

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!

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. G. Long tendered the use of a fire engine owned by his company without charge. Action on the kindly offer was deferred until later in the evening, and then overlooked in dealing with other matters. A petition for a fire hydrant at the corner of Willamette boulevard and Baltimore streets was referred to the water and light committee with authority to act. Bids for hauling garbage were received, the St. Johns Express Co. offering to haul same at 50 cents per load, and Roy Wilcox offering to convey the refuse to the city crematory for 75 cents per trip. The former was awarded the contract. The city has been paying at the rate of \$1.00 per load. Arnes Quarrie asked for permission to construct a buttriss in front of her property on Willamette boulevard, and the request was referred to the city engineer. The reorganized fire department tendered the names of the officers elected by the company for confirmation by the council, as follows: Lee Cormany, chief; Eric F. Peterson, assistant chief; C. S. Curran, president; Ross Walker, secretary, and P. G. Gilmore, treasurer. Sama were confirmed by the council. The improvement of Hartman street, between Central avenue and Oswego street, was accepted. The petition for improvement of Charleston street, between Hayes and Willamette boulevard, was taken up and the engineer recommended that the improvement should be carried on to Jersey street, and not cut off at Hayes; Alderman Graden was also of the same opinion. It was decided that the council should visit the street and make an investigation, and further action was delayed until next week. The following bids were received on the improvement of Burr street between Smith avenue and Banks street: Andrew & Harter, \$3,542.16; M. T. Swan, \$3,805.27; Cochran-Nutting Co., \$3,434.37; J. Hahn, \$3,451.70; V. W. Mason, \$3,722.54. On the improvement of Burr street between Smith avenue and Dawson street: Andrew & Harter, \$3,496.69; M. T. Swan, \$3,725.49; Cochran-Nutting Co., \$3,314.05; J. Hahn, \$3,488.04; V. W. Mason, \$3,986.42. The bids of Cochran-Nutting Co. being the lowest on both improvements, they were awarded the contracts. The St. Johns Gas Company asked that their franchise be amended so as to permit of the elimination of an office in St. Johns, offering in lieu thereof to arrange for a pay office in this city, possibly at one of the banks, and establish the same rates for gas here as obtains in Portland, or a reduction of 25 cents per thousand feet. The city attorney was directed to draft an ordinance providing for such amendment. Bills amounting to \$966.89, which included electricity and water bills for the past month, were allowed. Alderman Graden said he believed it might be a good plan to dispose of the day police and have the paid firemen act as specials during the summer months at least. The chief of police, however, did not favor the plan, claiming that such arrangement might complicate matters too greatly. It was decided to lay the matter over for another week. The chairman of the street committee was authorized to remedy defects in the roadway on Smith avenue between Fessenden and Bristol streets. The mayor called attention to the condition of Jersey street, stating that it was getting in bad condition. The city attorney was directed to notify the Westrumite company and the bondsmen of the state of affairs, with a request that necessary repairs be made. L. A. Peterson desired the use of the foot of Alta street at the river front, offering to pay \$2 per month as rental thereof. The offer was accepted.

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 3 per cent on the cost of the ships until paid for."

Don't forget that our townsman D. C. Lewis is a candidate for Representative on the Republican ticket. He has lived in St. Johns for several years and is known to most of our citizens as an active and hustling gentleman. That he would do anything in his power if elected, to advance the interests of this section is a foregone conclusion.

Wanted—Tent and appurtenances, size about 12x14. Address 922 N. Kellogg; phone Col. 591.

Studying Motherhood

The following was a paper read by Mrs. Kelley at the Mothers' meeting in the city hall Monday afternoon of last week, and is full of interest: "The young matron herself was ideal in her poise of manner, in her wise leading of her children where she wanted them to go, and the children were sturdy and happy, yet very calm and even and well behaved. It was a joy to see them. After we became acquainted, the mother told me that during the year previous to marriage she made systematic and thorough study of motherhood, and she was highly satisfied with results. I heard some of the ladies in the neighborhood criticizing her for having studied that subject before marriage, but I think she was right." So a lady was saying at a mothers' meeting as she brought in her mite of "new light" after a prolonged absence from home. All who think carefully, and can be touched by the works of love, agree that motherhood is the sweetest, tenderest most exalted state on earth. It is but rational to prepare for it, as one prepares for a trade, for artistic expression; great and important as these all are, motherhood far outranks them all in importance.

The study of motherhood not only has to do with preparation for that state, but looks on and on—involves preparation for helping beginners in the world to do things, form habits, form characters, determine final destiny.

"The mother has full control of the child's life for seven important years." What a sum of duties and opportunities are to confront the mother in this short period of time! As the surgeon must have a long course of study and training in order to enable him to perform a critical operation in a few minutes, so, very consistently, the mother who is, within the seven years, to do her most telling work in shaping a life destined for immortality, needs all the light, all the specializing she can command. She can hardly begin too early.

In contrast with the awesomeness some women throw about all that pertains to coming motherhood, also in contrast with the rather coarse remarks some other make before young girls, to hear of a bride-to-be taking up such a course of study seems like, making motherhood a really serious, a really religious matter.

It takes but a glimpse into a stock raiser's journal to show that those interested in the highest development of animal life recognize the fact that just so far as possible the rule of chance is to be overcome, and that of accurate knowledge to take its place. When moral and spiritual conditions are also to be developed with the physical life, it can be only rational for human mothers to glean all they can in the way of wisdom.

If for any reason a young woman has neglected special preparation for her future profession—yes, profession—before marriage, her first year thereafter may be wisely utilized in laying up a good supply of expert knowledge, laying rock foundations for building a home in the broad sense of the word for the future nestlings—a home that has its center in her own heart, but which must expand to include all the advantages she can learn how to provide.

The mother must know the child's physical and mental characteristics thoroughly before she can give it proper care. Motherly judgment is needed to strike the right balance, so that the young child may grow up proportional in its parts. By a curious relationship between mental and physical laws, habits of body affect the mind, and mental conditions have to do with the body. When these unfavorable mental states do not cause positive illness, they always undermine the general health, more or less, rendering the body a more easy prey to disease. On the other hand, the consciousness that one is obeying the laws of health tends to promote health.

From analogy we may reason that a consciousness of self begins to stir in the infant mind almost from beginning. Certainly from the time the baby hand closes upon an object held out to it. During the first year the baby's sense of personality is exercised mainly in acts of self conservation and self assertion. A baby is probably the most helpless of all animate things, and every opportunity should be given it to grow up to able bodied manhood or womanhood. Nothing that will retard its growth or tend to increase its susceptibility to disease should be permitted to become a factor in its transition from infancy to youth. The average mother would undoubtedly defend herself strenuously against the charge that she was not giving her offspring the advantage of everything which would prove beneficial to it, and yet, if she resorts to the use of that most abominable of all abominations, the "Baby Pacifier," or "Mother Comfort," as it is sometimes called, she unquestionably is lessening its chances and frequently endangers its life. Physicians and nurses who treat babies are agreed that Pacifiers are often the direct cause of many ills. Sprue and Thrush, to say nothing of chronic indigestion and other ills equally detrimental to the little one, can often be traced to the use of a "Mother's Comfort."

Advice to Old Maids

All girls should marry when they can. There's naught more useful than a man. A husband has some faults, no doubt, and yet he's good to have about; and she who doesn't get a mate will wish she had, soon or late. That girl is off her base, I fear, who plans to have a high career, who sidesteps vows and wedding rings to follow after abstract things. I know so many ancient maids who in professions, arts and trades have tried to cut a manlike swath, and old age finds them in the broth. A loneliness, as of the tomb, enshrouds the spinsters in its gloom; the jim crow honors they have won they'd sell at seven cents a ton. Their sun is sinking in the west, and they, unloved and uncared for, must envy, as they bleakly roam, the girl with husband, hearth and home. Get married, then, Jimmie, dear; don't fiddle with a cheap career. Select a man who's true and good, whose head is not composed of wood; a man who's sound in wind and limb, then round him up and marry him. Oh, rush him to the altar rail, nor heed his protest or his wail. "This is," you'll say when he's been won, "the best day's work I've ever done."—Walt Mason.

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Tender buds of humanity are constantly in danger from the "little foxes" to be met with in the realm of physical life. Sometimes, indeed, the "little foxes" enter stealthily by way of the body, and once established, take possession of the whole being. The "little fox" may be a neglected cold, impaired eyesight, an abnormal growth in the nostril. The mother is so busy with household duties that when the child is out of her sight she believes the child's cold is not serious.

One of the greatest dangers to which a baby is commonly exposed is promiscuous kissing. Kissing may be considered a minor detail in the hygienic care of a baby, but when the risks are studied scientifically, the subject can but appear extremely grave. If a child must be kissed, select the forehead, never the lips or the hands. A kiss on the hand may be as full a risk as one on the mouth, for countless times a day do the tiny fingers go to the mouth. The ruin of success of the future is in the hands of the child of today. It is up to you who are entrusted with the care of little ones whose future you will be held largely accountable for. Why not give the baby a chance? Lord, give the mothers of the world

More love to do their part; That love which reaches not alone The children made birth their own, But every childish heart; Make in their souls true motherhood, Which aims at universal good.

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

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

West Side Notes

From the Linnton Leader.

A social dance was given at the home of Lou Munson Saturday evening. A number of St. Johns friends came over to the dance and a happy time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Frank Liethe, who has been in California attending her sick father the past month until his death, returned to her home in Whitwood Monday of last week.

Mr. Harbin started the rock crusher again Monday with a full force of men. He has orders ahead now for several thousand tons, which will keep him busy for some months to come.

Willard Shepard, our water works man who has been Whitwood's "Old Reliable" for the past seven years, took a trip up the valley Saturday of last week.

The men at the government dock were all discharged Monday except two, pending further orders. They will probably be back again in a few days to resume work.

The old system of water works is now a thing of the past, and now the customers of the old system will have to connect with the new one.

A. Munson is building an addition to his smokehouse as the old one was inadequate for the large amount of business he had to do. He is looking forward to furnishing the world and Scappose with smoked fish.

The hose and cart house now under construction for the firemen of Whitwood will be an up-to-date structure. It is a much needed addition to our city.

W. S. Clark, the old reliable carpenter of Whitwood has just finished a garage at Linnton and is now engaged in roofing a couple of fine porches in Upper Whitwood.

Billy Windle of St. Johns had the St. Johns end of the ferry for a few days in the absence of George Hall, who was attending court as a jurymen. Billy says he thinks he can learn to handle the chain in a few days, and to holler out "all clear!" as good as George Hall can.

Mr. and Mrs. George Evens of Whitwood Court are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the arrival of a son and heir May 5th. Mother and baby doing fine.

Mr. Hanson, the supervisor on the county road, is doing a fine piece of work by widening the rack so as to make it more convenient for the public who travel this wayward.

North School Notes

For week ending May 1st, Melvin Gibson, Joe Mayes and Donald Lind, of 5th grade, had the most stars to their credit. In the 6th grade Birger Armborn, Clair Rogers, Lola York, Emil Minch, and Bertha Lefleman had the best record.

For week ending May 8th, Joe Mayes, Kenneth Catto, Hild Maplethorp, Melvin Gibson and Loyal Thurston received the most credits, and in the 6th grade Donald Green, Birger Armborn, Bertha Lefleman, Jessie McNevin, Clair Rogers and Ward Roberts had the most credits.

Christina Toole was quite ill last Monday.

The following boys would like to have the children of St. Johns help keep the library calendar up-to-date with wild flowers: Dorsey Hill, Birger Armborn, Hugh Coffey and Donald Green.

Defeated the Sunsets

The Sunset ball club of Portland played a game of ball with the strong St. Johns Pharmacy club on the Hill grounds Sunday afternoon. The Sunsets were hopelessly outclassed all the way through, and the locals had a picnic. In the first inning the sun began to set for the visitors, and they never had a chance to score. The team work of the locals was perfect, and they ran the bases with judgment and daring. The features of the game was the heavy batting of Patcher Klum and the heavy stick work of the locals in general. The score was 18 to 0 in favor of St. Johns. Next Sunday the locals will journey to Crystal Lake and play the team of that Portland suburb.

An Enjoyable Recital

A very pleasing piano and vocal recital was given last Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. L. A. Day, 1222 South Gresham street, by Mrs. Day's pupils, in the presence of parents and friends. All the participants acquitted themselves admirably. Especially pleasing were songs by Miss Fay Wentz and recitation by Lulu Day. The following is the program as rendered: Clayton's Grand March—Geneva Short.

Piano duet—Lillian and Donald Tooley.

"Snow Man"—Edna Titus.

German song—Miss Katie Popp.

"Merry Thoughts," reverie—Lillian Tooley.

Piano duet—James Fletcher and Mrs. Day.

Schottische—Laura Titus.

Song, "Our House Was Haunted"—Edna Titus.

Piano duet—Lillian Tooley and Mrs. Day.

"Dorothy," Old English Dance—James Fletcher.

Vocal solo, "Sing Me to Sleep," Miss Fay Wentz.

Piano solo, "Oberon"—Laura Titus and Mrs. Day.

Recitation—Lulu Day.

Piano duet, "Hunting Song"—Loyal Holmes and Mrs. Day.

Black Hawk Waltz—Anna Toole.

Piano duet, "Angels" Serenade—Everett and Mrs. Day.

"Remember Me"—Geneva Short.

Piano duet, "A Happy Ending"—Geneva Short and Mrs. Day.

Schubert's Serenade—Everett Day.

Piano duet, "Il Trovatore"—Fay Wentz and Mrs. Day.

"The Chimes"—Loyal Holmes.

Vocal solo, "Just for Today"—Fay Wentz.

Will Purchase Fire Truck

St. Johns will again have a volunteer fire department and will also have two paid firemen, according to plans made at a special meeting of the city council Saturday evening. The firemen, with the exception of Ben Hoover, assistant city engineer, recently resigned because of the lack of better equipment, and left the city without a fire department. Mayor Vincent appointed Ben Hoover, Lee Cormany, P. G. Gilmore, L. M. Oih, Ross Walker, Eric Peterson and C. S. Curran as a committee of citizens to reorganize the department. The motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Garlick, that the city enter into an agreement with the Richmond street garage to assemble on an automobile truck to be purchased the present chemical and hose apparatus of the department, the cost complete to be \$2850, was carried by a vote of 5 to 1. Councilmen Davis, Garlick, Chadwick, Waldref and Graden voted in favor of the plan and Councilman Munson opposed it. Councilman Cornell was absent.

After a discussion of the needs of the fire department, participated in by the councilmen and a number of resigned members of the department, the suggestion of the newly appointed committee that the city employ two paid firemen was moved by Councilman Waldref and passed unanimously. It was decided that local men be appointed to the positions at salaries of \$60 and \$75 per month, respectively. One man will care for the apparatus and the other will act as janitor of the city hall. The employment of a janitor at a salary of \$50 per month will be done away with. The allowance by the city to the fire department for incidental expenses will be cut from \$83 to \$25 per month and the city will secure the services of two paid firemen to aid the volunteers at an additional expense of about \$27 per month.

Don't forget to bring in your news items. The more interest people take in sending in items, the better the paper will be. If you have a visitor at your home let the public know it. Your guest will appreciate mention of the visit in the local paper. If you have a party or entertainment at your home, jot down the fact together with names of those in attendance, and send to this office. We want all the news we can get, and the only way we can get it is by the aid of the local people.

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.

A box of 80 fiction and 40 non-fiction was received the first of the week.

New charge copies: Mitchell—Westways. Nicholson—Otherwise Phylis. Porter—Polyanna.

There is a copy of each of these books on the regular shelves also.

New Books: Holding—Camper's handbook. Maeterlink—Our Eternity.

A very considerable extension of the essay on Death, which was published in 1911. The chapter headings are: Our injustice to death; annihilation; survival of our consciousness; the philosophical hypothesis; the neospiritualistic thesis, apparitions; communications with the dead; cross correspondence; reincarnation; fate of our consciousness; two aspects of infinity; our fate in those infinities.

Ris—Peril and presentation of the home.

By the author of Making an American, and How the Other Half Lives. Considers, 1. Our sins in the past; 2. Our fight for the home; 3. Our plight in the present; 4. Our grip on the tomorrow.

Sellers—Classics for the bar. Stories of the world's great jury trials and a compilation of forensic masterpiece.

Train—Prisoners at the bar. Sidelights on the administration of criminal justice by the assistant district attorney, New York county.

Williams—Miracles of science. Wonderfully interesting chapters on such topics as The Origin of the World, Charting the Universe, Banishing the Plagues, Working Wonders With a Top.

A Note of Warning

J. W. Brewer, special agent for the State Immigration Commission, has just returned from a careful survey of the lands included in the area recently eliminated from the forest reserves in Central Oregon, and his report to State Immigration Agent C. C. Chapman carries with it a note of warning to intending settlers on such lands. Already there is a great number of homeseekers in the eliminated district, and it is expected there will be more applicants than there are claims.

Of the 236,680 acres actually open for entry, at least 182,000 acres are non-tillable, leaving but 54,000 acres of a character which will support settlers.

The elevation of a large part of this section is from 4200 to 4500, and there is danger of killing frost at all times in the year. Distance from the railroad varies from 75 to 100 miles, making it extremely difficult to get produce to market. Prospects for grazing are fairly encouraging, and Mr. Brewer advises new settlers to turn their attention mainly to stock raising.

Company Reorganizes

Lee Cormany, who resigned as chief of the St. Johns Volunteer Fire Department, was Monday night reappointed chief of the reorganized department, at a meeting of the citizens' committee of seven appointed by Mayor Vincent Saturday night. Eric F. Peterson, another member of the committee, was appointed assistant chief. These two will be employed as permanent firemen.

The department was organized Monday night with the following officers: C. S. Curran, president; Ross Walker, secretary, and P. G. Gilmore, treasurer. The president, chief and assistant chief will compose the board of governors, and the department will consist of 25 members above the age of 21.

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