

ST. JOHNS READY TO PAVE STREETS

Work Will Start on Main Thoroughfare; Not Single One Improved Now.

St. Johns will soon have the first paved street in its history. The proposed paving will be on Jersey street, the main thoroughfare of the city, and will extend a distance of nine blocks. It has been announced the work will commence within three weeks.

According to the plans, the street work in the town will not stop with the hard surfacing of Jersey street. St. Johns is in the midst of an era of prosperity, and by paving the streets and making numerous other improvements, it is planned to make the peninsula city one of the most attractive residence spots in the state. The portion of Jersey street to be paved is between Richmond and Fessenden streets, a distance of nine blocks. The obstacle in the way at present is the objection of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company to the sewer going across their property.

Sewer Settlement.
The street cannot be paved until the sewer question is settled, but it is thought this will be done within two or three weeks. The sewer is to be laid from Richmond street to Maple street, a distance of 27 blocks, and two blocks of the Weyerhaeuser property will be crossed.

Work is to be commenced immediately on the grading of Fessenden street from the river to Hill's cut, around the curve along the street car line, a distance of 34 blocks. The street will be laid with macadam surface, 18 feet wide, and lined with curbs and sidewalks, and next spring probably will be paved.

Ready transfers and building in St. Johns are active. Among the important structures which will be started immediately are brick buildings for Sherman & Stein and C. C. Woodhouse. On Portland boulevard the Catholics are erecting \$14,000 worth of school buildings. The new \$40,000 high school building will be finished by the time of the opening of the regular school term in September.

With the completion of the new school building St. Johns will have four schools to house her 1400 pupils besides the Catholic school.

Fine residences are being constructed for A. C. Gesler, J. S. McKinney and others. The new residences will be modern structures.

The construction of the frame for the fire bell has been given up because a wooden affair of this kind could not be erected under the city ordinances. No other arrangements have been made for the construction of a roost for the bell.

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

Mrs. J. W. Stone, Gary, Ind.—Just on a visit, which I am enjoying every moment. We have seen Council Crest, your city park, and all the hills surrounding the city. My, but this is a beautiful city. Why, I lived in San Francisco, Detroit and Chicago, but all of them put together can't compare with Portland for natural beauty. That's what I like about this place.

B. C. Dennis, Sacramento, Cal.—Crops in the Sacramento valley never looked better than this season and everything points to one of the most successful years in the history of northern California. The mines, too, are showing up some valuable ores and the heat is not so fierce as it might be, and altogether it is about time to rejoice.

COURT ORDERS SOLD RAFT OF PILES

An order for the sale of 700 piles, which are in several rafts scattered along the Willamette river from Linton to Oregon City, was given by Judge Morrow in the circuit court yesterday. The piling belongs to M. D. Hume, who operates several lumber camps. He has been sued by E. A. Barrick on labor liens amounting to about \$300. The falling of the river leaves the piles on dry land, where they may be lost unless gathered up and sold.

FRISCHKORN SAYS HE WOULD BAR TIPS

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CITY AUDITOR WANTS TO SEE ROAD'S CASH

City Auditor Barbur was right, according to City Attorney Grant, in refusing to agree to a simple transfer of deeds with the Northern Pacific Terminal company over the exchange of the lots at Third and Gilliam streets. The lot sold by the city to the company was purchased to secure sufficient ground for the west approach to the new steel bridge. The one purchased by the city from the company is adjoining, and is supposed to be for a fire station. The price for each lot is the same.

It was through clever work on the part of the terminal company and Attorney Cyrus A. Dolph, representing the company, that the deal was put through the council. Everything went all right until Attorney Dolph carried off the deed of the lot sold the city to the city hall, and asked Auditor Barbur to accept it, and to turn over the deed to the other lot.

In giving his reasons, Auditor Barbur said the ordinance under which the deal was made specified that one lot should be sold and the other purchased for the amount received for the first lot. He insisted that his books should show the actual transfer of cash, deed and abstract. City Attorney Grant was asked for an opinion, and has told him that the terminal company must submit an abstract with the deed, so title to the lot can be investigated.

The auditor is ready to turn over the deed, abstract and warrant for \$12,105 to the company for the lot purchased, when the terminal company submits the deed, abstract and \$12,105, the price of the lot for the bridge approach.

THREE PARK POLICEMEN ASK FOR INCREASED PAY

The park policemen want their salary increased. They advance three reasons for an increase in a petition filed yesterday with the city council. Their first reason is that the work is becoming very arduous as the warm weather advances. They claim they have to creep under bushes, walk in dark places, be everywhere and see everything. This program of the day extends over about 15 hours.

Their second reason for more money is that the increase in the cost of living has necessitated heavier expenses in their homes. The third reason is that the park policemen are just as good as city policemen, who receive \$100 a month, and do not do as much work as the park police, say the latter.

"We have to buy our own uniform, like the city police, and are on duty more

hours than they are," reads the communication. "We have to work every day and on holidays, too." These policemen are in the city parks and now receive \$75 a month. They ask for \$100. The men signing the communication are R. W. Gibbs, C. E. Smith and C. T. Kelly.

ORGANIZE LEAGUE TO DEAL IN AUTO SUPPLIES

The Automobile Owners' Purchasing League has been incorporated by James T. Weart, A. S. Kedzie and W. H. Sel-

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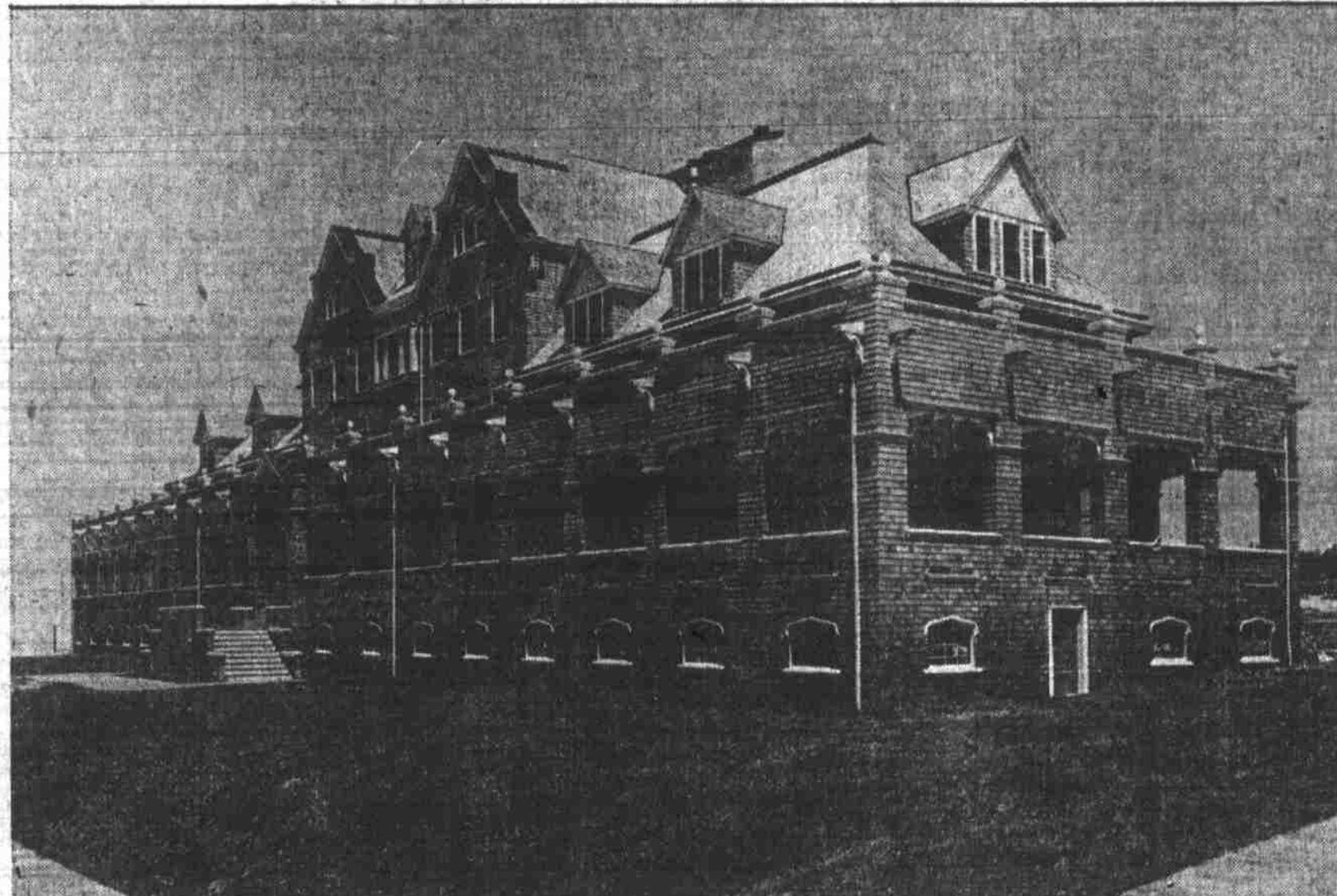
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