

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 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.

PUBLIC PARKS

Selections Made in Each Ward by Citizens

A mass meeting of the citizens of the First Ward was held in the city hall last Saturday evening for the purpose of selecting park sites suitable to the voters. D. C. Lewis was made chairman of the meeting. He made a preliminary address in which he told of the selections made by the park committee, and why they made them, and he advocated the purchase of four tracts for park purposes. A standing vote was then taken to decide whether or not the voters assembled were in favor of the city purchasing parks, and the vote was practically unanimous in the affirmative. Mrs. Surrier said she favored the purchase of play grounds for the children, but believed they should be as centrally located as possible. S. C. Cook said he believed it a good idea to defer park purchase for a while, six months at least, and he expressed doubt of any park bonds carrying at his time. Upon motion that the park question be deferred for six months, 22 voted yes, and 25 no. Daniel Brecht then stated that he was convinced that two parks or playgrounds in St. Johns would be sufficient. A. W. Davis stated that the Jaeger tract on Dawson street had been withdrawn, and that therefore, it was useless to consider it. A motion was made that Catlin, Caples, Cook and Stearns-Allen tracts be recommended. Prof. C. H. Boyd stated that while he had no objection to the Stearns-Allen tracts and believed it desirable property, yet he believed they should not be included in the recommendation, since from his mingling with the people in general he had discovered a strong sentiment against it. Chairman Lewis took issue with the Professor, and contended that the four tracts would strengthen rather than weaken the proposed bond issue. He said the movement to consolidate the county of Multnomah under one government was likely to meet with success in the not distant future, and, therefore, believed it a good scheme to secure as many parks as possible. A vote was taken upon the motion, and it was lost. A motion was then made that three tracts—Catlin, Caples and Cook—be recommended to the city council, and the motion carried. A suggestion made by one of the citizens that the Catlin tract be pared down to the original area contemplated, aroused the ire of G. L. Perrine, who stated that the citizens of the Second Ward had made their selection, and he did not believe it good taste nor good form to tamper with their selection; that the meeting was called solely for the purpose of selecting parks in the First Ward, and that it should be confined to that only. It was decided to hold a public meeting of the entire city soon to consider how the park proposition should be placed upon the ballot, there being a diversity of opinion as to whether they should be placed in unit form or each tract separately. Dr. A. W. Vincent and Chas. Anderson favored separate separation, while S. C. Cook and G. L. Perrine advocated the unit plan.

It Costs Something

If all the car loads of material used annually by the Southern Pacific Company—and it requires 15,000 cars to transport this material annually—for the single items of maintenance and operation, were strung out one after the other, they would extend over a distance of 10 miles. This comparison gives a fair idea of the great quantity of supplies required every year by the company for upkeep and to insure the safe and steady movement of trains. Were the cars arranged in trains of 50 each, 300 trains would be required. None of this material is used for new construction. If that item were included, the figures would be much larger. The lumber used for upkeep by the company every year amounts to thirty million feet, so that it may be readily seen that it costs something to run a railroad.

We Live Too Fast

We live too fast in America. We have not enough holidays—not enough resting places—not enough intermission in our workaday world. It were better if oftener to have laid aside its tools—traffic and trade stopped, now and then, to consider its aim and end.

There must be an oasis in every desert. The black Sierra has it sunlit valleys. There are smiling nooks even among the Cordilleras. Halting places there are, great rocks and their shadows, even in the dreariest land. He who builds up a shelter for the storm beaten and foot weary pilgrim over the road traced by the "great caravan," is a benefactor to his race and his memory should be cherished while holidays are observed.

Holiday time! Who would care to know why and whence came the custom. Enough to know that care per force must smooth his wrinkled front, and fun and frolic for the time rule the hour. It were folly not to enjoy the glimpses of sunshine that come through the cloud rifts, short lived and evanescent though they be. They prove that there is brightness beyond—that no clouds are so dense but stray beams may penetrate them.

Rosy faces, wreathed and joyous, welcome the festive season. With its merriments, its reminders, its regrets, and its hopes, comes the happy holiday. It is well that the ancient builders set up mile posts on the highways of time, else it were a dull and tiresome road. They remind us of the vanguard, the millions that have gone before—the great army that has gone out and on—who shall say whither? Listening we hear the tramp of the mighty multitude echoing "down the corridors of time;" we think of a thousand holidays gone and millions of light hearts and love-lit eyes gone, too, with them. Dead holidays, dead hearts, dead bones.

Oregon Good Corn State

That the Northwest has become the rival of the "corn states" has been demonstrated by the first Corn Show held at Pendleton, a week ago last Friday. The people of Umatilla County had their first view of real Oregon field corn. There was corn of every description; corn on the cob, in rows and in piles; corn on stalks some of them measuring 12 feet high. There was corn in bulk, yellow corn, white corn, red corn and several shades between. Prizes given by the O. W. R. & N. Co., and others amounted to \$1000.

Entries from 200 individual exhibitors were represented. The exhibit was judged by Professors Scudder, Hyslop and French, of the Oregon Agricultural College, after which the entire exhibit was shipped to Portland and displayed for a whole week by the railroad. In Portland, thousands were astonished to see the corn exhibited in the shock, on the cars, in the sack, in the silo and ground into meal—this being the product of the state of Oregon, where all was spread out in convincing profusion. And now Oregon comes into the ranks of corn growing states.

Royal Arcanum Growing

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Peninsula Council No. 2113, Royal Arcanum, Wednesday evening of last week:

Regent—John M. Blair.
Vice Regent—W. R. Evens.
Orator—E. L. Strickland.
Sitting Post—J. N. Edleson.
Secretary—Fred C. Couch.
Collector—A. L. Smook.
Treasurer—Lee J. Wright.
Chaplain—Wm. S. Jones.
Guide—John L. Douglass.
Warden—J. W. Evans.
Sentry—C. S. McGill.
Alternate—E. E. Renfro.
Representative to Grand Lodge—To be elected next week.

The new Order is growing rapidly in membership, which it has almost doubled in the past few weeks. The newly elected officers will be installed at the meeting held on second Wednesday of January.

Strictly sanitary. — Gilmore's barber shop. adv.

THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

Library hours:
Afternoon—12 to 5:30.
Evening—7 to 9.
Sunday—2:30 to 5:30 for reading only.

Would you use the library between the hours of five thirty and seven in the evening? The library is now closed for that time, but it is desired to hold it open through the supper hour, if by so doing any number of patrons would be benefited. If you are one to whose convenience the change of hours would work, please speak of it at the library during the coming week.

Children under twelve are requested not to come to the library after seven o'clock, unless accompanied by their parents. Special attention is given the children in the afternoon, and it is thought only fair to give up the room in the evening to adults who wish to do quiet reading and studying.

Oregon law:
It evidently is not generally known that the Oregon laws can be secured through the library. The Oregon code is too expensive to be placed in each branch library, but a copy is kept at the disposal of the branches and can be had on short notice.

Questions:
If you fail in finding a satisfactory answer to your question on your first visit to the library, leave the question with your address and you will be notified by telephone or card when the answer is found. Do not hesitate in asking for any useful information. The only justification of the library is its service of the public.

The bulletin board to the left of the entrance will be devoted to town notices. Look there for meetings and items of interest to St. Johns citizens.

Book Reviews:
Stock—Confessions of a Tenderfoot.
The tenderfoot of this narrative landed at Maple Creek in 1901 with a full Canadian outfit, including a six shooter, combination pocket knife and a youthful idea of his own importance with which he had escaped from a city office. He learned his first lesson when he offered a tip to a "pard" who gave him a hand with his luggage, and his education continues to the end of the story, by which time he has traveled over a large part of the world, and settled down as a pineapple farmer in Queensland.

Bennett—The Old Adam.
The story of a Five Towns' man the calmness of whose wife endangered the audacity of his youth. She took his successes for granted and refused to be surprised at him. But the Old Adam revives. He rebels against being unrespectful and sets out at forty-three to prove that he still has it in him to be a comet instead of a provincial sky rocket. He startles London largely by the aid of an American. Then he dashes on New York, takes it by assault and sums up his impressions in a breath. So, having won applause from the world, he receives a glance of loving astonishment from his wife and returns to domesticity, a weary conqueror, no longer a captive.

Cather—O Pioneers.
A brilliantly dramatic story of the Scandinavian and Bohemian pioneers of the Nebraska of thirty years ago. It is evident that the author has lived with the people of her story. With a pen so reserved as to be almost austere she sketches her characters and they stand before us startlingly real. The story is on the whole depressing—many will think unnecessarily so—but to those who have lived in the Middle West, the book will seem well worth while, if only for the spirit of the prairie, their charm and almost tragic, withal glorious, bigness with which the book is permeated.

The Morning Astorian says the following concerning Webber's Juvenile Orchestra: "The public was more than pleased. Wonderful. Most remarkable!" At the skating rink tonight under the auspices of the St. Johns Commercial Club. Don't miss it. adv.

The Park Selections

The park or playground project in St. Johns has finally simmered down to something definite. The citizens of the Second Ward, in mass meeting assembled, have declared in favor of the Catlin tract, at a stipulated price of \$10,500, and, as we understand it, comprises two tracts lying side by side, one tract being submitted by J. F. Gillmore, agent, for \$3,000, and containing about five-eighths of an acre; the other owned by Mr. Markwart at \$7,500, and containing about one and one-quarter acres of ground. The tracts are bounded by Edson Street, St. Johns avenue and Wilamette boulevard, although the latter street along the east side of the tracts, it is understood, has not yet been dedicated its full width to the city. The citizens of the First Ward last Saturday evening ratified the choice of their Second Ward brethren, and also recommended that the Caples and what is known as the Cook tract be secured for park purposes. The Caples tract is situated on Dawson street, adjoining the ice plant, and excluding Stanford street, which is said to be deeded to the city through the tract, contains a little less than three acres; the price asked is \$10,000.

The Cook tract contains about three acres and is situated on Tyler street east of the trolley line loop on Fessenden street; the price asked is \$6,000. Thus, unless a decrease in price can subsequently be obtained, the total bond issue that the people will be given an opportunity to vote upon will in all probability be \$26,500.

The tracts selected are well located to serve the different portions of the city, and it is expected that a strong campaign will be launched for acquisition of same if the city council deems it advisable to place them upon the ballot. It is the general opinion that the time of voting on a park bond issue will be at either the primary or general city election next year, to avoid the expense of a special election. It must be patent to all that the unit plan would be the most certain of success, since it requires a two-third vote to carry the bonds.

The Royal Neighbors

The Royal Neighbors held their regular meeting in the M. W. A. Hall Thursday last week. Being the election of officers, the afternoon was full of general business. The meeting was called to order by the Oracle, Mrs. Chas. Sagert, and as the Deputy State Oracle, Mrs. Rose L. McGraff, was present, she was asked by the Oracle of the local Camp to fill the chair for the afternoon. Oregon Rose Camp and Margaret Camp of Portland were present with their teams to put on the floor work, for in waiting were two candidates, Mrs. Addie Crow and Miss Vina Swan, one would naturally know it was carried out to the letter. Next came the election of officers for the ensuing term, as follows:
Oracle—Mrs. Chas. Sagert.
Past Oracle—Mrs. Maud Reed.
Vice Oracle—Mrs. Addie Crow.
Chancellor—Mrs. Nellie Rice.
Recorder—Miss Vina Swan.
Receiver—Mrs. Ida Dickey.
Marshal—Mrs. Ed. Corbett.
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Elsie Garlick.
Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Margaret Lewis.
Managers—Mrs. Anna Moore and Mr. Matthew Swan.
Miss Ida Fassett was appointed musician and Mrs. Viola Johnson assistant marshal.

Next came the nominating of the delegates to the State Convention to be held in Eugene March 3rd. Mrs. Chas. Sagert carried off the honors. Mrs. Maud Reed was nominated as alternate. University was also present with an invitation to have the St. Johns Camp join with them in open installation to be held January 6th.

By this time it was drawing quite late and the Camp closed without form until their next regular meeting. The local members filled the pockets of the visiting members to the brim with delicious pop corn, apples and bananas. The local Camp has standing invitations to a great number to return the visits.

Where shall I get my hair cut? At Gilmore's barber shop. adv.

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 Banks street between Burr and Oswego streets by grade, sidewalks and sixteen foot strip of macadam in the center was received and referred to the city engineer to ascertain if the property would stand for the assessment.

The Portland Railway, Light and Power Company was ordered to remove a pole in the sidewalk at the corner of Polk and Dawson streets, notice to be served by the city recorder.

The Portland Gas and Coke Company offered to install 400 candle power lamp in front of the library for \$3.85 per month, or 800 candle power lamp for \$6 per month. The water and light committee was authorized to use their judgment in installing either gas or electric light at this point.

The improvement of Crawford street between Pittsburg and Burlington streets was accepted. Arc lights were ordered installed at the corners of Polk and Fessenden streets and Oswego and Richards streets; also the arc light at the corner of Polk and Seneca streets was ordered removed to Tyler and Seneca streets.

The chief of police asked if the council intended to follow the example set by Portland in removing muzzles from dogs during the winter months, but the councilmen declined to take any action in the matter at this time.

Upon motion by Alderman Waldref that the city purchase a triple combination hose, pump and chemical fire engine, Aldermen Garlick, Vincent and Munson voted no, and Aldermen Wright, Waldref, Martin and Wilcox, yes. The motion was declared carried.

Carl Majeske again made complaint against the condition of the sidewalks on North Jersey street, contending that an accident was liable to happen at any time, and in which event the city would be subject to damage. Attorney Gatzmyer replied that according to the city charter where property owners were notified to repair their walks that the city was exempt from damages, and the burden of damages in such cases would fall entirely upon the property owners.

Fire Monday Night

Fire broke out at the home of Robert Rostowski, at 1022 North Edison street, Monday night at about 11:30, and the residence and all the clothing of the family and furniture were destroyed. Mr. Rostowski also claims, it is said, that \$72 which was left in the house, was also destroyed. The family was spending the night with friends in Portland at the time, and there was no one in the house when the fire broke out. The fire was first noticed on the front porch adjoining the house, and is believed to be of incendiary origin. The fire department arrived on the scene promptly, but the residence being so far away from the nearest hydrant, they were unable to render very efficient service, outside of saving nearby houses. The house was valued at \$800, insurance \$600. The contents of the house were valued at \$1200, insurance \$420.

Building Permits

No. 53—To L. Logan to erect a dwelling on Edison street between Trumbull and Catlin streets for G. W. Etheridge; cost \$350.

Well, they're here at last, fellows. You can see them in the windows, and I guess maybe some are being worn. They are loose and accordion pleated and fasten around the ankles with ribbons. They ain't quite as natural looking as the ones we hang on to our suspenders, but they are a pretty good bluff for a starter.—Exchange.

The Best Ever Held

The Pacific International Livestock Exposition flung open its portals at the Portland Union Stock Yards for the third time last week in its annual show, with the most brilliant and representative field of entries in all classes, individuals, herds and carload lots that has ever been assembled in this section of the country. Stock that has never known what it is to have their colors lowered in defeat on this continent or in the United Kingdom, animals that have swept everything in the way of awards at the International Livestock Show at Chicago, the National Dairy Show at Chicago, at state and district fairs without number were represented in that magnificent symposium of livestock aristocracy. Portland was the mecca for all livestock men last week. The eyes of all stockmen of the west were focused on Portland. Nearly 1000 entries—not single animals, but individual herds of varying sizes and on up to carload entries, were listed with the exposition that made the value run well up into millions. An aggregate of \$15,000 in premiums were awarded. No exposition of its kind has ever attempted to do so much for its community, for the country tributary to it, or for the industry it undertakes to foster. Thousands visited the yards to see the world's finest on exhibition and closed last Saturday where special entertainment had been provided for the school children and teachers who witnessed the awarding of the prize cups.

Review 50c Per Year

It is the custom of many newspapers to offer premiums occasionally in order to acquire a larger subscription list. Different articles that run the gamut from books to household utensils are thus held out as inducements by various publications. The Review has decided to inaugurate a campaign for a larger subscription list in St. Johns. Owing to the closeness of times and a corresponding scarcity of the coin of the realm, instead of offering premiums, the Review will be sent to any address in St. Johns at one-half price, or fifty cents per year, which we believe will be more appreciated than a premium would be. This reduction in price will hold good only until January first. Present subscribers may avail themselves of the bargain rate also by paying up arrears, if any exist, and fifty cents for one year in advance. Every home in St. Johns should receive the Review each week. It is a duty every citizen owes to the community, because the larger the subscription list the better paper, and the better the paper the more benefit it will be to the community. Take advantage of the bargain rate, and tell your friends about it.

W. R. C. Election

Saturday, Dec. 6th, the annual election of officers of General Compton W. R. C., resulted as follows:

President—Minnie M. Murphy.
S. Vice-Pres—Anna Starr.
J. Vice-Pres—Anna Shelter.
Treasurer—Carrie Vanderburg.
Chaplin—Catherine A. Cheyne.
Conductor—Mary Simmons.
Guard—Sallie Nolan.

Saturday, December 20th, the Corps will give a 15 cent dinner, at their hall from 12 to 2 P. M., to which they would give an earnest request to the citizens of St. Johns to be present as well as members of the Post. A good meal and a good social time may be anticipated. Don't fail to be there. A ticket for dinner, besides the lunch entitles the holder to a chance in receiving a fine silk quilt, besides there will be a number of articles for sale, suitable for Xmas gifts. The Corps utilizes the money received on such occasions for relief and funeral decorations for passing members of the G. A. R.

Come and see us, and enjoy a social hour.—Press Cor.

White Plymouth Rocks.—I have for sale at \$1.00 each several extra fine White Plymouth Rock cockerels.—S. C. Cook, 1002 Oswego street, St. Johns. adv.

HIGH SCHOOL

Items of Interest Regarding School Doings

Basket ball was ushered in on Friday, December 12th, when the High School team played the Alumni. The score was 24 to 18, in favor of the Alumni. The Alumni outweighed the High School boys, but that did not prevent the game from being exciting from beginning to finish. The High School boys were exceedingly fast and good in the art of passing the ball. Bill Magone starred for the Alumni, and Krueger for the High School. Those that participated in the game were: Breece, C. and B. Magone, Smock and Cochran for the Alumni; West, Krueger, H. Smith, Wright, Plaskett, Thayer, Hiatt, McGregor, Bugbee, Baybrook, Lear, Bellingier and Thurmond for the High School. Besides the boys' game, the coach picked two girls' teams. One was placed under the leadership of Ruth McGregor, and the other under Arline Shaw. The team under Ruth won by the score of 16 to 0. From the way the boys and girls played, good material is in sight for this season.

The High School is planning to enter the State League Debate and we feel that we have a team that is capable of doing good work. The tryout debate was held November 25th in the High School auditorium, the question debated being the district question, "Resolved, that the U. S. should maintain a large navy." Of the ten contestants who entered for honors, the following six were selected by the judges: Maggie Dickie and Hazel Hall, who make our affirmative team; Lulu Day and Catherine Gensman for the negative, while Drott Larsen and Homer Plaskett as alternates stand ready to supply in any need. On January 9th our negative team goes to Tillamook and debates the affirmative of Tillamook High School while our affirmative will debate the negative of Gresham in the J. H. S. auditorium on the same night.

The students are anxiously awaiting the coming of Christmas, for with it comes a vacation of twelve days, beginning Wednesday, December 24th, and ending January 4th.

Don't forget, but remember the basket ball games Friday, December 19th, in the H. S. gym. Admission only 25 cents. The girls will play a preliminary game with the girls' team of the Beaverton High, while the boys' quintet will play the boys' team of Beaverton H. S. The girls have been practicing faithfully since school began, and anticipate a victory. Both games will be fast, close and exciting from beginning to finish, and we want a large turnout.—Reporter.

Raised a Disturbance

David Sevigny of Whitwood Court went on a drunken rampage Monday night, and after turning his wife out of the house, broke up the sewing machine, broke to pieces and burned his wife's trunk with all its contents, burned up her clothes and about half a cord of wood. He was brought before Judge Williams' Court Tuesday by Acting Constable Swisher of St. Johns and Marshal Treiber of Linnton. Two weeks or so ago Sevigny was arrested on a vagrancy charge and sentenced to six months in the county jail, but the sentence was suspended during good behavior. But good behavior and Sevigny did not hit it together very long, as his actions Monday night testified. Upon recommendation of Deputy Robison of the District Attorney's office, the former sentence of six months was invoked, with the latter misdemeanor still hanging over him, and on Tuesday he was taken to the county jail and given a job at Kelley Butte Wednesday.

White Plymouth Rocks

"One of the most wonderful musical organizations in the country," is what the Portland Journal says concerning Webber's Juvenile Orchestra, which will appear in the skating rink tonight under the auspices of the Commercial Club. General admission 25 cents. adv.