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The pay roll in St. Johns is now said to exceed the quarter of a million mark every month, and the total steadily increasing.

Quite a contrast between the fine weather we have been having and the gales and blizzards and snow of the Atlantic seaboard.

To bring the shipbuilding force up to 400,000 men so all the yards in the United States may be put on a three shift a day basis, the federal board has adopted a program which it believes will meet the needs of the situation.

The food commission campaign in St. Johns has been most successfully waged this week, and the captain, lieutenants and assistants have been doing yoeman service in visiting every home in this district. And they met with few rebuffs. Most people were willing and anxious to do their "bit" in helping the good work along, and felt no hesitancy in signing the cards. While it is true that many families do not waste anything in the food line, there are many that do. But all can save some on the foodstuff most desired to be conserved by the government. It would seem that the food conservation project would not be a bad thing even if there was no war. It furnishes valuable information for those that never knew how to save and economize.

The St. Johns city dock is at last to have rail connections with the O. W. R. & N. Such is the decision of the Public Dock Commission. This move is said to be in the interest of storing wheat for the government. The dock is capable of caring for about 6000 tons or more and as all storage facilities available will be demanded to house the cereal moving from the interior, it was determined to lay the tracks. Besides the ship building plants will no doubt make use of the dock for landing machinery since trackage connections are assured. A side track to the city dock was a question that the old city councils of St. Johns wrestled with time and again. It was the understanding when the dock bonds were voted that the railroad company would connect up with it after construction. But when the dock was completed the company declined so to do. Therefore, in order to have rail connection it would have been necessary to vote more bonds for the purpose, as there was no fund from which the necessary money could be drawn for the purpose. There was talk at different times of calling an election for the purpose of voting upon further bonds for rail connection, but as there was no assurance that the business over the dock would justify the additional expense, the matter was allowed to drop and the dock remained until the present time without a railroad spur being connected therewith. Now that there is business in sight that will make the dock a scene of activity it is meet and fitting that the spur should be constructed.

It is interesting to know that the pupils of the public schools during their campaign sold $5000 worth of Emergency Fund tickets. The Couch grade school was the banner school with a sum of $525.

Hallowe'en was observed in St. Johns in jolly style. The youngsters had a merry time with their mischievous and merry pranks, while the older ones enjoyed themselves in social gatherings and other ways. The night was superb from a weather standpoint, and the moon never looked more friendly and bright.

By means of a dipper dredge a trench is being dug across the river at St. Johns and extending westward from the foot of Philadelphia street, in which the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is laying a submarine cable. Permission to carry on the work was granted by the Commission of Public Docks and a formal agreement was ordered drawn, in which the company obliges itself to lay the cable 40 feet below the water.' Material taken from the trench is being deposited ashore and, while it is expected the trench will be filled by sediment and shifting material on the bed of the river so long as the channel project calls for a depth of 30 feet there will be no danger of anchors fouling the cable.

"The One Absolutely Sure Way to City Wide Victory This Present Year," is the message at the Methodist church Sunday 11 a. m. and in the evening "Will St. Johns take the Victorious Way?" At 6.45 p. m. the Epworth League topic will be "Leavening the Foreign Avalanche." Come and help us settle the momentous questions for the honor of our city and nation.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Evangelical church gave a Hallowe'en social in the basement of the church Wednesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance, and games and pranks such as are generally played at that time took place. A bumper lunch was served by the girls, to which, it is needless to say, all did ample justice. The event was immensely enjoyed.

Construction is about to begin on the work of connecting the North Bank line with the O. W. R. & N. tracks at East St. Johns. Connection will be made near the old cross arms factory. The Grant Smith Co. will do the work, and already have their equipment on the ground. There is but little doubt that a belt line will be an accomplished fact around the lower Peninsula in the near future. St. Johns is very rapidly coming into her own.

The Gabriel Pullin family was surprised by a small party of friends who invaded their new home on Lombard street in ghostly array last Monday evening. They were given a hearty welcome and much merriment was caused in identifying the masked and sheeted crowd. The mirth and fun continued till the "witching hour" when the guests betook themselves to their several homes with—pleasant memories of a happy evening.

Lewis I. Thompson, architect, has completed plans and specifications for a shop building to be built for the Portland Woolen Mills at St. Johns. M. W. Lorenz a Portland contractor, will have charge of construction. The structure will be 54x27 feet in dimensions, of brick construction, to cost $5,000. The building will be built on Baltimore street between Crawford and Decatur streets and will be a part of the large group of buildings which the company now has at this place.

The community sing at the high school auditorium last Friday evening was well attended and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy the singing. A special feature of the evening was the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Gabriel Pullin, which was keenly appreciated by the audience. The next number of the free lecture course will be held next Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the high school, when efforts are being made to have Senator Chamberlain make the address. If he cannot be secured another good speaker will be substituted.

The glass case in the main room at the library now houses a nut exhibit. Eleven varieties of nuts are shown with interestnig notes on their use and culture. On the walls of the auditorium hangs a collection of large charts of the planets in black and white and colors. These fine autumn nights are giving excellent opportunity for the study of the skies—an opportunity which may be extended to the day time by means of the library charts.

Mrs. Fannie Williams has purchased the Irwin Rooming house fixtures and took possession last week. Mrs. Williams is the sister of George Munson, former city councilman, coming here recently from the East. Mrs. Irwin, who had conducted the rooming house over Bonham & Currier's store for a number of years, has gone to Newport, Oregon, where she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. P. G. Gillmore. Mrs. Irwin made many friends here who regret her departure.

Do You Belong to a club or study class in need of a place to meet and Do You Know of the pleasant committee room which the library has to offer, free of charge, for just this purpose? Are You One of a group of people planning a lecture or course of lectures? If so, the library affords an attractive and properly equipped place for such meetings. To Make Arrangements for the use of either, call at the St. Johns Branch Library, Kellogg and Charleston streets, or telephone Columbia 562.

On the Port of Portland dredge Columbia finishing channel operations near the mouth of the Willamette the last of the week, she will tow upstream to the St. Johns drydock, where the basin of the dock is to be deepened. Fred Pape, superintendent of the Port, says the material removed will be deposited along side the drydock, where a bulkhead was provided some time ago, and the fill to be made will be utilized later for extending part of the drydock plant.

A splendid time was enjoyed at the meeting of the I. O. O. F. Monday evening, upon the occasion of a visit by Dr. Johnson, Supreme Representative. A fine musical program had been prepared, a feature of which was the rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. Dr. Mulkey, who sang and played the beautiful anthem, those present joining in the singing. There were about 150 in attendance, who enjoyed the program and evening's entertainment immensely. Dr. Johnson made a pleasing address that was highly appreciated. Delicious refreshments were served.

In harmony with the request of the president for a day of prayer, The Seventh Day Adventists met at their church Sunday evening. Short talks were given by Elders Dickson and Colcord, of Portland, on the importance of obeying magistrates in the Lord. Those present entered heartily into the plan for the conservation of food, after which many earnest prayers were offered for the president and his co-workers, also prayer for the protection of our boys from the awful dangers, both physical and moral, by which they are surrounded.

Charles H. Carter, superintendent of the Portland Woolen Mills, spoke on the subject of wool manufacture before the domestic art teachers of the public schools and others interested in the subject at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon in room 304 of the county court house. This was the first of a series of 20 planned by Miss Grace P. Gillett, supervisor of domestic art in the public schools. These lectures will deal with textiles, household economics, clothing and problems of shelter. While primarily intended for the teachers of the domestic art department, the lectures are open to all persons who may be interested.

A reception at Monahan's home on October the thirtieth day was held by the San Dieu Riens for three members who'd been far away. Hugh Ward of the hospital corps, in the navy of our U. S. A., we joyfully greeted and then bid adieu, for short will be his stay. Marie Bredenson who from us has been parted by many long miles, returned to her place in the class room, and was welcomed with hand clasp and smiles. Alma Rassi, whose long lingering illness has kept her so near yet so far, will again be greeted each Sunday, in the room where her classmates are. May God be with Hugh at his duty, and with Marie and Alma at home, and grant that some day we shall meet them, that another glad time shall then come. —Reported.

Oregon Grape Circle No. 541 entertained on Tuesday Oct. 23 the Officers Association, Neighbors of Woodcraft. After a short session of the lodge the following program was given: America; reading, Hooverize, Mrs. Weimer; song, "I Called You My Sweetheart," Bertha and Bessie Lauth; violin solo, Miss Thelma Stokes, accompanist, Mrs. Tracy; instrumental solo, Miss Opal Weimer; piano duet, Edna Titus and Glenna Jones; pantomime, Coming Through the Rye, by Mrs. Arlington Nolan, accompanists, Mrs. Pearl Meyers and Edna Titus; piano solo, Florence Blumgren and Lauretta McCarthy; song by little Mary and Celia Burley, after which they were given a beautiful bouquet of rosebuds; quartette, by four High School boys; a sermon, Bertha Lauth; Aloha, Florence Blumgren and Lauretta McCarthy; Star Spangled Banner. The drill team escorted the neighbors and friends to the dining room where cake and coffee were served. All departed merrily. The Association will be entertained next time by Mt. Scott Neighbors of Woodcraft.—Reported.

William Imhoff, of Olympia street, sustained a cut in the back of his head and other injuries about the neck and shoulders last Friday morning, when he fell from a car while working at the local saw mill.

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