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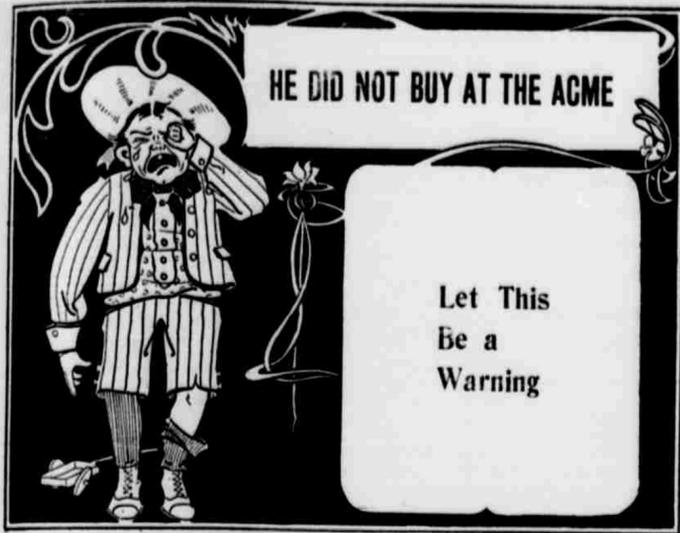
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HAPPINESS PREVAILS.

Council Gets Busy and Good-Natured While Doing Business.

Monday night was the regular meeting of the city council—and J. H. Shields was the one missing member of the flock. Mayor King presided.

After adoption of the previous minutes the city attorney stated that a bond for a deed had been executed by Mr. and Mrs. Christ Oihuse for the city hall site and that \$200 had been received for by them to hold the bargain. The bond was in the sum of \$4,000, and the deeds had been signed and witnessed for the tract so that in any case they might be turned over to the city when the remaining \$3,300 was paid by the city.

A petition signed by all the abutting property owners was read praying for the grading and sidewalk of Leavitt street from Jersey street to Hayes street, and a motion to accept and act upon the petition unanimously carried. This is the street just south of and parallel with John street, and touches the laundry, Methodist church, and the Oihuse block on Jersey street, just south of the Holbrook brick.

The city engineer was ordered to at once make proper surveys and estimates.

The city engineer was also ordered to at once carry out improvement specifications from Burlington street by way of Salem street and Pittsburg street to the ferry landing. These are the same streets discussed at a previous meeting.

An ordinance was proffered by J. B. Offner for vacation of a portion of Charleston street for the use and emolument of Mr. Rankin, but the same not being drawn according to the laws of the city it was not considered.

A number of communications from City Engineer Goodrich were read. Some of these have appeared in full in the columns of THE REVIEW. One, however, spoke of the condition of the fences in one of James Johns additions and mentioned the present crude and imperfect manner of the boundaries. Mr. Goodrich facetiously said that some of the lines had apparently been run "by guess and by —" and ought to be put in shape. No definite action was taken.

The thread-bare subjects of Chicago and Gresham streets were taken up. The report on these streets by ex-Engineer Smith had once been adopted—but the present engineer refused to accept those figures; he did not feel like endorsing another man's work and shouldering any blame which might fall.

The council, however, concluded to once more adopt the former engineer's report upon these streets in order to expedite matters and avoid additional expense; and this was done.

Improvement ordinances were passed and adopted regarding Thompson street from Myers to Lively (\$977.20); Lively street from Thompson to Catlin (\$109.50) and Catlin street from Lively to Jersey (\$318). The residents along these streets are very anxious to have this work completed.

The council took up the matter of a fire district and an ordinance was passed and adopted toward that end. The district embraced extends from John street to Fessenden along Jersey and in width varies from 200 to 400 feet. It provides that only brick or stone shall be used in construction of all buildings—although steel will be permitted. All repairs on present buildings shall be made only under supervision of the fire chief—and his word shall be law.

The ordinance granting licenses passed the second reading—and was then held over till the adjourned meeting Wednesday evening. It is the most stringent ordinance ever seen in any community—and even the most exacting prohibitionist could have no kick on it. It will surely, if passed, tend to keep the number of saloons to a minimum and totally eradicate all grogeries. Mr. Brice, even, so far relented from his stolidity, that he arose with a grim smile and declared:

"That's a brick!"

The council then adjourned to Wednesday evening, December 6.

Insure with the Peninsula Bank.

MADE HIM HAPPY.

"Father" Maples And Wife Enjoy Gifts At Thanksgiving.

Through the thoughtfulness of D. Perkins a liberal donation of Thanksgiving "fixin's" were sent to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maples the day before Thanksgiving. On Tuesday Mr. Perkins suggested to a number of citizens that it would be a nice bit of work to leave a few packages of eatables at Raser's store—from which point he would see that all deliveries were properly sent.

Some of those to whom the matter was mentioned actually forgot about the affair—but there were enough who remembered it to make a fine showing. The result was not only enough for a dinner but for many another meal besides; and Mr. Maples brings us the following card of thanks for publication:

"To Citizens of St. Johns: Greeting: Our hearts were made glad by the cartload of groceries and goods brought to us the day before Thanksgiving. We were greatly surprised at the whole affair and we not only thank Mr. and Mrs. Perkins but all those so kindly contributing.

MR. AND MRS. MAPLES.
Our readers must not infer that the family is in dire need or distress—or is suffering in any way. Indeed, Mr. Maples is much better off than many—as he has a home that he could sell today for \$2,000, or perhaps \$2,500—and there is no encumbrance upon it.

He is far older than people would for a moment imagine. He was born in 1821—making him in his 85th year—but he could give many a younger man a very hard tussel. He is cranky on many points—but when he opens up in lines of discussion he is found to be very broad in his beliefs and strictly original in his expressions. Mr. Maples declares that the future of St. Johns will be a magnificent one and that it will be the second city in the state before many years.

SHOULD MAKE DOCK.

There Is Ample Opportunity To Make Good Showing.

There is an opportunity now for St. Johns to come to the front in a way which will give much prominence to this community.

The dockage facilities of Portland are decidedly limited. There is a great desire to establish a dock for the new Alaska boat line now under contemplation—and if St. Johns could make a public dock for that line it is believed that the terminus of the line could be established at this place.

This is a matter of importance to every property-owner in this vicinity, and it should be looked after by those interested in the city. If arrangements could be made to have such a dock here in St. Johns a suitable concession should be made by the city officials. Do it now!

Formed Union.

There was a well attended temperance rally and formation of a W. C. T. U. at the Methodist church on Monday evening.

Speakers from Portland added much interest to the occasion. These were Mrs. Whitesides, a prominent W. C. T. U. official; Miss Frances Gottshall, another official; R. Lee Paget; and Mr. Rutherford, a young attorney for the prohibition party.

The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. A. E. Wilson; recording secretary—Mrs. W. D. Weeks; corresponding secretary—Mrs. Cook; treasurer—Mrs. Hatch. The vice presidents are to be appointed later.

Fixed Nice Now.

Druggist Elliott has taken a streak to add to the attractiveness of his store—and the new stock bottles upon his shelves show that he knows how to do it. He will continue to add to the store fittings, because, as he asserts, "there's going to be nothing nicer anywhere, and my growing patronage demands the best there is."

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