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The Park Question

Editor St. Johns Review: I wish to take up a small space in your valuable paper regarding a matter of great importance to the people of St. Johns, viz—City Park. There are two sites offered to the city of Portland for this park, one in an outlying district on the railway cut, which to say the least would be very dangerous for children, not only on account of the steep banks on the railway cut, but this section is infested more or less with traps; the other tract which is smaller and contains about ten acres is in the center of the school districts of St. Johns on Lombard street known as the Capies tract, this location seems to be the most desirable for many reasons. First it lies within walking distance of over eighty per cent of the people of St. Johns, and then again the majority of the people prefer this tract.

It makes no difference to the city of Portland where this park is located, and I believe if the people of St. Johns would go about this matter in the right way and show the city officials that they prefer the Lombard street tract of land for a park, that the majority of the people would have a park just where they want it and where it will be easy to reach without having to take a street car.

The people of St. Johns should not deny too long in securing a park site as these Natural Beauty spots are fast fading away and growing higher in price. Some of the old residents will no doubt remember the fate of Cedar Park which the City of St. Johns failed to secure. We do not want to let this happen again.—A Resident.

One I'll Never Know

Here is a toast that I want to drink
To a woman I'll never know—
To the woman who's going to take my place
When it's time for me to go.
I've wondered what kind of one she'll be,
And I've wished I could take her hand,
Just to whisper, "I wish you well, dear girl!"
In a way that she'd understand.
I'd like to give the cheering word
That I've longed at times to hear;
I'd like to give her the warm handclasp
When never a friend seems near.
I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work,
And I wish I could pass it on
To the woman who'll come to take my place,
Some day when I am gone.
Will she see all the sad mistakes I've made,
And note all the battles lost?
Will she ever guess of the tears they caused
Or the heartaches which they cost?
Will she gaze through the failures and fruitless toil
To the underlying plan,
And catch a glimpse of the real intent
And the heart of the vanished one?

I dare to hope she may pause some day,
As she toils as I have wrought,
And gain some strength for her weary task
From the battles which I have fought.
But I've only the task itself to leave
With the cares for her to face,
And never a cheering word to speak
To the woman who'll take my place.

Then here's to your health, dear girl;
I drink as a bridegroom to his bride;
I leave an unfinished task for you,
But God knows how I tried,
I've dreamed my dreams, as all women do,
But never a one came true,
And my prayers today is that all the dreams
May be realized by you.

And we'll meet some day in the great unknown—
Out in the realm of space;
You'll know my clasp as I take your hand
And gaze into your tired face.
Then all failures will be successes
In the light of the new-found dawn—
So I'm drinking your health, dear girl,
Who'll take my place when I am gone. —Pythian Guest.



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