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#### DIDN'T CARRY.

##### The Scheme To Mix City And Water Was Frost Bitten.

There was an adjourned meeting of the city council Thursday evening. An odd thing happened—Councilman Thompson was absent. Councilman Brice was called away to attend a meeting of the school-board—but the remaining five were Johnnie-on-the-spot. There was not a great deal of business to be transacted.

An ordinance to make it compulsory upon the part of those holding a franchise to fulfill every detail devolving upon them was passed (third reading) and adopted. Also an ordinance creating a heavy penalty for moving or destroying any grade-stake set by any official.

Right here was introduced an ordinance creating a "board of public works." It was read for consideration and then read the second time; but, fortunately for St. Johns, it was sidetracked at that point. It was strongly urged by W. T. Vaughn that it be railroaded through before it was analyzed and carefully considered; but better judgment ruled on the last heat.

This ordinance was very carefully drawn—and was devised so that four men (if so desired) could meet in any old place, do any old business they wished, tie the city up in any old way they desired, and make any old contract they "deemed expedient;" and the taxpayers—call them by any name wished—would know nothing about it till the hellish business was done.

Not only could this "board of public works" handle franchises, but to it was relegated by this ordinance the "power to control every public utility!" It was a rotten ordinance—this proposed document; and it was gotten up "solely because St. Johns needed relief." If "relief" was wanted now an emetic would be safer and the recovery much quicker!

The "relief" franchise proved there was something doing! Like the sticky fly-paper it was devised so that the more the people squirmed the harder they were stuck; for there was much "between the lines" to be considered.

The plans of City Engineer Goodrich for the sewer, together with complete specifications and profiles, were received, considered and adopted.

A proposition to number all places of business and residences at 50 cents per set of figures, was considered. The matter was left to the city engineer and Councilman Peterson.

Adjourned.

#### SET OUT TREES.

##### Sidewalks Nicely Arranged For Adornment By Tree And Shrub.

All along the newly-built sidewalk on Jersey street, except for a few blocks directly in the city's centre, are vacant spots close to the curb. These were left unplanked as a matter of economy—and because a twelve-foot walk is not now needed in those districts.

It is supposed that these vacant tracts will be nicely seeded to grass, and thus an appearance of a "parked street" be in part secured; but everyone knows that the chances are good for an overflow of noxious weeds which will greatly detract from the appearance of what might, by a little work, be a beautiful street.

Every owner of every lot along this avenue should set out in the center of each vacancy in his walk a nice tree—or, if variety is desired, alternate some flowering shrub with the trees. Labor a little for the future—not the immediate present; beautify premises when it can be done so easily and so cheaply.

Think of the handsome appearance Jersey street will make when, a few years hence, the entire distance will be bordered by stately trees and ornamental shrubs! Let this matter be taken up by every property-owner along the avenue!

#### Furnished House

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#### AT LOW COST.

##### Cost Of Sewers Will Be Within Reach Of Everyone.

The large expense which many had feared would follow the construction of a sewer will probably not be seen. When it is figured what a large area may be drained from its construction the cost per square foot of ground is entirely within the limits of all property-owners; and when it is further realized that every parcel of property is largely benefitted and possesses a selling possibility considerably in excess of the cost there are but few owners who are averse to the construction of a good sewer.

In defining the sewer district as large an area as practical should be taken in—because the cost will average the smaller for all parties reached. A sewer is not paid by abutting property—but by square feet within the area drained. To affix the cost merely upon "abutting" property would be unjust; a corner lot would have in many cases to pay for two pipes—the main and an extension on a side street. The smaller laterals reaching out to the farthest ends of the district cost but little and help lessen the whole.

Here is Engineer Goodrich's estimate in the matter:

The following statement shows the amount of the several different kinds of work required to be done in constructing a sewer in Philadelphia street, from Jersey street to the Willamette river:

573 lineal feet.....	18 inch
894 lineal feet.....	14 inch
708 lineal feet.....	10 inch
144 lineal feet.....	8 inch
8 elbows.....	8 inch
12 "Y" branches.....	18x6 inch
35 "Y" branches.....	10x6 inch
64 "Y" branches.....	14x6 inch
2 combination manholes and catch-basins complete.	
6 manholes	
3 inlets with corner blocks	
1798 cubic yards excavation and refilling	
30 cubic yards embankment over sewer	
20 lineal feet box and rock embankment at mouth of sewer.	
Cost of sewer.....	\$3702.00
Cost of Engineering, 5 per cent.....	185.70
	\$3887.70

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM W. GOODRICH,  
City Engineer.

It is fair to presume, using this report for a basis, that 1000000 square feet can be drained for about \$6000. This would mean 6-10 of a cent for each square foot—or \$30 for a lot 50x100. The equity of assessing the expense by the square foot is seen when one figures that some lots may be of equal frontage but not of equal depth; and it would be unfair to force the owner of a lot 50x80 to pay the same as the owner of a lot 50x100 or 50x120.

This proposed sewer will be so far-reaching that connections may be made with the large schoolhouse—and the sanitary conditions be thereby made of the best. Connections with all residences should not at once be compulsory—but every business house and hotel should be forced to promptly connect. When the sewer shall be complete in all details there will be found a very small per cent of residents who will refuse to make the proper connections.

#### New Saw Mill.

G. W. Cone, an experienced saw mill man from St. Johns, has moved here with his family and rented the dwelling of Mrs. W. R. Craven. His engineer, Aaron Vost, a brother of Rev. Thomas Vost, so well known in this county, has also moved his family to Dallas. Mr. Cone has bought 800 acres of timber land on the railroad west of Falls City, and proposes to erect here a mill with a capacity of 5000 feet per hour. It would give employment to a large force of men both here and in the timber. The mill would be located near the round house.—Dallas Itimizer.

#### Is Not Free-Holder.

J. H. Shields has disposed of his entire holdings in St. Johns and contemplates moving to Vancouver where he has interests. Mr. Shields has made a nice bit of money since he came here a couple years ago and can have no kick coming. He bought his place at a low figure, sold one-tenth of it for about half what the whole cost—and now has sold the balance for \$7900.

The purchaser is F. M. Hays, who comes from Hillsboro. It is understood that the new owner will soon take possession.

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