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## Keep Your Eye on St. Johns

### SEEKS SHOW-DOWN.

**Black Withdraws Because Business Was Not Pushed.**

St. Johns, Oregon, October 31, 1905.

EDITOR REVIEW: In view of the fact that my name has appeared signed to charges preferred against Mayor King and Councilman Peterson, in behalf of "fair play and a square deal," I want to say a word. The charges, as signed by me, were first presented for my consideration a brief half-hour before the convening of the council. The two—councilmen Leggett and Shields—who brought the prepared charges to me expressed their ability, willingness and purpose to produce evidence that would support said charges, and it was my understanding that the matter was to be brought to issue, in a legal manner, without unnecessary delay.

My reasons for signing must be plainly apparent to any one who will stop and consider. IT WAS TIME TO GET AT THE FACTS, and I thought that was to be done. I believe that every accused person is entitled to a hearing within a reasonable time.

This is simple justice. If there be a sound reason for delay in this case I have not yet been informed of it. I believe that those responsible for the substance of these charges should either "shoot or give up the gun."

Therefore, because I feel that in this matter my good faith and confidence has been misused, I hereby withdraw my sanction from the present policy of being so "backward about coming forward."

Let some should conclude that in Messrs. Peterson and King I have been "entertaining angels unawares," and have just discovered their identity, I want to say that, when they and their associates aided and abetted the presentation of a saloon petition before the council, they did so in deliberate defiance of the will of a safe majority of the voters legally recorded. The nerve required for that move on their part was only surpassed by the stupidity with which it was managed.

Respectfully,  
J. H. BLACK.

### PASS US BY.

**Steamers Steadily Refuse To Stop At The New Dock.**

Business men of St. Johns should take some steps to urge steamers plying up and down the river to stop at the new public dock to let off or take on passengers and freight!

Prior to the completion of the new dock an excuse was offered by the boats that "they didn't care to run a risk of landing near the logs surrounding Cone's dock." Citizens of St. Johns recognized at once that such an excuse was a valid one; and at once commenced the new dock.

And yet, even with a dock that is excellent in appointment and safe for all vessels—no matter of what depth—both freight and passengers are carried by St. Johns direct to Portland and a natural loss of time and money follows.

A few days ago a party from The Dalles was coming down river on the Spencer and noticed that the boat spent much time in making mud landings to accommodate even one solitary passenger. There was no kick at making any landing—however difficult—and a request was made that the boat let off this party at St. Johns. This was absolutely refused—and no excuse was given. The party referred to—being in haste—left the boat at Vancouver, and reached St. Johns by trolley.

The dock was constructed for public convenience: it was believed that trade would be stimulated and all of St. Johns would be benefited. It is a pity that matters cannot be properly arranged so that boats will stop here: and we believe that a pull can be made strong enough to have a regular schedule arranged. At all events an effort should be made.

### Can You Afford

To carry the risk of total loss on your buildings when a small amount will insure you against loss? It does not pay to do it. See the Peninsula Bank about rates.

Thread: Six spools for 25c at the St. Johns Bazar.

### FAKE HOLDUP.

**Oregle Blew De Mon For Booze And Forgot Wife.**

City Attorney Simonides Hesporis Greene cheerfully adds his name to the list of "easy ones"—and the woods are full of them. What can a man do when a fellow with tears in his eyes comes to him and "leads for money to use for medical aid for a sick wife? Many could turn him down—but Mr. Greene said:

"See here, Oregle, I have no money to lend; I'd prefer to borrow; but hang me if I can see your wife suffering for medicine and nourishment. Here's \$25 to help her—and I want you to understand that you are to pay this back within thirty days. Take it and get what your wife needs."

Oregle took the money and concluded that his wife needed him to keep away from her long enough for him to blow the same for boozing budge in the redlight district of Portland. Hence he did it.

The only excuse this apology for a man could offer for the disappearance of the money which was to benefit his wife was that a holdup had attacked him. After special police had looked up the matter Mr. Greene told them how Oregle had spent the amount.

Mrs. Oregle is said to be a fine woman—and is trying to support herself and children by working in the woolen mill.

### Tenderfoot Caples.

Lafe Caples doesn't look nor talk like a tenderfoot—yet he has been in this vicinity only a little more than a half century. Coming across the plains in '49, about 55 years would figure up the years he has put in at various Oregon points—yet yet all the time being very close to where St. Johns now is.

At one time Lafe lived at Columbia City, a few miles below this city—and he tells some wonderful stories of the winters' snows which he used to see. He can tell of winters so severe that during one of them wolves were driven by hunger to hang around the few dwellings to be found. Often these animals would fight over some bit of food found in a yard—and upon several occasions Mr. Caples tells of the snow-covered ground being crimsoned for many yards around by the blood from the wounded fighters.

Lafe Caples furnished the sand for the Multnomah county court house. He supplied it at 8c a bushel—although it is rumored that he tried to get the contract at 8c a quart. It was good sand—coming from near where the drydock now is located—and it cost him 2c a bushel to deliver the goods.

Just what Lafe's politics are is not apparent; possibly a cross between a unitarian and a prohibitionist; but it's easy to see what he is not. Talking with a prominent Portland politician a few days ago he said: "I understand there is to be no republican ticket at the next election!"

When asked why he replied: "Why? Because if that man Heney stays in Oregon six months longer there'll not be enough republicans outside the pen to fill out a ticket—that's why!"

### O. R. & N. Extension.

Plans for the extension of the O. R. & N. railway from its present terminus at the woolen mills around the peninsula have been accepted, and work is promised to commence very shortly.

It continues in a northerly course from its present terminus, bearing a little to the west, through the Roberts tract, bears east, cuts across the southern extreme of the Gaton tract, and continues east and south. The Ladd and Simmons tracts are both caught by the survey, as it runs almost due east to the slough; and then turns southeast.

It is believed that this road will be considerable benefit to St. Johns in many ways—and considerable money will be spent in its construction. The general idea is that it will cross the Columbia at Vancouver.

### For Rent.

Furnished room with heating stove; two blocks from postoffice, half block from car station. This office.

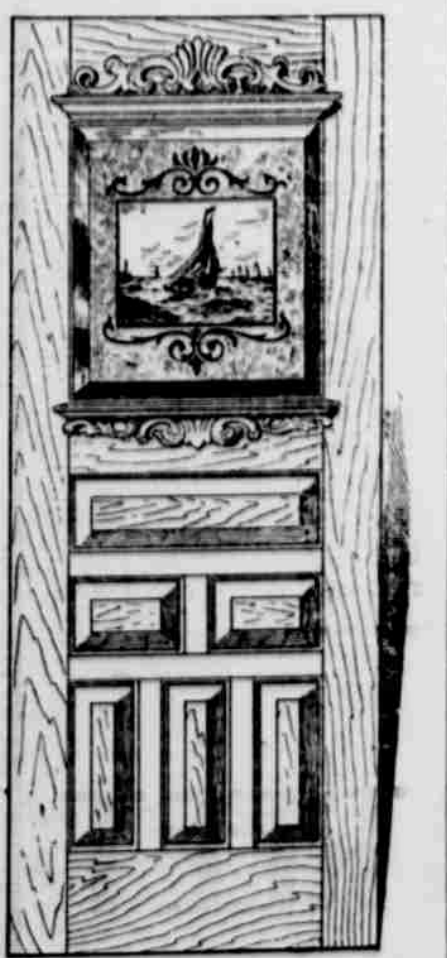
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