

Scrim Curtains Reduced

With the advent of the bright spring days the fastidious housewife will notice that some of her Curtains have become worn and dingy, and she will want to replace them with new ones that are appropriate, new and not too expensive. **Ormandy Bros. Big Furniture Store** is offering special bargains in Scrim and Voil Curtains and Curtain goods by the yard for her needs.

Scrim and Voil Curtains, late designs and weaves, very suitable for Bungalows and modern windows.

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Think it Over!

Those opposed to St. Johns and her institutions and who favor merger with Portland are attempting to mislead the minds of voters by making bare assertions without a single fact to bear them out. The agitators who are promoting the dissolution of the City of St. Johns advance the following theoretical statements:

Statement No. 1: Cheaper City Taxes.
Taxes are governed entirely by local conditions. St. Johns taxes are generally lower than the taxes of Portland.

Statement No. 2: Portland Water Rates.
It required many years for Albina and other Portland suburbs to secure Portland water rates. The Peninsula now has Portland rates but little water, especially in summer when it is needed most.

Statement No. 3: Portland Fire Insurance Rates.
We don't want Portland rates—St. Johns rates are cheaper.

Statement No. 4: Portland terminal freight rates for the benefit of the Manufacturers.
St. Johns HAS Portland terminal freight rates now.

Statement No. 5: It means a larger measure of efficiency in city government, thus affording encouragement and greater security to the investor.
Portland government experimental; St. Johns government established and successful. Portland bonds sold below par; St. Johns bonds sell at a premium.

Statement No. 6: To merge now means immediate and favorable results; failing to do this simply means the postponement of that era of progress which we as a community are entitled to.
How? Show the people.

Statement No. 7: Our High School is on ground dedicated for High School purposes and will be maintained and enlarged.
Cannot be confirmed by Portland School Board.

Statement No. 8: (We will be well policed and our Fire Department will be increased.)
Absolutely refuted by police and fire protection afforded all of the suburbs of Portland, of which St. Johns would be the most remote.

BUSINESS MEN'S TICKET

Mayor..... A. W. Vincent
City Recorder..... A. E. Dunsmore
Treasurer..... J. E. Tanch
City Attorney..... Thad. T. Parker
Councilmen at Large..... A. Larowe, E. E. Gambee, H. M. Waldref
First Ward Councilmen..... C. E. Garlick, Roy Ingledue
Second Ward Councilmen..... H. W. Bonham, C. R. Chadwick
WE ARE FOR ST. JOHNS.
By Order of St. Johns Anti-Merger Club.
JOHN NOCE, Secretary.

Local News.

SAN-TOX.

Send in your news items. "THE MASTER KEY."

O. E. Learned, candidate for City Treasurer. adv.

E. S. Wright of Cook, Washington, spent Sunday with his family on South Ivanhoe street.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will be held March 22, at the home of Mrs. J. Rassi, 823 South Jersey street. All children invited to come and join.

A meeting to discuss the merger proposition will be held in the high school auditorium Monday evening. A number of local speakers will address the meeting. Everybody invited.

William Delapp of Estacada was a guest of W. A. Carroll this week. Mr. Delapp and Mr. Carroll pioneered together in South Dakota many years ago, and this was the first time Mr. Carroll had seen his old tillicum for thirty years or more.

A campaign has been launched at Eugene to raise \$150,000 for the establishment of a lace factory at that point. It is said the Pacific Coast pays out \$500,000 to \$700,000 annually for lace and it is believed that a local factory could secure the bulk of the business.

"Jack" Campbell, a former well known citizen of St. Johns, but who for the past several years has been enjoying the life of a farmer near Beaverton, was a visitor to St. Johns last week. He says he hopes the people of St. Johns will not be foolish enough to annex itself to Portland.

We desire to publicly express our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly rendered their aid and assistance during the illness and death of our son and brother, Harry Saylor, and can assure them that their kindness and sympathy will ever be gratefully remembered.—Mrs. J. P. Saylor and family.

Frank Nowak, a resident of St. Johns since 1905, has launched in the jitney business, starting last Saturday. He has a 32 passenger car which is fully equipped to take care of the traveling public. The car is in charge of a first class chauffeur all the time and the most courteous treatment is accorded all passengers. Mr. Nowak is the only resident of St. Johns to engage in the jitney business.

The North School Parent teachers association will hold an open meeting in the North School building next Friday evening, March 26. Prof. Alderman of Portland will give an address on the subject, "Grass for the Squeaks." A good musical program is promised and a social will be held at the close of the lecture. All are invited. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

At Champoeg, on May 1, will be celebrated the seventy-second anniversary of the organization of the first American civil government west of the Rocky Mountains. This will be the fifteenth celebration of the event, the first having been held in 1901. On June 17, at Portland, will be held the forty-third annual re-union of Oregon Pioneers—those who came to, or were born in, any part of the original Oregon Country previous to 1859.

Mrs. Mabel N. McKiddy died at the Portland Sanitarium Thursday, March 11th of blood poisoning. She was born in the state of Illinois and had resided in St. Johns for a number of years. She was aged 30 years, 10 months and 20 days, and is survived by two boys aged 11 and 8 years, and two girls aged 9 and 6 years respectively. The funeral took place from the St. Johns Undertaking parlors Saturday at 3 p. m.; interment in Columbia cemetery.

Ground has been broken for the construction of the great interstate bridge which is to connect the city of Portland with Vancouver, Washington, which will be an important link in the Pacific Highway, one of the most remarkable thoroughfares in the United States. As far as possible all contracts for the work have been let to local firms and preference will be given to locally produced materials and local labor. Necessary funds are available for driving the work to early completion.

W. L. Markle, who has charge of installing the machinery of the new Stanley-Smith saw mills at Greenpoint, Hood River Valley, spent Sunday with his brother, A. W. Markle. While Greenpoint is only twelve miles from the town of Hood River, yet he says there has been from two to four feet of snow there since last November, and an odd experience was to leave Greenpoint where the snow was two and one-half feet deep and before he reached Hood River to find the roads dusty. One can get almost any kind of climate in Oregon and not have to go very far to get it.

A. E. Dunsmore for City Recorder. adv.

Subject for Christian Science lecture Sunday: Matter.

Picture framing done at Portland prices at H. F. Clark's, the furniture man. Adv.

The Merger Club will hold a meeting in the library building next Monday evening. All invited.

For Sale—120 egg Mandy Lee incubator, good as new. Cost \$21.00. Will take \$10.00.—Dr. W. J. Gilstrap.

San-Tox preparations are guaranteed to please you or we return the purchase price. Get one of the Blue Books free at the St. Johns Pharmacy.

Rheumatic sufferers will find something to their interest in the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company ad. in another column. Their "5 Drop" treatment has become famous.

For Sale Cheap—1914 Detachable Evenrude Motor for rowboats, 3½ horse power, has been used for demonstration only. Call at this office or phone Main 3697 for further information.

Auto for hire by day, hour or trip, at very reasonable rates. Good opportunity for parties of four or less to make a trip into the country at a low price.—H. M. Waldref, 609 Fessenden street. Phone Columbia 206.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends and the Women of Woodcraft for their aid and sympathy during the illness and death of Mrs. McKiddy—Relatives and children.

Monday afternoon the Psychology club met with Mrs. Johnson. Subject, "Auto Suggestion." Any one interested are cordially invited to attend. Next meeting Monday the club will meet with Mrs. Bonham.

The home of H. Knarens on East Charleston street was partially destroyed by fire Wednesday, but the local fire department put out the fire after about \$350 damage had been wrought. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

All members of H. B. Compson W. R. C. No. 52 are requested to be present at the next meeting, Saturday, March 20. At the last meeting of the Corps they took in four new members. The next sewing will be held at the home of Mrs. Fanny Mariett, 234 Swenson street, Friday, March 27, at 10 a. m. The president would like all to attend these meetings.—Press Cor.

The District Forester at Portland has announced that an area of brushland sufficient to accommodate 20,000 to 25,000 goats is now available on the western slopes of the Cascade range. It is believed that pasturing goats on these lands will lessen the chances of fire by clearing off the underbrush, and that it will go far toward clearing the land for other purposes. If the experiment proves a success, other large tracts will be set aside for pasture.

All residents of St. Johns are hereby notified to assemble all rubbish and other debris around their premises and place same on the curb in front of their homes in boxes or barrels Monday, April 5th, from whence same will be removed by the city authorities. The dumping of garbage or debris of any sort on the property of the city, any private or public corporation or individual is prohibited by Ordinance No. 6, which provides a penalty of fine or imprisonment, or both for violation of the ordinance.—A. E. Dunsmore, Recorder.

The establishing of a plant for the manufacture of potato starch is being discussed by the business men of Redmond, Madras and other Central Oregon points. As large areas of that part of the state are peculiarly adapted to the production of spuds, and as unfavorable markets and the usual percentage of culms unprofitable, it is proposed to use any surplus and all culms in making starch, of which Central Oregon's potatoes are said to contain an average of 18 per cent. A factory costing \$10,000 should care for all culm potatoes from 5000 acres. One should be located at St. Johns.

The meeting held in the auditorium of the High School building last night by the Anti-merger club was addressed by W. M. Killingsworth, one of the oldest inhabitants on the Peninsula, who advised against merging with Portland at this time; that if the people would unite and work together they could advance more rapidly than if part of Portland, that Portland had no industries to give and we would have to get them ourselves whether in Portland or out of Portland. Attorney Howard O. Rogers presided at the meeting. Mr. Bahlke was detained until late and his wife who was billed to talk, was unable to appear owing to illness. Mr. Balke stated that he would make an address at a later date. It is probable that a debate on the merger question will be pulled off in a week or so.

J. E. Tanch, candidate for City Treasurer. adv.

For accurately fitting glasses, see Dr. Gilstrap.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fry Tuesday, March 16, a son.

Wanted—High School girl, who wants home to work for board. Inquire at this office.

Interesting High School notes arrived too late for publication this week, but will appear in the next issue.

For Rent—One 6 room house, \$8.00; one 7 room house with 1 acre, \$8.00; one 6 room house all remodeled, \$10.00.—Peninsula Security Co., Room 5 over First National Bank.

Patent medicines at cut rate prices, Columbia Graphophones and Records, Anasco Cameras and Films, Lowney's Fancy Candies, largest line of drugs and drug sundries on the peninsula. At the St. Johns Pharmacy.

J. T. Harbin, the well known blacksmith, has invented a patent clothes reel that is most meritorious. It permits of lowering the line to place the clothes and a simple device raises them well out of the way. He has already secured a number of orders, and is taking more right along. The ladies are greatly pleased with the reel, and Mr. Harbin bids fair to make a fortune out of the ingenious invention.

In reply to Mr. Minor's statement in last week's issue, in which he says he paid more taxes after St. Johns was a part of Portland than he did before. This comparison is unfair for the reason that before St. Johns was taken into Portland, St. Johns had no city government. It is just plain old country farm land and rather rough and unproductive at that. I would like to ask Mr. Minor in all fairness to compare what he pays after plating in taxes now or any time when the St. Johns government was formed as against the tax rate in Portland today. The Portland rate is lower than St. Johns and valuation in St. Johns are as high or higher than any other district that is as far out as we are and in any event the valuations are given us by a county official and are supposed to be equitable, and if not it is up to the County officials not the city to adjust them.—D. C. Lewis.

Bachelors and cats will stand in jeopardy if two bills pending in the present legislature should receive favorable action by the solons. The former will be affected in a financial way, and the felines face extinction as a species in very short order if the measures are placed upon the statute books of New Jersey.

Assemblyman Ostrom, Democrat, introduced the bachelor bill, which provides that all unmarried males over the age of 30 years shall pay an annual tax of \$50, provided however, that they are earning at least \$50 a week.

A Republican, O. H. Hammond, is responsible for the contemplated war on cats. He has put in a bill which calls for licensing at \$1 a head. The sponsor of the proposed law wants to eliminate the hundreds of stray animals that prey upon young game such as rabbits and birds.

O. J. Gatzmyer and Miss Sarah May Chipman were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Chipman, Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Loveland of the First Methodist church, Portland, performing the ceremony. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with Oregon grape, variegated holly and daffodils. The happy young couple were the recipients of handsome and costly presents, including beautiful cut glass pieces. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. The groom is a prominent attorney of St. Johns and was formerly city attorney, and is well liked by all who know him. The bride is a charming young lady with hosts of friends. After a week's honeymoon they will take up their residence at East 51st and Hawthorn streets, Portland. The best wishes of all go with them to their new home.



E. C. Geeslin
Republican Candidate for
City Attorney

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Condensed Statement of the Condition OF

Peninsula National Bank

At St. Johns, Oregon

At the close of business March 4, 1915

As reported to the Comptroller of the Currency

Resources		Liabilities	
Loans and Discounts	\$216,041.89	Capital Stock fully paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	82.42	Surplus and Undivided Profits	11,536.30
United States Bonds at Par	50,000.00	National Bank Notes Outstanding	47,800.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,200.00	Deposits	304,088.03
Bonds and Securities	67,246.08		
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00		
Cash on Hand, Due from Banks and United States Treasurer	75,853.94		
	\$413,424.33		\$413,424.33

Deposits March 4, 1915, (Comptroller's Call) - \$304,088.03
Deposits March 4, 1914, (Comptroller's Call) - 248,819.01

Increase - 55,269.02

4% ON SAVINGS 4%

Safety Deposit Vaults for Rent

PRTER AUTZEN,
President

JOHN N. EDLEFSEN,
Cashier



F. C. KNAPP,
Vice President

S. L. DOBIE,
Assistant Cashier

This Bank is a Member of the Federal Reserve Bank

Christian Church

A good time was enjoyed last Sunday by all. Rev. J. R. Johnson, our "ex-pastor" was with us again. He has been filling the Central Christian church pulpit temporarily. Much good work has been done while he was in charge. Several being added to the church.

Rev. Hawkin is to be here until Rev. H. J. Jones arrives. Don't forget Miss Louise Lott is representing the Christian church in the Multnomah Piano Contest.

A party is to be given in honor of Miss Esher Lindley's, Miss Mabel Thorpe's and Mr. Eric Carlson's eighteenth birthday, in Bickner's hall, Saturday, March 20.

S. P. I. Girls were ahead last Sunday. Speed up, boys! We won't let the girls beat us, will we? No! (Remember the reporter is a boy.)

If you have no other place to go next Sunday night, come to our Christian Endeavor. We will expect you.—Reporter.

Captured Weekly Prize

Solan Bugbee captured the weekly prize of the Laughters Mercantile Co.'s World Fair Contest on last Tuesday evening and which consisted of half dozen silver tea spoons. Following is the total vote to date.

Solan Bugbee - 302,728
Mrs. A. M. Purkapple - 190,330
Genevieve Aldrich - 141,605
Mrs. Elsie Knowles - 41,125
Valkyrie Larson - 35,925
Garnet Beam - 32,915
Lucy Buckles - 25,410
Beulah Waters - 21,050
Roy Clark - 20,000
Miss McKinney - 7,375

In conversation with a prominent St. Johns street contractor Tuesday, we asked him concerning the ordinance in Portland relative employment of Portland labor exclusively on streets and a wage of three dollars per day. He stated that he had now a number of St. Johns men working for him on the streets of Portland, although he had been requested to use the unemployed of Portland as much as possible, but there is no ban on St. Johns labor. Regarding the three dollars per day, which affects all contracts let after March 26th, he said it meant less work to do, and that only workmen most capable of earning \$3 per day would be employed, and that men who were worth on streets only \$2 to \$2.50 per day would have no chance whatever to get work on the streets. For this reason he said the ordinance would work a hardship on the laboring man, as only rapid workmen would get a chance to work.

That times are improving and business again reaching normal proportions is indicated by the demand which Western railroads are making on the lumbermen for material. The Union Pacific has recently placed an order for 1,200,000 feet of fir lumber to be delivered immediately to car shops in the East, and it is expected that a further order for 1,000,000 feet from the same road will be placed with mills in this section very soon.

M. E. Church Notes

In anticipation of moving next month, Mrs. Dr. Brown resigned her class and work in the Sunday school. Mrs. V. W. Mason was elected to take her place as treasurer. A teacher for her class has not yet been selected. We regret most exceedingly to lose Mrs. Brown, as she is one of our most faithful and efficient workers in the church and Sunday school.

James Owen, one of our boys, left for Seattle Wednesday morning to join his mother and will possibly go from there to Idaho soon.

Preparations are being made for special Easter services by the Sunday school classes which will be held in the church Sunday evening of Easter, April 4th. Services next Sunday morning as usual. Sunday school at 9:50. Preaching 11:00 Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

We are to be favored with a special service at the preaching hour next Sunday eve in the nature of an illustrated lecture by Robert H. Hughes, Editor of our Pacific Christian Advocate, entitled, "The Making of a Book." Mr. Hughes will use a lantern and slide to show up our great publishing works. The Methodist Book concern was founded by a Methodist preacher 125 years ago, on \$600 borrowed capital, so it actually started \$600 worse than nothing, and today it has \$6,000,000 in investments. At first it employed one man as printer, now it has over 1100 employees and a pay roll of nearly a million dollars a year. Has turned over to the support of worn out ministers several millions dollars. Paid out last year nearly \$200,000 in postage and express alone, besides freight. Uses 11,431,495 pounds of paper and 88,446 lbs. of ink annually. It is the largest publishing company house of Sunday school literature in the world. It is impossible to measure the amount of good accomplished and the work done in the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ by this great religious publishing agency of the M. E. Church. Come out and hear his lecture and see these pictures. They will be instructive and a great inspiration to see and know how such great forces are at work assisting to advance the welfare of humanity and the Kingdom of God. Come and welcome. All free. Bring your friends.

Attorney General George M. Brown and General Supt. of the Anti-saloon League of America will address a great mass meeting in the First Presbyterian church at 12th and Alder streets, Sunday March 21st, at 3:00 p. m. The Wets are preparing an attack on the dry law. The best way to defend it is to have the law understood. The Attorney General for Oregon will make it clear. It is a great thing to have the help and defense of so high an official. Help the cause by greeting him with a packed house. Be there. Don't fail. Business men are being benefited by the wets in the manner of the boycott. That's a game two can play at, equally effectual. The battle is no yet done. Be there and stay on the job.—Reporter.

Note the label on your paper.