

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 pure 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 mill. Woolen mills, iron works. Stove works, asbestos factory. Ship building plant. Veneer and excelsior plant. Flour mill, planing mill. Bus factory, and others. More industries coming. St. Johns is the place for YOU.

COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

With the exception of Aldermen Garlick and Wilcox, all members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Bredeson presiding.

A petition for a fire hydrant at the corner of Hudson and Oswego streets was referred to the water and light committee with power to act.

An invitation was received from the Church of Christ inviting the council to attend its Rally Day services in the High School auditorium Sunday, October 5th, which was accepted and Mayor Bredeson recommended that all attend.

The Water Company communicated the fact that it had flushed all hydrants as requested by council.

Reports from the engineer and city attorney stated that an excess of \$907.30 would exist on the improvement of Willamette boulevard between Burlington and St. Johns avenue, and an excess of \$820.66 on the improvement of Willamette boulevard between Burlington and Richmond street.

Reports accepted, and in spite of the fact that the city had purchased a plot of ground and A. S. Benson had paid \$200 in order to straighten out the street, all proceedings were ordered stayed on account of the excess cost.

Aderman Vincent, who had been commissioned to investigate the few cases of typhoid fever in St. Johns, stated that he had found no cases that could be attributed to the use of water supplied by the local company, but that most of them had originated on the west side of the river.

The viewers' report on the opening, laying out and establishing of St. Johns avenue was read and accepted, despite the vigorous protest of Lawyer Walley of Portland in behalf of his client, Morris Urban, and the city attorney directed to draft an ordinance embodying the report.

The following bids were received for the hard surfacing of Crawford street between Burlington and Pittsburg: J. Hahn, \$2,528.16; Cochran-Nutting & Co., \$2,628.56; V. W. Mason, \$2,631.44; Star Sand Co., \$2,528.62. The bid of J. Hahn being the lowest, he was awarded the contract.

An ordinance assessing the cost of improving Richmond street between Smith avenue and Fessenden street was passed.

J. H. Black asked that Polk street improvement be widened to conform with the width of the street west of Jersey street, so that no jogs would appear on each side of the two blocks being improved.

Upon the recommendation of the city engineer it was decided that \$3 per day be the wage established for street inspection.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Portland Railway, Light and Power Co., electric light globes, \$1; Miller Hardware Co., push brooms and duster, \$8; Postmaster, stamps, \$10; county clerk, filing deed, \$1; J. E. Tanch, ferry bonds, \$180; Geo. McCallum, carpenter work detention room, \$2; Peninsula Sand and Gravel Co., sack cement, 70c; Bert Olson, six days' work on streets, \$15; John Kline, ditto, \$15; E. C. Robison, ditto, \$15; Geo. Skaar, ditto, \$15; making a total of \$264.70.

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Dry Docks Quite Busy

The St. Johns dry docks is a scene of activity these days. Last week the W. H. Marston, H. E. Pennell's five masted schooner, was on the docks for repainting and slight repairs. Also the Hassalo for like treatment.

The tugs Wailula and Sampson have just been placed in first class condition. No sooner is one vessel repaired than another is ready to take its place. A lot of new machinery has been installed by the Port of Portland, consisting of a lathe, high speed drill press, power hack saw, bolt cutting machine and other minor pieces of machinery. Quite a force of workmen are given employment off and on, besides the regular force.

Other improvement are being planned that will make the dry docks of greater capacity and convenience. The most serious handicap is the lack of a roadway from Willamette boulevard to the docks. This is something that should by all means be provided. As it is, all material and supplies must be moved by water, which is expensive as well as a slow method usually. The Port of Portland should include the cost of a roadway to connect with the docks when it next makes up its tax levy, and the city of St. Johns would not doubt agree to provide the right of way. The matter of a roadway has been discussed in the past, and former city engineer, C. E. Andrew, made a survey, and then the matter was allowed to remain dormant. The Port of Portland should undoubtedly take the project up at once, and keep it going until a roadway has been provided.

Out of Their Class

What was expected to be a ball game took place on the Dawson street grounds Sunday afternoon. The St. Johns Pharmacy team was on one side, and an aggregation from Portland with large letters "P. R." on their shirts composed the opposing nine. Judging from their size, the P. R. evidently stood for Portland Runtz, and it was quite evident that they had not been out of the cradle for any extended length of time, except in a very few instances. They could play ball not at all. They seemed to believe it incumbent upon them to strike at every ball that was pitched, and if they hit it, which miraculously occurred once or twice during the game, it almost frightened them. In one instance through a comedy of errors they succeeded in getting a youngster to third, but in spite of a passed ball in which he could have gotten home a couple of times, he refused to budge until the side was out. The locals gave them every inducement to score, even allowing a batter to run on a foul ball, and giving another batsman four strikes, but up to the time darkness settled over the field they failed so to do. The scorer used up all the blank paper that could be secured around the grounds in keeping tab of the errors and runs made by the locals, and then went to the city for more, and neglected to come back. All track of innings was thus lost, but they kept on playing, and probably 17 innings were played before darkness overtook the players. The locals secured anywhere between 20 and 40 scores, and the youngsters of Portland took nothing but goose eggs home with them. They were a cheerful bunch, however, and possibly may become ball players after the frosts of a few more winters have rolled over their heads.

The coming annual State Fair at Salem, September 29 to October 4, promises to be by far the best ever held in the state. Hundreds of attractive prizes are offered for the best products in all lines and competition for the various premiums will certainly be extremely keen. Frank E. Lynn, president of the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club, has offered a silver tea set as prize for the best Jersey heifer under one year of age, and the club which he represents offers a similar prize for the best bull calf. The young people are to have their innings along with their elders, the management of the textile department alone offering 54 cash prizes for work exhibited by girls under 14 years of age.

Regarding Playgrounds

The playground movement in America by which it is sought to place the natural activities of children of both sexes under the direct supervision of competent instructors that they may attain high standards of physical and moral development is discussed in an illustrated article by Grant M. Hyde in the October Popular Mechanics Magazine. A great many interesting experiments have been made in connection with the playgrounds, and location and equipment vary widely. Mr. Hyde states:

"One playground in New York City occupies a site that is valued at \$1,800,000, but this is unusual. Vacant lots in congested districts, areas useless for commercial purposes, and bits of land in the out of way places are rapidly being made into playgrounds. Philadelphia has laid out tiny playgrounds under railroad viaducts; Reading, Pa., has a playground on the concrete roof of a water reservoir; Springfield, Ohio, is utilizing the grounds around a city standpipe. Amusement piers have been built in some cities, and Boston has floating bathhouses for the small boys.

Certain standard forms of play and apparatus are pretty generally present in all playgrounds. Swings, seesaws, slides, giant strides and gymnastic apparatus are always the first things that are provided. Swimming pools are quite as common. For the smaller children, most playgrounds have sand piles and wading pools. The love of competitive play has brought facilities for group games—base ball, tennis, basket ball, volley ball, and in some places, football and lacrosse. These are for the older children, but war games, "hikes," hare and hounds, folk dances and other games, invented sometimes by the attendants themselves, are being developed for the little tots. In some cities the competitive games of the larger boys have grown into organized athletics with playground teams and interplayground games and track meets. All furnish play under direction.

Directed play naturally leads to instruction through play. In many cities, such as St. John, N. B., there is regular kindergarten work for little children. In others, sewing, embroidery, basket and raffia work are provided for the older girls, along with manual training and gardening for the older boys. Springfield, Ohio, has this. New Orleans has regular gardens laid out in the playgrounds and prizes are given for the best crops raised by the children. In Glen Ridge, N. J., and other cities, manual training and cooking are moved from the school house to the summer playground. Columbus, Ohio, and Holyoke, Mass., do the same thing by teaching the older boys to clean the playground and erect and repair the apparatus. At Youngstown, Pa., the boys dug their own swimming pool on the playground and made water wheels. Many novelties in methods and apparatus have been brought out in various parts of the country. East Liverpool, Ohio, has found that if hammocks are provided, the smaller children can be persuaded to sleep in them during the afternoon, benefiting both themselves and the playground's peace. Croquet and quoits have appeared among the other games at Springfield, Ohio. Kite day is a regular feature at Akron, Ohio. The boys on one of the playgrounds at Buffalo revived the old pastime of still walking and the city had a hundred pairs of stilts made for them. Competitive athletics for the boys brings very complete organizations in many cities. At Jacksonville, Fla., regular athletic meets and an annual circus are held."

The vote of water consumers on the proposition of whether monthly or quarterly payments of water rates has been completed in Portland, showing that of those who voted 14,925 were in favor of monthly and 6,561 of quarterly payments. With this overwhelming majority in favor of monthly payments, Commissioner Daly of the Department of Public Utilities, has abandoned the scheme to have quarterly payments.

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Making Steady Progress

In the opinion of realty men, St. Johns is making steady progress. Vacant houses are filling so rapidly that few desirable ones are left. Here and there homes are under construction. The most pretentious structure under way at present is the Carnegie Library, which is a beautiful brick building. The brick work has been completed and the finishing will be started. It will be finished early this Fall and occupied. The library is near the central school house. The City Library association will furnish the books for the St. Johns Library after it has been finished, and will then take care of it. It will cost about \$15,000.

Work is in progress on the dock for the Star Sand Company, which will cost \$15,000. The St. Johns Commercial Club has received many inquiries for sites for factories of various kinds, which have been referred to committees of that organization.

Several street improvements are projected, including the paving of the Willamette boulevard through the central portion of the place near the City Hall and the High School house, a distance of ten blocks. The city engineer is preparing plans and estimates of cost of this improvement. Proposals are to be received for the improvement of Central avenue from Buchanan to John street. The engineer estimates this improvement will cost \$7407. It is proposed to improve East Burlington street from Jersey to Central avenue at a cost of \$1995. Also Crawford street will be improved from Burlington to Pittsburg streets at a cost of \$3113. The assessment for the improvement of Fessenden street from Oswego has been assessed, and there are some minor street improvements projected for the Fall.

A special election soon will be called to submit the question of parks and playgrounds to the people. It is thought that about \$30,000 will purchase central park tracts that will serve the place for several years to come. Mayor Bredeson says he is much in favor of the purchase of these park tracts now while land is not high and is available for the purpose. This is the sentiment of the St. Johns Commercial Club.—Oregonian.

Work is Progressing

Work is progressing on the paving of Willamette boulevard from Wabash street to the St. Johns line, and will be completed this Fall. The contractor has an army of men at work pushing forward the improvement in order to keep ahead of the Fall rains. When this link in the Peninsula hard surface pavements is finished it will make Willamette boulevard one of the great scenic drives of the city. St. Johns plans to pave the boulevard through the business section sooner or later, which is at present under consideration. Beginning at Wabash street, Lombard street is being paved eastward to Patton avenue, and later will be paved to Albina avenue. This will make a straight hard surface street through to St. Johns, the St. Johns end being Dawson street. Albina avenue will be paved under proceeding which have been started. A complete circuit on the Peninsula will thus be provided from Killingsworth avenue.

The Perrine Fireplace

The great and peerless fireplace builder, G. L. Perrine, has just completed installing one of his unsurpassed fireplaces in the home of the editor. So utterly devoid of smoke, so brilliant in blaze, so substantial and beautiful in construction, and so perfect in draft is it, that he would advise all our friends to go and do likewise. Perrine's Vacuum fireplace simply cannot be beaten. All objectionable features of the old time fire places are eliminated, and the amount of heat thrown out with little fuel is amazing. It is only a matter of a very few years until the Perrine fireplace will be used universally to the exclusion of all others.

Satisfaction, is the word—Gilmore, the Barber. adv.

A Wise Viewpoint

The Oregonian agrees with the esteemed Springfield Republican that "too much is being said about woman's dress, which intrinsically is a subject of no importance." We also commend the wisdom of the Pittsburg Justice of the Peace who dismissed one of the sartorial cases which are now so common with the remark that "good women will not dress indecently."

The simple fact is that decency and indecency are mere matters of convention and custom. The trousers which Turkish and Persian women wear as a matter of course would distress our police officials terribly. But there is not a possible doubt that the women of those countries are as modest as our own. In matters of costume they are even more particular. Some see signs of frightful degeneracy in the slit skirt merely because it is new to them. When it has been worn a dozen years or so the skirt that it seeks to displace will appear just as shocking. Nothing is immodest except what we have agreed to designate thus. As soon as the common designation changes the objectionable quality goes with it. In nature there is neither modesty nor immodesty. Things are thus and so and there is nothing more to say about them.

It is fair to presume that intelligent women are the best judges of their own clothing, not only in respect to material and color, but also in respect to moral qualities, if we admit for a moment that there can be such a thing as immoral gowns and bonnets. What the elect of the sex prefer to wear on the street and elsewhere is their business solely. If it pleases them it really ought to make very little difference whether police officials like it or not. Neither common sense nor the law of the land makes them the arbiters of such subjects.

"Society" women have long worn clothing which is shockingly immodest in comparison with the slit skirt and nobody has been troubled. The bare shoulders of the ballroom are certainly more horrible than the indicated ankles of the new attire, but who has ever been arrested for displaying them? Whether we like it or not, the women will work out their own salvation in the way of dress. If the men will attend faithfully to their own clothing and conduct, it is all that can reasonably be expected of them.—Oregonian.

Separating Boys and Girls

The question of separating the boys and girls in their school work is disturbing a lot of people just now. This matter has been threshed out about a century since, and it was decided wisely, that boys and girls get a better all round training when brought up together than they would if educated separately. If parents are of a right composition and teachers are watchful and sensible, the number of sentimental boys and girls that will trouble a school are reduced to a bare minimum. It just depends on how children are taught in regard to those things.

Experience seems to indicate that the main reason for immoral thoughts and relations between boys and girls is due largely to a misunderstanding of each other. Do you think that understanding would be improved by educating them separately? On the other hand experience has shown in some instances, at least, that girls educated in separate schools are wildly sentimental, and that they find it practically impossible to control their escapades, which are really little less than nature's demand for social neutralization. We believe this word is used advisably. The sexes are differently magnetized, as it were. The neutralization which occurs through social meeting, games and exchange of thought serves to hold them in balance and saves them from more violent display of feeling. Keep them apart and they become imaginative, insubjective and insubordinate even to their own judgments. Better think twice before suggesting a discontinuance of the only means of developing social poise in the growing citizenship of the country.—Beaver State Herald.



RUSSIAN DESIGNS FUR TRIMMED ATTRACTIVE FOR WINTER SUITS

There is something about the Russian blouse with its cozy fur trimming that suggests crisp winter days. Picturesque and becoming, these Russian coat and suit designs are general favorites. The addition of a cleverly draped sash makes the suit dressy enough for an afternoon tea, while worn with a broad belt of patent leather or suede it is perfectly appropriate for a shopping trip. Collars, too, add to the effect. 7936 has a broad cape collar coming well down over the shoulders, and a Medici gives the new high collar line in the back. Duvelyn velours de laine, ratine or broadcloth may all be used. A pretty suggestion is Russian green broadcloth edged with narrow bands of silk and closed with frogs of black silk braid. There are five pattern sizes, 34 to 42.

To obtain either pattern illustrated fill out this coupon and inclose 15 cents in stamps or coin. Be sure to state number of pattern and size, measuring over the fullest part of the bust for dimensions. Address: Pattern Department.

THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

New Books: Brooks—Science of Fishing. "The most practical book on fishing ever published." Tells how to catch fish for those who have caught them, as well as those who never have. Stephens—Crock of Gold. A quaint and fantastic tale concerning the two philosophers who lived not long ago in the centre of the pine wood called Coilla Doraea and were wiser than anything else in the world except the Salmon who lies in the Pool of Glyn Cagny into which the nuts of knowledge fall from the hazel bush on its banks. Also has much to do with the fairy clan of the Leprechauns of Gort na Cloca Mori. The author is a talented young Irishman who is highly thought of among his countrymen who are working for the revival of learning in Ireland. The book will be hugely enjoyed by those whose sense of humor is well developed and whose practical side is not too well developed in other words if they can allow themselves to believe in fairies for an evening. Tarkington—The Flirt. A popular story which recently ran in the Saturday Evening Post. Wilson, Woodrow—New Freedom. A call for the emancipation of the generous energies of a people. The book is made up of the more suggestive portions of Mr. Wilson's campaign speeches put together in the proper sequence. It is dedicated to every man or woman who may derive from it, in however small a degree, the impulse of unselfish public service.

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The Park Question

To the Editor: There seems to be an erroneous impression out as to the extent of the Caples tract submitted to the City Council for the park purposes. The tract submitted extends from Tyler street, near the rear of the ice plant to St. Johns Heights, or Polk street, fronting on Dawson, which is my understanding that Mrs. Caples also owns the tract extending from the Heights, or Polk street, to Buchanan street, which, like the preceding, is fine for small park purposes; but the above was not submitted to the committee or City Council, so cannot be considered. The impression among many seems to be that the tract submitted for park purposes embraced all of the timbered land fronting on Dawson, extending from the ice plant to Buchanan; that is a mistake. The Jaeger Bros. have also submitted a frontage on Dawson street of about 325 feet, which, like the Caples tract, is fine for a small park. The Jaeger tract comes on Buchanan and Dawson streets, and is one block towards Portland from the Caples' tract. The park committee has placed all tracts tendered before the City Council, so good selections for well located parks can be made, and feels that when an election is called to determine whether St. Johns shall have parks or not, all should get into line and whoop it up for better conditions and aid in starting a boom and be a part for having done something for the betterment of mankind. We can't recommend all the acreage submitted; some one must be disappointed, but we believe the City Council will do the right thing with the voters, price of property and location being taken into consideration. Let us all work for a better and bigger St. Johns, and do those things that will invite people here. D. C. Lewis.

For Sale—Small chicken house, 90 feet of six foot wire fencing. Phone Columbia 412.