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OUTRAGEOUS!

Non-Action of City Council Doing Great Damage.

Those who assert that no harm is being done the city of St. Johns by this unparalleled squabble have certainly taken no effort to inform themselves. They have not conversed with the business men of the city—or else they have misconstrued the feeling of every man financially interested in the city.

Daniel Brecht, owner and proprietor of the St. Johns Lumber Company, says:

"It is ridiculous that we have to put up with the condition that has existed for the past two months! There is needed legislation which we cannot get—and, more than that, our situation has gotten abroad, greatly to the detriment of St. Johns. I am greatly interested here—but I cannot stand it much longer.

"I have been trying to get certain monied men interested with me here in rebuilding my plant. My plans mean a greatly enlarged industry—a magnificent mill that will employ a large force of men and will be a credit to the community. But my associates view the city's status with alarm and fear to risk their money by an investment where so apathetic a spirit is manifested as shown by those who seem to wish to block progress."

Mr. Brecht said that all with whom he had talked were disgusted with the non-action of the council—and he believed that it would require months to recover from this condition.

W. V. Jobs was seen at his flouring mill and was asked if he considered the present condition of the city council an advantageous one.

"No, sir, I do not," was the reply—and there was no uncertainty in his tone. "I think it is a disgrace to every man in the town. I have nothing against any member of the board personally; in fact, I think they are all right—when they are all right. But this matter has now been growing so long that it has become a nuisance. The actions are becoming child's play—and the business harms the city to a great extent. I'd be in favor of each side naming five men and letting them act as an arbitrating board. Still, I don't know as that would amount to anything—because the factions are stubborn, and it is likely the arbitration board also would be stubborn.

"If the one side would count Mr. Edwards out and the other would allow the criminal charges against them to drop I suppose the matter could be arranged; yet I don't see that the criminal charges have anything to do with whether Edwards is a member or not. But the Edwards matter no doubt led to the making of the charges. I'd say drop all the contention; declare Edwards out; drop the legal end of the charges; and do business—but I presume those who have been assailed would not call that fair. This trouble is causing a loss of business all over the city; every business man feels it; and it is making a disgraceful place out of what was, until recently, a wonderfully nice city."

Thus it goes with every citizen in St. Johns: whether it is the man laying brick or the man with the team; the man with the shovel or the man in the store; the man in the office or the man with the axe; the man in the factory or the man in the mill; there is universal condemnation—and the strong, very strong assertion that the city is being harmed and its interests depreciated by this blocked condition.

Because it could not secure proper legislation regarding a sewer industry with a weekly payroll of \$200 was obliged to cease business. Had the council been in its normal condition the sewer proposition could have been quickly handled and the plant would have continued business. As it now is the plant has simply quit because it had no means of securing a waterway for its used water—nor did existing conditions indicate any relief.

Those who assert that the city is not being harmed may consult the taxpayers and draw their inference from what they may learn. This tale is not fiction—it is absolute truth.

At This Office.

Neatly printed books of notes and receipts for sale at this office.

GREAT GRAFT?

Who Is It Being Paid For Booming The Road House?

So flagrant has become the support given the road house across the river by certain citizens of this community that THE REVIEW deems it right to no longer keep quiet regarding the matter. It has been the aim of this paper to suppress this case of graft because it was believed that all differences within the body of the council would be quickly healed; and it is unquestionably the better plan to suppress publicity where any wrong is apt to be quickly and wholly repaired.

In view, however, of this continued struggle in the city council, and in view of the fact that there is a steady under-current in certain circles which prevents every effort toward settlement, it has now become public property that someone is being paid to aid and abet this quarrel. This sentiment is well-founded. There is no doubt of its being a fact—and there are many acts which tend to show that more than one person is being "touched" by money.

So long as the city council of St. Johns is in a deadlock just so much is the trade of the house across the river upon the increase. It is trade that place desires and that traffic is gained by placing this city where it cannot legislate is a known fact.

It may be noted that whenever there seems to be a strong possibility of an amicable settlement of our local difficulties some of our people hie themselves to a business place on Fourth street, in Portland, and there, seated beside the shrewd manager, suggest ways and means to prevent a settlement and continue the strife.

The men who seek to promote strife and continue this infernal trouble are known to be hand-in-glove in collusion; and, as there can be no future emoluments for their labors, it must be present and ever-useful cash which influences the assistance given. It is known the world over that money talks—but in this case the cash is singularly quiet; in fact, one St. Johns man passed the before-mentioned office several times while waiting for the departure of another St. Johns man—who was presumably upon the same errand.

Those who are innocently contributing to the continuance of the deadlock in the council by their words of encouragement should hesitate a bit and investigate. There is but one logical conclusion to reach when the matters are fully considered. It is as plain as actions and results can paint that someone is in the pay of outside parties; that there is an object in view in promoting dissension and preventing any settlement. Money will buy some people—even against their principles; and money is playing an important part in this case.

And some men of the best intentions are allowing themselves to be duped!

Bench Marks Needed.

City Engineer W. W. Goodrich has decided that there is dire need of bench marks at several points in the city, in order to facilitate getting the grades at any future time. The following communication will be presented by him at the next meeting of the city council:

"GENTLEMEN:—There should be set, and at as early date as the council will so order, bench marks at Jersey and Fessenden, Jersey and Philadelphia, Jersey and Richmond, Hayes and Fessenden, Hayes and Burlington, and Hayes and Richmond streets.

"These said bench marks should be of concrete, eight inches in diameter, eighteen inches deep, and twelve inches under the grade, with a center tack set in the cement, for all future surveys and datum there-to.

"This same action will save for all time a needless expense in locating surveys, etc.

"Sincerely,
"WILLIAM W. GOODRICH,
"City Engineer."

Quick Work.

Last week W. C. Adams finished a five-room cottage, on Hayes street, near the home of C. W. Potter. The house was only one week in construction, the occupants moving in eight days after the commencement. It is a very pretty and complete little home and the owners are pleased with it.

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COMING OUR WAY.

Will Quickly Commence Work On Bridge Spanning Willamette.

THE REVIEW has been in a position to know for several weeks that the Northern Pacific would cross the Willamette at St. Johns and that work would commence as soon as the Secretary of the Interior had approved the contemplated work. Last Friday THE REVIEW secured a special wire from Washington stating that the Secretary of the Interior had approved the elevations, profiles, plans, strain-lines and full details of the bridge, and the work is now assured. There is to be an expenditure of about ten million dollars by the Northern Pacific—and the money for the entire work is now on deposit—in fact, it has been for two weeks.

For some time this railroad system has contemplated an abandonment of the ferry at Goble, and of the various routes to enter Portland and there has never been a doubt of the crossing at Fessenden street, here in St. Johns. This paper made the assertion more than three months since to this effect and it has never lost faith in the project. Since that time complete soundings have been taken of the Willamette at that point, and day after day watchmen were on duty at all hours to count vessels passing, in order to secure figures to average for the opening of the drawbridge. However, a high cantilever bridge will do away with a drawbridge.

Every combination of circumstances has shown that THE REVIEW was correct in its prophecy regarding this railroad work. Crossing the Willamette, the road will run through the Linton canon and veer sharply to the south to its newly-acquired terminals—thus placing St. Johns directly upon a through line of road—and largely augmenting the shipping facilities of this city.

This will be good news to our people—because it will largely aid the progress of this city.

Building a Shop.

W. C. Adams is now building a shop, corner of Burlington and Ivanhoe streets, which he will use as a carpenter shop and draughting room. He intends to do proper advertising and build up a good business.

W. H. KING, President. M. L. HOLBROOK, Vice-President

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