

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

TO ISSUE FREE PAPERS

The Review Will Go Into Every Home Here

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The reasons for this innovation are several, but the prime object, however, is to have every household become more familiar and better acquainted with the Review. There are new people in St. Johns who do not know there is a paper being published here, even though the Review has been published continuously for fifteen years. Others are aware of the existence of a paper here, but for some reason or another they have not yet arrived at the point of subscribing. So in order that the people of St. Johns as a whole may know there is a newspaper being published here, may know what it is like, and in fact get a better knowledge of the happenings and keep in touch with the developments of this wonderful Peninsula of ours, the paper will be made a weekly, and we hope a welcome, household guest, "without money without price" to the recipients.

Another object will be to promote home trading in a greater degree than has yet obtained. There are many good stores and business houses in St. Johns, and almost every want can be fully satisfied here at home. We want to bring this fact more clearly and more convincingly to the people of St. Johns.

The Review will at all times be found boosting and promoting the best interests of St. Johns. It is apparently on the very eve of important developments, and the Review will endeavor to keep in touch with all industrial developments as they occur. Unquestionably it is no little undertaking, when the greatly increased cost of material and labor is taken into consideration, to inaugurate such a campaign, but when we broached what we had in mind to the business and professional men of St. Johns, telling them that we planned to get out a number of "Get Better Acquainted" issues of the Review, practically all the leading, representative and enterprising business men of the city expressed a desire and willingness to join with us in the better acquaintanceship campaign, and become better acquainted also. And it is only through their kind and generous cooperation that it has been made possible for us to present to the people of St. Johns free issues for such an extended period. They are interested in keeping the trade of the Peninsula where it really belongs, and where it will be of great benefit in the further upbuilding of this, the greatest and soon to be the most important section of the great city of Portland.

So, people of St. Johns, the Review in connection with the representative business interests of this community of ours will go to you next week, and for many weeks to follow, in the hope that you will look us over and see what we have to offer.

We had wanted to make the Review larger than four pages, but find the cost is prohibitive at this time. Therefore, in order to give the business men space to make their announcements to you, the space for reading matter will be somewhat curtailed, and for that reason lengthy articles for publication cannot be accepted. The news columns will be devoted to community happenings. We want the people as a whole to become more interested in what is occurring from week to week in their very midst, want them to know and become interested in what their neighbors are doing, want them to become more vitally interested in local civil affairs as well as industrial, want them to realize more fully that every dollar they spend here is an aid in the further upbuilding of our community, and we want

The Way He's Built

In a gloomy neighborhood of Queen Wilhelmina's realm, Bill, the Ex, is sawing wood, sawing hickory and elm; and his saw is out of whack, and its blade with rust is red; he has fantods in his back, and he wishes he were dead.

Once he sat upon a throne, had a sceptre rich and rare; and upon his lightest tone people scurried here and there. There in peace he might have sat till the German cows come home, had he had no buzzing bat in the center of his dome. But he had a thousand bats, and he let them have their way; now he stands with aching slats, sawing cord-wood all the day.

He is sawing elm and spruce, be the weather hot or cool; and he wonders why the deuce he was such a blawsted fool.

Letting well enough alone is a sane and healthy plan, be a fellow on a throne or a common human man.

Yesterday a neighbor went to the poorhouse on the hill; he is there, without a cent, leaning on the window sill; sad and sick at heart is he, and he sheds a weary groan; from the poorhouse he can see miles of land he used to own. But he wasn't satisfied, in those peaceful days of yore; he was filled with foolish pride, and must own still more and more. And he went three miles in debt, buying land he didn't need; now we see him sigh and sweat, all his fortune gone to seed. From the poorhouse door he looks on the farm-house built of stone, on the meadow and the brooks and the herds he used to own.

Bill, the Ex, in other days, had the softest kind of snap; anywhere his eyes might gaze he had all a king could wish, in the way of pomp and state; the people stretched a point, oddfish, and admitted he was great. But he said, "The land is mine, I'm the boss from shore to shore; but by nature I'm a swine, and hanker after more. All the world I wish to rule; other monarchs all must wilt; it may be I am a fool, but it's just the way I'm built."

Not contented with his lot, he his armies mobilized, sent them forth in haste to swat nations startled and surprised.

By a castle's donjon keep, by a woodpile long and low, you may see this dreamer weep, you may hear his wails of woe. He is sawing elm and bass, and he sighs, with sickly grin, "This is sure a beastly pass for a monarch to be in!" He is sawing wood and pine, and he mutters, with a groan, "If I hadn't been a swine I might still be on a throne!" Be we kings, or humble hicks, let us shoo vain dreams afar; let us profit from Bill's fix, and be happy as we are.—Walt Mason in "Judge."

them all to become boosters for good old St. Johns.

But to get all the news of St. Johns we need the cooperation of all our citizens. The editor will not have the time to glean all the news. There are so many little items of parties, visitors at your home, members of your family gone away on a visit, accidents, deaths, births, weddings, etc., that may no doubt escape our attention unless information concerning same is sent into the office. So we would be exceedingly glad to have every household send in at least one news item every week. Use a post card or enclose in an envelope. If passing the office, drop in and tell us about it. The Review will be your paper and it will be just as newsy as you care to make it.

The Review has always followed the policy that where good cannot be said concerning any of our inhabitants nothing will be said. This will, of course, still hold good. No scandal, nothing derogatory to the character, will be published. The Review will be kept clean and wholesome, and fit for any child to read. We do not want to be said that any one's feelings were injured, even though it might be deserved, by anything appearing in the Review. Life has enough shadows, trials and disappointments without blazoning them upon the pages of the Review.

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Reports Things Booming

E. P. Drinker, president of the Peninsula Security company, returned on Thursday from a trip to Texas, where he spent nearly a month visiting the principal cities. Excitement is running high there, Mr. Drinker reports, not only in the immediate districts where rich oil fields have already been developed, but throughout the state.

"Texas has entered upon a great period of development," Mr. Drinker said yesterday. "So far less than 5 per cent of the state has been exploited for oil and gas, but derricks are now going up, and oil wells going down, in nearly every county of the state. The cost of boring a well runs from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Common laborers are being paid from \$8 to 10 a day. The oil exchanges in many of the cities are running day and night and crowds of people may be seen at all hours watching the quotations."

"Texas has other assets which are partly responsible for the great increase in her bank deposits. Stock-raising in some sections is highly profitable and the cotton growers will receive high prices for this year's crop, but the crop will not be nearly as large as was anticipated early in the year, owing to the ravages of boll-weevil."

"But the oil fields are responsible to a great extent for the unprecedented prosperity in Texas this year. People have flocked there from all over the United States and the volume of business transactions has increased over preceding years at a greater rate than in any other state."—Telegram.

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The Shooting Season

In an opinion given by Attorney General George M. Brown, to Mr. M. A. Biggs, District Attorney for Harney County, the shooting season for ducks, geese and other migratory water fowl has been definitely settled. Confusion has existed in the minds of many shooters on account of a difference in the Federal and State Seasons. The State cannot legislate within the closed season of the Federal regulations, but it can legislate within the open season. The Federal open season is three and one-half months, but the State, if it cares to, may close any portion or all of this Federal open season. The shooting season, therefore, which must be observed by hunters throughout Oregon, is as follows:

For Multnomah, Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties, the open season begins on October 1st and closes December 31st. In all other counties of Game District No. 1, which comprises all that portion of Oregon lying West of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, the season opens on October 16th and closes on January 15th. In all counties of Game District No. 2, which comprises all that portion of Oregon lying East of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, the open season begins on October 1st and ends on December 31st.

It had been hoped that the Federal and State Laws would conform, and recommendations to this effect were made by the Fish and Game Commission, the rod and gun clubs throughout the state, the Oregon Sportsmen's League, and many individual hunters who had given much study to the seasons. The Original draft of the Game Code included a uniformity of

Not So Bad as Painted

I wish that some of the aerious minded ladies and gentlemen who occasionally crossed Siberia in the old trains de luxe and then went home and wrote articles describing it as a dark, desolate, dreary, boundless expanse of scintillating snow could be here now. It would do them good. The wide, wide land lies baking under a mid-summer sun that circles through the skies for 19 or 20 hours a day and leaves a twilight over the earth the rest of the time. The country is green as far as the eye can see on a nearly level surface, with growing grain and open meadows and great stretches of birch forests. There have been liberal rains and the ground is moist and there are many little lakes scattered over the plain. It is upon this that the sun looks down, warming the rich soil, stimulating and hastening the season's approaching harvest and incidentally baking this railway car until the tin roof snaps and the inside is like an oven.

But in every big town there are gardens—"sads," they call them, where one can stroll under the trees, or sit and watch a play of an evening and listen to the bands and orchestras; flirt, if necessary; drink bevo and other things and keep quite comfortable. And in winter they need not be cold. Hardly anybody suffers from cold in Siberia and certainly there is not as much shivering in all this land as each winter brings to Chicago or New York.

Altogether, Siberia is not so bad, and if any Americans are thinking of doing this country good by coming over and helping, but are deterred by what they have read in George Kennan and elsewhere about the cold, let them, pack up their old kit bags and come on over. The whole truth about the local weather may be put in in seven words—Siberian temperatures are severe but not painful. The winters are cold but not chilly—if you know what I mean, and very likely you do not—and the summers are hot but not enervating.

To say that the winters are cold but not chilly is merely a paradox and not a contradiction. Last winter, when the mercury dropped down to 56 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, we were not uncomfortable. Why, Chicago's justly famous and frequently mentioned lake breeze in the mercury month of May can inflict more agony in one hour than we had during some weeks of coldest Siberianism. We walked miles through that frosted atmosphere and grew fat and happy on it and pined for lower temperature still to conquer, disappointed that our Fahrenheit thermometer, capable of registering down to 70 below zero, could not find a fitting opportunity for the exercise of its powers. We wanted to see that thermometer bust itself with cold.

The winter is long past and June has nearly gone. So far we have found the Siberian spring and summer beautiful beyond comparison. The spring comes late, for one reason because there is so much snow to be melted, and until this is accomplished there can be little really warm weather. But in April and May the snow goes with a rush, the river ice breaks up and the flowers—violets, dandelions, forgetmenots and hosts of others appear in the meadows and woods even before the drifts have gone. This year there was a period of hot weather in April. After that came a couple of rainy weeks, even flurries of snow, but the summer has long been here and it is to be doubted if anywhere in the world the season is more beautiful.

Finally it should be remembered that Siberia is a large land with a diversity of weather. The maritime province in the far east is warmed by the ocean. Vladivostok weather is as mild as that of New York or Chicago. It is only as you go inland that the cold of winter and the heat of summer become severe. Even these extremes are invigorating and stimulating. The Siberians are a hardy race.—Paul K. Wright in Portland Journal.

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The Park Situation

After several months of careful investigation of proposed sites for additional playgrounds in Portland, City Commissioner Pier is now ready to issue and sell bonds to the extent of \$500,000. A full report on proposed sites has not yet been completed and probably will not be submitted for the consideration of the city council for several weeks. The park bonds were authorized by the voters at the special election on June 3.

A special committee composed of residents who were largely instrumental in the passage of the bond measure for added park facilities in Portland has been working for several months, collecting data in connection with proposed sites. Commissioner Pier has given a large amount of time to viewing sites and examining data. In addition the city planning commission has compiled data and has submitted a tentative report to Mayor Baker, which will not be made public until several additions have been made to it.

Many sections of the city, through its residents, have petitioned for parks, and it is the plan of Commissioner Pier to obtain as many new parks as is possible with the available money, and to insure that districts now without parks be given first consideration.

The city council has pledged itself, to a man, to refuse to pay exorbitant prices for property needed for park purposes, and it will probably take months of negotiations and possible court action before the city will acquire much new property.

Higher Fare Solicited

An 8-cent street railway fare for Portland is asked in a petition filed with the public service commission Monday by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, when president Franklin T. Griffith and other officials of the corporation appeared before the commissioners to present their arguments for an increase in passenger rates. In his talk before the public service commission, and by financial tables presented as exhibits, President Griffith set forth the plea that the street railway company cannot continue to operate on the present 6-cent fare, increased wages and operating expenses considered, and that its failure is definitely forecast unless relief is afforded in higher fare.

The petition itself asks for the cancellation of the existing fare and the substitution of one that will insure a return of 7 per cent upon the investment, as determined by the commission, after operating expenses have been defrayed. Such a return, said President Griffith, could only be realized by an 8-cent fare if the unit-fare system is to be continued. Zoning of the transportation districts has heretofore been discussed as one way out of the dilemma but was not touched upon Monday, save by inference. The city of Portland will contest any increase in street railway fares, declared Stanley Myers, deputy city attorney, who appeared at the hearing, and will carefully check up the statements submitted by the company in justification of its demands.

Requires Plenty of Room

The removal of Swan Island will provide Portland harbor with a splendid turning basin. In addition to that it will provide dock facilities, or the opportunity for the construction of such facilities, that, to a limited extent, will serve deep sea commerce. The greater volume of the heavier, deeper draft deep sea traffic will be handled from the St. Johns terminal and other dock units of similar or more ambitious character that will be built in course of time below St. Johns. There are two reasons for this. Any considerable volume of deep sea commerce handled in the larger vessels will not go through a bridge draw. Moreover, the future industrial area of Portland, taking into account the establishment of what might be termed the heavier industries, will be located on the Peninsula. Commerce based upon industry of that character requires plenty of room, and there is not and never will be plenty of room for that character of commerce in the inside harbor of which the Swan Island section is a constituent part.—Telegram.

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seasons, but the position was taken by the Game Committee of the Legislature that the Federal regulations were unconstitutional and, therefore, would be inoperative. Since the Legislature has adjourned, two Federal courts have upheld the Federal regulations. It was the clear intent of the Legislature to give equal hunting seasons. This would have been accomplished had not the Federal law intervened. The State law is operative and will be enforced in so far as it does not conflict with the Federal law. The dates given above are those within which hunters may shoot and be within both the Federal and State law.

The United Artisans met in the I. O. F. hall Tuesday evening for their second meeting night. There were several new members taken into the Lodge and a good attendance reported. After the business of the Lodge the remainder of the evening was spent in singing and dancing, after which delicious refreshments were served by our fine entertainment committee. All Artisans living in this vicinity should come and join us in our work and good times.—Reported.

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