

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,
Stone 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.

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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.

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.

The committee on securing wood cutting for the unemployed confessed its inability to secure suitable tracts for the purpose and the committee was discharged.

The committee on interviewing the Port of Portland Commission relative to donation on Cooperage roadway was not ready to submit report, which was also true of the committee on securing data on the water plant proposition, and further time was granted.

Bills amounting to \$755.82 were allowed.

A. W. Davis was appointed a committee of one to ascertain if work could be secured at the St. Johns Lumber Company's mill for the unemployed at moderate wages in doing odd jobs. Mr. Davis volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Reports of the chief of police, city recorder and city treasurer for the month of November were read and accepted.

The promoters of the community Christmas tree were granted permission to erect the tree on the street where desired.

T. D. Condon, G. D. Miller, T. C. James and Ringling & Cummins applied for renewal of liquor license, which were referred to the liquor license committee.

A resolution changing the grade on South Decatur street was adopted.

Attorney Perry C. Stroud advocated the establishment of grades on all the streets of St. Johns, but no definite action was taken.

Mrs. Tufts asked for a definite answer as to the excess cost on her Burlington street property, and the council decided not to assume any of it, since her son, Moses Tufts, had signed a waiver petition. The city recently offered to pay one-half of the excess, but Mrs. Tufts was not satisfied with the proposed compromise.

Chief of Police Poff recommended the installation of a red light police system, and the matter was referred to the water and light committee for action.

Upon suggestion of the city engineer he was given permission to have a door cut into the Mayor's office from the office of the engineer, more room being needed by the engineering force.

The engineer was directed to prepare a map of the city for the benefit of the fire department.

The recorder was directed to communicate with A. G. Long as to the disposition of the fire engine which he had loaned to the city for a period of six months, and which time had about expired.

It was decided that the mayor should offer for sale the wheels on the old chemical engine, at a price not less than \$75.

Crosswalks were ordered constructed on Baltimore and Fessenden streets.

Councilman Garlick presented some interesting figures on the cost of installing and maintenance of an electric lighting system.

Even the war has its bright side. Two negro porters were discussing it as they waited for a train to pull into the station. "Man," said the first, "dem Germany submarines is sholy gwine to sink de British navy. Yas, sirree, dey's sholy gwine to splode dem naval boats dat's waiting out yonda. Sho! said Porter No. 2. An' what's gwine to happen den?" "Why, dem Germany submarines will come right on 'cross de ocean an' splode de rest ob de naval boats ob de world. Dat's what'll happen den, Sambo!" "Well, looky heab, Gawge, ain't you an' me better decla' oahselves a couple o' nootral nootralities?" "Man," said Gawge, "yo' all kin be a nootrality if yo' wants to. Ah'm a German."—Ex.

State Industrial Notes

The heads of the state insane asylums are drafting a parole law that will result in reducing by 200 the number of patients kept at state expense.

Marshfield is planning a new city hall.

In Washington the Blue Sky law was defeated at the polls, as it was in Oregon when first proposed.

The Tillamook cheese product for 1914 will total 4,101,962 pounds.

Central Oregon irrigation projects are planning to get \$450,000 from reclamation funds.

The fight to cut state expenses half a million and to limit introduction of bills to five for each member is receiving unanimous support from the state press.

The Newberg cannery closed with a pack of 500,000 cans.

Oregon City claims lowest tax levy in the Willamette valley.

To get idle men employed upon the land is one of the problems to come before the legislature.

A \$20,000 brick mill will displace the Comstock hotel at Klamath Falls.

A new county office to be created by the legislature is public defender.

Concrete work has started on the Southern Pacific Bridge across Coos Bay.

North Bend banks are cashing more pay checks than ever before.

Gresham is to be connected with Portland by hard surface road.

Last half of November coast ports shipped 17,000,000 feet of lumber to Frisco.

By eliminating the useless 1915 census the state will save \$100,000.

Working men's Compensation Commission asks salaries for two years of \$90,720. State Labor Commissioner collects \$21,000. These two bodies are to be consolidated.

Carleton boasts a new steel bridge and eight blocks of paving.

Another attempt is to be made to enact the universal eight hour law.

Linn county has no debt and a reduced tax levy.

A 31 pound gold brick was brought out of the Ogle mine, Clackamas county, the past week.

Portland gave a local firm of contractors the big Shattuck school contract over a lower bidder in Montana.

The Cello canal is being rushed to completion with 850 men.

Plead Guilty

Oscar M. Downs, an old and highly respected resident of St. Johns, was arrested last Saturday night by Policeman Muck, and brought before Judge A. W. Davis' court on North Jersey street, and there was charged with a serious "misdemeanor," by living six years longer than man's allotted time. Mr. Downs being 76 years of age. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and Judge Davis sentenced him to 76 years more of existence, with the provision that he report at the Judge's Court once a year, and as much oftener as convenient. Later the Judge grew more merciful, and suspended sentence, and in view of his well spent life, upright character and good citizenship presented him on behalf of several Masonic friends with some valuable and useful presents in which some cash was included.

Officials of the Panama Exposition have been notified that two famous ships of the United States Navy will remain at the Exposition during the nine and a half months that it is open. The Oregon, "the bull dog of the navy," and the Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flag ship at the battle of Manila Bay, will be moored in the Exposition's slip. As far as possible the Oregon and Olympia will be manned by the crews of 1898. In addition to these the government will have a ship of every type in the navy kept at the exposition and included in this list will be the hospital ship Solace, the most perfectly equipped ship of the kind in the world.

Truth is the most important casualty of this war.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Tree Will Be a Spectacular Affair

The Community Christmas Tree for St. Johns promises to be one of the greatest and most enjoyable affairs that has ever occurred in this city. The various committees have been appointed and are now at work. The tree, which will be a huge one, will be located probably in front of Currins' drug store, and will be beautifully arranged and illuminated with colored lights. The tree will bear no presents, the contributions going toward aiding the destitute through the committees.

A fine Christmas program is being arranged and will be rendered at the Christmas tree if the weather is propitious, otherwise in the high school auditorium. The whole community is earnestly requested to join in boosting the proposition. Solicitors will wait upon all the residents of St. Johns for aid of the destitute.

A meeting was held in the Commercial club rooms Wednesday evening, attended by members of the various committees, and it was a most enthusiastic gathering. The committees were assigned the different parts to play in the Community Christmas tree. It is expected that several hundred dollars, or its equivalent, will be raised. This philanthropic project was originated by Mrs. George M. Hall, and the movement is spreading with astonishing rapidity. The following are the committees appointed:

Finance Committee—Dr. A. W. Vincent, F. P. Drinker and J. N. Edleson.

Music—Dr. H. O. Brown.

Publicity—A. W. Markle, O. J. Gatzmyer, Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. J. M. Shaw, Mrs. A. W. Vincent, Miss Plasket, Mrs. Kellogg, and Mrs. Graden.

Soliciting—V. W. Mason, J. E. Hiller, D. F. Horsman, J. N. Keefer, Mr. Bean, Mrs. F. W. Valentine, Miss B. Beam, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. H. W. Brice, Miss Myrtle Gatten.

Relief—V. W. Mason, John Poff, T. J. Monahan, A. S. Seales, Mr. Blair, Mr. Stark and C. Graden.

Decorating and Lighting—Earl Kilkenny, Wallace Tindall, J. W. Decker, Mr. Gensman and Mr. Buery.

Hall and Rooms—Mrs. J. M. Shaw, Mrs. D. N. Byerlee, Mrs. Wm. Edmondson and Mrs. Branam.

Grounds and Xmas Tree—S. W. Rogers, R. Graden, J. V. Scott, H. Fassett and M. Cunningham.

Business Men's Committee—H. W. Bingham, Dr. B. F. Rambo, K. C. Dr. Gambee, Prof. Fry, Dr. McChesney, C. C. Curran and C. R. Thompson.

Advisory—T. J. Monahan, Dr. L. E. Graves, Miss Beatrice Rundall, Prof. C. H. Boyd and the pastors of the various churches.

Explanatory Committee—Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Douglass, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Evens, Mrs. Ingledue, Mrs. Markle and Mrs. Learned.

Will Be Big Concern

We understand that the plans for the new plant of the Western Cooperage Company near the dry dock provide for the main mill building to be 150x200 feet in size. The warehouse will be 70x200 feet two story; the upper story to be connected by side-track with the S. P. & S. Railroad tracks and the lower floor with the O. W. R. & N. tracks. There will be a finishing room 60x200 feet and twelve dry kilns of tile construction 13x104 feet each, besides the large dock and office buildings now under construction. L. R. Bailey of Portland is the architect. Considerable new machinery of the latest and most approved modern construction will be used. One of the latest inventions to make pulp of the waste material for use at paper mills will also be installed.

It is understood that construction work will soon begin, probably before the first of the new year. It is said that fifty skilled laborers will be brought here from Aberdeen. It is anticipated by the management that 350 hands will be employed and that St. Johns will be given the preference. The new roadway constructed by the city has been completed and it is satisfactory in every way.

As a great many of the farmers of Oregon find it impossible to attend the short sessions of the O. A. C. at Corvallis, school will be loaded upon a special train and taken over the state in order to distribute important instruction almost at the farmer's door. The first sessions of this traveling school will be held at Molalla and Estacada beginning Dec. 8. Although the complete schedule has not been definitely arranged, it has been decided that there will be 24 sessions in 24 different parts of the state, each session lasting five days, the school term ending March 27. Six members of the staff of the extension division of the college work will give up all their time to this instruction, discussing all the important phases of production and marketing, special attention being given to local problems. Certain subjects will be treated on certain days, making it possible for a busy man to attend only on the day when the special subject in which he is interested is taken up.

John, whose father was a baker, was in the habit of bringing his teacher a fresh pretzel each. "I wish you would tell your father not to make them quite so salty," she once said, laughingly. Thereafter the shiny brown delicacy—always minus the salt—was found frequently on her desk. "It is very kind of your father to make one on purpose for me," she told him. "Oh!" was the startling reply. "he don't make them this way. I lick the salt off."—Ex.

Two Verdicts

She was a woman, worn and thin,
Whom the world condemned for a single sin,
They cast her out on the King's highway,
And passed her by as they went to pray.
He was a man and more to blame,
But the world spared him a breath of shame,
Under his feet he saw her lie,
But raised his head and passed her by.
They were the people who went to pray
At the Temple of God a holy day—
They scorned the woman, forgave the man—
It was ever thus since the world began.
Time passed on, the woman died,
On the cross of shame she was crucified,
But the world was stern and would not yield,
So they buried her in the potter's field.
The man died, too, and they buried him,
In a casket of cloth, with a silver rim,
And said, as they turned from his grave away:
"We have buried an honest man today."
Two mortals knocking at Heaven's gate
Stood face to face to inquire their fate,
He carried a passport with earthly sign,
And she a pardon from Love Divine.
"O! ye who judge 'twixt virtue and vice,
Which, think you, entered to Paradise?
Not he whom the world had said would win,
For the woman alone was ushered in."
—Arthur Lewis Tubbs.

An Expensive School

The State Reform School with only 88 boys in custody on November 1st, has cost \$23.28 per month per boy the past year. The appropriations for the past two years were \$73,450, or \$835 per capita for the biennial period.

The buildings are large enough for five times as many inmates and the farm is one of the largest owned by the state. The cost of administration and management has been \$8.55 per boy per month, about double that of other institutions.

A few of the older boys are criminals and might be kept at the penitentiary, and Governor West says the rest of the boys might be better off at home. From its origin this institution has been made the football of politics.

During the past few years a reform management has tried to make improvements but has not been successful. Supt. Hale was a Y. M. C. A. worker and a young man of the best intentions but not a professional reform school manager.

There is growing feeling that this institution should be abolished unless it can be placed in the hands of a trained expert reformatory manager who can develop the boys industrially. — Industrial News Bureau.

"Oh, my!" she exclaimed, impatiently; "we'll be sure to miss the first act. We've been waiting a good many minutes for that mother of mine." "Hours I should say," he replied rather tartly. "Ours?" she cried joyfully. "Oh George this is so sudden!"—Ladies Home Journal.

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.

In spite of the European cataclysm there is a peaceful little world convention at the library this week, where German Gretchen and Russian Petrovna, Swiss Lisa and Arab Gemita meet on the most friendly terms. Other delegates are Togo and Lotus Blossom of Japan, Andrew of Scotland, Wilhemina and Pieter of Holland, Sipsu of Lapland and Little Bear of the American Indians. Through some miracle of longevity which we need not go into here, even the Pilgrims of our early history are represented in the persons of Mistress Thankful and the little round head, Peregrin. The occasion is an exhibit of the dolls and flags of many nations.

The Junior Drama Club has finished Shakespeare's, "As You Like It," and is now reading the beautiful Robin Hood play, "Sherwood" by Noyes.

The Reading Circle will take up Arnold Bennett's, "How to Live on 24 Hours a Day," in next Monday evening's meeting. Mrs. Manning will lead.

At the story hour the children are making a list of the winter birds to be seen about St. Johns, and learning of their habits. The bird to be talked of this week is the flicker. The stories for Saturday are "Christmas in Europe" and "The Christmas Masquerade." The library can furnish lists of children's books suitable for Christmas gifts, with price and publisher. Some of these books may be seen at the library, and all of them are kept in stock by Portland bookstores. If you wish to choose your children's gifts discriminately instead of in the rush of the shopping hour, this list will help you. Perhaps the library shelves can also furnish you suggestions as to gift books for your grownup friends.

Just received:
Bernhardt—Germany and the Next War.

This book has been too repeatedly reviewed in magazines and papers to need comment here. Everyone interested in the war and its meanings wishes to read this book.

The Christmas magazines are most attractive. Spend an evening with them at the library.

Still Fierce for War

On the surface there appears to be no disposition on the part of the great powers to consider any terms of peace that does not include the practical extinguishing of the enemy. On the part of Germany the determination seems to be to continue the fighting outside her own territory, but if at any point her lines are broken through and the allies obtain a position on her soil, she is confident that it will bring annihilation to the invader, for her frontier is bulkheaded and fortified by unknown numbers of trained soldiers. Her original plan was frustrated by the unexpected and heroic opposition of Belgium, but her original purpose has not changed. Austria Hungary has suffered fearfully and we suspect she would listen to peace proposals, but she is alone in that.

France is as belligerent as ever and her confidence seems to strengthen daily. It is the same way with Russia and the winter blasts have no terror for her soldiers.

We think that the significance of the letter wired ten days ago, and signed by Asquith, Roseberry and Balfour calling on the National Patriotic association to increase its efforts, has not been fully considered on this side. One paragraph read: "There must be no weakening; no patched up truce that would expose our children to a revival of the German menace." That means that Great Britain is determined to crush Germany on land and to capture or destroy her fleet, and dictate the terms of peace which would include the forbidding of the creation of another such army or the building of another navy. That is the elimination of Germany as a military menace or a commercial rival. All of which means a war to the death. Surely not a very encouraging outlook for peace.

In the meantime both Great Britain and Germany are increasing their demands as to what constitutes neutrality, and it begins to look as though both would be glad to see our country involved, not perhaps so much as a factor in the war, as to prevent our country from taking the steps which, when the war finally exhausts itself, would make ours the foremost of commercial nations.

This is very different from what the premier, the prime minister, the lords and rich manufacturers and merchants of England did in our great Civil War. They built, armed and manned ships to prey upon our commerce. The compound marine engine had just been invented; they fitted out blockade runners to run the gauntlet of our blockade and supplied the material to the South which it has been estimated prolonged our war a year and a half. Except for Queen Victoria they would have given the South their armed intervention. As it is, it will require all the genius of our government officials to keep our country from being involved. — Goodwin's Weekly.

"Father," inquired the little brain twister of the family, "when will our little baby brother be able to talk?" "Oh, when he's about three, Ethel. He's only a baby yet, and babies can't talk." "Oh, yes, they can, father," insisted Ethel. "For Job could talk when he was a baby." "Job! What do you mean?" "Yes," said Ethel. "Nurse was telling us today that it says in the Bible 'Job cursed the day he was born.'" — Ex.

With a lead of 37 votes, C. F. Malone, who entered the Linnton Mayorality race at the last moment, was elected Tuesday to succeed J. B. Schaefer, who has been Mayor of the town since its incorporation, four years ago. The same ballots also returned a vote of 202, against 115, in favor of annexing Linnton to Portland. Portland will vote on the annexation at the June election. Mr. Malone, the Mayor-elect, was the station agent at Linnton until three weeks ago. The election for Councilmen returned C. W. Goodsmann of Glen Harbor, Herman Kettner and Richard Shepard. Holdover Councilmen are A. Munson, H. F. Hanson and Lloyd M. Mills.

Incidents of High School

Incidents of High School Interestingly Told

On Friday last the James John high school, in company with the Franklin and Washington high schools, of Portland, was given a rare musical treat. The occasion was a last rehearsal of the Portland Symphony Orchestra at the Heilig Theatre. Every member of the student body and of the faculty deeply appreciates the kindness of Mrs. Tate, who has made this opportunity possible for us for the last two years. While the ears of all of us may not be equally keen to the subtle beauties of the great masters of music, we all felt the beauty of Beethoven's symphony, and brought away with us a lasting impression of its wonderful expression by the instruments of the orchestra.

The Community Sing at the high school ended the day of music. A crowded house responded heartily to Mrs. Coover's appeal to join in the singing of "some of the good old songs." The orchestra from the Eliot and Shattuck schools discoursed some pleasing numbers under the leadership of Mr. Hunter, and Mrs. Johnson gave us a beautiful little song. In addition to those pleasing contributions from abroad, our own school talent furnished good chorus work. The grade school and the high school choruses sang in their usual enthusiastic way, but an entirely new feature was the teachers' chorus. We hope these ladies will make their chorus a permanent organization. Much credit is due to the conductor of our school music, Mrs. Coover, for making this first "community sing" a success. She plans to have another some time soon.

Come one, come all! Help your home teams win the first basket ball games of the season. On Friday night, in the H. S. Gym, the boys play Orient H. S., and the girls play Hillsboro. A double header! You will get your 25 cents worth.

The new basket ball suits which have been so ardently hoped for, so long planned and worked for, have at last been granted to the patient girls, and they are well worth the planning and waiting, so the girls think. The boys also have some new suits that will grace any floor and throw other teams in the shade.

The boys' basket ball team played a practice game with the "All Stars" last week, winning by a count of 17 to 15. A "curtain raiser" between the H. S. Midgets and the Boosters was won by the former, 22 to 11. — Reporter.

Catholic Church Notes

On the coming Sunday the services are to be as usual; Holy Communion at seven o'clock; low Mass and instruction at eight o'clock; high Mass and sermon at half past ten. Evening devotions at 7:30 p. m. Morning topic, "Divine Worship;" evening subject, "The universality of the church." The daily Mass on week days is at 8:15 a. m. The public is always very welcome.

Parts of the great pipe organ and echo organ for the Exposition have arrived on the Exposition grounds. Five freight cars were required to carry the first shipment of these organs that will be placed in Festival Hall. After the close of the Exposition the organs will be presented to the city of San Francisco for the Exposition Memorial Auditorium. Included in the shipment are two twenty horse power motor blowers.

Two slick looking drummers, having a few hours' layover in Seaside, decided to dine at the village hotel. With the roast beef and roast pork on the bill of fare was also some young chicken. One of the drummers turned to the pretty waitress and asked: "How's the chicken?" The young lady blushed; then answered, demurely: "Oh, I'm all right. How are you?" — Journal.

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