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PLUM SECURED

So Proclaims the Portland Board of Trade

ACROSS FROM ST. JOHNS

Will be the Location, Says Cleneth Goodrich, the Architect

Plans for the erection of an immense grain ware house and elevator on the waterfront have matured, and Fred Muller, secretary of the board of trade, yesterday announced that the building would be complete by next July, or in time to house the incoming crop. Mr. Muller represents in Portland the eastern capitalists who will put up the funds for the building of the new elevator.

The location of the new warehouse has not yet been definitely decided on, but an option has been secured on a good piece of property. The site will not be made public for some time.

More than \$100,000 has already been secured from eastern capitalists and the remaining \$150,000 necessary will be made up within a short time. It is expected, Minneapolis, Chicago, Kansas City and New Orleans capital will be invested. Local people may be asked to take blocks of the stock, but such action is improbable.

For four months Mr. Muller has been quietly working in the hope that such an elevator and warehouse could be erected in Portland, and the smaller shipments of both bulk and sacked grain housed cheaply.

Once the scheme was well under way he had no trouble securing assurances that there would be plenty of money forthcoming.

The new elevator will have a capacity of 600,000 bushels of wheat, and will have the advantage over many other local warehouses in that it will be fully equipped with all the modern devices for handling and sorting grain. Bulk wheat can be handled as easily and as economically as the sacked stock, a condition which Mr. Muller believes will be the means of bringing about the shipping of more wheat in bulk to California and nearby points, thus saving the growers much extra expense and trouble.

With the construction here of the new warehouse Mr. Muller is certain that far more of the 20,000,000 bushels of wheat grown yearly in the inland empire will be shipped through Portland.—Sunday's Journal.

The firm of Goodrich & Goodrich were the architects chosen to prepare plans for the building, a description of which follows:

The elevator as at present designed is to be constructed of reinforced concrete, absolutely fire-proof, and is to be built to conform with the latest improved method used and practiced today. It has been the aim in designing this elevator, to utilize all space possible, and economize to the fullest extent the labor necessary for handling and storing grain in quantities such as this elevator is capable of handling. It is designed for handling three or more kinds of grain and storing same, with the intention of delivering from elevator to boat or back to cars.

The elevator will have an approximate capacity of 600,000 bushels of grain, part of this storing capacity being intended for sacked grain and part for bulk grain.

It will be so arranged that six cars can be unloaded at one time, of different grain, and these can be properly handled, cleaned and stored without one grain interfering with the other. It is intended to use the most improved method of unloading cars, using two power grain scoops in each car, when loaded in bulk, which reduces the unloading to the lowest possible cost, at the same time being very rapid and efficient.

The interior of the elevator in regard to bins is to be arranged so that the grain may be delivered to any bin in the elevator by a wheel, operated by one man, placed on the first floor. To this wheel there will be an indicator attached, the indicator showing the exact bin in which the grain is being delivered, which the grain is being effected from the top of the elevator and discharging through grain spouts to the cleaning machines or direct to the storage bins.

For spotting cars at the wheat bins, there will be used a car puller

GOOD HEADWAY

United Railways Pushing Work on West Side

ON TO HOLBROOK SOON

Trolley Line Important Factor in Connection with Free Ferry

Whether or not the United Railways will operate passenger trains between Portland and Holbrook early next month, as planned, depends upon the Portland council. According to its franchise, the United is not privileged to run passenger trains on any portion of the city system until it has completed its interurban line to Hillsboro. This action was taken to make certain of the trolley company's good faith in carrying out its projects. Representatives of the company will, undoubtedly, appear before the city officials of that city during the next two weeks and seek to have the bars let down so passenger trains may be operated to Holbrook, the line to that point from Portland being almost completed.

Early in March the company will be ready to operate trains from the Chamber of Commerce building, Third and Stark streets, to Holbrook, a distance of 16 miles. Trolley wires are now being strung on Stark street and cars to equip the new line are on their way here from the East. They will arrive in that city within the next few days. The Holbrook line runs through Linnton and along the St. Helens road.

An hourly service is planned on the new line. Steel is being laid on the road beyond Linnton and ballast-crews are keeping well up to the rail-laying gangs. Included in the equipment now on the way to Portland is a heavy electric locomotive for freight traffic on the road, but this service will not be inaugurated until after the passenger schedule has been put in effect and the service is in good shape.

Can the United Railways' officials be induced to extend their road down the Columbia river as far as St. Helens, is a question being anxiously asked by the residents of the lower river towns. In the belief that it can be done, provided the right of way is donated, interested persons are circulating petitions among the property holders from Portland to St. Helens asking that the right of way be given to the company, and it is said that their efforts are meeting with practically no opposition from the property owners.

operated by an electric motor which will handle three or four cars at one time, and requiring very little labor to handle same.

The grain elevators, there being one for each wheat pit, or six in all, will each be controlled by an electric motor placed at the top of the elevator. These motors will each be controlled by an auto starter placed on the first floor of the building.

The cleaning machines will be operated by electric motors; these cleaning machines being placed on the third floor of the building, and this motor started, stopped and controlled by an auto starter, located on the first floor of the building.

For unloading sacked grain from cars there will be used a sack elevator which will deliver the sacks from the second floor in the center of the building. For delivering the sacks from the second floor to boats or to the cars there will be another elevator which will convey same out of the building. These elevators will be operated by electric motors independent of the other machinery, with auto starter located on the first floor of the building.

There will be dust collectors for collecting dust, chaff, etc., from the cleaning machines, delivered to a dust bin on the first floor provided for that purpose.

All of the bins are so arranged that they will entirely empty themselves without any labor and any bin in the elevator can be used for any grain, and can be interchanged at will to suit the conditions.

The number of cleaning machines will have to be determined from the amount of grain that necessarily must be cleaned. If it is the intention of cleaning all of the bulk grain, there will necessarily have to be five cleaning machines, or approx-

ST. JOHNS MECCA FOR GAS MEN

Two Companies Knocking at the City Gates for Permission to Lay Their Mains Through the Highways and Byways of This Prosperous Community

NEITHER PROPOSITION YET ACCEPTABLE

The gas question occupied a large portion of the time at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening. A representative of the Portland Gas company was present and presented a proposed franchise for adoption by council. He gave quite a lecture on gas, told of the different varieties of gas, what fuel made the best product, what effect the heat units and candle power produced with different varieties of the odoriferous substance, and that if council granted their franchise as requested the company would begin supplying the people of St. Johns with gas in from four to eight months. He claimed that the necessary material for piping the gas from their supply station on the East side was already on hand, and it was only a question of how long it would take the workmen to lay the necessary mains. He made a pleasing talk, and those present had a better conception of what constituted good gas when he had concluded.

An amended franchise from the St. Johns Gas Light and Heat company also received first reading, but it did not seem to meet the approval of the dads in its present form. It was almost 1 o'clock A. M. when adjournment took place.

After the meeting was called to order by Mayor Blyce, roll call showed all present with the exception of Councilman Hunter. Minutes of the previous regular and adjourned meetings were then read and approved.

M. L. Holbrook was present in the interest of the extension of Richmond street through the Caples tract to Fessenden street. He urged that action be taken at once to push this matter through, that is was a very important thoroughfare in the city, and that it would be of benefit to all if the street was opened up, that the property owners from Jersey street to the river were going to a great deal of expense in laying a fine cement sidewalk and it was only in justice to them that the street should be extended. As far as he was concerned he would prefer to see the street extended in a straight line as possible, but if council decided a curve was advisable it would be much better than no street at all. He cited Williams avenue at Cherry street as an instance of where a sharp curve was highly detrimental to a city, and believed the council should endeavor to avoid making sharp curves in St. Johns if at all possible, and he said that no matter which way this street was improved it would likely be a matter for the courts to decide upon in the way of adjustment. Mr. Holbrook's talk was well received, and on motion of Alderman Doble, sec-

onded by Mr. Windle, the proposition of proposed extension of Richmond street, from Jersey to Fessenden, as per plat furnished by the city engineer, was unanimously adopted, and the city attorney instructed to draw up the necessary resolution authorizing this street to be improved.

H. M. Pabst, representing the Portland Gas company, being present, he was called upon to state his proposition, and this gentleman with the strangely familiar name gave a dissertation upon the different qualities of gas, told what his company was willing to do, and stated that the price they proposed to charge the people of St. Johns for this much needed utility would be \$1.25 per thousand feet, this being the same price charged the inhabitants of Portland two years ago, and was 20 cents per thousand less than stated in the St. Johns Gas Light and Heat company's franchise. He said this was as low as any company could furnish good gas for in St. Johns owing to the scattered residences that would require a great deal of piping before any money could be realized. The ordinance presented by him was then read, but it seemed a rather one-sided document. It gives the gas company the right to lay their mains, etc., in the streets of St. Johns, but does not provide for any given time in which the work shall be completed, does not provide for any bond to be put up for the faithful fulfillment of the provisions of the franchise, nor does it provide for any compensation to the city for the use of the streets. While these salient provisions may have been inadvertently or innocently omitted, council has discovered that there are a few gas men without guile, and no chances will be taken. However, the ordinance was ordered placed on file, and no action will be taken until a more definite instrument has been drawn up. Mr. Pabst stated upon inquiry of Councilman Davis, that his company had no objection to council granting a franchise to another company if so desired, as in that case it would only be a survival of the fittest.

A petition for the installation of an arc light on the corner of Baldwin and Jersey streets was accepted and ordered placed on file.

A petition for the opening up and improvement of Buchanan street from St. Johns Heights addition to Fessenden street, with five foot cement sidewalk and crushed rock for the surface of the street was accepted and a resolution ordered directing the engineer to prepare necessary plans for the improvement of said thoroughfare.

A petition to improve Hartman street, Willis boulevard to Oswego street, with cement sidewalks was also accepted and the engineer instructed to prepare profile and plans for improvement of same.

Petition to improve Charleston street, Hudson to Fessenden, was accepted and engineer instructed to do the necessary preliminary work in connection therewith.

Bills including electricity for the month of January, janitor service and street work, amounting in all to \$220.67, was ordered paid.

A communication from Chief of Police Black was then taken up in which he asked that council prepare an ordinance or devise some other means compelling pool room proprietors to maintain good order in their places of business. One case in particular is in a fair way to have its license revoked if better decorum is not maintained in the future. The attorney was instructed to investigate what bearing any ordinance now in force had upon cases of this nature.

The matter of the improvement of Philadelphia street was discussed. Engineer Andrew stated that it would require an immense amount of filling to properly grade this wide thoroughfare, and he desired to know where this could be secured before he would be able to make a safe estimate of the probable cost of this improvement. Charles Anderson was present and he stated that he would take it upon himself to secure this earth without cost to the city, as he had several promises of sufficient dirt for the purpose, but as council desired that signed papers to this effect would be more to the purpose, he agreed to secure them at once. A resolution was ordered drawn covering this improvement, and the same will be presented to council at next meeting. Mr. Andrew stated that a little over nine per cent grade could be obtained on this street.

An ordinance authorizing the sale of improvement bonds was read by the recorder and was duly passed by council.

An ordinance amending the present franchise held by the St. Johns Gas Light and Heat Co. was then taken up and passed first reading. There were several points contained therein that was not agreeable, and it was decided that no action be taken until these are remedied. No representative of the company being present, the matter was laid on the table for the present.

Petition for an arc light at the corner of John and Edison streets, was favorably considered. This is a point where an arc light is a necessity, and will likely be installed.

PLEASANT TIME

Enjoyed at Home of N. J. Bailey Friday Evening

A FAITHFUL MEMBER

Honored by Brothers and Sisters of the Laurelwood Lodge

One of the social features of the past week was a very pleasant surprise party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Bailey at their new home on South Hayes street last Friday evening.

The party was attended by the Sisters and Brothers of Laurelwood Lodge, No. 160, of which Mrs. Bailey is a faithful and enthusiastic member.

The evening was spent playing progressive whist and ghost until a late hour, after which a dainty lunch was served by the ladies, being thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. Hendricks was assigned the pleasant duty of presenting to Mrs. Bailey a beautiful gold bracelet to show the lodges' appreciation of her efforts as captain of their degree team during the past year. Although the weather was very disagreeable, the party was largely attended, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Akins and Master Robert, Mrs. E. Day, Mrs. H. Remington, A. Scales, Mrs. M. Black, Mrs. M. Elliot, Mrs. J. S. Downey, Miss Doyle, Mrs. H. McKinney, Miss L. Crab, Mrs. E. L. Cox, Mrs. M. W. Gattson, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bailey and daughter Helen.

New Society Organized

Following an able address given by Mrs. C. L. Weaver, of Portland, at the Methodist church, Sunday morning February fourteenth, a Women's Home Missionary Society was organized by the ladies of St. Johns. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sarah Kemp; Vice Pres., Mrs. A. V. Learned; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. V. Hart; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. E. F. Day; Mite Box Sec., Mrs. Hope Learned; Literature Sec., Mrs. W. E. Pope; Treasurer, Mrs. Leedom; Queen Esther Supt., Miss Lena Long.

The first regular meeting of the society will be held at the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon, March second. All ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

Much interest was manifested, and as this is a worthy cause, we trust it will meet with your attention and co-operation. Signed—Mrs. H. V. Hart, Sec.

The Village Knocker

(With apologies to Longfellow)
Under a spreading chestnut tree
The village knocker stands,
A low-brow'd, worthless cuss is he,
Foul mouth and feeble hands,
And the muscles of his wagging tongue
Proclaim the liar's brands.

Week in, week out, from morn to night
You hear his driv'el flow,
Each forward step he strives to blight
With ghastly tale of woe,
The world moves on, but he stands still,
Until he sinks below.

Thanks, thanks to thee, inchoate ass!
This lesson we may learn,
To let each blithering idiot pass,
Thy frothy fables spurn,
Till Satan pays thy just reward
And cooks thee to a turn.—Ex.

Will Increase Population

R. L. Roberts and family of Guide Rock, Nebraska, expects to arrive in St. Johns the first of the month, where they intend making their future home. Another family will accompany them here, making a total of sixteen persons to be added to this city's rapidly increasing population.

BUSY BOOSTING

School Children are Doing Their Full Share

OREGON ADVERTISED

In Such a Thorough Manner That Good Results Will Surely Follow

The business men, ministers, school children and citizens of Oregon generally are busily engaged this week sending in personal letters to their friends a leaflet, which in addition to more effectively advertising the fact that "Oregon is the place for you" and giving the low colonial rates to this state, contains the following condensed facts on Oregon:

Oregon has one-sixth the standing timber of the United States, or more than any other state. Government estimate, three hundred billion feet.

A vast undeveloped area now available to the homemaker and investor will go on the market in 1909. This will be the most luscious melon cut in Uncle Sam's domain during the present year.

Has arable land enough for twenty million people. Present population 700,000.

Does more than any other state to advance irrigation, being the largest contributor to the United States Reclamation Fund.

Is natural dairying state. Annual product \$17,000,000, an increase from \$5,000,000 five years ago. Western portion has pasture every month in the year. Ranks second in wool clip among the states.

Oregon apples, pears and cherries find their way to the tables of sovereigns and multi-millionaires of every civilized land—they are the best. Returns of from \$300 to \$1,000 per acre on fruit lands are not exceptional.

Poultry products \$5,000,000 annually. Local market demands three times that amount at highest prices.

Has water powers (being rapidly developed) sufficient to run all the machinery in the United States.

Livestock in state estimated at \$75,000,000—packing plants now building insure a trebled market.

Has two prosperous mining sections, located in the eastern and southern portions of the state—gold, silver, iron, copper and oil among the products.

Has diversity of climates and soils suited to every product of the temperate zone not dependent upon hot nights.

Enjoyable Occasion

Lincoln's birthday was the occasion of a very pleasant time at Homes Lodge, No. 101, K. of P., last Friday evening. An open meeting was held and an interesting program rendered. Pleading speeches were made by Rev. G. W. Nelson, J. H. Black, Dr. A. W. Vincent, Rev. C. P. Gates and A. M. Enson; piano and vocal solos by Miss Eulodia Greene; selection by the Knights of Pythias Quartet, composed of Messrs. Black, Horsman, Storr and Clark; hone solo by Edward Gaaban; flag drill by ten little daughters of Knights, and a rouser solo by Miss Jennie Greene. E. F. Horsman, L. P. Clark and W. A. Storr composed the committee of arrangements. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

Released from Quarantine

E. B. Holcomb and two boys were released from quarantine this week, and the little month old baby is the only one who is now afflicted with that dread disease, smallpox. This is the last case of smallpox on record in this city. The several cases have all been of a mild nature and have been under perfect control by the board of health. Each member of Mr. Holcomb's family, twelve in number, contracted the disease, and while it was a great affliction to this family, the fact that no deaths occurred is something to be very grateful for.

Archie Maher, who has been in Tillamook for the past several weeks, has returned to St. Johns.

Not Much to It

Learning that their youngest child, which weighs two pounds, is probably the smallest baby in the world, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lady of Paducah, Kentucky, have decided to name the mite after the president-elect.

At birth "Bill Taft Lady" was 12 inches long and weighed 20 ounces, but was perfectly formed. The face could be covered with a watch crystal. The hands were an inch long and the feet an inch and a half. Its first dress was supplied from the wardrobe of the doll of a little girl neighbor.

The child has been thriving and has grown over an inch and now weighs two pounds. His face has grown to the dimensions of an average biscuit.

The mother and father are medium sized people and they have two other children, 10 and 3 years old, who are large for their ages.

Imately one for each elevator. Should only a part of the bulk grain be cleaned, the cleaning machines can be eliminated to three.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

Give a Surprise Shower

On February 11th, in honor of the adoption of Miss Bessie Irene Cole into the family of Elder C. J. Cole and wife of 624 North Fillmore street, St. Johns, eighteen ladies gave a much appreciated surprise shower on the head of the four year old. The new papa and mama were apparently as much taken by surprise as the little tot.

The busy cares of life were forgotten for a couple of hours, and all played the role of youthful mirth. The ladies made a fine finish of it by serving refreshments that only the skilled cooks dare imitate. The following ladies participated: Mrs. J. C. Scott, Miss Eliza Cole, Mrs. Joe Fletcher, Mrs. D. J. Bellard, Mrs. S. Saterlee, Mrs. Mary Saylor, Mrs. B. E. Belleu, Mrs. Perry Belleu, Mrs. J. B. Goffer, Mrs. K. C. Couch, Mrs. Frank Baldwin, Mrs. John Thornton, Miss Lucretia Cummings, Mrs. Eugene O'Hara, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mrs. Otto D. Thell, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. N. C. Johnston.

Frank Clark has moved his family from Lentz to this place, which looks very good to him.

Finds Nothing Better

M. S. Cobb, who recently announced a closing out sale of his dry goods store on the corner of Jersey and Philadelphia streets, has decided to continue in business at the same location. He says that he has visited many locations in various sections of the Northwest in the hope of finding a better location for his business, but nowhere did he find a place with brighter prospects than St. Johns, and not being able to better himself he will again cast his anchor in this city. He has ordered a large line of new goods, and is getting in shape to serve the people in a better manner than ever before. In order to fully realize what a fine city St. Johns is it is necessary to visit other sections, and it does not take one long to decide that St. Johns cannot be excelled.

According to the weather man we are about four inches shy of our regular donation of rain for this time of the year. If this be true let us have the balance at once, for we hate to be behind in these little matters.