

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

The Spirit of Progress

The spirit of progress should always be uppermost in the minds of all. It is wasted energy to build castles in the air. It is very easy to criticize whether it is just or unjust. A little encouragement at the right time is one of the largest assets in success. There are two sides to every question and both should be thoroughly understood before a decision is made. Gossip is one of the greatest modern evils and should be eliminated whenever possible. It does not help, but hinders progress. What would be the condition of the United States were it not for the progressive spirit of our forefathers when they came face to face with adversity of every description? Did they try to evade responsibility? History says they did not, but even goes further and declares they overcome all adversities and obstacles in the triumphant march of progress. Where is there a better place to live than in the United States? Which is the leading country of the world at this time? What nation has shown more progress? Are we going to follow the path of our forefathers and make history repeat itself? The early settlers landed on the eastern shores of this continent. This part of the United States is recognized as the financial center of the world. A few years ago London was the most powerful financial center, but the progressiveness of the people of the United States was so great that this center was moved to New York. We know that history has been repeated many times, especially in regard to opening new territory. Those who landed on our eastern shores built the foundation for this wonderful country. As generation after generation grew up into manhood their march of progress was always toward the West until the shores of the great Pacific ocean was reached. When the pioneers of Oregon first settled here they thought that this was the most wonderful country on earth, and by the progress and development shown the Great Northwest has proven that their judgment was correct. In the western march of progress several points or centers were founded that showed the spirit of progress, namely, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland. When the great gold strikes were made in Klondike Seattle was given the opportunity of becoming one of the largest cities on the Pacific Coast. It became one of the busiest places in the West. The people moved mountains so they could build roads and make other improvements the same as the Eastern cities. Today Seattle is one of the leading cities on the Pacific Coast. San Francisco showed its progressive spirit more so than even before after the 1906 disaster, when the city was practically leveled to the ground by an earthquake and fire. Today this city is larger and better than ever before. Possibly a year or two later Los Angeles woke up to the fact that there was a possibility of Los Angeles becoming one of the greatest cities on the Pacific Coast. The people started a march of progress of their own; they bought a strip of land over 20 miles in length so they would have access to deep water; they developed Wilmington Bay and are now a recognized seaport the world over. They have spent millions of dollars for roads and other improvements. At times properties were bonded for several times their assessed valuation. Progressiveness made this a necessity and to day Los Angeles is the largest city on the west coast of the United States. It has proven that progress alone will build up a city. Now we will come to Portland. We are beginning to realize the necessity for future development. We already know that this city, with its narrow streets, is confronted with some very difficult problems, that must be solved in the near future. This city has shown a progressive spirit from its infancy and at this opportune time should start its march of progress. Portland has been at the top of the list in financial activities since the first of the year. The shipping industry that has been developed has made this a reality. Portland was about eighth on the list in regard to construction of pavements. Why not first? Portland at this time is talked about more than any other city in the country. Perhaps the question may be asked, "Why is it?" The answer is: The people of Portland are beginning to realize the possibilities of the future and are advertising through conventions and newspapers existing conditions and the prospects of the future. It should be the ambition of every resident and taxpayer in Portland to make it the greatest city on the coast. There is not a city on this coast that has the location and natural facilities that God gave Portland. Let us get together and develop what He has given us. Let us tell the people of the world about it and give them an opportunity of assisting in this progressive movement. We should have a larger harbor, bridges and more modern improvements. We will have them if we get together and show the progressive spirit that has been handed down to us from our forefathers. A crisis is at hand. What are we going to do with the thousands of idle persons in our immediate vicinity this winter. Are we going to let them starve? No! Do we want our city to be overrun with robbers, thieves and "stick-up" men? No! We, the people of Portland, do not want any of these conditions. We must find some way to overcome them. The only plausible way is to create work so all can make an honest living. Why not get together and ask and assist our city, county and state commissioners to commence public improvements of value to everybody? At this particular time we should do all in our power to assist the unfortunate. This is our duty God and our fellow man. Those in authority are doing all they can to keep taxes down. But let us bear in mind the fact that the Portland of today is far more advanced than it was 20 years ago. If everybody would take up their end of the burden as the city advanced we would in all probability have lower taxation and the indebtedness of the city would be a great deal less, but a great many people could not see the advisability of these improvements and rather than pay their portion let the property revert to the city. A special election is coming soon to decide whether or not a small tax shall be levied for the purpose of raising funds with which to promote an exposition in 1925. This is the time for every taxpayer to do his duty to assist in making Portland the largest and best city on the coast. If the majority are in favor of this great event it will mean a great deal of work for everybody. It will mean that the owner of a lot will be giving his pro rata toward advertising to the world the wonders and possibilities of the future Portland. It will be the first step toward securing more factories and industries. It means the getting together of the entire population and backing up the spirit of our forefathers.—Joe Roberts.

Birthday Party

An enjoyable birthday party was given Thursday evening, October 13th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Storr, 204 South Kellogg street, in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Harold Mason Grantham, nee Bernice Brownley. The house was prettily decorated in Autumn leaves and dahlias and Japanese lanterns. Dancing and music were in order until a late hour, when dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Grantham was the recipient of many beautiful presents. Those present included: The Misses Elizabeth and Nettie Moe, Mildred Poff, Martha Herzog, Arline Shaw, Lola Murphy, Margaret Diekie, Ruth and Donald McGreggor, Arlye Harmon, Arline Maxfield, Alice Wrinkle; Messrs. Kussell Poff, Arthur Wills, Mont Harmon, Oron Lear, Ivan Faber, Bert Sundstrom, Clyde Thayer, Gordon Bellinger; Mrs. Hannah McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Engzell, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Maxfield, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brownley, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Storr and Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Grantham and son John.

In Portland the boys are winning all the cooking prizes in competition with the girls. But the girls are not taking a back seat at tennis, golf or any of the other feminine accomplishments of the day.—Eugene Guard.

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St. Johns Community Club

The St. Johns Community Club was delightfully entertained at the big plant of the Log Cabin Bakery on Ivy street Tuesday evening. The members of the club and their friends assembled at the Peninsula Bank corner and were transported to the bakery establishment by auto. In March of last year the club was entertained at this bakery and pleasant memories of the occasion made those attending at that time desirous of repeating the visit. The number making the trip was much larger than upon former visit, but they met with the same hospitality and generous treatment on the part of the management that made the initial visit so pleasant. The night was a most glorious one with the friendly moon shining in all its splendor and the atmosphere at just the right "pitch."

Upon arrival at the big plant the party was met by the management and escorted throughout the extensive establishment. The process of making bread from the flour to the wrapped product was shown and interestingly described. It was impressed upon the visitors that nothing is left to guess in this modernized bakery. Everything is tested, everything is weighed and cleanliness and sanitation are the watchwords.

As a pleasing culmination of the trip through the plant the guests were finally led to the dining apartment, where an appetizing and delicious repast, principally of products of the plant, was in waiting. The manner in which the visitors caused the good things to disappear was a practical demonstration of the excellence of the refreshments provided.

A most pleasing feature of the evening was delightful music furnished by the Community Club Band, which accompanied the party, and discoursed several selections in a very pleasing manner after the eatables had been placed where they would do the most good. President Monahan and A. E. Jones of the Community Club made neat and pleasing little speeches, and were followed by Mr. Ritman, founder of the Log Cabin Bakery, who gave interesting reminiscences of earlier days when he was making his start in the bakery business. He told how he had placed his baskets of bread on Tom Monahan's old motor car to be transported to St. Johns, and how he had driven almost impassible roads and wilderness to St. Johns when twenty loaves of bread sufficed for the people then here. He was followed by Mr. Wright, manager of the company, who in an entertaining way told something of the manner of conducting the establishment with its 35,000 daily output of bread, besides various kinds of pastries. All were well pleased with the evening's experience and heartily joined in a vote of thanks to Mr. Ritman and his courteous assistants for their splendid hospitality and the fine treatment extended.

A touring car driven by an Ohio girl went over a 250 foot embankment, looped the loop several times and landed in the street below, a pile of wreckage, but with the girl unhurt. She is hereby advised not to try to repeat the performance—a performing automobile is a precarious refuge.—Journal.

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Held An All Day Session

Last Thursday, October 13th, the Oregon Grape Club met at the home of Mrs. Marchand, 1107 South Ivanhoe street, for an all day session. Cutting and piecing blocks was the work for the day. At the noon hour a sumptuous dinner was served, to which all did full justice. We were then favored with several songs by Mesdames Bawley, Bury, Clark and Mills, with Mrs. May at the piano. Our meeting was then called to order; minutes of last meeting were read. A committee was appointed to get material for two quilts and have everything ready to begin work at our next meeting, which will be held at the home of Neighbor Ida Ferschweiler, 1709 Willamette boulevard, November 9th. Our meeting was then brought to a close, declaring we all had a friendly time, all due to Mrs. Marchand's hospitality. Those present were: Mesdames Armstrong, Bell, Efta Beam, Brice, Emma Beam, Bawley, Bury, Burson, Campbell, B. S. Clark, Cyrus, Downs, Earl, Ferschweiler, Fletcher, Heiser, Jacobson, Killbrew, Kreyer, Lauth, Moore, H. A. Moore, May, McGreggor, McCrea, Marchand, Maxwell, Mills, Royer, Scammon, Shaw, Snyder, Stark, Teeling, Trout, Wagner, Walker and Donald McGreggor; Masters Paul Clark, Charles Scammon, and Robert Trout; Vivian Muhm, Nadice May, Marie Trout and Baby Lucille.—Reported.

"Men wants but little here below." The poet sang with fire; There's one thing that we surely know That poet was some lyre.—Ex.

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Municipal Elevator Busy

"What are they going to do with a layout like that?" murmured a few doubting ones as they watched the huge elevator bins and warehouses going up at Terminal No. 4 two years ago. "It will be many years before these big tanks are used to any amount." The doubting ones should go down to Municipal Terminal No. 4 this week and take a look. The municipal elevator is filled to capacity and is awaiting ships to move part of the wheat away before more is taken into the bins. Just 20,000 tons of wheat from ranches all over the Northwest area tributary to Portland is piled into those great bins. The elevator will hold another 10,000 tons, but as the wheat accepted is of different grades and varieties the 20,000 tons is all that can be put in at this time. The steamer Abercos, operated by the Pacific Steamship Company, will start taking on a full cargo of some 8000 tons for shipment to Europe shortly. The wheat will go into the Abercos in bulk and will be the first cargo of bulk wheat to move from here in an American ship this year. The Gray-Rosenbaum Grain Company which is using the elevator to handle its wheat, will ship the cargo. Other vessels will follow the Abercos to the elevator for wheat. The elevator has already been instrumental in bringing additional business to Portland and will be a factor that will explain some of the figures in Portland's commercial growth during the next few years.—Telegram.

With motion picture cameras grinding out what proved to be the opening gun in the campaign to stage the 1925 Exposition in Portland, Mayor Baker has signed the ordinance calling for a special city election and the charter amendment which will be referred at that election. The charter amendment provides for a special tax levy in the city which will raise \$670,000 in 1922, 1923 and 1924 as the city's share of staging the world's exposition. A large number of the members of the exposition executive committee were in attendance at the meeting in compliance with a request issued by Julius L. Meier, chairman of the executive committee.

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