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SALARIES AND ASSETS.

As a business proposition it cannot be reasonably expected that men should be found who would devote their time to the business of any corporation, civic or commercial, without some compensation. It is unfair to expect that this should be done. But all corporations, both public and private should regulate salaries that the amount paid out would be in keeping with the income or earnings. As salaries are now fixed by the city council and charter the following will show:

	Per month	Per year
Chief of Police	\$60.00	\$720.00
City Attorney	60.00	720.00
Recorder	40.00	480.00
Mayor	40.00	480.00
Seven Councilmen	42.00	504.00
City Treasurer	25.00	300.00
Lamp-lighter	4.00	48.00
		\$2760.00

[NOTE—The charter allows the mayor a salary of \$250 and the councilmen \$1.50 each for every regular meeting attended. There are 24 regular meetings per year.]

To this amount should be added the expense of fire hydrants, lights, fuel, maintenance of departments, and other contingent expenses, which will, at a reasonable estimate, amount to something near \$2000, bringing the grand total up to \$4760.00. Our present assessed valuation is \$317,000, which with a 3 mill tax levy, brings in a revenue of a little over \$900. The assessed valuation this year will probably be about \$400,000, and under the new charter a 10 mill tax levy can be made, which would bring the revenue from this source up to \$4000. The revenue from other sources is, of course, an unknown quantity, and cannot at this time even be approximated with any degree of correctness whatever. As the matter now stands the city will have an expenditure of \$4760 with an estimated income of \$4000, if the full limit of tax is levied. This has nothing to do with interest on bonds, a special levy being permitted for this purpose. In fixing its expenditures, we presume the council has figured out all these details, and know just where they stand in the matter of revenue, all of which is as yet to be provided for.

TOM BROWN INSANE.

Tom Brown, the Chelialis boy who shot his father to death, was before a jury and a verdict of insanity was returned. This is one of the saddest cases of suffering and abuse ever aired in a court of justice. The persecution of the boy by his unnatural father began before his birth. At the age of six months Brown tried to strangle the child. At the age of six years the brutal father beat the little fellow over the head until the blood gushed out of his ears. When not enjoying himself beating the child Brown was amusing himself by beating the mother. He kept his system full of whiskey which put him in an abusive mood and he felt perfectly safe in venting his spleen on his helpless wife and unfortunate child. His abuse of the child made him an epileptic. At the time he killed his father the boy was 15 years old. For years he had brooded over the abuse of himself and mother at the hands of his brutal father.

The climax was reached last December when Brown tried to kill his son with a neckyoke. The boy rushed home, secured his gun and meeting his father shot him to death. It was a repetition of the history of all cowards. Realizing his own danger Brown begged pitifully for his life. He who had never any mercy for his son, pleaded pitifully for his life which was in the hands of the boy made an imbecile by his own unnatural conduct. He had sown to the wind and was reaping the whirlwind. When the verdict was returned the mother and the boy's attorneys overwhelmed the jury with thanks. Public opinion was about equally divided as to whether the verdict would be manslaughter or insanity, and when read was greeted by the audience with cheers.

It may be that careful treatment will restore the lad's mind and a hope is held out to him for a better future.

THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Chicago is again in a strike convulsion. It has been the scene of some of the most stupendous strikes the world has ever seen. The present one is on the part of the teamsters and bids fair to excel all its predecessors in rioting and bloodshed. A spirit of vindictive ness is manifesting itself which is calculated to startle the whole civilized world, and the end cannot be foreseen. Non-union men have been engaged to take the place of the strikers. Many of these are young men from the country who have been trained from boyhood in the use of the rifle. Among them are marksmen who can shoot a quail's head off at a distance of

30 yards, offhand. These men are armed with Winchester rifles and when they draw a bead on a man and fire all he will need is an undertaker and hearse.

Many have been killed already and the smoldering sparks in each breast will be fanned into flame by the breath of hate until death and destruction will run riot, and anarchy will reign supreme.

The history of Chicago is one of carnage and blood. There has never been a strike within her borders that was not characterized by bloodshed and all forms of lawlessness. People, ordinarily good citizens, forgot their obligations to society, and became fiendish in their thirst for blood. Women stood in the front ranks of the strikers and hurled stones at those they hated with the bitterness of death.

It is to be regretted that strikes ever occur. After they are over it takes months before a normal condition obtains. Bitter feelings are engendered which last for years, which often develop into feuds terminating in death only.

Uncle Sam has taken part in one strike in Chicago and, from present indications, he will be compelled to take part in this. If he does, it is probable that the end will be reached earlier than it would otherwise.

ST. JOHNS ON MAIN LINE.

It has been almost definitely settled that St. Johns will within a short while have two trunk lines of railroad. The O. R. & N. has for several years had a spur line running along the water front to this point, but steps are now being taken with the view of extending the line from here along the bank of the Willamette and following the Columbia slough to a point near Troutdale.

The present main line of the O. R. & N. running out of Portland passes through Sullivan's Gulch and over a sharp grade which makes it difficult to haul the heavy freight trains either in or out. The new line is to obviate this difficulty and to make provision for a water grade the entire distance.

The plan as at present mapped out is for the old road to be used for passenger business over the main line while the proposed road, when it is built, will be used for the transportation of the long and heavy freight trains running into eastern Oregon, as well as to handle the products of the factories already located and those sure to be located in the near future, in this city.

The Northern Pacific is also pushing forward the preliminary work with the view of tapping the great manufacturing district of St. Johns. The bridge across the Columbia is an assured fact, and a bridge across the Willamette near the Weyerhaeuser mill site is also contemplated.

These great railway systems are beginning to realize the importance of St. Johns as a manufacturing center, and always on the alert for traffic, will lose no time in building to this point. The probabilities are strong that within a very few years large docks will line the St. Johns water front, and all the ocean freight handled by these two trunk lines will be loaded and unloaded here. This is the reasonable solution of the problem of overconditioned and expensive handling conditions now existing in Portland.

A Pressing Need Filled.

St. Johns capital has again demonstrated its sagacity and hard business sense by purchasing the only available bed of gravel to be had in this vicinity. Foreseeing the immense future demand, for this most useful of building materials, as well as indispensable articles for street improvement, some of our local capitalists have been on the still hunt for the best bed of gravel on the Peninsula and after fifteen months of patient, steady, persistent search, they have found just what they wanted.

Will Soon be Ready.

The machinery for the new brick yard has arrived, and is being put in place. The yards will have a capacity of 20,000 per day, and only a short time will elapse before the first kiln of 100,000 will be ready for burning. The demand for brick is great, and aside from the Hollbrook block, corner Jersey and Burlington streets, several other brick blocks will be built as soon as the material can be obtained. This new industry is one, than which no other is so necessary to local development and improvement and it will receive a strong support. The promoters certainly deserve all the patronage that can be given them.

Married.

There was a pleasant company of friends who gathered at the home of J. P. Thomas in this city last Saturday to participate in the wedding festivities of two of our popular young people, at high noon. Mr. Oscar Kelsey and Miss Jessie Epperson presented themselves in the parlor to take the marriage vow. Rev. E. E. McVicker officiating, after which they were congratulated by their many friends.

Enlarging its Capacity.

The St. Johns Water Co. has been severely taxed to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing demand, and in order to meet this demand, is increasing its plant. A large well has been sunk, and an immense compound pump will be installed. A contract has been let for the construction of a concrete reservoir of 250,000 gallons. When these extensions and improvements are completed, there will be no question about the company being able to meet all demands which may be made upon it, both for domestic and fire purposes.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Street Improvements Ordered—Bond Election, etc.

A regular meeting of the city council was held Monday evening. Mayor and all councilmen present.

A petition was received from property owners asking that Catlin street be improved from the east line of Jersey street to the east line of Kellogg street. The same petitioners ask that Kellogg street be improved from the north line of Catlin to the south line of St. Johns avenue. Referred to street committee.

A petition from the Claremont Tavern Co., the promoters and builders of the roadhouse resort across the river opposite this city, asking for permission to use the foot of Philadelphia street for a passenger ferry landing. They propose to transport passengers only and charge a five-cent fare. Referred to street and dock committee.

A resolution fixing salaries of appointive officers was passed as follows: Chief of police, \$60 per month; this officer will also perform the duties of street commissioner without further salary. City attorney, \$60 per month.

The city engineer presented plans and specifications for the improvement of Burlington and Philadelphia streets from Bradford to Jersey streets.

It was moved and carried that the offer of C. Oihus, offering the triangular block at junction of Burlington and Philadelphia, for \$2550, to be used for city purposes be accepted.

The question of occupation tax was discussed and referred to the license committee.

Chief of Police Organ filed his report as follows:

"As per requirements of charter I herewith file with you the requirements of my office of chief of police for the ensuing month of May. First—My salary to be fixed for said month. Also the appointment of one or more deputies as the council may see fit. I will here state that the summer months are here and the park running, which necessitates more than one man can attend to in the policing of the town in the proper manner. Will also state that the charter requires the council to fix by ordinance business hours for all departments. Will also state that I hold myself subject to the will of the council as pertaining to the number of hours I am expected to work in every 24. I will also state that I have received no monthly salary since November 1904. Very respectfully, C. R. ORGAN."

Mayor nominated Matt. Gardner for chief of police. Laid over till next regular meeting.

William Edmondson filed complaint against J. B. Landrum who had permit to blast stumps on the Windle tract, stating that the work endangered his family and property. On motion permit was revoked.

A bill from the St. Johns Water Co. for \$52.50 for six fire hydrants from February 10 to May 1, was laid over for further information.

The bill of city engineer was referred to current expense accounts.

Bills allowed as follows: John Hughes, 1 mo. light tender, \$4.00; M. L. Rowland, storage fire ap., 10.00; H. V. Edwards, judge election, 2.00; Prasp, manager of Cedar Park, was granted a license for the park at the rate of \$120 per quarter, he to furnish his own police, who must be a St. Johns man, and receive a salary of \$3 per day.

It was decided to submit the question of issuing \$10,000 bonds to a vote of the people May 22. John Poff, A. H. Blackburn and Matt. Gardner were appointed judges, Otis Learned and W. H. Moxan clerks. Polling place at council chamber.

The following are the standing committees:

Ways, Means and Current Expenses—P. J. Peterson, C. S. Thompson, H. W. Brice.

Streets and Docks—B. T. Leggett, Chas. Lindquist, J. H. Shields. License—B. T. Leggett, H. W. Brice, C. D. Edwards.

Water and Light—Chas. Lindquist, J. H. Shields, P. J. Peterson. Buildings and Grounds—C. S. Thompson, H. W. Brice, P. J. Peterson.

Health and Police—J. H. Shields, Chas. Lindquist, H. W. Brice.

The New Bank.

A large vault, and other fixtures for the new bank have been shipped and are expected here in a few days. Mr. Woods is expected daily. Congressman Fordney, of Michigan, will be the president of the bank, and will spend a portion of his time here. He is a man of means, being extensively interested in the Weyerhaeuser plant, and, with Mr. Woods, the manager, will prove valuable additions to our enterprising city.



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\$325—Lot 40x132. Close in. Plenty of fruit.
\$500—Two-room house, lot 54x182. Young trees.
\$1500—5-room house, lot 109x182, improvements.
\$1700—11-room house; new, overlooks river.
\$750—Lot 75x100, corner; house 14x30, central.
\$750—House 14x24, lot 75x100, corner, close in.
\$3,200—A block close to industries and O. R. & N. R. R. Easy terms.

N. F. NOREN Real Estate

Lots in Arvidson's addition, North St. Johns, overlooking the river, high and slightly... \$250
Fine corner lot 50x100 two blocks from the center of city... 500
New 6-room house well finished, lot 50x71, near car line... 1000
Choice corner lot on Boulevard... 450
5-room house and one 2-room small house, and one acre of ground, in St. Johns Heights, with fruit trees and other improvements... 2200
Lot 50x100 and small house overlooking the river, high and slightly; this is a snap... 450
4-room house well finished, lot 40x132 and alley, fruit trees and garden, this is a good bargain... 900
Business lot 50x90 in the business center... 800
5-room house, lot 50x93, this house is new, up to date and is a fine house... 1500
Sole agent for Title Guarantee & Trust Co.
Lots in Point View sold \$5 down \$5 per month.

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