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THE COUNCIL MEETS.

What Is Most Desired Is More Light In St. Johns.

With the exception of C. D. Edwards all members of the city council were present on Monday evening when Mayor King called to order.

A petition properly signed was read asking that Ivanhoe street be graded, curbed and sidewalked from Burlington to Richmond streets. It was decided that a proper resolution be adopted and the city engineer ordered to prepare plans and specifications for the same.

Notice was given that a request was about to be made to have portions of John street, Salem street and Albany street vacated. Nothing farther was done in this matter.

A communication from W. W. Goodrich described and located benchmarks and monuments placed for the convenience and guidance of all future surveyors; the same was referred to the street committee.

The city attorney read the ordinance he was ordered to draw regarding the closing of billiard and pool halls, bowling alleys and card rooms at midnight. The hours to remain closed were mentioned as from twelve, midnight, to five in the morning.

Upon motion to adopt Mr. Peterson stated the hours should be changed so that they should close at eleven and not open till five-thirty; eleven o'clock was late enough for anyone to keep open; he moved such amendment and Mr. Leggett seconded the motion. The rollcall showed Leggett, Peterson and Shields for the amendment; Brice, Thompson and Lindquist against it. Mayor King decided the tie by voting against the eleven o'clock measure.

The ordinance was read the second time by title, but an attempt to suspend the rules and pass it to the third reading was decided futile. It will come up at the next meeting on Monday evening.

A communication was received from the city engineer suggesting the filling of the well on the old city hall site—but it was decided to wait till the new hall was built.

A bill from the city engineer for \$117.50 was laid over till the next meeting.

Mayor King essayed to get the sentiment of the council as regards bonds for a new city hall—also bonds for municipal water works. It was suggested that if the bonds would carry—which was doubtful—their validity would be in question. City Attorney Greene settled that question by declaring that while the purchase of a site for a city hall was not termed a public utility the city hall itself was so styled; but whether the bonds could be sold he could not positively declare. The matter was then temporarily dropped. Comment was made upon the negligence of the water company to properly fill the excavations made for mains—and the great delay in doing what work had been done.

Mr. Leggett reported that he had seen the owners of the property upon which the public wharf over-reached and asked for a vacation of that property in return for what was asked from the city. This was just what THE REVIEW had been suggesting.

His offer was not accepted as briskly as was expected—the owner saying that there would be no trouble over it at any time. This, however, is not considered a business proposition by the council. If the city is to vacate and give to those parties there should certainly be a vacation of a small area in favor of the city—and a vacation legally enacted. It is probable that this will be insisted upon.

Mr. Lindquist, on the light committee, reported that the General Electric Company had stated that it could not make a definite agreement on more arc lights until it knew just how many were wanted and where. The regular price per lamp is \$5.30 per month.

Locations had been selected for six lamps as follows: Fessenden and Jersey, Ivanhoe and Chicago, Burlington and Hayes, Richmond and Willamette Boulevard, Oswego and Willis Boulevard, and Richmond and Jersey.

Right here was where the bother commenced—and the committee found that to place a half-dozen arc-lights in a city of 300 blocks and please everyone was a difficult task.

CAUSTIC LETTER.

A St. Johns Woman Decries The Lack Of Christianity.

One of the good women of St. Johns hands us the following communication:

"Noticing an item in your last issue headed 'Made Happy' prompts me to send you this clipping. It is not only a shame but a disgrace for such a thing to occur. We who call ourselves christians and civilized—yet letting the aged sick, those unable to work, starve at our very doors! While those who are not in real need receive more than their share!"

"I believe in benevolence—but let it go farther: let it reach the needy. We must not allow these aged Pilgrims to become a county charge in the sunset of their life: it would be a disgrace to not only St. Johns but to the Methodist church in general—of which body these people have been members for more than fifty years!"

The "clipping" is from a Portland paper and is printed below:

"Bowed by the weight of nearly 100 years, almost blind and totally helpless, Robert Hardy, aged 95, and his wife, aged 93 years, await the setting of life's sun. They have been living in a tent near Northern Hill station on the St. Johns car line. Their Thanksgiving was a cheerless one and the outlook for Christmas is not cheerful.

"A son, Robert, who is nearly 70 years old, is struggling to support his own family and his aged parents as well. Robert Hardy, the younger, is a plasterer, and once there were few local tradesmen better than he. But owing to his advanced years he cannot command high wages nor is he able to keep at work steadily. His wife was a trained nurse before her marriage and has devoted much of her time of late to the care of her husband's parents. But the years of work are telling on her, too, and she, like her husband, is not able to withstand the strain or hard labor as in her younger days.

"When the case was investigated by a reporter several days ago, Robert Hardy spurned the suggestion of having the old people sent to the county farm. He said that he was willing to work day and night, if his health would permit, for his aged father and mother. He also said that his wife was still willing to continue in her labors of love in the care of the helpless old couple.

"But the future is not rosy."

Held Improvement Meet.

Fully fifty east siders met in Artisan hall, Portsmouth, last Saturday evening and heard talks upon local progress and local desires. There were several musical selections interspersed with the speeches—which added much to the general pleasure.

Mrs. Nona Coovert and Mrs. D. B. Morgan sang in a charming manner and drew upon themselves much applause. It was a matter of regret that they refused to respond to the encore.

W. J. Peddicord presided over the meeting in a particularly pleasing manner—and showed his aptness for the position.

Each speaker's remarks were enthusiastically received—and some remarkable facts and figures gave indication of how rapidly this community is building—and how solid is the growth.

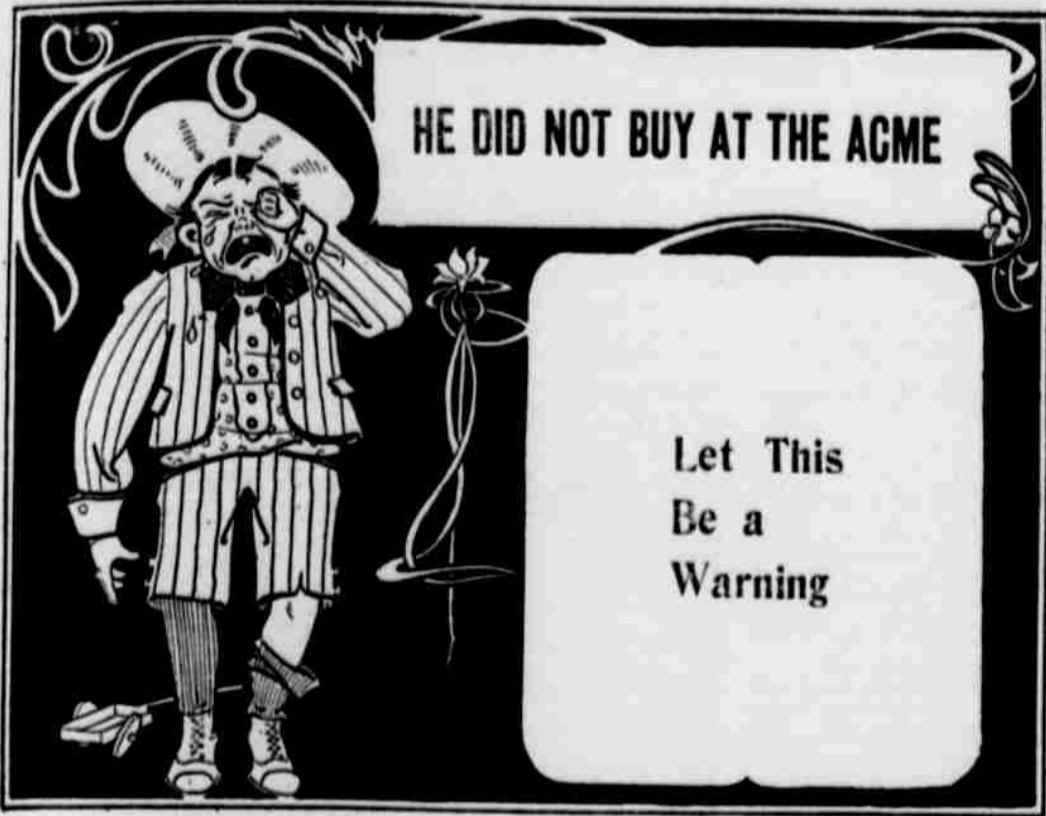
At the termination of the speaking F. I. McKenna, introduced a resolution pertinent to the water question and the same was unanimously adopted.

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It was suggested that a contract be made for eight lights—but Mr. Peterson asked where the money was to come from to pay the bills? The eight arcs would cost at the figures given the committee more than \$500 per year—and there would have to be more secured or the people would not be satisfied.

Upon motion of Mr. Brice, seconded by Mr. Shields, the committee was ordered to wait on the light company and get the actual cost of lights and full details, with directions to report at the next meeting.

Adjourned.



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