

Attorney Geo. T. Wilson Delivers Stirring Address

Enthusiasm Marks First Stockholders' Meeting Equal Rights Company

New St. Johns Enterprise Makes Auspicious Start

St. Johns has become the home of one more enterprising concern, this time in the nature of a co-operative mercantile company. The new enterprise is known as the Equal Rights Company, and marks an epoch in the co-operative industrial world, being the first company to incorporate under the now famous Bonville 99-Year System Bylaws. Among the stockholders of the Equal Rights Company are a large number of St. Johns' most progressive citizens, including merchants, bankers, business men and industrial workers. The first stockholders' meeting was held in the Woodman Hall Saturday, March 8th, and was remarkable for the large and enthusiastic attendance, and the spirit of unity that prevailed throughout the evening. The company was called to order by its attorney, J. O. Stearns, Jr., who presided throughout the evening on behalf of Alvin Porter, the temporary chairman.

those blessings which are intended for all." The speaker's remarks were well received and heartily approved. After this part of the program was over,



Geo. F. Wilson

Mr. Stearns opened the meeting with a few appropriate and well timed remarks touching upon the splendid principle underlying the Bylaws of the organization; the excellent work of Mr. Porter in securing so many live, up-to-date stockholders; the

Mr. Stearns called for the nomination of directors—the Bylaws of the organization requiring seven. The following men, all of whom are well known to the people of St. Johns, were placed in nomination and unanimously elected to the board of directors: N. J. Bailey, Alvin Porter, George Wallace, William Wallace, J. Schmauder, O. Chowning, and W. H. King.

Mr. R. O. Bachman was elected auditor to serve for the term of one year. The board of directors then elected the following officers to serve the company for the initial year: O. Chowning, President; William Wallace, Vice Pres.; R. O. Bachman, Secretary, and N. J. Bailey, Treas.

Mr. Stearns and Mr. Wilson were so well pleased with St. Johns and the hospitality of its citizens that they decided to open a branch law office in St. Johns to be open evenings from 6:30 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. o'clock.

"You certainly have a lot of up and coming people here in St. Johns," said Attorney Stearns when interviewed. "While Mr. Wilson and myself are not associated in the law practice in Portland, we became so favorably impressed with the possibilities of your city that we decided to establish a night office in St. Johns, an idea that is somewhat new in the west but which has long been established in the large eastern cities. St. Johns is primarily an industrial center, and we believe that there are many people here who, while occasionally requiring legal advice, cannot take the time to consult an attorney without great inconvenience, and it is our purpose to serve them as best we can. Mr. Wilson, who is a sturdy advocate of industrial rights and an accomplished speaker, is equally as enthusiastic as myself over the future possibilities of the Peninsula, and may improve the opportunity to deliver a series of lectures here on economic questions as soon as we become established."

It is rumored that a new company, to be capitalized at \$75000 and to operate under the Bonville 99-Year System, will soon be a reality and established fact in St. Johns. The nature of the new enterprise will not be announced at this time, but rumor again has it that the manufacture of breakfast foods is the purpose in view.—Contributed.

PERSONAL RESTITUTION.

Man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, has lost its sting to the participants of the Bonville 99 Year System, as evidenced by Equal Rights share holders in the cheerfulness with which many of them have donated their time and energies in constructing an addition to their store at the corner of Lombard and Westanna streets, removing and rearranging goods, taking invoice and attending meetings night after night. Also attending to business details through the day. This all means a great saving to both share holders and customer.

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Said bonds to be dated as follows:

\$6,299.03, Dec. 21, 1912.
\$137.08, Jan. 11, 1913.
\$1,392.28, Jan. 18, 1913.
\$694.64, Feb. 1, 1913.
\$13,068.66, Feb. 8, 1913.

Amounting in all to \$21,591.69. All of said bonds are issued in denominations of Five Hundred Dollars or less and all of the said bonds are payable ten years after date of said bonds. All of said bonds are coupons bonds bearing interest at the rate of six per cent payable semi-annually, subject to all the conditions imposed, directed and stipulated by section 131 of the Charter of the City of St. Johns.

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All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for two per cent of the amount of the bid, and the said check shall be payable to the City of St. Johns, and the said check shall be retained by the City of St. Johns as damages in case the bidder to whom the bonds are awarded fails to accept and pay for the same within fifteen days after the acceptance of the bid. The money is to be paid and the bonds are to be delivered at St. Johns, Multnomah County, Oregon.

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contests took place. The bonspiel met with great success. The above picture shows the International Trophy, put up by Louis W. Hill, Chairman, Board of Directors, Great Northern Railway, which rinks from

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