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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### Various Topics of Local and General Interest Briefly and Tersely Commented Upon

#### Numerous Matters Which Are Before the Public for General Discussion

It seems somewhat remarkable, yet in light of all the facts it is not so wonderful either, that every easterner is so favorably impressed with St. Johns and the peninsula district when they have once been here, and looked around. It is remarkable because of the fact that people generally, when visiting a new place, look sharp for the darker or less inviting features of the community. While there may be a great deal of merit, yet the inclination is to give their first attention to the imperfections and drawbacks. But, aside from the lack of street improvements very little adverse criticism is to be heard. Instead, all of the visitors who come here have nothing but words of praise and satisfaction. They see at once the wide range of possibilities to the homeseeker and investor. Not only the industrial features impress them, but the scenic beauty and grandeur of the surroundings awaken their desire to share the benefits bestowed so prodigiously by nature. This is, indeed, a happy condition and knowing this, knowing that our resources and natural beauty so favorably impress the stranger, the greater efforts should we as a united community endeavor to strengthen the good opinions formed, and extend to the stranger within our gates that generous welcome and hospitality which would go far toward helping make our city known far and wide for its good qualities.

Have you ever stopped to reflect, friends, how much good could be accomplished for this community if we would all harmoniously and united as one man, work to a common end, i. e., build up the substantial and material interests of this district? If you have never given this matter serious thought, lay aside your real or imaginary animosities, bickerings and contentions for awhile and think it over. Be honest and fair with yourself. Prove to yourself that for a few moments, at least, you can discuss in your own mind the probable results of harmony, unity and the cultivation of a spirit of magnanimity and good will. Of course, men will differ on many questions, but 'tis best they should. But to build up the city, induce new homeseekers, investors and desirable people to come amongst us and become part of us, there should be no turbulent or dissenting elements which would put even a barrier such as a straw in the way. You are a resident, a home-owner, and everything, even small it may be that goes to make a better community, benefits you and your family. There is little enough of sunshine in our lives at best, and let us make the most of it by doing something to improve our environments. If ever there was a time when we should cultivate a spirit of conciliation, that time is the present, if we would realize our ideal. Let us all pull together in harmony and 1905 will close with an era of prosperity such as has never before been experienced in the Northwest.

The Portland Journal, always on the alert to seek out and correct public abuses, has struck a popular chord in its crusade against a species of the street-car "hog" which crowds the platform of cars, making it next to impossible for a lady to crowd through in her endeavor to get aboard. All of us have seen this abuse in its most aggravated form. Many is the time when the seats inside are nearly vacant, a crowd of men may be seen crowding and literally jamming the platform, puffing away at the deadly cigarette, a nauseating pipe or a cheap cigar. Now, haven't you? It is a bad thing, and the street car company, if unable to cope with this nuisance, should invoke the aid of our lawmakers. The Journal is no "quitter," and we hope that its fight, in behalf of the comfort of the traveling public will culminate in the abolishing of this most pernicious habit of making the street car platform as uninviting as the bar in a North-end saloon.

Portland is certainly trying to put on her best bib and tucker so as to make a respectable showing during the fair, from a moral standpoint. The police are now after, or are said to be, the female barkeepers, better known as "box rustlers," women who frequent saloons, lying in wait for the unwary

to sell them drinks. Some of the councilmen are trying to have about twenty of the North-end dives closed, and a worse lot of "dives" and hellholes never existed in any civilized community than a lot of these "North-end" caverns. All decent people in Portland and the suburban towns hope the councilmen heading this move may be successful, and rid the city of these dirty blotches. But this reform will most probably share the fate of the "box" ordinance. They afford too much "graft" for Portland's "finest," and, perforce, are a necessity.

A great deal of solicitude is, apparently, given to the park question by those who have opposed the purchase of land for such purposes. "Notes and Comments" believes the nervousness of some of our citizens on this question is an absolute waste of energy. All kinds of statements, "hot air" assertions, have been and are still being made about the park. Some of these statements are so wild and at variance with the facts, so absurd, so ridiculous, that really one is led to doubt just what manner of men are they who utter them. The Review is informed on authority beyond question, that no park will be bought now, this year, or in any other year, until the city is in financial condition to do so without embarrassment. In this connection, we may also state that it is the intention to secure only such plat of ground as is necessary for city and fire hall. No more than that is contemplated. The finances of the city, it has developed, is such that it cannot buy a park, even if the council wanted to do so. The out-cry and talk of such a dire calamity as purchasing a park is unnecessary. The people don't want it, and what is more, they will not allow it. Before bonds could be issued for park purposes the question would have to be submitted to the people, anyway. If they vote no, nobody could buy a park. If the same amount of talk was directed in a channel for the upbuilding of St. Johns industries and its commercial relations, it might do some good, and certainly contribute to the peace of mind of those who indulge it.

How would you like to be the czar and have an occasional charge of grape shot fired at you, or a dynamite bomb thrown at you? Royalty, the envy of the masses, does not always tread a path strewn with roses, at least not a path of safety.

Albany, Ore., has a commercial club, one of the most active bodies in the state, and through it this beautiful city on the Upper Willamette is receiving attention from all parts of the country. The club is composed of business men and the wide-awake citizens of the town, who are working together in absolute harmony and are giving a practical illustration of what unity of action will do. True, Albany has its quota of kickers and knockers, but the really live people are going right along "attending to their knitting," and the city is making rapid progress, getting internal improvements, new enterprises and rapidly increasing in population, notwithstanding the obstructionists, whose influence is rapidly disappearing as progress forges ahead.

Salem, so long regarded as a dead one, is also taking on renewed energy and vigor, largely due to the progressive spirit which permeates a large commercial club composed of its wide-awake citizens. The capital city is no longer in a Rip Van Winkle state, but is moving forward with a stride worthy of emulation by all of its sister cities. Harmony is the main-spring, and Salem is demonstrating it to be so.

The Commercial Association of St. Johns has taken steps to become allied with the Oregon State Development League, an organization which is accomplishing a great and important work for the state and our local association will receive a great deal of benefit from such connection, and through the state league St. Johns will get advertising not available through other channels.

The committee appointed by the Commercial Association at its last meeting, to take up the matter of advertising St. Johns this summer is taking hold of the matter with an enthusiasm that bodes good results. Whatever course may be decided on, let it be pushed with vigor. This feature of the association's work is deserving of the hearty support and co-operation of every citizen of St. Johns, even to the modest cottage owner. Great results are within our reach if the

resources and advantages of this city are properly placed before the thousands of eastern people who will visit the fair. Other cities throughout the state are already consummating arrangements to take advantage of this splendid opportunity to advertise their districts and it is to be hoped that St. Johns will not take a back seat in this respect.

Some medical authority is credited with saying that "thousands of people think themselves to death" but we are not informed of the number of people who literally "talk" themselves to death. If the aforesaid "medical authority" could stand around some street corners that we know of he might form some estimate of how many people are in danger of "talking themselves to death," without doing any "thinking."

In the last issue of The Review we published a communication from our old friend George A. Dyson, of Eugene, Oregon, on the alley question. It was very appropriate, and illustrates their benefit in other towns. Alleys are necessary to the proper improvement of residence property, to say nothing of their convenience. It will cost but little now to open up these popular thoroughfares in every block in the city. They would enhance the value of property and be a much appreciated heritage to leave to future generations.

In a few months will commence the influx of visitors from distant points, and St. Johns, if the matter is properly pushed, will get a large share of these visitors. In view of this fact, we urge property owners to commence to clean up their premises and put them in shape so that instead of presenting a careless aspect they will be attractive and pleasing to the eye of the visitor. Naturally there is no more beautiful spot on the coast than St. Johns, but with unkempt yards and lawns much of the natural beauty is decidedly negated. The Ladies' Civic Improvement League made commendable progress in this direction last year, and there is no reason why they should not re-suscitate the movement this season. Commence now and devise plans for a regular spring campaign against unsightly lawns and home surroundings, so that when the fair visitor comes to St. Johns he will be struck by the neat appearance of things. It will go a long way toward helping the city forward and upward.

### TEN YEARS FROM NOW.

The Peninsula Will Be Built Up All Along the Car Line.

"Ten years from now," said a man, as the car whizzed along the line below University Park, "ten years from now if the present building rate keeps up, there won't be much vacant land anywhere on the St. Johns car line. For ten years there has been but little building until the past year; but now houses and stores are going up everywhere. Ten times as many buildings would make it like a street all along the line. But then I figure that building will increase each year, so that at the end of ten years there will be more than twenty times as many houses built which would pretty near fill up the vacant lots."

"Did you ever figure out the possibilities of the population on the Peninsula ten years hence?"

"No; such figures would merely be guesswork, because we cannot estimate the ratio of increase. But I think that it will reach over 20,000 by that time. St. Johns will be a city of at least 10,000 inhabitants, and the other 10,000 will be scattered along the line between St. Johns and Piedmont. Many persons think that St. Johns will grow faster than that, and will have a population of 10,000 in five years' time. But then, of course, it's all speculation. These figures may not be realized, and then again they may be exceeded beyond the wildest dreams of real estate boomers. However, we are expanding wonderfully, and when such expansion begins, who can judge of its extent?"

"St. Johns," shouted the conductor, "the manufacturing center of the Pacific Northwest." "Everybody booms St. Johns," said the man, laughing as he stepped off the car. "The street car men, the business men, the working men, the newspaper men and even the real estate men. And we are going to be a big town too. Just watch St. Johns grow!"

Congregational services will be held at Bickner's hall next Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Sunday school at 2:30.

## ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

### The People Turn Out En Masse to Celebrate the Adoption of The New City Charter

#### And Welcome the Delegates Who Discharged their Duty Faithfully at Salem.

Last Friday evening was the occasion of general rejoicing throughout the city when it was announced in The Review that the charter had passed both branches of the legislature, had received the sanction of the governor and had become the organic law, the constitution of the City of St. Johns. Not only those who labored both in and out of season to bring about this most desirable result, but even many of those who, from their own willful neglect and carelessness had not familiarized themselves with its provisions, and through misrepresentation and garbled reports concerning it had been misled into believing that it contained something vicious or undesirable, even many of this class joined in congratulations and rejoicing.

Delegates L. B. Chipman and T. J. Monahan, the men who spent nearly a week at the state capital, sacrificing their own personal interests, following up and pushing the law through to its final passage and signing by the governor, were announced to reach St. Johns at 8:30 p. m. Appreciating the excellent work down by these gentlemen, a special car was chartered, the band secured, and about one hundred citizens, representing every walk in life, went to Piedmont Junction to greet them, and show their appreciation of the services in behalf of the whole city. It was an enthusiastic welcome, spontaneous and earnest. The delegates were literally lifted up and carried aboard the special car, which was packed and jammed, and brought to St. Johns, where a large crowd had assembled about a huge bonfire on the plateau near the postoffice. A. S. Douglass, president of the Commercial Association, made a brief address of welcome, followed by Pascal Hill and J. Henry Smith. These gentlemen paid deserved compliments to the returning delegates and assured them, if further assurance was needed, that the progressive elements of St. Johns appreciated the importance of their mission and a duty well and faithfully performed. In response Messrs. Chipman and Monahan thanked their fellow-citizens for their enthusiastic welcome, and gave a brief outline of their work at Salem. The mayor joined the enthusiastic assemblage and in a few well-timed remarks, extended his congratulations, both to the delegates and the city. Several other citizens were called upon and made remarks appropriate to the occasion.

The demonstration was entirely impromptu, and gotten up at short notice, and while the crowd was large, several hundred turning out, it would have been much larger had more time been given.

The occasion was enlivened by the excellent M. W. A. band, which volunteered its services, and the young men of this organization may count on hearty support in their efforts to build up a strong organization.

The bonfire arrangements were in the hands of A. F. Hanke, and this gentleman deserves much praise for the excellent success of his part of the program.

At a late hour the enthusiastic crowd dispersed, happy in the thought that something tangible had been accomplished toward building up the proud, progressive and future great industrial center of the Northwest.

### SERVICES APPRECIATED.

The delegates, Messrs. Chipman and Monahan, desire to acknowledge special favors shown by Hon. W. H. Killingsworth, member of the lower house, and to Hon. C. W. Hodgson, state senator, both of whom were uniting in their efforts to push the charter through their respective bodies, and their excellent services will not soon be forgotten by their St. Johns constituents. Also house members J. G. Graham, of Clackamas, chairman of the enrolling and engraving committee; J. M. Branch, chairman of committee on cities and towns, rendered all possible aid in putting the measure through without delay. W. M. Gatens, the accommodating and popular private secretary to the governor, displayed a deep interest and rendered valuable service to the delegates. E. R. Mummy, chief clerk of enrolling committee; Henry Pape, assistant chief clerk, and Stenographers Misses Clara Laster, Elizabeth L. Kelton, Florence Colbrook, Ethel Canfield, Olive Cor-

nell, and Messrs. C. H. Quimby, R. V. Williams and Scott Morris, all of whom contributed their aid in expediting the matter, the delegates and people are under obligations. Miss B. B. McCarthy, a former resident of University Park, who occupies the position of superintendent of stenographers, endeared herself to our citizens for the deep interest she manifested in pushing the charter through her department, where, because of the volume of work, many bills are often delayed. To all of these persons mentioned much credit is due, and without their assistance much delay would have ensued. The delegates also inform us that all members and officers of both houses were most courteous and obliging.

There was not one syllable of objection raised at any point, but instead many words of praise were spoken because of the excellent and unbiased provisions of the charter. Even Governor Chamberlain, who scrutinized the document closely, found nothing but words of commendation.

### NEW FLOURING MILLS OPEN.

#### The Jobs Milling Company's Ambition is to Make a "Little Better Flour."

The Jobs Milling Company of St. Johns began the operation of their plant this week and are now putting upon the market the first of their product. Two grades of flour will be made, a high grade known as the "Vim" brand, and a second, or family patent to be known as the "Magic."

The mill is a four-story building, 50 x 90 feet, standing on concrete piers, and has a capacity of 300 barrels a day. The machinery is operated by a 100 horsepower induction motor of the Westinghouse pattern. This motor stands on the first floor and is connected by a 14-inch double belt, with two line shafts in the basement. One of these operates the finishing rolls and the other the grinding and cleaning machinery. All of the pulleys are of iron; and the updrive and the main horizontal transmission is made by 1½ inch rope; and the other connections by belts. In the basement wheat is received from cars and immediately elevated to the cleaning machinery and storage bins. There are three of these bins running from the basement to the roof, with a capacity of 16,000 bushels. Nineteen flour and feed elevators also run from basement to roof.

On the grinding floor are installed six Nordyke & Marmon grinders, two separators and two screeners, and also two flour and one bran packer of the Howe pattern.

On the second floor are five flour and feed bins connected with hoppers, and with the packers located on the first floor. There are also three wheat tempering bins, one set of differential rolls or bolting machines, one bran duster and one shorts duster, besides three purifiers, which are also bolting machines.

On the third floor there is one set of differential rolls, one rolling screen, three cyclones, or dust cleaners, and a "special mill" separator. There are also two square sifters, which are of the latest pattern and are denominated by the millers as "great machines." Here too are two Wilson tubular dust collectors, which somewhat resemble pipe organs in appearance.

These mills promise to do great things. Comparisons have been made with all the leading patent processes, and wet-test samples show the output to be whiter and superior to other Pacific Coast brands. C. A. Schultz, the head miller, formerly occupied a similar position with the Portland Flouring Mills, and has the reputation of being one of the most skillful in the business. The aim of the Jobs Milling Company will be to produce a flour that is just a little better than any other.

The mills as they now stand represent an outlay of about \$30,000. W. V. Jobs is president and general manager of the company and A. R. Jones superintendent of the mills.

The "box social" given under the auspices of Cedar camp of Royal Neighbors, at Bickner hall last night, was an unqualified success in all particulars. The attendance was large, and the numbers on the literary program particularly good. The auction sale of the "boxes," which contained lunch for two and a card bearing the name of the lady with whom the purchaser had to divide, brought out some spirited bidding, realizing a snug sum for the camp. Two handsome cakes were awarded to the most popular lady and gentleman which, after a lively contest, the audience decided upon Miss Lara Pemington and Merrill Hanke, both deserving selections. The M. W. A. band was present and helped culiven the occasion.

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