

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 \$93,000 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.

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. Petitions for the improvement of Tyler street from Fessenden to Dawson by sidewalk, grade and macadam strip in center, were received and referred to the city engineer for recommendation.

A communication from the fire department stated that a number of fire hydrants needed oiling and flushing, and the matter was referred to the water company for action.

A communication from the O. W. R. and N. Company, in reply to a request asking the company to place the roadway between its tracks on Bradford street in better condition, stated that under the provisions of the company's franchise it was only required to keep the street between its tracks in as good condition as the balance of the street; that this had been done, and even made better than the balance of the street to such a degree that it was used almost exclusively by teamsters, wearing it out much faster than would be the case if the whole street had been maintained in a more perfect condition.

It intimated, however, that the company was willing at any time to keep its part of the street in as good condition as the rest of the street. Communication accepted and ordered filed.

Arc lights were ordered installed at Polk and Hayes streets, Myers and Swenson, Oregonian and Astor, and one on Kellogg street between Catlin and Trumbull, upon recommendation of the water and light committee. Arc lights petitioned for at Charleston and Central avenue and Oregonian and Swift were disallowed.

The city attorney rendered an opinion on the plea made by McKinney & Davis that they were being charged too much for water at their real estate office. He stated that according to the water company's franchise they were being charged no more than permitted to do under its provisions. Attorney Gatzmyer also stated that according to the franchise the company was not required to install fire hydrants at a greater distance than 400 feet from its nearest mains.

A fire hydrant was ordered installed at the corner of Seneca and Polk streets.

The city engineer stated that the remonstrances lodged against the proposed improvement of Hartman street between Central avenue and Oswego street represented 353 per cent of the property interested in the improvement. The attorney was directed to prepare a resolution directing the engineer to provide the necessary data for the improvement of the street.

Claims of Portz and Emerson of \$5 each for locating a sewer affixed some discussion. Street Inspector Shurts stated that the work took only three-quarters of an hour to accomplish, and he believed the charge somewhat exorbitant. Portz was allowed his claim, however, because he crawled into the sewer, but Emerson's claim was pared down fifty per cent.

D. C. Lewis suggested that more copies of the city charter should be provided, and also that all live ordinances should be printed and placed in book form. The local printer was asked to give an estimate of the cost of printing more city charters.

It was decided to require the water company to place all streets in good condition after they had been excavated for the purpose of laying water mains.

The street committee was instructed to meet with the County Commissioners in order to ascertain what proportion of cost the county would assume in the hard surfacing of Columbia boulevard, which is a county road.

An ordinance placing the city tax levy at nine mills, the same as last year, was unanimously passed.

Councilman Wright broached the park question once more, and advocated a ballot to contain a list of proffered tracts, classified under the heading of "Park Sites" and "Plazas," the voter being given the privilege of voting for one of each only. The ballot

Doesn't Happen Here (?)

Again we are constrained to say that there are a good many mothers in this country who either are too busy to look after their daughters or else they are too indifferent to care about their conduct and future. Any mother who has arrived at the age when her daughters are ready to attend social events of the neighborhood in company with her young men friends, should be wise enough to understand the importance of that young woman's conduct and the liberties the daughter may permit from her companions. Yet there are a large number of girls who do not know how to conduct themselves in company of many, or of two. Evidently the girls of the town, who, some of them well under 18 years of age, are frequently seen out walking with their company's arms around them, have had short advice as how to behave in more public places. Girls are frequently seen riding on the cars with their escort's arms around them. They go to the local theatre and sit the run through in a sweetly loving embrace. A girl under sixteen in company with a boy somewhat older attended the Isis Sunday evening and reversed the custom. Over half of the two hour program was passed with her arm around her escort, her head almost against his, and her loving eyes endeavoring to penetrate the depths of his visual soul. It was the limit of nonsense, and the only excuse that could be offered for it was that she was too green to know better. Such conduct has a degenerating influence on all the other young people who see it. And the girl becomes a joke in the sight of her acquaintances as well as of strangers. Beaver State Herald.

Of course none of the girls in St. Johns are guilty of such conduct.

also to authorize a bond issue in sum great enough to cover the cost of the highest priced park site and also the highest priced plaza, to be reduced to fit if cheaper priced property be selected by the voters. He favored the Catlin, Stearns, Jaeger, Caples, Cook, Vennum and one of Hill's tracts being included in the list of park sites. Alderman Vincent advanced and advocated the proposition of placing a number of tracts on the ballot, each being separate and distinct in itself, authorizing the city to issue bonds in sum large enough to purchase tract, pay all street improvements, if any, and allow a certain sum for placing same in proper condition for the purpose it is desired to use it for. Thus, for instance: "Caples tract (giving description of property.) \$15,000, for the purchase, street improvement indebtedness and placing in proper condition. Vote yes or no." The other tracts to be placed likewise on the ballot. Each tract being separate and distinct, it would require two-thirds of the votes cast for any one particular tract to carry it, and not two-thirds of all the votes cast on all the various park sites. Alderman Martin's proposition was a preferential ballot upon which to be listed at least eight tracts, the voters to make their choice, each one voting for not more than three or four tracts, as the council may deem advisable. Also at the same time authorizing a bond issue in sufficient amount to cover cost if the highest priced tracts should be selected. It was finally decided to ask for a written opinion of the city attorney as to the legality of a vote taken under any or all of the three propositions, and have it in readiness for the next session of Council, if possible.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: George Dearlove, wire work at ferry landing \$9.62; George Skaar, four days' street inspector, \$12; Peninsula Sand and Gravel Co., 31 yards gravel, \$23.25; J. Klum, one and one-half days' work with team, \$7.50; George Skaar, two days' work on streets, \$5; Bert Olin, six days' work on streets, \$15; total, \$71.87.

The Congregational church, corner Richmond and Ivanhoe—a homelike church: Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; C. E., 6:45 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. We welcome you to these and all other services of the church.

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Not Quite Satisfactory

The minimum wage law is class legislation; it does not give equal justice to all. It is an economic anomaly, because it increases wages without reference to the capacity of the employer to earn or the ability of the employee to pay the increase. In its enforcement of the law, the Industrial Welfare Commission places a heavy burden on one class of business and exempts others. It subjects the manufacturer of Portland tonerous conditions from which the manufacturer in other parts of the state and country are free. These conditions make profitable competition well nigh impossible, and will drive certain Portland employers of labor out of business.

The minimum wage law has a spendid object in view. It is designed to better the conditions of working girls and women by increasing their compensation and reducing their hours of labor. Unfortunately, however, it does not and cannot increase their producing capacity, and they are receiving all they are worth, in many instances. The increase in wages, therefore, is to be made without adequate return to the employer. It is, therefore, the purpose of the state, through this law, to put the support of its dependents on individuals.

The girls and women, who, because of some mental and physical disability, cannot earn what the state thinks is sufficient for their support, are dependents. In passing this minimum wage law, the state recognized them as such. The Industrial Welfare Commission, to which has been entrusted the enforcement of the law, has had a number of investigations which have all gone to the matter of how much it takes to support a working girl; the investigators have not sought to learn how much the girl can earn toward her support. The commission, finding that a factory girl requires \$8.34 a week to live on, and neither knowing nor caring if it is within her power to earn or her employer's power to pay that sum, issues an order declaring \$8.34 minimum wage for factory girls.

Everybody knows that some girls cannot earn \$8.34 a week in a factory; therefore, the state puts on a few employers the burden of supporting some of its incompetents.

Employers have pointed out to the commission the injustice of forcing them to pay not only more than a girl can earn, but more than they can afford. The retort of the commission is forcible, if not reasonable: It is a parasite business that cannot pay its girls a living wage—\$8.34 a week. Probably all the parasitism is not to be charged to the business. Is not the incompetent employe whose wage has been raised to a figure far above what she can earn something of a parasite? An important point that the commission forgets is this: The minimum wage scale for factory girls affects Portland employers only; in other cities of the state and country factory employers are required to pay their work people no more than they can earn. When the Portland factory owner is forced to pay fifty or a hundred girls a dollar or a dollar and a half a week more than they can earn and more than his competitor pays, he becomes an object of sympathy rather than of the ridicule that the commission heaps on him. He will also become a bankrupt.

Probably the Industrial Welfare Commission has given some thought to the future of the girls, who, unable to earn the high wage that the commission has been kind enough to try to pay them out of the pockets of employers, will inevitably lose their positions. Failing to induce one class of business men to support a great number of the state's dependents, the commission undoubtedly has provided some means of support for the girls it has forced upon the streets.—Portland Spectator.

THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

The new library building on the corner of Charleston and Kellogg streets will be thrown open to the public for inspection Saturday afternoon, November 22nd at half past two o'clock. During the afternoon there will be stories for the children.

An informal program will be given in the evening at eight o'clock. Among the speakers will be Mr. Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the County Commissioners and a member of the library board; Mr. Charles Bredeson, Mayor of St. Johns, and Mr. Charles Fry, principal of the St. Johns high school. Mr. R. L. Sabin of the Board of directors of the Library Association will preside. The music, violin and vocal selections, will be given by Miss Frances Gill assisted by Miss Jean Brownlee.

New Library Hours—Afternoon 12 to 5:30; evening, 7 to 9. In the new building the library will open at twelve instead of at one, and will close at nine o'clock in the evening instead of half past nine. The earlier opening is mainly for the convenience of the teachers and school children who may desire to make use of the library during their noon hour. It is believed that the half hour earlier closing in the evening will work no inconvenience to the patrons in general.

The library will be closed all day today, Friday. Books due on that day may be returned Saturday or Monday at the new building without fine. No books will be given out on Saturday, but Monday regular business will be resumed.

Help the Boys and Girls

It is sincerely hoped that every person having the welfare of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society at heart will not fail to remember them this year. This Society is caring for all the dependent and neglected children in the state who may be committed to it by the proper authorities. Their booklet is descriptive of some of the work they have accomplished during the past year, showing that they have passed 436 children through the receiving Home at Portland during the past year. These children were committed from 21 different counties in the state.

Another grand thing which the Society accomplishes is the investigation of complaints of abuse and neglect among children and they will quickly have an agent on the spot, and what otherwise would be nobody's business they make the business of this noble institution, and if there is merit in the complaint they see that the matter is brought before the proper authorities and the children made such disposition of as may be for their best interests.

Therefore, one cannot donate anything for a better cause than the work of this institution. Their needs are everything that can be used in a household—canned goods, groceries of all kinds, especially sugar, provisions, vegetables and fruit of all kinds. The railroad, steamboat and express companies running into Portland have recognized the importance of this Institution sufficiently to deadhead all donations shipped to it if properly boxed and plainly marked. "The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, Portland, Oregon."

The results of the work of this institution can now be seen in many parts of the state. Many of the children have now grown into man and womanhood, many are happily married, and 60 per cent of the cases have turned out good and law abiding citizens. Therefore, help the good cause along.

The Little Gem Clothes Rack, something new and made in St. Johns. Strong and durable, take up little room; they can be hung anywhere, either in or out of doors. Made to order from 24 to 36 inches long—any size you wish. Samples in window at corner Chicago and Ivanhoe streets. Stop and see a nice Xmas present for your wife or mother. Prices, 75c to \$1.00, ad.

REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS

The following list of legal blanks are kept for sale at this office and others will be added as the demand arises: Warranty deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Realty and Chattel Mortgages, Satisfaction of Mortgages, Contracts for Sale of Realty, Bills of Sale, Leases. All these blanks at the uniform price of 30c per dozen.

Suppression Often Wanted

Sometimes it is amusing, sometimes it is sad, when requests are made to newspapers to omit from their columns items concerning difficulties in which individuals find themselves. Few persons realize the responsibility resting upon the newspapers. The first duty of a paper is to furnish news. The subscribers demand that he be furnished with all the news at the time it happens and this is a duty ever recognized by every member of the craft. The effort to prevent the publications of items which are recognized as news are frequent more frequent than is generally supposed. Quite often the newspaper man finds himself in a quandary as to the proper course to follow, especially when families request the suppression of news concerning daughter or son, wives or mothers. Frequently it is the individual in trouble who becomes solicitous and begs that his family be saved the mental anguish which is sure to follow the publication of news concerning his escape. Fear that his family will suffer never occurs to him until he is caught in the wrong doing. The man who gets drunk and commits some crime while under the influence of strong drink had little thought of his family while drinking. Once caught, he immediately requests that the newspaper omit reference to his case "because of his family"—Exchange.

A Roadway to Swift's

The plan to open a roadway to the interstate bridge across the Columbia River is urged by the St. Johns Commercial Club, now that the bridge is assured. That St. Johns will want entrance to the interstate bridge is without question. R. G. Brand is chairman of the committee on this roadway, which has investigated conditions.

It was found that the Federal government will require draw bridges over Columbia and Oregon sloughs, as both are to be dredged for boats. The committee has found that it has an 80-foot space for this roadway, and the main question is the cost of construction the amount of which has not yet been determined.

If St. Johns builds the roadway to the Union Meat Company's plant the latter company will construct the roadway for the balance of the distance.

Bonds probably would have to be issued to pay for the roadway. It is conceded that there will be great development on the Lower Peninsula and this roadway will be needed.—Oregonian.

A Local Poet's Muse

On a quiet slough on a quiet day, Where the heron fish and the black bass play, In a canvas boat I drifted along, With a joyful heart, though I sang no song, Lest the sensitive bass grow wary with fright, And run from my spinner with never a strike.

A splendid cast— Ah! Ah, at last! With a cunning hand I met the strike, As he rose from the water as swift as the light; With a flood of joy my heart is rent, My rod with a two pound bass is bent; The water is whipped into foam 'round my boat, I know my spinner is well down his throat, Hurrah for my skill, For now he is still.

I draw him near and lift him out, More prized by me than the finest trout, But how often may I, and so may you, Go fishing down there to that quiet slough, And catch the best fish, perhaps unfair, And never thank God for planting them there.—F. M.

A Healthy Growth

A healthy growth in St. Johns school attendance is shown by the monthly report of Superintendent Charles H. Boyd. During this school year 921 pupils have been enrolled, the largest number ever enrolled in the local schools. The pupils now attending, number 847, average daily attendance during October being 819, or 96.7 per cent. During 1912 the total enrollment was only 879, the attendance during October 812 and the average daily attendance of these pupils during October 783, or 96.4 per cent.

Central grammar school has an intra-school soccer league of six teams, and may compete against teams from other schools later in the year. The sport is being encouraged by Principal Boyd as a substitute for foot ball, as soccer may be played in school clothes during recess without donning uniforms.—Journal.

Eight pigs, six months, 1632 pounds, \$123. This is a condensed story of what has been accomplished by a farmer at Independence, Oregon, who recently hauled his pork to market and disposed of it. Each hog was six months old and averaged 204 pounds, making an average value of \$15.38 a head, or \$2.56 per month per hog. "Never let your pigs make hogs of themselves," is the advice of a prominent farm expert in urging farmers to hurry the growth of their pigs and getting them to market when from 6 to 9 months old.

Lafferty Makes a Talk

Hon. A. W. Lafferty made an interesting talk in the city hall last Friday night. That Lafferty and the record he has made as Congressman are appreciated in St. Johns was evidenced by the large crowd that turned out to hear him, the seating capacity of the council chamber being filled to its capacity, and more. The address was rather forced on Lafferty as he was served with a subpoena by Chief of Police Allen and signed by Mayor Bredeson demanding his presence at St. Johns on last Friday night, and to deliver a speech before an assembled audience. Lafferty acquiesced without it being necessary to invoke the aid of a bench warrant.

D. C. Lewis served as chairman of the meeting and with a few complimentary remarks, introduced Mr. Lafferty, who held the close attention of his audience for two hours. He gave a few sidelights into the inner workings of the Senate and House of Representatives, and told how difficult a matter it was to secure the passage of any bill because of the immense amount of time taken up with appropriation measures. He told of reforms that were badly needed and believed would eventually be instituted. He showed how the telephone and telegraph companies were in reality under one head, and that the prices charged were undoubtedly productive of enormous profit and he favored government control thereof. He scored in no unstinted terms the methods employed by the Associated Press and other avenues of disseminating news matter, how they suppressed and distorted matters which would tend to aid and promote the interests of any official or candidate the powers that be were unfavorable to. Even the Evening News, the "great friend of the people" had been muzzled, he said, so far as saying anything good about Lafferty, which the editor had admitted was a fact. He also censured the attitude of the other Portland dailies in refusing him recognition in any manner except a derogatory one. Mr. Lafferty dwelt to some length on the currency question and a bill which he had introduced providing a means for farmers to secure money from the government at a low rate of interest. The address throughout was interesting and instructive and listened to with careful attention. Lafferty is a pleasing speaker, and hits right out from the shoulder. Before he concluded his remarks he paid a glowing tribute to St. Johns, which in his estimation, he said, was the prettiest spot in this or any other continent.

Items of Interest Regarding School Doings

Dr. McLaron of Los Angeles, Cal., gave a lecture in the High School auditorium a week ago last Thursday night on "The Flags of All Nations." Every one listened with wide open ears and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Last Saturday night the Freshmen showed their talent in entertaining the upper classmen at the "first annual meeting of the Tramps" held in the High School gymnasium.

We are glad to see Bessie Baron back at school again after several weeks of absence.

A neat little leaflet containing most of the school yells has been published under the supervision of our enterprising yell leaders. Its primary purpose is to create school spirit by improving the routine.

The girls' basket ball team has accepted the first challenge of the season from the Beaverton school. The game will be played on December 19th on the James John floor. On the same evening the boys' team from the two schools will open their basket ball season also.

Next Saturday, Nov. 22, the football team will play off the 0-0 tie game played the first of the season with Ridgefield. The game this time will be played at Ridgefield. The team, accompanied by a boat load of rooters, will leave the city dock at 8:30 a. m. Saturday. In order that all who wish may take the trip, the price has been put at the same figure as last Spring, when the track team made the same excursion. In other words, a round trip of forty miles will be furnished for 25 cents, or about one-third cent per mile. But an arrangement has also been made with Ridgefield by which St. Johns will get a rake-off on all paid admissions from St. Johns. The local management has, therefore, decided to sell ticket good for the round trip on the boat and admission to the game for 50 cents. The tickets are now on sale by the High School students, and the public, parents especially, are urged to purchase tickets and accompany the team and students. There will not be any lunch served on the boat, but each person will be expected to carry along enough lunch for the day, as there will be little or no chance to purchase anything to eat in Ridgefield. The trip will be taken, rain or shine. Don't allow a little Oregon mist to dampen your enthusiasm. The team is down to real work this week. A number of new plays have been added, and some changes made in the line-up. Everett Smith will be at full back, Sundstrom at left half, and Capt. Hiatt has been shifted to right guard for this game. Kreuger is handling forward passes so well that he will likely be used at end through the entire game.—Reporter.

There is a great deal said about making home attractive so the young people will not want to wander away from them; but it is a private opinion one hardly dares to express, that there is too much being done for young America in the well-to-do classes. They are coddled and humored and given places, while the parents take the rough ones, until the parlor has come to be looked upon as their orbit, while the mother "lives and moves and has her being" in the kitchen.