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DON'T BELIEVE IT.

It is unsafe to believe all you hear these few remaining days before election. Koorbacks and stories of all kinds will be rife, and peddled about with a diligence and persistency worthy of a better cause. When you hear a politician talking about a candidate's personality, don't believe it. Its politics and poor politics at that. The days of mud-slinging and personal vituperation are over. A new era has dawned, and the man whose political capital consists in personal abuse of an opponent, is himself unworthy to be trusted. By defiling another man can make himself clean.

In the old days those methods were in vogue, but they are things of the long past, and no gentleman of today resorts to such ancient methods. The question with each aspirant for office should not be, "Is he a gentleman?" but rather, "Am I a gentleman?" Politeness is a light coin, gentlemen, but it is above par all over the world. You will find it to your advantage to use it on all occasions. Do not abuse your rivals. Their sense of honor is, perhaps, just as keen as yours, and they deserve the utmost courtesy at your hands. You owe it to yourselves, more than to them. No man can descend into the abyss of personal abuse without stultifying himself. Remember the text of the great Teacher who said, "A man is defiled by what proceedeth from his own mouth." "They say" is the source from which gossip springs. It is the medium through which it is put into active circulation. Vague, elusive, hydra-headed, it dodges all responsibility, and leaves a moral scar on the soul of the man who uses it. If it should be so, would any benefit accrue from telling it? And if it should be untrue, who can foretell the anguish it may cause, the injury it may do? Remember that the history of every life has turned down pages blotted by tears, and that yours is no exception. If each man's life record were printed on his forehead, veils would be as common as they are in a Turkish harem. Again we say, "Don't believe a man who descends to mud-slinging and personal abuse."

MISINTERPRETATION.

In an editorial last week the Review misinterpreted a paragraph in the charter, and by so doing, reached a wrong conclusion. The paragraph is here quoted, and the Review readers will readily see its full significance, after the explanatory clause is elided. "The city shall issue no warrants or other evidences of indebtedness, except upon special assessment funds, in excess of two per cent of the assessed valuation of the city, and all evidences of indebtedness issued contrary to this provision shall be null and void."

Eliding the clause "except upon special assessment funds," it will be readily seen that the city may issue warrants for two per cent of the assessed valuation of the city, and that such issue is legal. Paragraph 8, Section 75, has no bearing on the case whatever. The quotation from Section 74 places the city in the position of a man, solvent, giving his note for value received. In Section 75, the man is drawing a check on a bank in which he must have funds deposited before he draws the check. In paragraph 8, Section 75, a demand has been duly approved and audited, then, in order to issue a warrant the money must be in the hands of the treasurer, and belong to the special fund upon which the warrant is drawn.

DEFICIENT IN PART, DEFECTIVE IN ALL.

It is impossible for any body of men to formulate a document, such as a city charter, without its being deficient in some respects. The city charter of St. Johns is no exception to this rule, but those who oppose it wish to abrogate the whole charter on account of a few minor defects which can be easily remedied. The men who are so bitterly opposing St. Johns charter have never a good word to say of its good qualities. They, like the blinking owl, sit in the broad light of the noon-day sun and cry for light. Their mental vision is so obscured by prejudice that it is impossible for them to distinguish a meritorious thing when they see it. This is their misfortune, not their fault. No one can help being color-blind, although it is a deplorable condition, and one is often color-blind and is not aware of it. White light is composed of seven colors, but to the ordinary mind it

looks colorless. When a prism is used, however, all its component parts are revealed, each color standing out in bold relief, with the line of demarcation sharply drawn between it and all the other colors. To its opposers the charter of St. Johns presents itself as a black object. Black is not properly a color. It is the absorbent of all colors, and ordinarily, is not pleasing to the eye. It is too somber in appearance.

Green and red and blue are indistinguishable to the person who is color-blind. They all look black to him. This is his misfortune, but when he tries to convince all others that blue, green and red are black, then it is his fault, and the person to whom he is talking must be color-blind also if he cannot distinguish the difference.

Isn't it better to put the charter of St. Johns under the prism of truth and thus, by the laws of refraction, bring out all its beauties, than to pronounce it black and then condemn it wholly as worthless? This surely is the better way, because it is the right way, which all fair-minded men must admit.

If one owned a valuable orchard, with here and there a worthless tree, he surely would not destroy the whole orchard to get rid of a few worthless trees which he could dig up and remove in half an hour! Should he pursue such a course as this, he would be suspected, and justly of non compos mentis.

Let us not condemn the whole charter on account of a few defects, but, rather, like sensible men, go to work and eliminate all of the objectionable features, and try, by an earnest effort, to secure a perfect charter.

List of Candidates.

CITIZENS TICKET.

Mayor, T. J. Monohan. Recorder, M. F. Tufts. Treasurer, H. B. Bickner. Councilmen at large, A. S. Douglass, G. H. Carlson, C. L. Johnson. Councilmen First Ward, L. A. Crane, Daniel Brecht. Councilmen Second Ward, H. W. Brice, G. M. Hall.

INDEPENDENT TICKET.

Mayor, W. H. King. Recorder, J. W. Hanks. Treasurer, F. W. Valentine. Councilmen at large, C. S. Thurston, P. J. Peterson, G. H. Carlson. Councilmen First Ward, C. D. Edwards, C. A. Lindquist. Councilmen Second Ward, H. N. Brice, W. C. Walker, D. C. Edwards.

GOOD GOVERNMENT TICKET.

Mayor, W. V. Jobs. Recorder, J. W. Hanks. Treasurer, F. W. Valentine. City Attorney, S. H. Green. Councilmen at large, E. C. Thurston, B. F. Leggett, C. S. Thompson.

Councilmen First Ward, C. D. Edwards, C. A. Lindquist. Councilmen Second Ward, J. H. Shields, H. W. Brice.

POLLING PLACES.

First ward—At the council chambers. Second ward—P. W. Hinman's store, near corner Chicago and Ivanhoe streets. The polls will open at 9 o'clock a. m. and close at 7 o'clock p. m.

Holbrook's New Buildings.

E. C. Holbrook is preparing to erect three new buildings on the site of the old car barns on the corner of Jersey and Burlington streets. The land owned by Mr. Holbrook projects along Jersey street, north, blocking the end of Burlington street. When Mr. Holbrook contemplated the construction of these buildings some time since, a remonstrance was filed on the ground that the buildings would block Burlington street. Mr. Holbrook now offers to deed the projecting triangle to the city if the city will deed him an isosceles triangle, one side of which lies along Burlington street and the other side along the line of his lots. This would straighten Burlington street and also extend it to Jersey street, and make it better for all concerned.

The council meets on Monday night, April 3d, and Mr. Holbrook is anxious to have them dispose of the matter at that meeting, he having tenants who are clamoring for the buildings to be constructed immediately.

Mr. Holbrook is extremely fair in his proposition to the city, being willing to deed them a much larger triangle than he receives from them. He will begin the construction of his buildings next week, regardless of what the action of the council may be at the meeting Monday night.

A Big Land Deal.

M. L. Holbrook has purchased from the Ladds the sixty acres lying immediately east from the Weyerhaeuser mill site. The price paid is said to be \$85,000. It is announced that the purchaser is going to clear off the brush and stumps at once and plat the land in full sized lots.

Mr. Holbrook is to be congratulated on securing this beautiful tract of land. On account of its proximity to the Weyerhaeuser site, as well as its general accessibility, it is certain to be of great value. The Review has its preference among the candidates at the coming

election but it does not intend to make a fight for, nor against any special ones. All it wants is to see fair play and it hopes, as do all the best men may win.

Notice of City Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Monday, April third, 1905, for the purpose of electing the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: the following have been designated as polling places: First ward—at the council chamber. Second ward—P. W. Hinman's store, corner Chicago and Ivanhoe streets. The polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and close at 7 o'clock P. M.

First—Mayor. Second—Three councilmen for the city at large. Third—Two councilmen for the first ward. Fourth—Two councilmen for the second ward. Fifth—One Recorder. Sixth—One Treasurer. By order of the council, L. F. CLARK Recorder.

Notice of Improvement of Jersey Street.

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the Council of the City of St. Johns, held on the sixth day of March, 1905, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Jersey street from the south side of Catlin street in Chipman's addition, to the south side of Richmond street, in the following manner to-wit:

First—By grading the street full width. Second—By constructing wooden sidewalks. Third—By constructing wooden crosswalks. Fourth—By constructing suitable drains.

Fifth—By grading the street from Fessenden to Richmond street. The above improvement shall be classed as a dirt improvement between Catlin street and Fessenden street, and a gravel improvement between Fessenden and Richmond street.

Said improvement to be made according to the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans and specifications of the City Engineer on file in the office of the City Recorder.

The cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the charter upon the property fronting on said Jersey street.

The Engineer's estimate of the probable total cost for the improvement of said Jersey street is \$7,871.80. The plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer for the improvement of said Jersey street are hereby adopted.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council L. F. CLARK, Recorder of the City of St. Johns, St. Johns, Oregon, March 10, 1905.

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