

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

The Masonic Home

It is expected that the Masonic and Eastern Star Home will be ready for occupancy by St. Johns Day, Christmas week, and that it will be prepared with every up-to-date convenience of a large country home. The members of the home are not to be classified as inmates, guests, patients, pensioners or dependents. They are to be members of the Masonic family of Oregon. The building will have cost nearly \$300,000 when completed and includes a steam laundry, ice and refrigerator plant, small dairy and modern heating plant. The building estimates exceeded what the total cost now promises to be. There will be accommodations for a "family" of between 75 and 80, in addition to the required number of specialists employed.

The building was completed last June to a point to permit the laying of the cornerstone. No Masonic home building has been completed in a shorter time than this was put through. It is located on a slightly and fertile 30-acre tract facing the highway near Forest Grove and is provided with every modern accessory. Far enough from the city not to be a part of Portland it is within easy automobile drive. It has an admirable special sewer system, a beautiful grove and orchard and a sweeping view of a large portion of the Tualatin valley.

At present the plastering is nearly completed, the plumbing and heating systems are being installed and a large consignment of Winter's wood has been delivered. The building has been constructed of enduring materials, laid on cement, and engineers who have inspected it say that it is the best constructed building of its size on the Pacific coast. The central part of the building is fronted by a columned portico. The first unit has been placed on the left, and it is intended to construct another unit reaching the other way from the center whenever it is needed. Back of the building is located the heating plant, dining rooms, laundry and other departments. It has been built without a dollar of indebtedness, in accordance with Masonic tradition, and will be maintained by regular levies upon the membership, with sufficient sums assured for its continuance. Rules for admission of members have been drafted after careful examination of similar provisions by institutions of a like nature in other states. Only Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star will be admitted. It is not an institution for profit, nor for general charity. Its family will consist of those members of the two orders who by reason of advanced age or immaturity need the care of home surroundings.

The Order of the Eastern Star of Oregon began more than fifteen years ago to prepare for a Masonic home. The good sisters never gave the Masonic brethren any rest until they, too, got busy. Funds were started over twelve years ago and with the increase in membership and the steady accumulation of funds the time ripened for its final accomplishment. In the future a children's home will be established separate and apart from the present home, but probably on the same grounds. There is plenty of room for enlargement along any fraternal lines sought.—Sellwood Bee.

Since Oregon is blessed with more scenic beauty and timber than any other similar territory in the United States, it is well that we should favor the preservation of all the government is willing to take charge of.—Eugene Guard.

SLICKERS—ROGERS.

Big Statue Placed

Bundled up in burlap and excelsior to prevent chipping of the stone, until it looked like a model for Winter furs, the big statue of the Madonna which is to surmount the new church of the Assumption building in St. Johns, was hoisted into place September 17th. The fact that the statue weighs more than 1200 pounds, and is modeled in concrete, which might chip easily under the chafing of the hoisting rope, made the task of lifting and setting into place a delicate one, and Building Superintendent E. J. Oberle was on the anxious seat from the time it left the ground until it was finally settled into the bed of mortar on its pedestal. The statue was designed for the church by Andrea Nitschke, local sculptors, and the modeling was done by L. Schubert. The church is being built by the Servite fathers and is the first erected in Oregon by this order. Over the door is the monogram of the order, surmounted by the crown of seven lilies, symbolic of the seven founders of the order, the Florentine brethren of 1332. The corner stone was laid on June 5th, and the church will be occupied in a few weeks, although the date of dedication is not set as yet. Father A. M. Mayer and Father Hyacinth are in charge of the mission. Father Mayer is from Chicago and was in charge of the church built in Vancouver, British Columbia, in recent years. The building in St. Johns was designed by the Jacobberger architectural firm and all the material and construction has been from local concerns. The interior finish will be especially rich and the stained glass windows will have designs representing the seven sorrows. The windows will be by Povey, a local manufacturer.—Telegram.

Speculation is already rife in newspaper and musical circles of this country as to whose shoulders the "mantle" of the famous Enrico Caruso shall rest upon. The New York Evening Globe mentions three: "Lucien Muratore," the French tenor, Benjamin Gigli, the Italian, with Mario Chamlee of the Metropolitan as perhaps the most likely ones. Mario Chamlee was born in Los Angeles, Cal., of an Italian father and an American mother. He is now 33 years of age. In comparing the early careers of the two singers they seem to have undergone the same experience, even in the military training, for while Caruso joined the Italian army, Chamlee was in the great American army during the recent world conflict and served with it in the French campaigns. Both live in millions of homes on phonographic records. Is America coming into its own in producing the greatest musical talent?

Oregon's superior system of paved highways constitute the state's principal advertising asset. Thousands of farmers from the Middle Western states have toured through Oregon in their automobiles during the past year and large numbers of them are returning here to live. The State Chamber of Commerce receives many inquiries from prospective settlers on Oregon lands and from business men attracted by the mild climate and the fair future of the Northwest. Information will be furnished on application, by number, or to the secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce at the Oregon building, Portland.

It takes a man about a year to learn to talk and six or seven years to write, and then it takes him the rest of his life to learn what not to write.—Polk County Itemizer.

Patronize Home Merchants

In these days of automobiles, rapid transit and paved roads a large number of people living in communities and small towns make regular trips to the nearest large city to purchase their merchandise and other supplies that they could just as well buy from their local merchants. Have you ever stopped to figure the worth of your time taken up in making these trips? Add to this your car fare or gasoline, oil, wear-and-tear cost, and in many cases the trouble of carrying these goods to your home. Figure this up and see how little you save, if anything. Remember, too, that many favors tendered by your local merchant, in many cases special delivery and credit. Also that your local merchant is very convenient when you run out of some commodity. He is a benefit to your community because he is a business man and resident. The fact that these business houses are in your town makes it more inviting to home seekers. Were there no stores in your town these people would look elsewhere for a home-site. When anticipating buying anything elsewhere stop and think what it means to your town if these merchants were forced to close their doors for lack of business caused by the local residents taking their patronage elsewhere; it would not be long before your community would go backwards. People would move out and no new ones would come in.—Ex.

People in Oregon were never as well housed, as well dressed and have never enjoyed so many comforts, even luxuries, as they do today. Any sighing for "the good old days" is merely a lapse of memory.—Forest Grove Times.

Regarding the Sewer Question

There appears to be a move on foot at present to construct three sewer systems, called the St. Johns Avenue, Oswego Street and Oregon Avenue systems, covering a large territory, at an estimated cost of \$225,000 or \$150 per lot of 50x100 feet. We all admit the desirability and advantages of sewers, provided we can spare the change to pay for them. But before we all sign a petition for sewers at this time, let us count the cost a little. In the first place, there are a number of streets in the district that have macadam roadway in the center that cost a lot of money and are good for several years service yet, that would be destroyed if the sewer was dug in the center of the street. What then? Why either wallow in the mud or pave the street, at an additional cost of at least \$300 a lot, a total of \$450 a lot. Of course, a little matter of \$450 a lot does not worry the man that does not own any, but to the small home owner it may and in many cases, will mean confiscation of his property. I can show many instances in this district of people that have bought homes on installments and have partly paid for them, that could not stand the additional assessment, on top of their present indebtedness, and would be forced to give up all. Property can only be bonded for the amount of the assessed value of the land; any amount above that would have to be paid in cash, and if the owner did not have the cash the property would be sold for the city lien, if a buyer could be found. A large percentage of the property in this proposed sewer project is already bonded for street improvements, some of it to the legal limit, and any new liens would have to be paid in cash, and in many cases it could not be done, which would simply confiscate the property. With taxes now at 44.8 mills and likely to be 50 mills next year, I think it is time to very carefully consider the question of taking on such an expensive job at this time. It is very nice to have paved streets and sewers and all that, but I would rather have a little home, all my own, without extras than to plunge into debt and finally move out and see some other fellow take it all. Yours truly—S. C. Cook.

Clinton Bay has been appointed field secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, to succeed Robert Osborn, who resigned to become executive secretary of the City Club. Mr. Bay's first work will be that of state organization outside of the city of Portland, for the 1921 sale of Christmas seals, through which the organization is financed. Mr. Bay, who is a native of Kansas, was graduated in 1912 from Penn college, Iowa. Later he did post-graduate work at Northwestern university. Mr. Bay since coming to Portland has been head of the department of sociology and English in the James John high school, which position he resigned to take up his new work.

When a young woman from a small Illinois town was in Chicago on a shopping trip, one of these persons so numerous in cities tried to flirt with her. Dropping her package, she let him have a right to the face and then landed a left to the chin and he dropped to the sidewalk. Instead of mashing he got smashed, and a smiling world says, "Bully!"—Journal.

Patronize the home merchant.

Let Your Light Shine

"Let your light shine," said the Man of Galilee. It may not be an arc light; it may be only a flicker of a candle. You can see the last as well as the first. See it? Yes, on the mountain top and in the valley. Let it shine; do not cover it up. You were made to shine. It is not your fault if you are not a locomotive headlight, but it is your fault if you do not shine. That is what an up-to-date, honest, American is for. He is to shine; he is to help illuminate the world; he is to reflect according to his ability. And that we may all shine to our fullest extent in this life and reflect upon our fellow being that light of gratitude we owe to Him which can be exemplified in the truth only through that spirit of fraternalism that we so much desire, to be shown to us. We cannot expect to reap unless we sow. Therefore, if we but scatter a few seeds of kindness upon fertile soil, the result will be greater achievements in our every endeavor, by and through such practice. It is needless for me to recount to you, who are also well acquainted with the facts, of the brilliant history of what has been and what may be accomplished by the laying aside the garb of selfishness, that we may aspire to greater things. This action by us will earn for itself its own monuments and attain its long desired rank in the scale of human progress. Let us do our utmost to prevent the occurrence of any thing that may oppose its onward march to still greater pre-eminence and distinction. Fraternalism should be our animating principle and should be deservedly cherished by us as the great pillar of social intercourse and human happiness, and returning the homage of a grateful heart to the Supreme Being for the guardian care with which He has nursed us to the acknowledgement, to banish for all time discord and disunion, and putting the seal of disapprobation upon those who would pull down an institution created for purposes revered by the good and respected by the virtuous. Let us invoke a continuance of such blessings. May we be guided and directed in our councils and temper our deliberations with wisdom and judgment that we may preside over the destinies of our institution with religious and watchful care.—Publicity Manager Fraternal Boosters.

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