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**GOOD INDICATION.**

The city council has at last woken up and gives healthy indication of doing something. At the special meeting Monday evening the interest manifested and the business way with which important matters were taken up and disposed of proves what The Review has always believed, that is, the council could if it only would. This meeting bore a marked contrast to many previous sessions. The present council is nearing the end of its term, and but a few months remain in which to perform many of the things which circumstances and conditions demand should be done. A great deal can be accomplished, however, in the remaining days, and from the spirit displayed Monday evening, the people have hope that their representatives will rise to the occasion, and meet the present emergencies with promptness and dignity. The gentlemen composing the council are good men, personally, and fully capable. All that has been lacking in the past was a disposition to do. The council can depend upon the support of the taxpayers in all laudible efforts to better conditions municipal.

**NOT OUR MISSION.**

Since The Review was first established, not a week has passed but that some person has approached the editor with some kind of grievance, personal or otherwise, with the request that his bundle of "dirty linen" be aired through the columns of this paper. In all such instances we have reminded such individuals that The Review was not brought into existence for any such purpose; that it was not published for the purpose of dealing with the private affairs of people. It has a higher mission: i. e., the upbuilding of the district and the people as a whole. It recognizes no personal animosities, cliques, clans, rings, nor set of men, but labors for the good of the whole people. The good of the community, free from bias or personal influences from any quarter whatsoever, is its first and great care. Whoever acts or does things for the public good, regardless of his or her race, color or previous condition, will receive a just meed of commendation, as the editor conceives is due. The Review is no medium for the airing of your "dirty linen," friends. We have no friends to reward or foes to punish, except those who may become such as public benefactors of public defamers.

**THINKS WELL OF ST. JOHNS.**

T. L. Dugger, an old newspaper man, now publishing the News, at Santiam, Or., spent a day in St. Johns, last week, and went home and wrote the following, which appeared in the columns of his sprightly paper last week:

"St. Johns, a suburb of Portland six miles down the river, offers a field of investment for capital that, probably, has no superior in the Willamette Valley. The location, lay of the land, water front, etc., makes it an ideal location for manufacturing industries. St. Johns is the location of the big dry docks, the large Portland woolen mills, and soon to be instituted a large ship yard. There are several stores and shops in the town that appear to be doing well. A newspaper, 'The St. Johns Review' a bright, newsy, 5-column 8-page journal, with up-to-date plant, is looking well to the interests of the place.

"Taken altogether St. Johns, with its healthy location, easy access to Portland and manufacturing industries established and to come, offers the best inducements to capital, and to the home builder, of any point within our knowledge."

**BAD CONDITION OF AFFAIRS.**

Every citizen of the Northwest is interested in the unearthing of the corrupt municipal methods which have for a long time been rampant in the city government of Portland. This interest is intensified at this particular time, owing to the fact that every resident of the northwest is looking

forward to the events of 1905 to be of such material benefit. The exposures which are now going on will be heralded broadcast throughout the length and breadth of the land, and will go a long way to counterbalance the glowing picture set forth in the advertising of the Lewis and Clarke fair. In all cases where official corruption is brought to light on such scale as is being done in Portland today, reports are magnified and attract more attention than all the good things that can be said or done. The public seem to take a delight in reading of debauchery of public officials, and too frequently jump at conclusions. All of the officials of a city may not be guilty, but the debauchery of a portion of them pollutes the entire system. It is to be hoped that conditions are not so bad as they appear at present, and that the big dailies will not paint the picture blacker than it really is. The Journal, particularly, is given to large red head lines to attract attention to the corruption being brought to light, giving more prominence to many things, which might be discussed in a much less ostentatious manner, and yet accomplish the results desired. The truth is had enough in this case, but when the throngs of visitors coming here next year find the most prominent news matter in the newspapers an exaggerated report of some thieving alderman or other city official, they will naturally arrive at the conclusion that our entire system is rotten, and not the most inviting place for visitors and homeseekers and thus counterbalance the glowing accounts of our resources and advantages in the next column. That the city government of Portland should be purged of the thieving and skuldugery which appears to exist to an alarming extent, it is indeed unfortunate that the clearing process had not been inaugurated before, and had to be put off until the most inopportune period of our whole existence.

**THE PARK MATTER AGAIN.**

The park question was unofficially discussed by the city councilmen Monday evening, the result of which was to consider an offer for a three-acre tract of wooded land adjoining the school house on the southeast side, a part of P. T. Smith's addition to St. Johns. While the council was not op-

posed to the block where the old car barns stand, yet they felt that, if a larger tract, well and conveniently located could be secured for a small sum in advance of the cost of the one block, it would be expedient to purchase such tract. The purchase price for the three acres is \$7,500, against the cost of the block at \$6000. While many citizens are loathe to give up the last and only opportunity that will ever be offered for the city to secure the one beauty spot of the city, yet they are glad that the council is willing to purchase a site for city purposes while the prices are not too high. Of course, the council will be guided by public sentiment when so great an outlay is to be made, but so far as The Review is able to ascertain at this time, no serious objections have been raised to this last proposition. Some of the heaviest taxpayers of the city have expressed themselves as decidedly in favor of it. The tract in question is beautifully wooded, is 765 feet long, 200 feet wide at the west end, narrowing down to 136 feet at the east end.

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