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**THE CITY COUNCIL.**

WHY should St. Johns continue to be a joke? How much longer will the members of the city council put up with humor that lacks both sense and sharpness? Do not the members, each and every one, realize that their constituents are vehemently demanding efficient legislation?

There are differences in the council body: all are aware of that. That differences should exist is no surprise; but that they should continue to multiply and thrive till their baneful effects are sorely felt by all business interests is a matter of surprise and regret. The council is not composed of fools; the members are intelligent above the average; but they have let stubbornness get the better of their judgment.

THE REVIEW has no axe to grind; no private ends to subserv; no enemies to scorch. THE REVIEW stands for a greater St. Johns; for what is just and right. It believes with the majority—insofar that it urges and demands that the council get together—and at once. The longer the delay in settling the differences existing the more difficult the union. Put away childish things—and go at the work of renovation with a vim.

**SOMETHING WRONG.**

UNLESS all signs are incorrect there must be something radically rotten in the deal regarding the sale of the \$10,000 of municipal bonds recently issued by the city of St. Johns. Many attorneys in no manner interested in the welfare of St. Johns have, upon examination of the bonds, pronounced them in every way legal and legitimate; but when it came to having an "expert examination" a gross error seemed to be discovered in the way in which the call read.

There seems to be a wide discrepancy as to what constitutes a "public utility" and it is upon this wedge that opinions split. One firm's experts declare that a public utility is merely some investment by the city or town which will return a direct financial revenue to the municipality; and with a decision like that what can a city like St. Johns do?

The question of the charter under which these bonds were authorized allows the city of St. Johns to create an indebtedness for any public utility. By public utility it was understood that a city hall and its proper site, a fire apparatus for the protection of property, and the erection of a public dock were all public utilities. While the city was not to receive a direct financial return by this expenditure the outlay was felt to be justified because indirectly the city of St. Johns was to be greatly benefited.

As one lawyer, well-fitted to give an opinion in the matter, remarked: "If the protection of the property of St. Johns people is not a public utility, if the erection of a city hall is not a public utility, if the erection of a public dock where all passing vessels have the right to stop and load or unload merchandise is not a public utility, as I say, these are not public utilities, rebounding to the benefit and comfort and progress of the people and the city, then what in the name of heaven is a public utility?"

invalidate this issue of bonds—not would there be any failure to pay both interest and principal when due.

That there must be some firm dealing in securities that would construe a "public utility" as have many well-posted attorneys there is no doubt; the trouble will be, however, to find the firm.

**NOT A GROUCH.**

IN reading the article in this week's issue of THE REVIEW regarding the proposition of the Oregon Sienna Paint Company it must not be understood that this paper has pulled its little hammer for the purpose of knocking any enterprise. It is of no use to chase rainbows when considering any proposition; one must place himself, not where he would be, but where he really is—and meet conditions face to face.

As the amount of the required bonus is the more considered less probable seems the securing of the amount of cash necessary; and there is no need of tickling one's anticipation with the feather of glee at any proposed new industry: the better method is to roll up one's sleeves, spit on the hands, yell "Now! a-a-a-all together!" and pull it in.

The paint company is anxious to get a good location—and St. Johns would like it. St. Johns has advantages which will be difficult for this company to duplicate elsewhere—and the company realizes this point. But the required site would cost the people here about \$4,000. Even with the ensmalled site the cost would be fully \$2,000—and there is not a sufficient number of people interested in the matter to put up this amount without a hardship.

Careful investigation shows that while this city would be much pleased to secure this plant as proposed no one can determine where a return of the \$2,000 could be secured to the people. It would mean, of course, the erection of a \$1,500 plant with other concurrent expenditures, and the coming of several families; yet, even with this increase, the money would be difficult to secure as a gift.

**SEWERS NOT EXPENSIVE.**

IF the people of St. Johns will carefully consider the sewer proposition to be submitted to some sections of the city it will be found a very inexpensive matter as a whole.

St. Johns is so situated that there will be required no deep excavating for a sewer draining the area from the schoolhouse to Tacoma street between Jersey and the river; hence the cost of the main sewer and its laterals need not be high.

A mistaken idea exists in the minds of many regarding paying for such an improvement—they believing that the expense of service is charged, as in street improvement, to the abutting property. To an extent this is true; yet the expense of the main sewer and the cost of all connecting pipes is averaged and the cost is divided by the number of surface feet drained. Hence, those who resided on the street where the main sewer pipe runs would be charged no more than they whose property abutted on a small pipe.

Under the Bancroft act any city or town in Oregon may easily accumulate a sewer system at a moderate cost. We believe, personally, that a good sewer system can be installed in the district above mentioned for a cost so small that three mills per square foot of ground drained will pay the full bill. This means about \$7.50 for a lot 25x100; and there is no property owner who could afford to turn down so great an improvement at so small an expense.

**IN THE NECK.**

PENDLETON is getting a dose of reciprocity which was not down in the bills. Farmers who trade in that city urged that all saloons be closed on Sunday—a thing decidedly proper in every sense of the word. This was done—and well done.

The saloon men, in a retaliatory mood, insisted that every store in town be closed. They went so far as to solicit the aid of the district attorney—and finally the ordinance passed. This fixed it so that the suburban patronage could get nothing on a Sunday when in town and caused much bother for the farmers. The idea of the saloon men was to make Sunday closing so obnoxious that the farmers would urge a repeal of both laws.

But the saloon men and the merchants figured without any basis. The farmers came together, put in some cash and some influence and formed a "union." They are now building a general store of ample size to handle enough stock to supply them all; and they will conduct it on co-operative lines. They will cut out the Pendleton patronage and the concurrent profits—and the whole city is now sore at the city council.

**Satisfactory Work.**

ST. JOHNS, AUGUST 2, 1905. I have had bridge and crown work done by Dr. W. T. Slatten and can truthfully say it is satisfactory in every respect. I would recommend Dr. Slatten to any of my friends. JAMES H. GEE, St. Johns, Oregon.

(Dr. Slatten's office is in the Central Hotel block, above the postoffice.)

**May Be Engineer.**

J. Henry Smith, contemplating an extended trip to Texas, has practically resigned from his position as city engineer of St. Johns. When he and Mrs. Smith leave here the city will temporarily lose two splendid citizens—and all will hope for their return.

The office of city engineer will then be vacant—and the position has been offered to W. W. Goodrich, a St. Johns resident, fully qualified in every way to fill the position. Mr. Goodrich has an enviable record, and has been connected with several of the largest railroads in the country as consulting engineer.

At the present time Mr. Goodrich is holding the matter under advisement. If he decides that he can accept the position without detriment to his other business there is no doubt he will do so.

**Fine Brick.**

The kiln of one hundred and thirty thousand brick that was fired a couple of weeks ago was opened Monday evening—and the result is a lot of the finest brick that can be produced in Oregon. Another kiln was started the last of this week and will take about ten days to burn.

The new stiff mud machine has been set up and is in working order, power being furnished by an electric motor and dynamo, instead of the steam engine that was used at first.

Nearly twenty are employed at the yards all of the time and they put out about twenty thousand brick a day. Dry sheds will be installed very soon so that work can be carried on during the wet weather.

**Extract From Ordinance.**

"Section 1—No animals mentioned in this section shall be allowed to go upon or stand upon any sidewalk or park in the City of St. Johns; no animals shall be staked or fastened on unenclosed grounds in such a manner that such animal can reach the sidewalks bordering on such grounds."

We reprint this portion of the ordinance in order that some owners of cows and other live stock may not ignorantly disobey the law.

**Narrowly Escapes Drowning.**

Melvin Hanks narrowly escaped drowning last Tuesday morning, at the ferry landing. He was sitting on a plank fishing and lost his balance and fell into the river. His father happened to be near and rescued him after he had gone under once and was about to go under a second time. Melvin is nine years old.

**Meant to Sign It.**

C. D. Edwards, who has returned from his lumber-buying trip, has stated to Mayor King that he regrets the annoyance caused by the non-signing of his resignation. It was his intention, so Mr. Edwards declares, to have signed the document before mailing it—and much regrets not having done so.

**Has Removed.**

The Title Guarantee and Trust Company has removed its offices in Portland to Second street, corner of Washington, where it has splendid and imposing headquarters. This concern is a very large one and the removal was made necessary by its rapidly increasing business.

**Had A Time.**

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Potter, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Danolds, Master Charles Danolds, Miss Laura Potter of Medina, N. Y., and Miss Emma Gillette of Clay Center, Neb., enjoyed an outing at the seaside the first of the week, returning Thursday evening.

Mrs. E. J. Eastman and son, of Tumwater, and Mrs. S. C. Munby, of Olympia, are visiting their sister, Mrs. G. S. Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Manning, of Olympia, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. G. S. Manning, this week, and also taking in the fair.

Frank Williams, state commissioner of Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, and S. A. Hewling, emigrant and land agent for the Illinois Central and Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroads, were in town for a short time Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Rowland have recently received word from their son, Claude, who is in New Orleans, stating that owing to the strict quarantine now in force he cannot get home to St. Johns for some time. He is a band-master there.

Workmen finished working on the Jersey street car track Thursday morning. The track has been moved to the center of the street and lowered to grade, and, with the new wide rails Jersey street makes one of the best pieces of track on the coast.

D. R. Davis, with his wife and children, is at the home of J. H. Black, St. Johns. The party came from Ogden, Utah, where Mr. Davis has been long connected with the Oregon Short Line railway—and they are seeking a new location.

Services at the Evangelical church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, and to the evening at eight. Mrs. Clara Tiffany, of Rochester, New York, will speak in the morning and she no doubt will be a treat to all who improve the opportunity to hear her.

Fred Valentine has been entertaining for the past week his brother, W. A. Valentine, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The two have not met for eighteen years—and are now making up for lost time. They have been on the go just about every hour in the twenty-four in each day.

**JOY! OH, JOY!**

All Members Meet in Council Tuesday Night.

All members of the city council were on deck Tuesday evening when Empire King called them—unless C. D. Edwards may be still termed a member of the board. He was off on a timber-buying expedition.

Mayor King had a resignation from Mr. Edwards—ut, although it was the one which he had engaged Attorney Greene to write for him and the one he had mailed on his trip—there was no signature affixed. Several of the board, while they did not doubt the resignation, or doubt the intention of Mr. Edwards to resign, did not like the idea of acting upon an unsigned document; and would allow no action to be taken.

The original resignation, still in possession of the officials, was then presented. This bore the proper signature and was genuine beyond any dispute; but the board as a whole would not consider it. It was moved that Mr. Edwards be dismissed from the council and be declared not a member—but when the vote was taken only three members voted. These were Messrs. Lindquist, Peterson and Thompson. Messrs. Leggett, Brice and Shields refused to vote—but Mayor King considered the vote a legal one and declared Mr. Edwards no longer a member of the board.

Some talk then followed regarding the matter—until Mr. Brice arose and assured the members that he was willing to consider all other matters of business and to do the best things possible but that it was foolish to fritter away the time of the council considering the Edwards matter. He desired to see the matter and all things pertaining to it shown up in full.

The matter of the ferry franchise was then brought up and the business was referred to the Street and Dock committee—Messrs. Leggett, Lindquist and Shields. This committee was ordered to fully investigate and report, with a proper ordinance, at the next regular meeting.

A communication from Judge Webster, of the county court, showed conclusively that the county commissioners would do their share in caring for the tiny length of the county highway where it extended upon the Burlington street improvement—but the contractors at the present time are making no efforts to work upon the same.

It was suggested that the contractors were anxious to dispose of the contract—and it was also suggested that the St. Johns Sand and Gravel Company was willing to assume the said contract; but no actual steps regarding the matter were taken.

The sewer for relief of the West Coast Laundry was discussed at some length. There is a general desire upon the part of the council to follow the lines suggested by THE REVIEW when it urged the home support of home institutions; but the wording of the celebrated charter seems to render such an act very difficult. It was at last concluded to endeavor to secure a genuine sewer in the legal way, to wit: secure signatures praying for a sewer district and follow the lines laid down for such work.

Adjourned to meet Monday evening, August 21.

**Recommends Him.**

ST. JOHNS, JULY 17, 1905. I had a set of teeth made by Dr. W. T. Slatten and can conscientiously say they give me entire satisfaction and would cheerfully recommend Dr. Slatten to anyone wishing work of this kind. Dr. Slatten is in the Central hotel, over the postoffice.

JAMES ALLEN, Boston Bakery.

**Loved His Mother.**

A pathetic incident was added to the awful tragedy of the drowning of Erich H. Bigelow in the slough south of the shingle mill on the 6th inst. When the body was taken from the water a little gold chain was found around the neck, attached to which was a locket containing a portrait of the lad's mother. Just before taking the fatal plunge the boy remarked to a comrade that his mother had put it around his neck just before she died, and that he had promised her he would wear it as long as he lived. Little did he think that in a few minutes he would have fulfilled the promise to his dead parent. Young Bigelow was to have received a large amount of money when he had reached his majority. His parents died in the east a short time ago, and he began roaming around the country. It is said he had relatives in Washington.

**Held Conference.**

The Methodists held the last quarterly conference of this year at the church Sunday evening. Dr. Schwartz was present and acted as presiding elder at the Love Feast. The regular annual conference will be held September 20—when Rev. L. E. Rothwell, the presiding elder for East Portland district, will be present. Mr. Schwartz expects to sail for Japan in two weeks to engage in missionary work there.

Crook & Walter have a five-room cottage at North Albina under construction. It is for F. P. Love, and is located at corner of Maryland avenue and Simpson street.



THE above property is offered for sale. It has one of the finest river views in St. Johns. The lot is 60x100. The house is modern throughout and has eight rooms, including bath, lavatory and toilet, laundry, electric lights, city water and cement walks. Fine lawn and cement walks. My price is \$2500. Call at the house and let me show you this property. R. CURRIER, Owner.

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A plant of this sort would prove a very popular thing for St. Johns. It would have a tendency to draw other small industries—and it is better for any community to have ten industries each employing ten men than to have but one industry with one hundred men. Details have not yet been completed—but will be published as soon as in shape.

**Dental Announcement.**

Owing to increase of business in St. Johns, I have sold my office at Portsmouth to Dr. E. Hopkins, and will now give all my time to my patients in St. Johns. DR. W. E. HARTEL.

**Bought St. Johns Property.**

F. G. Powers, who recently sold his mercantile business in Tangent, left today for St. Johns, where he will be joined by his family next week, and reside. Mr. Powers has bought a acre tract at St. Johns for \$1500. It has a good house, barn and some good fruit trees. Mr. Powers intends to make a specialty of poultry and eggs for the market. He believes there is a fine prospect for St. Johns. Mr. Powers was once in business in Albany, going from here to Lebanon and thence to Tangent.—Albany Democrat.

**At the Tabernacle.**

Rev. Ewing, state superintendent of Michigan, will preach in the Congregational tabernacle Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. In the evening Rev. Upshaw will preach at the usual hour.

**Boarders Wanted.**

A few boarders who desire a nice home with good fare can be accommodated by Mrs. G. A. Flanders at her new home on Willamette Boulevard, near the water tower. Rates reasonable.

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