

St. Johns is Calling You

Is second in number of industries.
Is seventh in population.
Cars to Portland every 16 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,
Stove 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.

HARRY THAW

Story of An Erring Son and a Mother's Love

The following excellent article on Harry Thaw was written by Dorothy Dix and published in the New York Journal immediately after Thaw escaped from the asylum and when it was understood that he would go to Cresson, Pa.:

Harry Thaw with his mother again at Cresson! Whatever the law, whatever the merits of the case, the heart must be made of stone that denies a throb of sympathy to the gray-haired old mother, who holds her youngest born and best loved child again in her trembling arms and thanks God that he is free, if even for a day.

Twice has she gone with him to the electric chair, forsaking ease and luxury, she has lived, year after year, at the gates of his prison, that she might see him on every possible opportunity. If a mother's tears could wash out the stains of sin on an erring child, Harry Thaw's record would have been whiter than snow long ago. Mother devotion can go no further than hers, and so it is hard to think, without a lump coming into the throat, of that "upper room" in which mother and son will soon sit, talking their hearts out, after all that has passed in the weary years since they parted there last.

For this is the first time Harry Thaw will have been back home since he left seven years ago with his pretty little butterfly wife for a summer trip to New York and Europe. He left then an irresponsible boy, cocksure of himself and his fate, lord of the moneybags, and certain of the immunity they can purchase from trouble and anxiety. He comes back a man with hair gray about the temples, a man who has plumbed the very depths of human despair, and known every shame and anguish that can tear the heart. He has been robbed by those he trusted and who should have been loyal to him. He has been forsaken and betrayed by the wife for whose sake he committed murder. He has found out that his wealth has barred the door to freedom, instead of opening it.

What change this has made in the man we do not know. What his seven years of hardship have done for this petted darling of plutocracy we do not know. Whether he was sane when he killed Stanford White and has been driven mad by life in a lunatic asylum, or whether he was mentally unbalanced at the time of the homicide and the seven years of regular living have restored his mental poise, we do not know.

No man in the world was ever so much written about and so little known as Harry Thaw. He is as great an enigma as the Man in the Iron Mask.

I hold no brief for him. I do not know whether he is sane or insane. I heard a dozen more or less eminent alienists swear that he was a hopeless and dangerous lunatic, and another dozen or so equally eminent alienists swear that he was perfectly sane. I do not venture to put my opinion in opposition to either side, but after the last long, drawn out trial had ended I saw Mr. Thaw three different times in the jail at Poughkeepsie. We had long and cheerful talks that ranged over every subject from Shakespeare to the musical glasses, and I found him to be as different as possible from the monster he was popularly pictured to be.

It was said that he was little better than an imbecile, a man of no education or intelligence. I found him to be well informed, particularly well versed in history and what our learned college youths call "a shark at figures." Also he had a charm and a certain winning sweetness that made you understand why he was the family favorite, and why his mother and sisters clung to him through good and evil report. People don't get to be the best-beloved in their own family circles without good and sufficient reason.

Naturally, our talk was mainly about his trial, and what impressed me most was the almost impersonal way in which he

spoke of the people most concerned in it—lawyers who had bungled the case, and other lawyers who had been hard upon him. Not once did he show the slightest animus against any one of them.

I particularly noted the manner in which he referred to Mr. Jerome—he expressed admiration of Mr. Jerome's brilliant attainments, and said that he had always regretted that Mr. Jerome had not made good politically, as he thought him by far the most gifted and talented man belonging to a rich and prominent family who had gone into public life, and that if he had succeeded that it would have opened the door for worthy service to their country for many rich young men.

"That is what I should have liked to have done," said Mr. Thaw, "gone into politics, as men do in Europe who do not have to work for a living, but we rich men can do nothing in this country that way because people laugh at us. They don't take us seriously, and the rich young man who runs for office is simply held up and robbed for campaign funds—and then beaten at the polls, because no one has any confidence in his ability."

At the time of this interview the town was ringing with Mrs. Thaw's complaints that her husband and his family did not supply her with sufficient money to live on, and that she was actually in want, without means to pay her rent. Mr. Thaw smiled ruefully at this, and said:

"My bank books will show that she has had thousands of dollars within the last few months. But Evelyn never knows what she does with money. It goes through her fingers like water through a sieve. She has never known what she spends, and when I have counted up to her what she has had she has always been perfectly amazed at what it came to."

Further than this, he spoke of his wife with the tolerant kindness one has for a child who is not quite responsible for what it does, because it doesn't realize the effects that may result from its acts.

So, I fancy, that compiling a death list for Mr. Thaw, headed by his wife and Mr. Jerome, is wasted effort. I imagine that Mr. Jerome hasn't ordered a suit of steel armor for protection for himself, and that Mrs. Thaw's bodyguard is more press agentry than a necessity.

For he has had enough of killing and the very unpleasant consequences that may accrue therefrom, even to millionaires. He knows many things now that he did not know the night he went up on Madison Square Garden and shot Stanford White. Crazy with jealousy, mad with drink as he was, he was not so devoid of reason that he would not have held his hand had he had the experience then that he has now.

You see, in all of his whole life before he had never found a single place where money was not omnipotent, and this had engendered in him a perfect faith that as long as you had the price you were over and beyond the law, and that you could do as you pleased if you could pay for it. He had been in a hundred scrapes and he had paid himself out—or his mother had paid for him. If he went into a barroom and shot up the fixtures, all that he had to do was to write a check for the damages. Money was the salve for everything—for broken china, for lost virtue, for smashed limbs and wrecked automobiles. It didn't matter what the rich did. They could pay.

Therefore, when Harry Thaw shot Stanford White down he had no idea that he would be tried like any common laborer that murders a rival of whom he is jealous, or that he would be in any jeopardy of his life. He thought that he could pay his way out of that, as he had paid so many other times when he had broken the law. Couldn't he hire all sorts of lawyers? What were the Thaw millions for, if not for this? What was the respect for money, if a rich man must be punished like a poor one?

His faith in the power of money was sublime. So was his family's. They scornfully refused to consider the plea of insanity when a wise and experienced lawyer suggested it to them. Pooh! Nothing of the kind! No admission of a blot on their escutcheon! Harry would be freed! No trouble about that. And when he escaped the electric chair by the very hair on his

WHAT IS NEW

In the World of Fashionable Dress

Aside from its real prettiness, the reason for the general popularity of this blouse is the fact that every girl, whether she be stout or thin, tall or short finds it becoming. This seems strange, but it is true. It fits in beautifully, too, with the soft fabrics in vogue—all the crepes and voiles, the tissues, the soft silks like charmeuse and crepe de chine. In this model, 7892, which also includes a skirt in the fashionable two-piece effect, there is a front closing vest which could be of soft net or chiffon, tucked or gathered, and this material might be repeated



in the collar, hemstitching the edge, with silk the color of the dress material. As it is one of the fashion fads of the day to work out in one's clothes odd color schemes, the idea could be carried out in this frock, using a soft black and white crepe voile for the skirt, in Post-impressionist printing, with a blouse of white crepe, collar and vest of net or chiffon, and girdle of old blue satin. Trim the vest with groups of tiny buttons covered with the satin of the girdle, and finish the collar with a frill of plaited net hemstitched with old blue silk floss of rather heavy quality. To complete this very attractive ensemble, have a long string of lapis lazuli beads. Expensive? Not a bit of it. You can buy lovely crepes and voiles from 25 cents a yard up, and a very good quality of satin for one dollar. A yard will make the girdle and cover any amount of buttons, leaving enough to make a pump bow to finish the collar, and a narrow bias band and small bow for the sleeves. Four sizes, 14, 16, 17 and 18, and for size 18, 22 yards, figured material and 24 yards plain, about 40 inches wide will be required; 15 cents.

head he and they were the most astounded people that ever were seen.

Money had failed them and they couldn't understand it. They know now, through bitterness and suffering and long drawn out anxiety that there are things for which the rich must pay with blood and anguish as well as the poor, and so I say that in my opinion Harry Thaw has had his lesson, and that he will never lift his hand against a fellow creature again. No one who has spent seven years behind prison walls, repenting the deed of a moment, ever risks that hell on earth again unless he, indeed, be mad in truth.

And Dr. Flint says Harry Thaw is hopelessly insane and Dr. Bretton Evans says that he is perfectly rational. And there you are.

There is always that IF concerning him, but if all that Harry Thaw's enemies have to fear is his vengeance, they are sure of a long and happy life.

F. B. Egan, soliciting freight agent for the Southern Pacific Railway Company, was in St. Johns Tuesday, looking after business interests for his Company. He is a pleasant and agreeable young gentleman.

Free Text Book Question

The people of St. Johns are to be given an opportunity to express their sentiments regarding free text books, to take effect the coming September term of school. A special school meeting for the purpose of voting upon the proposition has been called for Friday evening, September 5th, at 8 o'clock, when the momentous question will be decided. So if you want the school district instead of the parents to provide school books, be right on hand and vote that way. The vote will be taken by ballot and assembled by tellers, but there will be no regular election board. All desiring to vote must remain until time of balloting. This method is in accordance with recent laws bearing on the subject. To provide free school books for all the pupils it is estimated that it will cost the school district about \$3000 for the initial year, the cost naturally being greatly reduced thereafter. The idea on the part of the school board is most commendable, and is in keeping with the enterprise previously exhibited by the board. It is now up to the parents to determine whether they shall continue to pay for school books individually, or whether the district shall take over that expense.

Following are a few reasons why free school books should be installed:

Taxpayers will save 12½ per cent, to begin with, by buying at wholesale.

Non-resident property owners will pay their portion. This will include outside investors, mill owners and individuals holding lots for speculative purposes only.

Bachelors and families with no children will thus help educate the large families, on the same principle as the income tax.

Will eliminate the distinction between the rich and poor families. When books are furnished to children by the district it is not an easy matter to keep the fact from other pupils at present.

There is no loss of time to a student entering school. He may enter and be at work within an hour with all his books, while at the present time it often takes from one day to six or more weeks to obtain a full supply.

Periodic fumigations will be more effective, as all books will be on hand.

No old books contaminated with disease germs, dug up from out of the way closets, will be used as texts in the schools, thus decreasing the possibility of a contagious outbreak.

Better care can be demanded of all books, thus creating a habit of great value to any child.

Defeat the Carpenters

The St. Johns Business Men's base ball club defeated the Carpenters' club to a frazzle last Sunday at the Dawson street grounds. The nail drivers never had a look in. With the assistance of Charley Leland, who was lent to the Carpenters to fill a vacancy at second base caused by one of the visiting team becoming incapacitated by reason of colliding with a team mate, the visiting team did manage to score one run. First baseman Hoover of the locals rendered first aid in this lonely tally by obligingly neglecting to close his hands when a ball was thrown to him. Foss' pitching was entirely too bewildering for the visitors to cope with, with any degree of success. The locals rolled up fifteen runs before they were able to stop, even though Umpire Poff did his level best to expedite matters for the locals in this regard. The main features of the game were the remarkable facility and dexterity with which the visiting left fielder allowed fly balls to slip through his fingers, and Snock sacrificing with two men out. The locals put up a good game at times—and then there were other times. The Carpenters brought a number of ladies with them to do the rooting, but the locals most discourteously failed to give them an opportunity to demonstrate what they could do along this line.

Charles L. Miner, who recently underwent a serious operation in a Portland hospital, has returned home much improved in health.

NEW LIBRARY

Will Be Ornamental as Well as Useful

Provided there is no delay in the carrying out of plans, the latest branch library of the Portland Library Association, that at St. Johns, will be opened to the public about December 15. The building already is well under way. This makes the fifth library to have been erected.

The site upon which the library stands was donated for the purpose by M. L. Holbrook. It is 100x150 feet in size, and is ideally situated at the corner of Kellogg and Charleston streets. It adjoins the school and also the playground, and gives promise of forming, with these other public buildings, an imposing civic center. Beautiful trees abound around and on the site, and the building was planned so that as many as possible of the beauties of nature might be kept intact.

It is built much along the same lines as the other branch libraries, with the exception that there is no regular auditorium. In its place is a large lecture room, to be used for public meetings, and clubs' and societies' regular meetings, but so planned that at any time that future growth demands, it may be turned into a stack or a reference room.

One particular feature in the designing of the building was so to place everything that supervision by one librarian might be possible if necessary. In all probability more than one librarian will be always in attendance, but the plans have been arranged so that one attendant can easily attend to additional duties.

Children will be placed at one end of the room, and the grown-ups on the other. For the benefit of the former, their shelves are all placed low down, and, what is more, there are tables of varying sizes to do away with the straining and reaching some little children have to do in order to read their books when placed on the table.

Cases with glass fronts are placed in the reading room, to be used either to house special collections of valuable books or to show off to advantage collections of coins or exhibits which may be loaned from time to time for educational or entertainment purposes.

The reference books are placed just behind, and to the side of the librarians, so that they are within easy reach, while the plans call for shelving at the front of the reading room. These, however, will not be placed in position at the outset, but will be built in as the need for them increases.

The lecture room will seat 115 people, but for larger meetings the large reading room can be used, as the furniture is movable. In this room at least 300 people could be seated comfortably, and would be used in case any public discussion, matters of civic affairs or of matters of public interest, demanded greater seating capacity. There are two public comfort rooms, one down stairs opening onto the street.

It is expected that this public library will be the means of developing to a very great extent social activities at St. Johns, and that it will become the center for social activities at St. Johns, and that it will become the center for all meetings of clubs and societies.

Notices of public meetings will be posted free of charge, and town officials already have signified their intention of making as much use as possible of the building. One thing has been decided in connection with its use for meetings, namely, that there will be no charge for lighting or attendance for the meetings in the evening. The only rule in force in connection with the meetings is that they shall not be of an advertising nature, and that no fee be charged for admittance or collections taken up.

Johnson and Mayer are the architects who drew the plans. Speaking of the library construction, Mr. Johnson said that it was a frame building, with a brick veneer of red, with wide white joints. "The sills are of cast stone," he continued, "while the cornice, columns and other

Have a Jolly Time

A most delightful time was had at the house warming and roll call of the Knights of Pythias in their new headquarters in Bickner hall last Friday evening. The Lodge had but recently removed from the Odd Fellow hall on the corner of Jersey and Leavitt streets to the handsome quarters in Bickner hall, which has been transformed into one of the finest lodge halls to be found in any small city. The evening was devoted entirely to having a genuine good time, and it was truly had. Speechmaking by Geo. F. Black, a former resident of St. Johns, but now located at Boise, Idaho, Secretary of the Commercial Club J. E. Hiller and several others were all of the happiest vein and bubbling over with wit and humor. A feast, bounteous, appetizing, inviting and all sufficient, added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Card playing was another feature of interest, but the best feature of all was the old fashioned dances that many had almost forgotten. The way some of the "old timers" gyrated around through the mazes of the old fashioned quadrille and polka was extremely distracting, and the jollity of the occasion was largely enhanced thereby. The meeting was an open one for members and their families, and the event was well attended. The Knights promise many other good times in their new quarters, which is ideally adapted for entertainment purposes.

Gaining Fame Abroad

That St. Johns is gaining fame abroad is evidenced from the following letter received by Photographer Snyder from Paris:

Paris, le 8-8, 1913.
Mr. C. M. Snyder—Dear Sir: I have had the opportunity to look at one of your photographs on a Women Jury, and would like to enter into relations with you.

You live in a very picturesque country, and I believe that a good number of your photos would appeal to our French editors.

For instance, I think that the Oregon women have had their "Ballot rights" for years, and this subject would supply a very good article, if well illustrated.

Kindly tell me your conditions of sale, and believe me,
Very truly yours,
V. FORBIN.

A Disappointed Man

Chief of Police Allen is a disappointed man. Never since he was commissioned by the city council to investigate the complaint of X-ray dresses being worn in St. Johns has he been able to "spot" one. Only once he thought he caught a glimpse of one on Jersey street, but just as he eagerly advanced to get a closer range a most disappointing thing happened—the sun hid itself behind a heavy bank of clouds. The chief has been on the job all the time until his eyesight is almost becoming impaired, but so far X-ray dresses have eluded his watchful eye, and whether the X-ray dress is something tangible or a thing of myth, he is in nowise in a position to know. But he is still looking—and hoping.

exterior architectural features are in wood. The building will contain on the main floor a large reading room, 30x70 feet, an auxiliary reading room 35x20 feet, a librarian's room, a kitchenette and the usual public utility rooms to be found in such buildings.

The main difference in architecture between the St. Johns library and that at Gresham is that the former is of the Southern or Maryland Colonial style, while the latter is of Elizabethan. The lighting is the Mohr-lite system, which throws the light onto a reflector, curved at such an angle that the light casts no shadows and is beautifully soft for reading purposes. The heating is by means of a hot air furnace with a supplementary fan.—Oregonian.

Katherine Quay is having a handsome dwelling erected on Armor street near Midway. G. W. Sellick has the contract.

COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

Only five members of the city council were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening. Councilmen Waldref and Wilcox being absent.

A petition for an arc light at the corner of Maple street and Weyerhaeuser avenue was referred to the water and light committee.

J. Hahn, contractor, asked for and was granted an extension of thirty days' time on the improvement of East Richmond street.

A half dozen or more remonstrances were received against the excess assessments on the improvement of Fessenden street, which were referred to the city attorney.

W. J. Smith asked for permission to lay a cement walk in front of his property on Polk street, but as proceedings have already been started for the improvement of this street, the request was disregarded.

An invitation was received for the city officials to attend the annual picnic and barbecue of the fire department to be held along the Willamette river north of the Woolen Mills on August 31st, and accepted.

A fire hydrant was ordered installed at the northwest corner of Burr street and Willamette boulevard.

The city engineer reported the wooden sidewalk on Jersey street between Catlin and Fessenden streets to be in a dilapidated and dangerous condition, and the engineer and city attorney were directed to investigate as to whether or not the property would stand for construction of cement sidewalks.

The Warren Construction Co., which has the contract for hard surfacing Willamette boulevard from the North Bank railroad cut south, offered to repair and place in good condition the Richmond street dock in exchange for its use for a period of three months, for the purpose of unloading sand and gravel thereon, which offer was accepted, as at the present time the dock is condemned as unsafe.

The following bids were received for the improvement of Fox street by grade and cement sidewalks: J. Hahn, \$1023.20; Star Sand Co., \$1001.52; V. W. Mason, \$1101.70; W. S. Jeans, \$1047.19; M. T. Swan, \$1027. The Star Sand Co. bid being the lowest, it was awarded the contract.

A bill presented by Mr. Haskins for moving a boat house along the river front was rejected on the grounds that it was exorbitant.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Burlington street between Jersey and Central avenue by grade and cement sidewalks was passed.

An ordinance providing for insuring members of the fire department by the city received first and second readings and was held over for further consideration.

An ordinance giving a franchise to the O. W. R. and N. Co. to lay a sidewalk on Bradford street between 55 feet east of Philadelphia street and the east side of Alta street passed first and second readings.

A resolution directing the engineer to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the hard surfacing of Willamette boulevard between Burlington street and St. Johns avenue was adopted.

The Railway Commission asked for a statement of the rates charged for electricity in the city by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co., and also any complaints that might be made regarding price or service. It was decided to invite by advertising any who has any complaints as to price and service, to forward same to the city attorney.

How is Your Title?

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