ST. JOHNS NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

Society Takes Interest in Marriage, While Business Men Discuss Improvements.

Some efforts toward reconciliation have been made in the suit instituted by Miss Margaret Van de Bogart against the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. Miss Bogart, who will be defended by Captain Snow of St. Johns, is instituting a suit of damage for $5000 against the company for injury sustained in falling into a hole which was dug for the purpose of erecting a special telephone pole on election night.

Little has been done toward the Jersey street improvement, now that the contractors have been granted an extension on the completion of their contract. There is no doubt that the street contractors will not receive the generous treatment that they now obtain from the city fathers of St. Johns, after annexation has taken place.

Kind to Contractors.

When a contractor has any difficulty in obtaining material in Portland he applies to the council of St. Johns and gets an extension of time to his contract. In fact, the city fathers even go farther and sometimes grant him more additional time than the request contained in his letter of demand. In Portland, contractors are fined for each day on which they exceed the time limit of their contract, and the fact that the city council in St. Johns is so willing to grant extensions of time to the several contractors is no doubt a largely contributing cause to the fact that the streets remain in the condition that they are now in, so long after the contracts have been let to the contractors.

It is intended to hold the fifth annual Rose Festival on June 5, 1911. It is planned that next year's festival will be the most splendid in the history of the city. Many new features are being considered, and there is no doubt that next year's show will surpass anything of the kind which has heretofore been held in the city.

A marriage that excited a good deal of interest in St. Johns took place at the Evangelical parsonage last Saturday evening, when Miss Lottie Vassar of University Park was united in marriage to S. N. Curry, Rev. C. P. Gates officiating. They intend to make their home at St. Johns, and will no doubt be greeted by a large crowd of well wishers on the return from their honeymoon.

Proposals for bids are being issued by the city council for the improvement of Fessenden street, along the westerly line of Edison street to the southeasterly limits of the city of St. Johns. The contract calls for cross walks and box gutters only, and the plans and specifications for the same are on view with Mr. Essen, the city engineer, from whom printed blanks on which proposals may be made can be obtained.

Heavy Rains in Josephine

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Grants Pass, Or., Nov. 29.—The rain storm which began last Saturday night stopped last night. It was one of the heaviest known here in many years. Rogue river has gone down 6 feet since yesterday, as the weather is balmy and is clearing today.

THE "BLACKSTONE" PORTLAND'S ELEGANT NEW HOTEL

This splendid edifice is located at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Stark streets, within 250 feet of Washington. There are 90 elegantly furnished rooms, equipped in the most modern manner; steam heat, with hot and cold running water, gas and electricity, telephones, best Axminster and Wilton carpets, waxed oak furniture of most modern designs. Rooms are single or en suite and are well lighted, not a dark room in the house. Elegant tiled lobby, baths and lavatories, electric elevator and other modern equipments. This new and elegant otel was furnished throughout by the well known furniture house of I. Gevurtz & Sons, of First and Yamhill streets. This firm seem to have a virtual monopoly of the hotel and apartment house furnishing business, their signs being in conspicuous evidence upon many of the city's largest and newest structures.