

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

Death of R. W. McKeon

Robert W. McKeon, well known citizen of St. Johns, passed to the Great Beyond near the noon hour Monday, February 24th, aged about 65 years. For the past several years Mr. McKeon's health had been failing, which finally developed into paralysis and ultimately causing his death, which took place at the Mountain View Sanatorium. "Bill" McKeon, as he was affectionately called by his more intimate friends, was a dozen or more years ago, associated with the present editor in the publication of the Review. He was endowed with considerable ability as a newspaper man, and our association with him was of a most pleasant and agreeable nature. He was a man of strong and positive convictions, which he never feared to express. Under an exterior that was sometimes gruff and reserved, was a heart of pure gold. One had to know Mr. McKeon well to realize and appreciate the kind heart and sterling qualities that he possessed. He was a most interesting talker when in the mood, and had a quaint and yet thoughtful way of expressing his views and opinions.

Mr. McKeon was born at Newark, Ohio, and came to St. Johns in 1905, coming here from Graceville, Minn., where he had successfully engaged in the newspaper business for a number of years. He was a printer of the old school before machine set type had become known, and was noted for his speed and accuracy. For some years he was employed in the government printing office at Washington, and had been employed on a number of the leading dailies of the West, to which his speed in type setting quickly gained him access.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Rice, the talented local musician and instructor, and one sister, Mrs. Howard G. Ogden of Dayton, Oregon.

The funeral took place Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Miller & Tracey's undertaking parlors at Washington and Ella streets, after which the remains were taken to the Portland Crematorium.

The Gossip-Monger

Nobody thoroughly enjoys scandal. Who is not in his heart, scandalous. Show me a gossip-monger and I'll show you one whose past will not bear investigation. One of this breed pretends to be horrified.

At the immoral acts of another when she's highly gratified. Having herself transgressed the moral law.

At some earlier date. She takes pleasure in the fact that she is not alone. Usually if you talk with her a while she'll tell you that practically the whole world is bad except herself and a few others.

And she says this in a tone to lead you to believe she has her doubts about the few others.

You don't have to believe what she says. But if you don't pretend to, you'll be her next victim. And you're likely to be, anyway. She is not only a "pestilence that stalketh by night," but as a daylight stalker she is also some woodsman.

And when she sleeps is as great a mystery as why she never dies.—Ex.

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Income Tax Provisions

Work on the collection of \$6,000,000,000 has been begun by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. This is the estimated yield of the new revenue bill. The income tax provisions of the act reach the pocket-book of every single person in United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more. Persons whose net income equalled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15.

Here is what will happen to them if they don't: For failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "wifely refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or not exceeding one year imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

For failure to pay the tax on time, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 5 per cent of the amount of tax unpaid, plus 1 per cent interest for each full month during which it remains unpaid.

In addition to the \$1,000 and \$2,000 personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under eighteen years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act, this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child."

The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of \$4,000. Incomes in excess of \$5,000 are subject also to a surtax ranging from 1 per cent of the amount of net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent of the net income above \$1,000,000.

Payment of the tax may be made in full at the time of filing return or in four installments, on or before March 15, or on or before June 15, or on or before September 15, and on or before December 15.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in making out their returns. The date of their arrival and location of their offices may be ascertained by inquiring at offices of collectors of internal revenue, postoffices and banks. Failure to see these officers, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay his tax within the time specified by law. In this case taxpayers must seek the Government, not the Government the taxpayer.

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New Plant, Perhaps

The following appeared in a last week issue of the Telegram. So far we have been unable to obtain any definite information concerning it or verify the Telegram's report:

Another industry has located in Portland. It is the Utah Wall Tint company, whose modern plant on Chicago street, St. Johns district, is opening a large business in preparing mineral paints. Portland has been selected for headquarters in the Pacific Northwest, with outside trade territory covered by an auxiliary corporation, the Mineral Products Sales company, at Seattle.

Founded upon the possession and development of almost limitless deposits of calcium carbonate, whitening, yellow ochre and red oxide of iron, the organizers of the company, all Salt Lake men, believe they have a wonderful opportunity to develop the paint making industry. The raw materials will be shipped as pigments to the manufacturing plant in Portland, chosen as the best distributing point for a wide consuming territory.

The company's deposits of whitening are located on the Salt Lake & Los Angeles railway and cover 6400 acres. The company's yellow ochre is located on a branch line of the Denver & Rio Grande railway, in Utah, and it is declared to be superior to the French ochre. It is an iron oxide of exceptional strength and purity and requires to be only pulverized and air-floated to be ready for market.

C. W. Peterson, President of the Utah Wall Tint company, and E. W. Baysinger, the Seattle representative were recent visitors here.

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Freight rates, as every one knows, were advanced 25 per cent last June, and passenger rates were increased from 2 cents a mile to 2 1/2 or 3 cents. Gross revenues were increased immensely by reason of the advance in rates, and yet on account of the rising cost of operation, the net earnings have steadily declined.—Telegram.

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The Wisest Course

Perhaps the thing needed most of all in steering a daughter's barque between rocks and shoals into safety is to be drawn close within Mother's arms; to feel Mother's kiss; to hear Mother's low-spoken, "Dear, I love you!"

It is a frail thing—the little craft intrusted to your care. It takes little to cast it, wrecked, upon life's shore. And it takes so little to launch it, strong and beautiful and clean, at the same place where, without that little, it would go down.

Love never speaks, with tone and words, of love, without calling for an answering love. Hand in hand, love with love can conquer the world. A little girl I once knew used to go from the home of a chum, where outward expressions of love were common, and with a dreary ache in her heart enter her own home, where the love was just as deep but never expressed by either word or caress. Stealing to bed she would bury her head beneath the clothes and sob herself to sleep, heart-hungry for the word of love she craved. "Oh," she sobbed one day, "I'd give all the world if I dared kiss my mother good-night!" What wonder if she grew to womanhood ready to believe the first evil word, glossed over by seeming love, that came to her!

They need love, these young daughters, even as the flowers need sun. They must have it, not only the love that is watchful and tender and true but the love that is consciously expressed. Some one will give it! Who better, Mother, than you?

What is that? Life holds too much work for you to give much attention to kisses? Some day, you know, the girl's womanhood will face you, either stunted or

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wrecked, or glad, full and triumphant.

Some night when life seems a little hard and your girl seems drifting a little farther away, go to the window and, throwing it wide, watch the stars in their steady shining; the trees, straight and tall in their strength; the massing clouds; the shadows of the night. As they speak to you in their own language, something of their steady strength and majesty will enter your soul. Then with heart tender and sweet and with arms wide, go to her and say, "Dear, I love you!" There is no better way. Hold to it sweetly, steadily, and Life will do the rest.—Sellwood Bee.

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A "Wild" Cat Scheme

St. Johns, Oregon, Feb. 26th 1919. Mr. A. W. Markle, Editor St. Johns Review, St. Johns, Oregon—Dear Sir and Friend: Knowing your public spiritedness in St. Johns and its people, I am simply calling your most valued attention to a new industry that can by general help be located in St. Johns which I think you will ready see by figures herein set forth will be a most valuable institution, both for the town and the proprietors of the business.

Now I propose to start what I would call a modern cat ranch, which of course will take some considerable funds, but with the proper interest of the people of this town can be easily raised.

First, we will want 1,000,000 cats, which at first glance seems a big undertaking, but to one that has lived here as long as we have we know that amount could be gathered upon just a few streets of this town without anybody missing the loss. Now first, we will either organize a joint stock or partnership company. Each cat will average 12 kittens a year and the skins of cats bring from 10 cents each for the white, to 75 cents for the pure black. This will give us 12,000,000 skins a year to sell at an average of say 30 cents, making our revenue about \$3,600,000 a day gross. A man can skin about 50 cats a day and it will require about 100 men to operate the ranch. Of course at the present time with the high cost of living and high wages our profits will be less than at normal times, but you will readily see that there is big money at that, as our profits will amount to over \$9,000,000 a day. Now we will feed our cats on rats, hence we will have to start a rat ranch in connection with our cat ranch. The rats to start with will also be easy to obtain, for when the ship yard shuts down, which may not be long, the poor rats will be out of a job and will be hunting a new home. Now rats multiply four times as fast as cats. If we start with 1,000,000 rats we will have 4 rats a day, for each cat, which should be plenty I should think.

We will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats from which the skins have been taken, giving each rat a fourth of a cat, which seemingly should be plenty. From this it will be readily seen that the business will be self acting, self sustaining, saving and retroactive all the way through, as there will be no expense whatever for hauling away refuse or waste, for the cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats.

Now, my friend, you are well and favorably known here. Now is a chance for you to help out St. Johns and its people. Please rustle this matter up and see if you can not get the people interested in a business that will pay, as well as getting away with a few superfluous cats that are holding their conventions nightly around everybody's home nearly in St. Johns. It will surely be a boon to people who enjoy a good night's sleep. Hoping you may obtain good results, I am dear sir, yours truly,—T. F. Levens, 120 S. Olympia Street.

Methodist Conference

Methodists all over the Oregon conference, as well as members of other denominations, are vitally interested in the Portland world programme conference, which will be held in Portland Portland nationally-known speakers and preachers, is expected to be the biggest event Portland religious circles have ever known.

The pastors and two or more lay delegates from every Methodist church in the entire district covered by the conference are expected to attend the conference. While in Portland the pastors and their wives will be the guests of the entertainment committee of the conference. The world programme conference is declared to be the most important and constructive convention ever held in the Northwest. Twelve to 15 of the the greatest speakers and nationally-known leaders in Methodism will be at the conference. The Methodist centenary programme marks the beginning of the after-war reconstruction plan of the Methodist church, while at the same time the raising of the gigantic centenary fund as a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Christian missions in America.

St. Johns' Honor Roll

We publish the St. Johns Roll of Honor for the final time. A number of people have expressed a desire to obtain this list to preserve, and this issue will afford such opportunity. St. Johns can well feel proud of the splendid showing:

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, Benajah T. Swan, Hubert Martin, Leon Sorber, Donald Strickland, Lowell Anderson, John La-Villett, Frank L. Thompson, Oron Lear, Hal J. Davis, Donald N. Trowbridge, Bert Larson, Alan—Rutherford, Homer Plaskett, Henry Brandenberg, J. W. Welsh, David Bove, Clyde Heath, Walter Mayer, Fred Smalling, John Boggs, Ernest Johnson, Hiram Eatinger, Kenneth Simmons, Thornton Toole, Eugene Hiatt, Dore Walker, August Jensen, Ray Meyer, Walter Pearson, Elmer Maples, Roy Gazon, Lester D. and Basil H. Smith, Bryant Kilkenney, Paul Rude, Emory Gilmore, Lewis Wirth, Harold Meredith, Ray Hawkins, Hugh Ward, Kindle C. Satterlee, Gordon and Wilbur Bellinger, Zelta Rice, Leslie B. Moulton, 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. Willikson, Edw. G. Willikson, 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 Vanderbeek, 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, Jay Milton Carnahan, Elmer Flynn, J. Elmer Thomas, Eugene Small, Howard and Basil Holcomb, Carl Smith, Sprague B. Marsh, William Ward, Bert Sundstrom, Glen Weiser, Louis St. Johns, John F. Brownley, Ross Gatten, Thos. Cochran, Dewey Brown, Henry J. Amala, Alva and Ralph Smith, Eugene Thurmond, Harry Reichmeyer, George Schmidt, William Sneed, Alec S. Cokalas, Louis Fletcher, Roy Muck, Paul Irvine, R. L. Smith, Frank Steichen, George I. Letson, Merie Andrew Teeling, Guy Edwin Teeling, Albert Wrinkle, Eneas Small, Raymond Sprouls, Robert and Roy Andrews, Leonard H. Gugen, Frank Carlson, John B. White, Donald M. Flynn, Raymond Smith, Tony Halicki, Fred Mariett, Albert V. Marey, John Baika, Edward Crosson, Anton Pieklik, F. E. Wright, Vernon C. Scott, Elmer Bronsart, Lester E. Ellis, Fred De Villette, Elmer Sneed, Harry W. Fassett, Percy M. Johnston, Fred Sterritt, Willis Vinson, Claude L. Peters, Lester E. Barry, Cyril W. Magone, Jerome H. Whisler, Eugene Brown, A. Earl Jayne, Wyeth Jayne, John McGregor, Thos. J. Donlon, Roy Thompson, J. Morton Lindley, Wylie R. Hessinger, Harry A. Imboden, George H. Royer, William Hughes, Clyde Thayer, Leo Sterns, Edward Hanson, Casper Hanson, Sam Dewey Peterson, Theo. Fred Muller, Viking Larson, Gardner M. Whipple, William M. Keeter, Gilbert M. Olson, Earl Keliher, Ernest Jensen, Clyde Hein, Melvin A. Butts, Raymond F. Bueermann, Allen F. Sterritt, Wm. J. Kirkham, Olney Crosson, Lawrence Payne, Alva J. Asper, Geo. S. Payne, Fred Herwick, Robert G. Clark, Jos. C. Galloway, David Dickson, Chas. Spaekman, Elgin L. Barton, Frank Walden, Jos. G. Allen, Michael B. Ferschweiler, Clarence J. Cannard, Francis W. Cannard, Albert G. Cannard, Joseph J. Bowley, Albert Vanderbeek, A. Fred Ihinger, Amandus L. Verdegan, Harvey P. Brown, Chas. S. Dane, N. R. Zimmerman, Geo. J. Hufford, Everett Smith, Carl Dahl, Geo. L. Urban, Jas. D. Schrimsher, Wm. A. Johnston, C. C. Currio, Archie L. Meyer, J. Russell Meyer, Everett Day, Delbert Edward Howard, Randolph Howard, Louis Dunsmore, Russell Smith, Wm. Schroeder, Raymond Miller, Joseph Toole, Merritt Whitmore, Samuel P. Maples, Wayne S. Coville, Leroy F. Coville, Marshall T. Shaw, Walter Markwart, Frank Parks, Robert Irish, Dorsey Hill, Raymond Thompson, Harry Peterson, Wesley Wrinkle, Clifford Luce, Hobart Theis.

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