

**St. Johns is Calling You**  
 Has seven churches.  
 Has a most promising future.  
 Has a 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,  
 Wagon 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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**St. Johns is Calling You**  
 Is second in number of industries.  
 Is seventh in population.  
 Cars to Portland every 10 min.  
 Has navigable water on 3 sides.  
 Has finest gas and electricity.  
 Has 3 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 good payroll monthly.  
 Ships monthly many 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 Muck presiding.

The Star Sand Co. presented plans and specifications for its proposed dock between Richmond and John streets. Upon assurance of Attorney Geselein that Charleston street between Albany street and the harbor line had been properly vacated by Ordinance No. 433, the company was granted permission to erect its dock as proposed, upon motion of Councilman Perrine.

Mr. Darowith asked that an arc light be placed at the corner of Dawson and Buchanan streets, and the matter was referred to the water and light committee.

A communication from John B. Yeon, in reply to a query of Councilman Cook, chairman of the street committee, stated that the county's apparatus for oiling the streets was in use at present, and therefore could not be used in St. Johns at this time, also that the cost of oiling the streets in St. Johns would be about \$125 per mile.

C. O. Williamson of Portland made application for the position of city engineer at St. Johns, which application was ordered filed.

Mrs. Tufts renewed her remonstrance against the assessment of cost charged on her property for the improvement of Burlington street, and the matter was referred to the city attorney and engineer, to whom also were referred a complaint of Miss Underwood regarding her Oswego street assessment.

Secretary Knowles of the Commercial club reported that the Port of Portland Commissioners had resolved to contribute \$2500 toward construction of the Coopage roadway, providing that the road be continued so that connection could be made with the dry docks, but were desirous of securing a plat of the proposed extension, which the engineer was instructed to provide.

A petition for the cement sidewalk of Jersey street between Buchanan and Mohawk streets was referred to the engineer to check up and ascertain if the property would stand for the improvement.

Bills amounting to \$186.50 were allowed.

The April reports of the city recorder and treasurer were accepted.

The engineer reported an excess cost of \$1600 on the improvement of Columbia boulevard between Jersey and Dawson street, and a committee consisting of Councilmen Martin, Bonham and Graden was appointed to solicit contributions toward reducing the estimated excess.

The improvement of Tyler street was accepted by the council.

Attorney Geselein stated that he had been notified that D. G. Hoogerhyde had brought suit against the city in the sum of \$10,906 for injuries sustained when the fire truck turned turtle at the intersection of Fessenden and Jersey streets last Fall. Mr. Hoogerhyde is represented by Attorney Perry C. Stroud. The city attorney was instructed to file answer to the suit.

On motion of Councilman Graden it was decided that the weed ordinance should be amended to cover platted property only and that no charge be made for weeds outside of the curb. It was also decided that notices to property owners to cut weeds be published in the local paper and also posted throughout the city.

It was decided that A. G. Long be notified to remove his steam engine, which has been at the city hall building for the past eight months or more, or it would remain here at his own risk. Councilman Bonham was the only member to vote in the negative.

J. B. Fletcher and Edmondson Company offered bids on furnishing plumbing supplies for the new comfort station. Mr. Perrine announced that M. E. Killeney would have charge of installing electric fixtures, and Gilbert Overstreet has charge of plumbing installation. He said that all supplies would be

## Water Meter Question

The Oregonian and Journal are somewhat at loggerheads over the proposition of metering all patrons of the water system, the latter in the affirmative and the former in the negative. The Journal had the following to say concerning the matter editorially last Saturday:

We are told that the thing to do with Bull Run water is to waste it. Here is an example of the waste. Six years ago, a 24 inch main was installed for distributing water in the northeastern part of the city. By the usual engineer's rule in water systems, it was of sufficient capacity to support 80,000 consumers.

But under our plan of waste and extravagance in water it is not sufficient to adequately supply the 41,000 consumers in the district and the water department is now constructing an additional 30 inch main for the locality. The cost of the added main is \$312,200, and this added to \$312,000 is the price we pay for water waste in a single district.

Under a metered arrangement which means under a non-waste policy, the 24 inch main would have been ample for a bountiful supply of water for all, and at low rates. The added main with its increase of \$312,000 of burden has ultimately to be paid out of water receipts. With the same necessity for adding new and larger mains all over the unmetered portions of the city not because of water required, but because of the water wasted, the ultimate outcome is easy to see. There will have to be an increase in water rates. There will be no other alternative.

The water bonds begin falling due in two years, and they amount to about \$17,000,000. Interest has to be provided and repairs, renewals and extensions have to be made.

## Merchant Ships Needed

The barbarity of turning those assassins of the sea, the submarines, upon a passenger ship loaded with more than two thousand non-combatants, of whom perhaps one-third were women and little children, need not be discussed. The horror of it will make a stain on that page of the world's history which will be a "damned spot" that never will "out."

But the primary crime of it does not lie against the direct murderers, but against the government of the United States. It has been as clear as the sunlight for half a century that American merchant steamers can not run against the cheaper wages and the subsidies paid by foreign governments to their ships without government help. It has been clear, too, that all the time our country through its trade has been making fat foreign ship owners and indirectly paying the subsidies they have received. The shame and loss suffered by our country through the banishing of its flag from the ocean, and through depending upon foreigners to carry our commerce has been likewise just as apparent. But the silly jabber that "we will not pay subsidies to already rich shipping firms" has been enough to keep our country running on three wheels; as merchants we have hired other merchants' delivery wagons to deliver our goods, until our flag is no longer known to half the inhabitants of the world.

So sensitive is the British government on this subject that it loaned the Cunard company \$6,000,000 to build the Lusitania, and has paid the ship \$200,000 per annum subsidy annually ever since it began its voyages. When the war broke out in Europe last August, it was clear what would follow to ocean commerce. It was just as clear that our country would be hopelessly crippled in its trade for want of ships. Had the government moved at once and ordered the building of a dozen great steamers, they would have been completed now; they would have been safe on any sea and Americans would not be obliged to embark on foreign ships to go abroad. But congress wrangled and wrangled over the question and finally without doing anything, adjourned. No, we are mistaken; it did remain in session long enough to pass an immense river and harbor bill, though every member knew in advance that quite half the sum appropriated in that bill would be directly stolen or wasted.

Now these same members will read the barbarism of the assassination of the great Lusitania, and denounce the fearful tragedy though if they had half common sense they would realize that they themselves were primarily to blame for the heartbreaking pitiable story.

The great Hamburg company's (German) steamer, Kronprinz is interned in an American harbor. Suppose she had sailed, carrying large quantities of arms and ammunition for Germany, and many Americans, though warned of the danger had taken passage upon her. Suppose an English submarine had cited her in the straits of Dover, what would it have done? Suppose the submarine had sunk the steamer would we be talking about war with Great Britain on that account.

We are not in the least seeking to condone the crime of sinking merchant ships and their passengers without so much as giving passengers a chance to take to the boats, but are merely trying to make clear what war is in lands governed by the old imperial methods of kings and chiefs.

Germany has dictated new rules for the government of neutrals in time of war. Great Britain has demanded from us what she scoffed at doing when the life of our nation hung upon a thread in our great Civil war.

—Goodwin's Weekly.

## Items From Daily Abstract (Portland's Official Paper)

Applications of liquor men to conduct auction sales of liquors has been denied by the Council. Liquor men desired to hold such sales in order to dispose of their stocks before prohibition goes into effect.

City Health Officer Marcellus has started the annual Spring campaign for the extermination of mosquitoes. He has ordered oil poured on ponds and lakes, and this kills mosquitoes and their eggs. Every pond in the city will be given this treatment.

Petitions signed by approximately 7500 smokers of the city that they be permitted to smoke on the three rear seats of open street cars have been denied by the Council. The city officials feared that if such privilege was granted it might be abused and result in trouble.

Moving picture theatre managers who desire to introduce vaudeville attractions in their theatres are seeking an amendment to the building code requiring them from a number of requirements for fire protection. There are two factions of them, one desiring they be released altogether from the provision requiring them to install automatic sprinklers and at the same time to have 10 or more performers, and the others desire the privilege of having only a limited number of performers. The Council has investigated a number of these concessions and reports are that they did not find conditions the best. The matter has been postponed until the next Council meeting.

## 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.

The time of the year is upon us when the lure of the out of doors is strongest. To those who are planning a vagabonding vacation, and to those others who must do their journeyings by proxy, the following brief list of books now on the shelves of the library may be of interest.

Books of the Open Road:  
 Chase, J. Smeaton—California Coast Trails.

A horseback ride from Mexico to Oregon, with the object to view at leisure this country, once of such vast quiescence, now of such spectacular changes, especially to see what might be of its less commonplace aspects before they should have finally passed away; the older manner of life in the land, the ranch houses of ante-Gringo days, Franciscan Missions, relics of the era of the padre, and the don, the large slow life of the sheep and cattle ranges, and whatever else could be found lying becalmed in the backwaters of the hurrying stream of progress. As the travellers camped wherever night might find them, they carried with them everything they needed to make them free of cooks and chambermaids. A description of their equipment is given for the benefit of those who wish to follow suit.

Clemens, Samuel L.—A Tramp Abroad.

Old, yet ever new—this classic of laughter by Mark Twain.

Edwards, Albert—The Barbary Coast.

Sketches of French North Africa, original and altogether charming. "Here in New York," says the author; "the rumble of the elevated, the click of typewriters in my ears, it does not seem probable that the answer to the Riddle of the Sphinx is worth knowing. But in spite of the noise of our marvellous mechanics, in spite of the clang of an ambulance bell in the street, which speaks of anaesthetics and disinfectants, an immense alleviation of pain; in spite of all this—or perhaps because of it—I want to go back. We, of the West, have certainly learned more than they about logic and life. But I have a feeling—not to be expressed on paper—that they know more than we about dreaming and dying."

Edwardes, Tickers—Lift-Luck on Southern Roads.

The journey covers some 200 odd miles, through five southern England counties and was conceived on an unusual plan. For the vagabond author went neither on foot or by any of the wonted means of conveyance beloved of tourists. Moreover, he kept clear of the main roads, and great towns, shunned nearly all the guide books points of interest, sought out the least frequented lanes and by-paths, and found his history in the happy places that have no history, other than that which writes over their mossgreen roofs and lichen-ened walls. He got himself through the whole 200 mile stretch of the way with camera and pack on shoulder, and at surprisingly little expense, by means of lifts taken in any chance vehicle that might be faring in his direction. So good did he find these vagabond days that at the end of them he found himself regretting that now he "must put on respectability like a garment. Now I must get back to linen collars and boot polish, take up once more my part in the game of citizenship; strut on the footways and cure myself of lounging joyfully along the middle of the roads. It seemed a direful fate just then."

Powell, Addison—Trailing and Tramping in Alaska.

The narrative is dedicated "to the boys who clung to the alders while others left, condemning a country they knew nothing about." The book is replete with racy incident and with unbounded enthusiasm for the country.

"Hiyu Skookum!" That is the Alaska Indian's expression for the incomparable and it is here used because the white tourist will borrow the exclamation when he stands amidst the largest group of high mountains on

## Club Takes a Hike

The North End Camping Club, composed of the famous base ball artists, rolled up their blankets, and after buying all the pastry in town, "footed it" to their ideal camping headquarters on the banks of the Willamette last Saturday. A large blazing fire was built in amazingly quick time, and every one made himself at home, using Nature's modern conveniences. Stories, songs, orations that would make Demosthenes look like D. C. Lewis, and a debate on the great war, in which Germany won, passed away the early night hours. Everybody turned in at midnight, and after four hours of refreshing sleep, every one was up bright and early. Chef La Maher served an appetizing breakfast of pastry, Burbank's fruits, spuds and rare spare ribs and a bucket of well water washed the "eats" into the internal regions. Last year swimming suits were put on, and all braved the icy, choppy sea. "Bat" Nelson navigated the river against time and came within five seconds of the world's official record. "Skill" Larsen trifled with the new "submarine" dive, staying under three minutes and seventeen seconds. "Leepy" Lind showed excellent form when he exhibited for the first time his original dive, the "Norwegian whirl." "Baron" Larson completed the naval program with a high "back breaker." With bathing suits still on, every one armed himself with a Spartan spear and enjoyed the sport of spearing carp in a nearby slough. About 300 pounds were caught, as estimated by "Skill" Larsen's fish eye. After the campers had become exhausted, blankets were strapped on shoulders and a course was steered homeward. Fish stories were told on the way. "Lefty" McCarty being champion in this department.—Reported.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Incidents of High School Interestingly Told

Again the Senior Play is a matter of history. The class of 1915 is to be congratulated upon the successful presentation of the Sky Riders. It was a clever little comedy, cleverly given. Gladys Palmer as Mrs. Brown, and Alice Winkle as daughter Helen were ideal in their admiring devotion to the intrepid aviator hero, Mr. Brown, whose part was well carried by Will Teutsch. With the assistance of the "newspaper man," he was very able in proving that he could be in two places at the same time.

On Wednesday night the players "tried it out" on the city of Linnton, and the receipts were not heavy, the effort was repaid by added confidence for Friday night in the home auditorium. Both audiences evidenced their appreciation of the dramatic situations and the work of the actors in handling their parts.

The H. S. orchestra has proved itself a most worthy adjunct of the H. S. It supplies a long felt want and on both Wednesday and Friday nights rendered music well worth hearing.

Mr. Behnke is an efficient director.

The Junior Class in English has been using the weekly Independent as a text since mid term, and they find the present day topics full of interest. This publication is making a special effort to adapt its pages to the H. S. needs. The articles are well written. They discuss the vital topics of the day in a fair and unprejudiced way.

This week sees a revival of interest in tennis.

The H. S. students and faculty are saddened by the death of Arkie Anderson. He was a member of the class of June, 1912.

Last Friday evening an interesting program was given by the Dramatic society. It consisted of a number of selections by the H. S. Orchestra, a piano solo by Della Vinson, a reading by Opal Weimer, and the one act play, "Who's Who?" The cast of characters in this were, Mr. Swanhopper, "a model young bachelor," Jack Brownlee; Lawrence Lavedar, "a valet from Mayfair," Walter Andrews; Mr. Brambleton, a country gentleman, Delbert Day; Cicely, Brambleton's daughter, Florence Davis; and Matilda Jane, a "superior housemaid," Jennie McNiven. All the identities except Mr. Brambleton's were beautifully confused but they were all straightened out in the end and everybody "lived happily ever afterwards."

The Dramatic Society will present a First class vaudeville on June 4, which will be open to the public. The tickets at 10 and 15 cents, will be on sale soon.

Last Friday afternoon a skating party was given at the rink by the H. S. students. It was much enjoyed, and another one is looked forward to by many.

Some of the history classes are planning to make a tour to the Court House soon.

The Physical Geography class is also planning to take a trip to the Custom House. This week would do very well to make a study of the rain gauge.

## Will Deliver a Lecture

J. E. Larson, Professor of Agronomy at the Oregon Agriculture College, will lecture Friday evening, May 27th, at the First Trust & Savings Bank building, corner Midway and Fessenden streets, on the subject of "Intensive Soil Management," under the auspices of the East St. Johns Commercial club. The professor will also endeavor to give personal assistance to home gardeners by answering their questions. The lecture will start at 8 o'clock, and a cordial invitation is extended to all St. Johns people to attend. No admission fee. The East St. Johns Club is to be congratulated upon securing the services of Prof. Larson, as he is an expert in his line and no doubt will impart some valuable information. A lecture on rose culture given under the auspices of this club recently was a source of much helpful information to local people, and the lecture next Friday evening promises to be of equal or greater interest. A large audience should greet Prof. Larson.

secured at the lowest possible price from those offering to furnish same cheapest. L. E. Gensman said he believed the electrical work should be let by contract to the lowest bidder, but Mr. Perrine replied that bids would be received on supplies only.

The subject of adding another paid fireman was broached by Councilman Downey, who stated that an additional fireman was needed, in order that the two firemen now on duty might have an opportunity to get off one day a week. Action on the matter was delayed until next week.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Catlin street between Edison street and Central avenue was passed.

An ordinance establishing the grade of Leonard street between Charleston and Chicago streets was also passed.

Resolutions providing for the opening of Mohawk street west of Willamette boulevard and providing for the improvement of Leonard street was adopted.

An ordinance repealing all former dog ordinances and providing that no dog should be allowed upon the streets without a leash, and fathered by Councilman Downey, was passed by a five to two vote. Councilmen Martin, Graden, Tallman, Perrine and Downey voting in the affirmative and Councilmen Cook and Bonham in the negative.

## Oregon Goods and Labor

In an effort to stimulate the use of Oregon manufactured goods and Oregon labor, the Chamber of Commerce of Portland has begun a campaign thru its bureau of industries and manufactures to take advantage of the Bingham bill which becomes effective as a law this month, and which was passed at the last legislative session. The Bingham bill gives a preferential of five per cent in favor of goods manufactured in Oregon, or in favor of Oregon labor, in the consideration of competitive bidding before county courts, boards, city councils, or other public officers authorized to purchase supplies or contract for labor.

In plainer English, a purchasing officer is authorized to accept as the lowest bid for labor or supplies that offered by representatives of Oregon products, if the bid of the latter is not more than five per cent higher than the lowest bidder from any other state," said George D. Lee, secretary of the bureau.

"It is intended to counterbalance the difference in the cost of production, as between local and foreign concerns. It somewhat adds to the handicap of the foreign manufacturer represented by freight rates, and it should prove an encouragement to the establishment of factories for the manufacture of those items needed in the building of roads and bridges and materials consumed by municipal purchase. Senator Bingham introduced the bill after consultation with representatives of the organizations which have been struggling to enlarge the market for these factories already here and to pave the way for others yet to be secured. In the opinion of David M. Dunne, and other pioneer manufacturers, the Bingham measure will prove of great value.

## Building Permits

No. 24—To N. J. Fletcher to erect a residence on Tioga street between Seneca and Fessenden streets; cost \$500.

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.

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

## Artificial Earthquake

A shock defined by many East Side residents as a distinct earthquake, was felt throughout the East Side Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. The tremor lasted from one to two seconds, vibrated from east to west and rattled dishes, rocked chairs, disarranged books in book-cases and generally caused fright and commotion. The vibrations were felt over an area of several miles in radius, extending from remote parts of Rose City Park district to the southern extremity of Mount Tabor.—Oregonian. An explosion of powder at Kelley Butte caused the rumpus.

For Sale—160 acres, half in cultivation, all can be cultivated, 5 room house, fenced, \$25 per acre. Owner must have money. Inquire Room 8, Holbrook building, St. Johns.

## Back to the Farm

Would you like to own a choice little farm in Yamhill County, Oregon? If so, come in and see what I can do for you. I have a few friends with choice little farms who wish to exchange for City property.—Dr. W. J. Gilstrap, First National Bank Building, St. Johns, Oregon.

Note the label on your paper. FOR RENT cards at this office.