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Keep Your Eye on St. Johns

HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING

To Consider the Matter of Ferry Franchise Across Willamette.

By a call of the mayor a special meeting of the city council was held Monday evening to consider the situation of the ferry matter.

The absence of Councilmen Brice and Shields prevented a full roll-call but the other members were present. Mr. Leggett, as chairman of the committee which investigated two of the three propositions, made his report.

He said that the committee crossed the river and considered the proposition of Mr. Brink—who was represented by Mr. Mann—and backed by Blumauer & Hoch. This company proposed to build a plank driveway on this side of the river at the foot of whatever street was selected from the railway track to the dock, and would make it the full width of the street. The company would put in a good scow of about 80-ton or 90-ton capacity until the regular ferry boat could be gotten in trim.

The company represented by T. T. Parker proposed a 30-foot walk from the railway to the landing at the foot of the selected street. Mr. Leggett had endeavored to ascertain who formed the local company, but had been unable to do so. There were rumors as to who were in the enterprise—also denials; and, until it was ascertained who were backing the enterprise, he should hesitate about the matter.

Mr. Peterson, also, had tried to learn the men backing the local company—but had been unsuccessful. Still, the 20 per cent looked good to him; the other company had made no offer as to percentage, and he believed the best all-round offer should be accepted.

Mr. Lindquist could add nothing to what Mr. Leggett had said. It was as the chairman had stated.

Mr. Thompson "never said a word;" Mr. Edwards ditto, ditto.

Mr. Mann then desired to say a word or two more. His company was in the affair as a matter of business for them. He was making no denial of it. At the same time he believed the plan would help St. Johns in several ways. It would give the city direct business relations with the people across the river and in the vicinity of Germantown. The Blumauer & Hoch company had secured the oiling of the public thoroughfare from Portland to the roadhouse and it was contemplated that the road on this side the river should be treated the same.

Mr. Mann farther asked immediate action. If a pledge could be given that the franchise would be granted them his company would at once commence work, in order that no time should be lost, and in a very brief time the temporary ferry would be in action.

Mayor King stated that no positive agreement could now be given as such action would reflect upon the council and possibly invalidate the legislation. It was then suggested that no action could be taken at the called meeting, but at the regular meeting on Monday evening next both applications could be considered. Where all conditions were similar it was an unwritten law that St. Johns citizens should be favored; at the same time it was not yet known who composed the company.

It was finally agreed that prior to the regular meeting full details should be secured and the matter settled at that meeting when every member would be present.

Adjourned.

ADVOCATES SEWER.

City Engineer Goodrich Favors The Construction of Sewers.

In speaking of the sewer proposition City Engineer Goodrich makes the following comments—agreeing closely to what THE REVIEW has advocated in the past:

"There should be laid, in the very near future, a sewer, from the Willamette river to Jersey street. The said sewer should start from low water mark in the center of Burlington street, twenty-four inches in diameter; up to Gresham street, at this point to be reduced to twenty-two inches; to Hayes street, at this point to be reduced to twenty inches; to Ivanhoe street, at this point to be reduced to eighteen inches; to the curb line of Jersey street on the north line thereof; with a catch basin at this point and on the opposite side at the Holbrook corner, as these points are the lowest on the line in the business center of said city of St. Johns.

"When said sewer is being built there should be 'Y's' at each street of the same diameter as the main, and at each twenty-five feet there should be an eight-inch 'Y' for house service use, on both sides of the main service main sewer, thus obviating broken mains for service connections. The said sewer to be laid with a fall of two feet on each one hundred feet from and in front of the Elliott drug store to Gresham street; and from Gresham street to the river to be laid four feet under ground to the top of said sewer.

"When said sewer shall have been laid block lengths, all the abutting property shall thereupon be compelled to connect their soil water and water closets to the same, with vents as per the just sanitary laws that may be enacted for the same to vent the said sewer and to keep the same fresh and free from foul gases and from nauseating odors."

Went to Iowa.

Willard Shepard left on Saturday for an extended visit to his old home in Hillsdale, Iowa. He came here nearly a year ago through the talk of his brother, Richard Shepard, and likes St. Johns very much. He has a yearning, however, to once more see the state where blizzards breed and cold corruscates—hence the trip. He expects to be here again in a few months; just going back to get some winter climate.

WILL BUY MORE

The Californian Intends To Keep In Touch With St. Johns.

Alex Forbes, owner of the large building opposite the St. Johns hotel, has returned to his home in Eureka, California, but will remove to this city before very long.

Mr. Forbes believes that St. Johns has an excellent future and has determined to possess more property here when he learns the city has concluded to get down to business and transact matters on a legal basis.

Mr. Forbes says: "I feel sorry over the condition that the city council is now in. There ain't a bit o' need o' such a thing; and it is hurting the place. I believe it is all just a bit o' personal spite—or else there is too much outside pressure being brought to bear. If so many people from outside the city hadn't butted in it's my belief the folks would have been together before this."

Another Realty Company.

As may be seen by an ad in another column a new company has been formed to handle and advertise St. Johns realty—The Banner Real Estate Company. Thousands of circulars are to be printed and sent to localities where it is known people are anxious to learn about this city—hence the advertising to be received by St. Johns will largely augment what has already been done.

Until quarters for the company are secured of the right sort those desiring to list properties may do so at the office of THE REVIEW—where proper blanks can be found. Next week's ad will give the location where the company will do business.

Will Have Services.

Rev. W. L. Upshaw's assertion that he would still have charge of the church in St. Johns seems to have been an error. He secured a good position at Albina, which he finds will occupy all his time. Rev. House, who seems to be at the head of the Congregational church in this district, is to see that the pulpit here is supplied each Sunday—having the best talent he can secure.

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