

**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 a 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!

## MAKES REPORT

### On the Subject of Parks for St. Johns

The committee appointed by the city council for the purpose of dealing and treating with the different phases of the park question, submit the following: That parks in St. Johns, in the eyes of the committee, are a necessity, or at least a convenience and source of comfort that would afford pleasure and recreation for young and old.

That to wait until a later date would mean that St. Johns would have no parks this year, and the committee can see no object to be attained by waiting for a more favorable time.

That the committee has too much faith in the stability and future development of the city to believe that values of land will decrease instead of increase, and, therefore, is of the opinion that land for park purposes will never be any cheaper than at present.

That the objection raised on the grounds of dull times is unfounded, for the reason that, apparently, times are not more dull now than has been the case for the past several years, and indications point to much better times in the near future.

That the bonds will run for twenty years, and it is inconceivable that St. Johns will not be a part of Portland long before the bonds can mature. And in the event of consolidation, St. Johns should, by any manner of reasoning, be proportionately burdened with indebtedness.

As it now stands, St. Johns' assets far exceed its liabilities. It is firmly believed by the committee that in the event of consolidation St. Johns would get no parks at Portland's hands, under the assumption that Columbia park would serve for the Lower Peninsula.

That all the mass meetings held on the issue favored parks, and petitions to the city council to place park sites on the ballot were presented by citizens, making it apparent that the people in general want parks. Every park site that the mass meetings and the people have advocated, with the exception of one which was withdrawn, will be placed on the ballots, and each site will stand or fall on its own merits. No fairer method could be conceived.

That the committee would advise every voter to make a personal visit to the various tracts and become familiar with the same.

That the committee would in no wise recommend or advise the purchase of any particular tract, but believes the public should of itself judge what it wants.

That each park site on the ballot will be independent of any other, and in each instance it will require a two thirds vote of all the votes cast pro and con on each individual tract. The total vote cast on parks collectively has no bearing whatever in the matter, so far as each tract is concerned. Voters may vote in the affirmative or negative on each site, or may vote in favor of one or more and against the balance, or vote for the ones desired and not vote against any of the other sites. It is all a matter of preference.

That if all the sites proposed carry, the annual interest on the bonds would be approximately \$3000 on a \$4,000,000 assessed valuation, or 75 cents per year for each property owner who is assessed \$4,000.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. B. Martin,  
F. A. Rice,  
C. E. Garlick,  
A. W. Markle,  
Committee.

Two or three local candidates who obtained their cards in Portland, are having troubles of their own. These cards as a rule are thrown together in a hurry-up fashion, printed on poor stock, given no care as to perfect print, and usually contain an error or two, occasioned by the haste necessary to save loss on the job at the price given. Cards turned out at this office are printed right, and if any error is made by our printers the job is reprinted free of charge. So far we have noticed cards gotten out by three candidates at out of town offices, and we have noticed errors in each of them.

## A Fine Entertainment

The Sans Dieu Rein Sunday School class of the Evangelical church gave a most interesting and entertaining minstrel show in the Eagles' hall last Friday evening. A large crowd was in attendance and enjoyed the performance immensely. Each participant executed his or her part in admirable style. The music furnished by the "Invincible" quartet was especially pleasing. Some of the ladies participating made very charming colored "gals." Churchill's Orchestra furnished excellent music. Following is the program as rendered:

- Overture—Selected
- March—"Sailing Doves Champs"
- Opening Chorus—"Sailing Doves Champs"
- Spoken Bay—"Dark Town's 400"
- Jokes
- Quartet—"We Meet Again To-night"
- Boys—"Invincible Quartet"
- Reading—"Diana Brown"
- Solo and Chorus—"So Long, Mary"
- (Nancy O'Neil).....Minnie Plasket
- Quartet—"Far Away in the South"
- Male Quartet
- Reading—"Jasper"
- Duet—"Down on the Ohio" (Patsy and Ephraim).....Miss and Mr. Perkins
- Telephone Sketch, by "Bones," Earl Goode
- Reading—"Aunt Patsy," Lillian Perkins
- Quartet—"Jerusalem Morning," "Invincible"
- Harp Solo—by "Mase," Mr. Fred Wannabe
- Quartet—"Mamma's Little Coal Black Coon"
- Duet—"Down in Dear Old New Orleans," (Diana and Mandy).....Cordelia Cross and Ruth Smith
- "Old Black Joe," "Uncle Ephraim," and "Quartet"
- Orchestra—(Curtain)
- Bones on Electricity—"Jack Johnson"
- Homer Plasket
- "Dixie".....Chorus

## Teachers' Meeting

On Wednesday evening, March 18, the teachers of the St. Johns schools met to hear the report of the previously appointed Constitutional Committee—M. F. Burghdoff, M. Jefferson and A. Overstreet. Miss Rundall, the temporary chairman, presided, and the constitution was read, discussed and adopted section by section.

The name of the organization is "The St. Johns Grade Teachers' Association," and the term "grade teachers" interpreted to mean teachers of any of the nine grades and high school who are not designated as principals or supervisors.

The purposes of this association are: To promote the interests and welfare of the grade teachers of St. Johns; to cultivate a broader feeling of fellowship among its members; to discuss all questions which may be of interest to members, or to the community, and to do any and all things necessary to maintain the above.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss McPherson; first vice president, Miss Rundall; second vice president, Miss Jefferson; fourth vice president, Mrs. Hove; recording secretary, Miss Romig; corresponding secretary, Miss Rogers; treasurer, Miss McNiven.

## Notice of Sale

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a resolution passed by the council on the 10th day of March A. D. 1914, authorizing the undersigned to sell certain chattel property owned by the city of St. Johns, that the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at 4 o'clock P. M., on the 4th day of April A. D., 1914, at the front door of the city hall of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, the following described property, to wit:

- One rock crusher, daily capacity 60 to 100 square yards.
- One ten ton steam roller.
- One boiler and engine, 30 horse power.

CHAS. BREDESON,  
Mayor of St. Johns,  
Published in the St. Johns Review March 26 and Apr. 3, 1914.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for the office of Councilman at Large for the city of St. Johns at the April election. If elected, will use my best endeavors in the interest of good government, giving you value received for all public money expended.  
W. A. CARROLL.

## 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.

**New Books:**  
Athletic Manuals; The Broad Jump; How to Sprint; The Pole Vault; Official Handbook of the Public Schools Athletic League. Grey—Seeking fortune in America. The frank and unassuming account of a young Englishman's experiences in earning a livelihood from Iowa to Texas, and from Chicago to Colorado. There is a preface by the author's father, "My son's experience," he remarks, "may not tempt others of his class to seek fortune in America, but if they do so, they will learn therefrom what to expect, in what spirit to meet it, and what equipment they need."

**Maeterlink—Intelligence of the flowers.**  
"We have long taken a rather foolish pride in thinking ourselves miraculous, unparalleled and marvellously incidental beings, probably fallen from another world, devoid of any certain ties with the rest of life, and, in any case, endowed with an unusual faculty. It is greatly preferable to be less prodigious, for we have learnt that prodigals do not take long to disappear in the normal evolution of nature. It is much more consoling to observe that we follow the same road as the soul of this great world. Our intelligence draws upon the same reserves as does that of nature. We belong to the same world; we are almost equals."

**Porter—Moths of the Limberlost.**  
Not the least fascinating of Gene Stratton Porter's popular books is this which she devotes to those fragile night wanderers of the swamp, about which she so prettily wove the story of the Girl of the Limberlost. The author says: I have never seen any person who on being shown any of ten of our most beautiful moths did not promptly pronounce it the most exquisite creation he had ever seen, and evince a lively interest in its history. But when he found it necessary to purchase a text book, devoid of all human interest, and wade through pages of scientific dissertation, he usually preferred to remain in ignorance. It is in the belief that all nature lovers, afield for entertainment or instruction, will be thankful for a simple method of becoming acquainted with moths, that this book is written. The volume is most beautifully illustrated with water colors and photographs.

## Have a Jolly Time

Well! Well! What is Gen. Compton W. R. C. going to do next? They have been celebrating birthday anniversaries now and then for some time, but they concluded the old war was too slow, so they met at the home of Mrs. Vandenburg on the 20th, and undertook to rejoice over six—Mrs. Carrie Vandenburg, Ella Aiken, Mollie Carniff, Hattie Blackburn, Adelia Hansen and Rose Evans. And did not they have a good time? Just ask the neighbors. A fine luncheon was served, a little sewing was attempted, after which they adjourned to the lawn, where all their pictures were taken. Then dancing—not the tango! Oh, no, perish the thought! but a new dance. Several names were proposed, such as Oregon Oealoma, and several others, but I should name it "Mirth," for it was certainly mirth provoking.

The day proved all too short, and they adjourned until next year, by which time they will all be a year younger, if they don't change their ways. Long live the W. R. C.!

Those present were Rose Evans, Amy Asper, Harriet Miller, Sallie Nolem, Carrie Merrell, Ella Aiken, Mary Chaney, Carrie Vandenburg, Emily Knowles, Hattie Blackburn, Ada Ward, Margaret Lemon, Fannie Marlett, Nellie Johnson, A. S. McGee, Hulda Bogardus, Margaret Hutchins, Florence Carniff, Mollie Carniff, Catharine Chayne.—Press Correspondent.

## Interesting Ball Game

The St. Johns Pharmacy base ball club won an exciting game from the Brooklyn Greys at the Hill grounds Sunday afternoon. One of the largest crowds ever seen on the local grounds was in attendance. The Greys is the strongest amateur aggregation in Portland, having defeated the Piedmont Magoons the Sunday previous. The credit for the victory belongs to a large extent with the local pitcher, Whitstone, who twirled a magnificent game. Only five hits were secured off his delivery by the heavy batting Greys, and they were scattered to such a degree that no runs resulted. Whitstone also secured one of the two hits made by the locals, and drove out two long flies that were muffed and aided materially in the local score. The locals played a good, snappy game in the field, and the services of the coach, Ray Poff, were invaluable. The wildness of the Greys' first pitcher and errors behind him, were responsible for the runs secured, as none were earned. The locals feel highly elated over securing a victory from such a strong and experienced team. They played the game in admirable style and were full of ginger all the time, besides being especially active and daring on the bases. The score was 4 to 0, in favor of the locals.

**REGISTER**  
Registration books are now open at the City Hall for City election.  
Last day to register for city election, March 31.  
Office open 7 to 8 p. m., Wednesday and Friday evenings.  
F. A. RICE,  
Recorder

## Swat the Grafter

From the Evening News:  
Editor the News: St. Johns will soon be in the toils of tax sharks if the laboring people do not come to the rescue.  
The bond grafter is after the city—a scheme to saddle \$50,000 in bonds on the city was rushed through the city council the other night at a late hour.  
The blacksmith mayor, Bredeson, vetoed the bond ordinance in behalf of economy and lower taxation. Councilmen Waldref and Munson voted with the mayor to sustain the veto. Dr. Vincent, a candidate against Bredeson, and Councilmen Garlick, Wright, Wilcox and Martin, voted for the bond issue to go on the ballot.  
Laboring men to the rescue. Go to the city election. Swat the bond grafter. Stand by your homes. Swat the grafter.  
St. Johnsite.

## Last Game of Season

Tomorrow, Friday, evening James John High plays its last game of basket ball this season. The game will be played with the Portland Trade school in the High School Gym. It promises to be a fast game, as the Trade school recently played a close game with a Washington high team. The lineup for this game will be selected from Kreuger, Bugbee and West, forwards; Hiatt, center; Wright, McGregor and Sundstrom, guards. As a curtain raiser, the girls' team will play Gresham High. Although interrupted by the small-pox scare, this game closes a most successful season for James John.

WANTED.—Any person having copies of the city charter of the city of St. Johns and desiring to dispose of same at 50c per copy, may do so by delivering same to the undersigned.—F. A. Rice, Recorder. 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. W. R. Evens asked for permission to construct a runway for his auto at his home on the corner of Burr street and Lynn avenue, which was granted. Chas. Anderson protested vigorously against the removal of the macadam on Philadelphia street in the improvement of Willamette boulevard, stating that the macadam had been laid but a comparatively short time, and was still in first class condition. It was decided, however, that proceedings had gone too far to make a change without placing the contract in jeopardy. The Hoes Sign Co. asked for the privilege of leasing city property at the corner of Jersey and Richmond streets for the purpose of erecting sign boards. The council, however, plainly indicated that they were not favorable to having sign boards placed in the city, and the request was ordered filed.

Asper & Caldwell petitioned for the privilege of erecting a barber sign in front of their place of business on Philadelphia street, but as some of the councilmen believed such concession conflicted with an ordinance relative to street obstructions, the request was denied on a four to three vote. The committee appointed by the council to deal with the park situation made report, which was accepted, and which appears in another column of this issue.

Only one bidder appearing to bid on the city's steam roller, engine and boiler, it was decided to advertise for bids on same. In response to advertisement for city charters, a number were presented, and ten were secured from Postmaster Monahan, who had discovered that number lying about the postoffice. It was decided to advertise for more at a rate of fifty cents each.

The engineer's profile for the improvement of Burr street was accepted by the council. Upon instigation of Councilman Munson, it was found that the water company's franchise did not permit of the company charging for installing cut off boxes at residences, and the recorder was directed to notify the company to discontinue charging patrons for same.

## A Few Observations

By an Unobserved Observer.  
If a citizen suddenly crosses the street when he sees a man approaching with a legal looking paper in his hand the act may indicate fear of being asked to sign a subscription paper for a benevolent purpose, but the man with the paper may be only wanting signatures to a petition.  
In numerous places in the city people are filling boxes with tin cans, old shoes, broken dishes and other rubbish, to be removed on clean-up day. Evidently St. Johns is to be made a clean city.  
The number of automobiles seen on our streets is constantly increasing, and occasionally one goes by that makes a noise like a mortar.  
Many a candidate is now filled with a burning desire to serve the dear people, and the path of ambition seems rosy and bright. This world has many disappointments, but hope springs eternal.  
Portland is all puffed up because a new steamship line is operating between that port and Alaska. But that's nothing to brag about. St. Johns makes no pretense of being an important port, and yet every sea-going vessel that reaches Portland comes here first.  
Now the valiant property owners goeth forth with spade and during all the long days of spring and summer the garden will be kept entirely clear of weeds—in a horn.  
A St. Johns man who recently returned from California is mighty glad to be here again. He says they have had the all-fired weather down there that he ever overtook, and as he couldn't find employment, the

## Will Be Worth While

Benjamin Chapin's dramatic portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, which will be presented in the high school auditorium tomorrow, Friday, evening, as the final number of the Lyceum Course, is said to be one of the finest portrayals ever presented anywhere. Edwin D. Mead has the following to say concerning it: "Our young people, the boys and girls of the schools, should see this impressive impersonation. Nothing, I am sure, could bring home to them more vividly the spirit of the struggle to preserve the Union and the nature of the burden which Lincoln bore through



these terrible years. I have no doubt that every year the impersonation will improve—for this is the kind of creation that slowly grows and perfects itself, and Mr. Chapin is clearly a student, and consecrated to this work. But today the work is noteworthy. The literary skill which it shows is conspicuous; the dramatic power of the performance is most striking; the resemblance of the actor in his figure and his make-up as made familiar to us by the common portraits is strikingly perfect, and the sympathetic appreciation of the character and problems and the period of the great President is such as gives the portrayal historical significance. It is a well-timed phenomenon in the American dramatic field, and it is a lesson for our people."

## Why the "Swatting"

Editor Review: I notice in a Portland evening paper that a "St. Johnsite" warns the laboring people to beware of voting bonds for park sites. The idea has occurred to me: Whom does public parks most serve, and who really pays for them? Surely it is not the rich man that cares most for park sites. He has his auto and means to travel around, while the laboring man is compelled to stay at home and secure what little enjoyment his home town affords. It is to him that parks are a source of joy and comfort for himself and family. Why should he, therefore, vote against parks? As a rule the laboring man pays very little taxes, because, unfortunately, he possesses little to tax. It is the heavy property owner upon whom the great bulk of the burden would fall. The laboring man enjoys the parks and the rich man practically pays for it. Why should the laboring man beware? Because he is thus afforded one of those rare opportunities to get "one over" on the man of wealth? Isn't it a fact that the laboring man pays more in the way of car fare to and from the Portland parks in the summer than his share of the taxes would amount to if all the park sites carried? The laboring man should do a little thinking himself, lest he stand in his own light. Citizen.

## St. Patrick's Social

The San Dieu R. class of the Evangelical church had an enjoyable St. Patrick's social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monahan. Shamrocks and green ribbon prevailed everywhere. Dainty refreshments were served, with green lemonade and wafers. Many games were enjoyed until a late hour, and several fine songs by the boys. The following were present: Messrs, E. L. Perkins, Percy Schelzer, Earl Goode, Fountain Stevens, Earl Marcy, Clyde Thayer, Frank Grove, Morris McKenna, Ed. Smith, Homer Plaskett, Glen Haskel, Ray Beam, the Misses Gladys Bredeson, Marie Bredeson, Laura Graeden, Minnie Plaskett, Freda Paine, Katie Schelzer, Cordelia Cross, Garnett Beam, Ruth Smith, Beulah Beam, Ruth McGregor, Francis Pero, Verda Sayles, Luella Edmondson, Gladys Cooper, Eva Edmondson.  
We would be glad to welcome any others to our class and socials.—Reporter.

## For Rent

Two fine rooms in the Holbrook building. Apply to Secretary of the Commercial Club. adv.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Items of Interest Regarding School Doings

The girls' second team in basket ball made good last Friday evening by winning over Gresham 14-12. Marie Bredeson as a forward starred, making for the winning side eight points, while Ariene Shaw scored two. The guards, Ethel Hufford and Bernice Brownley, showed what they could do by holding their opponents down until the last. For the last five minutes the regular team went in, but they failed in that short time to get warmed up to work until too late, and Gresham won four points during those last five minutes, while James John forgot to throw baskets. As Florence Wass did not get to participate in the last game at Gresham, she played center and as alert and faithful as she ever is, adding to our score when opportunity came her way.  
The few days of sunshine which we have experienced have undoubtedly brought on the base ball fever, and the High School boys, as well as the smaller lads, show serious symptoms. We hope to have a team for many successful games this season.  
The cooking classes from the grammar school come every Monday and Tuesday, eager to try their hands at scientific art. Especially the classes from the seventh grade of the North School, who are just beginners, but are doing fine with the more substantial foods, as potatoes and some cereals. Wednesday the High School girls will show their ability in making sponge cake. Next week bread making will be taken up. It is yet to be seen whether the girls make the staff of life as healthful as it should be.  
The High School roll was diminished by one Monday. Alfred Larsen, a February freshman, has moved to Clatskanie, Oregon. We hope that some time in the future he will return and resume his studies.  
Miss Dora Rathjen entered James John High Monday, March 23, as a sophomore. We are glad to have her with us and hope she will stay longer than some others of our new members have done. She comes from the high school of Canadian, Texas.  
The Senior Class gave their first social function as a class when they received the faculty in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fry on Thursday evening of last week at the high school. The entertainment committee had arranged for a most interesting program for the amusement of their guests. Another pleasing feature of the evening was the decoration of the two rooms used as reception parlor and dining room. The former was made hospitable and cozy with borrowed rugs and cushions to help out the H. S. furniture, while the latter was brightened with the class colors. A daintily served supper completed the proof that the Seniors know how to entertain gracefully.—Reporter.

An electric massage, only one in town.—Gilmore's barber shop. adv.