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LITTLE WAS DONE.

Council Makes Arrangements To Liquidate The Oilhouse Claim.

As announced in these columns an adjourned meeting of the city council was held on Friday evening. Mayor King presided. All members were present except Councilman Peterson.

A message from Recorder Hanks stated that he desired to appoint O. R. Downs as his deputy; and ordinance 67 (shown in another column) was passed and adopted.

Ordinance 68, authorizing a contract with the Portland General Electric Company, was passed and adopted. This is shown in another column.

Bill of J. F. Earl for constructing a warehouse at the public dock was accepted by the finance committee. The dock committee will formulate a demurrage schedule and endeavor to make a contract with Leander Smith to care for the dock and warehouse and depend for his salary upon the demurrage.

A complaint was received regarding the way in which mud is allowed to accumulate upon crosswalks—and steps will be promptly taken to have the marshal keep these walks in good order.

It was announced that M. L. Holbrook had expressed his willingness to care for the entire amount due on the site for the city hall, and the committee, together with the city attorney, was instructed to at once close the matter—so that the full payment could be made on or before February 3.

Adjournment was then taken.

BUYS JUDICIOUSLY.

Michigan Man Owns Considerable Property And Will Buy More.

A new-comer into the business field is W. F. Stine, of Charlotte, Michigan. He is a careful buyer and has sufficient backing to enable him to pick up anything he desires that seems good to him from a commercial view.

He purchased the Hazelwood corner several weeks ago and paid \$6000 for it—a cash deal; and people wondered at the figure. Early last week he bought the 25 feet occupied by the W. H. King Land Company and the Donnelly market—for which he paid \$3500. This property is to be improved at once—workmen going to work upon it on Saturday.

Mr. Stine also bought the fifty-foot front occupied by Jackson's drug store, Peterson & Company's cigar factory, and the restaurant. The precise figures have not been made public—but it is in the proximity of \$8000. The building is a new one. It was Mr. Stine's purpose to buy the three-story hotel block adjoining, then complete the upper story of the block purchased as an annex to the hotel—but the price asked (\$30,000) was a trifle more than he cared to put in.

Another buy made by Mr. Stine was the corner of Tacoma and Ivanhoe—opposite W. B. Evans' corner. For this he paid \$3600. This is a good corner—although as yet it is not a business locality; but it will not be many years before Ivanhoe for a couple of blocks will be as businessified as any locality.

An excellent feature of Mr. Stine's plan of buying is the fact that he pays cash for his purchases. This puts money in circulation—enables the sellers to become purchasers in other localities about the city. He left on Saturday for his Michigan home—from which point he will journey to Los Angeles—and then return here for more investments.

Roosevelt Rustlers.

There is a locality in St. Johns that is doing its share in keeping up the growth of the city. During the past year almost every house has been a producer—and while some families are anxious to quit the locality there are others, having heard of the advantages the place possesses, just as eager to move in.

Apropos of this the following item is to the point:
Born, Wednesday, January 10, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Clark, 412 Alleghany street, a daughter. And we grow.

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NOT HARMFUL.

Writer In Journal Decries Dangerous Qualities Of Smelters.

A writer in the Portland Journal of Monday declares that the incoming of a smelter to St. Johns means the outgoing of all vegetation, and asserts that the presence of a smelter is harmful to all residents of the community.

There is no doubt that the correspondent wrote the article with the best of motives—nor is there a doubt that he had in mind the smelter of a score of years ago. But in the past two decades there have been vast improvements in the line of smelters until at this time it seems that there is no industry less harmful than the smelter proposition.

If the writer of that kick would but consult with mining men of ability regarding this assertion it will be found absolutely correct. So far as the poisonous gases are concerned no fear need be had of them—as a water purifier is used and the gases are afterward either floated off in water or entirely consumed.

The smelter proposition here is so great that eastern parties have shown up and offered to take all the stock for sale; but this end is not desired. Far better will it be if a fair share of the stock can be owned here—because it brings out a local interest and gives an impetus to the affair here at home.

Portland merchants are awakening to the necessity of this industry to secure the Alaskan trade. They are now taking notice of things—because they have learned that eastern capital stands ready to erect a wholesale house here at St. Johns to cater to this Alaskan trade if no interest in the matter is taken by Portland business men.

There is now \$200,000 ready for such a business enterprise—provided that the stock for the new smelter has to be all taken by St. Johns and the east. It is now merely a business proposition with the residents of this county. It is conceded that every dollar put into the enterprise will yield a handsome dividend; that smelter stock has ever proved a bonanza; and there is now an opportunity for everyone to get in on the ground floor.

Our people should hurry and get some stock—for THE REVIEW believes it will not only give returns but will help build up this peninsula in a splendid manner.

St. Johns Centre.

The St. Johns Land Company announces this week the opening up of the three-acre tract formerly owned by Mrs. P. T. Smith, lying between Chicago street and Burlington street and one block east of Jersey street.

This was the last piece of acreage left in the centre of town.

It has been platted into lots—and is now on the market at prices ranging from \$400 upwards—according to size and location.

On Jersey street within a block of this tract lots are selling at \$3000 and \$4000 each. The growth of the city will soon crowd business on to the side streets—and it is only a question of a short time when these lots, now offered at \$400 and up, will be selling for two and three times as much. They are offered on very easy terms: \$25 down and \$10 a month. This is a splendid opportunity to make a big profit on a very small investment.

Bought It Back.

P. J. Peterson gets into the habit of buying real estate so strongly that he is willing to buy the same piece of property every little while. That is, provided he can make a few dollars every time.

Some time ago he owned the building that has been occupied by the St. Johns Grocery Company. Then he sold it—and it is now bringing in a rental of \$35 per month.

He has just re-purchased the building from the party to whom he sold it—and is once more in the market. There is no telling what "Pete" will do ten minutes ahead; it may be he will tear the building out and build a three-story brick—or he may have the place sold before this article is read by all who receive THE REVIEW.

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