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TRADE AT HOME.

If ever there was a time when the trade at home principle should not only be vigorously preached, and with equal vigor put in practice, that time is right now. St. Johns is rapidly reaching a period in its growth where example is a most effective force. The influx of a new population is now, and will be all during the present season, largely in excess of that of any other period in its history. These people naturally are impressed with the ideas and practices of those who are here before them. This applies to all the various customs of the community, commercially and socially. If the newcomers see that it is the custom of their neighbors to patronize our home merchants and tradesmen, thus encouraging home industry, the chances are ten to one that they, too, will fall in line and do the same. On the other hand, if they see those who were here before them, making a practice of buying their supplies "down town" they will think it the proper thing to do, and follow suit. Our citizens who believe in St. Johns, who want to see it build up and become as great as it deserves to be, should prove their earnestness and lend every effort and influence toward the accomplishment of this end. Nothing makes a city stronger or more prosperous than a substantial business representation. Good stores and live, wide-awake merchants are a strong index to the substantiality of the community. The way to get these things is for the people to patronize the home merchant, and thus encourage him to improve and enlarge his stock, and make his place of business more attractive. If you don't trade with St. Johns merchants, commence now and help build up a strong commercial community, and by your example induce those who come among us to do the same.

WHEN EAST MEETS WEST.

The East needs an introduction to the Middle West. Both the East and the Middle West need an introduction to the Far West. That introduction is going to be made, formally and informally—you may take your choice—this year, and the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Oregon, will be the introducer. This exposition, which will open June 1, will be useful in many ways, but in no way will it be more useful to Americans than in making the far-divided sections of this great country acquainted with each other. What does the man who lives in Augusta on the Kennebec, for instance, know about the man whose home is at Salem on the Willamette? And the Walla Walla Washingtonian—what is his conception of the Washingtonian whose residence is in the District of Columbia? Between San Francisco and New York stretch 3,000 miles of territory, and the middle does not know the ends, nor do the ends have proper acquaintance with each other. The exposition at Portland will bring together both ends and the middle and make them mutually acquainted. The East ought to know more about the West than the West knows about the East, for Easterners travel in the West more than Westerners travel in the East; but somehow these touring Easterners do not diffuse their knowledge of the West when they return home. Or perhaps the home-staying Easterners refuse to believe what their travel-wise neighbors tell them of the West, because some of those tales are tallish, so to speak, and appear unbelievable to the eye of the conservative Easterner. On the other hand, the East has gained a mighty misconception of the West by placing credence in tales entirely too tall for the proper stature of truth and veracity. The "wild and woolly" West is the only West which most of the East wots of. The tamed and tranquil West they refuse to believe in, and they entertain also, in some quarters, a notion that the West is incapable of complete civilization. The exposition at Portland will do much toward giving the East a proper attitude of appreciation toward the West. The thousands of Easterners who will take advantage of the reduced railroad rates and attend the exposition, see the western country and its people, study conditions and take note of achievements, will return home with minds cleared of very much haziness that has beclouded them by reason of the acceptance of fictional caricatures as gospel fact. They will find all along the Pacific coast a civilization far advanced—splendid cities with skyscrapers, church spires, public libraries, universities of learning, and—telephones. It is related that a Boston woman who visited St. Louis last year was amazed to learn that the telephone was in general use throughout that

city. What will be her astonishment to find in Portland, not only the telephone that talks, but the telephone that sees? At the Lewis and Clark exposition a device whereby one talking through a telephone may see the reflected features of the person at the other end of the line, will be exhibited in practical operation for the first time in public—and strange to state—it is the invention of a Portland man. The East and the West will be come acquainted at Portland. This will clear up many misconceptions on each side, and will serve the stronger to cement the several sections of our land.

SWEATING PRISONERS.

The days of the Spanish Inquisition are supposed to be past. Torquemada and his fiendish assistants gloated over the sufferings of the unfortunate wretches who fell into their power. All their deeds of cruelty, all their fiendish acts were done in the name of christianity, and for the glory of God. When the power of Torquemada and his minions was broken, humanity breathed a sigh of relief. The clouds of despair were broken and through the rift the sunshine of hope threw its brilliant rays. The reign of blood had ceased. People look back at that dark and bloody spot on the history of religious persecutions and wonder how it was possible for men to be so brutal. Today we have torture chambers and inquisitors of our own, more disgraceful to our civilization than was the Spanish to theirs. Their ignorance and religious fanaticism were some excuse, but for ours there is none. Every municipal court in any great American city savors of the Inquisition. Its Torquemadas are in the ranks of its detectives. No more cruel things were ever inflicted upon its helpless victims by the bloodthirsty old Spanish fanatic than are inflicted by these brutes in human form who perpetrate all their acts of cruelty in the name of law.

The only sacredness they attach to the term lies in its proficiency in helping them brow-beat and bulldoze some ignorant wretch who has fallen into their clutches. To him they tell any lies that will enable them to wring a confession from him or trip him into an admission of guilt. H. C. Wood, a member of the detective force of Portland during the early 90's, was an able exponent of the inquisitorial system. When Captain Spencer became chief of police he fired Wood from the force. Wood owed the loss of his position largely to the influence of a man he said he would send to the pen "if he had to 'job' him to do it." Unfortunately for Wood he had struck the wrong man. It was common fame that Wood was a blackmailer, a liar, a lecherous brute and a thug, and yet for long he was regarded as an able officer. When the expose was complete Wood disappeared from the public gaze, sinking into the abyss of obscurity.

The latest example of inquisitorial methods comes from San Francisco. A woman was so brutally treated that the press raised a hue and cry over the outrage. The result can not be foreseen but it is to be hoped the brutes who tortured the woman in the name of the law, may be severely punished. A life sentence is sufficient. When men representing the law adopt such horrible methods as the police of San Francisco did to extort a confession from the wife of a suspected murderer, it is time the people arouse themselves to action. It is known to all men that a wife cannot testify for, nor against, her husband, in a murder case, and yet these brutes in human form, tortured a helpless woman into a state of mental collapse, to secure a statement which they could not legally use. What did they care for the sufferings of a poor, helpless woman, so they succeeded in forcing her to tell what she knew, if anything, about the crime?

Sometime a day of reckoning will come to these minions of the law and they will be placed where they justly belong, behind bars, arrayed in striped suits, with their heads shaven. It is the conduct of such men as these which makes most of our municipal courts a hiss and a by-word throughout all the land. The law assumes every man charged with a crime, innocent until proven guilty, but the modern courts assume his guilt and compel him to prove his innocence. Such corruptible methods as these led to the French Revolution and, if not checked, a revolution will follow here.

CONTINUED SESSION.

Bumps Discovered along Municipal Roadway.

The city council of St. Johns held an adjourned meeting at the council chambers on Thursday evening for the purpose of finishing up the business inaugurated at previous meetings, and to get themselves in shape to deal with the municipal problems which will confront them in the future. Investigation into the applications for license to sell liquor revealed the fact that the charter is in violation of the license question. It seems no special provision is made by which the license for saloons may be granted, although power is

given the council to regulate and control the sale of liquor.

City Attorney H. S. Green, was instructed to look up authorities, and report at the next regular meeting of the council to be held next Monday night.

The committee instructed to secure a hall for the purpose of holding a mass meeting to discuss the bond question, reported that they had secured the hall in Mr. Holbrook's building, and it was decided to hold the meeting Saturday evening at 7:30.

The bill of Mrs. Rich for ten meals furnished the judges and clerks on election day, was audited and O. K'd, as were the bills of judges of election, Hansen and Hurlbert, and also that of Mr. Hinman for the use of his building.

The committee instructed to confer with Mr. Cone in regard to furnishing material for constructing docks reported favorably. Mr. Cone stated he would use every effort to furnish all necessary material immediately. Mr. Cone is quoted as saying, "I am as anxious to have the dock completed as any citizen of St. Johns for I know the great need of it."

Under suspension of the rules two ordinances were passed empowering the city recorder to have the old seal of "The Town of St. Johns" changed so as to read, "The City of St. Johns," and to secure a new charter for the city. He was instructed to have the matter attended to immediately in order that all documents requiring a seal should bear the proper impression.

The new mayor and the members of the council are familiarizing themselves with the routine work, and it will be only a short time until the municipal machinery will be running noiselessly and at top speed.

NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN.

St. Johns Under Control of Mayor King and New Council.

The new mayor, W. H. King, was installed last Monday evening, together with the newly elected city councilmen, and other city officials.

Ex-mayor C. A. Cook was present, and when retiring, congratulated Mayor King on his success.

On presenting the gavel to Mayor King, Mr. Cook stated that it was made from a maple tree which grew in St. Johns, under whose shade he had often rested. "It is an emblem of authority," said the ex-mayor, "and by its use the members of the council can be guided in their deliberations."

Only three members of the old council were present. The retiring recorder, L. F. Clark, administered the oath to Mayor King and Recorder-elect J. W. Hanks, Treasurer F. W. Valentine, and Councilmen B. T. Leggett, P. J. Peterson, C. S. Thompson, C. D. Edwards, C. A. Linquist, H. W. Brice and J. H. Shields. City attorney S. H. Greene took the oath of office and assumed his duties.

Following this the minutes of the last meeting of the old council were read and tentatively approved.

The mayor and council being new to the business, decided to adjourn until Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., in order to give them time to look over their official duties, and adjust themselves to their official harness.

Promptly at the time appointed on Tuesday evening the council met, and after reading of the minutes of previous meeting, Mayor King made the following appointments: City attorney, S. H. Greene. This appointment was made to avoid any future complications. Mr. Greene now holding the office by election and appointment. Henry J. Smith was appointed city engineer. B. T. Leggett was elected president of the council.

On inquiring as to his duties, Mr. Leggett was informed by Attorney Greene that he held the same relative position to the council that the vice president does to the United States senate, and his duties consisted in looking wise.

The mayor submitted three names for city marshal, John Verdigian, R. C. Clark and George Ethelridge, all being promptly turned down by the council.

The following committees for the year were appointed by the mayor: Ways and means and current expenses—P. J. Peterson, C. S. Thompson, H. W. Brice. Streets and docks—B. T. Leggett, C. A. Linquist, J. H. Shields. Licenses—B. T. Leggett, H. W. Brice, C. D. Edwards. Water and lights—C. A. Linquist, J. H. Shields, P. J. Peterson. Public buildings and grounds—C. S. Thompson, P. J. Peterson, H. W. Brice.

City Attorney S. H. Greene and City Engineer Henry J. Smith were appointed a special committee to investigate the accounts and books of the last city administration.

An ordinance fixing the bonds of the city auditor at \$500, city marshal at \$500 and the treasurer at \$2000 was read three times under suspension of rules and passed. Recorder Hanks and Treasurer Valentine filed their bonds. Retiring Treasurer J. F. Livermore turned over his books and cash to the amount of \$295.81, and was relieved from further responsibility. Mayor King said that up to last evening 29 applications for license to sell liquor in St. Johns had been filed.

There will be a mass meeting April 15, 7:30 P. M. Holbrook Bld.

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