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County Official Paper

Brother Baylis of the Clatskanie Chief must have eaten something last week that disagreed with his digestive organs to judge from the editorial he wrote concerning Clatskanie politics. For the benefit of those who did not have the extreme pleasure of reading the aforesaid editorial we reprint it in full:

"What is this silent, strong (?) undertow, that's akin to politics, and which has begun to bud and blossom so early in the spring? Is the old 'St. Helens political machine' oiling up as sure as faith; getting into line for the coming election—falling back, as it were, on to the old Democratic way line for a revival of the old organization.

Wonder if they think it will work again as in days of old? Wonder if they think that Rainier and Clatskanie have so soon forgotten the bond question? 'Early in the sending out of scouts to Clatskanie to learn just where the softest spots are located, is a specimen of gall that is seldom met with. Moreover it would seem better for them to save their car fare. Clatskanie can no more be worked into political channels by mere promises of some of the boodle. She will steer her vote like all honest, broad-minded people, in a way that will benefit to some extent the lower part of the county.

As a matter of justice, the Chief submits to its readers the question of why St. Helens should eternally endeavor to grab every office in sight. Why should the lower end of the county not be represented; and why should Vernonia not be recognized for something? Surely these places pay as much taxes and are as important as the upper end of the county, though they have never been considered that way except at times when their votes would amount to something.

May, nay, it wont pan out. Clatskanie has learned that there is nothing as uncertain as a promise given by the "old political" bunch at St. Helens, and that it is high time she steer her course in another direction."

So it is written that no persons living in or near St. Helens can enter the sacred confines of the little city down by the Delta Garden to talk politics or discuss anything that would be of interest to the county in general. A wall has been built around that city so high that it cannot be scaled and the gates will not open except upon the giving of the proper password and no person other than a resident of that city will be entrusted with the password. They have created a wall world by themselves; they have ostracized the rest of the county and would live alone, except when they send another fifty percent of all county officers to that city, which they have done for the past 8 or 10 years.

We do not know who the password was nor whom he represented and for the purpose of an article, we do not care whether it was a candidate for sheriff, clerk, treasurer or representative. It makes no difference. The fact that the majority of the voters of the county for several years have come from Clatskanie and that this end of the county so readily supports a man from Clatskanie as though he were from St. Helens, Scappoose or Goble makes no difference. The needs of the county will not be met by our esteemed brother in wild statements. However may be the proposition of getting out from the city of Clatskanie of any candidate just as he happens to live in this

end of the county, is so far out of the ordinary and so incompatible with good political or business judgement that it is really funny instead of serious, especially under the circumstances. Now if that kick come from Rainier there would be more reason to it, for of all the present county officers, and for some years past, the office of Coroner is all that Rainier can boast while the present list of officers shows the Clerk, Sheriff, Representative and Surveyor to be from Clatskanie. Not so bad; four of the principle offices in the county from one locality.

But enough of that political twaddle. The main argument set up in that editorial is that the balance of the county must continue the bad feeling existing or, that has existed between Clatskanie, Rainier and St. Helens. There may have been an old "ring" or "circle" or combine or whatever it may be called, in St. Helens that tried to rule all politics, and perhaps met with some degree of success. But for several years this has not been the case and with the infusion of new blood into the business and political world of St. Helens, there has been a very marked effort to bring about such a feeling between the county seat and the other towns and communities of the county as would permit of a much more harmonious and concerted movement for a greater and better county. Such articles as that in the Chief will tend to keep up a bad feeling and we dont want it. The majority of the people are anxious for peace. We do not want the rest of the county to feel that we have a wall built around our city and that citizens from Clatskanie, whether they belong to the old ring or the new ring, are not welcome within our boundaries. We do not want to hog it all as is charged and if records are carefully scanned it will be easily seen that if there has been any "hogging" going on lately Clatskanie occupied most of the trough politically. Under the present direct primary and other popular laws of this great commonwealth it is the privilege of any voter, whether from St. Helens or Clatskanie to ask the voters of the county to support him for any office that he sees fit and just because he happens to be from St. Helens is no reason why he should not seek votes in Clatskanie.

Just a suggestion to you brother that if you do not like any of the candidates for office from this end of the county and feel like jumping on them through the columns of your valuable paper, go after them; or if there is any political ring or circle in St. Helens expose them. Give them the devil and we will back you up, but just because some fellow from St. Helens, whose identity is unknown to us, comes down there and talks to the voters, dont jump all over poor old St. Helens for it and call us hogs and by such method keep glowing the old fires which are about extinguished between the various portions of the county.

This week the Mist comes out as an all home print paper, with eight pages of reading matter and all printed at home. This change was found necessary by the increasing demand for space and we intend to give our subscribers full value for their money. We are planning on a page where matters of public concern shall be discussed and will invite the people from all over the county to send in articles, signed, discussing any question of public importance. This will give to the people of the county a Public Forum as it were, where all may meet and exchange ideas and discuss matters. It is up to the public spirited citizens of the county to make this page in the Mist of considerable importance. We will do our part and only ask that you

do yours by sending in the articles. An eight page all home print paper in a small city like St. Helens is quite an undertaking, but the Mist is willing to undertake anything that will tend to the upbuilding and betterment of the community. In this we ask the earnest cooperation of the public.

Dr. L. G. Ross, the City and County Health Officer, has recommended that there be a general Clean-up day in St. Helens at which time everybody take a few hours off and clean up. The suggestion is a very timely one and should by all means carried into execution.

ORDINANCE No.—

To provide for the issuance of bonds for the improvement of streets and laying of sewers in St. Helens, Oregon, and for the payment of the cost of such improvements and laying of sewers by installment.

The City of St. Helens does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the common council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, or other competent authority shall have proceeded to improve any street or streets or any part or parts thereof, or to lay any sewer within the corporate limits, and shall have assessed the cost of such improvement or sewer to the property benefited thereby and liable therefor according to the provisions of the charter, it shall be lawful for the owner of any property so assessed for such improvement or sewer in then sum of \$25.00 or more, at any time within thirty days after notice of such assessment is first published, to file with the city recorder of said city a written application to pay said assessments, and such written application shall state that the applicant thereby waives all irregularities and defects, jurisdictional or otherwise in the proceedings to improve said street, or lay said sewer, and in the apportionment of the cost thereof. Said application shall contain a provision that the said applicant and property owner agrees to pay said assessment in ten annual installments, with interest on all installments at the same rate as that expressed in the bonds issued to pay for such improvements or sewer. Said application shall also contain a statement by lots, blocks or other convenient description of the property of the applicant assessed for such improvement or sewer. No application as aforesaid shall be received or filed by the city recorder if the amount of such assessment with a previous assessments for street improvement or sewer construction against the said property and remaining unpaid shall equal or exceed the valuation of said property as shown by the last tax roll of the county; provided, that application for such bonding shall be received by the city recorder in cases where the amount of the assessment, together with the previous assessments for street improvements or sewers against the property, and remaining unpaid, shall exceed the valuation of said property as shown by the last tax roll of the county, if the owner shall, before making such application, pay in cash into the treasury of the city such excess of unpaid assessments over the valuation as shown by such last tax roll.

Section 2. The city recorder shall keep all such applications for bonding in convenient form for examination. The applications received for each street improvement and each sewer shall be separate, and the recorder shall enter in a book kept for that purpose, under separate heads, for each street improvement and each sewer, the date of filing of each application, the name of the applicant, the description of the property and the amount of the assessment as shown in the application.

Section 3. After the expiration of the time for filing applications for the payment of the assessments for improvement of streets or laying of sewers by installments as herein provided, the city recorder shall enter in a docket kept for that purpose, under separate heads for each street or sewer, by name or number, description of each lot, or parcel of land, or other property against which the assessment is made or which bears or is chargeable for the cost of such improvement or sewer, with the name of the owner and the amount of the assessment for which application to bond has been duly filed; the date of entry in each particular case to be the same as the date of entry in the original lien docket. Such docket shall stand thereafter as a lien docket as for taxes assessed and levied in favor of the city and for the amount of such unpaid assessment therein docketed, with interest on the

same at the rate of 6 per cent per annum against each lot or parcel of land or other property, until such assessments and interest are paid in the manner hereinafter provided. All unpaid assessments and interest shall be and remain a lien upon each lot or parcel of land or other property respectively in favor of the city, and such lien shall have priority over all other liens or incumbrances whatsoever, except a lien of general taxes.

Section 4. When such bond lien docket shall be made up as he hereinbefore provided, as to the assessments of improvement of streets or laying of sewers, the city shall by ordinance authorize the issue of its bonds in convenient denominations, not exceeding \$500.00 each and in all equal to the total amount of the unpaid assessment for such street improvements and sewers and for which application to pay under the provisions of this ordinance have been filed as shown by said bond lien docket, and such bonds shall by the terms thereof, mature in ten years from the date thereof and be payable in United States Gold Coin and bear interest not to exceed 6 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, said interest to be evidenced by coupons attached to said bonds, provided the right to take up and cancel such bonds upon payment of the face value thereof with the accrued interest to the date of payment, at any semi-annual coupon period at or after the period of one year from the date of such bonds, shall be and is hereby vested in the city, and the bonds shall be redeemed consecutively, by number, commencing with the lowest outstanding number. Notice that certain bonds are to be taken up and cancelled as aforesaid and that the interest thereon shall cease at the interest paying period next following shall be published in the city official newspaper not less than twice during the month preceding said semi-annual period, and after said semi-annual period, interest upon the bonds designated in such notice shall cease. Such bonds before issuance shall be signed by the Mayor, countersigned by the City Recorder and authenticated by the seal of the city attached thereto, and shall be registered consecutively by number and denomination of each in a book and to be kept by the Recorder and accessible to the Treasurer, and known and designated as the improvement bond register. Each of such books, whether issued for the improvement of streets or the laying of sewers, shall have distinctly and plainly inscribed or printed on the face thereof the register number and the words "Improvement Bond" with the name of the City of St. Helens. Such bonds shall be advertised for sale and sold for the highest price, obtainable, but not for less than par and accrued interest, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid by the purchaser to the Treasurer of the City and the par value thereof shall be credited to the respective street improvement and sewer funds for which said bonds are issued, and the accrued interest and premium accruing from the sale of said bonds shall be credited to the general fund of the city, the fund from which interest is paid on street and sewer warrants or the improvement bond sinking fund, as the Council shall direct.

Section 5. Thereafter there shall be due and payable annually for ten successive years to the Treasurer of the city by the owner of each lot or parcel of land assessed for the improvement of any street or streets or part or parts thereof, or the laying of any sewer, whose application to pay the cost of such improvement or sewer by installments has been filed as herein provided, ten per cent of the cost of such improvement or sewer, assessed against the property of such owner as appears by the bond lien docket, with the amount of one year's interest at not to exceed six per cent per annum on unpaid assessments or installments. The first payment aforesaid shall be due and payable at the expiration of one year from the date of said assessment in the original lien docket, and subsequent payments at the expiration of each year thereafter. Should such owner or owners neglect or refuse to pay such sum or sums aforesaid as the same shall become due and payable, for a period of twenty (20) days, then the whole amount of said installments remaining unpaid shall become due and payable and shall be collected in the same manner and with the same penalties as delinquent street or sewer assessments are collected. It shall be the duty of the Recorder when the installment and interest payments on any assessment in the bond lien docket are due, to make and deliver to the Treasurer of the city a copy of the docket, and the Treasurer shall thereupon make the proper extensions of installments and interest on said bond in lien docket, and notify the owner or owners of property that the installments aforesaid are due and payable, but a failure of

such owner or owners to receive such notice shall not be taken nor held to prevent the collection of installments or interest as herein provided.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall issue a receipt to the person paying such installments or interest and shall file duplicates of said receipts with the city recorder, and shall make proper entries of the same showing the amount of each payment and the date thereof; provided, however, that at any time after issuance of such bond any owner at the time of any such lot, parcel of land or other property against which such assessment is made and docketed may pay into the city treasury the whole amount of such assessment for which such lien is docketed, together with the full amount of interest and costs accrued thereon to the date of payment, and upon producing to the City Recorder the receipt of the Treasurer (which receipt shall not only state the amount of such payment, but also a description of the lot, parcel of land or other property upon which such payment is made), he shall enter in such lien docket opposite the entry of the lien therein the amount of such payment and the date thereof.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall keep an account of funds paid upon bonded improvements separate and apart from other funds of the city, and the amount of such funds paid on account of installments and interest upon unpaid installments shall be placed to the credit of funds to be known and designated as "Improvement Bond Sinking Fund," and "Improvement Bond Interest Fund," respectively. The amount placed to the credit of the Improvement Bond Sinking Fund shall from time to time, under the direction of the Council, be deposited in some reliable bank, or be invested in or used for the purchase of Improvement Bonds of the city at par. In the purchase of Improvement Bonds, accrued interest thereon shall be paid out of the Improvement Bond Interest Fund and all interest received by the Treasurer on account of coupons shall be placed to the credit of the Improvement Bond Interest Fund and interest due on Improvement Bonds shall be paid out of the Improvement Bond Interest Fund.

Section 8. All bonds purchased by the city shall be held by the Treasurer as a sinking fund, and shall be deposited by direction of the Council when required for the redemption of bonds previously issued as they shall become due and payable.

Section 9. Entries of payments of installments, interest and costs made under the provisions of this act shall be made in the Bond Lien Docket aforesaid as the same shall be received, with the date thereof, and such payments made and entered in said Lien Docket shall be and operate as a discharge of such lien to the amount of such payment, and from the date thereof.

Section 10. No obligation incurred by the city by virtue of this ordinance shall be deemed or taken to be within or any part of the limitations by law as to indebtedness.

Section 11. At any time after the bonds which may be issued hereunder shall become payable, the city may redeem such bonds, and to that end shall redeem the same consecutively by number, commencing with the lowest outstanding number of such bonds, and shall give notice of the readiness of the city to redeem by publication in the city official newspaper once each week for three successive weeks, giving therein the number of the bonds which will be redeemed and the time at which such redemption will be made, and after such time so fixed for redemption no interest shall accrue or become payable on such bonds so notified for redemption.

Section 12. And it is particularly ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall be applicable as well to street improvements and sewer improvements already begun or completed, as to future improvements, where the assessments and the applications to pay in installments have been made without conflict to any provisions herein contained.

Read the first time March 2nd, 1914.
 Read the second time March 9th, 1914.
 Read the third time March 16th, 1914, and passed.
 Approved by the Mayor March 16th, 1914. A. W. MUELLER, Mayor.
 Attest:
 E. E. QUICK, City Recorder.

Oregon Minimum Wage Law Upheld.
 Salem, Or.—Holding that it is within the police power of the state to make such regulations, the supreme court has declared constitutional the minimum wage law and the 10-hour law, passed at the last session of the legislature.

British Navy Estimates Grow.
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