

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS

Another very interesting and entertaining meeting of the St. Johns Community club was held in the club house of the Portland Woolen Mills Tuesday evening, where dinner was served in pleasing style by the cafeteria department. The Portland Woolen Mills club orchestra rendered a number of delightful selections during the dining hour. A good attendance was present.

L. F. Clark gave a "sneezing" song that made a big hit; Mrs. George M. Hall gave two entertaining readings; Melford Wedler rendered two fine violin solos, accompanied by Miss Helen Story; J. Gill and Mrs. Alexander Thompson made a few interesting remarks on the millage tax and Fire Marshal Grenfell made timely remarks relative to the cleanup campaign soon to be launched. He said that twelve districts had been planned with St. Johns and Kenton as one of them, that the schools would be given a holiday one day during cleanup week; that paper, rags, iron, etc., would be purchased at the fire station, and that prizes would be given to the district making the best showing. Harry Fassett rendered a couple of highly enjoyable solos, Miss Bowers accompanied; and the Juhnke Quartet rendered delightful selections.

A resolution from the W. C. T. U. favoring the establishment of a hospital in St. Johns was read and a committee consisting of A. E. Jones, Thomas Autzen, J. M. Blair, Charles Steelamith and Mrs. G. C. Atchison was appointed to look into the matter and see what could be done.

Mrs. J. M. Shaw reported that nineteen persons had subscribed \$125 each toward alterations and caring for the Baptist church, which had been leased for four years as a home for the Y. W. C. A. and for community purposes. Another \$125 was raised at the meeting, which will make a total of \$2500 in all subscribed.

F. P. Drinker, reporting on park, stated that he had conversed with Commissioner Pier concerning it, and he gave assurance that St. Johns would get a satisfactory park, but it would probably be a few days yet before the matter was concluded. Mr. Drinker also stated that satisfactory progress was being made toward securing a roadway to the Swift Packing plant, which will start on this side of the East St. Johns depot on Columbia boulevard and would follow the railroad right of way to the Oregon Slough.

Charles Foss broached the subject of making an effort toward having the passenger trains make stops at the East St. Johns depot and told of the disadvantages of St. Johns people being carried past their homes to the Portland depot. The secretary was directed to take up the matter with the railroad officials.

E. L. Thompson gave an outline of a plan under way for the construction of more houses in St. Johns.

Prof. Fletcher called attention to changing the names of the Central, East and North schools to Williams, George and Sisson, respectively. He suggested that it would be far more appropriate to call them after the names of St. Johns pioneers instead.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

James John and Columbia U. will have a dual track meet on Friday, May 14, for their students under sixteen.

Lucile Bailey and Veneta Brown on Thursday served the fifth luncheon being given to the business people of this community.

The class pictures for the Tumalum are being taken this week. It is to be hoped that Clarence Gilstrap's camera will still be intact when the task is completed.

Students and teachers are anxious for school to close so that the lovely weather we are now having may be more thoroughly enjoyed. There is only about five more weeks of school.

The senior class play was a decided success in every way as an capacity house each night would testify. The orchestra came gallantly to the front in furnishing music for the evening.

The Kiak Klatawa girls, laden with weinies and buns, hiked to Columbia Slough on Thursday afternoon after school. As they started away some one, not a Kiak Klatawa, muttered, "Lucky kids; weinies, buns and a bon fire."

The English five class has been divided into four groups for studying dramas of four periods, the miracle and morality plays, pre-Shakespearean comedy and tragedy, Shakespearean comedy, and post-Shakespearean comedy. The four captains of the groups are Dorothy Coulter, Eloise Gray, Cecile Roberston and Helen Dietrich. The plays from which scenes were presented by these groups were "Passing of the Third Floor Back," "Gammer Gurton's Needle," "Merchant of Venice" and "School for Scandal."

The eighth term class is the largest ever graduated from this school; there are forty to leave in June. They are Ella Ackerman, Alice Banbury, Sibyl Bugbee, Edith Cochran, Virginia Dunsmore, Helen Edmondson, Irene Faulkner, Gertrude Hansson, Thelma Haskett, Ruth Hoffman, Charlotte Jones, Myrna Lane, Nancy McAllister, Margery Moxon, Edna Prickett, Dorothy Rude, Nina Seales, Bernice Shaw, Helen Shoemaker, Amanda Steele, Johanna Vanderwall, Idrys Weimer, Dalton Brane, Solon Bugbee, Lewis Clark, William Curtis, Sherman Cochran, Clarence Gilstrap, Richard Girt, Jacob Griffith, Frank Hedges, Raymond Kettner, Alfred Maupin, August Meyers, George Miksch, John Ohm, Paul Sandifer, Lindroff Skaar, George Skells and Thomas Wood.

After considerable debate as to where to hold the enter class track meet last Friday, Columbia University was decided upon as the grounds were better than the Hill Field, and a less amount of equipment needed moving to the "Varsity" than would have been necessary had the meet been held at Columbia Park. The eighth termers won first place in the meet by making 87 points, second place went to the third termers with a total of 34 points. Dick Girt of the eighth term class won the most individual points, 30 1/2 in all. Oliver Jessup of the same class came in second with 15 1/2 points. For the girls'

NEW OCCUPATION FOR GOAT

Billy and Nanny May Be Profitably Employed in Clearing Away the Impeding Underbrush.

The monkey cotton picker was never an entire success. The monkey could pick the cotton, but it cost more to provide human direction to guide his efforts than the negro cotton picker asked for the whole job, picking, directing and all. But the Angora goat as a clearer of land requires no direction. Just string a few strands of barbed wire around the land to be cleared so that Mr. and Mrs. Goat and the kids shall not clear the land that is not to be cleared and they will do the job without even a casual suggestion from the land owner.

The success which has attended the raising of Angora goats in the rugged Ozark country of southwestern Missouri has suggested to specialists of the department of agriculture that it might be equally profitable to place such herds on many other wild tracts, particularly those which have been cut over because these goats are proving of great help in clearing away underbrush. Growing mohair and producing kids, the Angoras in the Ozarks are also trimming down the brush, manuring the hills and preparing the way for grass, cattle and sheep.

According to reports secured by a representative of the state college of agriculture in Missouri, the Angoras required to clear an acre of land varies from two to five, depending on the density and size of the brush.

SOUL'S ORDEAL AFTER DEATH

Old Volume, Known as "Judgment of the Dead," is a Fancy of the Ancient Egyptians.

"Book of the Dead" is a very old book, known in ancient Egypt as the "Judgment of the Dead," and it contains the funeral ritual of the Egyptians, describing in mystic language the experiences of the soul after death and the text it must quote to escape the torments and trials of the lower events. Eleanor Doughty of the second term and Florence Thompson of the first term tied with 91 points. Sylvi Larsen, a third term, received 84 points. The cup won by the eight termers and the ribbon by individual winners, were awarded at assembly Monday by Miss Clinton, chairman of Athletic Committee.—C. A. W.

STREET CAR SITUATION

Greatest interest is manifested in the proper solution of the present street car situation in all parts of the city, and this is particularly so in this part of the city where such a large bulk of the population is made up of modest home-owners and small tax-payers. The unusual situation presented in the present campaign which will come to a climax at the special election on May 21st is that it vitally affects the small property-owner and tax-payer.

The three street car measures that are to be voted on directly concern the property-owners because the election is to determine whether the car fare is going to be 7 or 8 cents shortly after the election, for the information has come from authoritative sources that an increase must be granted the company without much further loss of time if it is to be saved from bankruptcy.

If the three street car measures pass, it is declared that the car fare can be kept down to not over 7 cents, while if the three ordinances fail to carry, the Public Service Commission has let it be known that the fare will go to 8 cents, and that this increase will be necessary as a result of the thorough investigation of the finances of the company made by both the commission and the city's own experts.

It is therefore going to make a difference of one cent for every car ride, whether the street car measures pass. And it is in that phase of the badly-tangled situation that the small tax-payer is most closely concerned.

The city authorities have figured it out that the passage of the three measures on the ballot will lift a total of \$200,000 a year in public charges now paid exclusively by the car riders and place this burden equitably upon all the tax-payers of the city. The investigation shows that this will mean an average yearly increase of 1.6 per cent in the tax levy.

Take the case of the small property-owner who is paying taxes on \$1,000 worth of property, for example, and the passage of these measures will mean an addition of \$1.60 to his yearly taxes. It therefore seems that it will be entirely to his advantage financially to exert his best efforts to secure the passage of these ordinances, for if he does, his extra burden will be only the \$1.60 in taxes, whereas, if the measures are not adopted, there will be an extra car fare of one cent, which will mean an extra expense of two cents a day for the man who lives in the suburbs and who works down town. At two cents a day, this will amount to about \$7.00 a year, and if there are three other members in his family, the total extra burden placed on him will run up to \$28.00, which is many times the additional tax resulting from the enactment of the street car measures.

Another advantage to the small tax-payer which would result from the adoption of the proposed ordinance is that the big business concerns, stores, etc., and the large property owners, who have grown rich from the benefits of rapid urban transportation facilities,

A SPLENDID RECORD

Major Hiram U. Welch, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for assessor of Multnomah County to succeed Henry E. Reed, who is not a candidate for re-election. Major Welch is now Chief Field Deputy in the County Assessor's office and has had long experience as a valuation deputy. He promises, if elected, efficient and economical service. His campaign slogan is "Long experience in the Assessor's office a sure guarantee of efficient service."

Born in Illinois on October 29th, 1870, Major Welch came to Lebanon, Oregon, with his parents in 1881. He was educated in the public schools and Willamette University. He came to Portland in 1890, first engaging in the machinery business, and later entering the service of the county.

His military career began twenty-six years ago when he enlisted as a private in the famous Battery A, Field Artillery, of the Oregon National Guard. In the Spanish-American war he served as second lieutenant of the battery. He was chosen captain of Battery A in 1898, and after serving in that capacity for sixteen years he resigned. Following his resignation he was appointed major in the inspector-general's department of the National Guard by Governor Withycombe, and as such was called into service during the Mexican trouble in 1916.

When the United States entered the world war, Major Welch volunteered his services, although he was past the age limit of 45 years. In the spring of 1918 he was appointed captain of field artillery in the National Army, and sent to Camp Jackson, S. C. Subsequently, he was transferred to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, and promoted to major.

He will be called upon to bear their fair share of the tax burden, whereas at present they do not pay one cent for such benefits.

It was shown in the hearings before the City Council that some of the big business interests absolutely depended upon street car service for their prosperity and that they could not exist 60 days without such service, and yet they did not contribute one cent toward maintaining this service.

From this fact, too, therefore, it seems that the only thing that the small tax-payer and property-owner can do if he would conserve his own interests is to vote and work for the adoption of all three of these measures. It is only in this way that the car-rider and the modest home-owner can get a square deal and be relieved of excessive burdens that rightly should be shared by all the tax-payers and not by the small ones alone.—Contributed.

Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist, will hold their services Sunday, May 9th, in their new building, Corner of Smith Avenue and New York Street. Announcement of the formal opening will be given in these columns later.

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Unusually vexatious was the gift received from his neighbors by an infirm octogenarian who had married a pleasure-loving woman more than fifty years his junior. It took the form of a large brass cage, "intended"—so ran the accompanying note—"to restrain the wayward flight of a giddy young wife who had married a decrepit old fool for his money."

BRITAIN NEEDS NEW HOUSES

It has been estimated that 800,000 new houses are needed in the United Kingdom to properly house the population. All building was at a standstill throughout the war. Because of the enormous increase in building materials and the increased cost of labor these houses cannot be built for less than twice the amount they would have cost in 1914. Thousands of big houses in London are for sale, but these are of no use to new-comers, who in most instances cannot afford to maintain them, nor can they get the servants necessary to keep up such establishments. It has been found too costly to try to convert many of these houses into apartments. They now are monuments to pre-war and opulent family life in London, when servants were employed by the dozen.

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Wednesday, May 12th—
KATHERINE MACDONALD in "THE BEAUTY MARKET." Also "The Log of the U.S.A." a two reel picture taken on the German U-boat that sank the Lusitania. This is the real thing, showing the German submarine warfare at its worst.

Thursday, May 13th—
FLORENCE REED in "HER GAME."

Friday, May 14th—
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