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St. Johns is looking better every day, because every day its prospects are looking brighter. At no time in its history was there ever so much to encourage, to entice and to rejoice over as at the present time. With the strike happily settled and the workmen back on the job, the ship plant employing more men than ever, the big grain elevator system getting under way of construction, the mills and factories working to capacity, other new industries projected, the residences filled and more dwellings being built, the empty store buildings commencing to find occupants, the stores doing a good business, St. Johns undoubtedly is the best and most active section of the city of Portland. Real estate is always the last thing to move after a business depression, but it will probably quicken and catch up to the procession before long.

The settlement of the strike, which was brought to a close when the ship workers went back to work Tuesday after a layoff of more than five weeks, was a source of much satisfaction to all concerned, and especially so to the general public. The strike had a depressing and discouraging effect upon business and its volume was noticeably depreciated. The strike was settled, we understand, on a give and take basis, the employers conceding better wages and better conditions, a recognition of the unions and agreeing to treat union and non-union workmen impartially and fairly, while the workmen yielded in their contention for a "closed" shop. Through the conferences and discussions that arose the employers and the workmen came to a better understanding of each other that will undoubtedly prove of mutual benefit in the days to come. By the understanding that was arrived at there is little likelihood of another strike taking place until the war has been brought to a close, at least. The strike was conducted here in an orderly and peaceful manner and not one instance of a brutal or violent act was reported. And there seemed to be no bitterness engendered on either side. It was just a firm determination of the men to remain out until better conditions had been guaranteed. While it is said that the same conditions so far as the St. Johns plant is concerned could probably have been secured without resorting to a strike, yet such might not have been the case at some of the other ship plants, and it was the desire of the workmen to place all the ship plants upon an equal basis so far as working conditions were concerned. Now that it is happily settled and the men have gone back to work with good wages, short hours and steady work assured, a different spirit throughout the entire city will prevail, and happiness and prosperity will once more reign supreme.

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If reports are true, and there seems to be little doubt in some instances at least of their accuracy, some parents in the city of Portland, have not looked after the welfare of their young daughters as they should have done. They have not kept them away from temptation as they might have done, nor have they instructed them properly in the dangers that lurk in staying out until late at night in company with male companions of a more mature age. And so some of them have fallen. There was nothing else to be expected. Girls of tender years should not be permitted, unless accompanied by proper chaperon, to keep company out on the streets with a male companion until late at night. To do so is only courting disaster that is almost sure to follow. In after years these immature girls who are thus shamed and disgraced may lay most of the blame for their conditions upon the tolerance and indifference of their parents. The mothers of today well know that their mothers would never have permitted their daughters to be so indiscreet. It is true undoubtedly that in many instances the mothers and fathers of today have not been aware of their daughter's actions, believing them to be at the home of some friend, or at a social gathering, when as a matter of fact they were out with a male companion. Nevertheless, the parents should know beyond doubt where their daughters are at night. While it is deplorable in the extreme that so much disaster has been wrought, the lesson may sink deep into the hearts of those parents whose daughters so far have escaped the pitfalls that have engulfed so many of late, and they will no doubt make it a point to know where and in what company their young daughters are at night. There is no doubt that the young men who have brought about the downfall are the more to blame, because they were older and well knew of the consequences that were almost prone to follow, and undoubtedly should be compelled to bear their full share of the punishment and disgrace that follow in the wake of their censurable actions, but in most cases they will not be so compelled to do, because society has unfortunately not yet reached that stage where the man is disgraced as much or more so than his victim. It is not a nice subject to dwell upon, but something must be done to awaken parents to the dangers that beset the younger generation in these unsettled and disturbing war times lest morality may some time cease to be a virtue.

At least one big bakery in Portland has decided that it can make and sell a 13 ounce loaf of bread for eight cents. As it is said that one barrel of flour will produce between 280 and 300 loaves of 13 ounce bread, and flour in quantities can be purchased for \$10 per barrel, the public feels confident that this bakery and any other, for that matter, can with perfect safety sell the 13 ounce loaf without suffering any distinct loss.

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State Labor Commissioner Hoff, in a recent report dealing with the shortage of labor in the logging camps of Eastern Oregon, makes the suggestion that it may be necessary to employ women next spring in order to keep operations under way. Any one who has ever watched a woman try to swing an axe will view the commissioner's recommendation with alarm.—Journal.

Percy B. Smith, son of Capt. F. E. Smith, recently took a competitive examination in Portland for landsman machinist, which he successfully passed, being one of five in Oregon to do so. He left Saturday for Columbia University, where he will attend college for two years or longer. Capt. Smith now has three sons in the service. Basil Smith is now an officer in the aviation corps at Pensacola, Florida, taking the examination there; Lester D. Smith is machinist mate, first class, at Bremerton. All are bright young men and are making a rapid climb of the ladder of success.

Mrs. Mary A. Albert died at her home, 512 Tyler street, Tuesday of this week, aged 85 years. She had resided in St. Johns for the past twelve years, coming here from McMinnville. Her husband, John C. Albert, preceded her to the grave some years ago. Nephritis was the cause of her death. She is survived by several children. The funeral will take place today, Friday, from the St. Clement's church, services beginning at 10 a. m. Interment will take place at Calvary cemetery, the St. Johns Undertaking Co. in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Iria Duncan, the latter better known as Dr. L. E. Graves, were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when about thirty five of their friends dropped in upon them and gave them a genuine surprise. The visitors brought a delicious luncheon with them and an elegant repast was enjoyed. The time was spent in a very agreeable manner. The recently married couple were the recipients of many handsome and valuable presents. Those present were: Mesdames Riech, Cook, Rutto, Cota, Beely, Stark, Burkholder, Choquette, Corning, Feeny; Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Dr. and Mrs. Brous, Misses Pauline Young and Ella Wilkinson; Messrs. Beely, Corning, Fassett; Mrs. Graves, Miss Mona Graves, Masters Caldwell and Sawyer and the bride and bridegroom.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. J. C. Scott last Friday when by invitation a group of ladies came to spend the afternoon with her. They brought their knitting and while the needle clicked busily away their voices hummed like busy bees. There were some Oregon pioneers who had crossed the plains in prairie schooners in the very early days of Oregon, and incidents and experiences were related by them which were intensely interesting. Each one did her share in making the afternoon a pleasant one, and altogether it was voted a very enjoyable time. Lunch was served by Miss Kathryn Scott. Those present were: Mesdames E. J. Churchill, Elizabeth Dunn, Elizabeth Gay, Mary Harney, Adele J. Hanson, S. K. Walker, Sargent Wilson, J. C. Scott. The combined ages of those present equaled 576, an average of age of 72 years. The following states were represented: Two were born in Iowa, one in Illinois, one in Maine, one in Massachusetts, one in Ohio, one in Arkansas and one in Canada.

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