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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Various Topics of Local and General Interest Briefly and Tersely Commented Upon

Numerous Matters Which Are Before the Public for General Discussion

It is gratifying in a measure to note that two of the leading gamblers and men who have for so long and so flagrantly defied all manner of law and decency, men who have set at naught the statutes of the sovereign state of Oregon, have at last actually signed a written agreement to obey the laws in future, not from a sense of duty. Not that; because duty and loyalty to state is and has always been their least concern. Others and equally as marked reasons prompt them to take this step as was the case while they were operating in bold defiance. The fear of punishment by fines and imprisonment is the prompting spirit. A man is at the head of police affairs in Multnomah county who will not permit a continuance of open infraction of the laws. Tom Ward has forced the issue.

But really, is it not rather a sad commentary on the status of a community when it becomes necessary to get criminals to sign an agreement to obey the laws of the land? Carry the principle farther. How would it be if all men who have brazenly set law and order at defiance should agree to sign such an agreement. Should they not be immune from punishment for their past deeds? If not, why not? These enemies to society, the gamblers, are not to be punished, why should the petty thief, who, perhaps, to get good food for his family, stole food, be not entitled to as much consideration, if they could be allowed to sign an 'agreement' to be good, as the big gamblers who have wrecked and debauched families by their wholesale system of pillage, which they have been allowed to follow for years without molestation. Indeed, for a long time actually, under police protection. This is a peculiar condition.

The cause of the apparent dissatisfaction with the new charter may be traced directly to the fact that so few people understand the necessity of safeguarding the interests of the city. To many of us the rather elaborate provisions seem useless, but we are informed by those who have had a great deal to do with charter building, that with the development of time and practical application of the charter, the absolute necessity of these provisions will be found necessary in the interests of the whole people. Ample opportunity was afforded every citizen to carefully examine every detail of our organic law while it was in process of incubation, but few availed themselves of the privileges and even if they had, we will venture to say that not one per cent. of them would have been able to correctly interpret it. The charter will be printed in a few days, and all who wish can read it, and if they give time to its digestion, we feel safe in saying that many, if not all, will change their opinion in regard to it. Charter making is easy, perhaps, but correct charter building requires more study than the average layman is willing to bestow.

A friend suggested to us the other day that it was "the busy man who does things—the idle man has other motives." The more one thinks of this proposition, the more forcible is the truth of it forced upon us. Look about us, and mark the men who accomplish things for St. Johns. Mark the men who have brought about the conditions in the way of filling our water front with mills and factories, making it a veritable hive of industry. Has it been the busy man, who never lacks for work, or has it been the professional jaw-walker who seemingly has naught else to do than pick out and criticize the shortcomings and imperfections of his neighbor. It don't take a very acute discernment to answer this question, even to a most convincing extent, if not to the satisfaction of the most ardent fault-finder or inactive member of the community. The busy man is the one looked to whenever anything for the well being and betterment of public affairs is concerned.

How many men are there who endeavor to build up fame and reputation—perhaps the correct version of their ambition is notoriety—by tearing to pieces the reputation of their fellowmen. Along the meritorious lines of character building they may be nonentities, without force or laudable ambition enough to attain any of the higher plains of life. They are similar to an ass,

never noticed until they bray. These characters are prolific in resources as to how to attract attention to themselves, and become conspicuous in the public eye. But we believe the most contemptible method applied by them is to find fault, endeavor to belittle by insinuation and otherwise, the character of other people. It don't require much genius for a man to become conspicuous. A very ordinary man can go into the street and yell fire and in a very brief period become the central figure of a large crowd, but after the fire is extinguished he sinks into the old rut. Same with fame, reputation or notoriety gained by decrying character, let the light be turned on and the real motive discovered oblivion is his doom, until he finds some other feature to attract the attention to himself. But such people there are and always will be until time is no more.

We hope for a reduction of fire insurance rates when the fire hydrants shall have been installed and the new fire-fighting apparatus in commission. This will be a consummation much desired, and the saving in insurance premiums will in a short time more than pay for all the expense entailed by the purchase of equipment. For this reason every citizen should give our volunteer fire department the most substantial encouragement. Help the boys along, get them interested, it won't cost each individual much, and the outlay will be returned tenfold in the saving of cash in insurance premiums.

While St. Johns is rapidly assuming its position among the industrial centers of the great west and its tin bucket brigade is growing more portentous every day, would it not be wise to attract the

work, and no man should be expected to perform this labor without pay. The only way we see out of the dilemma would be to elect a recorder, and then appoint a deputy with a salary. It would be a case of the tail wagging the dog, but it might do in an emergency.

Since the above was put in type THE REVIEW has consulted competent authority and finds that it is the duty of the present council to fix salaries for the new council. If the council fails to do so the maximum salaries provided in the new charter will prevail.

The question of compelling local organizations to pay a license for holding dances is creating some useless comment. Recorder Clark, who is the interpreting judge regarding the ordinance, declares most emphatically that no such thing is contemplated. Home talent may furnish any kind of social entertainment they wish, and no license can be collected. The ordinance is only intended to prevent outsiders coming in and giving public entertainments where admission fees are charged.

It was a contemptible piece of business, worthy of only the cheapest kind of ward politicians, the attempt to thwart the land frauds investigation by trying to bring about entanglements which would compromise the reputation of J. A. Heney, the able prosecutor in these notorious frauds. The effort failed, but not without adding more discredit to the dirty gang who were implicated.

An Important Enterprise.
Of all the business enterprises of St. John, none are more important than the West Coast Laundry. This concern is equipped with modern machinery, and is cap-

IMPORTANT INDUSTRY

The Peninsula Lumber Company, a Big Industry Wish a Outlet and Hundreds of Employees.

Proceedings of the City Council—An Old Pioneer—Other Local Matters.

One of the most enterprising and productive industrial concerns, practically a St. Johns institution, is the Peninsula Lumber Company, which owns half a mile of river frontage and practically the same on the Willamette boulevard, containing in all a out 105 acres of mill site in one of the best locations in the northwest. This thrifty company purchased the property which it now controls about one and a half years ago, and since that time it has increased the output of the mill from 35,000 per day to 150,000. During the present year it expects to manufacture 100,000,000 feet of lumber, and its orders thus early in the season give abundant promise that it may have more than that to do. It saws nothing but fir timber and its business is exclusively wholesale. It retails nothing.

At present the Peninsula Lumber Company's trade is wholly local; that is including points reached by the O. R. & N. railroad company throughout western and middle-western states, business with which districts has developed rapidly during the past year. The company has driven piling from its railroad docks to the harbor line, with the intention of building export docks for doing coastwise business in connection with its railroad traffic, the latter having been its principal item of output during the past year. It enjoys extensive con-

A petition was presented to improve Jersey street from Richmond to Catlin street. The improvement to consist in grading the same, sidewalk on each side, gravel from Richmond to Fessenden streets and to grade from Fessenden to Catlin street. The petition was granted and a resolution passed directing the city engineer to draft plans, establish grade and estimate cost of work.

A communication was received from the county clerk notifying the council that the correct valuation of city property was \$317,105 which at three mills would bring into the city treasury \$951.31, less rebates and delinquencies.

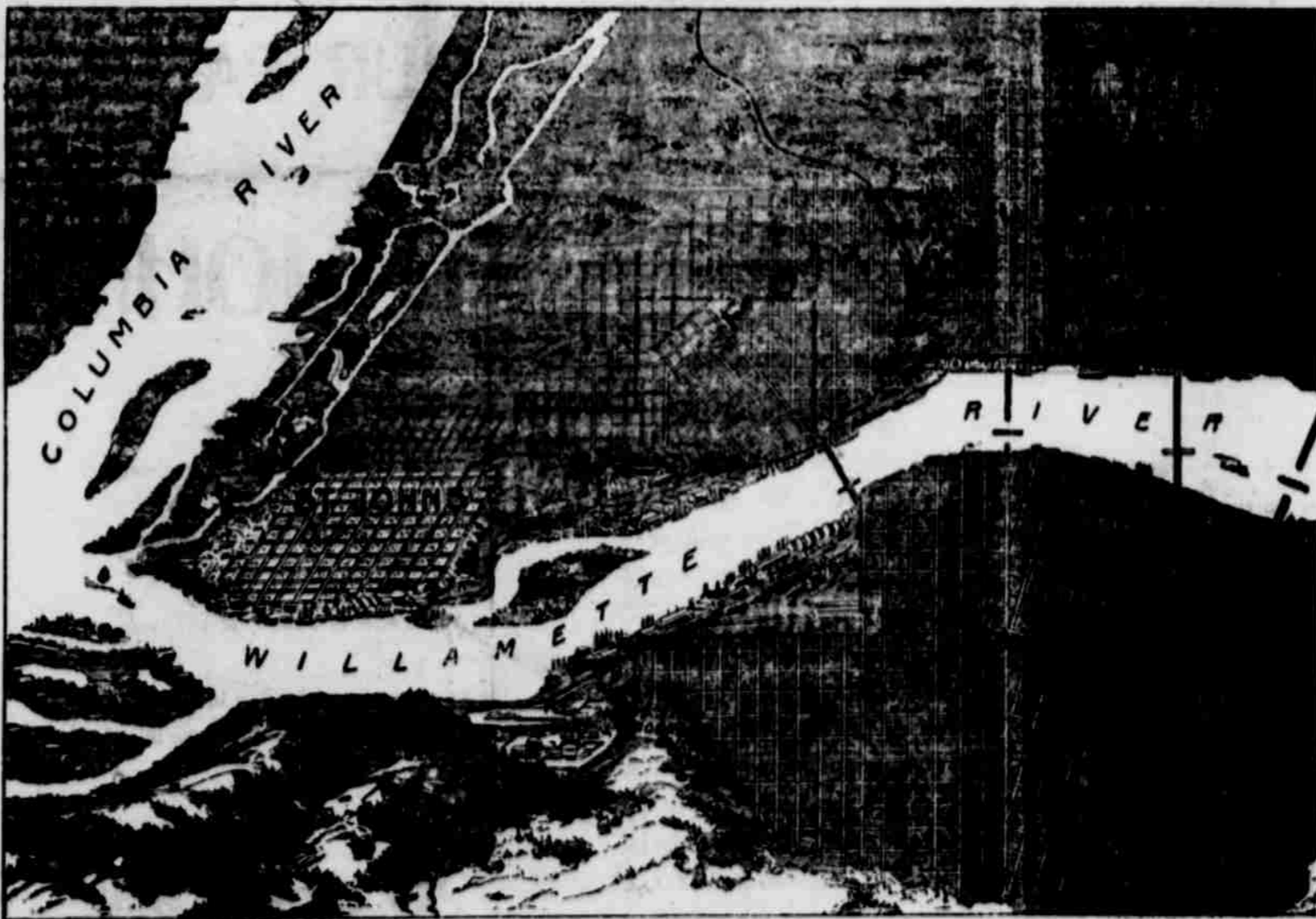
The following bills were presented and ordered paid:
City Engineer, services.....\$ 5.00
J. E. Scobee, wiring city hall..... 8.20
W. A. Edgerton, nails.....1.05
M. F. Clark, desk for city hall..... 13.50
Bickner Bros. hall rent..... 2.50
Geo. W. Cone, lumber..... 54.70
N. A. Gee, laborer, two days..... 5.00
furnishing poles.....1.00
Geo. Ethridge, one and one-half days 8.75

The vacation of Philadelphia street as proposed by M. L. Holdbrook, he to dedicate a portion of land in return, and to pay at the rate of twenty cents per square foot for amount of land dedicated by the city in excess of the area he relinquishes, was ordered.

Street committee reported having had crossings built and the streets near woolen mill repaired. Report accepted.

The question of numbering and renaming the streets was discussed. Mr. Crane offered to make and submit to council.

Marshal Organ made report of stagnant pool near woolen mill. Mr. Organ tendered his resignation as health officer. He reported general health good, with two cases of what the physicians termed membranous croup. The places



attention of the great library builder? It is just such points as this city on which he bestows, his charity in the way of library building. Might Mr. Carnegie think well enough of St. Johns to remember us if his attention was only directed to the matter? The Ladies' Civic League might think this matter of sufficient importance to at least make an effort

The city election will take place seven weeks from next Monday. The date is Monday, April 2. The bees are beginning to buzz in several bouquets, already. But as far as the coming year is concerned, not a single officer, other than appointive officers, will be paid any salary unless there is some way discovered to get around the charter provisions, and this fact may lessen the ardor of some who have aspirations.

The new charter provides that the salaries of all elective officers of the city for the next year shall be fixed by the old council at the first meeting in January. This date has passed and no salaries were fixed. The charter contains no provision for salaries to be fixed otherwise. Now the question is, how can the elective officers the next year be paid anything for services? It is quite clear the new charter will not permit any salaries to be paid. The recorder, at least should not be asked to serve without pay, as the duties of the office will entail a whole lot of careful

able of turning out just as good work as any like establishment in Portland and the charges are just as reasonable. What more can you ask? The company gives employment to ten or fifteen St. Johns residents, whose earnings are spent right here at home. We urge our people to patronize this enterprise, and thus benefit home trade. The Hanna Bros., who have charge of the laundry, are St. Johns' citizens, and are striving to please the public. Let's all turn in and give them a boost.

Election and Installation.
Willumbia Assembly, No. 300, United Artisans, held an interesting session last Friday evening. Grand Secretary McKenna, accompanied by about thirty of the members of Portsmouth assembly was present. The following officers were elected and installed: J. C. Crome, master artisan; W. L. Bullis, superintendent; Mrs. W. L. Bullis, inspector; Mrs. L. D. Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Ada Pennington, treasurer; A. E. Wilson, master of ceremonies; Miss Georgia Rich, junior conductor. E. A. Magoon became past master Artisan. Mrs. M. O. Fauk officiated as installing officer. After the ceremonies refreshments were served, and an hour spent in social chat. The assembly meets at Bickner's hall tonight where several initiations will take place.

COUNCIL IN SESSION.
The City Solons Transact a Good Bunch of Business.
Mayor Cook, Councilmen Beebe, Hurlbert, Hughes, Hamilton and Monahan were present at the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The matter of electing a councilman to fill the position of councilman made vacant by the death of A. M. Culp was taken up and C. D. Edwards was elected and sworn in by the recorder to fill the vacancy.

tracts with the railroad companies for construction timbers and lumber.

The Peninsula Lumber company is a large and progressive enterprise and will expand measurably during the present year, both in its plant and force and the volume of its output. The quality of the "goods delivered" and the promptness with which all orders are filled have made it popular with all of its patrons.

A considerable part of the company's boulevard property is now leased to the Acme Lumber company, an extensive concern that conducts only a retail business. Along with the development of St. Johns and its numerous industrial enterprises more will be heard of the Peninsula Lumber company during the next few months.

Regular Garbage Plant.
Quite a number were attracted this week by a big stove in front of the St. Johns' Grocery Co., that had just arrived on the morning freight. It was of a new pattern and seemed large enough to heat an opera house of a very large hall. The stove is to be used by the store for heating and also as a garbage plant for disposing of refuse which generally accumulates about a place of this kind. All refuse now goes into the stove to be carried away in ashes instead of being dumped into the back yard as heretofore.

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