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"I don't set up to be a judge of right and wrong in men; I've lost the trail sometimes myself and may get lost again. So when I see a man who looks as though he'd gone astray, I want to shove my hand in his and help him find the way."

Politicians are queer animals. They burn up coal, withdraw oil lands, prevent development of water power and in the same breath howl about fuel shortage while refusing to pass legislation permitting utilization of millions of water horse power now running to waste.—Ex.

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The repair of Jersey street is very slow in getting under way, and in the meantime the advantage to be gained from this glorious weather in making the repair is being lost. If it is the purpose to have repairs made this year, is it certain that no further time should be lost.

Ambassador Gerard's address in Portland only accentuated the great responsibility of this country in the great European conflict. He made it very plain that man power will be the real deciding factor in bringing about a victory, and that the necessity of more ships was most vital. The object of his visit here seemed to be to arouse the people to a more vivid realization of the fact that our resources and man power, perhaps to the limit, will be needed to bring the war to a victorious conclusion.

The Portland Ad Club has demonstrated the fact that fish may be brought to Portland and sold at prices ranging below one half of what the retail merchants charge. Besides making expenses the Club realized a profit of \$150 the first week of its venture, when more than 20,000 pounds of fish were disposed of. It is expected that the city will take this market over and continue the sale of fish at practically cost. This instance is a fair demonstration of the saving to the consumer when the middleman's profit and other profits are removed. The Ad Club, however, had one advantage over the retailer, in that no rent was paid and fish was sold only as a whole or cut in half, and all sales were for cash, with no delivery service involved. If it could be so arranged that the city could act as middleman on a large number of commodities and fruits and vegetables, buying direct from the producer and furnishing same to the retailers at cost, undoubtedly the consumer would largely benefit. By a practical adjustment of things, there is no reason for the middleman's oftentimes enormous profits.

The great fad of the uplift themselves and pull-down-the-other fellow's business was to get a physical valuation of railroads and public utilities. Four years ago this campaign was started and it has cost ten million a year for the federal valuation, and probably twice as much by the states. After spending forty millions of Uncle Sam's money no report is yet ready, and in the meantime the cost of rails, ties and labor have just about doubled. Rates based on valuations of five years ago so far as railroads and utilities are concerned are valueless, and no one will invest a dollar on such a basis. The investigation was to cost only ten millions but the job has been expanded and made continuous, and between four and five thousand men are now employed. The war has made the railroads essential to the life of the nation and it is perfectly plain these valuations have no present value and should be discontinued. The four or five thousand experts should now cease their soft handed jobs and be placed where they belong, in the military service of the country. This is a poor time, says the Logan City, Utah, Journal, to continue such criminal schemes that sap the brains and financial vitality of the country. The investigation has no war value whatever, it was the greatest check and drag on railroad building, gaining nothing but wasting time, money and resources.—Industrial News Bureau.

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It is pleasing to note that Rev. J. H. Irvine has been returned by the Methodist Conference to the pastorate of the St. Johns M. E. Church. Rev. Irvine is an earnest, faithful and conscientious pastor, and interesting and fluent speaker. His many friends here are greatly pleased that he has been returned to St. Johns.

The Mother's meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Scott, 102 Central avenue next Monday afternoon. Miss Beatrice Randall will have the paper, and as she is to choose her own subject, we are sure it will be something very good and interesting as well. Come and enjoy it with us.—Reporter.

Mrs. L. W. Owen, President of Fathers' Day National Association, will preach at the Congregational church in the morning, and will be present at the Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mrs. Owen is a noted preacher and lecturer, both in this land and overseas. Be sure and hear her. The pastor will preach at 7:30 p. m. on the subject, "Who are You? What are You? and What are You Going to be?" Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m.

Mrs. Alice Jones, who had charge of the local Library for some time, has resigned her position and gone to Everett, Wash., where she will have charge of the children's library. Miss Mabel Randall, formerly in charge of the Library here, but lately having charge of the University Park branch, has taken Mrs. Jones' place here. The numerous friends of Miss Randall are much pleased to see her once more at the "old stand."

"Putting St. Johns on the Map," is the title of Rev. J. H. Irvine's sermon next Sunday morning, and in the evening "The Solid Worth of One True Man to a Community" will be the theme. This pastor expresses great pleasure on the part of himself and family on being returned to the Methodist Episcopal church of St. Johns for another year, and they greatly desire to be the truest friends and helpers of every man, woman and child in this promising part of our great city.

Frank Test, a former well known and popular resident of St. Johns, has been greeting old friends here this week. Mr. Test is located at Phoenix, Arizona, where he is state manager of a large oil concern. He says he likes Arizona first rate, although the thermometer shows 112 to 117 in the good old summer time, but the winters are especially fine and delightful. Mr. Test's wife and children have been spending the summer in St. Johns and vicinity, and they will return with him when his vacation expires.

The James John football team played the strong Columbia University eleven last Friday, the score being a scoreless tie. The game was a brilliant one and the playing of the St. Johns team was highly gratifying. It is said that Day, Spackman and Schroeder made James John's playing scintillate. Toole played his part well at the receiving end of several passes, one in the initial quarter being for twenty yards. About 300 rooters for both schools witnessed the game, branded by all to be one of the best ever played in the Interscholastic League.

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Capt. Batter, who has served many years faithfully and well as manager at the Government moorings on the west side of the river, is now on a furlough and will spend a generous portion of his vacation at his old home in New Hampshire.

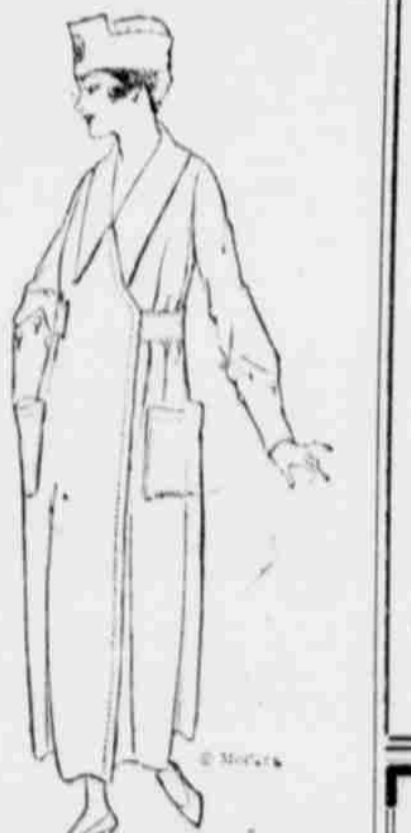
The Jolly 'Steen Club was entertained in a delightful manner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Evans on Wednesday evening. In the game of 500 Prof. and Mrs. C. H. Boyd won the first prize, and Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Fry the second prize. A delicious luncheon was served.

Mrs. James Parkin and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tharikill, left September 27th for Eureka, Cal., where they intend to make their new home. They had quite a circle of friends here who are all very sorry to lose them, but wish them all good luck and happiness in their new location, and hope they will remember St. Johns once in a while.

Portland police are co-operating with State Game Warden Shoemaker to prevent the shooting of Chinese pheasants within the city limits. Upon the request of Mr. Shoemaker, Chief Johnson, of the Police Bureau, issued orders to his men to keep a sharp watch on the city sportsmen who might be tempted to take shots at pheasants in the suburbs. Mr. Shoemaker was assured that the ordinance will be enforced strictly and penalties await any one discharging a gun within the limits.

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