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ST. JOHNS SHOULD BRACE UP

Portland Journal.
For its own sake the administration of the city of St. Johns should come together. A few months ago no section of the state seemed to have such an outlook immediately ahead of it. There was everything in prospect in the way of improvement, and it looked as though St. Johns would surely double its population in the course of a year. While every condition was favorable and while the eyes of many prospective investors were turned in that direction the city election was held. Since then everything has been topsy-turvy.

For their own sake the people of St. Johns should force the jarring factions of the city government to come together, adjust their differences and start the government out in a businesslike fashion. So long as these squabbles continue much harm is being done to the town and every property owner in it, and if the trouble continues very much longer it may be very hard to repair the damage which has been and will be done.

...suttler time to spread out the grub. Mr. Brice was willing the minutes should be read—and Mayor King asserted they should be read if it was the intention of the council to do business.

Attorney Greene just then stepped into the ammunition wagon and pinched out the fuse by suggesting that as a meeting could soon be arranged between the attorneys it might be well to adjourn for one or two days. It seemed a pity, he said, when so near a peaceful settlement to have another session of shot and shell.

It was then moved to adjourn to Thursday evening, September 7—and the meeting closed.

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QUIET REIGNED.

Once It Looked Fiery But Peace and Harmony Prevailed.

What was expected to be a warm time was pulled off at the city hall Tuesday night with very cold feet: and probably one hundred people went home feeling that they had not gotten their money's worth. There are always those who like to have a rough house—if they are near enough to the edge to escape the flying bricks.

The meeting of the council was called to order by Mayor King, and roll call showed present Councilmen Leggett, Thompson, Brice, Peterson, Lindquist, Shields and Edwards. Also a trio of attorneys—Messrs. Greene, Vaughn and Young. Absent—the silver-throated canary of the Cascade range, Attorney McGarry.

Attorney Young made a talk for reconciliation. He spoke of the damage being done to St. Johns by this in-council strife: he yearned to pluck the hobbles from the fair dove of peace and let her flutter over the council chamber. He metaphorically shook the branch of scripture above the heads of the council and asserted "that a house divided against itself cannot stand."

Mr. Young suggested an easy and somewhat inexpensive method of settling the mooted question of whether or not C. D. Edwards was a member of the council. He believed that the attorneys upon each side should prepare a statement of facts and have the judge of the circuit court render a decision from which there should be no appeal. He suggested farther that while that decision was pending Councilman Edwards withdraw from the body and in no way participate in its deliberative action. Mr. Young's suggestion was coincided with by Attorney Vaughn.

Mr. Leggett believed that the plan of procedure was a good one. The people desired to see a council united for the good of the town—and he thought this would be a satisfactory proceeding.

Mr. Brice echoed the desire of the previous speaker. He wanted to see the matter legally settled, and thought that there should be an understanding between the attorneys and the factions of the council. Mr. Leggett thought it would be a good idea to first see Attorney McGarry—and Mr. Shields suggested that a brief recess be taken.

Mr. Edwards considered the proposition a fair one. If he was not a legal member of the council he did not desire to sit and act with that body; he was willing to get down—but he did not mean to be booted out. Mr. Lindquist stated that he had always desired to see this matter under discussion settled legally and thought the proposed plan an excellent one. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Thompson coincided in the matter.

Attorney Greene stated that all through this affair he had tried to stand aloof; had endeavored to do what he thought to be his duty in an impartial manner. The matter had become so important that to remain neutral was a matter of extreme difficulty and he hoped the trouble could be settled as suggested.

Right here Mr. Leggett suggested that in view of the anticipated settlement the matter might be allowed to drop for the time being, and work of the council in some important matters be taken up and acted upon as if all had been settled. Attorney Vaughn feared that the vote of Mr. Edwards upon any important matter might invalidate the legality of action in case of any protest—but Attorney Greene differed in this, he claiming that Edwards was a de facto official, even if the circuit court should relegate him from his seat, and his vote could not be questioned.

Mr. Brice said he was ready for any business to be transacted which did not refer to the matter of Edwards. At this point came up the question of reading the minutes. Mr. Leggett foresaw a "heap of trouble" if the minutes of the last regular and all adjourned meetings were read—and moved that the reading of the same be suspended. Mayor King declared that it being a regular meeting it was in order that the minutes be read and approved in order that the entire council might know what was pending and what was needed.

For 180 seconds it looked as if the peace commission had merely suspended hostilities to allow the

NEED NOT WORRY.

Announce Complete Re-Erection Ere Ruins Cease Burning.

Before the brilliant flames had ceased to throw their light over the ruins of the St. Johns Lumber Company's plant Messrs. Brecht & Douglass had declared that as soon as the debris could be cleared away a magnificent lumber mill would commence to rise, Phoenix-like, from the ashes.

Portland papers were quick to take the figures of THE REVIEW, and, in fact, the account of this paper was accepted by them as the only thing. Had the fire happened a couple of weeks sooner it is a question whether more than one of them would have been re-constructed; but it happens that new life and additional capital had been merged with the former owners of both plants, and these new people are bound to push ahead in the work in spite of all obstacles.

The St. Johns Lumber Company, under management of Daniel Brecht and A. S. Douglass will have a much finer and more complete plant—because it will now be built entire and not by frequent additions. Besides that, the management knows just what is needed and how to handle the raw material and finished products better than ever before. Then, too, there is an abundance of capital to carry on the work: as the new firm is quoted at about \$200,000.

The Oregon Fir Lumber Company will at once rebuild—although if it should see fit to dispose of its holdings there is an offer of \$20,000 for its site. As stated last week G. W. Cone had just gone into a newly-formed company when the disaster came, and it is hardly probable that the new corporation will allow so good a business as it was doing to go for nothing.

Instead of being a blackeye for St. Johns and causing men with families to move from this city the fire will be a betterment for the community and will quickly give employment to all the old force and many workmen besides. The fire will have served its own end of demolishing and destroying; and man will counteract all that and commence to construct and create.

MEETINGS GALORE.

Every Night at Candle Light They Meet for an Adjournment.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings Mayor King and Councilmen Lindquist, Peterson and Thompson met in the city hall for the purpose of choosing a successor to C. D. Edwards. Each night no quorum was present, and each night an adjournment was made to the next evening.

Monday was a holiday and it was thought that no business should be transacted. It was, however, the night of the regular meeting; hence Councilman Leggett added his presence in order to have a legitimate quorum answer roll-call. An adjournment was then made to Tuesday evening, September 5, when it was understood the full board would be present ready for business.

Father Dangerously Hurt.

Humphrey Jones, who is father of Mrs. William Evans, of this city, was seriously and probably fatally hurt at Oregon City Saturday morning by being run into by a Southern Pacific passenger.

Mr. Jones, with a daughter and her girl friend, endeavored to make a crossing which is dangerous to those whose senses are perfect. Being a man 74 years of age he was somewhat deaf and not very clear-sighted and neither heard nor saw the approaching train until it was upon the team. The engineer threw on all brakes—or, it is thought, none of the three occupants would have gotten out alive. The girls escaped with broken bones, but Mr. Jones was so seriously injured that he was taken to a Portland hospital. Mrs. Evans has been closely attending him.

Babe Died.

Bessie, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Carter, died after a brief illness on Thursday, August 31. The little one was a sweet babe and her death is deeply mourned. Funeral was held on Friday, September 1, and the interment took place at Columbia cemetery.

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