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This REVIEW is entered at post office in Portland, Oregon, as mail matter of the second class under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Seattle bought its street car system on the theory that the city could operate the cars on a 5 cent fare. It immediately cut off all free rides to city employees, amounting to some \$200,000 a year, which it had required the private company to furnish free. Some \$300,000 taxes which the private company paid were eliminated as well as all donations and other expenditures which private industry must make for community welfare. In spite of this, however, Seattle taxpayers after buying a \$15,000,000 street car system, now face a 6 cent fare. Either cost of repairs, maintenance, and extensions of street paying between tracks must be added to general taxation or the fare must be raised to at least 6 cents. The Seattle Mayor says expenditures of the street railway must come out of railway earnings and not out of the general taxpayer at Seattle. Already the general taxpayer is putting up additional taxes above the 5 cent car fare, to cover the taxes formerly paid by the private company and has assumed a \$15,000,000 burden of debt. The politicians who objected to an increased fare for the private company find that increased cost of operation, including wages, materials, street paving, etc., is no respecter of municipal plants and the people of Seattle will find they cannot get something for nothing, not even street car rides. They must pay increased fares or increased taxes and in all probabilities they will pay both.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

The park question is arousing quite a lot of discussion in St. Johns. And the sentiment seems to be almost wholly in favor of the Caples tract. The McKenna tract is out of the question so far as the people of St. Johns are concerned. It is entirely too remote and is clear out of the St. Johns district. In fact several of our people have stated that it would be better to save the money and have no park at all rather than purchase the McKenna tract. There are now two good parks for the Peninsula—Columbia and Peninsula. St. Johns has none at all. What the people here want is a park that will prove of immediate benefit to themselves and children and not something that will be of no benefit now, but might benefit posterity. Commissioner Pier has told us that ten acres can be secured at the Caples tract. That is large enough for present needs, so far as playgrounds are concerned. It is the only tract offered that will satisfy the people of St. Johns. There seems to be no doubt about this. People want to be able to walk or have their children walk to the park. When the children get on a street car they would much sooner go to Columbia or Peninsula Park than the McKenna tract, because the car ride is too short at latter mentioned place to suit them. That the Caples tract is on the car line is in its favor rather than otherwise. Many St. Johns people have friends in Portland who they would like to have come out Sundays and spend some time with them viewing the St. Johns park, and the car line makes it handy at the Caples tract.

The Portland Woolen Mills Orchestra will give a concert in their club house Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, at 8:30 for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of a piano. The following program will be rendered: Orchestra—Repass Band March, A Day in the Cottonfield, Kiss of Spring Waltz; Vocal—Perfect Day, Don't Cry, Little Girl, Don't Cry; Violin Solos—Liesbesfreund, Serenade in A, Elmer Sneed; Reading, Woman's Rights, Ruth Dickie; Vocal—Somewhere a Voice is Calling, Lullaby Land; Violin Solo, Mazurka; de Concert, Elmer Sneed; Orchestra—Living Pictures Medley Overture, Birthday Serenade, The New Arrival March.

Aaron M. McKay died at his home, 1005 Leonard street, Monday, December 1st, aged 64 years, 10 months and 27 days. He had resided in St. Johns since last August, coming here from Chicago. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of his death. He is survived by four sons and two daughters, two sons and one daughter residing in this city. The remains were taken to the Portland Crematorium Wednesday, the St. Johns Undertaking Co. in charge.

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Dated and first published November 15, 1918. EDWIN C. HOLMES, Sidney Gordon, Administrator, 404 Gerlinger bldg. Attorney.

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