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Did you ever see a better Fourth of July celebration ?

Who is the boss of the G. O. P. in Multnomah county, anyway ?

Congressman Fulton will have a mighty big lot of explaining to do if he ever visits St. Johns.

A little publicity on the part of The Review saved the sum of one thousand and sixty-six dollars to the school district of St. Johns. It It pays to advertise.

The Thaw-White tragedy in New York city promises to furnish the lever with which the lid may be pried off the cauldron of iniquity in that city. The immorality in high places is getting to be something frightful.

The little agitation in regard to the letting of the contract for building the addition to the Central school building was fruitful of results, and, incidentally, the means of saving $1,000 to the taxpayers of St. Johns. It also proved that the home contractors are willing to bid on home work if they are given a chance.

Last week a young New York swell named Thaw shot and killed another swell named White. Both were married men. The shooting was caused by White's attentions to Thaw's wife. As a result of the killing miles of slush is being printed in the daily papers of the country about the principals in the affair. And only because young Thaw is the degenerate son of a multimillionaire and his wife a noted beauty who has been before the public for several years on account of her numerous escapades. If the socalled smart set will continue to purify New York society along the lines adopted by young Thaw the metropolis will be better off.

THE COUNCIL

What Was Done at the Regular Meeting Tuesday Evening.

All members were in their seats when the council was called to order Tuesday evening.

A petition for a liquor license accompanied by a check for $1,000, received from Jos. L. Carlson, was referred to the liquor license committee.

A petition for a sidewalk on north Ivanhoe street was referred to the street committee.

The bill of Bickner Bros. for $5.95 and the Central Hotel for $13.75 were allowed.

The bill of the General Electric Co. of $42.40 for city light was referred back to be itemized.

Ordinance No. 109, relating to the sale of the city hall bonds, and published elsewhere in this issue, was passed, all voting in the affirmative except Ald King.

On motion the recorder was instructed to notify the P. S. T. and T. Co. that the franchise asked for would be granted only upon the payment of a royalty of two and a half cents per month for each telephone in use in the city, exclusive of the first year. All voted in the affirmative except Ald. Raser.

T. H. Cochran & Co. were awarded the contract for the improvement of Philadelphia street, their bid being under the engineer's estimate.

On motion of Ald. Norton suitable chairs were ordered to be purchased for the use of the city council. On roll call Ald. King and Raser voted in the negative.

On motion by Ald. Hewitt it was ordered that prisoners be fed at a more economical price per meal than is now being paid—at 15 cents, if it was possible.

The report of the viewers on the improvement of Modoc street was read. On motion of Ald. Norton the report was referred back to the viewers for new figures.

The report of the chief of police for the month of June was read and accepted. The reports of the recorder and treasurer were laid over until the next regular meeting.

On motion of Ald. Dobie contracts were ordered to be made with the water company for supplying six hydrants along the water front for a period of five years.

On motion of Ald. King all occupants and owners of property in block 39, James Johns addition, were ordered to make proper connections with the sewer and to remove all rubbish from the premises. The chief of police was instructed to see that this order was obeyed.

Bids for the Charleston street improvement were ordered re-advertised.

MRS. CLARK

Removed as Postmistress of the Local Office.

If a bomb had exploded in the middle of the Cochran block it would not have created more surprise than the two-line announcement in the Oregonian last Saturday morning that Mayor Valentine had been appointed and confirmed as postmaster of St. Johns.

No one was prepared for such an announcement. The excellent service given by Postmistress Clark and the fact that the office had only recently been advanced from a fourth class to a third class, or a presidential office, led all to believe that the sacrifices made and the excellent service rendered by Postmistress Clark would be rewarded by an appointment for another term of four years.

The surprise occasioned by the Oregonian's telegram was mingled with indignation. Many expressed their disapproval of the appointment of Mayor Valentine. All commented on the fact that Postmistress Clark had taken the office at the solicitation of friends when the office was practically worthless. Now that she was about to be rewarded, it was nothing more than right that she should be appointed for another term.

No one had an inkling that Mrs. Clark was to be deposed. Questions were asked as to how she was removed. What was the reason? Who was dissatisfied? Who appointed Mayor Valentine? Why was the change made so secretively? Why wasn't the citizens, business men and precinct committeeman consulted? were among the questions asked. Knots of men on the streets discussed the change to gain information. No one had any to volunteer.

Finally it was decided to interview the mayor in order to get the straight story.

About 30 citizens proceeded to Mr. Valentine's office, and were courteously received. After being informed as to the object of their visit, Mr. Valentine said in regard to his appointment: "The first that I knew of my appointment was when I saw it in the paper this morning. It is as much of a surprise to me as it is to any of you present. I did not apply for the position and was not indorsed by any one in St Johns."

This information threw no light on the subject. After questions had been asked by several in the room, Mr. Valentine continued in regard to his appointment:

"The first I knew of it was day before yesterday, (meaning Thursday, June 28,) when I got a phone to come to Portland. I went over and was told I had been selected for the appointment of postmaster at St. Johns. I told the man that I was in favor of Mrs. Clark retaining the place. He said that was impossible. A change had been decided upon. I thought if that was the case, and Mrs. Clark could not have it, I might as well take it as any one else. I did not apply for the place, and did not know a change was to be made until I went to Portland."

Questioned as to who the person was who offered him the place, Mr. Valentine replied:

"His name is Willis. I think he is an attorney. He has an office in the Commercial block. I never saw him before. I do not know where he got his authority to offer me the office. I did not ask him. He said Mrs. Clark could not have the place. That had been decided upon. He did not say whether any one in St. Johns had been consulted and I did not ask him."

Several present volunteered advice to Mr. Valentine. It was given in a friendly spirit and was received in the same manner. Not a cross word or look marred the interview and the best of nature prevailed. Mr. Valentine was urged to consult with his friends, and his enemies, too, is he had any, weigh their opinions carefully and act accordingly. To a man, all urged him to withdraw and recommend that Mrs. Clark be allowed to serve another term.

The result of the interview put every one at sea. Nothing new developed until Monday, when it was learned that Francis I. McKenna, the well known real estate man, possessed information that would shed light on the subject.

In an endeavor to unravel the tangle three citizens were asked to interview Mr. McKenna. Mr. Valentine appeared anxious to get at the bottom of the affair and urged that Mr. McKenna be seen.

When seen in his office Mr. McKenna said: "On June 22 a man high up in the postal department came into my office and said a change in the St. Johns postoffice had been decided upon. He named a certain St. Johns man and wished to know if he would be satisfactory. A few days later he came to my office and said the first mentioned man had been turned down and asked me to suggest some one else. He wanted some one who was well known and popular in St. Johns. I suggested F. W. Valentine. I referred to his wide acquaintance and the large vote he received for mayor and said I thought he was the man he wanted. Mr. Valentine was called to Portland. He came to my office. I told him I had an important appointment to offer him, but that I must be assured that the matter would be kept absolutely secret. Mr. Valentine demurred and asked what it was. I told him if he did not promise secrecy he would not be told what it was. He then agreed to my terms, and the postmastership offered him on the condition that he would say nothing about it until he saw the announcement of his appointment and confirmation in the newspapers. This he consented to do."

In reply to questions Mr. McKenna said he did not know any reason why Mrs. Clark should be removed. It had been decided that she could not have the office. He did not know whether her record had been looked up. Mr. Valentine had not made application for the place nor had he been indorsed by any one. Asked who the party having the appointing power was, Mr. McKenna declined to answer. He had not consulted any one in St. Johns in regard to the change.

The matter rested until Tuesday evening, when a meeting of the citizens was called to express disapproval of the methods employed to despose Mrs. Clark and to remonstrate against outside interference with the St. Johns postoffice. The meeting had been advertised during the afternoon by the distribution of small hand bills. Between 300 and 400 people responded. Among the audience were many ladies. D. C. Rogers called the meeting to order. On motion D. C. Rogers was chosen president and G. J. Perkins, secretary.

The chair stated the object of the meeting, and asked for any information that would throw light on the subject. None was offered. The chair then stated that a committee —D. C. Rogers, C. W. Potter and R. W. McKeon—had interviewed Francis I. McKenna in his office in Portland and called upon the writer to make a statement of what Mr. McKenna said. It was given substantially as written above.

Willis Moxon, who had been to see Mr. McKenna previous to the committee above named, was asked to make a statement and to corroborate the remarks of the previous speaker. This Mr. Moxon did, but added that Mr. Valentine, when the office was offered him, declared in favor of Mrs. Clark, and then, when told that it was impossible for her to retain the place, Mr. Valentine consented to take it. "Some persons have made remarks here tonight," said Mr. Moxon, "that they will be sorry for later on."

G. J. Perkins made some very pointed remarks, scoring roundly the methods and means resorted to to depose Mrs. Clark. He condemned the appointment of Mr. Valentine because of the underhanded and secretive manner in which it was obtained.

D. S. Southmayd told of his long acquaintance with Mrs. Clark and of the time when the office went begging, only to be taken by her at the earnest solicitation of many citizens, and he had positive knowledge that frequently her pay was as low as eight cents a day. Mrs. Clark had given her services to St. Johns when the people wanted a postoffice, and it was the duty of every fair-minded citizen to stand by her now when there was a chance for her to be reimbursed for the sacrifices she had made.

J. H. Cauright made a few remarks that were to the point and met with the approval of the audience. In his opinion St. Johns was able and willing to take care of the St. Johns postoffice and should brook no outside interference.

J. H. Black, Frank A. Smith, T. J. Monahan and others also spoke, deprecating the manner in which the appointment was given the mayor.

After some discussion it was decided to send a telegram to President Roosevelt asking that Mr. Valentine's commission as postmaster at St. Johns be held up pending investigations. Frank A. Smith, B. T. Leggett and J. H. Black were appointed a committee to prepare and send the telegram and money for sending the dispatch was collected at the meeting.

G. J. Perkins, J. H. Cauright and T. J. Monahan were appointed a committee on formulating and circulating a petition to the president asking that an investigation be made as to any charges against Mrs. Clark, and to ascertain what influence led to the appointment of Mayor Valentine.

To investigate the methods that led to the mayor's appointment and the persons directly responsible for it, D. S. Southmayd, H. A. Blackburn and Mr. Kirk were appointed as a committee by the chair.

During the meeting Frank A. Smith suggested it would be right and proper that Mr. Valentine be asked to appear and explain his position. Mr. Smith was delegated by the chair to ask Mr. Valentine to address the meeting, but the invitation was declined.

From the applause that followed the remarks of the speakers it was evident that the audience were in favor of Mrs. Clark being continued in office and as being opposed to outside interference.

Mayor Valentine argues that a change in the postoffice is imperative, and that, as it has been so decreed, he might as well have the place as some one else. It is understood he intends taking the office and will appoint Mrs. Clark as deputy.

The St. Johns postoffice was raised to a third class office July 1. The salary is now $1,100 a year.

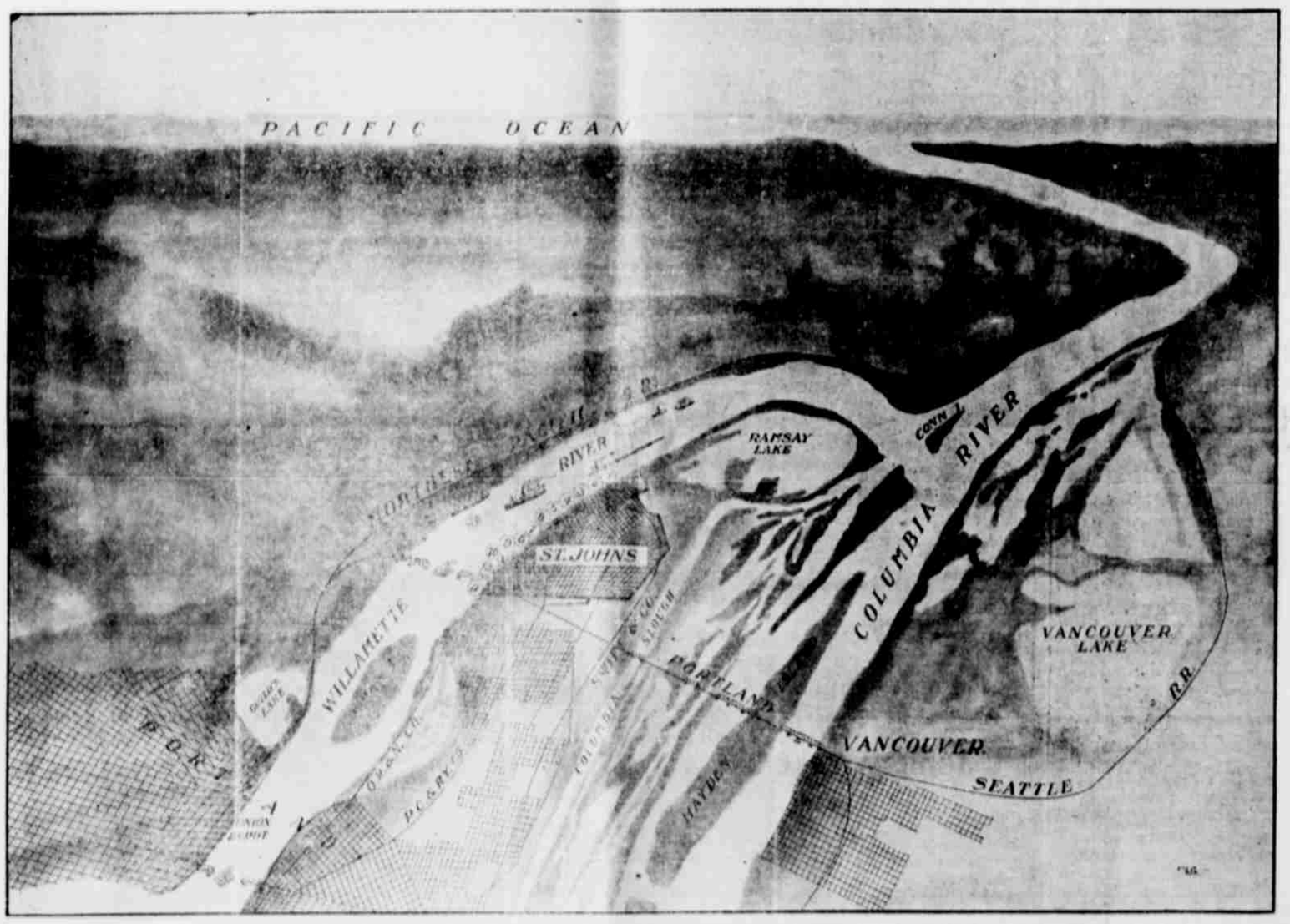
Regarding Hawkers' License.

The Review has had several inquiries in regard to the ordinance licensing hawkers, etc., and prohibiting peddling in the city. Several supposed it included the vegetable peddlers. It does not. Any one raising their own produce can sell it from house to house or in the open market. But any one buying from a wholesale house and then peddling it about town will come under the ban of the ordinance. The banana and orange and fish peddlers are the ones who will have to obtain a license. As heretofore the economical housewife may continue her inning with the shrewd Dago or the smiling Chink over the purchase of the family supply of vegetables. And it is a hundred to one she will get the hot end of the deal, as usual.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of McKeon & Thorndyke or R. W. McKeon are requested to call and settle. Anyone having bills against the above parties will please present them for payment.

Ask your grocer for Linne's bread.



For Sale Cheap.

One plunger pump, brass fitted with casing, capacity 5,000 gallons hour; one 15-horse power motor for alternating current, and in excellent condition. Call at St. Johns Water Company's office or phone East 6397. P. H. Edlefsen, Superintendent.

For Sale.

Eggs for hatching from pure bred Golden, Silver, Ring-Necked and Lady Amherst pheasants. Inquire of Paul or Thomas Cochran, University Park.

For Sale or Rent.

Eight-room house in Point View. For particulars phone Tabor 49.

Wanted.

Hand ironers at the West Coast Laundry. Apply at once.

Women Wanted

To work in basket factory. Apply at Portland Manufacturing Co., St. Johns.

Five fine lots, river view, $600 to $850; ½ acre cleared and fenced 1½ blocks to cars, $850; 100x100 half block off Jersey street, $2300; desirable residence lots close in, $150 to $400. H. G. Ogden, Review office.

The Price Fuel Co. can fill your orders at once for stove length and 4-foot slabwood. Don't delay in placing your orders. Phone Woodlawn 22.

The finest of calling cards at The Review office.

THE FOURTH

A Ripsnorting Celebration and Bully Good Time.

The celebration of the Fourth at St. Johns was a peach !

The young boy and the old boy were here, together with their wives and mothers and sisters and cousins and their aunts.

And every last one of them said they had a good time.

They did. They couldn't help it. They were all kinds of amusements and enough of each to satisfy everybody.

About 10,000 visitors were in town during the day, and every one of them went home satisfied.

St. Johns advertised a good old-fashioned celebration—and St. Johns made good.

The weather was ideal. It could not have been better if it had been made to order.

The parade led by Marshal of the Day D. S. Southmayd was the feature of the celebration. Everything moved like clockwork, not a hitch occurring from beginning to end.

The procession was in line at the appointed hour. The St. Johns band led the way. With Old Glory furled to the breeze, the G. A. R., the remnant of the grandest army the world ever saw, followed the band. Immediately behind came the float bearing the Goddess of Liberty and Uncle Sam, the characters admirably taken by Miss Alma Villineve and Ray Bullis. Beneath them were seated a bevy of little girls waving flags. Next followed the float containing Martha and George Washington, who were impersonated by Miss Anna Perrine and Barney Noonan. They, too, were surrounded by little girls waving flags. These two floats made an exceedingly handsome picture.

Next followed the school children, the city council and the fire department in the order named.

The float of the St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Co. was one of attractions of the parade, and demonstrated the company's ability to throw water at any time or place. It consisted of several barrels of water mounted on a wagon connected by a force pump and hose from which a stream of water was thrown. It caught the crowd.

The most extensive showing was that of the Knights of Pythias. At the head of the lodge rode two heavily armored knights on horseback. Following came the members in uniform. Next came the float illustrating the sacrifice about to be offered by Pythias. Behind hind the float walked his Santanic Majesty. In the rear trotted the strong-skulled lodge goat—the terror of all candidates. It was a very creditable and original display.

The members of the M. W. A. lodge brought up the rear of the procession on foot.

The display made by Jobes' mill of its Vim Flour elicited many complimentary remarks. The arrangement was neatness itself, and did a great deal towards advertising the product of the mill and St. Johns.

The Mt. Hood bakery had an appropriately decorated float from which products of the bakery were distributed.

Couch & Co., "The Pushers," aptly illustrated their title by a gaily decorated vehicle propelled by a horse from the rear. It was quite an a novel idea, and doubly attractive to the juveniles on account of the packages that were tossed overboard.

The orator of the day and others followed in carriages.

The procession ended at the pavilion near the city hall. Rev. F. L. Young had charge of the exercises. "My country, 'Tis of Thee," was sang with beautiful effect by Mrs. Holland. A drill by white clad little girls from the public school brought forth merited applause. Chairman Young then introduced Rev. Fred J. Warren as orator of the day.

Rev. Warren's address was a combination of patriotic sentiment and humor that caught the audience at the start and held it to the end. It was a happily conceived and well arranged Fourth of July oration.

Capt. Snow on behalf of the G. A. R. then made a few patriotic remarks.

In the afternoon the crown were entertained by races on Ivanhoe street.

In running 220 yards and laying 50 feet of hose the rival teams tied. Time 54 seconds.

F. W. Randall, a professional hose coupler, gave an exhibition of fast work.

The 50 yard foot race was won by J. Fritwell, H. E. Elmore second, C. Young and A. Kimmer tied for third place.

W. H. Jobes won handily from A. Kimmer in a special 50 yard race.

Coudon's Snowflake outfooted Simmons' chestnut in a half mile pacing race.

In the Family race between Sam Cochran's trotter and Snowflake Cochran drove under instructions to win or get killed. Sam is still alive.

In the running races Buckskin cleaned up the money.

Dancing in the pavilion furnished amusement to many all the afternoon and until late in the evening.

The display of fireworks were very fine, and were witnessed by a large crowd.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Baptist church—E. A. Leonard, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Holy Cross Catholic church, Portsmouth Station 8:15 a. m., low mass; 10:15 a. m., high mass; 7:30 p. m., vespers and benediction.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Chapel, University Park—Rev. Wm. R. Powell, chaplain. Regular services 11 a. m. Sunday school 10 a. m.

Evangelical church—E. E. McVicker, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Jr. K. L. C. E. 2:30 p. m. Sr. K. L. C. E. 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m.

Methodist church—F. L. Young, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m.

Notice.

On account of the fire which destroyed my entire stock of furniture, I would be glad to have all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to Hallberg's furniture store to please call at Moxon & Valentine's real estate office and make settlement of same as soon as possible. R. Hallberg.

Bowel Complaint in Children.

During the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels which should receive careful attention as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears. The best medicine in use for bowel complaint is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as it promptly controls any unnatural looseness of the bowels. For sale by Jackson's Pharmacy.

Protect your property from loss by fire by insuring in only first class companies. See the Peninsula Bank

Keep Your Eye On St. Johns

$10,000.

City of St. Johns Oregon, City Hall Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Recorder of the City of St. Johns, in the State of Oregon, at his office in said city until Tuesday, the seventeenth day of July, 1906, at four o'clock p. m. for the purchase of all or any part of the municipal bonds of said city issued by virtue of Ordinance No. 109 of said city, passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor July 3, 1906.

Said bonds are dated July 9, 1906, and run ten (10) years from their date, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from their date, interest payable semi-annually, both principal and interest payable in United States gold coin at Peninsula Bank, St. Johns, Oregon.

Said bonds are twenty (20) in number and of the denomination of five hundred dollars ($500) each, and are issued for the erection of a City Hall as provided by the charter of said city and are exempt from taxation either by the State of Oregon or by any county or municipal corporation therein. Said bonds shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder but among equal bidders preference in the sale and allotment thereof shall be given to the bidders residing in the State of Oregon.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to re-advertise for bids for the same.

Dated at the City of St. Johns, Oregon, this 3rd day of July, 1906.

W. L. Thorndyke,
City Recorder.