

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

High Bridge at St. Johns

Time was when mention of a high bridge at St. Johns was treated as a joke by many, and something that might materialize in the far distant future. But times have changed, and what was once far in the future is now in the present. The need of such a bridge is being pretty generally felt. Traffic at times is congested and then the wait on the ferry boat is oftentimes disagreeable and tiresome. The time when the ferry boat is off duty for boiler cleaning is also annoying. The ferry boat has served its purpose well, but now like the old horse car, has become inadequate in the march of progress. Modern times demand modern conveniences. It is time that the ferry boat at St. Johns be replaced with a bridge. The west side of the river as well as the east side is building up quite rapidly and a connecting bridge has grown to be a necessity. Not only would it be less dangerous, but far more satisfactory than the ferry system. Much complaint is being made of the congested condition of the present bridges over the Willamette, and a high bridge here would do much toward relieving that congestion. It would afford a rapid means of reaching the business district of Portland, and would be the connecting link of one of the most scenic driveways in the Northwest. Much business from the Tualatin valley would be diverted here by means of a bridge, and the auto travel over it would be immense. Now is the time to boost for this structure. Every civic organization on the Peninsula should endorse and cooperate in any movement tending toward its accomplishment, and every citizen should boost for it. As we understand the matter, the county commissioners can put the St. Johns bridge measure upon the ballot at the November election. If they have the power to do so there seems to be no real reason why they should not. There was enough money saved when former Commissioner Mueck won his fight for repairing Morrison street bridge instead of building anew to construct a bridge at St. Johns and have money to spare. The proposed bridge here is a couple of hundred feet in height—high enough for the tallest vessel to pass underneath. As

Idols and Feet of Clay

Is there no such thing as married happiness in the real life of movie heroes and heroines? Do these actors and actresses fake romance so much that they have lost their capacity for the genuine article? Such a conclusion is forced upon us. Today we read of the marriage of two screen stars and a word picture is painted of their nuptials that reminds one of the fadeaway happy ending of one of their thrilling film dramas. Tomorrow they are in the divorce courts with stories of scandalous escapades, infidelity and cruelty hurled back and forth. Apparently there are few exceptions. A few days ago it was announced that Gloria Swanson and her wealthy husband had come to the parting of the ways. On the same page was the story of the estrangement of Marshall Neilan and Blanche Sweet, who were married not many months ago. Yesterday news was flashed of the separation of Big Bill Hart hero of a thousand western dime novel scenarios, and Winifred Westover, his bride of a few months ago. And Winifred shatters the heroic conception of Big Bill by relating how he behaved like a caveman, knocking her down and dragging her about the rooms by the hair of her head. Verily, one by one, our idols are revealing their feet of clay.—Astoria Budget.

there would be no draw, the cost of construction would be materially reduced, as well as the maintenance. If it is up to the County Commissioners, let us have it on the ballot at the November election. It will not be long until it will be necessary to construct a new ferry boat if the bridge is not built, and this saving together with the cost of operation would go far toward paying the interest on the bonds. Certain it is that the people attending the 1925 Fair should have the pleasure of traveling over a high bridge at St. Johns.

A fellow's best girl may not care much about the future, but it seems as if she is always quite ready for the present.—Ex. The skirts won't be much longer as long as they have two good reasons for wearing 'em short.—Exchange. RUBERS—ROGERS.

OBSERVATIONS

(By our Unobserved Observer)

Ye merrie hop pickers are now wending their way southward seeking health, wealth and happiness.

St. Johns is not a good place for pessimists, and yet it is the very best place for anyone who wants to worry a lot and build a house on it.

Piles of sand, gravel and lumber do not add to the attractiveness of the streets, but they furnish proof that we are returning to normalcy in a way that is very satisfactory.

The number of automobiles and trucks carried across the river daily by the St. Johns ferry is surprising and indicates a substantial increase in business activity.

A great many of our city dwellers are starting on their vacation trips this week. Some are going to the coast, while others will seek rest "far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife" by sojourning for a few days among the mountains.

When will the high bridge be built? This question asks itself continually and it may not be easily answered, and yet if the people of the lower peninsula will pull together, putting energy and hopefulness into the effort, the great structure that will span the Willamette river at St. Johns may soon begin to rise. The great benefits that come to a community are usually secured through persistent effort intelligently directed.

An eastern paper tells of a man who named his automobile "True Love," because it doesn't run smooth, and another who christened his car "Lotta," with the explanation that it either was

New Order of DeMolay

Peninsula chapter, Order of DeMolay, was instituted and the officers installed at a meeting held in Doric Masonic temple on last Thursday evening with Dr. E. P. Borden acting grand master councilor and also installing officer. Following are the officers installed: Stuart M. Pagett, master councilor; Earl G. Torney, senior councilor; Clark L. Breece, junior councilor; Kenneth M. Catto, treasurer; Ralph Fairchild, scribe; Alva J. Myers, senior deacon; Peter J. Torney Jr., junior deacon; H. Berry, senior steward; Paul F. Clark, junior steward; Louis H. Blyner, sentinel; Rutherford R. Brand, chaplain; Eugene C. Cannon, standard bearer; Donald Greene, almoner; Lloyd Franklin, marshal; William F. Carley, first preceptor; Leslie R. Buncie, second preceptor; Perin L. Pennish, third preceptor; Leonard W. Harrington, fourth preceptor; Lawrence A. Ten Eyck, fifth preceptor; Ralph R. Meyer, sixth preceptor; John G. Hoover, seventh preceptor. The new chapter will meet each Thursday evening in Doric Masonic Temple.

a "lotta" trouble or a "lotta" fun. Very few St. Johns men have chosen any such names for their cars, but it is said there is one whose favorite name for his wife is "Revenge," because she is sweet, and yet another who calls his wife "Delay," because she is dangerous.

The worst thing about a vacation is the boss is liable to find he doesn't need you.

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G. A. R. and W. R. C.

The sewing which was to have been held in Columbia Park on August 15th by the women of H. B. Compson W. R. C. was postponed on account of a little dampness caused by a gentle shower the day before.

H. B. Compson G. A. R. and W. R. C. and Ladies of Peter A. Porter Circle G. A. R. will meet in Columbia Park on August 31st for their annual picnic. So come one, and come all, and join us in a lark in our beautifully wooded Columbia Park.

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Mrs. I. McClellan, who has been touring the Eastern and Southern states with her husband for the past year, has returned to her home on E. Richmond street. She also made a visit in Alameda, Cal., for a few weeks, but says Oregon is the best place on earth.

Comrade Peter Crone is very ill at his home on East Richmond street.—Press Cor.

The Clark-Wilson Lumber Co. at Linton is making preparations for a new planing mill on a site adjacent to its present situation. The mill will cover about 400 square feet. New kilns will be built, sorting machines and automatic stackers will be installed, but the planers, which are now in use in the old mill, and which are modern, will be moved to the new mill when complete. The mill is expected to be finished by the 1st of January.

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St. Johns 18 Years Ago

The following items were taken from the second issue of the St. Johns Review Dec. 2, 1904:

Chas. E. Bailey of Wisconsin arrived Wednesday and has taken a position with the St. Johns Land Company.

Gen. H. B. Compson of Portland was in the city Tuesday. Gen. Compson bears the proud distinction of having platted the first tract into building lots in Oak Park Addition, all of which were sold a year ago.

Rev. W. B. Scott, son of J. C. Scott of this city, arrived here with his family Sunday morning, having just returned from a three years' stay in Europe.

Rev. J. M. Cole, formerly pastor of the Adventist church here, but now in charge of the Salem congregation, was in the city this week visiting his mother.

C. D. Titus of Michigan is erecting a residence on Richmond street, near Hudson.

John Haggerty of Stillwater, Minn., has purchased property in St. Johns Heights Addition and will build at once.

E. D. Harlbert has sold a block on Burlington street for \$1900. J. H. Tallman of Newberg was here this week. He is preparing to erect a modern home on corner Hayes and Charleston streets.

St. Johns enjoys a distinction shared by few of the Oregon towns, and that is a lady physician, Dr. Mary MacLachlin.

J. E. Williams, the father of Mrs. M. L. Holbrook, arrived in St. Johns Wednesday, from Wisconsin. Mr. Williams is an old newspaper man. He will locate in this city.

G. W. Dunbar, formerly of Greeley, Col., is considering the advisability of starting a new and second hand furniture and auction house in St. Johns.

D. S. Southmayd returned last week from Sheridan, where he attended the funeral of his half brother, Morin L. Potter, who was shot and killed by a man named Dickens. The murder was

cold blooded, and no cause is yet known for the deed.

A woman who marries for money works more than eight hours a day, says an exchange.

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