

St. Johns is Calling You

Is second in number of industries. Is seventh in population. Cars to Portland every 20 min. Has navigable water on 3 sides. Has finest gas and electricity. Has two strong banks. Has five large school houses. Has abundance of purest water. Has hard surface streets. Has extensive sewerage system. Has fine, modern brick city hall. Has payroll of \$95,000 monthly. Ships monthly 2,000 cars freight. All railroads have access to it. Is gateway to Portland harbor. Climate ideal and healthful.

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Has seven churches. Has a most promising future. Distinctively a manufacturing city. Adjoins the city of Portland. Has nearly 6,000 population. Has a public library. Taxable property, \$4,500,000. Has large dry docks, saw mills. Wooden mills, iron works. Stone works, asbestos factory. Ship building plant. Veneer and excelsior plant. Flour mill, planing mill. Box factory, and others. More industries coming. St. Johns is the place for YOU.

A GOOD RECORD

The Present City Officials Have Made Good

With the term of the city officials having almost been brought to a close, it is fitting and proper that a glance be thrown backward and stock be taken of what sort of government the present officials have rendered. It is so easy to forget and difficult to remember the things that have occurred and how they have been brought about. When a city government has been running along smoothly with little friction or dissatisfaction, the public, as a rule, gives little or no heed to the fact that diplomacy, good judgment and executive ability has been brought into play by those holding the reins of city government to bring this happy condition about. The things not accomplished are remembered and the things that have been accomplished are forgotten. When the present officials took office last April there were matters of vital importance to be straightened out and terminated in one way or another, some of them having been hanging fire for some years. Agitation was still rife to some degree over the sewer question, but it has now practically died out and seldom mentioned. There was more of less dissension over other matters which today are almost forgotten. In fact, at present there is less of dissension, less of turmoil and less of dissatisfaction over city affairs than has ever been the case. The water rate question was responsible for considerable discussion and misunderstanding as well. But it has been placed with the Railroad Commission for adjustment. If adjustment is needed, this was the place to send it, as all fair-minded must admit. It is the only body that is in a position to deal fairly with the question. Therefore, it must be conceded that the present officials have conducted city affairs in a successful and businesslike manner. Mistakes may have been made occasionally, but generally of minor importance. A careful scrutiny of the acts of the councilmanic body for the past year will reveal little to its discredit, and much to its credit. It has been progressive in its nature and practically harmonious in its acts.

The improvement of Dawson street was one of its best accomplishments. This improvement has baffled the efforts of several previous councils, and it remained for the present officials to "take the bull by the horns" and force it to completion. Burlington street, from the city hall block to Bradford street, was much in the same condition. For several years it had been an eyesore and disgrace to the city by reason of its dilapidated condition, but through the manipulations of the present officials, its hard surfacing has been accomplished. Another link was added to the improvement of Fessenden street, and the balance of the improvement is being provided for. A number of other streets have been improved, and still others are pending. More are lights and fire hydrants have been installed, a more advantageous contract for lighting the city has been effected, a street sweeper has been purchased, and much street improvement has been accomplished. What more could be expected from one year's service would be difficult to imagine.

Having been a constant attendant at the council sessions, we have found little to criticize and much to commend. One must be at the meetings where both sides of all controversies are aired before being competent to judge of the decisions made, and must also have some knowledge of the limitations of the city charter. There have been times when the council would have been glad to have done otherwise than they did if the charter had permitted. The public is a hard taskmaster. It is ever ready to condemn. As a rule it is ungrateful, selfish, ready to judge from surface indications, inconsistent and unappreciative. It is prone to seek some ulterior or sinister motive for acts that are done. To please all is an utter impossibility so long as there are two sides to any question. Therefore, the council must do what

A Year's Review

A North Carolina editor who has summed up his business for 1912 wins the prize for the best review of the year. It follows: Been broke 361 times. Had money 4 times. Praised the public 4 times. Told lies 1,728 times. Told the truth 1 time. Missed prayer meeting 52 times. Been roasted 431 times. Roasted others 52 times. Washed the office bowl 3 times. Missed meals 0. Mistaken for preacher 11 times. Mistaken for capitalist 0. Found money 0. Took bath 6 times. Delinquents who paid 8. Those who did not pay 138. Pain in conscience 0. Got whipped 0. Whipped others 23 times. Cash on hand at beginning \$1.47. Cash on hand at ending 15 cents.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

it considers right, let the result be what it may.

A. A. Muck as Mayor certainly has made a good presiding officer. His rulings and advice have ever been in accord with the best interests of the city. He has always endeavored to render the greatest good to the greatest number, has been courteous and considerate to all, and he can take pride in the record he has made. Mr. Muck has decided to not make the race for any city office this year.

There never was a better city recorder than F. A. Rice has proven himself to be. Systematic, obliging, faithful, careful, pleasant, accurate and ever on the job, it is not to be wondered at that no other had the temerity to aspire for the position that he has handled so admirably. As police judge he has been fair and impartial, but ever just.

J. E. Tanch could have no superior as city treasurer. His careful, systematic work is a matter of pride to himself and the city as well. He has no competition for re-election, and it is well, because a better one could not be found.

Perry C. Stroud, city attorney, has the courage of his convictions. He has made a thorough study of the city charter, and his interpretation of its provisions have been accepted by council without question. He is resolute, unyielding and pursues any matter he gets started on to the end. He is a candidate for re-election.

J. E. Hiller, D. Frank Horsman and I. B. Martin as Councilmen at Large, have all made good. They have endeavored to be on the right side of every question, and have been eminently successful in so doing. Individually and collectively they have devoted their time to the best interests of the city, and no fault can be found with them. Their records are open to one and all, and in them can be found nothing to disparage or be ashamed of. Mr. Hiller is an independent candidate for Mayor; Mr. Horsman is a candidate to succeed himself, having been endorsed by both the Democratic and Republican parties. Mr. Martin is a candidate for Councilman of the First Ward.

F. W. Valentine and J. W. Davis, present Councilmen of the First Ward, have both rendered valiant service. They have shown wisdom and thoroughness in their official acts. They have met every question fairly and squarely, and in the records they have made they have nothing to regret, nor would they do differently if they were called upon to vote again upon the same matters. Better councilmen would be hard to find. Mr. Valentine is a candidate to succeed himself, and Mr. Davis is a candidate for Councilman at Large.

P. Hill and Roy Wilcox, Councilmen of the Second Ward, have made good in every sense of the term. They have been very careful of the city's interests, and their official acts have been above reproach. Their records could scarcely be improved upon. Both are candidates for re-election.

Thus it will be seen that individually and collectively the present city officials have made good. What more could be expected?

For Sale—Himalaya blackberry, the greatest producer known. Strong roots 50c.—J. A. Hyde, 615 Bristol st., near brick yard.

REASONS GIVEN

Why Girls Go Wrong and Young Men Also

Monday's Oregonian contained the following excellent editorial on "What Makes Girls Go Wrong." It is well worth reading:

What makes girls go wrong? That is the question which is forced on the minds of the American people by the revelations of the white slave traffic and by the inquiries into vice and the conditions of woman's labor. We have long dodged the question, as we dodge all disagreeable questions, but now we are called upon so imperatively for an answer that we can evade no longer. We must face the question and answer it. There is danger that in seeking the answer one cause will assume such exaggerated importance in our estimation that other causes will be shut from our mental view.

We are now living in a time which is comparable to that of the restoration of Charles II in England—a time of reaction from a reign of enforced simplicity of life. The youth of the Nation has rebelled against the restraints and deprivations of country life and has flocked to the cities to "have a good time." Though the parents often accompany their children in their migration, they find the young generation less amenable to control. The reins of parental discipline have been slackened. Many parents drop them altogether, permitting children to go their own way. Formerly a mother did not allow a girl to go out in the evening unless she knew where and with whom the girl was going. This is no longer in an increasing number of families.

Having arrived in the city, the girl secures employment in store, office or factory, where she meets other girls, talking of their good clothes, of their "fellows," of dances, theatres and other amusements. She wishes to do as others do. When a young man offers his escort, she accepts and he gives her a "good time." She little thinks that she may pay for that "good time" in her own degradation, perhaps in years of the vilest slavery, which will end in a shameless death.

She sees other girls better dressed than herself, she overhears scoffing remarks about her own plain clothes and the desire for good clothes begins to beat against the stern limitations of her meagre earnings. She learns that other girls are well dressed at men's expense—though in the end how dearly at their own!—she hears chance remarks about the price that is really paid and at first is revolted. But she rightly or wrongly forms the impression that it is a common thing, that nobody thinks anything of it and she asks herself: "If others do it, why should not I?" She is passed over by the popular young men because "a fellow can't have any fun with her." The friction between her earnings and her desires daily becomes more grinding, and at last she yields. It is the first step which costs. That once taken, the descent which ends in the brothel is easy.

Had that girl been blessed with a mother who combined the kindness and sympathy of a friend with the strictness of a parent, she might have been saved. Such a mother would have kept a watchful care over her, would have insisted on the companionship of the "good times" spending an evening at home with the girl, that maternal intuition might judge of his character and of the wisdom of the association. Such a mother would have sought to find innocent amusements for her daughter, to throw her into the society of girls and young men who would rather live simply on what they could honorably earn than "make a splash" on the borderland between the world and the half world. Such a mother would teach her girl that the respect of a man is worth infinitely more to her than all the pleasures and good clothes he can buy her; that purity will procure a love that lasts through life, while fatal complaisance wins only a passing passion which quickly changes to contempt. With the right kind of a mother the difference between a virtuous

Enjoyed the Event

An old couple in Michigan, who had never before been away from their native village, went to California. It proved a memorable trip in more ways than one, as was illustrated by an incident on their return home.

A neighbor, asking the old lady if she had seen an earthquake while in "Frisco" received the following reply: "Indeed, I did. I saw it and heard it and oh! I enjoyed it so much."

The neighbor aghast with astonishment, asked why she enjoyed the earthquake. The old lady replied: "Because it is the first thing that has happened since John and I were married thirty years ago that he hasn't blamed me for."—Selected.

and a dissolute girl will not consist in the difference between \$8 and \$12 a week; it will consist in the difference between sound principles instilled from childhood, with right upbringing on the one hand and total absence of principles and parental guidance on the other.

What part do the young men play in the tragedy of the girl who goes wrong? Too many of them, even as boys, have their minds corrupted with a perverted idea of the relations of the sexes. They have been left to learn the secret of sex with every accompaniment of moral filth. As they blossom into manhood, they absorb from their elders the idea that girls are the lawful prey of men, to be seduced and cast aside and boasted of as their conquests. This is at an age when, under simpler and more primitive conditions, young men were expected to find their mates, marry them and begin rearing families. Then a young man who did not marry was regarded with suspicion. Now a young man who marries thus early is considered to have thrown away his youth, when he should have been having his fling.

The young man makes the excuse that he cannot afford to marry, and there is some ground for it. The accepted standard of living has risen in every rank of society. Old people remark that when setting up housekeeping the young folks wish to begin where they left off. Women have flocked into many occupations at lower wages than men and have caused the wages paid men to be scaled down. They have thus decreased men's ability to marry them. Each sex instinctively seeks the society of the other, but with an increased disinclination to regard matrimony as the outcome. Having the low estimate of the other sex already described, the young man's excuse for not marrying soon changes to a determination not to marry, and the growing independence of women as they become wage earners decreases the opportunity of those who would fain marry. In increasing numbers young men seek to gratify their passions at the expense of women without marrying, and the weakest of the weaker sex become their prey.

Thus among the causes of the degradation of women into white slavery poverty no doubt is important, but whether it is the principal cause is open to grave question. Few people are so poor as the Irish peasantry, yet none are so famed for the virtue of their women. The head of the Florence Crittenton homes for women told the Illinois vice commission that low wages were the least of the causes of immorality, but that more society girls—girls from good homes, with fathers and mothers able to provide for them amply, than wage earning girls—have fallen. This coincides to some extent with the statements of some Chicago fallen women that the attentions of men, not low wages, were the cause of their downfall.

In studying a problem so complex we need to be careful that we do not place our finger on one cause and say: "That is the cause." For in the present transition stage of women's social and political status there are many causes acting and reacting each upon the others.

Building Permits

No. 16—To Arthur Evanson to erect a dwelling on Edison street between Tyler and Polk streets; cost \$1200.

SMART STYLES

What the Well Dressed Woman is Wearing

At a recent opening of the new Spring Fashions at one of the leading shops in this great city, one of the most conspicuous features was a little coat.

It was shown in a great variety of materials, ranging from broadened satin, flowered silk, plian taffeta, faille, corded silks and bengaline to charmeuse, crepe voile, and all the other lovely silk crepes.

In most cases it was worn with light colored skirts, that being the very latest wrinkle with the ultra smart women in Paris. And the contrast is lovely, if the right kind of fabrics are brought together.

Now take this cute little garment illustrated here. It is



made in the very becoming peasant style, with the dearest little surplice vest imaginable, affording thereby an opportunity for the use of some soft drapery such as mull or chiffon, and with a sleeve that is quite new and charming. The little peplum is separate and is made with the cutaway effect in front, while at the back it is looped up in sash effect. You can use rose color brocade or flowered silk with cream chiffon for the vest, which you can edge with heavy insertion.

The skirt is a practical six-gored model, that falls in excellent lines, and is quite simple to make. White or cream cotton Bedford cord, corded silk, voile, crepe metzer, or any of the ribbed materials will be splendid for making it up.

Nothing could be smarter or more in vogue, than such an attire for afternoon walking visiting, and by making these garments yourself, a task which is really quite possible and even easy for the home sewer, there need not be any exorbitant expenditure of money. The materials mentioned can be had at reasonable prices, as some are a bit high, by attending the occasional sales at shops, and where you can very often strike some short length of material that would be just right for your little coat.

George W. Munson



Independent Candidate for Councilman Second Ward.

If elected he promises a square deal to all, and that he will not be controlled or influenced by any one. Will favor an economical conducting of city government and strict enforcement of all laws. pd adv.

The Sunday School banquet given in the manse of the Congregational church last Friday evening was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The Sunday School is steadily growing and much interest is being evinced.

Time for Brotherhood

When a fellow's feeling blue, And is troubled through and through With a melancholy feeling That he cannot seem to shake; When his plans have gone astray And his hopes have slipped away, And he's standing at the crossroads

Wondering which one to take, That's the time to grab his hand And to make him understand That he's grieving over trifles And his worries aren't worth while, That's the time to slap his back With a good old friendly whack, That's the time he needs your friendship

And the time he wants your smile, When he's deep down in the dumps And has known life's rocky bumps, When he's got the killjoy notion That his work no longer counts; That's the time a word of cheer Sweetly whispered in his ear Sets the heart of him to beating 'Till his spirit proudly mounts, That's the time a glad "Hello!" Means far more than you may know,

That's the time a sign of friendship Really does a brother good; That's the time a word of praise Lifts a fellow up for days, Sends him on his way rejoicing; That's the time for brotherhood. —Detroit Free Press.

Would Make Ideal Mayor

J. E. Hiller would make an ideal Mayor because he has always made good. A man of fine appearance, able, conscientious, fair minded, diplomatic and tactful, an active worker in city affairs and impartial, he could not help but prove to be a Mayor that all would have reason to be proud of. His record as councilman has been a most honorable one, and he is not ashamed of it, and is quite willing to make the run for Mayor on the record that he has made as a public official. St. Johns needs a man of good judgment, clean, sound, public spirited and wide awake to the city's interests. Such a man is J. E. Hiller. It is seldom that men of his attainments and capability are willing to serve as city officers, and since one has been found who will, it is only prudence and good common sense to elect him by an overwhelming vote. A city will be measured in the eyes of the world by its officials; if the city officers are of a low order the city will be so regarded. pd adv.

Made a Splendid Record

The reason why F. W. Valentine should be elected once more as Councilman of the First Ward is because he has made a splendid record as public servant. His judgment is sound, and he ever delves deeply into any matter before arriving at a decision. This is the reason that he seldom errs in lending his influence or advocating any public measure. He is an ardent booster at any and all times for St. Johns, believes in good streets and public conveniences, and will do anything within his power to advance the interests and greater development of the city. A vote for Valentine is a vote for good government and an improved city. pd adv.

A Few Good Bargains

In closing our business we have had to take back some furniture. We wish to close this out at once and will make very close prices.

We have a nearly new St. Johns Range with polished top and base; a heavy Iron Bed, Springs and Mattress; a Baby Bed and Mattress; Royal Oak Dresser; a few Kitchen Chairs, Rockers, etc.

See these and get prices of A. C. Gesler at Ormandy Bros., opposite postoffice. Calif Bros.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of coughs, colds and croup. It can be depended upon. Try it. Sold by all dealers.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

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

The first matter to receive attention was a petition to improve Central avenue from Buchanan to Fessenden street sixty feet wide by cement sidewalk, curb and grade. Referred to the city engineer for recommendation.

A petition to improve Swenson street between Charleston and Myers streets was presented and a resolution directing the engineer to prepare the data for such improvement was adopted.

Pharmacist C. C. Currin asked for permission to change an electric sign from his present business place at 106 North Jersey street to his new prospective location in the Holbrook building on Philadelphia street. Permission readily granted.

Lee Cormany and Ross Walker leasors of the skating rink requested that a special policeman be appointed to officiate at the Saturday evening dances. Matter referred to the Police Commission.

S. C. Cook made a verbal report in regard to Fessenden street stating that he had interviewed the Portland Railway Light and Power Co. and was given assurance by Mr. Fuller that the company would within the next few weeks level off the ground on Fessenden street between the curb and car line in good shape and would keep it in that condition. Bills amounting to \$155.55 were allowed.

The following are lights were ordered installed: One at corner of Fessenden and Midway; one at corner of Tyler and Lynn; one at corner of Columbia boulevard and Smith avenue and one at corner of Ida and Dawson streets. The street committee was authorized to repair Pittsburg street between the railroad and the ferry landing in a temporary manner, it being the intention of the council to permanently improve the street after the weather settles.

It was decided after a somewhat lengthy discussion that the city should contract for the purchase of a fire auto truck with pumping attachments having a capacity of 900 gallons per minute and a pressure of 120 pounds at pump and to advertise for bids on same to be in by April 8th at 8 o'clock.

An ordinance adopting the viewers' report on the opening and extension of Polk street between St. Johns Heights addition and Dawson street passed first and second readings and was then held up for another week upon request of the property owners.

The viewers' report on the opening and extension of Tyler street was rejected on account of the ownership of a certain tract not being definitely established.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Fessenden street between Oswego and Smith avenue with concrete paving was passed.

A resolution directing the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of Leonard street from Fessenden to Catlin street was adopted.

Randolph Graden made a few forcible remarks concerning the establishment of the width of Willamette boulevard.

A change in the place of holding the April election in the first ward was affected and the new location made the Wolcott building on the corner of Jersey and Charleston streets.

Colonists are flocking to Oregon from every part of the United States, taking advantage of the low one way settlers' rates now in force on the railroads. Indications are that the Spring movement will be heavy and that Oregon will gain just what she most needs, a large number of thrifty, intelligent and practical farmers who will settle on the vacant lands of the state and develop them. Central Oregon homesteads are attracting a large number of newcomers.

The total registration to date is almost 1200.