

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.

GOOD PAPERS

Read at Mothers' Meeting Last Monday

(Note—We believe the papers read at the Mother's meeting last Monday will be of interest and benefit to many who were not there to hear them and we have asked space for two this week and the others next week. The wind and rain kept many away. However, the score or more that were present felt the time was well spent.—Reporter.)

Paper read by Mrs. Dr. H. O. Brown on "Recreation, Past and Present."

We know that forms of recreation change as do the styles of dress. It has been said and very truly, too, "No recreation is wrong which really does re-create. No recreation is right which does not recreate." But in the choice of recreation every one should have regard for his social surroundings and the effect of his life and example on others. Some people say grown-ups don't need recreation, they stay at home, but do they? Where do the people come from who parade the streets at night? They are merely looking for amusement, recreation, but what they find is not elevating to themselves or of especial credit to an American city. As a result police stations and almshouses are filled. If the roughs who hang around street corners could work off their energy in play or legitimate sport, they would not be so ready to assault and rob. There are gymnasiums for them to attend, you say—that is true, but there are not enough to supply the demand. For instance, in the city of New York there are 3,476,476 adult inhabitants. There are about 150 public gymnasiums and recreation centers including settlement Y. M. C. A.'s. This would make it necessary for about 23,000 people to attend one gymnasium. But even if there were enough to accommodate this number they would not be filled, for one of the essentials of play is the open air.

Of course on grown people's play grounds the sand box and sliding chute would be superfluous, but these could be substituted by gymnastic apparatus, base ball, basket ball and tennis courts. There are several games for adults which have become almost obsolete in this country. Archery is a sport much used in past years, requiring skill and practice; bowling on the green is another game almost forgotten, moving pictures are given on some grounds, pageants, dramatics and folk dancing could be made especially interesting.

Mr. G. E. Johnson has written a special paper on education by plays and games, and gives an estimate of the value of 440 recreations. He has gathered testimonies of masters of the art of teaching which it is worth while to consider. "Play is the first poetry of the human being, it is the working off at once of the overflow of both mental and physical powers"—Richter.

"Man is wholly man when he plays"—Schiller. Education should begin with the right direction of children's sports. The plays of children should be along the line of their future occupation. "Do not use compulsion but let education be sort of amusement."—Plato. The wants of civilized and progressive people multiply in number and rise in rank. Savages have few and simple wants, but those are fiery and devouring passions. The influence of the highest religion does not issue in monasticism or asceticism, but in abundant life. Meat will not gratify the desire for music. A symphony will not quench thirst, a prayer is not a substitute for outdoor exercise. There is a time for everything. Piety does not remove the demand for recreation, or for pictures or for song. Healthy religion flows into the interests of existence and sanctifies them.

Joseph Lee, president of the Playground and Recreation Association, made it evident that we have had a loss of the play tradition in which America was especially rich decades ago. Modern farm machinery, he thought, had contributed in some degree to this decadency, reducing the proportionate number of farm hands necessary. Rural communities have thus become too

sparsely, and cities too closely settled. The games of today, he said, are a heritage from bygone civilizations.

To have them die would be a calamity as great as would be the loss of the inherited accumulation of good poetry and music. Children inherit the instinct to play, but they do not inherit knowledge of base ball any more than of the Lord's Prayer. There must be teaching, leadership and encouragement of game playing, and this is one of the prime purposes of the association. The minister is continually asked today, where shall I draw the line? The answer of Christ, I think, would be, there are no lines. He would not teach that knocking balls around on a green lawn is right, because that is croquet, and knocking balls around on a green table is wrong because that is billiards. He would not teach that cards are right if you have historical names on them, and wrong if you have hearts and spades on them. And as I have already said, no recreation is wrong which really does re-create. No enjoyment is right that does not help to develop manhood and womanhood. But in the choice of recreation every one should have regard for his social surroundings and the effect of his life and example upon others.

MOTHER.

We had the funniest story in our paper t'other day. About a mule and buggy That scared and run away. I like to died a-laughin' And so did pa and Josh, But mother couldn't stop to hear— She was busy with the wash.

Last week we had a picnic Out to Mechanicsville; I went with Lizzy Fergus, And pa took Jen and Bill; The time we had a-funnin' Would beat a story book, But mother couldn't go along— She had preserves to cook.

On Monday was the circus; We had a glorious time A-seein' beasts and serpents And birds of every clime. We went in bright and early To see the show go round, But mother stayed at home to sew

On Jen's alpacky gown. Last fall when all the Rankins Came down to stay a week, We went one day for walnuts 'Way out on Sugar Creek; We took our dinner with us And stayed the day through, But mother couldn't get away— The scrubbin' was to do.

Tomorrow night's the concert; I said I'd go with Jen And Bill and 'Lizzy Fergus And Sairey True, but then After I'd done and said it The thought of mother came; She never gets a holiday That's half-way worth the name.

She's lookin' worn and weary, And it's occurred to me To send her to the concert, If only she'll agree; I'll stay and do the dishes, No odds if Jen does coax, For mother needs a little fun The same as other folks.—Emma Grant Curtis, in Youth's Companion.

Paper read by Mrs. Nye on "The Public Dance—What Shall be Done with It?"

We hear much at the present time concerning the social and moral welfare of our young people and it is a subject in which we should all be intensely interested; always ready to do what little we can to help solve the problems that confront those who have such matters in charge. Well perhaps it is not much that we can do; we can at least prepare ourselves to help the young people of our own community, for we believe a community largely to blame for whatever condition may exist that is detrimental to the welfare of our boys and girls. It is far better for a community to aid in the prevention of these things harmful to the social lives of our young people rather than wait until it has assumed such proportion as to make it truly a problem to handle and one no longer to be ignored. The public dance halls which have become such a menace to society from Maine to California have attracted considerable attention the last few years. New York has tried to work out a plan to handle dancing more satisfactorily. With over five hundred dance halls, with an average attendance of one hundred thousand a week, ninety per cent of whom are un-

der 21 years of age and forty-five per cent under sixteen years, and it is believed that fully eighty per cent of the working girls between the ages of fourteen and twenty regularly attend the public dances. Mrs. Chas. Henry Meals, chairman of the committee on amusements and vacation resources of working girls in New York, says the every healthy and normal girl of fourteen believes that on the first Saturday night when she receives her first pay check she is a free and independent being, and she's going to have a good time and goes to the dance hall to have it. The influence of the mixed company, the excitement, the drinking, for there is usually a saloon in close proximity and a vicious hotel annexed. All went to show the necessity of something better being provided, and they secured a law to license and regulate all dance halls. No liquor must be sold or given away where dancing is taught. The presence of girls under sixteen unaccompanied by adults, allowing improper dancing or disorderly conduct makes their license subject to revocation. This good law helped to some extent, but it was not enough, and through the efforts of this committee, who contended that the city must give the girls and boys a decent place to dance, for the past two years dancing has been allowed in six of New York's recreation centers. When one night one of the supervisors visiting a school house found one hundred and fifty boys and girls enjoying themselves in wholesome dancing, while across the way a notorious dance hall had only thirty dancers on the floor, proved to him that the new use for the building was not wholly a failure. Last Winter neighborhood dances were a feature of several more of the recreation centers. Mothers and fathers attended with their sons and daughters and enjoyable times were reported. Chicago, shocked at the report of the Chicago Vice Commission, who after an exhaustive research, reported that without doubt the public dance halls were the starting point of so many of our boys and girls on the road to shame and irreclaimable dissipation, resulted in the establishment of a municipal dance hall. If this plan is carefully worked out by experts along this line it should prove to be a good substitute for the evil affair of its kind, but it must be properly managed, and its rules strictly lived up to or it will also become a menace. Then system of registration in order to secure admittance, also having the register open to the inspector of amusements where they have them as they do in Denver, and to probation and public officers as well; if strictly enforced must make them safer places than they have been. Other cities have done much toward bettering these dancing places. Some opening the shelter houses in the parks for that purpose. The park department furnishing the attendants policemen, floor managers and the music, all indecent dancing, disorderly conduct and the selling of liquor strictly prohibited; other cities have done nothing toward bettering the condition of these places. A Portland man, who manages a dance hall through the winter months was asked "if he could keep it respectable" and he shrugged his shoulders and said it was impossible to do so. It seems to me that that would rest with the proprietor but we know that no self respecting parent will allow their young boys and girls to attend a public dance which is conducted as a money making affair.

Superintendents of amusements tell us that young people must dance and we know that after having danced, no other pastime quite satisfies a great many of them. Working girls say they must have the dance or picture show, something to make them forget the drudgery of the day. Perhaps it drives away that tired lonely feeling for the time being but it brings it back with heavy penalties the next day. If they must dance, then they should at least have a decent place to dance in and no city should grant a license to any individual to operate a dance hall who is doing so for the money there is in it without all of the restrictions necessary to keep it decent and to see that they are enforced.

Just what shall be done with them? We as Christian women would feel that much good would have been done if dances of a public nature with their harmful

THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

A Hint to Sunday School Teachers:

Do you know the little weekly magazine called The Survey? Here is what a Sunday School teacher of Ithaca, N. Y., says of it, "I think you will be interested to know that I use articles in The Survey as topics for my Sunday School class. I have in the class young men and women students in Cornell University and I concluded that I could do nothing better than fit them to give as they should in the world. The class has been enthusiastic and I have seen in the members a decided growth in judicial attitude and desire to know both sides of all social questions. As for myself, I find the Survey a live wire, connecting me with the life of our great interesting old world, and I shall never be without it." The Survey may be had at the St. Johns Library.

New Books: Altscheler—Horsemen of the plains. Altscheler—Texan scouts. No comment on these books need be added for Altscheler is a magic word among boy-readers, and indeed with many men who are lovers of adventure tales. Cherinton—Advertising as a Business Force. A compilation of experience records published for the Associated Advertising Clubs of America as an individual instruction text. Probably the most complete and practical manual on advertising ever put out; concrete, detailed, practical. Creese—Practical Pointers for Patenteers. Containing valuable information and advice on the sale of patents. An elucidation of the best methods employed by the most successful inventors in handling their inventions. McKinlay—Panama canal. The author visited the canal as a member of Congress with the Interstate Committee of the House. His book is excellently illustrated and will be valuable for those who wish to gain a clear idea of the canal, its history and engineering features in few words.

Post—Across the Andes; a tale of wandering days among the mountains of Bolivia and the jungles of the upper Amazon. "A highly entertaining story of adventure, full of exciting situations and thrills." Both regular and charge copies of Laddie V. V.'s Eyes, and The Inside of the Cup are now in circulation.

Dr. Chapman will discuss The Inside of the Cup in the second number on his lecture course at the Portland Y. M. C. A. Monday evening, October 13. The subjects of the entire course are posted on the library bulletin. A group of books giving suggestions for Halloween entertainments, games, tricks, costumes, dialogues, ghost stories, etc. may now be found on the new-book shelves.

Locals Win With Ease A game of base ball between the St. Johns Pharmacy team and the Japanese team of Portland took place on the Dawson street grounds Sunday afternoon. The game was won with ease by the locals, the score being 19 to 4. The Japs have much to learn about the great American game of base ball. On account of the many errors made by the visitors, the game was lacking in interest. The locals had their strongest team on hand, but after the first inning when it was seen that the Japs could neither field or throw, the locals simply toyed with their opponents. The attendance was larger than at any other game since the Fourth of July.

influences could be abolished. It might be done in St. Johns easily but in the larger cities it would be a big proposition. We believe steps are being taken to better conditions but there is much yet to be done.

Locals Win With Ease

Subscribe for the St. Johns Review and keep posted on the doings of the city.

HIGH SCHOOL

Items of Interest Regarding School Doings

The James John Alumni have three additional representatives in institutions of higher learning this year. Basil Smith and Emery Gilmore entered O. A. C., the former for a course in civil engineering and the latter for a course in pharmacy; Theodore Stuebe began a course in law at Stanford University in September.

The appetizing odors which steal thru the halls on Domestic Science days make the boys wish they also were of the elect. The High School regrets the loss of Veda Resing, who has gone to Eastern Oregon with her people. We hope she may return for work before the end of this semester.

Edith Weaver spent last Monday among her friends at the H. S. She is attending school at LaGrande this year. The Lyceum Course of this year opens next Tuesday, the fourth, when the Commonwealth Quartette of Boston appears. Although the course of this year surpasses all previous courses in talent and the number of entertainments, the price has not been advanced from that of last year. Notwithstanding these facts, the sales of the tickets has not been as successful as expected. We have only a few days in which to raise the remainder of the six hundred and forty dollars. From this it is plainly seen we need the support of every loyal James John student. Boost for the Lyceum Course and have the largest crowd that has ever attended a Lyceum number out next Tuesday.

On Friday evening, October 3, the upper classmen gave their usual reception for the Freshmen. The entertainment provided was most informal, and as a consequence every one felt thoroughly at home. The invitations gave a hint of the nature of the program, for they read: "On Friday eve at eight o'clock, Noah's Ark will sail from the High School dock. Now, don't dress up, for, of course, 'twill rain. And party frocks will soil and stain."

For refreshments "animal cookies" instead of cake were served with the punch and ice cream to carry on the "Noah's Ark" idea. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. White were present in addition to the student body and the High School faculty.

The Klatawas did it! What? Took their tramp as planned, to Oreoco on last Saturday. A company of nine, equipped strictly according to the rules of the club, started up McClure's hill at 6:30 a. m. The morning was all that could be desired—cool and bright—so that the climb was a delight. A half mile or so on the other side of the hill a halt was made for breakfast. The girls proved expert at making a "little, lowly fire" and fine coffee. Then on and away, over firm winding roads; past orchards where grew most delicious fruit, and hospitable farm houses whose interested dwellers cheered the "hikers" with freely offered gifts of refreshing grapes and cool water. After a visit and rest of several hours at the home of Ethel Coupe in Oreoco, the happy company returned to Portland by wagon and came home on the car. It was a day well spent and we hope that next time the company will be larger.

On Tuesday Mr. Chipman gave the American History class a most interesting story of his experiences on the field of Gettysburg. His description of the great battle of July, 1863, was aided by means of maps and photographs. He also related his experience during the reunion of the Gettysburg veterans last summer. The class deeply appreciated Mr. Chipman's talk, for such personal experiences make history seem real to them and they thank him most sincerely.

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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.

A petition to improve Hartman street between Oswego and Central avenue by grade and six foot cement sidewalk was received and referred to the engineer and street committee for investigation.

E. O. Maroon petitioned for license to conduct a family liquor store on Jersey street, which was referred to the liquor license committee for recommendation. Upon favorable report of the water and light committee fire hydrants were ordered installed at the corners of Hudson and Polk streets and Decatur and John streets.

A report of the treasurer showed that there was a balance of \$4,428.25 in the general fund. The building and grounds committee was authorized to purchase 25 cords of wood for the city hall from the lowest bidder.

The proposed improvement of Willamette boulevard between Burlington street and St. Johns avenue by hardsurfacing in the center and sidewalks eliminated was again discussed, several property owners being unalterably opposed to such improvement, while two favored it. Messrs. Couch, Anderson, Sorber, Chipman, Stadelman, Rogers and Majeske took part in the discussion. It was finally decided to improve the street, if possible, in the manner asked for in the original petition—hard surfacing and sidewalks included, proceedings to continue until the bids had been received, when if the lowest bid showed a too great excess cost, the improvement to be abandoned for this year. The attorney was directed to prepare the necessary documents for improvement of the street upon the original plan.

A representative of a cement company asked council to accept cement that did not quite come up to the engineer's test, but which the representative declared had passed muster in Portland upon five different tests. He intimated that the engineer's testing apparatus might be at fault, but the council firmly refused to have anything to do with the matter, leaving it entirely up to the engineer, who stated that he could not accept the cement offered.

An ordinance laying out and establishing St. Johns avenue was unanimously passed. Alderman Munson urged that crosswalks in the outlying districts be kept clear of mud as well as the business streets this coming winter. No action taken. The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Kilham Stationery Co., supplies, \$3.70; St. Johns Furniture Co., furniture for Detention room, \$13.75; St. Johns Hardware Co., supplies Sept., 1913, \$22.70; E. C. Robison, 5 days work on streets, \$12.50; John Kline, 3 days work on streets, \$7.50; George Skaar, 6 days work on streets, \$15.00; Bert Olin, 4 days work as Street Inspector, \$12.00; Bert Olin, 2 days work on streets, \$5.00; Peninsula Sand and Gravel Co., use of road scraper, \$18.00; Geo. H. Lemon, 4 days work as Street Inspector, \$12.00; total, \$122.15.

Ban on Street Playing

The National Highways Protective Society in New York has placed its ban on roller skating, "one old cat," push mobiles and other juvenile street amusements. The society's September report shows an unusually large number of children killed or injured in street accidents. Edward S. Cornell, secretary of the organization, said that school teachers should warn their pupils of the ever increasing danger of playing on the streets and highways and that clergymen should urge parents to forbid their children to use the streets for playgrounds.

Since the first of the year 1931 children have been killed on the streets of New York by wheel traffic.

Note the label on your paper.

An Immense Scheme

To remove Swan Island, use the material to fill Mock's Bottom and Guild's lake, thus giving a roadstead a mile and a half long by nearly a mile wide, is a proposition which the Public Dock Commission may submit to the voters at the election November 4. Chairman F. W. Mulkey was authorized by the commission today to open negotiations for options on Swan Island. Removal of the island leaving a 35 foot depth will cost approximately \$3,240,000, and to dredge to a 40 foot depth will cost \$3,600,000.

While there have been suggestions that Swan Island be removed as it is handicap to the harbor and interferes with shipping, nothing definite looking to the actual starting of the undertaking has ever been done until the meeting of the Dock Commission today. Chairman Mulkey has had Engineer G. B. Hegardt working on the details the past four months and the result of the investigation was not broached publicly until this forenoon. To remove Swan Island, fill in adjacent lands and leave a great middle harbor is the most monumental piece of public improvement ever contemplated in this community. That Swan Island has been a hindrance has been the argument of the United States Engineers, the Port of Portland and others for several years.

In the scheme of supplying Portland with docks to accommodate the vast shipping which will come here after the Panama Canal is completed, the Commission contemplated the erection of docks at Bridgeport and Mock's Bottom, the former, however, being just outside the city limits. As Swan Island, owing to its position, has to be considered, the Commission realizes that the island must either be improved or removed. If improved the cost will be \$18,000,000, which will give accommodations for 34 big ships at one time. If removed, say to 40 feet, the cost will be about \$3,600,000 and give Portland one of the greatest inland harbors in the world.

Computations made of the area and volume of Swan Island, Portland harbor, give the following results: Area within low water shore lines is 265.34 acres. Area within harbor lines is 346.60 acres. Amount of dredging required to remove island, within harbor lines, to provide a 35 foot low water depth is about 27,000,000 cubic yards. Amount of dredging required to remove island, within harbor lines, to provide a 40 foot low water depth is about 30,000,000 cubic yards.

It is estimated this material can be moved for about 12 cents per cubic yard, if deposited within practicable operating distance of the dredges. Based on the price of 12 cents per cubic yard, the cost of the removal of Swan Island for the 35 foot depth would be about \$3,240,000. For the 40 foot low water depth about \$3,600,000.—Telegram.

A Jolly Affair

Probably one of the jolliest affairs of the season of its kind was held at the Simmons' residence on Oswego street last Friday evening, October 3. A birthday party was tendered to Miss Ruth Crouch and Mr. Harry Simmons in honor of their joint birthday, both of the young people passing the milestones of life on the same day. Twenty were present and all declared afterwards that they had the time of lives. Splendid music, singing and games furnished the evening's entertainment, not forgetting however the eats, with a gigantic birthday cake as its main feature which had a real "genoiose" ring in it which Miss Crouch found in her piece of cake. A false rumor has it that this was a frame up, but of course this was indignantly branded by the fair recipient as untrue. Many appropriate gifts were received by the young couple which were highly appreciated.

Ladies—wear your own hair. Bring your combs. Work and prices that will please you. Mrs. P. Hill, 618 N. Jersey. Adv.