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CITY NEEDS "RELIEF."

"We are anxious to relieve the city" was the cry of W. T. Vaughn when he urged the city council to adopt the ordinance he introduced regarding a water franchise.

The city of St. Johns doesn't need that sort of relief. It was a rotten scheme to get favorable legislation for a graft.

If we are going to have a season of graft let's get into it: then we'll all have a show.

It is argued that until a board of public works is created no one will apply for a franchise. That is all bosh; but suppose it to be true—what of it? At the present time the city is not long on franchises; and there is no haste about shooting them into a man.

Yet it is not true. It was not necessary to have a b. o. p. w. to allow a franchise to the St. Johns Ferry Company—at least, those who sought the permit did not so consider it.

And isn't it odd that an ordinance should be sought which is so intricate that three lawyers cannot explain the thing so that common laymen may understand it? If it be an honest document why veil it in a wrapping of mystery?

To create from the council a board of public works of five members would be wrong. It would open the way to too great opportunities. It would be the same as diminishing the council by two—because the five could run things as they desired. Their meetings would be open to none; their acts could be made star-chamber proceedings.

It is the duty of the city council to safe-guard every avenue for depredation—not to cater to changes for surreptitious chicanery. THE REVIEW is not saying that these things would be done; but it is just as well to avoid all appearance of wrong-doing.

St. Johns needs relief from those who offer relief.

ENORMOUS PROFITS.

WHEN one considers the profits of the Pullman car company there seems but little reason why the ranks of the socialists increase—and the wonder is that the growth of that party is not much more rapid.

Here is a company whose investments are about eleven millions of dollars. It is assessed at five millions. It has a watered capital of \$74,000,000—less than one-seventh of that being genuine. The surplus during the past fiscal year reaches twenty millions, and a dividend of fifteen per cent on the entire wind and water capital has been declared.

That means a net return on the money actually invested of fully 100 per cent—being a case of "your money back." Pullman stock has steadily increased in market value from \$100 par to \$249—at which latter figure 400 shares were sold in New York on Friday. It is no wonder that "the stockholders congratulated each other on the financial report."

HOW IT WORKED.

RESIDENTS of St. Johns may understand why THE REVIEW kicks upon a water board, or a board of public works, of more than three people to be selected from the city council, by investigating the Portland water board's scandal. The history of nearly every b. o. p. w. shows a career of chicanery and graft. Let St. Johns set a decent example to her elders.

IT SEEMS SO.

UNDER the latest reports from the Pullman car company wouldn't the porters be more justified in stealing from the company than they would in holding up the passengers? There is seldom a passenger on those palace cars who does not feel upon arriving at his destination that he has been "done" in a very clever way "to the limit."

HELP THE GRAFTS.

CONSIDERING that St. Johns is a neat little municipality by itself, with excellent prospects and a rapid growth assured, it opens a field for the professional fakir and graftsman seldom equalled.

The public library fakir, the enlarged portrait rustler, the paint location grabber, the water manipulator, the street vacator—all love St. Johns as the hungry feline adores the mouse she is about to devour.

Let us help the good work along! Surely some lucky fellow will arise and call us blessed—or something else: and already we can see in prospect an ad something like this in financial journals:

ROBBERS' REST

Fine Franchise Fields for Flimsy Fakirs!

We desire names of those Grabbing Grafters anxious to enter new fields. St. Johns is now an E. Z. Mark: no capital needed except nasty nerve, a touchful tongue and presumptuous pull.

ADDRESS: U. R. A. CRUMP, Portland.

Citizens of our city should aid in this work—because we may entertain angels unawares. It is a lottery—but we may draw for a queen and get a handful of nice course sawdust. Let us do our best—the others will see to doing us.

WAS A TRAITOR.

DOWN in Jackson county a man was murdered in his own house the other night—while several daughters and one son were apparently sleeping. On circumstantial evidence the eldest daughter was arrested charged with ushering the old man into another world by carefully using a gun.

The girl sits in jail and sings hymns and says she knows nothing of the murder. The son, nearly 30 years of age, for fear he should be accused, says the girl killed the father—but declares she had good cause. If reports are correct she had.

But just why the man should turn traitor to his own sister is beyond explaining—farther than by saying he is a contemptible coward. If the girl is guilty and has the nerve to withstand the sweatbox, why cannot the man show a bit of sense and pluck—and not try to throw the girl. The old man seems to have been no good, anyway.

BAD PRECEDENT.

IT may be a joke on the city council after all. When the ferry franchise was being put in shape it was proposed to have some criterion for the new ferry boat to be (later on) constructed. Some favored one thing, and some another.

Finally, it was decided to insert in the ordinance that the forthcoming boat should "be as good as the Lionel R. Webster." This was done. By careful questioning later on it has been ascertained that the Webster is a boat that has been fixed over several times, and is not built on good lines.

Of course the St. Johns Ferry Company will put on a proper and up-to-date boat, even though the Webster is deemed good enough.

LONG DELAY.

AFTER a lapse of 22 months since the burning of the Iriquois theatre, Chicago, many suits for damages have been commenced against the owners and the builders of that structure. The delay in commencing these suits would indicate that much time was required by those patrons now claiming monetary balm to learn whether or not they were harmed.

YOU BET.

"HOGS are steady after long weakness" says a market report. Sure thing. We know one steady old fellow who always sits sideways in the crowded St. Johns car—just because he's long had a weakness to let respectable people stand. Wonder why no one has ever yet shooed him to the slaughter pen?

GET IT.

IF St. Johns is to sell her birth-right for a mess of pottage, let's be sure we get the pottage all right, all right, before we let go the string.

Take your extra meals at the Central Hotel. The best the market affords.

IMPROVING PLANT.

Water Company Is Now Getting In New Machinery.

Investigation shows that the present water company is now about practically ready to install some of the promised improvements in the local plant, which will add greatly to its capacity. The new motor and pump are now on the ground and are perfect specimens of their kind—the pump having a capacity of 35,000 gallons an hour—and the motor being of a strength suitable to fill every need.

The management assures THE REVIEW that no expense will be spared to give the citizens of St. Johns the service requisite to suit all demands. To this end arrangements have been made to secure one or more of the huge tanks which stood beside the forestry building in the fair grounds.

This tank which is of large capacity will be elevated near the one now in use to a height sufficient to create a good fire pressure. This has been a great need for St. Johns—and it is believed that the new tank will do the business.

As quickly as possible all dead ends of supply pipes will be abolished—and complete circulation be introduced. Other improvements are also being planned.

Fire Insurance.

We wish to inform the people of the peninsula that we have added an insurance department to the Peninsula Bank. We have placed the same in competent hands, and solicit the patronage of all who desire safe and reliable fire insurance. This will be guaranteed to all our patrons. Among the companies we represent are the Springfield Fire and Marine, St. Paul Fire and Marine, Queen Insurance Co., Royal Insurance Co., Phoenix Insurance Co., and several others. If your present policy is about to expire or you wish to insure your property call at the Peninsula Bank, or drop us a postal and our representative will call.

Taken To Hospital.

Daniel Brecht was taken to a Portland hospital the latter part of the week—Sunday, it is reported. He was suffering from a blow upon the head, received while helping tear away an old building on the river-front—clearing the spot for a new structure.

Inquiries at the hospital bring the information that there was a clot of blood found at the base of the brain, and while the hospital attendants state that the condition is critical, they assert the outcome will be favorable.

Keeping Busy.

Professor and Mrs. W. C. Alderson commenced on Monday evening of this week their duties at the evening schools of Portland. For a number of years this couple has been strongly instrumental in making those schools what they are—and there was an insistence on the part of the school board that they teach for at least one more term. It forces them to work five nights in each week till between ten and eleven.

Supper.

The Aid Society of the Methodist church will give an oyster supper in Woodman hall on the evening of Friday, November 3. Everyone is cordially invited. Oyster supper for 15c; cake and coffee 10c; only a quarter for all of it!

Bought Property.

Charles E. Johnson, formerly of San Francisco, while in Portland to see the fair, visited St. Johns. He saw some property shown by N. F. Noren that pleased him—and bought it. One of his buys was a central business corner, and others were bits of residence property. He paid cash for his purchases, and proposes to be one of our pushing citizens.

Call For Bids.

All bids for labor or materials used in or upon the house built by R. Currier for Mrs. Carrie Stratton, St. Johns, should be at once presented to the undersigned for immediate payment. These bills may for convenience be left at THE REVIEW office.

MRS. CARRIE STRATTON, St. Johns, October 19, 1905.

Now Have a Chapel.

Because miscreants cut the guy ropes and stole many of them from the tent at Ockley Green used by the United Evangelical people as a place of worship, Rev. E. E. McVicker and others have been building a small chapel. This will save a walk of a mile or more for those who belong to that denomination.

Likes Here.

Noah Hufford of Thayer, Kansas, became so much interested in St. Johns, while the guest of his brother E. J. Hufford, that he is now a reader of THE REVIEW. He would like to locate here—but is too much interested in his Kansas investments to make a hurried change.

Try the "Par Excellence": the champion 5c cigar: made in St. Johns.

PERTINENT LETTER

October 23, 1905.

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Gentlemen: As there seems to be a disposition upon the part of your honorable body to create a "Board of Public Works" under the freedom extended by section ten of the city charter, THE REVIEW begs to call your attention to several bad features in the creating ordinance now under consideration.

This ordinance calls for a Board of Public Works to consist of five members—these five members to be chosen from the city council. This practically reduces the city council to five members—so far as many transactions of much important business is concerned—because (1) four members of this board may devise any plan or scheme—even to the detriment or financial loss to the city of St. Johns—and, (2) having so planned, the same four may pass the same through the council by reason of the four being a majority of the whole council.

This in itself is enough to condemn the whole ordinance, inasmuch as it opens the door to any chicanery which may be prompted by those so desiring.

The proposed ordinance provides that these men shall "serve without pay from the city." Is it at all probable the five men will devote much time to the consideration of public affairs, continually adding to that time as the business shall increase, without pay of any sort from any source? Does it not stand to reason that emoluments of some sort ought to be secured by some way or means—or else does it not mean that duties will be slighted? Does not this section referred to throw down the bars to all manner of unfavorable comment?

The proposed ordinance also permits of clandestine meetings of this block of five; meetings of which the public will not know; meetings held anywhere and under any circumstances; but meetings at which all proceedings shall be legal and binding, and which will bear weight with the balance of the council when the same shall come up for a hearing. THE REVIEW respectfully asks your honorable body if it can afford to create legislation so lax in some lines and so broad in others as this proposed ordinance is in its present shape?

The matter of water is an important one, we admit; yet why is it necessary at this time that the matter is only in its first stages to exhibit so much haste in enacting an ordinance creating a new water board? What duties are there to come before the council which cannot be handled by the committee already appointed on the water question? Does not this matter of haste raise some suspicion that there is an undercurrent somewhere in the schemes foisted upon your honorable body?

Up to this date it has not been deemed necessary to have a Board of Public Works to allow a franchise or to make any contract for public utilities or for public improvement: why is it now "absolutely necessary" that such a body be created? Cannot this city council in its entirety discuss any project which may come before it? It is argued that the present city officers will not always hold control; is it then, the object of any set of men to endeavor to control the coming election and shove upon the taxpayers of the city a Board of Public Works that can be forced or hired to sell the city into bondage? These are serious matters, gentlemen, and deserve your careful control—in order that the city of St. Johns may become the slave of no outside parties.

If, in the opinion of your honorable body, it is now necessary to delegate the duties of your water committee to some other body, would it not be well to enact an ordinance authorizing you to select that board of five from among the business men of the city, and allow that committee to select its own officers? Then delegate to that board certain powers of investigation and recommendation ONLY; stipulate that all meetings shall be held in the city hall, and that a small salary will be paid for each meeting attended; have the city recorder act as secretary of these meetings—without pay; and cause all records of these meetings and all recommendations made by this board to come before the city council of St. Johns for discussion, confirmation or disapproval. Can there be anything wrong in such an ordinance?

Or, if your honorable body should prefer, why not add to the present water committee two men from outside the council, binding the whole committee (or, if deemed expedient, call it a Board of Public Works) by the same rules and restrictions as above-mentioned?

THE REVIEW has no hesitancy in declaring that the proposed ordinance introduced at a recent meeting bears every evidence of being a scheme to harm the city; a scheme very flimsily disguised as a relief to St. Johns; and as rotten an ordinance as has ever come before any set of men elected to conduct the affairs of a city.

Very respectfully yours,
THE REVIEW.

Better get that wood split and put under cover. The weather prophet intimates that we may get some rain.

RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the City Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, held on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1905, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Thompson street from Myers street to Lively street in the following manner, to-wit:

By establishing a light grade on said street in the following manner: the same as the county roads are graded. Said improvement to be made in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer filed in the office of the recorder of the City of St. Johns. The cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the City Charter upon the property specially and peculiarly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all the lots, parts thereof and parcels of land within a line 100 feet from the outside line of each side of said Thompson street.

The engineer's estimate of the probable total cost for the improvement of said street is \$977.20.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer for the improvement of said Thompson street are hereby adopted.

RESOLVED: That the city recorder of the City of St. Johns be and is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Thompson street as provided by the City Charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council,
J. W. HANKS, City Recorder.
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RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, held on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1905, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Lively street from north line of Thompson street to the south side of Catlin street, in the following manner, to-wit:

By establishing a light grade on said street in the following manner: the same as the County roads are graded. The improvements of said Lively street to be made in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer, filed in the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. The cost of said improvements to be assessed as provided by the City Charter upon the property specially and peculiarly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all the lots, parts thereof and parcels of land within a line 100 feet from the outside line of each side of said Lively street.

The Engineer's estimates of the probable total cost for the improvement of said street is \$109.30.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer for the improvement of said Lively street are hereby adopted.

RESOLVED: That the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns be and is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Lively street as provided by the City Charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council,
J. W. HANKS, City Recorder.
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RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, held on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1905, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and proposes to improve Catlin Street from the east line of Lively Street to Jersey street in the following manner, to-wit:

By establishing a light grade on said street the same as county roads are graded. Said improvement to be made in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances of the City of St. Johns and the plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer, filed in the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. The cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the City Charter, upon the property specially and peculiarly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all the lots, parts thereof and parcels of land within a line 100 feet from the outside line of each side of said Catlin Street.

The Engineer's estimate of the probable total cost for the improvement of said street is \$318.00.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the City Engineer for the improvement of said Catlin Street are hereby adopted.

RESOLVED: That the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns be and is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Catlin Street, as provided by the City Charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council,
J. W. HANKS, City Recorder.
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Had Heavy Load.

Car 105 reaching here at 6:50 Tuesday evening brought in 135 passengers—while the trailer rang up 104 fares. The heavy load resulted from a "car off" at Russell street—so that this run had to pick up the extras.

Big Lot Of Wood.

Perhaps many of our readers have frequently noted the piles of four-foot slab-wood on the south side of the car track near Piedmont—and have watched the growth of that lot of fuel. Nearly every day since its commencement have workmen been forced to shift the track in order that more wood could be piled there—although every day there has been fuel sold from the lot.

There are now piled there between 3000 and 4000 cords—or about half the amount contracted for. It is the property of the Peninsula Feed and Fuel Company—who aims to be the largest dealer on the whole Peninsula—and whose ad appears in this issue of THE REVIEW.

Since the destruction by fire of the sawmills here this company has come largely into prominence—and it bids fair to capture considerable trade along this line. Its motto—"We have fuel to burn"—is apt, and its delivery is quick and satisfactory. Watch the pile of wood grow—then watch it go down.

Collection Notice.

All accounts with the Geo. W. Cone Lumber Company are now due, and are now payable at the Peninsula Bank, St. Johns. These accounts must be settled within 30 days.

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