

CONSIDERED VALUED AT \$100,000  
GROSSLY INFLATED VALUATION  
OF COST OF ST. JOHNS  
FERRY SLIP.

Each day's investigation brings to the surface new and startling incidents in connection with the attempted ferry swindle in St. Johns. The most recent discovery relates to the matter of the ferry approaches which the city was asked to purchase at a figure fixed by the city's own engineer, Oscar Edwards, who valued the lumber in them at \$150 a thousand feet.

Apparently Peterson Brothers and Smith did not care to assume the responsibility for an estimate so grossly inflated and in consequence, arranged with the city engineer to have him put a valuation on their property and agree to submit his figures to the city council for a fair price to charge the city for the slips. The council could hardly reject the valuation of their own engineer, it was offering the property to them at their own price.

Some Wonderful Figures.  
Following is the valuation on file with the city recorder:  
Lumber for ferry slips on both sides of the river, 14,732 feet, \$2,210.58  
1,100 feet of piling at 15 cents per lineal foot, 165.00  
15 piles in river, 60 feet long, 165.00  
16 each, 165.00  
Construction work, 400.00

Total, \$3,250.16  
(Signed) City Engineer of St. Johns, Oscar Edwards.  
A little arithmetic is all that is necessary to show how ridiculous this valuation is.

In Engineer Edwards' first item the extraordinary fact is disclosed that he values this lumber at \$150 per thousand feet. Inman, Poulsen & Co. today stated that they were prepared to furnish any amount of lumber of a similar grade at \$11 per thousand. St. Johns was asked to pay for second-hand lumber 15 times as much as the city could purchase the same new.

Some More Large Estimates.  
A comparison of the two charges for piling, show that the first item, the price in the first item, is, in fact, 17 times as much as the charge for the second item for the same sort of material. The charge of \$109 for construction, on careful consideration, appears excessive. Other estimates put the figure at \$200 as the probable cost of the work.

A revised and approximately correct valuation for the two ferry approaches is about \$883, itemized as follows:  
Lumber for ferry slips, \$1,600.00  
1,100 feet of piling at 5 cents per lineal foot, 165.00  
15 piles in river, 60 feet long, 165.00  
Construction work, 200.00

Total, \$2,130.00  
From the foregoing statistics, it is seen that the city of St. Johns was asked to pay five times the true value for this single item of the ferry property.

Since the facts concerning the true value of the ferry property have been made public, the chances of Peterson Bros. and Smith finding a purchaser for their outfit, at the fancy price they asked, seems quite unlikely.

Sweet Charity, Says Perkins.  
G. J. Perkins, the company's attorney and who is also a candidate for city attorney of St. Johns, intimated in his communication to The Journal, that his firm had a good investment proposition and their only reason for offering to dispose of it to the city of St. Johns for over \$2,000 was one of charity because of the benefit the people would derive from a free ferry. He said Peterson Bros. were entirely satisfied to operate it according to the provisions of their franchise.

The fact remains that the ferry has been a losing property from the start. It has never been fully paid for, and each month it is sinking for loss for its proprietors over \$150, besides failing to pay anything on the investment. Its gross receipts as filed with the city recorder have never reached \$100 for any single month; according to the company's franchise 2 1/2 per cent of its gross receipts is payable to the city.

ABE HOLZMANN WRITES MUSIC  
ON A ROCKING RAILROAD TRAIN  
ROSBURG COMES INTO THE LIGHT

Recipe for composing music: "Find a seat in a railway train. As soon as the engine gets to running about 60 miles an hour and the whistle is shrieking like a demon as the wheels of the coaches hit the rough spots commence writing. That is the only way in which I can compose." ABE HOLZMANN.

In this way ABE HOLZMANN, composer of "Old Faithful March," "Smoky Mokes," "Blaze Away," "Uncle Sammy," and a score of other popular instrumental music, described the manner in which he has composed some of his hits. He says he does not want a piano or any other musical instrument anywhere near him when he is composing. He is at the Portland hotel and will be the guest of the local musician's union until Monday when he leaves for Puget sound.

PADEREWSKI OBJECTS TO STARES  
OF CURIOUS WHILE DINING

Paderewski is as particular as he is famous. The pianist arrived at the Portland Hotel last night, accompanied by his wife and maid. Paderewski objects to eating in public dining rooms. As he reached the hotel late last evening and nothing was open, he insisted upon eating in his wife's room, which they had all to themselves.

but each month this payment has been remitted. Engineers have pronounced the boiler in use so ill adapted to the requirements that the ferry can never be operated at a profit because the expense will necessarily be so heavy.

Perkins' Ideas Suddenly Change.  
A brief quotation from the complaint filed by Perkins, who sued the contractor after the ferry was built, shows the opinion he formerly held of his client's ferry. "The rudders are too light for the use intended, rendering it difficult to steer the boat at all times and extremely dangerous in bad weather." He further alleges that the boiler pump is defective and that the valve gear will not work.

Perkins now states that concern for the welfare of the city are the only reasons for the willingness of the St. Johns Transportation company to dispose of their "splendid" property, for \$22,000.

Multnomah's county commissioners who will assume the burden of the operating expenses of the ferry if the city should buy it, do not look with favor upon the scheme which The Journal has exposed.

A man supposed to be Perkins visited the county court Thursday morning and made inquiries about the commissioners' authority and their probable attitude. He was told, "The county commissioners cannot operate a municipal ferry without a legislative grant. If the city of St. Johns hopes to obtain that, it is up to them. It had better buy a good one." The application was too obvious to be overlooked and no further questions were asked.

CHILDREN PLANT ROSES

School board in automobiles. School children bearing rosebushes. Decorated wagons loaded with 5,000 rosebushes.

Beautiful Weather.  
"If George Washington were alive today he would surely come to Oregon to enjoy his birthday," said a man who was busy arranging the final details of one of the many celebrations being planned for the proper observance of the 176th anniversary of the natal day of the first president of the United States.

All sorts of entertainments and celebrations have been planned and are being carried out. Others will be held tonight and the day will pass as one of the most perfect ever devoted to the memory of the "father of his country" in Portland.

To start with, the rose planting and the parade at 2 o'clock this afternoon

he leaves for Puget sound. In speaking of his work Mr. Holzmann said: "American music composers are having an uphill road to success nowadays. To make an instrumental hit in this age a composer must be a business man, salesman and an all-around booster. He must get around and associate with band leaders and musicians in all parts of the country explaining his themes and ideas."

"That is what has brought me to the coast at this time. I left New York last October and will not get back for another month. By that time I shall have visited nearly every city of importance in the country. Mr. Holzmann was awarded the first prize for his "Uncle Sammy" by the judges of awards at the Chicago world's fair. He will personally conduct the orchestra of the Marquand theatre tomorrow night during the playing of his latest hit, "Old Faithful March."

WILL ATTRACTIVELY ADVERTISE  
HERSELF AND HER UNDEVELOPED TERRITORY.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal).  
Roseburg, Or., Feb. 22.—Yesterday was a holiday for the citizens of Roseburg. Every business house in the city was closed and the entire business population turned out in a body to listen to an address at Elks' hall by William Bittle Wells of the Home-owners' Bureau of the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Wells came to Roseburg to present a proposition by which this city and the surrounding country could be made known to prospective home-seekers. The mode of advertising is to circulate from 20,000 to 50,000 attractive book-lets which always bear the name of the advertiser and stating the facts as they exist in this section, so that any intelligent person could be thoroughly acquainted with this section of the country even before visiting it.

The business men were so favorably impressed with the offer that they not only accepted the offer, but they formally accepted the offer.

Roseburg has always been the business center of a country with vast resources lying undeveloped, with great possibilities in its timbered section. Roseburg's greatest need is more people, more capital and more railroads.

GOLD DISCOVERY  
EXCITES MOJAVE

Reported Rich Gravel Find Has Citizens Staking Claims in Streets.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal).  
Bakersfield, Feb. 22.—Intense excitement prevailed yesterday in Mojave over an alleged discovery of an enormously rich deposit of fine placer gravel underlying the town at a depth of 18 feet. According to dispatches received here, the find was made in an excavation which J. C. Clark was making for a cesspool. It is said that samples of the gravel were sent to an assayer in Los Angeles, and that they yielded \$41.54. Other reports from Mojave indicate that the alleged find may be a monumental hoax. Nevertheless, citizens of the desert town yesterday joyfully gathered in the vicinity of the supposed strike, even staking claims in the streets and alleys, and according to the news agent to The Journal, the new prospect, located in the graveyard.

The news agent to The Journal, and citizens of that place went to Mojave and joined the locators. Mining men in Bakersfield are inclined to be very skeptical concerning the alleged discovery. Gravel that pays \$1 a yard is considered good, and a deposit yielding \$41 is too rich to be credible. It is well known that very rich placer gold sands are found in the channel of a prehistoric river which crossed what is now the southern part of Kern county, but according to the best authorities Mojave does not lie on the banks of this ancient stream.

DENIES EVERY CHARGE

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form of a direct challenge to the prosecutor, daring him to take any action or otherwise that he might see fit.

Fulton will say that later he was convinced that Smith did receive the money from Mitchell, but he didn't say that he was bought.

Explains Smith's Case.  
Fulton says he was not directly concerned in the senatorial election at that time, but six years later, when he was a candidate for reelection, he learned that Smith was an applicant for the wardenship of the pen. Fulton will say that he went to Governor Chamberlain and told him the facts. Smith was helping Chamberlain and he was appointed; that Chamberlain not only appointed him but approved of Smith's admitted and deliberate rickling of Mitchell's money.

The reply will state that Fulton was never attorney for the Hammond Lumber company and never represented any person or company engaged in acquiring timber or other lands. Fulton deals at length with the Mitchell-Brown matter, denying that he ever supported Hall for district attorney and telling why.

ROSBURG COMES INTO THE LIGHT

What Ails You?  
Do you feel weak, tired, despondent, have frequent headaches, coated tongue, bitter or bad taste in morning, "heartburn," belching of gas, acid risings in throat after eating, stomach gnaw or burn, foul breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea, at times and kindred symptoms?

If you have any considerable number of the above symptoms you are suffering from biliousness, torpid liver with indigestion, acidity, peptic, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is made up of the most valuable medicinal principles known to medical science for the permanent cure of such abnormal conditions. It is a most efficient liver invigorator, stomach tonic, bowel regulator and nerve strengthener.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" is not a patent medicine or secret nostrum, a full list of its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper and attested under oath. A glance at its formula will show that it contains no alcohol, or harmful habit-forming drugs. It is a fluid extract made with pure, triple-refined glycerine, o. proper strength, from the roots of the following native American forest plants, viz., Golden Seal, Stone root, Black Chert bark, Queen root, Bloodroot, and Mandrake root.

The following leading medical authorities, among a host of others, extol the foregoing roots for the cure of just such ailments as the above symptoms indicate: Prof. R. Barthelemy, M. D., of Jefferson Med. College, Phila.; Prof. G. Wood, M. D., of Univ. of Pa.; Prof. Edwin M. Hale, M. D., of Hahnemann Med. College, Chicago; Prof. John King, M. D., Author of American Dispensary; The Hon. E. H. Derby, D. O., Author of Specific Medicines; Prof. Laurence Johnson, M. D., Med. Dept. Univ. of N. Y.; Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., Author of Materia Medica; and Prof. in Bennett Medical College, Chicago. Send name and address on Postal Card to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive free booklet giving extracts from reports of the above noted authors and many others endorsing, in the strongest possible terms, each and every ingredient of the "Golden Medical Discovery" is composed of.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. They may be used in conjunction with Golden Medical Discovery. If bowels are much constipated, use the tiny and sugar-coated.

MANY THOUSANDS  
TO BOOST VALLEY

Salem Digs Deep to Advertise Self and the Wonderful Willamette.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal).  
Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—There was the greatest demonstration of enthusiasm at the monster lunch given by the Commercial club of this city at the Hotel Willamette last night, as banker after banker arose and pledged the financial aid necessary to carry out a publicity program for the capital city. The work of the past year will be quadrupled and at least \$20,000 will be expended in advertising and promotion work.

This campaign is the result of three big meetings held here in the past week and the chief cause when the business men and capitalists voluntarily went down into their pockets to finance the program that has been adopted of advertising the city in at least 5,000 newspapers of the United States and Canada, and setting forth the peerless advantages of the Willamette valley. The 1,000 facts of production gathered by the Willamette Valley Development League are to be secured broadcast over the United States and the Dominion, and the work done at Salem is being equally effective for each of the eight counties of the valley.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Contenders in the eleventh renewal of the California derby will fight it out on a fast track at Emeryville this afternoon, according to indications this morning. The prospects last night were for rain, but none fell and this morning while the sky is partly overcast, there is nothing indicative of a damaging downpour.

Eight horses have been named to start out of the list of 86 eligibles. The most illustrious absentee is the \$30,000 Uncle. His scarcely less capable stablemate, Meelick, will carry the Hildreth colors. William Walker's high class colt Stanley Fay, whose record is a brilliant one both in California and in the east; Moose Goldblatt's clever filly, Keep Moving, whose failure to win the Oaks was a bit of hard luck; Early Tide and Crean, the DeArman entry, both of whom have performed in brilliant fashion at the Arcadia meeting; Import, a colt that has been doing everything that has been asked of him or late; Clovne, a clever filly in the east that has shown fair form in California; and Saint Modan, a colt that is being rounded into form, make up the balance of the classiest field that has contested the derby in recent years at least.

SHORT YEAR FOR  
SALMON PACKERS

Coming Season Not Expected to Yield Very Large Returns.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal).  
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 22.—A short year and a lean year is what the packers of salmon on Puget sound are facing. The year following 1907, according to salmon statistics, will see enormous schools of sockeyes in the sound, but in this year, the packers are facing a lean year.

"We will operate one of our three canneries on the sound at half capacity this year," said General Manager Deming of the Pacific-American Fisheries company today. "The Alaska Packers' association, I am told, will operate one of its three sound canneries a year before a big run is always very slim, and all our arrangements for help, cans and general supplies will be on the basis of a lean year."

THREE CASES UNDER  
FOURTEEN-HOUR LAW

District Attorney Phelps at Pendleton Prepares to Prosecute O. R. & N.—Employees Not Agreed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal).  
Pendleton, Or., Feb. 22.—District Attorney G. W. Phelps is taking steps to bring suit against the O. R. & N. company for violation of the 14-hour law now in force in this state. The cases in which employees have been kept on the job longer than 14 hours on one day have been brought to his attention and he is now gathering evidence in the cases.

The railroad men are sharply divided on the matter of the 14-hour law. A portion of the employees approve of the law as they feel they should be allowed to remain at home in the evening for a reasonable time after each trip while still another portion would prefer to go out on a trip immediately, thus making each month as possible such month, by continuous labor.

EAGER TO HEAR  
PADEREWSKI PLAY

Portland music lovers will be given their treat of the season next Monday evening, February 24, when the world famous pianist Paderewski will be heard in a grand concert recital. When it is considered that the great Pole is to give only 75 concerts in about 60 cities and that his tour will extend over the length and breadth of the land and well into Canada, it will be appreciated what rivalry there has been to secure him. Mr. Ellis reports that it would have been easier to book him for 200 concerts than for 75.

EXTENSION GRANTED  
ON BRUNER'S ROAD

(Washington Bureau of The Journal).  
Washington, Feb. 22.—The senate today passed a bill providing the Alaska-Pacific and Terminal railway an extension of time to 1909 on building. This is the road of Dr. M. W. Bruner, known well in Portland.

AN END TO SEWING MACHINE  
DRUDGERY

THE Electric Sewing Machine Motor for which every woman who has worn herself out running a sewing machine has waited for years. Second only in importance to the invention of the sewing machine itself.

You can sew all day without fatigue if you let the Electric Motor run your sewing machine. The motor is small, neat, clean, gives no trouble, is perfectly safe. Is easily attached to any make of family sewing machine. A slight pressure of the foot on the treadle regulates speed.

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One report says two men were putting a charge of dynamite into a hole bored for that purpose, and three fellow workers were standing near by when the charge exploded. Pieces of their bodies were hurled 50 feet. The victims were Austrians.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful It Is In Preserving Health and Beauty.

Cost Nothing To Try.  
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Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it, the better it is. It is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions or other odorous foods. It cleanses and purifies the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disintegrates the mucus that threatens from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest quality of Willow charcoal and other harmless dyes, in tablet form or rather in the form of large pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

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THE VALUE OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE  
Personal knowledge is the winning factor in the culminating contests of this competitive age and when of ample character it places its fortunate possessor in the front ranks of The Well Informed of the World.  
A vast fund of personal knowledge is really essential to the achievement of the highest excellence in any field of human effort.  
A Knowledge of Forms, Knowledge of Functions and Knowledge of Products are all of the utmost value and in questions of life and health when a true and wholesome remedy is desired it should be remembered that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., is an ethical product which has met with the approval of the most eminent physicians and gives universal satisfaction, because it is a remedy of Known Quality, Known Excellence and Known Component Parts and has won the valuable patronage of millions of the Well Informed of the world, who know of their own personal knowledge and from actual use that it is the first and best of family laxatives, for which no extravagant or unreasonable claims are made.  
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The Y. M. C. A. is making arrangements to accommodate a big crowd of the east sideers tonight in the big "gym" when the East Side Athletic club will fulfill an engagement to play the Y. M. C. A. second string at the great indoor game. As the east side men are confident that their opponents are "taking on more than they can chew," while the association boys, like Ernie Rabbit, "lay low and say nuffin," the game ought to be productive of excitement. Play will be called promptly at 8:00 p. m. Immediately following the decision the Tacoma Y. M. C. A. will endeavor

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