not raise his voice with the proprietor and tell him to stop his old hotel. Well, hardly. He sets that dish to one side and wades into the many dishes that does suit him. It is different with some readers. They find an article occasionally that does not suit them exactly and without stopping to think it may please hundreds of other readers, make a grand stand play and tell the editor how to run and what should be put into it. But such people are becoming fewer every year.—Ex.

THE PRIZES AND WINNERS

Sweet Pea Show Was Most Beautiful, Surpassing the Oregon State Exhibit in Portland

GRAND SPECIAL PRIZE.

Best exhibit irrespective of class. Prize, Silver Cup, \$25.00
Must be won three successive years to obtain permanent possession.
Mrs. R. P. Douglass.

ADULT—Class A

For largest bouquet of any one named variety

First prize. \$20.00 Cup
Mrs. F. W. Valentine.
Second prize. \$8.00 Eight day Clock by Calef Bros.
Miss A. Drinker.

CLASS B

Most artistic bouquet

First prize. \$15.00 Bottle of Perfume by North Bank Pharmacy
Mrs. C. H. Boyd.
Second prize. \$4.00 Thermos Bottle by St. Johns Pharmacy
Mrs. B. T. Leggett.

CLASS C

Largest bouquet of mixed peas.

First prize. \$12.00 Washing Machine by St. Johns Hardware Co.
S. W. Rogers.
Second prize. Sack of Snowdrift Flour by Schmeer Grocery
W. A. Carroll.

CLASS D

Bouquet containing greatest variety of colors—one spray of each.

First prize. \$10.00 Cut Glass Bon Bon Dish by W. M. Tower
Mrs. C. A. McGill.
Second prize. \$1.00 Plate by M. E. Hollenbeck
C. J. Anderson.

CLASS E

Most perfect peas of any color—10 stems, one bouquet named

First prize. 42-piece Set of Dishes by Bonham & Carrier
D. E. Brodahl.
Second prize. Fruit Set by Peninsula Hardware Co.
Mrs. F. L. Babcock.

CLASS F

Bouquet of most perfect peas without foliage, purple, 10 or more stems.
First prize. \$7.00 Stein and Mugs by Calef Bros.
Hattie M. Rea.
Second prize. \$1.00 Hat Pin by Jewelry Optical Co.
C. J. Anderson.

SPECIAL PRIZE

Best collection of not less than six bouquets

First prize. \$15.00 Cup
Mrs. R. P. Douglass.
Second prize. 42-piece Dinner Set by Couch & Co.
Mrs. Charles McGill.

CLASS F

A National bouquet—red, white and blue—ten stems of each color.
First prize. 42-piece Set of Dishes by St. Johns Furniture Co.
Bernice Brodahl.
Second prize. Salad Set by Muck Grocery
Mrs. Brodahl.

CLASS G

Bouquet of most perfect white peas, 10 or more stems.

First prize. Silver Ladle by Muck Mercantile Co.
Mrs. B. T. Leggett.
Second prize. Sack of Bluestem Flour by Laughters Mercantile Co.
Miss A. Drinker.

JUVENILE SECTION—Class A.

Best vase of 10 spray bouquet—blue, red, white, lavender, pink or salmon.
First prize. \$10.00 Cup
Clarice Wilson.
Second prize. Box of Bon Bons by Pennington & Co.
Hazel Johnson.

CLASS B

Best mixed bouquet, 10 stems or more.

First prize. Hammock by St. Johns Furniture Co.
Eva Edwards.
Second prize. Box of Bon Bons by P. A. Bredeen
Ernest Fuchs.

CLASS C

Bouquet greatest variety of color, one spray each.

First prize. \$5.00 Hammock by H. F. Clark
Mildred Hodgins.
Second prize. Box of Bon Bons by P. A. Bredeen
Ruth Brock.

CLASS D

Most artistic bouquet, sweet pea and other foliage allowed.

First prize. Five pound Box of Chocolates by J. M. Shaw
Hazel Johnson.
Second prize. 1/2 lb. Box of Chocolates by W. C. Roe
Helen Crouch.

CLASS E

Best collection of not less than six bouquets.

First prize. Box of Bon Bons by E. F. Wilson
Glen Wright.
Second prize. One pound of Bon Bons by W. C. Roe
Ruby McKinney.

CLASS F

Largest bouquet of sweet peas, any variety of colors, measured by circumference, not by numbers.
First prize. Pair of Johnstone's Department Store
Arnold Muck.
Second prize. Two pounds Bon Bons by Mrs. A. Muck
John Whitman.

SPECIAL PRIZE

Largest bouquet of white and purple sweet peas.

First prize. \$2.00 Cash by Ladies' Auxiliary
Earl Keeney.
Second prize. \$1.00 Cash by Ladies' Auxiliary
Vida Evans.

SECOND SPECIAL

Best and largest bouquet from fifteen foot row picked Monday morning, July 8th. This entry displaces the judging of the 15-ft. rows.
First prize. \$2.00 Cash by Ladies' Auxiliary
Ethel Perkins.
Second prize. \$1.00 Cash by the Ladies' Auxiliary
Florence Davis.

EXTRA SPECIAL PRIZE

Best general display. box fancy cherries by E. D. Hurlbert
R. R. Maxfield.

A Splendid Opportunity

St. Johns has a splendid opportunity to secure a public library building of an imposing nature. The Library association of Portland has announced to the city council that in the event of this city securing clear possession of a site not less than 100x150 feet money would be forthcoming for the erection of a public library building that would be an ornament and a substantial addition to St. Johns. A committee was appointed by the mayor to investigate the matter further and learn if there might be any strings attached thereto that might prove a burden upon the city. The committee executed its mission, and finds that the gift will be free and complete; that no conditions other than the possession of the site are imposed, and that the cost of the structure will be between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Certainly such a splendid gift is well worth securing. We believe council has the power to purchase a site without a vote of the people. If so, a good plan would be to advertise for bids on various pieces of property of not less than the dimensions required in localities suitable for such a building for library purposes. The only condition as to site is that it must be in the business district. This matter should receive immediate attention and not be allowed to lag until the library building is an assured fact. There can scarcely be objection on the part of any citizen to the purchase of ground for the purpose stated. It would mean an institution that all could point to with pride. It is likely that the requisite amount of land can be secured at a price not to exceed \$3000. At six per cent, this would mean \$180 per year interest. The city is now paying \$240 per year rent for library purposes, \$180 for janitor service and about \$60 for light, making a total of \$480. This could be saved by purchase of the land, as the county would pay all the cost of maintenance, and after paying the interest from the present expenditure for library purposes it would leave \$300 per annum which in ten years would be sufficient to pay the principal, giving St. Johns the library absolutely free thereafter. The proposition looks good at any angle from which it may be viewed.

Admirable Attitude

The attitude of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. in regard to street improvement in St. Johns where their tracks lie is most commendable. In every instance it has shown a readiness to comply with any stipulation asked of it, and an inclination to remove any obstacle in the way of improvement that lies in its power. When it is all simmered down, the people of St. Johns have no reason to complain of the treatment accorded it by this company. It is true that the trip to Portland on the cars is rather slow and tiresome at times, but the eight mile per hour ordinance limiting street car speed to that limit in Portland city limits, makes a higher rate of speed out of the question. The company certainly treated the city handsomely in the way of donation, additional cars and advertising on same free of charge during the events of the first of this week.

Building Permits

No. 37—To J. Frederickson to erect a dwelling on Astor street between Macrum avenue and Taft street; cost \$750.
No. 38—To Mrs. T. Berry to erect a dwelling on Smith avenue between Newton and Burr streets; cost \$200.

The Pond brothers and sister, Mrs. Soule, were pleasantly surprised Tuesday when three old friends dropped in upon them. They were Mrs. Wm. Shuray of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Mary Botzell of Elk River, Minn.; and Mrs. Robert Mahoney of Minnesota; all of whom took in the pea show, exhibits and regatta. They say that St. Johns is the prettiest little city they have seen in the Northwest.

Each age of our lives has its joys. Old people should be happy, and they will be if Chamberlain's tablets are taken to strengthen the digestion and keep the bowels regular. These tablets are mild and gentle in their action and especially suitable for people of middle age and older. For sale by all dealers.

The Library

Miss Alma Johnson, librarian of the Jefferson High school, will take charge of the St. Johns library for a month, beginning July 17, while Miss Rundall is on her vacation. Library patrons will find Miss Johnson a most efficient and accommodating librarian and their usual helpful attitude will make it easy for her to become acquainted with the new conditions.

More of the 100 best novels: Peter Simple—Marryat. Though it is nearly a half century since Captain Frederick Marryat passed away, he still lives in his sea stories. The circulating library copies are dog-eared with constant use. He was a born story teller and a man of a personal daring as reckless as that of his favorite heroes. A life of great exposure, constant danger and extreme exertion ruined his health; and before he was forty he resolved to leave the sea and devote himself to story writing. Many of his novels are said to be almost autobiographical. His ample fund of rough humor and his fondness for spinning yarns give his stories not only the hue and quality, but the very sound and odor of the sea.

Barchesler Towers—Trollope. Phineas Finn—Trollope. This writer never forces a moral. His tales were written for recreation of others, although it was a matter of pride with him that the pleasure he furnished was always wholesome. He felt more interested in the kind of men and women he saw about him than in unusual characters. He loved to show people in the every day relations of life.

Notre Dame de Paris—Hugo. This great novel often beats the English title "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," a title to some extent misleading. The hunchback, though undoubtedly a very important character, is certainly not the center of the novel. The bewitching gipsy girl, Esmeralda, plays as important a part as he does, and perhaps the same may be said of the terrible priest, Claude Trollope.

Les Miserables—Hugo. This, the best of Hugo's books, is as fascinating as anything written by that greatest of authors, Alexander Dumas. Jean Valjean, who appears in the beginning of the work as a kind of ticket of leave man, who just served his term in the penitentiary where he had been sent for a theft committed under stress of starvation; who several times builds up anew for himself the modest edifice of a small social position, and is every time thrown ruthlessly down when his antecedents are discovered, passes through so many strange adventures that he who does not want to think need not think, while simply looking upon the succession of incidents. If he wishes to think, he has social problems placed before him that may well occupy his mind.

Thanks to Dr. McChesney, the library is to have a fresh coat of paint on walls and floor and accordingly it may be necessary to close on Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening of the present week. If so, books stamped due on those dates will be received without fines on Monday.

The exhibit showing the history of book-making which was in the library booth at the Industrial Exhibit, will be displayed in the library for a few days. The collection includes samples of the old Babylonian and Assyrian writing on clay and stone, an Egyptian papyrus roll, the multiplication table on a clay tablet of about 1300 years B. C., a copy of the Nuremberg chronicle, etc. There is also a copy of the first newspaper printed in America, kindly loaned by Mr. Drinker.

The Free Ferry

The new ferry boat has arrived. It has been long in the coming, but now it is here. And it is a beauty, all that could be hoped for. It required strenuous efforts on the part of the mayor, city council and others to hasten matters so that it could be here for the regatta Tuesday. But they were successful, and Tuesday morning the city dads went to Portland and came down on the new boat. This has been a boon that required an unlimited amount of labor to secure, and we believe it was only through the special efforts of K. C. Couch that it was ever brought about. The work he accomplished and the time he spent on the project is well understood and fully appreciated. And it is well worth all the effort expended upon it. Go down and have a look at it, if you have not yet seen it, and you cannot help but acknowledge that St. Johns has something more to be proud of.

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