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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St. Johns is Calling You

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

Owing to the absence of Mayor Vincent, President of the Council Garlick presided at Tuesday evening's meeting of the city council. All members were present with the exception of Councilman Chadwick.

An agreement was entered into with the water company whereby all patrons having meters installed must make a deposit of $3, and that the company would begin paying back all excess charges paid for water beginning December 1st, street by street, until all shall have been remitted.

The quarterly report of the city recorder was read and accepted.

The report of the committee on adjustment of remonstrances against the weed cutting penalties was considered and after a few alterations had been made was accepted. The committee consisted of S. C. Cook and J. E. Tanch.

The recorder was directed to notify the Pacific States Telephone Company to elevate its wires over the Chicago Rooming House, where they had begun to sag too low.

A strong remonstrance was filed against the proposed improvement of Columbia boulevard, which was referred to the city engineer to ascertain the amount of property represented in the remonstrance.

Councilman Waldref made a motion that the city engineer secure an estimate of the physical value of the plant of the St. Johns Water Company, and that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the lowest price the company would be willing to dispose of same to the city. The motion carried, Councilman Graden being the only dissenting member. His contention was that St. Johns would possibly soon become a part of Portland, and that Portland could then deal with the proposition. The city attorney pointed out the fact that the water company's franchise held good even if Portland absorbed this city, and that St. Johns could as easily take care of the matter as Portland. The committee appointed consists of Attorney Parker, Mayor Vincent and Councilman Davis, the report to be ready at the next meeting.

Will Have a Big Time

All members of Holmes Lodge No. 101 Knights of Pythias, are earnestly requested to be present at the regular meeting this Friday, evening. The Pythian Sisters will be present. You know what that means—pumpkin pies, doughnuts, cider and red apples, music, hops, 500. Bring wife or sweetheart—yours or some other man's. If you have a prospective candidate, bring him. But above all, be present yourself. The Pythian Sisters are making extensive preparations and going to considerable expense to make this an evening of enjoyment long to be remembered. Music by J. E. Hiller.

In olden times the knightly heart
Oft answered call to arms,
Nor ever failed to do his part,
Amid the fray's alarms.

The clash of steel on armored plate
The thunder voice of Mars,
But called each Knight to meet his fate,
And glory in his scars.

But, Knightly Sir, this call to you
Is not to war or battle,
But just to prove what you can do
To make the dishes rattle.

With pumpkin pie and doughnuts, too,
Be sure you make no blunder,
And apple cider, fresh and new
All you can stand up under.
—A. Carl Nelson, K. of R. & S.

Consider It Well

The people will have to determine at the coming election November 3rd, where Oregon will pause on this side of complete state socialism.

Acquisition of all beds of streams and tidal waters that are navigable and the overflow lands is proposed by initiative measures.

With the very catchy campaign cry of "public markets," "public docks," the voters are to be seduced into creating a swarm of new public docks and warehouse commissions.

The beds of navigable waters, such as rivers, harbors, channels, bays, sloughs or inlets at bankfull stage are to be appropriated for public use.

Cities, towns, counties or the state or commissions named by them are to build public docks, warehouses, or wharves and maintain them by public taxation.

The right to build a wharf or dock between high water and the harbor line on navigable streams or tidal waters is to be revoked and taken over by the state.

This right has been exercised by owners of the upland under present laws, but in future, if the new amendment is adopted the upland owner is cut off by the state or city.

The new bankfull or tideland amendment will conflict with the present port commission law, and in all cities and five miles on either side of such city on navigable waters, wharves, docks or warehouses can only be erected by leasing the land between the upland and the harbor line or navigable channel.

The enactment of this tideland or bankfull amendment and the law initiated with it would stop all procedures in the public or private improvement of rivers and harbors in Oregon.

It would cloud the title or involve in litigation all property now held for wharves, docks, warehouses and logging booms in this state, both in the local and federal courts.

This new system authorizes the legislatures of cities or the state to lease such waterfront property to private parties to erect docks, etc., which lease may be terminated at the end of ten years, and the lessee shall be under public carrier regulations.

No provisions are made under these laws for leasing or disposing of submerged waterfronts, more than five miles from a city.

These laws, if enacted by the people, attempt to destroy the right of access to navigable water and the right of wharfage heretofore exercised by the owner of upland waterfront.

No wharves can be constructed five miles outside of any city if these laws are enacted.

No wharves inside of any city will be constructed, because the private owner of upland loses his right of access, and the lessee from the city must first buy the upland right.

Between the two ownerships and the conflicting rights no docks, wharves, warehouses or industries on waterfronts would be possible.

The one net result of adopting this "bankfull" legislation will be to drive all industries seeking new locations in the Pacific Northwest to the north bank of the Columbia river and to the rivers and harbors of Washington, and to Puget Sound and its northern tributaries. Do the voters of Oregon desire such a policy? Under the proposed system public ownership would ultimately displace all private enterprises of this character.—Industrial News Bureau.

Death of Margaret Nelson

Margaret Elenore Nelson died at her home at 816 North Edison street Sunday, October 25th, at about 10:30, aged 4 years, 11 months and 15 days. She had been ill for some time with tubercular meningitis. About three weeks ago she was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where five specialists did all in their power to relieve the little girl of her illness, but without avail, and she was brought home where the end came as above stated. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Nelson. The funeral took place from the Norwegian Lutheran church at Portsmouth Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.; interment in Columbia cemetery.

Abolish the Senate

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 27.—Editor St. Johns Review: As an employe of the Legislature and later on as a member of the state legislative body, and before that as a newspaper reporter in attendance upon numerous sessions of the legislature, I feel that I speak from experience when I say that it is for the best interests of the people of the state that the senate be abolished.

The abolishment of the state senate will not only be a saving of expense, but it will create greater efficiency in state government. My personal opinion, publicly expressed, is that it has seemed to me that the chief function of the senate was to throttle legislation desired by the people for the benefit of the privilege seeking concerns. Clubbing the members of the House was also a part of the duties of the Senate. A member of the House would get a bill into the Senate and then was tipped off by the professional lobbyists that unless he laid down on other measures and became a "good dog" that his bill would be killed in the Senate.

I had a personal experience of that sort myself. My bill to provide free text books had passed the House and went into the Senate. I was busily engaged in fighting a bunch of Senate graft bills that came into the House, when I was told if I did not lay down and become a good doggie, my free school book bill would be hamstrung.

I hate to tell the readers of the Review what I told this man, because they might be shocked at the choice of my language. To cut my story short, Senator Turner Oliver whom I asked to look after my offspring, rushed in one day and whispered in my ear: "They have carried out their threat; they killed the bill by having it indefinitely postponed, so no record would be kept of the senators killing it."

There are numerous incidents of this kind, hardly worth repeating, and it is going to continue, too, unless the state senate is abolished. Have one legislative body so you can fix the responsibility, avoid duplication of work, cut down the expenses and get better government by voting No. 350, "Yes." You have everything to gain and nothing to lose.—Ralph C. Clyde, Member 1911 Legislature.

"Just Chalk it Down"

"Just chalk it down," the poor man said, when he had bought some boneless bread, and many costly things, his wife and brood of brains to feed—the most of which they didn't need as much as you need wings. He buys the richest things in town and always says, "just chalk it down, I'll pay you soon, you bet," and pay day evenings finds him broke, his hard earned plunks gone up in smoke, and still he is in debt. The man who doesn't buy for cash lays in all kinds of costly trash that he could do without; he spends his coin before it's earned and roars about it when it's burned—is that your way, old scout? When comes the day of evil luck, the war bag does not hold a buck to keep the wolf away; the "charge it" plan will work no more at any market, shop or store; no goods unless you pay. The poor man for his money sweats and he should pay for what he gets, just when he gets the same; then, when he goes his prunes to buy, and sees how fast the nickels fly he'll dodge the spendthrift game. If you begin to save your stamps, some day, with teardrops in your lamps this writer you will thank; when man in grief and sickness groans there's naught like having 15 bones in some good savings bank.—Walt Mason.

Vote for your interests next Tuesday regardless of politics. We need a man in the Legislature. D. C. Lewis lives here. His home is here. His property is here. Questions vital to St. Johns may be before the Legislature. Let us make his election unanimous, regardless of party. A vote for D. C. Lewis is a vote for St. Johns. His number on the ballot is 75.

A Flourishing Institution

An institution which has contributed much to the development of St. Johns during the past six years is the First National Bank of this city. It was organized in the spring of 1908, with a capital of $25,000.00, and it is a noteworthy fact that the funds paid down as its capital, were all brought in from the outside. Its organization shortly after the financial flurry of 1907, and before the country had recovered from the effects of the monetary excesses that produced that flurry, speaks well for the confidence its promoters had in the future of St. Johns. It is gratifying to note that their confidence has not been misplaced, and a proof of their satisfaction was shown in the later increase of the capital to $50,000.00, to which has been added an earned surplus of $10,000.00, and both this capital and surplus are working and aiding in the development of the city.

The business of the bank has steadily grown, until at the present time the institution and its allied interests represent an investment of half a million dollars, all of which is loaned out in this community. The present management of the bank, in addition to experience of several years in the same line elsewhere, has now had six years experience in this city, and is well qualified to be of service to its customers and friends who need assistance in the care and development of their property.

The bank is housed in a substantial brick building, has fireproof vaults, and safety deposit boxes for the use of those who desire to keep their valuable papers.

The management is always pleased to have its customers and others come in and ask for advice in the matter of investments, and in any business of a financial character. Its officers are, R. M. Tuttle, President; A. R. Jobes, Vice President; F. P. Drinker, Cashier, and C. B. Russell, Assistant Cashier.

A Pleasant Surprise

Miss Lulu Gillmore was surprised in a most delightful manner on Tuesday afternoon at her home on North Hayes street, when a bevy of young ladies arrived all laden with mysterious packages and having a bashful young man in tow (who, however, soon made his escape). A very pleasant time was spent, and a delicious lunch was served.

The affair was in the nature of a Farewell Party, as Miss G. is to leave November 2nd, on the steamer Bear for San Francisco. After a short visit with friends in Oakland, she will go to Visalia, Cal., for a two months' visit with her brother, returning by rail and visiting friends in Medford, Central Point and Eugene en route.

Those present were Mesdames C. C. Currin, Edwin Stewart, C. S. Currin, Viola Johnson, J. F. Gillmore, Misses Merta Gatton, Laura Ross, Ida Fassett, Leah Watters, L. Gillmore. Bashful young man's name withheld by request.

Building Permits

No. 53—To Bert Olin to erect a dwelling on Smith avenue between St. Johns avenue and Bristol street for M. G. Urban; cost $400.

No. 54—To Bert Olin to erect a dwelling on St. Johns avenue between Smith and Central avenues for M. G. Urban; cost $400.

Secretary Franklin R. Lane has advised Governor West that the reclamation service engineer has decided upon the Deschute project as the most suitable one in this state upon which to expend the $450,000 allotted by the government for reclamation work in Oregon. This appropriation was made for expenditure during the calendar year of 1914 and was made dependent upon the appropriation of a similar amount by the state of Oregon. Unless the money from the state is forthcoming the government appropriation will expire on Dec. 31, but it may be renewed immediately for the first of the next year.

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HIGH SCHOOL

Incidents of High School Interestingly Told

Watch this column and get interested in your High School.

The date November 20th will be of interest to you if you are at the H. S. auditorium to see the play, "The Village Lawyer." The rehearsals for the play have begun in earnest. The cast is as follows:

Seth Barrett, the lawyer—John McGregor.

David Conant, a political "boss"—Will Leutch.

James Ferguson, his right hand man—George Hufford.

Alan Spencer, a young city fellow—Clyde Thayer.

Sam Dill, a much married man—Wesley Wrinkle.

Dan Bright, learning to be a lawyer—Curtis Phillips.

Helen Conant, David's daughter—Florence Davis.

Isabel Underwood, from gay Broadway—Hazel Johnson.

Angie Barrett, sister of Seth—Ethel Hufford.

Mrs. Dill, not afraid to speak her mind—Marie Bredeson.

Sobelia, a household factotum—Bernice Brownley.

The play is a political one, and so should be of special interest just now. Seth Barrett, the lawyer, who is running for district attorney, is opposed by David Conant, father of the girl whom Seth loves. Come and see that the hero wins.

This play is given under the auspices of the Dramatic Club for the purpose of raising necessary funds for school activities. Of the proceeds, 75 per cent will go for the support of athletics. For the past three years Lyceum courses have been given, the proceeds of which went to the Athletic Association. Those students who undertook to carry the Lyceum course through worked hard though willingly. Any one who has never helped with work of this kind cannot appreciate the hard work put forth to make it a financial success. The proceeds of the Lyceum courses were less each succeeding year, until last year, when there was barely enough to cover expenses. This year the H. S. decided not to attempt a Lyceum course. Instead, we are giving this play with the hope that the people of St. Johns will take as much interest in this home production as if it were given by a star stock company. Therefore, boost the school and its activities by helping the play.

Another foot ball victory is credited to James John. The game won from Franklin H. S. was a fast and interesting one. Owing to the fine work of our boys, a touchdown was made by Wesley Wrinkle early in the first quarter. In the next quarter Franklin H. S. did good work, and brought their score up to 12, while ours did not increase. Through the third quarter the score remained 12 to 7, and it looked as though the game would go to Franklin H. S. Then John McGregor, who had been kept out by a sprained ankle, resolved to do or die, and went into the game. By his spectacular dash over the goal line, our team was given another touchdown. This decision counterbalanced the mistake the referee had made earlier in the game. Bert Sundstrom did his usual good work by kicking the ball straight and sure over the goal both times. Both teams played a clean, good game. The Franklin boys slightly outweighed the home team.

An enthusiastic rally was held just before the game Friday afternoon. Mr. Fry promised a watch fob to the boy who recovers the most fumbles during this season of foot ball. From the game with Franklin H. S. it seems there will be many competitors for that watch fob.

Among the visitors of the past week at the H. S. were Lulu Day, Lucile Whelan, Everett Smith and Myrtle Rawson, all former garduates of the H. S. We extend a hearty welcome to all our former pupils and hope they will never lose interest in what we are doing at James John H. S.

The Freshman team, who will represent their class in the first interclass debate, are Wyeth Jayne, Margaret Nelson, and Clarice Wilson. The enthusiasm with which they go into the debate gives hope of an interesting contest on November 6th. The Sophomore team is composed of Ferris Swisher, Drott Larson and Dorothy Schafer, who are determined to defend the affirmative side of the question with an earnestness worthy of the class they represent.

Lulu Day is the latest to register for work in the Commercial Department.

The Juniors have plans afoot. Watch for them! —Reporter.

Good Times at Hand

Some of the keenest, longest headed business men are beginning to predict that this country is on the eve of the greatest era of prosperity it has ever enjoyed in its long history.

In the middle of the summer when manufacturers did not know where to turn, they were confronted with the dislocations due to the remade tariff, combined with the upward price of wool. Where they were to get off they didn't know. They were obliged to make provision for business that was six months and more away and even the most optimistic of them were fearful of the outcome. Now every woolen mill in the country—in Oregon as well as elsewhere—is running day and night and the problem is not how to secure orders to keep them open but how to command men, machinery and facilities to meet the demand which is overwhelming them. The demand is due to the war.

Take the case of England. All colonial troops land there. They must be outfitted. It is utterly impossible for England to meet the demands thus made upon it. It must seek help outside, and the only place it can go is to America. And here it is coming with such overwhelming orders that it will strain this country's manufacturing resources to the uttermost to meet them. In this prosperity Oregon is already sharing and its share will be proportioned to its capacity to produce.

A local firm has received a five years' contract to supply the cabinets for the Victor talking machine. People of Portland do not realize that this city is rapidly becoming the furniture manufacturing center of the United States. The scepter that Grand Rapids has so long held must inevitably pass to Portland, for we have here command of the cheap lumber, domestic and imported. Our output is now altogether beyond the conception of the average citizen and the manufacturers are so filed with orders they do not know where to turn. There are manufacturers in these lines here now who are actually hoping for a lull in the orders that are flooding them.

It is time for cheerfulness and optimism. The country is beginning to adjust itself to the war conditions, and it is here the warring nations must turn for the food and manufactured articles which they can no longer produce for themselves and which they absolutely must have. Cheer up, brethren, for we are on the eve of big things and the days of our tribulation are nearly over if they have not already passed.—Evening Telegram.

Progressive Study Club

The Progressive Study Club met Thursday afternoon, October 22, at the home of Mrs. A. W. Arnold, Lombard street. The Bible study, under the direction of Mrs. Perry of Portland, was on "Philip; his life and work" and was very interesting and instructive to all. At the close of the study a short business session was held followed by delicious refreshments. An old fashioned game was played in which Mrs. J. F. Gilpin won first prize and Miss Nora Geeslin the children's prize. The next meeting, November 5th, will take place with Mrs. E. C. Geeslin, 601 East Buchanan street, St. Johns, the topic being Whittier, his life and work.

A Valuable Map

The State Engineer has mailed to the postmaster at St. Johns a neatly framed topographic map, covering a considerable area in this part of the state. The postmaster has been requested to display the map in the postoffice in order that the attention of patrons of the office may be called to these valuable maps. Full instructions for securing copies of these maps are given, also explanation as to the particular purpose for which they may be used. These probably are the most accurate road maps published and are therefore useful to the traveling public, particularly automobilists. They also show the location of every farm house, including cities and towns, streams and other natural and artificial objects. The elevation of any point desired, or difference in elevation can also be determined from the map.

These maps are made by the State Engineer in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey and while only a very small part of the State has been covered, the work will be discontinued in case the provisions of the "George Bill," to abolish the Desert Land Board and reorganize certain state offices, is passed and its provisions become effective.

These maps are the foundation work for the future development of the state as they show the location of feasible irrigation, power and drainage projects, the proper location for railroads and highways, and are of value to every farmer whose farm has been thus actually surveyed.

Should Be Defeated

A universal eight hour law such as the one proposed by those who are responsible for placing on the ballot in the coming election amendment 320 and 321 is manifestly unfair to the state of Oregon and dangerous in its subsequent development. Under a stringent eight hour law such as is proposed, it will cost the average farmer and business man twenty-five per cent more to produce the same results as are being produced now at the present cost. This 25 per cent extra will unquestionably have to be added to the cost of Oregon's products and in competition with the products of neighboring states not handicapped by such drastic legislation, the products of the state of Oregon will cut a sorry figure in the markets of the northwest when the price is considered. Legislation such as this is not for the individual state to pass, but should be handled nationally, placing all states on the same basis as far as hours of labor are concerned. Economically the passage of the proposed eight hour law would work a tremendous hardship on the future development of Oregon, and it should be defeated decisively on November third, and it will be defeated if those who are opposed to it will not manifest indifference on election day, but will go to the polls and vote no on 321.—Eugene Guard.

An Elaborate Dinner

The members of the Quid Libet club entertained their husbands and a few invited guests at an elaborate dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Brown on Tuesday evening. This was the first of a series of dinners that are to be given during the season. After dinner the chief diversion was music, both vocal and instrumental, given by different ones present. Those present were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bonham and daughter, Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Butts, Mr. and Mrs. Billings Douglass, Mrs. Percy Douglass, Dr. and Mrs. Gilstrap, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muck, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Dr. and Mrs. Gambee, Mr. and Mrs. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Markle, Mrs. Roy Ingledue, Miss Ruby Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Fry, Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Brown and Miss Alice Brown.—Press Correspondent.

The political pot is boiling over time this week.