

# ST. JOHNS REVIEW

## News in General

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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fones of 318 Hartman street returned Monday night from a few days' visit to Corvallis.

A home guard department has been organized of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Pioneer Methodist church, St. Johns. Mrs. H. T. Short is superintendent and the following officers have been elected: Hattie Galloway president, Rosetta Seals treasurer and Elizabeth Brewster pianist. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month.

The peninsula is rapidly coming into its own as a manufacturing and shipping center and the coming year will see the greatest period of development in the history of North Portland, is the opinion of Portland business men interested in that section. Three new plants of high importance will be erected during the winter and spring and several hundred workers added to Portland's payroll when the factories open.—Oregonian.

E. G. Barton, worker on a pile driver at the St. Johns terminal, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital Sunday suffering severely from burns on the face and hands sustained Saturday night when the one-room shack which he occupied at 506 North Ivanhoe street, St. Johns, burned down. Mr. Barton returned from work Saturday night and, after building a fire in the sheet-iron stove and hanging up his clothes to dry, he went to bed. He awoke in the night to find the entire building in flames. He was painfully burned before he managed to unlock the door and get outside. The building was located in the rear of the home of Robert L. Buckles, 506 North Ivanhoe street, and was rented from Mr. Buckles by Mr. Barton. The loss is estimated at \$100. Mr. Barton stayed the remainder of the night at the home of Mr. Buckles and Sunday went to the hospital for treatment. His burns are considered not serious.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Krummery of 902 Oswego street have returned from Aberdeen, Wash., where Mr. Krummery had been employed in a shipyard.

J. M. Clapp has harvested 2530 boxes of Jonathans, 925 boxes of Spitzenbergs, 1373 boxes of Rome Beauties, 722 boxes of Winesaps, 89 boxes miscellaneous varieties, 114 boxes of King of Tomkin and 250 boxes of cull apples from a ten-acre orchard, five miles west of Prosser. This makes a total of 6027 boxes, returns from which amounted to \$13,265. It is believed that several orchards in the same neighborhood have yielded fully as much or more returns an acre, though the exact figures have not yet been obtained.

Construction of 11 miles of diking for the reclamation of over 8000 acres of garden land along Columbia slough is now under way. Several hundred men and teams are at work on the project, and contracts call for the completion of the dike by May 15. More than 70 per cent of the land is ready for cultivation and ultimately 95 per cent of the acreage embraced in Multnomah Drainage District No. 1 will be reclaimed for agricultural purposes. There are 103 owners living in the district. The greater portion of their holdings is subject to overflow from the Columbia river during three months of the year, and is now used chiefly for pasturage. The dike extends from Union avenue eastward to Fairview and lies between the O.W. R. & N. right of way and the Columbia river. It is easily accessible to the city, and when brought under cultivation will furnish a vast amount of food products for local markets. The soil is a mixture of sand and river silt, and the higher portions of the district produce excellent crops of fruit and vegetables. The dike under construction will connect with the Sundial Ranch dike, at Fairview, and with the dike to be built by the city of Portland along a channel from the river, and its summit will be 30 feet above low water mark. The top of the embankment will be 10 feet wide and the slope will be from two to one to three to one, depending upon the nature of the material used.

TIN PANTS. ROGERS.

Father A. M. Mayer has been called East owing to the serious illness of his mother. During his absence Father A. M. Risenmy of Vancouver, B. C., will have charge of the St. Clement's church here.

The Oregon public service commission, in an order just released and now effective, holds that the Burlison rates as applied to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in this state are illegal, excessive, unjust, unreasonable and without warrant of law, substitute therefor materially reduced rate virtually the same as those in effect May 1, except that light increases are made in residence service rates, and order the telephone company to credit its subscribers with all payments received in excess of the legal rate, aggregating approximately \$130,000 throughout the state. The order affects practically every telephone exchange in Oregon.

The preparation or purchase of plans for a new drydock was authorized at a meeting last week of the Commission of Public Docks. The price, in event of purchase of plans, is not to exceed \$5000. This action of the commission, it is understood, will lead to the immediate construction of two new pontoons to be used in conjunction with the five-pontoon sectional drydock of the Port of Portland, and probably to the eventual construction of a new complete five-pontoon dock by the dock commission. Strenuous opposition to the proposed construction of a new drydock was made by Commissioner Ben Selling, who declared that after a careful study of the situation he was convinced that the present drydock facilities of the port are adequate. The opposite view of the matter was taken by Commissioners Knapp and Burgard.

Miss Bessie Fisk of New York city is here to spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. George Baker, at 1736 Seneca street. Miss Fisk is an actress.

Mrs. S. W. Durham and daughter Barbara left Monday night for a month's visit with friends and relatives in Kansas City, St. Louis and Kirksville, Mo. Mrs. Durham is manager of the industrial service department of the Peninsula National Bank of St. Johns.

Many years has passed since the days when he mined in Missouri, but the lure of treasure has again led one of our old citizens, H. L. Whisler, back to the mining game, this time in Oregon. Wednesday morning he left our midst to begin preliminary work of installing a power plant as the initial step in developing the Silver King mine, of the Santiam district, where he and a number of our townsmen have acquired interest. Samples of the ore may be seen at Coffey's barber shop.

A company of commercial scouts swept down on the Portland Woolen mills Tuesday afternoon for a survey of that industry, working in cooperation with the committee of 15, recently named by Mayor Baker, whose duty it is to obtain data relative to sites and other advantages that may be used to obtain the location of various new industries in Portland. Organized by a Realty board and comprising committees from seven civic bodies, the committee Tuesday made the first of a series of visits to local industrial plants. J. W. Crossley, secretary of the Realty board, conducted Tuesday's excursion, which included representatives from the East Side Business Men's club, Kiwanis club, City club, Rotary club, Progressive Business Men's club, Ad club and Portland Realty board.

## PLANS FOR BIG MILL

Plans for the erection of a new lumber mill by the Weyerhaeuser company on a 40 acre tract adjoining the municipal terminal site are now nearing completion. The mill will be one of the largest in the vicinity of Portland and will employ several hundred men. Work will also begin immediately on the construction of the Eagle Flour mill on a tract just west of the terminal site.

The new concrete building erected to house the plant of the Western Wax Paper company at North Portland is nearly ready for occupancy. Machinery has been assembled and will be installed the first week in December. The building occupies a two acre tract adjoining that of the Swift Packing company. The 15 acre tract adjoining the Swift holdings recently purchased by the Alladin company of Bay City, Mich., is being prepared for the erection of the company's plant. The Alladin concern proposes to invest \$250,000 in buildings and equipment for the manufacturing of knock-down houses, and will give employment to 200 men.—Journal.

A class for learning to speak and read English was organized last Monday at the library with Miss Beatrice Randall of James John High School as leader and teacher. The class is open to women and men and anyone who is interested is welcome to join. It is under the Board of Education and free to all.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will hold their Bazaar in the Moose Hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th. The fun will begin at 8:00 o'clock. Many interesting and novel features will be the order of the evening. Come, enjoy yourself and incidentally lend a helping hand to the Ladies of the church. Tuesday evening, next at the Moose Hall, St. Johns.

To the public: The members of the Christian Church wish to make a public acknowledgment of the service our minister H. F. Jones rendered in the Y. M. C. A. work during the war. We also wish to tender an apology to him for the omission of his name on our service roll. We wish to assure him that a star will be placed upon the flag in his honor before it is finally retired.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Everyone, now that our Thanksgiving holiday is past, are counting the days until Christmas.

The fourth termers held a class meeting Tuesday for the purpose of inviting the fifth termers to a skating frolic at the Oaks Friday evening, December 21.

In basket ball Tuesday evening the second termers beat the first termers 26-1, and the third and fifth termers tied with the score 6-6. In foot ball, the second and first termers tied with the score 12-12. It is said in a little while the second termers can have a class team. Eight second termers played Tuesday night.

Friday and Saturday evening the Student Body will present "Love Pirates of Hawaii," which is an operetta, and also the farce, "The Forward Pass." The cast will be announced later.

Portable A has been turned into an after school study room. Every one that is tardy, both at school and classes, and "cut" gym classes are sent to A. The teachers take turns about having charge of the room.—C. A. W.

Sergeant R. L. Crane Monday began his duties at the St. Johns police station, having been transferred from the second night relief in the North end district. Sergeant Crane has been a member of the police force for eight years and was made sergeant in August of last year.

The Peninsula Shipbuilding Company, which resumed operations a week ago after being closed for nearly two months by the strike of metal trades craftsmen, now has a full force of workmen and a long waiting list of men desiring positions. It was declared by F. C. Knapp, president of the company.

The North Portland Box Company, the plant of which was destroyed recently by fire with a loss of \$25,000, will rebuild immediately, according to announcement. The new plant will be more modern in every respect and will have a larger capacity, it is said. The plan is to have the machinery electrically operated. Contract for much of the machinery has been awarded to the Coast Steel Machinery Company, a Portland concern.

### MULTNOMAH THEATRE

Open Sundays 2:15 to 11:00. Mondays and Saturdays open at 6:30. Other days at 7:00. Regular Admission—6c, 11c, 15c.

Saturday, December 6th—**FRET STONE** in "UNDER THE TOP."—Paramount. A good "circus" picture.

Sunday, December 7th—**ORA CAREW** with a strong supporting cast in "LOOT." From the widely read Saturday Evening Post story. Don't miss this one.

Monday and Tuesday, December 8-9—**WM. FARNUM** in "THE REDEMPTION OF DAVID COLESON."—Paramount. Also "Bliss the Mighty," No. 11.

Wednesday, December 10th—**DOLORES CASSINELLI**, often called the most beautiful woman in pictures, in "THE UNKNOWN LOVE."—Pathé. The story is based on the world war. A good story, cleverly directed and well acted.

Thursday and Friday, December 11-12—**D. W. Griffith** presents **LILLIAN GISH** in "BROKEN BLOSSOMS." Recently shown over town at 26c. Run seven weeks in New York at \$2.00. One of the big productions of the year. Admission, adults 20c; children 10c.

Saturday, December 13—**VIRGINIA PEARSON** in "IMPOSSIBLE CATHERINE."—Pathé.

Sunday, December 14th—**JUNE CAPRICE** and **CREIGHTON HARVEY** in "OH, BOY!"—Pathé. A 6-act comedy drama taken from the musical comedy of the same name. This one will tickle you clear thru.

Monday and Tuesday, December 15-16—**JACK PICKFORD** in "TIP TUP MY."—Paramount. Also "Bliss the Mighty," No. 12.

Wednesday, December 17—**OLIVE TELL** in "THE TRAP."—Universal.

Thursday and Friday, December 18-19—**MAY ALLISON** in "FAIR AND WARMER."—Metro. From the Play. A good one.

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