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A Bee Hive of Activity

From Evening News Special Edition: An ideal industrial community would be one in which there was work for all the inhabitants and inhabitants enough to do all the work. An ideal location for such a community would be a site having ample space for manufacturing plants on the low lands along the water front and broad hillsides for homes for the workers. An ideal development for such a district would be one that offered the greatest degree of comfort and enjoyment in the living quarters of the town and the highest degree of efficiency in the manufacturing section. Such an ideal arrangement as far as natural conditions go, is found in Portland's great industrial and shipping center—the Willamette Columbia peninsula. Along the waterfront there are lowlands providing splendid sites for industrial plants and back from the river are wooded hillsides affording ideal housing sites. Its citizens are now realizing that as Portland comes into her own as a great port, shipping and manufacturing will necessarily center in the lower harbor, below the bridges. They are, therefore, planning for a general development of the whole lower peninsula which will look to the beauty and convenience of the thousands of homes which eventually will be built there, as well as to the orderly and efficient laying out of the industrial section. In an issue of the St. Johns Review published 14 years to a day before the armistice (Nov. 11, 1918,) this statement was made: "From a population of 250 people in January, 1902, at present St. Johns has more than 2,000 inhabitants. It is composed of home owners, whose coming has been steady and gradual. St. Johns has had no boom, just a natural, healthy growth. Its industries support its residents.

In Nov., 1918, this district, covering what was practically the town of St. Johns before it was taken into the city of Portland, had more than ten thousands persons on its payrolls. Figuring five dependents to each wage earner, this means that the peninsula industries were supporting last year a population of fifty thousand. The building up of the residence section of the district has not kept pace with the development of the manufacturing sections so a very large proportion of those who could not conveniently live near their work have had to go long distances each day to their homes in other parts of Portland. Architects have estimated that there is room, by careful planning, for housing one hundred thousand people on the peninsula. Doubtless it will never be desirable nor necessary for as many as 100,000 people to live on the peninsula, but it is evident that the district will be densely populated, for the trend of industry is down the river. Already the river front is a bee hive of activity as far down as the grain elevator.

Decorated for Service

Among the 22 American women doctors, nurses and motor drivers, composing the staff of the American women's hospital No. 1, at Luzancy, France, who have been decorated by the French government for their service in war and in combating an epidemic following the armistice, is Dr. Mary MacLachlan, a Portland woman, sister of Margaret MacLachlan, head of the circulation department of the Central library. Dr. MacLachlan is a graduate of the University of Oregon medical department, and resided with her sister at 810 Cleveland avenue at the time of her enlistment, December, 1917. Her work with the committee for devastated France began in 1918, and she will remain there until next September. Not only did members of the hospital unit receive citation with palms from the French army and the medaille de reconnaissance from the French government, but were honored with citizenship in the town of Luzancy, France, by the officials of that city. Dr. MacLachlan was some years ago a well known physician of St. Johns.

Card of Thanks—We desire to express our thanks to the neighbors and friends also to Laurel Lodge No. 186 I. O. O. F. and the Fraternal Brotherhood for their aid and sympathy during our late bereavement. — Mrs. Jennie Keliher and family.

To Vote on Measures

Ten mill tax levy. Bond issue totaling \$1,567,000. Annexation of strip of property on the peninsula. Change in plan of extending city streets. These are the measures for which the people of Portland will be asked to give authority at the municipal election on June 3 as decided at a special meeting of the city council Monday afternoon. The ten mill tax levy is necessary, commissioners declare, because of increased expenses in conducting the city's business and to meet the cost of additions to departments now operating under-manned.

That the city is now paying much smaller salaries than private corporations was the contention of commissioners who believe that added remuneration is essential to assure loyalty and efficiency among employees. Additional employees are necessary in several city departments, commissioners declare, such as the street cleaning, police and fire bureaus. The street cleaning department is operating with a shortage of approximately 40 men at present, according to Commissioner Bigelow, and Mayor Baker asks for larger police force to combat crime. The tax levy in peace times is limited to eight mills, although the city has been allowed an extra mill during the war period and will have it during the coming year.

Bond issues for \$1,567,000 are asked, divided as follows: Five hundred thousand dollars for playgrounds and parks in the central east side, Albina, Lents, St. Johns, Alberta, Irvington and Rose City Park districts; \$527,000 for community houses, comfort stations, and improvements to parks; \$80,000 for a new police telephone system; \$100,000 for a sub-police station on the east side; \$200,000 for eight new fire stations, two fireboat piers and two houses for fireboat crews, and \$250,000 for remodeling of the city hall, including two additional wings and installation of vaults. Of the total issue, Mayor Baker requires \$1,207,000, Commissioner Perkins \$250,000, and Commissioner Bigelow \$200,000.

Two measures are presented by Commissioner Barber, although no bond issue is required. One is to authorize the city to annex property belonging to the Peninsula Lumber company, which is within the corporate limits, but has never been included as city property. The other is to allow the city to change its present plan of extending streets, which is declared to be too complicated.

Will Share Equally

Distribution of the \$531,000 recently voted by the tax payers to increase the pay of Portland teachers during 1920 has finally been arranged in a report of the school board's finance and judiciary committee, composed of Directors Orton and Plummer, and concurred in by Director Thomas. It has been placed in the hands of the school administration. Every teacher on full time in the public schools, both grade and high school, will receive \$400. Night school teachers will receive proportionate increase, on the basis that three night sessions equal one day session. Substitutes will receive in proportion to the days they actually teach. This distribution has been made on the basis that the high cost of living has struck all classes of teachers with equal force and the money should be divided pro rata. The \$400 given equally to all the full time teachers will make an increased wage of 50 per cent for the lowest paid teachers, decreasing with the rising wage scale. Payment of the bonus will not begin until January, 1920, and will continue through the calendar year, separate and distinct from the regular salary. It will be paid on the Berkeley plan, that is, one-twelfth, or \$33.33, will be paid for the first six months of the year, and in addition to the June check, one tenth of the total or \$40 will be given for the summer vacation. In the fall, \$33.33 will be paid and just before Christmas a check for \$26.66 will be given for shopping uses.

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May Build at Linnton

Early development of the great timber tract in Washington county held by the Eccles interests is heralded in an announcement made Saturday that D. C. Eccles, of Salt Lake, is negotiating for the purchase of the United Railways, the electric railroad owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific and running from Linnton 19 miles west of Wilkesboro. The negotiations are in progress at St. Paul, with indications that they will be concluded soon.

The first intimation that such a transaction was under way was received in Portland in an Associated Press dispatch from St. Paul, where D. C. Eccles is dealing directly with the head officers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Mr. Eccles went there purposely to buy the United Railways at a figure said to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

"We have some timber interests," said Mr. Eccles, "and we think our holdings could be improved if the line can be bought. Negotiations have not progressed far enough to say when the deal will be closed." The timber interests referred to by Mr. Eccles are the acreage formerly known as the DuBois tract and bought by Mr. Eccles and his associates a year ago. They are operating under the name of the Oregon Timber company, of which Mr. Eccles is president, and Charles T. Early, of Portland, vice-president, treasurer and general manager.

The timber tract is about ten miles northwest of Wilkesboro, the present terminus of the United Railways. If the purchase of this line, which is electrically operated, is concluded,

Mill to be Built at Once

Work on the first unit of the mammoth flour and cereal mill to be erected at the St. Johns municipal terminal north of the 1,000,000 bushel grain elevator for the Eagle flour mills, controlled by W. R. Bagot & Co., is to be started immediately. The first unit of the mill will have a capacity of 750 barrels of flour a day. As soon as the first unit is completed the second, of the same capacity as the first, will be built. Ultimately the mill will have four units with a total capacity of approximately 3000 barrel of flour daily. In connection with the mill the immense warehouse and the total cost of the mill and warehouse when completed will approximate \$250,000. The buildings will be of fireproof construction. Plans for the first unit already have been prepared. The Eagle Flour Mills is the first industry to locate on the industrial sites owned by the public dock commission in connection with the St. Johns municipal terminal. There are approximately 90 acres of land at the terminal which may be utilized for industrial sites, and the prospects are that when the elevators and piers are completed, many other enterprises will be attracted to this district because of the splendid rail and water transportation facilities. The terminals are directly connected with all the big transcontinental lines and freight can directly be loaded upon the largest ocean steamers at the docks.

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A Model Institution

An industry that converts Oregon raw materials into products that command a national sale and that cannot keep pace with its rapidly mounting orders owing to the shortage of labor, is at the Portland Woolen Mills. "At present," said E. L. Thompson, general manager, yesterday, "we are employing a force of 325, while a full staff should not be less than 450. In other words, we are short just 125 employes. And that makes a difference in the payroll—a difference that we would gladly surmount by increasing our staff. While our present payroll is about \$30,000 monthly, it should be \$40,000, if we are to deliver our orders as fast as they arrive. Ours is an industry using raw material that originates in this territory and that is converted into goods by local labor. Last year's output totaled \$3,000,000—absolutely new money coming into the state and the city. In addition there are two of Portland's largest factories, those of Neustadt Bros. and the Fleischner-Mayer company, which utilize a large part of our output.

"It is in no sense a lack of orders that retards our progress. It is a lack of labor. What ever may be said of the unemployment problem, the fact remains that we have difficulty in procuring sufficient help. Inexperience is no bar to service with us. It has long been our policy to train our workers to the standard of the business so that their proficiency may soon command the highest skilled wage.

"The Portland Woolen Mills has its attractive features for the employee. We have a free circulating library, an attendant trained nurse and emergency hospital, a large dining room to accommodate all help, a noon day entertainment with music and speaking and a piano and graphophone. "For some years it has been our custom to provide without cost hot coffee, tea, milk and sugar for the dining service, so that these may not be lacking from the luncheons that the employes bring from home. We have now under construction, to be completed within 60 days, a large modern club house for our workers. It will contain a dining hall, a complete kitchen, a women's rest room, bowling alleys, gymnasium and other conveniences and features. The plant has a labor record that may be pardoned for taking pride in. The national labor turnover last year, in all the factories of America, averaged 250 per cent. That is to say, the average factory staff was completely altered two and one half times within the year. By contrast with this, our labor turnover during the past three years has averaged but 25 per cent per annum. We hold that this means contented employes—and that is one of the chief aims of our industry."—Journal.

Next Sunday St. Johns Methodist church, in concert with every Methodist church in home and foreign lands, will launch the great campaign for \$105,000,000 for rebuilding the world and earthwide evangelism. May 18-25, is the date set for securing the entire amount. St. Johns expects to furnish its full quota the first day. The morning service will be inspirational and devotional, and the evening hour will be in charge of the Director of the Campaign and his captains, who will report the result of the day's canvass, ending in a shout of victory.

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High School Notes

Tuesday, the Senior Class was served a delightful luncheon by Miss Cholier and the domestic science classes.

Cedric Vanderpool, assistant manager, has resigned his position on the Tualum Staff. Miss Leona Ehret was elected to fill this vacancy.

The baseball team is in full strength again, and is practicing hard for the remaining five games with Lincoln, Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and Columbia. The team is determined to give everyone of these teams a good run for their money.

All material for the Tualum has been received; before long the students will be seeing themselves in cartoons as others see them. This year's Tualum is going to be one of the best ever put out by James John, and the students are looking for its publication with great anticipation.

The Sodalitas Latina Club held a picnic Friday, May 9, at Peninsula Park. Games and the park amusements engaged the picnickers, about twelve in number, who spent a very enjoyable afternoon. The girls of the Hiak Klatawa club held a weenie roast at Linnton Beach, Thursday, April 25th. Several girls took their initial plunge and were noticeable by their absence next day.

The James John track team entered the Annual Meet, held at Eugene last Saturday. The men tried hard but were unable to make as good a showing as the week before, when they won the State Championship. Evidently, their celebration of the last victory must have affected their ability. However, undaunted they are working hard in preparation for the Inter-scholastic meet to be held on May 23rd, at which time the boys are confident of taking a number of events.

Death of Mrs. Fassett

Mrs. Celia Fassett, wife of George D. Fassett, died at her home, 910 South Decatur street, Monday evening, May 12th, aged about 61 years. The deceased was born in the state of Illinois and came to St. Johns with her family about ten years ago. For some years she had not been in the best of health, and a complication of diseases was the cause of her death. Mrs. Fassett was a kind and affectionate mother, a faithful and affectionate wife and a kindly neighbor. She gave much of her time in helping others and her kindly acts and cheering presence will long be remembered by those who knew her well and liked her immensely. A silent testimony of the high esteem in which she was held in this community was evidenced by the large concourse of friends who attended the last sad rites and the great profusion of flowers that was so lovingly placed upon and around her casket. A most beautiful floral tribute was presented by the fellow workers of Mr. Fassett. Besides the husband, two sons and three daughters survive, as follows: Harry M. and G. Lincoln; Mrs. Viola Johnson, Mrs. Ida Eaton, all of this city; and Mrs. L. S. Wolfkill, of Seattle, Wash. She is also survived by two brothers in Illinois.

The funeral services were held at the Portland Crematorium on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. T. Merrill, of the Congregational church, officiating. Miller & Tracy had charge.

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