

# LOCAL ITEMS AND CITY NEWS

Gleaned From Various Sources and Condensed.

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

In order to insure a change of advertisement the copy for such change should reach this office not later than Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Please remember this and save the printer lots of overtime work.

P. W. Hinman is putting in a septic tank at the rear of his new building.

St. Valentine's day will soon be here. Prepare yourself for a nice little valentine.

The big dredge Columbia is still lying in the waterway at the drydock, awaiting preparations to enter.

A. C. Southmayd has opened a cigar, confectionery and grocery store on the corner of Burlington and Crawford streets.

Employees of the Portland Ship Building Company are busily at work placing the heavy machinery, of which the plant is made up, in position.

The severe wind storm of Tuesday night caused slight damage to the pump house at the woolen mills, and broke a window or two in one of the buildings.

A furniture manufacturing establishment is about to locate here. They have two sites in view, near the river, one of which they will accept in a few days.

Another star has been discovered by Prof. Livermore, "lately of St. Johns." The star can be seen over Windle's Meat Market. It shines brightest during the day.

James Gray has his foundry building partly enclosed, and is unloading several car-loads of moulds and other material brought from his old plant in Portland.

The subject at the Evangelical Church next Sunday morning is "Charity." Evening, "The Social Life." The young are especially invited to the evening service.

A petition is being circulated and numerous signed, asking the street railway company to run through cars to Portland. The seed sown by The Review is bearing fruit.

One of the new business firms has provided itself with a new push cart for delivering goods. The clerk can be seen exercising himself quite frequently with it. Does it mean the extermination of the ass or the horse?

The matter of wharf facilities is receiving a great deal of attention, and the necessity of this important feature to our public utilities is becoming more apparent every day. Here is work for the commercial association.

The St. Johns Lumber Co. has just purchased a Hoyt new series fast feed flooring and finishing machine. This is the most modern and heaviest machine of its class in Portland or vicinity for flooring and fine finishing work.

Anderson & Allen tried the Vim brand of flour now being turned out by the Jones Milling Co., with most satisfactory results. Mr. Allen, who is one of the best bakers that ever mixed dough, pronounces the flour first-class, and he knows what he is talking about.

Lyman Tondell has been arrested on complaint of F. C. Knapp, manager of the Peninsula Lumber Co. The young man is said to be \$300 short in his accounts at the mill office. He was afterwards released on his own recognizance, and it is probable that the affair will be settled outside of the courts.

The volunteer fire department are arranging for an entertainment to be given on Monday evening, the 12th of February. The character of the program is not definitely decided, but will be interesting. Tickets will be on sale in a few days, and the public should show their appreciation by giving the fire lads a rousing patronage.

Already the school children and other young folks are beginning to make their annual purchases of valentines. The girl unerringly selects some pretty flowered design, while the boy seldom varies from the penny comic, unless he happens to have a touch of love fever, and then a cupid and a love sonnet just about fill his heart's desire.

The Cedar Dramatic Club, an organization embracing some of the best histrionic local talent, has been started with the view of giving a series of dramatic performances during the winter season. The first performance will be given in about thirty days, when the beautiful farce-comedy, "Me and Otis," will be rendered. Rehearsals are being held, and the first performance promises to be a success.

The wind storm of Tuesday night, while it caused but slight damage in town, was the cause, during its brief duration, of considerable consternation. This was especially the case with recent comers from Eastern prairie states who have contracted the cyclone habit of running to a dugout whenever a storm brews. At one home the occupants fled to the basement, in lieu of a dugout, and remained there by a comfortable fire until the storm abated.

The M. W. A. band is improving rapidly, the boys attending practice every Monday night with commendable regularity.

The Odd Fellows are arranging to institute a lodge in this city within the next few weeks. There are about thirty members of this excellent order residents here.

Ernest Elliott, our enterprising druggist, has enlarged his store by taking out partitions, which adds much to the appearance and gives more shelf space, which he stood sadly in need of.

A warm contest is being waged among the street car men, inaugurated by the Portland Telegram, subscribers to the paper having the privilege of voting for the most popular street car employe. Cash prizes are offered, \$50 to the one receiving the most votes, \$25 to the second highest, \$25 to the third, and so on. The friends of J. R. Rand, the popular and good natured motorman on the St. Johns line, have entered him in the lists, and Wednesday he led the list. Mr. Rand's friends should rally to his support, and all who take the Telegram should give him their votes.

The Central hotel is gaining in popularity and patronage every day. Mme. hostess, Mrs. Tyner, is conducting a first-class hotel, which is a credit to St. Johns or any other city of its size. The table is supplied with the best the market affords and the cooking is simply par excellence. The rooms are large and well furnished, no better in Portland, and all the comforts of home are provided. A large reception room is open to guests, and stationery and other writing materials are supplied. The Central deserves the patronage it is receiving. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, the latter served in the evening, are all good meals, and the price is only 25 cents.

J. Henry Smith has one of the most comfortable homes in this city. It is thoroughly modern and has all the conveniences for comfort. He has just added a gas plant, a most compact and useful addition it is, too. It is of the Home Gas Co. pattern. It has a capacity of twenty lights, and the light thrown out from the Lindley burners is fully equal to coal gas, it being brilliant, yet soft and mellow. Another feature in this elegant home is a heating stove using sawdust for fuel. The heat thrown out from this economical fuel is simply a surprise to those who have seen it. It possesses not only the virtue of economy but is cleanly and easily attended to. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have reason to be proud of their elegant home.

## PURELY PERSONAL.

F. S. Lindley has sold his home at Point View.

Charley Marsh, of Skamokawa, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. O. E. Learned.

Mrs. Ada Pennington, who has been quite ill for a couple of weeks is up and around again.

R. P. Douglass has a broad smile on his face this week. It's a girl and weighs seven pounds.

R. B. Smith, of the firm of Smith & Donnelly, of the St. Johns Market, is down with the grip.

Maud, the 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. L. E. York, in the Miner addition, has the whooping cough.

John A. Draheim and W. E. Mueller, both of Reedsville, Wis., were St. Johns callers Thursday.

Carl Nelson, brother of Ed S. Stockton, has arrived from Greeley, Col., and will make his home in St. Johns.

Miss Lillian Peterson has accepted a position in a hospital at Coos Bay, and will leave Saturday evening to take up her work.

J. Gerstle, of the Gerstle Extract Company, was calling on our merchants Thursday. Mr. Gerstle thinks the growth of St. Johns something wonderful.

M. S. Curtis, of Portland, and recently from Wisconsin, was a St. Johns visitor Tuesday. Mr. Curtis is proprietor of the Oshkosh House in Portland.

Joe Gould, an employe of G. W. Cone's sawmills, while "chain slinging" Tuesday was struck in the face by a chain and suffered the loss of two teeth.

Mr. Frank Davis, manager of the St. Johns Grocery, is going to resign his present position this week. He is to accept a more lucrative position from Page & Son, Portland.

Mrs. Luddington, of Salem, visited with her sister, Mrs. C. J. Simmons, Sunday, and left the same evening for Starbuck, Wash., where her husband is employed as car inspector.

Carr Bros., the well-known painters, have just returned from a five weeks' absence at Dallas, Or., where they were engaged in painting the passenger equipment of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad.

Mrs. Joe L. Wheeler, who has been in the hospital in Portland for some weeks, has so far recovered as to be able to return home. Mr. Wheeler has left for Montana, where he has a contract for erecting buildings at a mine.

Rev. J. W. Stockton, of Oakland, Or., has purchased two lots in King's subdivision and has contracted with Suiter & Davis for an

\$800 cottage to be built on one of them for his sister, Miss Nannie Stockton. If Mr. Stockton concludes to locate in St. Johns he will build a house for himself on the other lot.

R. P. Shepard, accompanied by his daughter, Lou, and his sons, Oscar and Clarence, arrived last Friday from Glenwood, Ia. R. Shepard, of Shepard & Tufts, a son, is entertaining the visitors. They expect to remain and become permanent residents of St. Johns.

William Raymond, of the Meadows, Washington county, Idaho, is in St. Johns visiting some old friends. Mr. Raymond was one of the proprietors of the old stove factory down on the river way back in the '70s. He went down to see the old place but found it was all gone. He was surprised to see so much town and could scarcely find any old landmarks. He thinks we are bound to have a big town here and that very soon.

C. J. Muck, of Lake Nebagamon, Wis., has arrived in the city, and will assume control of the Muck hardware store. Mr. Muck is a thorough business man, and will be welcomed to the community.

## Postoffice Removal.

Carpenters have finished putting in the fixtures at the new postoffice quarters in the Cochran building, Saturday evening and Sunday Postmistress Clark will move in, and Monday morning will be ready for business at the new stand. The location is in the front part of the room occupied by Shepard & Tufts, real estate dealers.

## Public Installation.

St. Johns Camp, No. 73, Woodmen of the World, held a public installation Wednesday evening. W. Reich, consul commander of Portland Union degree camp, officiated, assisted by 20 uniformed members of the degree camp. The following officers were installed:

Consul commander, R. C. Clark; adviser, W. Penny; banker, H. B. Bickner; clerk, W. E. Coon; escort, R. D. Southwell; watchman, J. M. Moore; sentry, R. P. Rea; manager, E. J. Turner; physician, Dr. E. W. Rossiter.

The attendance was large and a most pleasant evening spent. This organization is growing in membership and strength.

## Master Builders' Association.

A meeting of the contractors and builders was held Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a master builders' association. A. L. Hanke was selected as president and Fred J. Koerner secretary. George W. Cone and Richard Currier were appointed a committee to solicit lumber dealers to join the association. An estimating committee, consisting of L. J. Koerner, G. E. Taylor and D. S. Walton was appointed. The committee on By-laws, Orin Maltby, B. Severson and A. F. Hanke. The following contractors participated: A. F. Hanke, D. S. Walton, G. E. Taylor, R. Currier, B. Severson, Orin Maltby, F. J. Koerner; lumber dealers, George W. Cone, A. I. Douglass.

The meeting adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening, when by-laws, rules and regulations will be adopted.

## THE HARD-TIMES SOCIAL.

A Most Successful Affair Largely Attended.—Good Program.

The ladies of the Evangelical Church Aid Society have reason to feel proud of the success of the hard times social given in Bickner's hall Monday evening. The large hall was crowded with a merry and happy throng who not only enjoyed a splendid feast of baked beans, pumpkin pie and all the accompaniments, but a feast of entertainment, all of which was most creditable. An amusing feature was the firing system. For wearing a white collar, having shoes shined or any jewelry on or about your person, if discovered, cost from "won sent to ten cents," and the matronly lady who acted as judge was inexorable and you had to shell out if you were guilty and no excuses went. The literary program was excellent. The singing was good and the "spoke pieces," many of them, were of high merit. Miss Della Bradley, of Arbor Lodge, was especially good and displayed talent as an elocutionist of more than ordinary merit. Miss Josephine Brach, of Arbor Lodge, was also most entertaining, as well as Miss Shepard, of this city. Mrs. G. M. Hall made a decided hit and created much amusement in her character sketches, which were excellent. In fact the entire program was well rendered and all who participated acquitted themselves most satisfactorily. The M. W. A. band, dressed in haymaker costumes, was present and enlivened the event with some of their choicest selections. The committee in charge of the social were as follows:

Refreshments—Mrs. Renshaw, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Monahan, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Stockton.

Entertainment—Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Thayer, Mrs. Ogden, Miss Douglass, Mrs. Hanna.

## Attempted Burglary.

Tuesday night some person of burglarious disposition made two attempts to ransack the office of the W. H. King Land Company. The front door is secured by a double lock. Mr. King, in closing for the

day is positive he shot both bolts. On returning to the office in the evening the door was unlocked. Mr. King thought this was rather strange, but attributed it to the carelessness of some other member or employe of the firm, who might have been there after he had left. After remaining awhile in the office he left for the night, again making sure that the door was double-locked.

When Ed S. Stockton, of the firm opened up the next morning he found the key bolt shot back, but the spring lock was secure. It was evident that the burglar, having gained access to the office, was ready to begin operations on the safe when Mr. King's approach frightened him away. In the second attempt he was seemingly scared off before getting the door open.

Nothing in the place was disturbed and there were no indications of any attempt to crack the safe. The marauder was evidently provided with skeleton keys, and other visits of a similar character may be expected by our business men, as there is no night watchman to afford protection from such assaults.

## Getting Ready for Business.

Now that the new charter is in effect, the men who believe in doing things have already got up a petition to improve Jersey street. It is proposed to macadamize that portion of the street from Baltimore to Richmond street, and gravel the remainder from Baltimore to Washington street. Side walks are asked for the entire length of the improvement. Steps are being taken now in order to have all the preliminary work done by the time spring opens and operations can commence. Every property owner along the street signed the petition.

## A Brand New Addition to St. Johns.

The 60 acres known as the Braze Tract is being surveyed and will be platted into lots 50x100, and placed in the market within a very few days.

This property is peculiarly well located being bounded on one side for 1500 feet by the Electric carline and on the opposite side next to the river by the 100 foot Willamette Boulevard for a distance of about 1600 feet.

The tract will be thoroughly cleared of stumps and brush, the streets will be graded and there will be a building restriction. This is considered one of the finest additions to St. Johns, and the property would have been platted and on the market long ago but for the fact of the large amount of money required to handle it and that all cash.

The Guarantee Title and Trust Company are the owners and we understand that Rogers and Van Houten are to be the St. Johns selling agents.

## The Artisan Open Meeting.

Willumbia Assembly, No. 300, United Artisans, held an open session in Bickner's hall last Friday evening. The following program was carried out: Piano duet, Misses Rowland and Rich; select reading, Mrs. J. M. Hall; piano solo, Miss Rowland; vocal solo, Miss White; piano solo, Miss Rich; comical song, D. E. Staples, of Portland; duet, Misses Rich and White. The numbers were all well executed. The comical songs of Mr. Staples were the hit of the evening, and he was recalled several times. At the close of the program, D. E. Staples, past Supreme Master Artisan, gave an interesting talk on the objects, aims and advantages of the order, which were listened to with marked attention. His remarks were not only interesting but instructive. Willumbia Assembly will hold an open session once each month to which the public is invited.

## AT THE EMPIRE THEATER NEXT WEEK.

The Noble Stock Company, a high class organization of players, will present for the first part of the week, starting Sunday matinee, January 29, and for the first time in Portland, the "Moonshiners," a story of the Tennessee mountains, brimful of heart interest and romance. For the remainder of the week, beginning Thursday night, an elaborate production of "Carmen," a play that will live forever and is familiar to all classes of theatergoers, as it is one of the masterpieces of literature and the drama. There will be a popular price matinee Saturday.

## Honest Government League.

This organization met at city hall Tuesday evening. The report of the committee on charter was made by Mr. Organ, who stated that the charter had not only been "railroaded" through here at home, but this style of locomotion had also been practiced at Salem, and that the charter had passed before the committee had an opportunity to act.

The chairman, Judge Green, declared his position in connection with the organization. He believed the present city council was scrupulously honest, but criticised the freedom with which franchises were granted to corporations without the city getting any direct benefits. He also criticised the failure to secure proper docking facilities,

street vacations, etc., but emphasized the fact that he was in favor of any and all things which tended to help St. Johns. He claimed the Honest Government League was not a political organization.

Mr. Organ criticised the same things, and added that the street car freight line was exceeding its authority by unloading freight on the street, and wanted docking facilities.

Mr. Organ, in reply to Mr. Hill, said that the reason he did not act to suppress nuisances and do other things which he, as marshal, is supposed to do, was because the city had cut off his salary since last November, and that he didn't propose to take the chances of lawsuits, etc., unless backed by the city council.

Mr. Organ said that another and larger hall was desirable. Chairman Green again assented that the organization was for the purpose of furthering the interests of St. Johns, and when the time came to select city officers, the league would select the best men and support them.

Mr. Shields moved that the name be changed from "Citizens Honest Government League" to "Citizens Good Government League." Carried.

C. E. Royer, W. R. Pittigrew, A. H. Blackburn, M. I. Crook, Martin Nelson and C. R. Organ were added to the executive committee making that body consist of eleven members.

A committee was appointed to secure a hall.

Adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening, at the city hall.

## Brick Yard.

Still they come, and St. Johns will soon manufacture everything required to supply the wants of our people. The latest proposed addition to our industries is a brickyard. Some of our most enterprising citizens have interested themselves in the matter, and propose to equip a yard with modern, up-to-date machinery, and furnish brick here at home at a price very much lower than they now cost. An excellent article of clay can be procured in unlimited quantity in the northern part of the city. The work of making brick will commence as soon as the season will permit.

## Bookkeeping

Learn bookkeeping home evenings by the tablet method. Complete course \$7, intermediate, \$4.50; elementary \$3.25, including all books and papers required, \$5, \$4, and \$3, respectively, additional for instruction, checking and correcting of work. For full information write or see N. O. Lawson, St. Johns.

## Ready For Business

A. Irvine, the pioneer shoemaker announces that he has recovered and is able to be at his shop again, prepared to do all kinds of work, and asks his old patrons to come see him.

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## WORK FOR THE GRAND JURY

Since Jan. 1st 500 persons have positively been held up with in a block of the Court House, and not one was robbed because they were forewarned by Wanda, Portland's most popular Palmist and mind reader. She gives names, dates and facts, holds the key to Solomon's Wisdom and Spirit Phenomena of the Bible. She is located at 4th and Salmon Sts. on the ground floor.

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