

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

A Conservative Estimate

St. Johns industries and number of employees: Portland Manufacturing Company, 70; Grant Smith-Porter-Guthrie Company, 2267; Western Lumber Company, 35; Jobs Milling Company, 14; Hardin Pump factory, 5; Western Coopage Company, 380; Portland Woolen Mills, 490; St. Johns Planing Mill, 4; Peninsula Iron Works, 100; St. Johns Lumber Company, 205; total, 3570.

It's not so many years ago that an old, dilapidated building containing a diminutive match factory constituted the industries of that part of Multnomah county now occupied by the present city of St. Johns. Its splendid soil produced enormously, and they used to boast that potatoes as large as bulldog puppets, and wheat heads the size of sticks of striped candy, were annually harvested on the St. Johns farms. It was the lair of the playful rabbit and the granary of the industrious chipmunk. But the day of the rabbits and chipmunks has passed, and the land on which they gambled and banqueted is now a busy part of Portland. There is there one of the largest wooden shipbuilding plants in the district, the property of the Grant Smith-Porter-Guthrie Company. It has eight ways and eight ships in process of construction at all times, and its workers are protected from the inclemency of the weather by the roofs which cover all the ways.

The St. Johns and the Western Lumber companies, with their 240 employees, contribute much to the industrial life of the suburb, and the Western Coopage company, employing 380 men, disburses large sums of money to its employees. A large share of the industrial employes of the St. Johns district are highly paid skilled workers, but presuming the average wage to be only \$3 per day the payroll foots up, if the men and women work 300 days of the year, \$3,213,000.

In St. Johns there are no vacant houses. The little army of toilers have leased all those decorated with "For Rent" signs a couple of years ago, but fortunately there is good car service to the southward and hundreds of the workers have homes far away as Montavilla and Sellwood.

That citizens of the community may be constantly reminded that "eternal goodness is the price of liberty," a police station is located at St. Johns, in the building formerly the city hall of the one time city of that name, and a police "force" consisting of Joe Day, former city detective, is in charge. At first thought this does not appear to be a very formidable barrier to the practice of wickedness, but it must be remembered that Joe is a multitude in himself when it comes to the suppression of outlawry or prevention of crime. The officer says he has an average of a "complainant" a week—that is, about one person a week calls to tell him the world is not jogging along exactly according to the notions of Mr. Hoyle. A little talk with the disquieted one, relative to the storms of this life and the beautiful placidity of the next, Joe declares, usually placates the irritated individual, and he or she departs seeing things as they ought to be.—Journal.

A Word to the Wise

To the business men of St. Johns, I will say this:—If you expect the new people that are now coming here to deal with you and help you to build up your business, you should invite them to come in and see you, and the very best way to do this is to do more advertising in your home paper. Advertising your business in the home paper is only giving the people an invitation to your place of business. And the more you advertise, the more invitation you give out. You expect greater business now, and you should have it. It is here for you, but you must do more advertising to gain more business. Advertising is business in itself. Let us go out and get the business that is here for us. Let us keep out the down town competition by competing with the prices of Portland as much as we can, and tell the people what we handle, by advertising in the home paper. I'm in for more business.—Booster.

Hear Reinald Werrenrath in Portland February 14th. Hear him any day at Currin's.

Keen Interest is Shown

Keen interest in the proposed Columbia slough dredging project to provide drainage for the Peninsula district and also to furnish a new ship channel, opening up a new district for commercial development, is being shown by heavy property owners in the district affected by business men representing large commercial interests of Portland.

A delegation of more than 20 men, including several bankers and a number of manufacturers, conferred with City Engineer Laurgaard Thursday and secured an outline of the plan.

A. L. Barbur, commissioner of public works, not only favors the plan but in his annual report indicates that such a project must be provided for in the near future.

"The two problems which will face my department," said Barbur in his report, "as soon as the war and economic conditions warrant resumption of improvement activity, will be construction of intercepting sewers along both sides of the Willamette river and dredging a channel in the Columbia slough to provide an outlet for the sewage of the Peninsula district."

Intercepting sewers will soon be necessary, according to Barbur, because the present system of individual sewers emptying directly into the river pollutes the entire water front and when the water becomes stagnant because of back water from the Columbia, foul odors and filthy conditions invite epidemics.

At the present time the sewage and storm water from approximately 20,000 acres is emptied into the Willamette river between the southern boundary of the city and the docks of the Portland Flouring mills. Whenever sewerage facilities are provided for the Mount Scott area, conditions will become intolerable, Barbur asserts. Bathing in the river in the territory into which sewers empty is now prohibited. Attention is called by Barbur to modern improvements in sewage disposal, tending toward sewage reduction works by which useful by-products are saved to be used principally for agriculture and chemical purposes. The first step, he says, to provide for such treatment will be in the construction of intercepting sewers, to bring sewage to central rendering works.—Telegram.

Kind Words Never Die

Kind words do not cost much. They are quickly spoken. They do not blister the tongue that utters them. They do not keep us awake till midnight. It is easy to scatter them. And, oh, how much good they may do! They do good to the person from whose lips they fall. Soft words will soften the soil. They will smooth down the rough places in our natures. Care to say kindly things will drill our natures in kindness. It will help pull up all the roots of passion. It will make the conscience delicate and the disposition gentle. A woman cannot make a habit of speaking kind words without augmenting her own gracious temper. But better will be their influence upon others. If cold words freeze people and hot words scorch them, and bitter words madden them, so will kind words reproduce themselves and sooth and quiet and comfort the hearer. They make all the better elements of one's nature comfort the hearer. They make all the better elements of one's nature come trooping to the surface. They melt our stubbornness. They arouse an appreciation of better things. Let us say the kindly word. No one can tell how many burdened hearts may be relieved, how many discouraged souls may be inspired. Say it every day, to the one who disturbs you while you are busy, asking for work, to the one who has almost lost hope; to all remember, kind words can never die.—Ex.

Kind Words Never Die

For Sale—One of the prettiest bungalows in the city with 50x100 lot, on car line, nine blocks from Philadelphia street, modern in every respect, full cement basement; will take \$1850, \$500 down and payments like rent. Call at this office.

Pruning trees, roses, grapevines and seeding lawn. Best of references, 25 years experience. 610 Burr street, phone Col. 925. M. N. Amizich.

Need a Laundry Here

You ought to have a laundry here, I know that one would pay, and when folks wake up to this fact, they will build one some day.

Eight miles they haul your duds to town, and back again when clean, if done here, see what would be saved on tires and gasoline.

You would not have to look 'round much to find a building site. The old place near the ferry slip, might do for that all right.

Install all late improved machines. Turn out quick work and neat. So with the laundries up in town with them you could compete.

Why should the folks that live 'round here, all send away their clothes? Look at the population now. See how it grows and grows.

Its handy to get slabwood here. They cut it every day, and if they should choose to burn oil that is not far away.

Each boarding house and hotel, too, have now no room for more. The garments that they have would make a large pile on the floor.

Some families send their laundry out, and have it done "rough dry."

While others have theirs sent back wet. From some "wet wash" near by.

There would be more folks living here, but there's no place to stay. For every house, as well as shack, is occupied today.

And when they get building more, as soon they'll have to do, then with a laundry for this place some one then may "come thru."

If you have money to invest in something safe this year, come to St. Johns, see for yourself. Then build a laundry here.—O. O. Smith.

Somebody Will Tell

Somebody is going to tell on you if you do not pay your income tax. Congress has fixed it so that somebody must tell, whether he wants to or not. One section of the War Income Tax Law, exhaustive comprehensive in scope, requires every person, without exception and every corporation, partnership, association and insurance company, in whatever capacity acting, who paid \$800 or more to another person, corporation, partnership, association, or insurance company, as interest, rent, salaries, ages premiums, annuities, compensation, remuneration, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable gains, profits, and income, to report the name and address of the person, corporation, partnership, etc., to whom the payments made, together with the amount of the payment, to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, using a form prescribed for the purpose. Form 1099, now to be had from all collector's offices. The forms must be filled out and returned on or before March 1, 1918, accompanied by Form 1098, which is a letter of transmittal and affidavit certifying the accuracy of Form 1099.—Milton A. Miller, Collector.

No Friend of the Kaiser

My Tuesdays are meatless, My Wednesdays are wheatless, I am getting more eatless every day. My home it is heatless, My bed it is sheetless, They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A. The bar rooms are treatless, My coffee is sweetless, Each day I get poorer and wiser, My stockings are feetless, My trousers are seatless, Oh, boy! How do hate the Kaiser.—Ex.

If you want to sell your property, list it with J. S. McKinney.

St. Johns' Honor Roll

Following is a list of those from St. Johns who have enlisted in Uncle Sam's service and who are now at the different training camps:

- Taylor M. Whitmore, Athill W. Irvine, Dean H. Knowles, Earl H. Knowles, Theodore Bugbee, H. Bryon Poff, Armand Olin, Claude E. Harris, Russell Poff, R. P. Galloway, Chas. E. Garlick, Murne Donaldson, Glenn Haskell, Ray Clark, Benjamin Swan, Hubert Martin, Leon Sorber, Donald Strickland, Lowell Anderson, John Lavillet, Frank L. Thompson, Oron Lear, Hal J. Davis, Donald N. Trowbridge, Bert Larson, Alan Rutherford, Homer Plaskett, Henry Brandenberg, J. W. Welsh, David Bowe, Clyde Heath, Walter Mayer, Fred Scamling, John Boggs, Ernest Johnson, Hiram Estanger, Kenneth Simmons, Thornton Toole, Eugene Hiatt, Dove Walker, August Jensen, Ray Myer, Walter Pearson, Elmer Maples, Roy Gagnon, Lester D. and Basil B. Smith, Bryant Kilkenny, Paul Rude, Emory Gillmore, Lewis Wirth, Harold Meredith, Ray Hawkins, Hugh Ward, Kindle C. Satterlee, Gordon and Wilbur Bellingier, Zelta Rice, John O'Neil, Harry Truman, Frank Green, Walter Rickson, Frank Whitney, Thomas Reynolds, Carlyle Cunningham, Percy Smith, Frank Whitney, Arthur C. Clark, Alphonso Fox, Harry O. Hughes, Geo. Downey, Thos. E. Edwards, G. and Ingolf Willikson, F. Edward Isbell, Graham Moxon, G. Lincoln Fassett, Harley Manning, Grover Carroll, Clyde Miller, Adolph Ascher, John Basey, Wm. Moe, Albert Hyde, Reed Chamberlain, Ray Vanderbeck, Richard Barley, Cecil Magone, Frank Bugbee, Ivan Faber, Bert Sundstrom, Gail Perrine, Norman Nelson, Grover Barron, Harry J. Simmons, Thos. Roberts, Max J. Witters, A. Tallman, G. W. Stevens, Christ Lind, William E. Galloway, Geo. Worthington, Jack L. Douglas, Joy Milton Carnahan, Elmer Flynn, J. Elmer Thomas, Eugene Small, Howard and Basil Holcomb, Carl Smith.

Joint Installation

The joint installation of the M. W. A. and R. N. A. officers of St. Johns camps was held at their hall, over the St. Johns Hardware store, Thursday night, and was attended by many of the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors of various camps of Multnomah county. Gertrude F. Simmons installed the following officers for the Royal Neighbors: Past Oracle, Maud Reid; Oracle, Maud Adams; Vice Oracle, Carrie Crump; Chancellor, Myrtle Boyd; Recorder, Amy Corbett; Receiver, Grace Campbell; Marshal, Gertrude Tonny; Inner Sentinel, Maud Wood; Outer Sentinel, Anna Omens; Manager, Matthew Swan; Faith, Mary Fairchild; Courage, Addie Crow; Modesty, Nettie Henderson; Usefulness, Nettie Reynolds; Marshal, Rhodella Oman. Chas. D. Jester, District Deputy, installed the following officers for the M. W. A.: Past Consul J. H. Free; Consul, G. W. Muhl; Adviser, A. S. Berry; Banker, C. J. Seal; Clerk, I. L. Gromachev; escort, A. L. Marcy; watchman, C. W. Brower; sentry, N. A. Gee; managers, A. L. Marcy, E. R. Corbett and G. J. Bergman.

Service Flag Presentation

At the St. Johns Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday evening a beautiful Service Flag with seventeen stars will be presented in honor of the young men who in army or navy have gone to serve and sacrifice in this great war and greatest cause. Rev. W. W. Youngson, D. D. will deliver a patriotic address. A quartette of veterans will sing their popular songs. Mrs. Dr. Abbott, of University Park, will sing the Marseillais. Local talent will pay it's tribute. Mrs. Sarah A. Kemp will read the roll of honor and make the presentation. A son and daughter from two families, one of which has given three sons to the service, and the other two will unfurl the flag. Everybody welcome.

A Victrola affords pleasure for every member of the family every day in the year. Our terms are liberal. Currin Says So.

Improving Car Service

Substantial improvement in the street car service to and from the busy St. Johns shipyard district was put into effect by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company Friday. The change is expected to do away with much of the over crowding of the cars during the heavy rush hour periods when the shipyard men are changing shifts. The schedule changes announced for have been worked out as the result of repeated conferences between company officials and the shipbuilders and the result will be carefully watched for the next week or 10 days to see if the added service meets the requirement.

There are now a total of 38 cars in regular operation during the evening rush period and a total of 33 in the morning rush hours. The company will send two extra trains to Hawthorne ave., three to Broadway and Washington, and one car each to Alberta street and to Williams avenue and Broadway to pick up St. Johns ship workers at these heavy transfer points with a view to adding further relief to the situation. In addition to this, three extra trains are operated in this service to handle the night shift workers at 2:45 in the morning, and this will relieve one source of considerable complaint in the past. Meanwhile the shipyard officials and street car officials will undertake to work out a plan for distributing the shipyard rush hour traffic over a longer period of time so that the tremendously heavy rush now experienced can be spread over more time and in that way the loading of the cars can be equalized and the number of strap hangers greatly reduced. The company said Friday morning that one of the problems to deal with in regard to the St. Johns service was one of cooperation between the shipyard plants and the company. It is probable that the time of some of the shifts at the plants will be changed if the new schedule that goes on today does not meet all requirement. The company insists that his would help the situation greatly.—Friday's News, Lewis St. Johns.

Some Good Recipes

A housewives' campaign has been arranged by the Food Commission and it was successfully launched Monday night at the Presbyterian church. Miss Grace Johnson of the O. A. C. spoke on "Victory Bread." She said that over 40 per cent of all the heat and energy we need is furnished through liberal use of cereals. Following are several recipes that are highly recommended and should be adopted by the housewives of St. Johns:

- Corn Bread with Barley Flour—Cup corn meal, cup barley flour, two tablespoons sugar, five teaspoons baking powder, teaspoon salt, cup milk, egg, two tablespoons fat. Mix and sift dry ingredients. Add milk, beaten egg and melted fat. Beat well. Place in an oiled pan and allow to stand in a warm place 20 to 25 minutes. Then bake in a moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes.
- Barley and Corn Meal Muffins—One and one-half cup barley flour, one half cup corn meal, one-half teaspoon salt, half table spoon sugar, three-fourths cup milk, tablespoon fat, four teaspoons baking powder. Mix and sift dry ingredients, add milk and melted fat. Beat well. Bake in oiled muffin pans in a hot oven 30 to 35 minutes.
- Corn Meal and Farina Pudding—Cooked cereal, half farina and half corn meal, one and one-half cups, corn sirup, light, half cup, milk one-eighth cup, raisins, seeded, half cup, nutmeg, one-fourth teaspoon, cloves one-eighth teaspoon, cinnamon fourth teaspoon. Heat cereal with milk and corn sirup in double boiler until it has a smooth consistency. Add spices and raisins. Bake about 45 minutes in a moderate oven.

Some day you will surely have a Victrola. Why not have the pleasure now? Currin Says So.

For Rent—Room suitable for light housekeeping. Call 527 E. Richmond street.

For Sale—Modern 4-room bungalow, Dutch pantry, cement basement, fruit. Phone Col. 645.

Note the label on your paper.

U. S. Wants Shipbuilders

Franklin T. Griffith, State Director of the Public Service Reserve, this week inaugurated the state wide drive for speeding up the shipbuilding program in Oregon. The program is nation wide in scope and calls for the enrollment of 250,000 skilled men who will be available for service in the various shipyards of the country when the United States Shipping Board brings its program up to the maximum producing capacity. Of the 250,000 skilled men needed by the country, Oregon's quota will be 3204. This number is divided into 81 different classes of skilled labor and are to be enrolled throughout the entire state. State Director Griffith has perfected the organization through out the state and will have for that purpose the service of all the county chairmen of the State Council of Defense who will conduct local drives in their own counties. This enrollment of skilled labor will constitute what will be known as the "United States Shipyard Volunteers" and will be conducted with the least possible disturbance to existing industries. The men are not to be called in to shipbuilding service at once, but are merely to be registered, so that when the government calls for them, they will be ready. They will not be called until needed for work in a particular yard and for a particular purpose, and will be paid the prevailing wage in the yards. Men will be employed only as fast as housing is provided. The men who enroll are not, because of enrollment, exempt from the draft, but it is to be borne in mind that men who are at work in the shipyards now, are placed in a deferred classification under the draft. In connection with this drive, Oregon has again led the nation, the first application for enrollment received by the United States Shipping Board at Washington, being that of Leslie H. Towne, of Halsey, Oregon. While Oregon's quota is 3204, State Director Griffith is confident that before the drive is over, the enrollment will show a total of very close to 20,000.

An Interesting Meeting

An interesting meeting of the Sans Dieu Riens class of the Evangelical church was held at the Rassi home on South Jersey street Tuesday evening, January 29th. A brief summary of the work of the class was read, in which was noted that the present enrollment of active members numbers sixty-six, thirty-six of which have entered during 1917, and that the piano bought by the class last June has been almost half paid for, also, that there is enough money in the treasury for the next payment. This is due partly to the birthday surprise on the class teacher, Mr. T. J. Monahan, on Sunday, January 27th. Each member brought sixty-four cents, or one cent for every year of Mr. Monahan's life, and put it in the piano fund. Election of officers followed the regular business. The results were as follows: Ruth Edmondson, president; Alma Rassi, vice president; Esther Fitterer, secretary, and Orlo Young, treasurer. With the aid of these new officers, the Sans Dieu Riens expect to have a still better report in January, 1918, than was read in January, 1918.—Reporter.

Local Boy in Corps

Construction work on the great railway project of the American army in France is now under way. Plans for truckage on several main routes from the sea to the American sector of the western front are developing, and with the arrival of more and more material and more skilled men in railway and terminal constructions, American engineering genius will have its opportunity to show on European soil what it has already done at home. Stupendous engineering feats face the American engineers, but that they will be equal to the task goes without saying. Taylor Whitmore of St. Johns is now numbered among the engineering corps in France.

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Local Talent Comic Opera

Rehearsals for the comic opera, "La Mascotte," which is to be given here soon by local talent, are progressing nicely, and the chorus is rounding into shape under the personal direction of Mr. Harry DuRoss, a professional operatic singer and director. More voices are needed for both chorus and principal characters, and all who are interested in work of this kind are cordially invited to be present at the next meeting in Eagles' Hall Tuesday evening, February 12th, at 8:00 sharp.

Speaking of the performance given in Goldendale, Wash., last winter the Goldendale Sentinel says: "Fun" has had a chance for once. The comic opera, "The Mascot," is the vehicle which brought fun to town. For two nights this week—Tuesday and Wednesday, and for more than two hours each night large audiences have been present at The Star Theater to hear and to see, to be amused. The audience has been good natured and ready to laugh at the slightest provocation. The fun was not all produced by the members of the cast—for the man with the lusty laugh was in the audience. He seemed ready for the sport. He not only led in every laugh, but was heard above every roar of applause. "The Mascot" is a commingled mass of lively, flashy music; clever quips and plays upon words, "bathos," tragedy, comedy, buffoonery, just such a thing as will produce a laugh each instant. The opera was produced under the direction of Harry DuRoss, and the success of the production is due largely to his efforts.

The best talent obtainable will have part in the rendition of this most laughable opera and we feel certain that a fine performance will be the verdict of the public.

Dates and names of those taking part will be published in these columns in due time.

Change in Meeting Night

St. Johns Council K. L. of S. having changed its meeting nights from Wednesday to Monday, met in Bickner hall of the first time Monday evening, February 4th with a large and enthusiastic attendance. After the usual routine business, the floor was cleared and all had a royal good time dancing. It is intended to follow the same program every Monday evening in the future. Where can you get an evening entertainment one night every week at less cost than by handing your application to the K. L. of S.? Then there is the protection to your loved ones at home in case the venerable party with the scythe should find you, as well as the old peoples and orphans home, hospital service, old age pension and accident insurance.—Reported.

Much Interest Shown

An interesting interest is being manifested in the local Red Cross Auxiliary that meets at the library on Wednesday. At the last meeting there was an attendance of forty-five. It is hoped that as many as possible come in the forenoon and bring a box lunch. Tea and coffee can be made in the library kitchen. The lecturer on war time cookery was unable to be present, and Mrs. Bonham read some of the recipes that she was to have given on yeast making, flour substitutions and oatmeal bread. Lecture next Wednesday between 2 and 3 o'clock at the regular meeting, on war time cookery and practical recipes given.—Reported.

Wanted—Your property to sell—J. S. McKinney.

Those Lauder records are just as real as Lauder himself. Currin Says So.

Whole wheat flour, graham flour, 65 cents small sack.—Alex Scales. Phone Col. 210.

If my work pleases you; please tell your friends. If not, tell me.—Rogers, 202 N. Jersey street.

Rabbits for Sale—New Zealand, Flemish Giant, Rufus Red, White Pinkeyes and Belgians. All ages and all prices.—C. R. Chadwick & Son, 219 N. Swenson.