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Has seven churches. Has a most promising future. Distinctively a manufacturing city. Adjoins the city of Portland. Has nearly 6,000 population. Has a public library. Taxable property, \$4,500,000. Has large dry docks, saw mills. Woolen mills, iron works. Stove works, asbestos factory. Ship building plant. Veneer and excelsior plant. Flour mill, planing mill. Box factory, and others. More industries coming. St. Johns is the place for YOU.

COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Bredeson presiding.

Several remonstrances were received against the assessment of cost of the improvement of Fessenden street between Central avenue and Oswego street, claiming the assessments to be in excess of one-half of the valuation of the property. Referred to the city attorney.

A petition was received for the improvement of Willamette boulevard between Burlington street and St. Johns avenue by concrete pavement, cement sidewalks with 18 foot curbing, and a resolution was ordered drawn directing the engineer to prepare the necessary data for such improvement.

Several citizens complained of defective sidewalks on North Jersey street between Fessenden and Catlin streets, and asked that council start proceedings for new cement walks. The complainants stated that the walks were now in a dangerous condition. Referred to the engineer and street committee.

The O. W. R. and N. Co. declined to plank the railroad tracks between the rails on Bradford street, as requested by the city council. It was decided that the recorder then request the company to place cinders between the rails, as it was inconvenient and somewhat dangerous for loading and unloading freight in its present condition.

A communication from the W. C. T. U. ladies asked that council pass a resolution prohibiting the wearing of X-ray gowns in the city, and surprised the dads by declaring that several had already made their appearance upon the local streets. The matter was referred to the chief of police, who blushing accepted the responsibility of an investigation.

A slight change was asked for in the proposed franchise for a sidetrack on the O. W. R. and N. Co. on Bradford street between Philadelphia and Alta streets, which was referred to the city attorney.

The health and police committee reported adversely on the proposed extension and expansion of the police alarm system, deeming same unnecessary at this time. Report sustained by council.

Upon suggestion of the mayor, it was decided to solicit sites for park purposes. Any one having land suitable for park purposes is directed to state bona fide price and give description of the property and forward same to Mayor Bredeson in a sealed envelope not later than September 15th.

It was decided that the St. Johns Water Co. be notified to place larger water mains on Crawford street before hard surfacing of the street is started.

Owing to a depleting treasury, it was decided to discontinue the cutting of weeds in the city and proceed to collect for the work done.

An ordinance regulating and suppressing the use of liquor in cigar stores, pool rooms and other places of amusement was passed.

An ordinance providing for insuring members of the fire department received first reading and was held over for further consideration.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: P. D. Cunningham and Co., fac simile stamp, \$1.50; F. A. Rice, postage stamps, \$1.70; C. J. Stitt, hauling rock, \$1.20; St. Johns Lumber Co., lumber for street repair, \$104.83; do, wood and blocks, \$8; J. E. Kilkenny, city dock work, \$13.95; J. Hahn, cross walks and gutters, \$70; E. D. McCartney, hauling rock, \$27.60; Bert Olin, work on street, \$15; John Kline, do, \$12.50; E. C. Robinson, ditto, \$15; Geo. Skarr, do, \$15; J. Klum, work with team, \$5; Peninsula Sand and Gravel Co., cement, \$2.57; Frank Lewis, engineer on road roller, \$10.10; Miller Hardware Co., hose nozzle and oil, 75c; W. A. Flynn, cutting weeds, \$15; B. Wanless, do, \$15; H. H. Ransier, burning weeds, \$13.75; N. Shumaker, do, \$15; C. Secret, do, \$13.75; C. F. Brooks, do, \$15; Paul Nelson, cutting weeds, \$15;

The Park Question

Editor Review: The question of parks is again being agitated in our city. I want to change the name and call them children's play grounds, hoping the change in name will, perhaps, change the idea of what we really want. The old idea of a park is a grand scenic plot of ground, with a grand stand for the brass band, encircled by a broad driveway for the carriages and prancing steeds, and a sign, "keep off the grass." The modern idea is a play ground with trees and grass and ball grounds and swings and chutes and slides and trapeze of various kinds that delight the heart of the child, with a swimming pond, or at least, a wading pond. These grounds need not be large—two or three acres is large enough, if there are enough of them. I wish there was a law compelling every person plating a city or an addition to dedicate at least 10 per cent for play grounds.

It is not necessary to enumerate to the intelligent people of St. Johns the benefits a child receives from fresh air and exercise. It is enough to say that a child is just as much entitled to a proper play ground as he is to proper food or clothing or schools, and that parents are under the same obligations to their children to furnish one as the other, to the extent of their ability.

The modern people of St. Johns want numerous small tracts of land scattered all over town within easy reach of the children, and with proper equipment, where the children can go any day, and all day if they like, and play to their hearts' content.

Forget the word parks and think PLAY GROUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN, and you will get the idea right. Forget grand show places and drives, and think of a number of play grounds, even though small, with proper equipment for the EVERY DAY use of the children.

Large parks, 100 acres or more, with hill and valley, cataracts and flowing fountains, wide boulevards and beautiful lawns, and signs "keep off the grass," are very fine and appropriate for large cities as show places to visit Sunday afternoons. But St. Johns has no chance to get such a place, even if we wanted it, and I would not favor a single large park, anyway. But we can get and ought to get several small tracts located to the best advantage in different parts of the city, and equip them properly, for the every day use of the people, especially the children, this year. Land will never be cheaper in St. Johns, and the beautiful groves of native woods are being cut down rapidly, and there is no reason apparent why the city could not have several well equipped play grounds ready to turn over to the children by the time school closes next summer.

Every father and mother—they are all equal voters now if of age—repeat this sentence three times a day for a month: "I want a well equipped play ground for my children"—and the thing will be done. S. C. COOK.

Building Permits

No. 38—To Star Sand Co. to erect dock and barn on Willamette river at foot of Richmond street; cost \$15,000.

No. 39—To J. R. Selberg to repair McDonald block on Jersey street between Chicago and East Burlington for Hobkirk Land Co.; cost \$200.

H. Williams, do, \$15; Fay Robinson, do, \$15; Fred Ziegler, do, \$15; J. Mariett, do, \$12.50; E. Ransier, do, \$2.50; L. VanDuzen, do, \$15; E. Jones, do, \$9.65; Mrs. L. Rose, three meal tickets, \$12.75; S. M. Buckles, hauling rock, \$10.80; S. M. Buckles, hauling dirt, \$25.

There will be a union meeting of the different Young People's Societies of the city at the Evangelical church next Sunday evening, August 24. Both services of the evening will be devoted to the young people. Special preparations have been made and Mr. Sprague, president of the Third District of the Christian Endeavor Union of Portland, will be one of the different speakers of the evening. Every one is invited to attend. The meeting is open at 6:45 p. m.

WHAT IS NEW

In the World of Fashionable Dress

Distinctively Russian are the new frocks, with their side closing blouses like 7813. They are smart and becoming, and offer a chance to use a combination of colors of fabrics, as a skirt of white ratine, and blouse of pink or blue linen or ratine. Another pretty combination is the blouse of flowered crepe or voile, with skirt of plain white voile. Then for afternoon wear the blouse may be of some pretty brocade, with skirt of charmeuse matching the figure in the brocade. It is a good way to use up remnants that can be picked up toward the end of the season very reasonably. Introduce some note



of contrast in the collar and girde, and fasten with buttons covered with self fabric. Have you noted the new silhouette that is creeping into the present fashion? It is just the shape of the peg tops little boys play with, and this has given it the name of the peg top outline. The skirt illustrated, 7814, shows this new note in a very simple form. There are two sections, seamed at the side, and toward the foot the fullness is held in by a small plait, not stitched, but kept in position by buttons. At the back is the fashionable half belt, that gives such an effective finish. Patterns for this blouse are obtainable in six sizes, 32 to 42, and for the 36 inch size 3 yards 36 inch material will be required. The skirt is cut in sizes for misses 16, 17 and the 18 year size, which is quite large enough; for small and medium size women calls for 2 1/2 yards 36 inch material. Each pattern is fifteen cents.

Concrete Houses

The project of building houses in a day or two by pouring concrete into forms so set up as to make a mold for the entire building is now being realized both in this country and in Europe. Several groups of these buildings are shown in illustrations in the September Popular Mechanics Magazine. An article states:

"These poured concrete houses can be built quickly, the average time for the construction of each dwelling in one group of 40 having been five days. In any locality where the materials for concrete are readily available, they cost less than houses built by any other substantial method of construction. They are fire-proof, have no cracks or crevices to harbor germs, are easily cleaned by removing the furniture and washing down with a hose, and, therefore, more sanitary than buildings constructed with plaster walls and wooden floors and trim."

It will be unlawful in Oregon to employ a girl under 18 years of age for more than eight hours and 20 minutes a day, or 50 hours a week, after October 4, 1913. It will also be unlawful to keep a girl under 18 employed after 8 p. m. or to pay a girl from 16 to 18 less than \$1 a day, except in the cases of apprentices and learners.—Ex.

Parcel Post All Right

Evidently under the inspiration of the express companies the public was educated to believe that a parcel post spelled bankruptcy to the country merchant. The trade papers preached it for years; to the country dealer it was a constant nightmare, and even people who favored the idea did so with some pangs of sympathy for the poor dealer who was to be put out of business by the big mail order houses in the large cities. The parcel post has been in operation some eight months, and can you name one solitary country dealer who has failed in business during that time that can honestly say the parcel post did it?

We read of cooked meats and cakes that mother actually made going by post to her boy in the city; of asparagus and crisp radishes from friend to friend; of human ashes and all sorts of curious and unusual things finding their destination through the medium of parcel post, but how many articles which the country merchant has in stock on his shelves are ordered from the city to come back by parcel post?

As a matter of fact, one of the largest mail order houses in the world makes practically no effort to advertise its goods in towns which have a really untodate department store, and ships the great bulk of its sales by freight as when there was no parcel post. The new service was needed, and is proving of great service to the people; but for the most part the business it does is really created business, including articles which are now sent because the rate permits it, and which were seldom shipped under express rates. It did not occur to people to pay 25 or 35 cents express on articles which the recipient could buy in his own town for 5 or 10 cents; but when the 10 cent article can be mailed for half its cost, the thing becomes practicable. But as for putting the country dealer out of business, that was simply the dream of the express companies.

—H. H. Windsor in the September Popular Mechanics Magazine.

The Rabbit Pest

The state authorities have recently launched a movement designed to assist in the extermination of jack rabbits which have been on the increase in Central and Eastern Oregon for years past. So serious has the rabbit pest become that Governor West some time ago appointed a committee to take charge of the matter and if possible devise means for the relief of farmers in the afflicted counties. The meeting was attended by State Game Warden Finley, State Veterinarian W. H. Lytle, L. A. Lewis and Prof. H. W. Henshaw of Washington, D. C., chief of the biological survey of the department of agriculture. Mr. Henshaw has made a life study of animals and has given particular attention to the rabbit pest in Australia. He gave it as his opinion that the theory of inoculation has little, if any, practical value. Game Warden Finley stated that the value of the rabbit drive had been demonstrated in Eastern Oregon, between 16,000 and 18,000 having been killed in three drives. It is said that the great increase in the number of rabbits is due to the killing off of the coyotes. As the coyote force diminishes that of the rabbit increases and at the present time they are causing immense damage to crops and gardens.

In a Perilous Position

With his leg caught in the tide gates that protect the meadows at New Haven, Conn., from overflow, a 16 year old boy faced death for four hours while strenuous efforts were being made to effect his release. The fire and police departments were called out, and a rubber tube was inserted in the boy's mouth. Through this he managed to breathe for hours after the incoming tide had covered his head. A trolley wrecker finally succeeded in smashing one of the tide gates, allowing the tide to flow over the meadows and lowering the surface of the water so that the boy's head was again out of water, after which it was possible to force the gate enough to release his leg.

A Fatal Accident

Chester Gould, the eight year old son of Orland Gould, residing at 1008 E. Polk street, was run over by one of the Peninsula Sand and Gravel Co.'s loaded wagons at the Macrum street gravel dock on Columbia Slough at about 11 o'clock Monday morning, resulting in a broken thigh and internal injuries. The lad lingered along until about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, when death relieved him from all suffering. The driver of the wagon was a son of L. D. Jackson of the Peninsula Sand and Gravel Co., and he states that he noticed the little fellow hanging around the wagon and admonished him to keep away, but when his attention was diverted toward getting his horses under way, the lad must have attempted to get in the wagon and slipped and fell under one of the wheels. The accident was a most distressing one. The lad was said to have been a bright little boy, and his sudden and tragic death is a great blow to the family.

Chester Leroy Gould was born in Eureka, Cal., and had lived with his parents in St. Johns for the past three years. He is survived by his parents and two brothers and three sisters. Interment took place in the Rose City cemetery, the funeral being conducted by Undertaker Blackburn.

Long Distance Shipment

An experiment in the long distance shipment of perishable fruit is about to be tried within a few days. An entire car load of peaches is to be dispatched to Europe from the Yakima country, and in this shipment only the finest selected Elbertas will be used. While the regulation boxes will be used, the layers of fruit will be separated by a cushion of wood fiber as a protection against rough handling and possible damage. If this trial shipment proves a success, it is probable that an extensive business in peaches will be developed by Pacific Northwest fruit exchanges. It is likely that the opening of the Panama Canal will result in increased movement of the softer varieties of fruit, as they can then be shipped direct with a consequent saving in time.

Buyers' Week

For Buyers' Week, promoted by the Portland Commercial club and the Chamber of Commerce, an organization has been perfected among Portland manufacturers and jobbers for the purpose of making things enjoyable for the visitors during the week of September 1-6. More than 100 firms are included in the membership, and within a few days 25,000 invitations will be sent out to prospective buyers in this state, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Northern California. President Nathan Strauss of the Association states there will be no lack of entertainment during the week.

Notice of Final Account

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah county. In the matter of the estate of Thomas Foster Barton, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the above entitled estate have filed their final account herein, and that the Honorable T. J. Cleeton, Judge of the above named Court, has designated Wednesday, the 27th day of August, 1913, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon in the Court room of the Circuit Court, Department No. 6, at the court house in the city of Portland as a time and place for hearing objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Nancy C. Barton, Executrix. Eily N. Roe, Executrix. Perry C. Stroud, Attorney. Dated at Portland, Oregon, July 23, 1913. Date of first publication July 25, 1913; date of last publication August 22, 1913.

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RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the city of St. Johns: That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Central avenue from the westerly line of Buchanan street to the easterly line of John street in the J. C. Scott Addition in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit: By grading said portion of street to grade or subgrade to be established, and by laying a six foot sidewalk and fifteen foot curb on both sides of said street with necessary cement crossing walks and iron gutters, according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder relative thereto, which said plans and specifications and estimates are satisfactory and are hereby approved. Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and under the supervision and direction of the city engineer.

That the cost of said improvement to be assessed on a pro rata basis as provided by the city charter upon the property especially and particularly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all of lots, parts of lots, blocks and parcels of land between the termini of such improvements abutting upon, adjacent or proximate to said street, from the marginal lines of said street back to the center of the block or blocks or tracts of land abutting thereon or proximate thereto.

That all the property included in said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be Local Improvement District No. 105.

That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$7,406.76.

That the cost of said street to be assessed against the property in said local assessment district as provided by the charter of the city of St. Johns.

Adopted by the council this 12th day of August, 1913. F. A. RICE, Recorder.

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Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, until August 26, 1913, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Fox street from the north line of Charleston street, to the south line of Oswego street in the manner provided by Ordinance Number 554, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns and the estimate of the city engineer on file. Engineer's estimate is \$1,257.84. Bids must be strictly in accordance with the printed blanks, which will be furnished on application at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of the last publication of this notice. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the mayor of the city of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposal. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. By order of the city council. F. A. RICE, Recorder of the city of St. Johns. Published in the St. Johns Review August 8, 15 and 22, 1913.

Summons by Publication

In Justice's Court for the District of St. Johns, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon. Civil action for the recovery of money. T. P. Ward, plaintiff, vs. Chas. Moy, defendant. To Chas. Moy, defendant: In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear before me at my office and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within six weeks from the date of the service of this summons upon you; and if you fail to answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for seventy-three dollars and seventy-four cents, and for costs and disbursements incurred in this action, as prayed for in said complaint.

Given under my hand this 24th day of July, 1913. J. E. WILLIAMS, Justice of the Peace. J. F. Mitchell, Constable. Date of first publication July 25, 1913; last publication August 29, 1913.

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