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Has seven churches. Has a most promising future. Distinctively a manufacturing city. Adjoins the city of Portland. Has nearly 6,000 population. Has a public library. Taxable property, \$4,500,000. Has large dry docks, saw mills. Woolen mills, iron works, Stove works, asbestos factory, Ship building plant, Veneer and excelsior plant, Flour mill, planing mill, Box factory, and others. More industries coming. St. Johns is the place for YOU.

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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 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. Attorney Perry C. Stroud, representing the contractors on the Pittsburg street improvement, asked that the contractors be relieved of fulfilling their contract on the grounds of inexperience, lack of equipment and inability to complete the work. After discussing the matter to some extent, it was decided to hold the matter over for another week before taking decisive action.

Mrs. Tufts was relieved of further payment on her Burlington street property owing to the fact that the waiver petition had been signed by her son, who had no authority to do so.

H. M. Waldref gave notification of the fact that he intended to protest his street, assessment on Tyler street for the reason that it exceeded the fifty per cent limit.

On motion of Councilman Cook the city treasurer was directed to proceed to collect delinquent street assessments by advertising sale of the property involved.

The following arc lights were ordered installed: One at corner of Olympia and Newton streets; one at corner of Banks and Buchanan streets; one at corner of Reno and Edison streets; one at corner of Hayes and Alma streets, and one on North Ivanhoe street between Fessenden and Trumbull streets. Attorney Thad T. Parker, representing several saloon keepers, asked that Ordinance 636 be amended. It provides that saloon keepers enter into a contract of six months duration to operate saloons at a rate of 1200 per year. The amendment provides that the rate be reduced to \$800 per year to conform with the liquor license fee obtaining in the City of Portland, since a majority vote had been secured by both cities in favor of merging. Mr. Parker contended that all contracts with the city of St. Johns would be carried out by the city of Portland, and he said he believed it only fair and just that the saloon keepers receive the benefit of the lower rate after merging had been accomplished. The proposition was held over for one week for deeper consideration.

The improvement of Ivanhoe street between Philadelphia and Catlin streets was accepted. The engineer stated that the commission had gone over the proposition of the proposed extension of the Cooperage roadway with him, and had outlined the roadway as they desired it to be. He stated that Mr. Stearns asked \$500 for the ground to be taken from his property, and this together with the cost of the roadway would probably total \$1700. Upon suggestion of Secretary Knowles of the Commercial Club, it was decided that the engineer make a survey and estimate of cost of construction of same. Councilman Martin and Engineer Burson were also directed to meet with the Port of Portland Commission and secure a document conveying assurance that the \$2500 donation agreed upon by the Commission upon completion of the roadway would be forthcoming.

Upon motion of Councilman Perrine it was made mandatory upon the chief of police to look after the disposal of the city wood supply on the Gattson tract, although Councilman Bonham offered his services as caretaker and salesman. The majority of the council decided it was a duty that should be assumed by the chief of police.

Councilman Perrine suggested that the Censorship Commission appoint a board of censorship as per provision of the censorship ordinance which was recently sustained by a vote of the people. Mayor Muck, chairman of the Commission, stated that he would instruct the recorder to call a meeting of the Commission for such purpose.

An ordinance assessing the cost of improving Tyler street between Dawson and Fessenden streets was passed unanimously.

Baptist Choir Recital June 19 at the Church. Tickets 10 cents.

Dress and Character

The following interesting paper was prepared and read by Miss Mabel Rundall at the W. C. T. U. Mother's meeting. Subject: Is Dress the Index of Character?

Undoubtedly, as our every act and possession is an index of our character. We cannot eat or sleep, sit or stand, speak or smile, without bulletining our character. "We put our whole life," says Emerson, "into every act. Human character does evermore publish itself. It will not be concealed. Men imagine that they communicate their virtue or vice only by overt actions, and do not see that virtue or vice emit a breath every moment."

It does not follow, however, that we can all complacently set ourselves up as judges of our neighbors. It is not the evidence which is lacking, but the judgment with which to read the evidence. Few, indeed, of us have the imagination, the wisdom, and the discrimination with which to judge others from any outward evidence whatever. What we know of the lives of even our closest friends is so incomplete—so apart from our own experience—that we are never justified in making snap estimates of character.

Especially is this true in the complicated state of society in which we are living today. The economic conditions are such that a great majority of our people are not free to live their own lives sincerely. Harassed by the burdens of poverty or of riches, hemmed in by narrowing and brutal conventions, their lives are warped into shapes sadly different from the ones they would show under natural conditions; neither their dress, their work nor their amusements are true expressions of their own individualities.

But while it is well for us to have a clear conception of what sane living conditions would be, and to put our best efforts into the attainment of those conditions for all people, yet we cannot wait for ideal conditions to make our own personal solution of the problems of living—among them the dress problem.

Life cannot be postponed. While excusing our neighbor's failures and follies by the knowledge of the hard necessities which oppress them, let us hold ourselves sternly to the realization that it is under existing conditions, not wished-for ones, that we must work out our own salvation—show of what sort of stuff we are made. The person who overrides conditions in his own life is the most useful of social servants. He puts hope into the heart of the world. For he has realized that for which all society labors and schemes; he proves our dreams are not in vain. One woman who adopts for herself a rational standard of dress will do more toward solving the dress problem for society than will all the discussion of the subject in all the clubs of the land. It is living the life that counts.

The phase of the question, then which most nearly concerns us in individuals is not how can we judge the character of our neighbor by her clothes but what type of character is revealed by our own manner of dressing and if the evidence is not what we would wish, where lies the blame—with the character or with the dress. For the thing works both ways; character forms habits and habits transform character. Our character decides our dress habits, but so also will our dress habits have their influence on our character.

Herein lies food for thought. Mothers have more to answer for than they dream when they permit their daughters to adopt vulgar and unladylike fashions. The most innocent and modest of young girls is apt at some time to be seized with a desire to ape the latest striking fad and just because she is so innocent and so immature, she does not in the least know the dangers to her modesty in so doing. The mother does know, and it is near a criminal weakness which allows the girl to become the victim of her own whim. The great pity of the half dressed and over ornamented appearance of many of the sweetest faced school girls, is that the appearance will not stay an appearance. Inevitably the false ideals work inward and come to the surface in hardened faces and glances. Old or young, we cannot do the

unlovely thing without becoming unlovely.

The first point to be recognized in approaching the dress problem is the serious worth of the subject. It is that Ida Tarbell calls one of "those great every day matters on which the moral and physical well being of society rests; one of those matters which, rightly understood, fill the everyday life with big meanings." It is right that women should consider the question of their dress one of moment. It is far from being an unimportant detail, and no one need be ashamed to admit her concern in it. But here, as everywhere in life, the law of proportion must be obeyed. Dress is an important, but not one of the most important things in life. More fundamental matters must not be sacrificed to it.

In order to insure this we must have a clear understanding of what are the most fundamental things in our lives. No one can hope to live a well balanced life who has not thought out with some degree of care a standard of values and decided which things are to her of paramount, and which of lesser importance. No one can do this for us. We are too prone to sluggishly accept the standards which lie easiest at hand—in our own family, our set, our church, without making certain that these are the standards which will enable us to be true to our own best selves. Daily, to each one of us there come unforeseen crises, trivial-seeming enough at the moment, but calling for quick decisions in questions of proportion. One or the other of two interests must be sacrificed to some degree to the other—and no time to think it over. If we cannot fall back in such moments to a well-determined valuation of these interests to life as a whole, we will each time yield to the one which clamors loudest at the instant, and our life will become a wavering will-o'-the-wisp of good intentions and poor conclusions. Lack of proportion leads to distortion, thence to the tragedy of misshapen lives of all degrees of ugliness and futility.

Attention to dress at present is carried to a point where it involves all classes in extravagant expenditures of time and money. Many women, through a perverted idea of the necessities of dress for themselves or daughters, are stinting themselves and their families of things which would make of downright physical comfort and intellectual and moral development. No money for good books, beautiful pictures, the best drama and music, adequate vacations, artistic and comfortable home furnishings, no money for the social and religious causes in which we believe—but fashionable clothes we must have! But here, as always, the person who violates the law of Proportion defeats her own ends. Overmuch devotion to dress leads to a self-consciousness or a vacuous expression and to a lack of reserve in the clothing, which destroys the very attractiveness which is so striven after.

Concluded next week.

NOTICE OF Annual School Meeting. Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 2, of Multnomah County, State of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said district will be held at Central School House; to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. until 6 o'clock p. m., on the third Monday of June, being the 21st day of June, A. D. 1915. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director. Dated this 1st day of June, 1915. F. P. DRINKER, Chairman Board of Directors. Attest: J. E. Tanch, District Clerk.

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.

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.

Notice the label on your paper.

HIGH SCHOOL

Incidents of High School Interestingly Told

The students were uncommonly surprised on Thursday morning when the Faculty announced that the School Board had granted a half-holiday in addition to the two holidays promised last week.

The Seniors have returned to High School after the Rose Festival holidays wearing a preoccupied look. For with worries of Senior exams and of final preparations for Commencement, they are much too busy to be interested in the humdrum life of school.

Last Saturday morning, seventeen of the Upperclassmen availed themselves of a second opportunity to visit the city and county courts. As the greater part of the morning was to be spent in inspecting the various courts, Saturday was chosen as the best time, as the cases resorted to the revelry of the night before were numerous. The party visited the city and county jails as well as the courts.

The "Old White Log" witnessed another delightful high school party last Tuesday evening, when the Seniors spirited the Juniors and Faculty away on a pleasure picnic. The early part of the evening was spent in renewing an acquaintance with long forgotten school games. When every one was worn out by the frolic, the party gathered around the huge bonfire and engaged in that ever popular occupation of roasting weinies.

The Seniors seemed to have a good idea of their guests' appetites for later in the evening, after more games, ice cream and cake were served, followed by a supply of marshmallows, for toasting. Toward the wee sma' hours the company smothered their bonfire and wended their way homeward thru the woods.

The Faculty will entertain the Senior Class on a launch party on Friday evening, June 18th. The Latin pupils of the High School were invited to attend a Latin play "The Roman School" given by the Lincoln High pupils. A goodly number of students took advantage of the opportunity, being excused the last period. The play was interesting, giving the happenings of a school day in Rome, including the class recitations. At the opening of the day, the roll was called introducing such distinguished characters as "Gaius Julius Caesar" and "Marcus Tullius Cicero." Then followed a lesson in Latin grammar and the recitation, in Latin, of such well known poems as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Three Wise Men of Gotham" and other little rhymes. The play was made more interesting by such humorous events as the tardy entrance and chastisement of "puer piger" (lazy boy) and of a visitor to the school who recited a comic poem in mixed Latin and English.

After the play there was an exhibition showing the many advantages of the study of Latin. An exhibition of the work done by the manual training, domestic science and art classes during the last year will be held in the High School building Thursday and Friday of this week. The building will be open to the public both afternoons and evenings. Probably one of the most attractive features will be the newly furnished dining room which will be open to inspection for the first time. All plans have been completed, the furniture, dishes and other necessities have been purchased, and all that is left to do is to arrange them. One of the unused class rooms back of the auditorium and directly above the cooking room will be remodeled for this use. A dumb waiter will be installed to convey articles from the kitchen below to the room above.

At present it is the plan of the High School girls to make the room as attractive as possible by arranging the table for a meal. Of course the delicacies thus displayed will be for inspection not sampling.

The schedule of the longreaded examinations has been announced as beginning on Monday and following the schedule of the recitation periods. Baccalaureate Exercises, High School Auditorium, Sunday, June 20, 8 p. m. ;

Franz Joseph

When the work of the great lawgiver of Israel was finished, as the story runs—from the heights of Pisgah he was given a view of the promised land toward which for forty years he had been struggling, but was never to reach. From his cradle in the bullrushes up to manhood; through the years in which he acquired all the wisdom of the Egyptians; then his call to the leadership of an enslaved people; his buffetings with kings and priests; the plagues, the sorrows, the tragedy of the final exit; the wanderings in the wilderness for two score years; the marvelous code under which men were, when advanced enough, to learn the necessity of a government of law and the imperative need of proper sanitation; the trials; the triumphs through which he had wrought out an immortal fame for himself; this was the picture that shone behind him when he climbed Pisgah, to be given, before his eyes were to finally close, a vision of the land which he had dreamed of for his people thru the watches of half a century.

Reading that magnificent drama one's mind involuntarily turns to a history of our own day. Was there ever a drama with more sombre and tragic tints than the life of Franz Joseph of Austria has been? Given an empire to rule, there were doubtless thousands of the world's rulers and the scions of royal houses who envied him when he ascended the throne, but could there be a Pisgah for him to climb from the crest of which he was to see what the future of his country was to be; would not his prayer be, "If it is to be as sorrowful and dark and lonely as my life has been, spare me from seeing it."

He stands today like a lonely oak in a dead forest. The hurricanes of four score years have beat upon it; forest fires have consumed surrounding trees and blasted its own limbs; the cyclones have swept every bird that nested in its branches away; the frosts of sorrow have withered its heart; its scant foliage is shriveled and no longer is fit for it a crown—it seems to no longer have an excuse for standing except that it is too proud and brave to fall.

His beautiful empress assassinated; the first rightful heir to the throne murdered or a suicide; the second heir and his lovely wife assassinated; his brother who hoped to be an emperor and to make a great name as the redeemer of a distracted country captured and shot and his lovely empress left a hopeless lunatic for whom no merciful death seems waiting; a disastrous war with France, another with Prussia; years of fierce dissensions in his own dominions and now involved in a war that threatens the very existence of his empire; what history in all the world is a parallel of his?

Often prostrated by fearful illness, more than once reported dead; the splendor of his surroundings a mockery; his people dying by tens of thousands to support his tottering throne; one would think that his prayer: by day and by night would be, not for a vision of a Land of Promise, but for the rest of that sleep which is not vexed by dreams or any fear of an awakening.—Goodwin's Weekly.

Invocation. Chorus. Scripture Reading and Prayer. Hymn—How Firm a Foundation. Chorus. Sermon—Pursuing Our Ideals, by Rev. D. T. Thomas, Pastor of Congregational Church. Chorus. Hymn—Jesus Savior Pilot Me. Benediction. Commencement Program on Thursday evening, June 24, 8:15 p. m. : Orchestra. Carmina—Jane Wilson—Mixed Chorus. Orchestra. Calm is the Night—Carl Bohn; Canoe Song—A. Pestalozza—Girls' Chorus. Commencement Address—Dr. Frank L. Loveland. June—Schnecker; Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep—Knight—Mixed Chorus. Presentation of Diplomas. Orchestra.

Couch & Co. is closing out some men's \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 Oxford Shoes for \$1.75.

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.

Vacation Books. No matter what your vacation plans, they will be improved by being made to include a few good books.

Do you know that on any library card you can now draw ten books which need not be returned until October first? This privilege is intended for readers who are going out of town. The ten books may include four fiction and six non-fiction. Seven-day books can not be issued on vacation time.

We will be able to give your requests better attention if they are made during June. No matter if your vacation does not come until July or August—make your choice now and you will be better satisfied. If you do not know what you want ask for suggestions. You will find a shelf of vacation books in the library and lists of others.

Reference Books Received: American Business and Accounting Encyclopaedia.

A standard reference book for accountants and business men, profusely illustrated with hundreds of special forms and tables. Endeavors to furnish a comprehensive summary of information pertaining to the science of accounts and other matters connected with business management. Particular attention is given to subjects not to be found in any detail in the text books on accounting hitherto to be obtained, such as accounting of lumber and brewing businesses. A competent authority has supplied definitions and information on that very important subject to business men—commercial law.

Dictionary of Hymnology. Setting forth the origin and history of Christian hymns of all ages and nations. Lippincott's New Gazetteer. A complete pronouncing gazetteer or geographical dictionary of the world.

Museum of Antiquities. A description of ancient life, employments, amusements, customs and habits, the cities, palaces, monuments and tombs, the literature and fine arts of 3,000 years ago.

Proposals for Street Work. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until June 29, 1915, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Leonard street from the west line of Charleston street to the East line of Chicago street in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 665, subject to the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the estimate of the City Engineer, on file. Engineer's estimate is \$2239.05. Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks, which will be furnished on application at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of the last publication of this notice. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposal. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. By order of the City Council. A. E. DUNSMORE, Recorder of the City of St. Johns. Published in the St. Johns Review June 11, 18 and 25, 1915.

Notice to Dog Owners. All owners of dogs are hereby notified that according to city ordinance all dogs must be muzzled for three months beginning June 15, 1915. Dog owners must, therefore, comply with the provisions of the ordinance and muzzle their dogs at once. HENRY MUCK, Acting Chief of Police.

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.

A Fixture Hint

Three years ago I tried to help my sister select a hat. We went to half the stores in Portland. She tried on at least 100 before finding one that suited. I didn't appreciate that method at all—too much traveling, bother and hit or miss principle. That evening I started thinking it over. Said to myself, were I a woman and wanted a hat I would go to a good milliner, tell her what I wanted to pay, wear the dress I wanted to wear with the hat, and have her design me one—a creation to fit me, and me alone, my beauty, my mannerisms, my individuality; in short, just me. That carried another chain of thought. If hats, why not electric fixtures?

Furnishings in the home are very important. Harmonious colors, good selection of furniture and a nice blending of lines mean a great deal, and a cheerful home means a cheerful life. But after having a room properly furnished you can very easily ruin the harmony of the whole by a poor selection of fixtures.

Now for the last three years I have been studying everything that would have a relation to fixture design, architecture periods of furniture, color matching, principle of design, shape, rhythm, sketching, and all things that help me design and make the proper fixtures for your home. I am not done, never expect to be, but think I am fairly proficient and ready to try.

Today I want you to call me to that home of yours and let me sketch you a suggestion. It won't obligate you, and it might help. Fixture prices are mighty low now, and if you do buy you will get \$1.25 value for every dollar you spend.

Yours for service, L. E. GENSMAN. E. A. Gensman & Son, 217 N. Jersey Street.

Executor's Sale of Realty

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County in the matter of the estate of Elias Keeney, deceased, heretofore entered in the probate journals of said court authorizing and directing the undersigned so to do, the undersigned, John H. Rebban as Executor of the Last Will and Testament and of said estate, will on Monday the 28th day of June, 1915, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, on the premises in the City of St. Johns, Multnomah County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to the approval and confirmation of said Court, the following real property of said estate, to wit: The S. E. one-half of Lot 3 in Block 5 in P. T. Smith's Addition to St. Johns, being the half of Lot 3 lying next to and adjoining Lot 2 of said Block, in Multnomah County, Oregon, said one-half of said Lot 3 being a strip 25 feet by 100 feet, the 6 inches off the Easterly side thereof being subject to the conditions relating to a party wall as set forth in a deed thereof by W. A. Messner and George Messner to P. H. Light. (Abstract of said premises with the First National Bank of St. Johns, Oregon.) Dated this 28th day of May, 1915. JOHN H. REBBAN, Executor aforesaid. Address Brownsville, Oregon. Amor A. Tussing, attorney for Executor.

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A BARGAIN.—The Willamina State Bank, Willamina, Oregon, offers on quick sale, for short time only, the two story house and three lots at 718 N. Edison street, and house and one lot at 911 N. Hayes street, in St. Johns, both for \$3000. No trade.

Take your next picture on an Anso film—the court decreed original film. Get it at The St. Johns Pharmacy, Anso dealers.