

**St. Johns is Calling You**

Is second in number of industries.  
Is seventh in population.  
Cars to Portland every 15 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,  
Stove works, asbestos factory,  
Ship building plant,  
Veneer and millwork 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 the exception of Councilman Davis, who was in Eastern Oregon.

A communication from the Crown Columbia Paper Company stated that since it was unable to obtain a definite option on the city dock for an additional year that it had decided to erect a warehouse of its own. The present lease of the company expires in June of next year.

A communication from A. G. Long of Portland stated that the city was welcome to the use of his steam fire engine for pumping purposes for a period of six months free of charge, providing good care was taken of same. The generous offer was accepted. Bills amounting to \$22.75 were allowed.

The engineer reported that Mohawk street had not been graded to the extent that the specifications called for, and the contractor was required to comply with the same before acceptance could be given.

On motion of Alderman Walder the city attorney was directed to enforce the terms of the bonds on Jersey street, which street is getting to be somewhat dilapidated. The street improvement, consisting of West-rumite, was guaranteed for five years, or two years hence.

Mr. Eastman, president of the Western Coopage Company, was present and stated that his company was inclined to construct a coopage plant on their property between the dry docks and the S. P. & S. railroad, provided the city provide a good roadway leading to Bradford street. He stated that the plant would employ 200 or 300 employees at the start, and that the full capacity of the plant would be 450 or 500 men. Messrs. K. C. Couch, H. W. Bonham, J. N. Edlefsen and A. M. Stearns made remarks pertinent to the subject. Chas. Anderson said that he believed the people most directly benefited should subscribe a goodly portion of the amount necessary to construct the road and that others should also subscribe. Mayor Vincent aptly assured Mr. Anderson that he would be given an opportunity to subscribe. Mr. Stearns agreed to exchange a right of way for the roadway for worthless ends of streets owned by the city. On motion of Mr. Walder the mayor was requested to appoint a committee of three with a like committee from the Commercial club to consider ways and means for providing the roadway, and the engineer was requested to prepare the data. The mayor appointed Councilmen Walder, Garlick and Munson, and President of the Commercial Club Bonham named Messrs. J. N. Edlefsen, A. Larowe and K. C. Couch as the committees to work jointly and meet with Mr. Eastman and go over the ground together.

A resolution providing for the hard surfacing of Richmond street between Edison and the river was unanimously adopted. A resolution directing the engineer to prepare the plans and specifications for the improvement of Charleston street between Hayes street and Willamette boulevard was held over another week for further consideration.

Ordinances providing the time and manner of improving Richmond street by sidewalk only between Richmond street and the North Bank cut and Kellogg street between Bruce and St. Johns avenues were passed.

T. J. Monahan asked that the city provide means for oiling the streets of the city, the work to be paid for by the property owners along the streets to be oiled, and the water and light committee was empowered to procure a sprinkling attachment to be placed on the city sprinkler for oiling purposes, and also arrange for securing the necessary amount of oil.

An ordinance was passed amending Ordinance No. 156 and changing the price of gas from \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet to \$1.00 with a five per cent reduction for payment before the 10th of each month.

Alderman Graden made a motion that the city attorney be

## Uncle Sam Should Desist

Country publishers and independent printers are asking only what is reasonable when they demand that Uncle Sam shall cease to force them into an unfair, unreasonable and impossible competition by granting to one millionaire contractor the exclusive right to print return cards on stamped envelopes.

No, the government does not say that any printer cannot buy at a postoffice the plain stamped envelopes and print return cards thereon, but it does maintain a practical prohibition when it causes its postmasters to solicit and receive orders to be done by the Dayton, Ohio, contractor, transmits the orders and delivers the printed envelopes at a ruinously low rate. Many believe that, in view of the clerical work involved and the fact that the printed envelopes are transported by registered mail, the most expensive kind of transportation, this is one of the greatest sources of loss to the postoffice department.

The reason why the big contractor, with a plant costing millions built up out of his profits on a government protected monopoly, can do the work at prohibitively low prices in this: He makes the envelopes, embosses the stamps and prints the return cards as a simultaneous process on specially designed machines. One press does it all.

The system would not be so reprehensible if it inured to the benefit of any considerable number of taxpayers, but such is not the case. Unless you purchase 500 or more stamped envelopes at once Uncle Sam will not take your printing order. If you use only the limited number of the average individual you can buy only the blank printed return card, against the manufacture and sale of which no objection is made by the independent printers. The thing so strenuously objected to is the taking of individual special orders, and the chief beneficiaries thereof are the banks, big business houses and mail order concerns. —American Press.

## Building Permits

No. 24—To J. B. Fletcher to erect a dwelling on Jersey street between St. Johns avenue and Catlin street; cost \$1200.

No. 25—To George Lutz to erect a dwelling for D. E. Brodahl on Buchanan street between Gresham and Hayes streets; cost \$1400.

No. 26—To H. D. Beam to erect a dwelling for C. R. Thompson on New York street between Hayes street and Willamette boulevard; cost \$2000.

## A Delightful Tea

Mesdames Holt and Johnson gave a delightful tea at the home of the former, 212 Buchanan street. The guests were interestingly entertained with various games. Mrs. Inks winning first prize. Other features of the afternoon were the recitation by Master Robert Lutz and a reading by Miss Miller, after which a delightful luncheon was served. Besides the hostesses the following were present: Mesdames Hoover, Wilson, Swengle, Parker, Inks, Lutz, Woods, Maples and daughter, Lemon, Huston, Fowl, Evans, S. Shaw, Knowles and daughter, W. Shaw, Simmons and Miss Frances Miller.

directed to draft an ordinance prohibiting public work on Sundays in the city except by permission of the council or mayor; motion carried.

The water company notified the city attorney that it had made application for a rehearing of the water rate decision before the Railroad Commission. Alderman Walder made a motion that the attorney draw up an ordinance calling a special election for the purpose of voting \$100,000 bonds for the acquisition by the city of a water plant. The motion was lost on an acclamation vote. Chas. Anderson made a plea for connection up with Bull Run water.

The recorder was authorized to purchase a new typewriter, as the one on hand had passed its time of usefulness.

FOR RENT cards at this office.

## A BIG INDUSTRY

### Practically Assured For St. Johns

That St. Johns will secure a coopage plan of large magnitude is practically assured. The plant will be located on Bradford street between the city dock and the North Bank railroad. The only thing required in the way of securing the plant was a guarantee of a roadway being built from Willamette boulevard to Bradford street. At its meeting Tuesday evening the city council has given assurance that this roadway will be accomplished. Mr. A. M. Stearns has generously agreed to exchange a deed for right of way for the road through his property in exchange for ends of city streets that would never be practicable for street purposes. The construction of the roadway will possibly cost the city \$5,000, unless part of the sum is donated from other sources than the general fund. That such a roadway should be built is conceded by any fair minded citizen. The dry docks has been at a serious disadvantage ever since it was constructed because it has no way of reaching the structure by road. Had a roadway been provided previously it is possible that a larger crew might have been maintained at the plant. Many cities are glad and even anxious to give bonuses to manufacturing companies to locate in their midst. St. Johns is fortunate in having only to construct a roadway that ought to be constructed anyway. It may also result in the construction of a paper mill near the dry docks. The paper mills at Oregon city are seriously handicapped by reason of having to float their logs up the river to the dry docks and then hauling them out and placing them on the cars for completion of shipment by rail, being both expensive and unhandy. This manner of obtaining material for paper is said to be more expensive than the difference in the cost of power would be to the paper companies, and it is reasonable to expect that they will soon tire of this handicap and locate their mills where the logs can reach them on the water.

The new coopage factory will employ at least 200 men the first year, and will increase the number of hands to 300 or 400 the second year, the full capacity of the plant being 450 to 500 men. It is the expressed intention of the company not to employ Greek, Japanese or Hindu labor, and much of the labor will be high priced. Watson Eastman is president of the Western Coopage Company, and Albert J. Buhtz is vice president. The secretary is Louis Woerner, and the offices are located in the Northwest Bank building, Portland. The company now operates a mill at Aberdeen, Wash., and a small mill at Houlton, Oregon. We understand that construction work will begin at once if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

## Attempted Robbery

Some person tried to steal a motorcycle from Miller's hardware store last Thursday night. At about midnight Dan Williamson, in the building adjoining, noticed some party trying to get out of the side door with a motorcycle, and believing it to be Mr. Miller, he asked, "Is that you, Miller?" Receiving no reply, he sent his assistant out to notify the police. When they arrived the man had made his escape but was unable to take the motorcycle with him. Mr. Miller has been unable to discover that anything is missing. Entrance was effected by breaking a pane of glass near the catch in a window on the west side of the building. The same night some one tried to steal an auto from Smith's garage on Fessenden street. Entrance was effected by cutting out the glass in a window, but the party was unable to start the machine, and finally gave up the attempt.

"Eight Wives Drive Man to Suicide," says a headline. He did pretty well at that; some men wouldn't have survived seven.

## Should Be Granted

Recently a strong delegation of railroad managers, including the heads of some of our great western roads, appeared before the senate committee on railroads and petitioned for the right to advance western freight rates five per cent.

The petition should be granted. The truth is this: When the steady flow of treasure from the mines of the west gave to our country the credit in Europe to borrow money for railroad building, or, the same thing, to sell railroad bonds, many shrewd parvenues seized upon the opportunity to make swift fortunes. They organized companies obtained from states and from the general government vast tracts of public lands, obtained free rights of way and often begged great subsidies—free gifts—from cities and counties, and then sold bonds more than sufficient to build and fully equip their roads, and still owned the full control. Then no spark of gratitude warmed their hearts, rather, in considering rates they never tried to reach a just decision, but appeared only anxious to estimate what patrons would pay without becoming frenzied and in indignation and desperation tear up their tracks.

These abuses continued for a generation, the people paying full interest on the bonds and also enough more to give the owners and managers dividends of equal amount to men who had not been out a penny in the building and equipping of the roads.

To remedy these wrongs the Interstate Commerce law was passed and the commission did good work for several years. The commission began its work just when the old magnates were dying rapidly and leaving the roads they had mismanaged with little but the right of way, some rusty, worn out tracks and much worn rolling stock, so that thousands of miles of road had to practically be reconstructed and re-equipped. In those days the work of the commission was good. It stopped the abuses and placed the business of railroading on a legitimate basis.

But in doing this, of necessity, it destroyed the credit of the roads in financial centers and made the work of reconstruction most difficult. Except for the wonderful growth of business and the increase in population all the roads would have gone the same way that the New Haven went which runs through a region that has been stationary for twenty years.

Five years ago Mr. J. J. Hill of the Great Northern pointed out that because of the vast increase in business the railroads must be enabled to borrow vast sums to keep up the efficiency of their roads, tracks and rolling stock to meet the natural advance in business. The roads cannot borrow money as formerly; the only way to meet the crisis successfully is through their rates, and when such men as Judge Lovett, Frank Trumbull and Samuel Rea make a plea for roads running through mountainous and sparsely settled regions, it should be heeded. Of late it has seemed to us that the government prosecutions have changed to persecutions.

For instance, when the commission declared that the old Central Pacific and Southern Pacific must have different owners because they were parallel roads it seemed to us that the zeal of the prosecution had blinded the judgment of the commission. The roads are on an average more than 600 miles apart. Between them part of the way are a dozen rival roads; the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Rio Grande all the way; the Northern Pacific is nearer the old Central Pacific than the Southern Pacific is, and to separate them leaves one or the other in the air before it reaches San Francisco bay.

And when the commission, in effect, says: "We know we have destroyed your credit in financial centers; you must meet your imminent needs by the returns from your business, but you must not raise your rates;" it takes on more the look of a holdup than of clear business reasoning.

The harvests are soon to be moved, more coal than ever must be carried to market, to meet this increased demand the roads must be in condition, and in the interest of the whole peo-

## 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 library will close for Memorial Day, tomorrow.

During the summer months beginning with June, the library will not open on Sundays. The usual hours will be observed on next Sunday, May 31.

If your gardens are being ravaged by insect pests, consult O'Kare, Injurious Insects; Saunders, Insects Injurious to Fruits; Weed, Farm Friends and Farm Foes.

Beginning June 1st the usual vacation privileges will be extended to members who are leaving town. Ten books, four of which may be fiction, may be taken at one time and kept until October 1st, if desired. Books of recent purchase and books in special demand are not subject to this vacation rule. The vacation privilege in no way interferes with the use of the readers' cards for seven day books, magazines, etc., which may be drawn as usual. Be sure to bring in your requests for vacation books several days before you expect to leave, as these books are secured from the central library. We will be glad to help you make your list if you are in doubt as to what you want.

Hughan—Facts of Socialism. While we are confronted everywhere with arguments for and against Socialism, the present demand is not so much for arguments as for facts, undimmed by the smoke of controversy. This demand the book under consideration attempts to satisfy. The American point of view is adhered to throughout, only such foreign developments being touched upon as are essential to the comprehension of Socialism in the United States.

Johnson—Highways and Byways from the St. Lawrence to Virginia.

Mr. Johnson follows the rural roads, making his stopovers at farm houses or small town inns, and thus sees the country in its workaday garb. Both his camera and his pen give us the people at their homely duties and pleasures—in their gardens, fields, in the kitchens and stables.

Seton—Wild Animals at Home. The latest book by the author of Wild Animals I Have Known. As attractive in text and illustration as his earlier books.

Some of the chapters are:  
The Cute Coyote.  
Bats in the Devil's Kitchen.  
The Well Meaning Skunk.  
Sneak Cats, Big and Small.

## Memorial Day Program

General Compton Post members will visit the schools in St. Johns this morning at 11 o'clock.

Tomorrow, Memorial Day, the G. A. R. will form promptly at 10:45; W. R. C. and Ladies of the G. A. R. will meet at the same hour with the school children. At 10:55 the school children will move promptly as escort down Jersey street to Chicago street, thence east to shade trees, where a square will be formed, and the exercises in memoriam will be held. At the conclusion of same the school children will break ranks. The Post and kindred organizations will march to the G. A. R. hall. It is to be hoped that our citizens will assist and aid in these exercises, as St. Johns has always proven the friend of these organizations.

ple, the commission should grant everything reasonable to meet the fresh demands with expedition and with safety to passengers. If the present law makes that impossible, the law should be changed. The prosperity of the country, the very life of the cities rest on the service of the railroads and that service should not be crippled. —Goodwin's Weekly.

"Watches" made over into "Time-pieces" at reasonable rates at Rogers', 309 N. Jersey street.

## A Splendid Success

Thursday evening of last week the Bachelor Club gave its Fifth Annual Ball in the rink. The boys had intended that this function should be the very finest in every way of any ever held in St. Johns, and to eclipse any effort along this line ever attempted by the club. This was a goal that was exceedingly difficult to obtain, because the former annual dances given by the club were so brilliant that to improve upon them would require considerable ingenuity.

But they were successful in their purpose, and the Fifth Annual Ball stands out above all others, and will be remembered as the best event of its kind ever undertaken in St. Johns. The Bachelors worked and planned and schemed, and the results of their efforts were dazzling and in every way superb. Few people realize the enormity of the work it requires to decorate and make a veritable fairy bower of the rink. The amount of crepe paper, flowers, ferns and pennants necessary to secure the effect obtained is amazing. But the Bachelors spared neither time or trouble in making preparations. From one end of the building to the other, and the entire space overhead and at each end of the building was a bewildering and yet ingeniously arranged mass of hangers, pennants, streamers, flowers and ferns. The orchestra was hemmed in with a most beautiful array of roses, lilies and other flowers and ferns. An electric arrangement flashed the monogram of the club on and off at intervals, and a large flash light was utilized during the twilight waltz.

Rudd's seven piece orchestra was at its best, and the music furnished was never excelled in the city. The floor was in ideal condition, and the attendance filled the dancing capacity of the rink. All were greatly delighted with the splendid treatment accorded them. Delicious punch added to the general enjoyment.

The Bachelor Club has good reason to feel proud of their Fifth Annual Ball, and the perfect manner in which everything was carried out. The city of St. Johns also has reason to congratulate itself upon possessing such an organization. It is the cleanest, manliest, most enterprising, helpful and congenial club ever banded together in St. Johns, or anywhere else. May it live long and continue its good work.

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He urged the planting of trees in parkings along the streets, the clearing of the arches of weeds over the sidewalks and cleaning up of the back yards.

The club was deeply impressed and decided to carry out some of the good suggestions, in the hopes of bettering the civic conditions and influencing others to help in making the city of St. Johns the most beautiful spot in this most beautiful state.

The manager of the club presented each member with a U. S. flag as a souvenir of the occasion and a reminder that the whole United States belongs to us and it is each one's duty to make our own locality beautiful in order to have a beautiful country.

The Corona Stenography Class has completed its tenth lesson and is now taking simple dictation, under the management of M. F. Burghdoff. Only one hour each week is given to the instruction on Wednesday eve.

The Corona club is planning to plant a tree somewhere in St. Johns, that shall be to the club a living remembrance of the good times and it shall be called the "Corona Tree" and ever in after years be protected and visited by the loyal club members.

When you see a fly, don't call for volunteers—swat!

## Corona Club Events

The Corona Club is a "Booster Club" for St. Johns as was exemplified Tuesday evening when the "Live Wires" invited Mr. Davis, one of St. Johns' most enthusiastic boosters, to sneak to the club.

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## Central School Notes

Room 3— Little Miss McGarry has entered the second grade, coming to us from Milwaukee.

Room 8— Owen Martin has returned to school after being absent about four months. He has been with his father in Washington.

Room 9— Roy Clark has been promoted to the first division of the 6 B grade.

Esther Markwart has been promoted from room 8 to room 9 entering the 6 B grade.

Mary Smith has returned to school after a few days illness, and will be remembered as the best event of its kind ever undertaken in St. Johns. The Bachelors worked and planned and schemed, and the results of their efforts were dazzling and in every way superb. Few people realize the enormity of the work it requires to decorate and make a veritable fairy bower of the rink. The amount of crepe paper, flowers, ferns and pennants necessary to secure the effect obtained is amazing. But the Bachelors spared neither time or trouble in making preparations. From one end of the building to the other, and the entire space overhead and at each end of the building was a bewildering and yet ingeniously arranged mass of hangers, pennants, streamers, flowers and ferns. The orchestra was hemmed in with a most beautiful array of roses, lilies and other flowers and ferns. An electric arrangement flashed the monogram of the club on and off at intervals, and a large flash light was utilized during the twilight waltz.

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## Defeated Portsmouth

The St. Johns Pharmacy baseball team defeated the Portsmouth Fire Department club in an interesting game played on the Hill grounds Sunday afternoon. The day was not propitious for ball playing, as a drizzle of rain continued throughout the contest, yet it was exciting at times. In the eighth inning, when it looked for a while as if the locals were on the road to defeat, Manager Poff of the locals went into the pitcher's box, replacing Jimmie Klum, who had pitched good ball, but whose arm had grown sore. Poff demonstrated the fact that he is some pinch pitcher, and his wide, sweeping out curve had the visitors at his mercy, and the run making was abruptly terminated. Both teams put up good ball, although several distressing errors were made. The locals' crack pitcher, Whitstone, was in Salem, and Shortstop Lasher and First Baseman Lee were also absent. Ben Hoover had the courage to act as umpire, and outside of one or two "critical" decisions, acquitted himself well, and escaped without injury. The Pharmacy club is one of the best amateur organizations in the county, and it requires a strong club to defeat it. They play the game all the time.

George Watkins has gotten his new laundry at the foot of Pittsburg street well under way of construction, and is placing therein the latest improved and most modern machinery. The new laundry will be ready for business about the first of July.