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To Push the Elevator

Through an agreement entered into between the public dock commission and Grant Smith & Co., which held the contract for the construction of the 1,000,000 bushel grain elevator at St. Johns terminal, the commission Monday "took the bit in its teeth" and tackled the work of completing the long delayed structure and units on its own behalf. Preliminary work of the completion of the elevator is already under way under the direction of the dock commission, and it is planned to rush the undertaking at top speed, to make the elevator ready in time for the grain crop of the present season.

In deciding to proceed with the completion of the grain elevator on its own account, the dock commission relies upon the reports of its engineers that subsidence of the structure has ceased. In taking over the work, the dock commission enters into an agreement to pay Grant Smith & Co. \$150,000 for its contract rights. Included in the deal is a plant equipment of the contractors, valued at \$27,000, which becomes the property of the commission. The original contract price of the elevator structure was \$795,333. Progress of the work from this time on will be along technical lines laid down by the committee of expert engineers who recently investigated the subsidence problem and suggested a remedy.

G. B. Hegardt, engineer of the commission, is in charge of the supervision of the construction work under new arrangement. According to the engineer the job will be completed by October. When construction operations are in full working order it is expected that about 700 men will be employed.

Engineer Hegardt is authority for the statement that the relinquishment of the contract by Grant Smith & Co. was satisfactory to the contractors, who, it is said, were willing to surrender their rights, principally because of vexatious delays they had encountered since undertaking the work. The contractors had finished 60 to 70 per cent of the work. Grant Smith & Co., when asked regarding this phase of their reason for giving up the contract, declined to make a statement. Included in the work which remains for the dock commission to finish is the removal of 11,000 cubic yards of sand which had been placed over the foundation mat. This work will be accomplished by steam shovels and pumps. The shovels are busy on the job and pumps will be set up in a very few days. Equipment and materials sufficient to complete the structures are now on hand, it is said. The work comprises the storage annex, operating house, track shed and transformer house.

Following the suggestions of the committee of experts a spread foundation will be utilized for the operating house. Much concrete work remains to be done in completing the structures, and as the concrete is laid the necessary machinery will be installed. Decision to take over the full responsibility for completion of the elevator structure was reached at an adjourned meeting of the dock commission early Monday. At this meeting the report of the special committee of the commission consisting of John H. Burdick, F. C. Knapp, and G. B. Hegardt, engineer and secretary of the commission, was heard. "Danger of any further subsidence of the big structure has now passed," said Mr. Hegardt. "Careful examination of all conditions has been made and preliminary safeguards which have been taken have proved their usefulness. In agreeing to pay the contractors \$150,000 for their rights, the dock commission is fully satisfied that the arrangement is proper. The price was fixed and mutually agreed upon after careful audit of the entire expense of the undertaking we had."

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Everybody Helped

Everybody helped the James John high school students to have a float. Our public spirited men of St. Johns backed it financially. Mr. Clark, of Clark Bros., Florists, advised them as to how to manage the wire and moss for holding the flowers. Mr. MacMillan took charge of the construction of it and the carpentry class worked with him (when they thought they could). But Paul Chatterton was there with hammer and nails every minute. Mr. Knapp sent a car to take the boys to the hills to gather moss and they worked like trojans getting it and putting in place. Romane Brand beggared the whole town for tubs to hold the roses in water till they could be taken to the city. Miss Ella Reese marshaled the girls for gathering the flowers. The St. Johns Hardware and Mr. Bugby loaned trucks to send the roses into the city. Mrs. Jacob Kann gave space on her beautiful grounds in Portland for the decorating of the float. She gave her flowers and encouragement. The school specially thanks Mrs. Kann for her kindness. At the last hours there were enough hands to work—students, teachers and friends—so that the float with its winged wheels of progress and canopy of flowers was done, for the boys and girls representing the different school activities to ride in it. Verne Hall took the place of little honor and much work, that is the driver's seat. Had plans been carried out Study would have had her book Art her book, Athletics a track suit, and Music a guitar or ukulele. After all it was good to look at, judging from the number of professional cameras that photographed it and from the number of passersby who halted to admire it. However, the students have made a start and know now what the problems will be for another year and they are planning a better float than anyone.

Big Gain in Weight

The estimate that the American army in France has gained 32,000,000 pounds in weight since entering the service does not tell the whole story of the physical improvement of these men. The process of adding weight has been accompanied by a more or less complete change in the nature of that weight. The common experience of the recruits has been to lose some flesh before beginning to gain. There is vastly more sinew and less adiposity in the reconstructed soldier than there was in the raw hand. Measured by a large unit, there are 16,000 tons more physical manhood in the returning army than the same individuals carried abroad with them. This amounts to about three fair sized shiploads, but no one is complaining about the added strain upon our shipping. It is an altogether desirable acquisition. Every pound of it is muscle and efficiency. The factors which have contributed to the result are outdoor life, vigorous exercise, a plain but wholesome diet and regular habits. These are the accompaniments of military training. The most casual observer will not have failed to notice, in addition to this, that there has been a distinct improvement in bearing of these young veterans now returning from the front, that they have gained in certain mental qualities, including that of decision, and that more than ever before in their lives they seem to know precisely what they want and to have definite plans for getting it.

Much that has been done in this way for the betterment of the men might, of course, have been done by a similar system of diet and outdoor exercise and regular habits in civil life. But it will hardly be disputed that this would not have been done. It is to be hoped that the stimulus of their example will be felt by civilians throughout the country. The contrast between the service men and those who were not in the service is so marked that there ought to be a moral in it.

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I'm happy as a pumpkin, I'm happy as a tree, so let no grouch bumpkin, attempt to queer my glee. The sky is blue as thunder, the sun is bright as gold, and all the landscape under, is gorgeous to be hold. The bee all bitheily bumbles, the birds sing in the trees, and any man who grumbles I size up as a cheese. I'm happy in the dawn, I'm happy when I'm combing the dead cats from the lawn; I'm happy when I ain't, I'm happy I keep repeating, and I'm as fresh as paint. I am an ancient chappie, I've reached five score and ten, but I am always happy, so I grow young again. I'm happy as an oyster, I'm happy as a cel; I dance and sing and royster, and tell how good I feel. And other gents who see me kick up my howdy do, cut out the teardrops streamy, and they are happy too. I'm happy as a pony, I'm happy as a squash. I say the grief is phoney, and shoo it to Osh-kosh. And all the sorehead slouches, and all the cranks dabbled and all the grumps and grouches see me and are ashamed. This life is brisk and snappy, worth all of its expense, and I'm so doggone happy you'd think I had no sense.—Walt Mason.

From the banks of the Rhine Comes a horrible whine, "Mein Gott, how our glories diminish, Ach bitter the pill, Oh why did old Bill Start something that he could n't finish."—Ex.

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To Put High School Here

Dr. E. A. Sommers, of the school board, in making a few remarks concerning the bond election tomorrow, has the following to say: "The tendency of the past few years to patronize the high schools more than in the past, has filled our high schools to overflowing. At St. Johns we are operating with a cheaply constructed high school, absolutely unsafe and inadequate. Our statistics show—and here is a lesson in permanent economy—that it cost us \$120.22 per capita to take care of the St. Johns pupils last year, while in the modern Jefferson high school, for example, the cost was but \$84.92. Right there you have a difference of \$36 per pupil. Something is wrong when such conditions exist. If Portland is destined to be the great manufacturing city that we believe it will become then there will be an accelerated growth on the peninsula, where the terminal facilities and mills are located. There is no question about it, St. Johns is the logical location for the next big school. Such a school would not only answer the requirements of the future, but it would instantly relieve the pressure on the overcrowded high schools nearer to the heart of the city."

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VOTE ON BONDS

Election Takes Place Tomorrow Afternoon

Tomorrow, Saturday, an election will be held for the purpose of voting upon a bond issue in the sum of \$2,500,000 for new school buildings and additions, among which are two proposed high school buildings. If the bond issue carries, St. Johns will secure one of the high school buildings. The sum of money proposed to be devoted to the St. Johns High is half a million dollars, with as much as \$25,000 for purchase of a suitable site. The site will consist of not less than seven or eight acres, and the structure large enough to accommodate the increasing population for years to come. The James John high, after some possible alterations and strengthening of the building have been made, will be converted into an elementary or grammar school. Some people seem inclined to the impression that under the provisions of the will of James John, the founder of St. Johns, the present high school building cannot be used for any other purpose than a high school, but such is not the case. Just so the grounds are used for educational purposes the provisions of the will will be fully complied with, or so it appears to the editor, after a perusal of the provisions of Mr. John's will.

Some people have also become imbued with the impression that the proposed new high school building, in the event of the bond approval by the voters, will be located across the cut, at or near Portsmouth. This idea is also erroneous, so a leading member of the school board has informed the editor. He scouted the suggestion, and quite emphatically stated the new structure should be situated in St. John, well on this side of the cut, but just where was not fully decided upon. So in the event of the bonds carrying at the polls tomorrow, there apparently can be little question that St. Johns, by virtue thereof, will acquire a high school building of magnificent proportions and modern construction. It is a question that should interest every resident in St. Johns. It is up to you, voter; what are you going to do about it? It is estimated that if the bond issue carries it will mean only an increase of 40 cents on the \$1000 in taxes. Isn't it worth it? Think it over and vote your convictions tomorrow at the polling places. A second opportunity may be long years in coming. The polling places will be at four St. Johns schools—East, North, Central and James John High—and the polls open at 12 o'clock noon, closing at 8 p. m. Tomorrow, Saturday, June 21, is the day.

To Build at Linnton

Plans have been completed in the San Francisco offices of the Associated Oil Co. for the construction of the group of buildings to be built by the company at Linnton, the total cost of which is estimated at \$250,000. The local offices of the company are in the Pittcock Block. Plans for the buildings which are to be constructed at this time include a concrete garage building with wood trusses 32x180 feet in dimensions. A loading rack and shed 14x60 feet will be of steel frame while the big warehouse, which will also house the offices, will be 210x125 feet in dimensions. This building will be of reinforced concrete construction as will the retaining walls, which will be constructed around the oil storage tanks. A concrete and steel building 20x30 feet will also be constructed. Buildings planned, for which plans are not yet completed, include the large bunk house and the group of cottages planned by the company.

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Will Give Garden Party

The big lawn fete that has been talked about so much is to be given next Tuesday evening, June 24th, at the home of Mrs. Stearns, on South Decatur street. The first feature of the evening will be a community sing at 8:30, conducted by Walter Jenkins, formerly a favorite song leader in the army and second to none in Portland. Following this will be folks' games and dances by the various girls' clubs, and some St. Johns talent will appear on the program. There will be several refreshment booths in charge of the Y. W. C. A. girls. Decorated lanterns will show the way to the Stearns home, the first being located at the corner of Polk street and Willamette boulevard. A Boy Scout will also be stationed on this corner to assist in finding the place, which is two blocks west of Willamette boulevard on Polk street, and one block south on Decatur street. The Boy Scouts will also act as guards during the evening and render assistance in collecting the small admission fee. The general public is invited to this garden party, thus showing their interest in the local Y. W. C. A. work. In case of rain the event will be postponed.

Passes Quietly Away

Quietly, peacefully, as sunset at the close of a long day, James A. Kelley closed his eyes on earthly scenes and slipped away to be at rest in the eternal mansions. Everything that love or sympathy or reason could suggest was done for him, but without avail. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 26, 1857, and died in Portland, June 11, 1919. He came to Oregon in 1881 and to St. Johns in 1905. Besides the wife, Mrs. Mary, and daughter, Virginia, he leaves two brothers, Frank P. and Lloyd W. Kelley, of Fairmount, West Va., and one sister, Mrs. Anna Spangler, of Denver, Colo. When a young man he united with the Methodist church, and about 1710 with Christian church of St. Johns. The funeral service was held at the chapel of Miller & Tracey. Dr. Jones of the Christian church, spoke fitting words of eulogy and brought the comforts of the Scriptures and the Christian faith. A quartette from the church rendered some of the old songs of faith and love. The Artisans conducted service at the grave, with the commitment and benediction by the minister, and in the midst of beautiful floral tributes and the presence of those whom he loved and who loved him we left him for his last long rest. Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest. Lay down thy head upon thy Savior's breast. We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best, Good night, good night, good night!

Y.W.C.A. Weekly Program

Monday 2:45 p. m. — High School Girls' Club.
Monday 3:45 p. m. — Owaissa Camp Fire Girls. Mrs. Haggenbuch, guardian.
Wednesday 3:45 p. m. — North School Girls' Reserve.
Wednesday 8:00 p. m. — The More Merrier Club, Leader, Miss Henry, local secretary.
Friday 3:45 p. m. — Rainbow Club, Leader, Miss Henry.
Saturday 1 p. m. — Swim at Central Y. W.

A French soldier, who came proudly up to an American in a certain headquarters town the other day asked: "You speak French?" "Nope," answered the American, "not yet." The Frenchman smiled complacently. Aye spik Eengleesh," he said. The American grinned and the Frenchman looked about for some means to show his prowess in the foreign tongue. At that moment a French girl, very neat and trim in her peaked hat, long coat and high laced boots, came along. The Frenchman jerked his head toward her, looked knowingly at the American and said triumphantly: "Chicken!" The American roared. "Shake," he said, extending his hand. "You don't speak English; you speak American." — London Opinion.

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- Recitations: "Our Boys and Girls" Minims
- Song, "Under the Old Umbrella," Theresa Luchesi and Richard Cannard
- Song of the Handkerchief. Twelve Girls
- Song, "This Little Girl is Not for Sale," Virginia Spiers
- Rose Drill Eight Girls
- Mr. Brown and Ten Little Sunflower Girls Minims
- Song, "Oh, Here We Are, so Gay and Free," Fourteen Boys
- Silver Bells Five Girls
- Dance and Song Mary, Cecilia, Luzauna Burley
- Uncle Jacob's Statue—
Cast of Characters: Mrs. McGerald Grace Gillis
Hilda Frances Durand
Henrietta, Her Daughters Margaret Poepping
Ida, a Playmate Genevieve VanVorhees
Jane, a Servant Grace Jones
Uncle Jacob Marcel Merchand
- I'm Mad at You Virginia Nolan and Ralph Starkey
- Indian Huntresses Eight Girls
- Phoney Phone (Comedy)—
Cast of Characters: Cheatem, confidence man Charles Royer
Happy Jack, office boy Ben. Holmes
Hiram Greene, from the country Clement Muck
Stuttering Willie Marcel Merchand
Eli Littletalk John Staudenmaier
Tough Mike, looking for trouble Aurel Popia
Laughing Pete, full of laughs Thomas Barry
- I'll Tell Mamma Helen Royer and Geo. Merchand
- Recitation, "Counting Eggs," Alfred Cannard
- Festival Song Frances Durand and Grace Gillis
- Distribution of Diplomas Rev. A. Mayer
- Address Rev. F. Black

Graduates: Miss Frances Durand Master Aurel Popia Master Alfred Cannard Miss Grace Gillis Master Willard Bassett Master Marcel Merchand