

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. Vanner 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 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.

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. An invitation to attend the annual banquet of the fire department on the evening of January 4th, was accepted upon motion of Councilman Waldref. A communication from A. G. Long tendered the use of his steam engine free to the city for an indefinite time provided it receive proper attention, which tender was accepted. The city has had the use of the engine for the past six months or more. A communication from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company conveyed the information that arc lights had been installed on the Cooperage roadway, and at Edison and Pierce streets, and that the arc light at the corner of Willamette boulevard and Pierce street had been removed to Buchanan and Pierce streets, as per request of the city council. The following bids were received on the improvement of Macrum avenue: Hahn & Rehm, \$3919.35; V. W. Mason, \$3747.54; Andrew & Harrer, \$3819.50; Cochran-Nutting & Co., \$3572.66; Daniel Jackson, \$3928.08. The bids of Cochran-Nutting & Co., being the lowest, they were awarded the contract with the proviso that St. Johns labor be employed in the work. Bills amounting to \$90.22 were allowed. The committee on securing wood to cut by the unemployed reported that it had secured such a privilege on the Gaton tract at a price of \$1.25 per cord stumpage. It is expected that a number of men will be given employment thereon within a day or two. The liquor license applications of the four saloons in St. Johns were granted, after being approved by the liquor license committee, the license to expire June 30th. A proposition soliciting the aid of the city in maintaining a rest room on Jersey street, in the room formerly occupied by the North Bank Pharmacy was submitted, and upon motion of Councilman Garlick it was decided that the city should agree to pay ten dollars per month toward such purpose. Upon motion of Councilman Graden it was decided that a reward of five dollars in each instance be awarded to the person furnishing evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of persons breaking windows or otherwise damaging property in the city in a willful manner. P. G. Gilmore, secretary of the local Moose lodge, made application for liquor license for that order for one year, beginning January first, under the provisions of an ordinance passed by the council last week, and the matter was referred to the liquor license committee. A resolution directing the engineer to prepare the necessary data for the improvement of Tyler street by sidewalk and grade between Jersey and Fessenden streets was adopted. Upon motion of Councilman Garlick it was ordered that the chief of police post notices on Oswego street warning all persons against driving vehicles on the line of the sidewalk. An ordinance assessing the cost of cutting weeds was passed. After lying idle for centuries and, of late years being the subject of numerous controversies, Lakes Sumner and Albert, in the central part of the state, have been leased to New York syndicate for a term of 45 years. Mr. J. C. Moore, head of the syndicate, states that his company will spend \$6,000,000 for development work within the next two years, and that, if the results meet their expectation, from 3,000 to 6,000 men will be employed. Under the terms of the lease the state will receive royalties of not less than \$25,000 per year, the royalty to be based on the tonnage of salts extracted from the lakes. The present development plan includes the construction of a pipeline down the Deschutes Valley to some point on the Columbia River where a plant for extracting the salts will be erected.

Was Splendid Success

The Bachelor Club's Charity Entertainment in the Multnomah Theatre Monday night was a most enjoyable event. The seating capacity of the theatre was more than reached, and the entertainment was extensive, varied and particularly interesting. It opened with three reels of high class moving pictures, followed by minstrel performance by the Bachelors. This was splendidly arranged, and each number was greeted with appreciative applause. The Bachelors were arrayed in regular Darkey minstrel fashion, and it was quite difficult to recognize the individuals through their coats of burnt cork. Glen Vandenburg rendered a couple of pleasing selections on the violin, followed by George Johnson in vocal solo. Mr. Johnson is possessed of a beautiful voice, and his renditions were greatly appreciated. Al Keel also sang several songs that made a big hit with the audience. A comedy sketch entitled, "Making It Rain," furnished much amusement. Miss Mary Burley, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burley, captured the house by her singing. She is only a little bit of a tot, but she rendered her songs like a veteran, and was greeted with vociferous applause. Harry Fassett, ragtime warbler and gabbist, was at his best, and as is always the case, his efforts delighted his audience. In fact, Mr. Fassett furnished a large share of the entertainment of the evening, and was a most important factor in making the event the splendid success it proved to be. The entertainment concluded with fine selections by the Elco quartet. The proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to the needy of St. Johns. Following is the program and cast of characters: Opening chorus—Dixie—entire company. Cast—D. Callier, H. Fassett, R. Felton, J. Fulley, A. Horton, Ben Lee, J. Foreman, A. Hensler, J. Emig, T. Muller, V. Prentice, L. Pommerville, Link Fassett, G. Vandenburg, F. Bohrer. "Down at the Barbecue"—Harry Fassett. "Can't Yo Heah Me Callin'"—L. Pommerville. "My Wild Irish Rose"—Johnson, Lee, Prentice, Horton. "When I'm Sailing on the Nancy Lee"—Harry Fassett. "When the Bell in the Light-house Rings, Ding Dong"—Ben Lee. "Back to Dixie Land"—Felton, Horton, Vandenburg. Chorus—Entire Company. O.L.I.O. Violin Solo—Glen Vandenburg. Tenor Solo—Geo. Johnson. Comedy Skit—"Making it Rain"—Fassett, Prentice, Emig. Popular Songs—Al Keel. Child Entertainer—Miss Mary Burley. Monologue and rag time—Harry Fassett. "Until the Dawn"—Elco Quartet—Riggs, Collamore, Lee, Fassett. The entertainment netted approximately \$250.

Election of Officers

Doric lodge No. 132 A. F. and A. F., Wednesday night of last week reelected Charles A. Fry, master, Randolph Graden, senior warden, F. P. Drinker treasurer, and A. W. Davis secretary, and elected John N. Edlefsen junior warden. Officers were installed last Wednesday evening in Bickner's hall. The appointive officers are: Senior deacon, Elmer V. Wooten; junior deacon, E. L. Murphy; senior steward, James Welch; junior steward, S. L. Dobie; tyler, D. E. Gonsolus; marshal, Marion Johnson, and chaplain, James H. Stephens. The St. Johns lodge of the Order of Eastern Star installed the following new officers Tuesday evening of last week in Bickner hall: Worthy matron, Mrs. Olive Ingledue; worthy patron, Clyde O. Rogers; associate matron, Mrs. Ann L. Harrington; conductress, Mrs. Myrtle Weeks; associate conductress, Mrs. Amy Day; secretary, Mrs. Ruby R. Davis; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Carroll; organist, Miss Malena Long; marshal, Miss Marcia Romig; chaplain, Mrs. Lillian Miller; Ada, Miss Grace Rogers; Ruth, Mrs. Alex. Scales; Esther, Mrs. Susie

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. On Saturday, Dec. 26th, there will be a Christmas tree and Christmas stories for the children in the library auditorium at three o'clock. On Monday of this week eighty some books were added to the shelves. An idea of the wide scope of subjects covered by these may be gleaned from the few titles given below: Coleman—How to Become a Newspaper Artist. With many illustrations. Dodge—Great Captains. Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, Gustavus, Adolphus, Frederick and Napoleon. Fielding—Hall—The World Soul. "A stimulating and problematic book. The first pages are a preparation for a most startling exposition of the character and teachings of the supreme thinker of the world, Jesus. Mr. Fielding Hall makes Jesus a very human figure, but his wisdom divine. He accepts literally that the Kingdom of Heaven is within you. He brings down to a practical test those abstract truths which religion teaches." Griffis—Religions of Japan. Holme—Colour Photography and other recent developments of the art of the camera, with 18 illustrations in colour and 95 in monochrome. Hurlbert—The Passing of Korea. The author has lived among the Koreans and this book is a labor of love. The people of this country, so he asserts, are far more like Anglo-Saxons in temperament than are either the Japanese or Chinese, and are by far the pleasantest people in the Far East to live among. Leffingwell—Vivisection Question. Mitchell—Childhood of Animals. Observations old and new that throw light on the nature of the period in the life history of animals between birth and maturity. Illustrated with colored plates. Punnett—Mendelism. "To Gregor Mendel, monk and abbot, belongs the credit of founding the modern science of heredity. Through him there was brought into these problems an entirely new idea, an entirely fresh conception of the nature of living things. In the seclusion of the cloister garden he carried out with the common pea the series of experiments which has since become so famous. Whatever of value the Eugenist is to achieve," thinks Mr. Punnett, "we owe it first of all to Mendel that the foundations can be well and truly laid." Surette—Appreciation of Music. This book has been prepared in order to provide readers who wish to listen to music intelligently, yet, without going into technicalities, with a simple and practical guide to musical appreciation written from the listeners' rather than from the professional musicians' standpoint. The editor of a Lancaster county paper says the soil is so rich in that section that almost anything will grow on it; some years ago an old soldier with two wooden legs located in that vicinity. Every night when he came in from plowing his legs had grown two or three feet, and he was obliged to saw them off before he could get into the house. In this way he kept the family supplied with stove wood for a number of years, but after a while his natural legs began to grow again and soon he had two as good legs as anybody. He then took the wooden legs and planted them and they grew into saw logs from which he cut lumber enough to build a neat residence.—Clearfield, Pa., Spirit.

Christmas Program

Following is the Christmas program given by the East St. Johns Sunday School Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7 o'clock: Opening Song—Joy to the World. Scripture Reading—Harold Berry. Song—Junior Boys' Class. Recitation—Rose Gee. Recitation—Jennie Schaffer. Recitation—Rhudy Bower. Song—Junior Girls' Class. Recitation—Vere Bower. Recitation—Clarence Harris. Exercise—Senior Girls' Class. Recitation—Myrtle Earl. Recitation—Romaine Brand. Song—By "The Followers." Recitation—Ida Gee. Recitation—Dorothy Schaffer. Song—"The Gleaners." Recitation—Katherine Bonham. Recitation—Chester Hawkins. Exercise—Senior Boys' Class. Recitation—Melvin Anderson. Vocal Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet.

Means Better Times

Announcement that the Interstate Commerce Commission had granted the five per cent increase in rates asked for by the Eastern roads was received in Portland as the most welcome news in many months. The gratification was not confined merely to the railroad officials. Bankers, merchants and shippers received it with satisfaction as well. Perhaps the best evidence of the significance of the sweeping decision is contained in a statement of W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Hill lines in Oregon, who was shown the Associated Press dispatches from Washington bearing the news to Portland. "The decision is the most important piece of good news to the American people since the present administration took office," said Mr. Skinner. "It means that the Government has made good the recent utterance of President Wilson that his administration was through hectoring business and that the railroads have absolutely proved their case before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The decision grants practically every request made by the Eastern roads except a few of minor importance and some applying to hauls in which lake traffic is involved and these probably have been merely suspended for further showing by the carriers. "It looks very much as if there would be an early awakening in business throughout the country. The ruling will mean millions of dollars in increased revenues for the roads and will enable them to make a fair return on investment, which they have not been able to do under present rates. In this connection it is a notable fact that the Government has realized the full justice of the contention of the carriers and have accepted their facts and figures as setting forth the conditions under which the companies were forced to operate at a loss. "I am sure the general business conditions will be stimulated as a result of this decision. It will serve to restore the confidence of the investing public in railroad securities and the roads will be able to attract money to enable them to enlarge their terminal facilities, buy more rolling stock and motive power equipment and once more make them a purchasing power of our own commodities and products, including labor. "The ruling naturally will have a reaction in the West, because it is in these states where the railroads need the most money for investment purposes, and it is almost a foregone conclusion that the Western roads will now be in a position to go before the Interstate Commerce Commission and make a showing as worthy of relief as that presented by the Eastern lines. "The Interstate Commerce Commission has handed the American people as well as the railroads directly affected a most acceptable Christmas present, for, as I said before, the Government has practically assured the public that business is entitled to earn a fair return on its investment and that the Government is clearly convinced that the railroads are entitled to greater compensation for the service rendered than they have been receiving."—Portland Daily.

FREE TRIPS

Given Away to the San Francisco Exposition

The Lauthers' Mercantile Company, in connection with the St. Johns Review, is putting on a contest that should appeal to many of our young people. A number of useful and valuable prizes will be offered, the principal ones of which will be two trips to the San Francisco Exposition with all expenses paid. The other prizes are well worth while, as a glance at the list printed below will attest. A number of candidates will no doubt be entered in the contest. The standing of the candidates will be published each week. The contest started Tuesday of this week. The Review gives 2000 votes for each dollar on new and 1000 votes for each dollar for renewals or back subscriptions. Read the list of prizes: Two Certificates good for World's Fair Trips De Luxe to San Francisco in 1915, described as follows: Two first class fares from St. Johns to San Francisco and return; two standard sleeping car berths from St. Johns to San Francisco and return; fourteen admissions into Exposition grounds; two trips via steamer on San Francisco Bay, taking in Vallejo, and Mare Island Navy Yard; two trips via steamer to Sacramento, the capital of the state of California, seeing the beauties of the greatest farming district in the West; two sight seeing trips via auto, seeing San Francisco and the beautiful Golden Gate Park. Four piece plated silver tea set. German silver mesh bag. Nickel plated percolator. Twenty-six piece Rogers & Sons silverware set. Mission electric lamp. Nickel plated casserole. The goods listed below are weekly awards to be given to the leaders of the campaign as follows: First week—Set knives and forks. Second week—Half dozen orange spoons. Third week—Half dozen oyster forks. Fourth week—Gravy ladle. Fifth week—Sugar spoon and butter knife. Sixth week—Half dozen bouillon spoons. Seventh week—Half dozen dessert spoons. Eighth week—Large berry spoon. Ninth week—Cold meat fork. Tenth week—Jelly spoon. Following six weeks—Half dozen teaspoons each week.

Much Shorter Route

After patiently waiting for further action to be taken by the Portland city council toward opening and constructing the St. Johns boulevard along the lines favored by a majority of property owners in the Peninsula district, north and east of the river, proponents of the project are to be rewarded with a promise of early proceedings intended to carry the undertaking through. It will be the administration's Christmas greeting to the many who have urged the improvement whereby two miles in distance and probably 20 minutes in the running time of street cars between St. Johns and the business center of Portland will be saved. District Engineer R. G. McMullen, who has returned to the city's service after a six months' leave of absence, during which he served as assistant to County Roadmaster Yeon, was detailed by City Commissioner Dieck to take up the boulevard project and put it in shape for the council's consideration. Engineer McMullen made the location surveys and prepared data for the preliminary estimates of cost and results of the undertaking. Because of his familiarity with the project he was deemed to be the most suitable one to see the proceedings through to a successful conclusion. The work before him is to make a few slight modifications in the lines as located and to revise his schedule of assessments of property benefited and damaged. When District Engineer McMullen's revisions are completed they will be submitted to the city council through Commissioner Dieck and a time fixed for hearing objections to assessments and to considering protests on amounts offered for easements. From then the proceedings will be advanced with requirements of the city charter. Assessment zones will be created and included in the district to be benefited by opening and constructing the boulevard. As planned, the St. Johns boulevard will be an extension of Larrabee street through the shortest route possible, with easy curves and light grades, to Killingsworth avenue, and providing via Maryland avenue a short cut to Patton avenue and a second approach to the interstate highway bridge. After having been graded, the boulevard will be hard surfaced. It will have a minimum width of 70 feet and the street car tracks will be laid on the river side of the highway. Nearly 50 street intersections will be eliminated by the new route and rapid time can be made by the street cars after leaving the east end of the Broadway bridge to Killingsworth avenue.—Telegram.

HIGH SCHOOL

Incidents of High School Interestingly Told

The annual tryout for the state debating team was held last Friday afternoon. After much deliberation, the judges, who were selected from the faculty, chose the following team: Will Teutsch, Carlyle Cunningham, Drott Larsen and Ferris Swisher, with Harold Baybrook and Dorothy Schaffer as alternates. Every one feels assured that a strong and efficient debating team can be developed from these four who have entered so enthusiastically into the work. James John has made a good record in debate in the past two years, and it is hoped that this team will make even a better showing for the school. James John is preparing to take an active part in all branches of spring athletics. The Athletic Association met Monday, December 21, for the purpose of electing managers of the different teams. Those elected are: Bertil Sundstrom, baseball; Ethel Hufford, tennis; and Carlyl Cunningham, track. There are good prospects for both a boys' and girls' game with the Alumni basketball team early next week. The spirit of the Yule tide has invaded even the cooking and drawing classes. Miss Twining allowed the cooking classes to make candy Wednesday, and Miss McDaniels assisted the girls in making candy boxes last week. The James John High School Midgets are engaged in a life and death struggle with the Evangelical Boosters for the 115 pound championship of St. Johns. A series of three games are being played. The first game went to the Midgets by the score of 22 to 11. The Boosters won the second by the close score of 18 to 17. The final game will be played in the near future. As the holidays approach we find in our midst a number of old friends returned from college and school room. Among those who have visited James John are Florence Wass, Clarence Kreuger, Wilbur Bellinger and Eugene Hiatt, all of '14; Arthur Clark '10, and Theodore Bugbee '12, Harold Deyoe '12. The Dramatic Society gave an especially interesting and amusing program Wednesday. The program consisted of three "reels" of shadow pictures, showing Darius Green and his Flying Machine, Hunting of the Snark, and The Night Before Christmas. Interspersed were songs by the boys' chorus. Bill introduced these songs, giving every detail of the various movements, in his usual effective manner. After the program each member was presented with a "slight token of regard" in recognition of his faithful boosting of the play given earlier in the season. A number of the alumni were present by special invitation of the Society. The boys' basketball team played Franklin High School Tuesday afternoon in the home gymnasium. The game was hotly contested, even though the final score stood 28 to 19 in our favor. The Franklin team was weakest in shooting field baskets. The James John boys showed good shooting ability as well as excellent team work. The game was clean and interesting and worthy of more attention than it received. Last Friday evening the boys' and girls' basketball teams, accompanied by a few boosters, journeyed to Gresham. The girls gained a victory over their opponents with a score of 14 to 8. But the boys lost their game to the Gresham Athletics 27 to 6. However, this game will not count as an interscholastic game as the athletics is not a high school team. The eleven days vacation beginning Thursday and ending Sunday the 3rd, is joyously anticipated by all the students. Last Friday evening, December 25th, the Freshman class entertained themselves at the oil tank hippodrome, skating to their heart's content. A slight refreshment, consisting of waffles, buns and apples, was served around a roaring bonfire, after which they departed homeward, giving James John yells.—Reporter.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Rule 1—The Lauthers' Mercantile Company shall issue votes as per following schedule, excepting as hereafter may be mentioned: 100 votes for \$1.00 on cash sales. 200 for \$1.00 in merchandise paid with due bills. 300 for \$1.00 on payments of old accounts. 200 for \$1.00 on due bills sold. 200 for \$1.00 on bargain and clearance sales. And votes will be given at the time sales are made only. In reference to issuing votes on old accounts, they may be issued for the payment of old accounts, that were incurred prior to this date. Votes will not be given on new charge accounts unless this particular account is paid within thirty days, then votes may be issued if the Lauthers Mercantile Company is willing and so orders. Rule 2.—Votes will be issued with a time limit of one week, and must be cast in the ballot box, provided for that purpose, before the expiration of the time limit. Before casting votes, make a record for your own guidance. In order to facilitate voting you are requested to place your votes in an envelope and seal it. Please write the number of votes the envelope contains and the name of the candidate you desire to vote for on the outside. Rule 3.—Employees, clerks and relatives of the merchants and newspaper cannot participate as candidates. Rule 4.—Merchants shall in no instance issue votes until such votes have been properly stamped with their firm name. Customers should refuse them otherwise. Rule 5.—The soliciting of votes in the store, in front of store or on premises is prohibited. Rule 6.—A vote that is scratched or marked in any manner after it leaves the merchant's hands, shall be thrown out, providing this defacing should appear that a figure had been tampered with. Rule 7.—Six weeks from the opening date candidates will no longer be entered, unless by special arrangement with the merchant. Rule 8.—Everybody is invited to nominate candidates. All that is necessary is to send in the name of any young lady in the community. This will entitle her to 2000 nominating votes and she will be entered as a candidate. Rule 9.—Votes are not transferable after being cast. Rule 10.—Votes that are not properly stamped with the merchant's signature, or votes with the time limit expired, will not be accepted. Rule 11.—A committee selected by the Lauthers Mercantile Company will count the votes each week and report the results to the St. Johns Review. The Review gives 2000 votes for each dollar on new and 1000 votes for each dollar for renewals or back subscriptions. The contest continues for four months, beginning next Tuesday.

Holiday Stationery in boxes at a special discount of one-third off. This line must be sold. At the St. Johns Pharmacy.