

**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,  
 Woolen 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.

## THE LIBRARY

### Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

It is now time to be planning for your vacation reading. No special card will be required this year. All that is necessary is to bring in the list of books which you desire several days before you expect to start on your vacation. Ten books, four fiction and six non-fiction, can be taken now and kept until October 1st, if you are leaving town. If you are not sure what you want, the library has lists which will help you.

The Popular Mechanics for 1912 is back from the binders and is ready for circulation in book form.

The attention of St. Johns anglers is called to the library bulletin on fishing now posted and to the books on the subject which it lists. A few of those now on the shelf are:

- Camp—Fishing kits and equipment.
- Holder—Recreations of a sportsman on the Pacific Coast.
- Holder and Jordan—Fish stories, alleged and experienced.
- McCarthy—Familiar fish, their habits and capture.
- Mackie—Art of worm fishing.
- Sheringham—Elements of angling.
- Van Dyke—Fisherman's luck.

- New Books:
- Belloe—First and last.

A collection of brief, clever and up-to-date essays on a wide variety of subjects from *Cheeses to King Lear*, and from *The Sources of Rivers to The End of the World*.

Benton—Easy entertaining. Contains, among others, chapters on spring luncheons, cold dinners, little dinners for three, veranda luncheons, a bride's dinner, picnic luncheons, men's dinners and afternoon tea.

Conrad—"Twixt land and sea." The book contains three stories of love and adventure in remote places of barbaric coasts. The scenes are never far from shore, and for the most part the decks and cabins of ships, yet there is little of the storm and stress of ocean. The passions portrayed are rather those of the spirit of man. Mr. Conrad seems to write at white heat, almost fiercely, as if defying contradiction. The terrifying glamour of the tropics hangs over the tales. While the actual descriptions are neither many nor long, they are vivid enough to overflow, as it were, the rest of the book.

On the whole, "Twixt land and sea" has qualities which set it apart from the mass of current fiction.

Crane—Lame and lovely. Short, crisp essays on religion for modern minds, the theme of which is lame and lovely human nature and how to take the crookedness out of it. Mr. Crane says: "The most important thing in the world to me is the weather in my soul. Let it be sunshine there and calm day and I can front anything. No matter how terrible the trial to come I have half won already if I can meet it serenely. And no matter what prize and joy may be given me I have half spoiled it if I take it with a troubled and muddy soul."

It has been charged against Mr. Crane that his attempt to write attractively has resulted in sensationalism, but his book at any event has directness and snap.

Finnemore—Jack Haydon's quest. A live boy's story.

Forbush—Coming generation. A concise account of the forces working for the betterment of American young people.

The first part deals with the betterment of boys and girls in the homes; the second with the importance of better births and health; the third with betterment through education; the fourth with betterment through prevention; and the fifth with betterment through religious and social service. The critics call the book keen, progressive and of sane view point.

En route to Portland's Rose Festival, June 9-14, the Royal Oaks, of Oakland, Cal., will visit many cities of the state on their way north, making their first stop at Ashland. As the Oaks will travel by special train, they will be able to stop as often as seems desirable and will bring a message of good fellowship to their northern neighbors.

## A Remarkable Verdict

That newspapers in Oregon may assassinate the characters of public officials with perfect impunity has been demonstrated in the libel case of the Evening News. With not the slightest proven justification or provocation for so doing, the News stigmatized Commissioner Lightner and Judge Cleeton as "robbers," and strange to say, the jury upheld it in its unjustified assertions. Certainly a triumph for yellow journalism. The Oregonian in commenting upon the case, has the following to say:

A jury in the State Circuit Court has acquitted the editor of the Portland News of criminal libel against County Judge Cleeton and County Commissioner Lightner. The Oregonian will not say that it is surprised at the verdict for it is aware that there is with the public a great tolerance of assaults on and misrepresentations of public officials by irresponsible journals, no matter how audacious or vicious, or unjustified; and it is not strange that the general attitude should be reflected in the action of courts and juries. But it is well enough to say briefly, notwithstanding the outcome of this case, that Mr. Lightner and Mr. Cleeton have been painfully lampooned and wantonly libeled by this reckless newspaper; and that they deserve to have fared better.

The News has long pursued the County Court with so-called exposures of its corrupt methods. It reached the climax when it said that Mr. Lightner and Mr. Cleeton were "plain robbers" and that Mr. Lightner "ought to be in jail" and Mr. Cleeton "ought to be fired." The result, after a long series of similar articles, was a criminal indictment.

The trial was in progress about ten days, and the News was given abundant opportunity to prove its charges. It not only failed to prove them, but it did not try. It contented itself with a variety of testimony designed to show that the County Court had violated a law requiring it to ask for public bids for all supplies where the sum was \$100 or over. This was admitted, and the plea advanced by the private prosecutors that the law was merely directory and that sound business methods warranted the commissioners in using their discretion. It was shown conclusively that the county had profited by this course. It was not shown by the defense, nor was there from beginning to end any effort to show that Mr. Lightner or Mr. Cleeton had personally benefited.

We are left to believe now, from this remarkable verdict, that County Judge Cleeton and Mr. Lightner are robbers, though they have stolen nothing, and ought to be "in jail" or "fired" because they have preferred to follow ordinary business practices. We must believe, too, that mad dog journalism is neither to be muzzled nor repressed, nor even reprovved.

From the interest shown in the O. W. R. & N. Co.'s corn contest, it appears that Oregon will become a big corn producing state. More than 5 tons of selected seed corn, enough to plant 1,000 acres, has been distributed free of charge by the company, while the Southern Pacific has distributed more than 2 tons additional. This seed will be planted throughout the Pacific Northwest and means the corn acreage of this year will be twice as large as last.

An indication of the confidence felt in the future is shown in the announced expenditure of about \$75,000,000 by the various corporations in and about Portland during the current year on improvements, extensions and betterments. Bank clearings show a gain every month over the corresponding months of former years and 1913 looks like a big year for the whole Oregon country.

Despite its unlucky final figures, the year 1913 promises to set a high record for business and industrial progress. A report just made by a leading commercial agency states that prospects for a good year were never better throughout the Pacific Northwest territory. Sales and collections are good, manufacturing is going ahead well and, best of all, the prospects for good crops are excellent.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### Happenings Told In An Interesting Way

The Vancouver track team won an easy victory over our team Friday, May 16. The final score was 85-37, St. Johns taking only three firsts—the high jump, the pole vault and the broad jump. Vancouver has not been defeated in track for two years. Their school is so large that they had ten point winners to our three. In the track and field meet held at Corvallis on the nineteenth ult, Bill Magone, our sole representative, captured first place in the pole vault, and second place in the high jump, thereby gaining for us eight points. There were only three high schools in the state that ranked as well in the number of points. While there Bill gained a few pointers from the veteran trainer, "Dad" Moulton, and has since been putting them to good use, for he has repeatedly cleared the bar at eleven feet, four inches, which is the state interscholastic record.

Friday morning, May 23, a most enjoyable half hour was spent by the students in the assembly hall, singing patriotic songs in preparation for the visit of the old soldiers on the following Tuesday. Since the James John students have been so enthusiastic over tennis for some time, plans have been made for deciding the High School championship. The tennis players are grouped in sets according to classes, each of the classes being divided in such a way as to make it possible to have single, double, or mixed doubles. The first try outs determine the champions of each of the classes, and the class teams will be made up of these winners. The latter sets will decide the champions of the school. The first sets of the tournament were played May 25th, Ruth McGregor and Floy Coffey of the Freshman class winning the set.

On Tuesday, May 26th, in commemoration of Decoration Day, the High School was visited by a few veterans of the Civil War. Comrades Kelly, Nolen, Ross and Drew gave very interesting talks on their experiences in the war. Comrade Kelly, who was with the Army of the Potomac, made us feel the reality of war, while Comrade Nolen put before us the true meaning of "Liberty," and its significance in equal rights of mankind. Comrade Ross gave a very interesting sketch of his marches and skirmishes with Sherman's Army of the West. Comrade Drew made us realize the terrible nature of slavery and the Negroes' desire for freedom, and also their eagerness to volunteer for service in the Union army. He compared the trials of war to the struggles of the present and future generations against the evils that confront them. We heartily thank these loyal soldiers for making us feel their enthusiastic patriotism.

The spirit of the Hiak Klatawa is growing greater all the time. A good illustration of it was shown in the enthusiasm and readiness of the girls in setting their alarm clocks for an early like Sunday morning, May 25. Every girl who had promised to start out with the first group of hikers came, even if it was a little later than the time set. Perhaps it will be better in the future to arrange all hikes this early, for only two of the number who had decided to come later, ventured to follow the trail of arrows. The camp was arranged and breakfast cooked and served at eight-thirty. Every one declared that breakfast never tasted so good before. It consisted of two eggs, bacon, buns and coffee. Fortune smiled upon us, for the whole morning was delightfully cool, so that by the time the other two Hikers arrived our appetites were ready for dinner. The rest of the afternoon was spent in the shade telling stories and talking. Toward evening the longing for home took hold of us and we broke camp. Sunburn was the most direct and clearest evidence of the long hike, but this is only temporary; loyal good will and enthusiasm for the Klatawa is a result that will last always.

Wednesday, May 28, Father Kettenhofen gave the pupils of the High School an interesting and profitable talk on practical problems which confront the citizens of our nation. His discussion of "citizenship and its duties" made us realize that we ought to take an interest in public questions and do what we can toward furthering the welfare of the community. The pupils appreciate these talks, and hope it will not be long before we shall be privileged to listen to another representative citizen of St. Johns.

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## Widely Represented

In a report from the general conference of Seventh Day Adventists now being held in Washington, D. C., it is stated that every country on the globe is represented by delegates. All the leading ministers in the United States and Canada are among those in attendance. The leaders of the denomination in Europe and Australia as well as those of the mission stations in Africa, Asia and the Islands of the Sea are there. Black skinned and yellow skinned men and women who have been reclaimed to Christ from heathenism, some of them having been among man eating tribes, are lending importance to the power of the gospel by their presence. From the secretary's report, we take this statement: "The Gospel as taught by Seventh Day Adventists is now being preached in ninety different languages and being printed in seventy-five languages. Since the conference met four years ago the denomination has expended \$1,068,223.58 in foreign missions.—Contributed.

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A great deal of interest is centering about the mock trial that will be given by the English history class early next week. Owing to the fact that an unbiased verdict is wanted from the jury, it is impossible to publish the particulars of the case.

The High School students, especially those of an athletic turn of mind, are looking forward with very much interest to the class tennis tournament of this week. Tryouts have already been held and the class teams are conscientiously practicing to win. Later on singles will be played to determine the championship player of the school.

The sewing class of Senior girls has made rapid progress during the last semester. The fruit of their labor in drafting patterns from their own measurements is now being realized as they put this training into practical use, and fitting nicely made and perfect fitting garments rapidly nearing completion for Commencement. The work has been so interesting and practical that the members of the other classes are anxiously looking forward to the time when they will take up this advanced work.

The fifth class to graduate from the high school has made their plans for Commencement, which will take place during the last week in June. Beginning with the Baccalaureate sermon which will be given in the High School auditorium on Sunday evening, June 21, the week will be taken up with other Senior festivities, the most important of which will be the class play on Tuesday evening, and Commencement on Thursday evening. The class numbers six, and most of the members have already made their plans for their next year's work.—Editor.

Gilmore's Barber Shop—a specialty on children's hair cutting.

## COUNCIL MEETS

### Matters of Importance Receive Attention

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Bredeson presiding. It was an extended session, in which matters of special interest were involved.

A communication from the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. stated that an arc light had been installed at the corner of Hayes and Mohawk streets, pursuant to instructions of council.

H. A. Carson asked that the proposed improvement of Central avenue be continued to the south city limits. Communication accepted and ordered filed.

Sherman Cochran asked for a renewal of his liquor license, which expires this month. Referred to the liquor license committee.

S. C. Cook, in a communication, strongly advised against the employment of additional legal services in the water rate case, stating that he believed the services of an engineer would be more to the purpose; that no question of law was involved; that it was entirely a question of facts and not "hot air," and that a battery of lawyers would likely prove more harmful than beneficial. Accepted and filed.

Thomas Whitney tendered his resignation as patrolman, business matters requiring his immediate attention in the state of Michigan making his departure from the city imperative. The Mayor later appointed G. W. Nore to fill the vacancy, and the appointment was unanimously confirmed by the aldermen.

Representatives of the Crown Columbia Paper Co. of Oregon City were present and sought to lease the city dock for storage purposes. They stated that the upper portion of the dock was all they desired, and while they would be handicapped by not having rail facilities connecting with the dock, yet they would be willing to pay a reasonable rental for its use for a period of one year. Council took a recess of ten minutes to discuss the proposition, after which sums ranging from \$200 to \$300 per month were suggested by different council.

The representatives were then asked to make a proposition, and one of them stated that \$175 per month was the best they thought they could do with the dock in its present railless shape. Alderman Wright made a motion that the sum of \$2550 be charged for the dock for one year. The mayor and other councilmen thought not less than \$200 per month should be exacted. The Paper company representatives finally acquiesced in the payment of \$200 per month, payable in advance, provided an option at the same rate be given for the second year and immediate possession be also given; however, in the event of a sidetrack being constructed by the city before the second year terminates, said lease then to become void. The conditions were agreed to by council and a lease ordered drafted.

Rev. Plowman, on behalf of the ministers and church members of the city, asked that the new skating be not permitted to operate on Sundays. On a four to three vote the request was granted.

Bills amounting to \$234.91 were allowed.

The committee appointed to secure legal talent on the water rate case reported that it had agreed to secure the services of Mr. Stroud at a stipulated price of \$200. Report confirmed.

Charles Anderson vigorously protested against the employment of Mr. Stroud in this capacity; that it was a waste of public money.

A storm of discussion arose over a motion to reconsider the action of the council last week in taking the Willamette boulevard case to the Supreme Court. Attorney Gatzmyer stated that the expense had already been incurred and it was almost too late to rescind the former action. A number of property owners spoke upon the proposition, and it was thoroughly discussed by the council, several of the latter arguing that the property owners on the south side of the street, who had won their case in the

## Memorial Day Exercises

Decoration Day was observed in St. Johns in a quiet and peaceful manner. Most of the business houses remained closed throughout the day. The exercises of the day given under the auspices of General Compton Post, G. A. R. was interesting and impressive. One of the most interesting features of the day's exercises was the parade held in the morning. It was headed by over 400 school children carrying flowers, and was followed in order by G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans, W.R.C., Ladies of the G. A. R. The morning exercises were held at Hill's orchard, where the local veterans had erected a monument to the unknown dead. The line of march was formed on Philadelphia street, and proceeded to the Hill ground at 10:30, where memorial services in honor of those who have answered the last roll call were held. At the conclusion of the memorial services the school children formed a square around the monument and marched, with heads uncovered, depositing flowers upon it. Short exercises by the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. followed. The line of march was proceeding on the return when the noon hour arrived. Promptly upon the second Commander Miller stayed progress, and the assemblage stood for five minutes with heads uncovered as a mark of respect to the unknown dead. This is an impressive feature that has not before been observed in the Northwest. The school children were then dismissed and the parade reformed for the march to the Odd Fellows' hall, where a brief program was given. The members then marched to the G. A. R. hall, where lunch was served. The lunch was followed by a musical program of patriotic numbers.

The local G. A. R. has become one of the strongest organizations in the state. Five years ago it numbered seventeen members. Today it has a membership of 109 in good standing. During the five years 25 have been buried and seven transferred to other posts.

On last Thursday afternoon the members of the local G. A. R. Post visited the public schools at Portsmouth, Ockley Green, Peninsula and Albina Homestead, where short programs were given. At the Ockley Green school some very effective decorations and scenery greeted the members. The stage had been fitted up to depict a night scene in camp. Four soldiers were seated about a cracker box playing cards, while a sentry paced to and fro on duty. The little scene was greatly appreciated by the "boys," and Commander Miller said that it brought back a flood of nearly forgotten memories.

The Post desires to extend its warmest thanks to the business men and citizens of St. Johns for able and generous assistance rendered.

Circuit Court should not be put to the expense of fighting the matter before the Supreme Court. Finally a motion was made and carried that \$150 be allowed them to defend the case against the city, and the case go through to a decision.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving North Leonard street between St. Johns avenue and Bruce street was passed.

The Mazamas, a society of mountaineers of Portland, are among the best boosters the state has. They are constantly exploring some interesting region and telling about the attractions for the traveler. They are all apostles of the "See Oregon First" movement and their healthful outdoor activities might well be imitated by many of our people. This week the Mazamas are visiting the Josephine County caves. The Grants Pass Commercial Club is aiding to make the trip pleasant.

Houses for Rent—One 6 room house, \$10; one 5 room house, \$10; one 6 room house, wired for electric lights, \$11. All have modern plumbing. Inquire at 304 E. Fessenden street, corner Central avenue.

Fresh cow for sale—Gives 6 gallons daily of good, rich milk. Address 1007 Oswego street.

## Proposals Wanted

Bids will be received by the Board of Directors of School District No. 2 of Multnomah county up to 4 p. m. June 12th, to supply the school of the district with first growth, heavy fir slab wood, not less than 250 cords. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Address bids care of

J. E. TANCH, Clerk School District No. 2. Published in the St. Johns Review May 23, 30, and June 6, '13.

## Notice of Cost of Improvement

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of Fessenden street from Jersey street to Smith avenue, the total cost of which is \$6,434.46, was declared by Ordinance No. 543, entitled "An ordinance declaring the cost of improving Fessenden street from the northerly line of Jersey street to the northerly line of Smith avenue, and assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of city liens." The cost of said improvement is levied upon all the lots, parts of lots and parcels of land within the boundaries of the district described as follows: Between the northerly line of Jersey street and the northerly line of Smith Avenue. A statement of such assessment has been entered in the docket of city liens May 28, 1913, and said assessment is now due and payable at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and will be delinquent and bear interest after June 7, 1913, and if not paid on or before June 27, 1913, proceedings will be taken for the collection of the same by sale of property as provided by the city charter.

F. A. RICE, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review on May 30 and June 6, 1913.

## Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, until June 17, 1913, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Richmond street from the north line of Smith Avenue to the south line of Fessenden street in the manner provided by Ordinance Number 542, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns and the estimate of the city engineer on file. Engineer's estimate is \$2,861.80. Bids must be strictly in accordance with the printed blanks, which will be furnished on application at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of the last publication of this notice. No proposal or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the mayor of the city of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the aggregate proposal. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. By order of the city council. F. A. RICE, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review May 30 and June 6 and 13, 1913.

## How is Your Title?

Have your abstracts made, continued or examined at the Peninsula Title, Abstract and Realty Co' Accurate work. Reasonable fees. H. Henderson, manager, 208 North Jersey, McDonald building.

Any lady interested in the culture of sweet peas and in our annual sweet pea show, leave your name with the Committee. This year it is to be larger and more beautiful than ever. We will have many more prizes and everybody will have a chance.—Commercial Club, by Committee—C. C. Curran, C. H. Boyd, S. W. Rogers.

A splendid start has been by the State Immigration Commission in the work of attracting immigrants from Northern Europe. A German hearing, held recently, was productive of valuable suggestions and many districts will co-operate in bringing settlers here, as well as in aiding them on their arrival. Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Dutch conferences along the same line will be held by the Commission.

The Battleship Oregon will not be used as a target by the Navy Department if this state can help it. Resolutions strongly protesting against this action have been adopted by many organizations and a petition, as long as the famous battleship itself, has been signed and forwarded to President Wilson by school children asking that the Oregon lead the naval parade through the Panama Canal.

Wanted—Girl for housework; must be able to do plain cooking.—Mrs. J. Markwell, 116 East Chicago street.