

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 \$25,000 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. Hasable 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. Specifications for electric wiring and lighting at the ferry landing were submitted and referred to the water and light committee. Complaint being made that several property owners on North Willamette boulevard had raked considerable dirt upon the street in beautifying the parking in front of their properties, the engineer was directed to notify them to have same removed. The recorder was directed to notify the water company to take care of the overflow water from their plant by diverting same into the sewer. The improvement of Richmond street between Edison street and the river was accepted. Bills amounting to \$40.75 were allowed. A resolution providing for change of grade on Macrum avenue was adopted. Ordinances providing the time and manner of improving Stanford street between Burr and Buchanan and St. Johns avenue between Edison and Seneca streets, by sidewalk and grade in each instance, were passed. The engineer was directed to provide temporary sidewalk connecting the improvements of Willamette boulevard and Richmond street. The appointment of Geo. W. Etheridge as policeman to serve in the East St. Johns district was not confirmed, it being the idea of several of the councilmen that no additional policemen were needed at this time, although the mayor had been instructed several weeks ago by a majority vote of the council to appoint another policeman. It was decided to attempt to secure the services of S. C. Cook and J. E. Tanch to consider the numerous remonstrances against the fine and penalty enacted by the council in the weed cutting campaign, and report their recommendations back to the council.

Pleasantly Entertained

The Baraca and Phileas classes of the Baptist Sunday school gave a delightful party at the home of Mrs. James Key, 842 N. Willamette boulevard, Tuesday, October 13th. Several musical selections were given by Georgia Rich Lydick and Mr. Coffin. Games, music and dainty refreshments made the evening a most pleasant one. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden, Ruth and Clifton Crouch, Cleo Foubat, Vida and Hazel Evans, Ada Parry, Lydia Donelson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ford, Sadie Cramer, Mrs. J. M. Shaw, Mrs. Parker, Miss McAlpine, Flora McNiven, Mrs. G. B. Lott, Mrs. W. C. Loudon, Lucinda and Ruby Davis, Georgia Rich Lydick, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dickey, Verner Jewson, Louis Simmons, E. R. Gross, Earl Keliher, Ferris Swisher, Irvin Gromachey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Branaman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Behnke, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rawson, F. W. Coffin, Mrs. James Key, Mae Herbert, Annie and Clarence Key. We cordially invite all young people not attending any Sunday school to join ours. Sunday school at 10 a. m.—Reporter.

Henry W. Allen, well known in St. Johns, passed away at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock, after a lingering illness of about two years. For the past two months he had been confined to his bed in the hospital. He was born in Iowa City, Iowa, March 28, 1857, and had lived in Oregon for the past ten years, most of which he spent in St. Johns. He was never married, and is survived by his brother, O. W. Allen of this city, who is the only surviving near relative. At the request of the deceased the remains were shipped to Warren, Oregon, for interment, the funeral taking place today under the direction of the I. O. O. F., of which he was a member.

An Unfair Measure

The following article from the Industrial News Bureau of Salem deals with a subject that is of vital importance to St. Johns upon which a vote will be taken November 3. Every voter should read it in order to become familiar with the apparent viciousness of the measure: We have been asked by several manufacturers who own water front to express an opinion on the proposed Public Dock bill which could take over all lands covered by navigable streams at "Bank Full" stage and on which docks have not already been built. Upon investigating the matter we find that "bank full stage" embraces lands that are not covered once in five years and in the total aggregate thousands of acres of valuable land that individual purchasers have bought chiefly for the purpose of gaining water front rights. We judge that the men drafting this bill did it to overcome some particular grievance where an owner of water front rights was abusing the privilege. But why disrupt the whole industrial activity of our state along its rivers and harbors simply to give a city like Portland for instance, a public dock site? If the state can confiscate land in this manner in one instance, why not go a step farther and confiscate other property on the ground that it is for the public good? We do not believe we should encourage such a system in a free country, and while probably neither you or ourselves own land between high and low water, what would we think if the shoe was being put on us. We believe the passage of this bill would be a terrible blow to our industries, just as they are beginning to get a footing, and would tend to discourage the starting of new ones. Under the proposed Public Docks Bill privately owned land between high and low water could be taken over by the state without compensation to owner. The Public Docks and Water Frontage amendment is another of the proposed laws that the promoters work out from a theoretical standpoint but not from the practical side, and it is more far reaching in its scope than was intended by its framers, and this should seem easy to understand, when it provides that: "The beds of the navigable waters of the state of Oregon at bank full stage are hereby declared subject to public use for water commerce," etc. Tide lands lie between ordinary high and ordinary low water mark and the beds of the navigable waters in the bays, harbors and rivers would ordinarily apply to the beds of the bays, harbors and rivers below ordinary high water mark, whether covered or uncovered by the ebb or flow of the tide, but when the amendment includes the beds of all navigable waters at "bank full stage" it certainly embraces beds of navigable waters which undoubtedly would be above ordinary high water mark. On the navigable rivers of Oregon, such as the Rogue, Coquille, Umpqua, Coos, Columbia and Willamette, there are thousands of acres of land which at ordinary high water mark are not covered but which at "bank full stage" are entirely submerged. Under the specific wording of this amendment this land could be appropriated by the state. It seems that it could also take from the tide land owner the right to wharf out in front of his land to deep water, which was given him as an inducement to purchase the mud flats by the Oregon laws. As it does not take the property of the man who has been able to build a dock or warehouse, why should it take the property from another man simply because he has not seen fit or been able to make improvements on his land. One of the great inducements for early settlers to buy this tide land was the hope that some day the water front would be valuable. If the state has the right of confiscating a man's water front in this manner and on top of that, charge him rent for the same if he wishes to use it, as provided in the act, why not go a step farther and confiscate any land which the state may wish for public buildings, etc. Further the act provides that after the state has leased a man the land which it took away from him, it may at the end of ten years take it away from him

Bright Prospects Ahead

From Friday's Telegram: The quickening pulse of American trade accelerated by the demands for American products in Europe, has just extended itself to Portland in the form of urgent requests for bids on war supplies for the belligerent countries. The Portland Woolen Mills has been asked to submit bids at once for heavy supplies in army blankets, khaki cloth and flannels. Through one brokerage house in New York the Portland mills have been asked to bid on all or part of a requisition for one million army blankets, 750,000 of them six pounds weight and 250,000 of seven pounds weight. These blankets are supposed to be for the allies. The Russian government has asked for bids direct on a large quantity of heavy flannels and, from another source, there came a telegram to the same mills this morning, asking for bids on 100,000 woolen blankets for immediate delivery with a substantial advance over the prevailing market price as an extra inducement. Another request for bids has come this week from New York, agents of one of the allies for bids on a heavy order for khaki cloth. The most urgent of these telegraphic requests is the one for the 100,000 blankets and Manager E. L. Thompson, of the Portland Woolen Mills, said this morning that his company would lose no time in submitting a tender for this huge consignment of war supplies. "If we get that order it will keep our plant going night and day for about four months," said Mr. Thompson this morning, "and we will make every effort to land this business. It is merely a question of the capacity of our plant whether we can secure this business, because we can make just as fine quality of woolens right here as they can in Europe, and it is all imagination to think otherwise. "The situation in the woolen trade has been rather upset since the recent tariff law was enacted, and in the East and Middle West many of the plants ran on slack shifts, but when the war was declared and we could get no supplies from abroad, all our plants started up again and again by paying him damages for the improvements he has erected. This is certainly not fair, as in ten years' time a valuable business could be built up which the owner would not care to sell, but which he would be compelled to under this act. There are ways provided now for the state to condemn property when it needs the same without any such law as this. Our largest manufacturing enterprises are now located on the rivers and bays and own property along the navigable streams. Think what it would mean to them to have all this valuable property taken over by the state without compensation to them. Do we want to build up a system whereby the state can take a man's property? Would this not be a hard blow to many of our industries and would it offer any encouragement to new firms to locate along our rivers and bays, when in addition to buying their location they would forevermore have to pay the state rent for landing privileges and pay taxes on something they did not own, and in addition run the risk of having the state demand the water front back at any time it saw fit after ten years, leaving the owner high and dry. In addition to this the bill would take thousands of dollars from the tax roll with no assurance that the state could lease enough of the land for dock purposes to make up even a small part of what was lost in taxes. Why would a private individual or a corporation wish to build docks on leased property which could be taken back in ten years, and what inducement does the bill provide for new industries to start to use docks which the state might build with money raised from additional taxes. The proposers of the amendment are good citizens and they are big enough and broad enough and good enough, although somewhat backward, not to intentionally injure the manufacturing enterprises and an honest confession when in the wrong is good for the soul and clarifies the system. A confession by them is now in order.

THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

Hours: Afternoon, 12:00 to 5:30. Evening, 7:00 to 9:00. Sunday, 2:30 to 5:30. Those who would be interested in joining a Reading Circle or in forming a Drama Club, please leave their names at the library. Do you belong to a club or study class in need of a place to meet, and do you know of the pleasant committee room the library has to offer, free of charge, for just this purpose? Are you one of a group of people planning a lecture or course of lectures? If so, the library affords an attractive and properly equipped place for such meetings. To make arrangements for the use of either, call at the St. Johns Branch Library, Kellogg and Charleston streets, or telephone Columbia 562. Book Reviews: Costock—Son of the Hills. Without excelling in the finer points of literary excellence, the book is very much alive and will please a goodly variety of readers. Those who care principally for "a story" will find in it an entertaining plot, with plenty of complications; others will like it because it presents an interesting picture of the southern mountaineers—the poor whites. Gregor—Camping on Western Trails. Two boys familiar with camp life in the eastern woods make a long hunting and camping trip through the west. They have many an exciting experience and see much of the life of the country and of its natural wonders. The Bad Lands, Yellowstone Park, and typical mining and herding scenes are described. Marden—Training for Efficiency. A volume which gives in sixty-three short, crisp chapters, gleanings from the best wisdom of the Marden inspirational books. The book is adapted for single readings in the schools. Martin—Our Own Weather. The weather is here described as an "activity." It is the "air's business—its runnings to and fro, its conflicts and avoidances, its unions and disjunctions, its graspings and givings up." And further the author says, "if expanses of atmosphere were as open to view as expanses of sea, the slightest brushes of weather would be all the time giving us intimation of a vastness and a mystery far exceeding the seas." This point of view, which makes the atmosphere a reality, is characteristic of the author's treatment of his entire subject. Popp—Autobiography of a Working woman. A book that may be classed as a "human document." It is to be recommended as a simple, uncolored account of the struggle of a woman of the working order, both for the necessities of a bare existence, and for intellectual development. The book throws light on the working class struggle in Europe, on the world-wide woman movement, and on the spread of socialism and its meanings, as an inspirational force, in the lives of its followers. Saylor—Making a Fireplace. A little manual of instruction concerning the right construction of various types of fireplaces—brick, stone and concrete. Singmaster—Gettysburg. Stories of the red harvest and the aftermath. The first three are stories of the battle of Gettysburg—of the first, the second and the third days. The fourth is a story of that day of dedication on which Lincoln spoke his undying words. The remainder—and they are the best, judged as short stories—tell of the later days and of the old men for whom the days of battle still live in memory. The titles are: July the First; The Home Coming; Victory; The Battleground; Gunner Criswell; The Substitute; The Retreat; The Great Day; Mary Bowman. planned by the management. "The outlook is certainly optimistic," said Mr. Thompson. Best line of fancy candies at The St. Johns Pharmacy. Cyclone Cold Cure—that's all, St. John's Pharmacy.

Pleasing Piano Recital

The piano recital given by the pupils of Georgia Rich Lydick assisted by Miss Hortense Ingalls and Elmer Sneed in the Baptist church last Friday evening was attended by a large number of parents and friends. Each number was executed in a pleasing and faultless manner and received generous applause from the audience. The vocal music rendered by Miss Ingalls was particularly pleasing, as was also the violin selections by Mr. Sneed. Mrs. Lydick was given an ovation when she made her appearance upon the platform. Following was the program rendered: For Mother Dear, Willy; Whistling Boy, Orth—George Glawe. Blowing Bubbles, Lindsay; Dewdrops, Orth—Madeline Munson. Sunshine Polka, McIntyre—Martha Maples. Let's Have a Song, Sartorio—Lucy Hudnut. Hunting Song, Gurlitt—Everett Henry. Queen of Drowsy Land, Duelle—Idrys Weimer. Philomel (four hands), Kunkle—Mattie Lee Case, Della Vinson. Waltzer, Duelle—Helen Douglass. Twilight, Schaefer—Wilma Ingalls. Lullaby, Krogmann—Fay Smith. Nadia, Krogmann—Virginia Dunsmore. Dream of the Reapers, Heins—Ruth Cowles. Cavatina, Herman—Elmer Sneed. Valse, Dennee—Mabel Smock. In the Meadow, Lichner—Pearl Richtmyer. Butterfly, Merkle—Carmoleta. Your Heart Will Call Me Home, Tate—Hortense Ingalls. Barchetta, Nevin—Agnes Vinson. Soir D'Ete, Abelle—Opal Weimer. Le Crepuscule, Guy—Marion Dunsmore. Mazurke de Concert, Musin—Elmer Sneed. Frolic of the Butterflies, Brohm—Della Vinson. Flurette, Wellesley—Sadie Cramer. Rustle of Spring, Sinding—Mattie Lee Case.

New Officers Meet

The new officials of the St. Johns Commercial club met in the club rooms Monday afternoon. The new officers are as follows: President, K. C. Couch; first vice president, H. E. Penell; second vice president, Thos. Autzen; treasurer, J. N. Ediefsen. Board of governors—P. H. Ediefsen, H. W. Bonham, Dr. A. W. Vincent, C. A. Fry, O. J. Gatzmyer, F. P. Drinker, H. W. Ormandy, Dr. E. E. Gambee, C. S. McGill, C. C. Curran and A. W. Markle. A committee consisting of O. J. Gatzmyer, A. W. Markle and C. A. Fry, was appointed to report upon the proposed Public Docks and Water Frontage Amendment, which is of considerable interest to St. Johns. A committee consisting of H. W. Bonham, J. N. Ediefsen and Dr. E. E. Gambee was appointed to make arrangements for a St. Johns delegation to visit the Manufacturers' and Land Products Show to be held in Portland beginning October 26th. Secretary Hiller was directed to take up the matter of reduction in insurance rates in St. Johns with the Board of Underwriters. The River and Harbor Bill having finally been passed by Congress, the money necessary for the continuation of dredging and the construction of jetties at the mouth of the Columbia will be immediately available. For the work at the mouth of the Columbia \$1,000,000 has been awarded, for work on the Columbia below Portland, \$200,000, and for the completion of the Celilo Canal \$525,000, which the engineers estimate will be the full amount required. Since the report from Washington was received about five hundred men have been put to work at Big Eddy, and as soon as work can be found for them, additional men will be employed and the work rushed to completion at the earliest possible date. Cyclone Cold Cure—that's all, St. John's Pharmacy.

HIGH SCHOOL

Incidents of High School Interestingly Told

Are you interested in your High School? If not, you should be; so watch this column. The students of James John are showing great interest in literary work and debating, which is sure to play a most important part in student activities this year. On Monday of last week the students of James John were highly honored. On the back lawn they lined up and marched around a moving picture machine. Then on Friday and Saturday nights, had the opportunity of seeing themselves as others see them in the local picture show. Have you heeded last week's notice and reserved the date November 20th? In the High School auditorium, on the evening of this date, the Dramatic Society is to give a play, entitled "The Village Lawyer." Its purpose is to raise money to carry on athletics and work connected with the Dramatic Society. The play has been read by Mrs. Hall, who has coached the students of James John in several other successful plays in the past, and she is greatly pleased with it. A meeting of the executive board of the Athletic Association was called and business of the Association was discussed briefly by the board. They acknowledged several bills and authorized the treasurer to pay them. On Monday, October 19th, a meeting of the Athletic Association was called by President Baybrook for the purpose of electing a girls' basket ball manager to take the place of Arline Shaw, resigned. Miss Hazel Johnson, who is a member of last year's team, was elected. The program committee of the Dramatic Society in a meeting on October 19th for planning their first program to be given November 6th, decided that a program should consist of the debate between the rival classes, freshmen and sophomores, and a short comedy as the second part. The enterprising Freshman class have sent a challenge to the Sophomores to meet them in debate, on the question, Resolved: That a student body organization is the best means of managing all student activities, including the discipline of the school, in James John High School. Athletics are brightening up and prospects are good in all branches. A last year's player has been added to the foot ball squad. James John now has the team, the equipment and everything necessary for a successful foot ball team with the sole exception of good support. The High School in all its activities should have the support of the entire population of St. Johns, the support of every business man. This is your High School and a victory for us is one for you. If the High School is well represented in its different contests, it lets outsiders know there is such a place as St. Johns, and that we are awake. The students of James John appeal to the business men and citizens for support, and we hope that at our next game, which is with Franklin High of Portland, will bring us in receipts of ten dollars, instead of three dollars, the total receipts of our last game. We can furnish you a winning team if we have your support; without it we are helpless.—Reporter.

Building Permits

No. 52—To the Western Co-operation Company to erect a dock on the river between the S. P. & S. tracks and the dry dock; cost \$5000. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY—The Boston Restaurant 122 Philadelphia street St. Johns has been newly arranged and is now in fine condition, full equipment with living rooms up stairs; cheap rent and a good stand. Will sell fixtures and give good lease—McKinney & Davis, phone Columbia 2. Note the label on your paper.