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REGULAR MEETING.

City Council Considers and Comments Concisely.

Monday evening was held the regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council with Mayor King in the chair. Councilmen present—Messrs. Brice, Thompson, Leggett, Peterson, Lindquist, Shields.

Building committee reported the house for fire apparatus practically completed.

Street committee reported that in the work of improving Gresham street from Mohawk to Adams streets condemnation proceedings must be resorted to; and it was decided that the city engineer should make necessary surveys and report at next meeting.

Ordinance 54 relating to peddlers' and hawkers' licenses was read the first, second (by title) and third times and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance 55 relating to occupation tax was read the first time. This was an intensely long affair, but full of interest to all doing business in St. Johns.

J. C. Scott appeared for the water company and asked that proper legislation be enacted to prevent parties soiling the water in the new reservoir. He stated that the company had been to great expense to erect a suitable reservoir and was about to erect a neat iron fence about the property with a desire to prevent any defiling of the water; and the company now asked for an ordinance to create a penalty for those caught trespassing upon the premises or tampering in any manner with the purity of the water. The matter was laid over.

The matter of the charges against Merritt Hanks marshal, Fred Valentine, treasurer, and C. D. Edwards, councilman, holding office illegally—they not being property owners—was brought up. It developed that the two first-named were property-holders—and the marshal was reappointed and confirmed. It was not considered necessary to re-confirm Mr. Valentine.

The Edwards matter was discussed at some length. In the opinion of Messrs. Lindquist, Peterson and Thompson, Mr. Edwards was not a legal member of the body; while Messrs. Shields, Brice and Leggett maintained a contrary opinion. The latter-named declared that if Edwards was not a legal member they would approve of his being deposed and no longer sitting with the council; and, in order to ascertain the standing they urged that a regular legal hearing be had on the evening of Friday, August 11. This was agreed to by all present.

Attorney Greene, when asked his opinion, stated that he had personally notified Mr. Edwards and his attorney, Mr. McGarry, that the matter was to be brought up at this meeting and urged them to be present; that Mr. McGarry had made no definite answer and that Mr. Edwards had declared that it was a matter of no great interest to him what was done. Mayor King stated that it was Mr. Edwards' desire to remove to a location near his business in Albina—and that his property here was sold for that reason; he believed Mr. Edwards did not desire to remain upon the council.

Salaries of city attorney and city marshal were allowed. Adjourned to Friday evening, August 11.

Excursionists Come.

Trolley-car loads of visitors very frequently are brought to St. Johns on a tour of sight-seeing, and the cars run very slowly through the city. Upon every hand are to be noted indications of progress—and there is no doubt that the visitors are favorably impressed with what they see. These trips frequently lead to investments and the locating here of the buyer.

Healthy Increase.

From the assessed valuation of St. Johns as given in the assessor's books last year it is learned that the valuation was at that time about \$500,000. This year the just completed list shows a trifle more than \$1,250,000 valuation—which gives one an idea that THE REVIEW is conservative when it declares that the growth and improvement of the city is wonderful.

Keep Your Eye On St. Johns.

ORDINANCE 54.

License for Milk Route Will Be Found Prohibitive.

There is an article in ordinance 54 which needs fixing—else a hardship will be felt by many people. We refer to the high license—amounting to a prohibition—affixed to the selling of milk when the seller does not own his cows.

With a desire to protect those living and doing business in St. Johns the council has enacted an ordinance affixing a goodly license fee for all itinerant dealers in all lines of trade; included in this are "milk men" or proprietors of milk routes. The tax on these is from one dollar a day up—unless the dealers raise their own milk; then there is no fee.

With its 2500 residents St. Johns is not in the class of farming or dairying districts. It is useless to try to think so; it would be futile to assert that we can long produce enough milk for our own consumption. Just how many cows are around here is not known—but it is a fact that many people are now greatly inconvenienced because of a dearth of milk. It is difficult to secure and many families are forced to walk ten or more blocks to secure enough to supply modest needs.

Several men at various times have essayed to start a milk route in St. Johns—not with a view to harm those who now sell, but to accommodate those who now frequently go without; but when the tax of a dollar a day is figured in the expense was found to be too great. Suppose a man started a route with a patronage of 40 quarts to begin with. He would be forced to add 3c to each quart, or sell for about 10c a quart to pay his one dollar license. Probably he would agree to reduce the price as his trade increased; but it is surprising how long he would be in advertising a reduction. And there would be no opposition—because of this high tax.

When the big lumber mill shall be running there will be a big increase in the demand for milk; in fact, every week there is an increase with no visible means of supplying the needs. A license of a dollar or two a month would open the field not only to one but to competitive dealers—thus making it possible to get milk conveniently at a decent figure. Those who are now patronizing home dealers would not desert those of whom they now buy; no home dealer would suffer—but the sale of condensed milk, with its accompanying impurities, would be decreased—and the users would be the better for it.

THE REVIEW believes that the city council of St. Johns, when it carefully considers the prohibitive features of the milkman's license fee, will issue an amendment modifying the prices. The council desires to act for the good of the greatest number of its constituents—and a rate of a couple of dollars a month will do much good.

Not Much Sickness.

It has been remarked by several people of St. Johns that there seemed to be a great number of cases of sickness here, and THE REVIEW has made a special effort to look into the matter. It finds that it is the general opinion of the doctors that the health conditions are perfectly normal. There are now no cases of typhoid fever in town as far as we can ascertain, but there are a few instances of summer complaint. One doctor laid it to the fact that there are a great number of people out here from the east and the change of altitude, rather than any especially unhealthy conditions, was the cause of it.

One doctor warns the people that it is not just the best thing to bathe in the Willamette river, as it is so close to Portland that one is apt to get the effect of the impurities from that city.

He says that in other parts of the state there is trouble resulting from the use of so-called Pasteurized milk, which, by the way, is treated with certain chemicals to disinfect it.

In localities where ice is scarce, much of the meat is treated with saltpetre, the meat being embalmed, as it were. The saltpetre acts on the human system as it does on the piece of meat; hence the trouble.

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St. Johns' Public Dock First of Its Kind on River.

People have been crying for a public dock—and the city of St. Johns has built one of large size which will be put to frequent use.

For some time the city of St. Johns has been figuring upon this dock proposition; and when the bonds were voted steps were promptly taken to erect a public dock of a size to care for all probable business.

The result is that a dock which could not be duplicated for less than \$3000 is now open for the public. In every way it is a public dock; there will be no charge for dockage; and any boat, large or small, has the right to make the landing.

A little later, before the rainy season, so it is stated, a warehouse will be erected to protect goods not immediately removed. In such an event if business shall be so great as to necessitate the services of a man every day there will have to be enough of a charge for goods cared for to compensate the man in charge; but, of course, that would be but just.

There are two decks to the dock so that if the water be high or low or the boats be large or small no difficulty will be experienced. It is finely constructed, strong, durable and convenient; in fact, there is no equal of it between Portland and Astoria. And the cost to the city was not great.

J. W. Cone, for the convenience of having the old dock for his own lumber business, made the city of St. Johns a gift of the lumber used in the construction of the new dock. This brought the expense of the affair down to a minimum figure, and allowed the city to put in a dock for about one-third of what the ordinary cost would have been. But for the public spirit shown by Mr. Cone the dock would have been but a very common affair—even if it had been built at all; and he should receive the proper credit for his liberality.

Bought Realty.

E. F. Day, who recently bought the one-fourth block from Fred Valentine, has purchased block 25, where W. V. Jobs is now living. The consideration was something over four thousand dollars.

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