

## 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.  
Store 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 Vincent presiding.

A petition for the improvement of Charleston street between Hayes and Willamette boulevard with sidewalk, curb and hard surface was received. A remonstrance signed by about a like number of property owners was lodged at the same time against the proposed improvement. The matter was referred to the city engineer to check up and ascertain if the remonstrance was strong enough to prohibit the improvement.

Bickner Bros. asked for permission to re-roof the building occupied by the St. Johns Hardware Company, and was referred to the fire board for recommendation.

Asper & Caldwell asked for the privilege of erecting a barber sign on the sidewalk in front of their place of business, which was granted with the proviso that the work should be done under the direction of the chairman of the street committee.

Attorney Collier of Portland requested more data on the Tyler street case, and the matter was turned over to the city attorney.

The committee on fire apparatus made report in which it recommended the purchase of a new gasoline truck at a price not to exceed \$2850. Report accepted and committee discharged.

Attention was called to leaks in the water pipes on Ivanhoe and Richmond streets, and the recorder was directed to notify the company of the fact, and request that repairs be made at once.

A petition for an arc light at the corner of Seneca and Newton streets was referred to the water and light committee.

Reports from the treasurer, recorder and chief of police were read and accepted. The report of the latter showed that only two arrests had been made during the month of April.

A Mr. Stewart exhibited a new sanitary garbage can for the consideration of the councilmen and explained its merits. No action was taken toward acquiring any of the new cans.

Bills amounting to \$250.08 were allowed. It was decided that the hauling of garbage to the crematory should be let to the lowest bidder, and chairman of the street committee, Davis, was requested to solicit bids.

R. A. Jayne, recently appointed city physician, declined to serve owing to the fact that he anticipated removing from the city and also deeming with other physicians, that the salary of \$100 per year was too scant. Mayor Vincent stated that he and the chief of police had been looking after affairs that fall to the duty of the city physician's office, and the councilmen decided that it would be a good plan to allow them to continue doing so for the present at least.

The Crown Columbia Paper Company was given a lease of the city dock at a rental of \$200 per month for another year, beginning June 4th.

A resolution introduced by Councilman Garlick that the city purchase a new auto truck at a price not to exceed \$2850, which included mounting the chemical engine upon same, was rejected by a four to three vote. Alderman Cornell, Waldref, Chadwick and Munson voting no, and Alderman Davis, Garlick and Graden no.

Councilman Waldref then advocated the purchase of an American LaFrance triple combination fire fighting machine. Alderman Graden just as vigorously opposed the purchase of such apparatus on the contention that the people did not want it.

Alderman Munson volunteered to let his year's salary as alderman go toward the purchase of the apparatus. A recess was taken, after which Alderman Chadwick made a motion that it be the sense of the council that a special election be called for the purpose of authorizing bonds for the purchase of apparatus, three different kinds to be submitted. A vote on the motion resulted in Alderman Cornell, Waldref, Chadwick and

## Lafferty's Bill For Government Ships

Congressman Lafferty, as a member of the important Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, has made a special study of transportation, both by land and sea.

"I favor not only the Nationalization of our railways, but I likewise favor the building and operation of ships by the Government," said Mr. Lafferty in a speech in the House March 11, 1914. "One line of these ships should ply between Alaska and the States. Others should carry our mails to foreign ports, at the same time carrying passengers and freight."

Mr. Lafferty has found that America pays ocean freights annually amounting to the enormous sum of \$350,000,000, or \$3.50 per head of our population. We export annually two billion dollars worth of merchandise, and import a billion and a half. The freights are estimated at 10 per cent of the total, thereby amounting to the figures given.

Mr. Lafferty has calculated that the United States could afford to build a fleet of 200 American merchant ships to cost \$4,000,000, each, or total of \$800,000,000, to handle this commerce. Should we get only half of our own shipping, according to Mr. Lafferty's figures, the fleet of 200 ships would pay for themselves in less than 12 years. Mr. Lafferty has introduced a bill providing for the building of these ships, which he will urge upon the attention of Congress.

In his speech in the House, Mr. Lafferty further said:

"A willing Congress will provide for a fleet of American merchant ships, to be owned and operated by the Government, to carry our immense commerce upon the high seas. At a cost of \$4,000,000 each, the Government could build a fleet of 200 such merchant ships, the largest and the finest in the world, suitable for carrying passengers, mail, and cargoes. The total cost would be only \$800,000,000, just twice the cost of building the Panama Canal. Yet such a fleet would keep in America annually \$350,000,000, which now goes to the foreign steamship trust, provided we carried all our ocean commerce, and it would keep in America annually \$175,000,000 if we should carry only half our commerce. With such a fleet, some of the ships plying on the Atlantic and some on the Pacific and some circling the globe, an American citizen could travel at small cost and see the world and its wonders. If such a fleet should carry only half our commerce, and it would have the capacity for carrying it all, it would nevertheless pay for itself inside of 12 years, and this computation is made upon the basis of charging off 10 per cent of the revenues received from passengers, mails, and freights each year for depreciation and repairs, and the payment of annual interest at 8 per cent on the cost of the ships until paid for."

Munson voting yes, and Davis, Garlick and Graden no; motion carried.

C. J. Anderson wanted to know how to go about securing a water meter, and he was advised to apply to the water company in writing for same.

Alderman Munson called attention to a dangerous condition arising from moss growing upon the roofs of various buildings, and the chief of police was directed to notify property owners to have same removed to minimize danger from fire.

A resolution to improve Kellogg street between St. Johns avenue and Bruce street by sidewalk and grade on the easterly side only was adopted, as was also a resolution providing for the sidewalk on Willamette boulevard between Richmond and the North Bank cut.

I have for sale cheap a block of land, once the property of former Councilman Windle, on Tyler street, adjoining the Willamette boulevard, consisting of a fine dwelling house and one lot 75x100, of beautiful cleared land in crop, which I will sell cheap and on easy terms. Apply to the owner, Mrs. E. Burch, 514 West Tyler street.

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

## An Important Industry

Four years ago, says the Pacific Coast Manufacturer, the Peninsula Iron Works of St. Johns, Oregon, was organized by W. A. Bennett and A. Larowe, the former president, the latter general manager, for the manufacturing of transmission and sawmill machinery.

They believed that, given the raw material, they could successfully compete with eastern manufacturers who were shipping this class of machinery to the Pacific coast, and get their share of the natural increase in business, in a developing country of great resources and latent possibilities.

The company has produced results; its average yearly increase in business has been 75 per cent, and this year's business to date has the appearance of equalling past records. Its machine, foundry and pattern shop equipment has been added to each year; its line of patterns for transmission machinery is complete, and in addition its pattern storage contains gang and edger rolls, water-cooled arbor boxes, swing saw frames, boiler settings, and a great variety of patterns too numerous to mention.

The foundry in 1913 turned out one and one quarter million pounds of gray iron castings, and in addition to this the company's finished product called for several thousand pounds of brass, steel and semi-steel castings.

Among its contracts for gray iron castings it numbers the largest contractors, packing plants and timber industries in this section, the tonnage in cast iron pipe fittings for wood pipe, delivered to the largest wood pipe manufacturers on the coast is an account of importance in the company's business.

Recent sales in the line of heavy equipment were a set of pulleys, the larger being 66 inch diameter, 33 inch face, the four companion pulleys 30 inch diameter, 33 inch face, all with double spokes and split hubs; a pile driver hammer weighing five tons was a product of the foundry department, and approximately 50 tons of car fittings were shipped to Fort Stevens to be used in the operation on the North jetty.

The "Peninsula" lumber truck has been improved by a newly designed outside washer. This washer, though simple in construction, holds the wheel securely in position, eliminating the possibility of danger to the teamster and others.

"Peninsula" truck wheels never come off, they constitute insurance against accident wherever used and have been highly praised by the managers of sawmills to whom it has been introduced.

The "Peninsula" shingle packer, another of the company's products, is a high class machine, all joints being mortised and bolted, the frame thoroughly braced, and equipped with a square shaft, thereby doing away with the slipping of cams and levers. The machine is built for hard usage and stands up to it.

The year 1913 not only developed the necessity of more equipment, but also of larger quarters, and a new building 40 feet by 100 feet was added, used almost exclusively for the manufacture of fruit cleaning and grading machinery.

An idea of the rapid growth of this firm may be gained by the fact that the payroll four years ago was approximately \$4000 per year, while at the present time it is in excess of \$25,000.

The trade territory of the company is rapidly expanding. Manufactured by Peninsula Iron Works, St. Johns, Oregon, is seen on machinery in all sections of the Pacific Northwest where the whir of the saw or the swish of the axe are heard, and many are the cables that glide over the smooth surface of "Peninsula" chilled, semi steel logging spools.

The Specialty Manufacturing Co. of St. Johns has been steadily increasing their capacity for the manufacture of collapsible coons, rigid exposition coops, lawn swings of all sizes, lawn benches, a collapsible stool and many other useful articles of much use to the fruit packers, commission men, etc. Their collapsible coop is made of the best quality of Oregon fir. The top has a sliding door, giving easy access to all parts of the coop. It is made without nails or

## 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.

The Mexican exhibit is exciting much interest. It is made up of drawn work, embroidery, pottery baskets, toys, images and pictures.

The young people are voting on their favorite books at the library this week.

If you are interested in having your children read only the best books, ask for the list recently put out by the library on "What to Read Before High School." Merle Harrington has presented the library aquarium with a third Japanese fantail.

New Books:  
Cutting—Lovers of Sanna.  
Gillmore—Phoebe, Ernest and Cupid.

A sequel to Phoebe and Ernest.  
Lincoln—Postmaster.

By the author of The Depot Master.  
Wells—Her Ladyship's Elephant.

An amusing tale of the mix-up into which two young married couples get themselves with the help of a misunderstood train schedule and an elephant.

Whitlock—Gold Brick.  
Stories which show a remarkably penetrating insight into the temptations, fascination and pathos of American political life.

What Are We Doing in Mexico? By Norman Angell, Gov. Colquhoun of Texas, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Albert Bushnell Hart, John Callan O'Laughlin, Edwin D. Mead, Powell Clayton—in The Independent of May 4th.

## Corona Club Events

Thursday evening, the eve before "May Day," the Corona Club went quietly around to the homes of its many friends and left dainty gifts of flowers in pretty little May baskets.

Friday, May first, the club gave May pole drills at 2:30, 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. The "Live Wires," led by Mr. Card and Miss Linquist, performed the various changes of the drill, while the Corona glee club sang May day songs, and Miss Geneva Short sat enthroned as "Queen of the May" among her many attendants.

An extra specialty was the drill given in the evening by the Corona girls' glee club. The girls, all dressed in white, made a very pleasing picture as they held the long ribbons of gold and rose, and gracefully entwined the tall May pole.

Saturday evening, at the home of Merle Harrington, the chairman of the social committee, at 417 E. Allegheny street, occurred the official crowning of Miss Geneva Short as May Queen of the Corona club. The coronation ceremonies were performed by President Dunsmore, assisted by the Corona glee club. Following the ceremonies, several musical numbers were rendered, games were played and refreshments served.

The Corona club and manager, M. F. Burghdoff, extends to Mrs. Harrington their thanks for her generous hospitality in twice welcoming to her home the forty members of the club.—Reporter.

screws, and is as strong when set up as any coop on the market. They are constructed with wire staples. When the coop is folded it is returned to the dealer, is practically indestructible and only occupies one-fourth the space when folded as when open.

Try our famous Rose Spray, ready for use; only 25 cents per gallon. Also a complete line of the various sprays, fumigants and insecticides, parasite destroyers, etc., for flowers, plants, fruits, vegetables and animals. At the St. Johns Pharmacy. ad

Fred Russel of New York city called upon his cousin, Judge Williams, last week. He had not been in St. Johns for two years, and was much surprised at the many improvements made since his last visit.

## Wants Only the Best

The Board of Governors of the Commercial club met at lunch with members of the city council in the club rooms Monday noon. A. G. Long of Portland was also present. The matter of efficient fire apparatus and fire protection for the city was gone into pretty deeply and thoroughly. Mr. Long stated that he could only recommend the purchase of a triple combination, and believed anything short of that would not fill the bill and prove most unsatisfactory. He offered temporarily the free use of a steamer pumping apparatus which he owned. Dr. McChesney was of the decided opinion that only the best apparatus procurable should be acquired, that the city could not hope to progress without efficient fire protection, and that conditions here demanded full and adequate protection. Mayor Vincent stated that he did not believe the finances of the city would justify the expenditure of any considerable sum of money for apparatus. Alderman Waldref, S. W. Rogers, P. H. Edlefsen, H. E. Pennell, A. Larowe, R. G. Brand and President Bonham also spoke upon the subject, and it was the consensus of opinion that adequate apparatus be secured and at an early date. A motion carried unanimously that the city purchase a triple combination hose, chemical and pumping auto machine, making the lowest possible payment down and calling a special election later on for the purpose of ascertaining if the people wanted to pay the balance by voting a bond issue, or raising it by direct taxation.

The Drama Society, at their semi-annual meeting elected the following officers who will serve until mid-terms of next autumn's semester: Arline Shaw, president, and the following were elected on the board—Maggie Dickie, Clarence Kruger, Gladys Palmer, Beulah Beam, Alice Wrinkle and Florence Wass.

The tennis season has now opened, and the interest in the game is widespread. The students in general are so eager to wield the racket as they have been to toss the basketball, and those that do not care to play are enthusiastic onlookers. Both the courts are in good shape. The volunteer squads of boys during a number of hours of hard labor, scraped off the grass, leveled up the courts, and straightened up the guards. The students are anticipating inter-class tournaments; these always create a great deal of interest and excitement for all the High School, and Faculty included.

The art class was delightfully entertained last Saturday afternoon at the home of their art teacher, Miss McDaniels. The early part of the afternoon was spent in sketching some of the beautiful scenes about Peninsula park; then they were taken to her home, where a dainty luncheon was served.

In looking back over the events of the girls' basketball season it seems that the team has been a most notable one for the James John High School. As has been stated in a previous paper, the girls did not lose a game. The total number of games that they played is nine. Many things had to do with their success. First, the material which the High School had to work with was splendid; all who went in for basketball put forth their best efforts to win. Secondly, the coach is an enthusiast in athletics, and naturally he did his best to encourage the teams to practice, and also to train them properly. Hard work and plenty of it is essential in making a good team.

The boys' team also made a creditable showing. Most of the boys who worked to make the team were new this year, and they have made a good beginning. Next year we hope to see the results of this year's work, and we are expecting a splendid team to materialize.—Reporter.

Why God is love: Love for God is life; without God there is no life, you only exist. The other day a teacher asked her pupils this question: Now, children, who can tell me, who do we say is the Father of our nation? And little Johnny's hand went up in the air like a flash. All right, Johnny, said the teacher, you tell us. Johnny got up a trembling all over and he said: Jes—Jes—Jesse James. Now this is an example of how much some people know about the Bible. Now the Baraca meeting is on Sunday morning, at 10 at the First Baptist church on Chicago street, two blocks off Jersey street. We have a fine teacher, Rev. Borden.—Reporter, L. E. Wood.

## Building Permits

No. 21—To O. Balke to erect a residence on Oswego street between Mohawk and Charleston streets; cost \$1000.

No. 22—To Barnes-Lindsey Manufacturing Co. to erect a warehouse on Oregonian avenue between the O. W. R. and N. tracks and Columbia Slough; cost \$500.

No. 23—To Jas. T. Barron to repair dwelling on Tioga street between Hudson street and Smith avenue; cost \$100.

A line of typewriter ribbons, both narrow and wide, has just been received at the Review office; 50c each. Also carbon paper at two sheets for five cents.

## HIGH SCHOOL

## Items of Interest Regarding School Doings

The juvenile party given by the Freshmen Saturday evening proved a great success. The "kids" were received at the door by "nurse," who, after giving each one a stick of candy, sent them to the "nursery" to amuse themselves until supper time. There they found all sorts of playthings, swings for the older children, dolls and dishes for the little girls, balls and trains for the boys, and rattles and teething rings for the tiny ones. For supper each was given a generous bowl of bread and milk, and as a special treat they were allowed a dish of ice cream and cake.

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## Central School Notes

The grammar school boys' baseball team played at the Portsmouth grounds April 24, and were defeated 11 to 7. On May 5 our boys played on the Peninsula diamond and the score was 7 to 1, in favor of the Peninsula team.

The State Superintendent, J. A. Churchill, has issued to the schools books containing talks on fire prevention. One chapter is read and discussed each week during the term.

In Room 14 Joseph Toole made the highest average in the mid-term examinations in 9A, and Randolph Howard averaged the highest in 8B. Every pupil in 9A history received a grade of 16 or more in mid-terms.

The pupils of Room 15 returned Friday from their imaginary trip around the world. In the afternoon the room was decorated with pictures secured during the trip, the guides received the most interesting events of the "travelogue," and their descriptions were illustrated with lan-

## An Useful Invention

Each year finds the farmer more of a mechanic, as machine after machine appears to take the place of the decreasing supply of manual labor. The up-to-date farm now has its machine shop and farmer machinist. The farmer complains that for five years past he has been obliged constantly to purchase new labor saving machinery. On the other hand had it not been for these new inventions, many would have been obliged to go out of business.

The latest thing is steam cured hay, which makes the farmer independent of cloudy or rainy weather in haying time. The green grass is hauled to the hay factory, unloaded at one end of the plant and, thirty minutes later, emerges at the other end perfectly cured, ready for the barn or bale press. In case of rain, a canvas cover insures arrival at the barn without wetting. The farmer has about given up his time honored trip to the "grist mill," and here comes the hay mill. Frequent showers make good grass, but much of this is ruined in the process of sun-drying. The steam drier is independent of weather and moreover turns out better product, and can work nights.

Maud Muller might get a job checking the loads, but there isn't very much romance about watching the steam gauge and a lot of conveyor belts.—H. H. Windsor, in the May Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## Road Day Observed

Practically all over the state April 25 was observed by business men and others and a vast amount of effective work was done on the roads. Portland sent out a train of 11 cars loaded with men from practically every business line in the city. They were taken to Onocenta on the Columbia River Highway and turned loose with picks and shovels to assist the regular graders in cutting down the side of the mountain. Strung along the highway for a distance of nearly a mile, the various "gangs" made the soil and gravel fly for several hours until fatigue, famine and blisters brought on a general strike.

Hood River did its road stunt on Friday and turned out about 1,000 men. Redmond observed the same day with 75 workers. Klamath Falls had no roads of its own needing improvement, so the volunteers went to Fort Klamath and put in a lot of good work widening the road to Crater Lake.

Farmers in the vicinity of McMinnville turned out with teams and hauled six carloads of gravel out to the Sheridan road, where it was spread by toilers from the town. Eugene's good roads army was estimated at 2,500 strong, and was employed in distributing crushed rock and gravel along the city and county roads. Roseburg turned out men, women and children and put in a good day's work on the Pacific Highway. Bend, in addition to turning out a numerous force of actual workers, contributed about \$1,000 in real money to pay for continuation of the work. Good Roads Day should be made an annual event.

A donation of \$4,000 by the Multnomah County Commissioners to the Pacific Northwest Land Products Show insures the holding of a great land show in Portland next Fall. The date for the show has not yet been set but will probably be during the latter part of October, as fruits and vegetables are then at their best. A much larger floor space will be provided this season, as many exhibits were cramped for room two years ago. Farmers all over the state, having an entire Summer in which to prepare their exhibits, should take the fullest advantage of this opportunity to show their skill and the productive quality of their lands.

Room 3 Those receiving the highest average were Hazel Schmeier, Harriet Locke and William Kaer.

Billy Sunday says a person gets a new idea of hell every day he lives. This is the result of Billy's traveling from one town to another.