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No city council can conscientiously vacate a street to a grasping corporation without any hope of reward or fear of consequences.

For heavens sake do something to Tacoma street! No matter what it is, do something. Tacoma street will be bettered no matter what you do.

Inside of ten years there will be a network of electric lines on the Pacific coast that will enable the traveler to reach any point quicker, safer and cheaper than by the present steam railroads.

With wheat above the dollar mark and the little green bug doing business night and day the wheat ranchers and the economical housekeepers are surely between the devil and the deep sea.

Not anywhere along the ten miles of electric railroad that one has to ride over between St. Johns and Portland can one get out of hearing the music of the hammer and saw. Some building that.

The Canby Tribune man undoubtedly ran first just before he penned the following: If you want to get the best of your wife in the squabble tell her you have sent her picture to the beauty contest, and that you feel sure she'll win it.

St. Johns set the pace for high license, making the price \$1000 per year. The city of Loveland, Colo., has done still better; after a non-saloon administration of four years—years abounding in lawbreaking and prosecution without conviction—that city has gone "wet" with a license fee of \$2500 per annum. In advance, too.

When Corey, president of the steel trust, married Maybelle Gillman, the actress of doubtful fame, he ceased to have the respect of all decent people. It was a case of mad infatuation on one side, and on the other another instance of a woman selling her body and soul to gratify her ambition. No good can come out of such a union and none should. Such people deserve the contempt and scorn of all true American citizens.

The tirades made by spinal meningitis in this state have been something appalling. Up to this time there seems to be no known and sure remedy. There's no more use in trying to dodge death than there is in trying to drown a whale by pouring buzz-water into the ocean. When nature sounds "lights out" the best thing to do is to yield gracefully as objections can be filed after that time. Be a cheerful loser!

The city council should either repeal or amend the building ordinance (No. 63) or enforce it. This ordinance prohibits the erection within the fire limits of any building except the building be constructed of "brick or stone or both." Every little while, or even oftener, the council is asked to grant permit for the cracking or actual breaking of the ordinance; and, as there is no desire to block progress, the request is usually granted.

Just why the City of St. Johns should donate 12,000 square feet of land to the Marine Iron Works while at the same time the said company refuses to relinquish title to some 3000 feet which, possibly, is occupied by the city dock, will always be a mystery. For more than 16 months this matter has been under consideration. At the inception a proposition was made to the Marine company which was to the effect that if the company would relinquish some fifteen feet of its property alongside the city dock the city would relinquish the termination of Charleston between Albany street to the harbor line. It is true that there is no manner of ingress or egress from the street in question except by water; yet that is no argument why the city should rid itself of the street in question. Let the Marine company get to bat and do business right—the city will do its part—and do it as it should be done.

Falling in line with Oregon the State of Michigan has adopted the direct primary law.

The wars of South America are not nearly so destructive to human life and property as the labor strikes of San Francisco.

The building permits of St. Johns show a healthy condition. There is no boom in realty—but a constant growth. And, by the way, prices of St. Johns are not anywhere near as high as in any other part of the state.

If the pictures of the Oregon beauties which we see published in the papers are true likenesses of the young ladies we propose to send to Jamestown no prizes will come to Oregon. Neither will any young man from the South come this way in search of a wife. But hold on until we send in the portraits of some of our St. Johns beauties.

The ordinance relating to regulation of bill posting within the city limits which once came before the council should at once be acted upon. Surely some regulation is necessary. If outside concerns want to plaster our city with flaring posters make them pay for the privilege. Dig up the ordinance and let action be taken immediately.

Abe Reuf, the notorious grafter of the Bay city, has plead guilty of the charges preferred against him. Abe states that it was only through a desire to spare the feelings of his relatives and save them from the strain of a long and tortuous court trial that he decided to make this move. He did not want the public to think for a minute that he was guilty. Oh, no! not Abe. Must have been somebody else. But if the truth was revealed Abe would likely be so deep in the mire that his relatives would not want to ever recognize him again.

Let's Play Fair.

The present city council was elected to protect the city's interests along every line.

The present public dock is not large enough for the city's needs—and each succeeding year will find the dock more and more overtaxed.

The Marine Iron people desire the city to give it—absolutely as a free gift—sixty feet of water front. Whether it is to be used for some industry or held for speculative purposes no one can foretell.

There is a bare possibility that the present public dock over-reaches itself; that by some blunder in the driving of piles the dock is over the line of the Marine property some ten or twelve feet. For argument allow this as true.

If the council desires to be fair with all concerned it might make this proposition:

Let the Marine company relinquish a strip 15 feet alongside the dock to the city, and put it in legal shape and in writing.

Let the Marine company then allow the city to extend its dock down the river some 40 feet in front of lots 1 and 2—in addition to the 15 feet relinquished—and put it in legal form and in writing.

This would give the city a public dock at least 125 feet long on the water front—and the increase could in no wise inflict injury upon anyone.

Then let the city vacate to the Marine Co. the foot of Charleston street—and put it in writing.

This would be a fair deal all round. All would be benefited—none would be injured.

And the Marine company would stand in a mighty sight better light with every fair-minded citizen.

Unwise Pardon

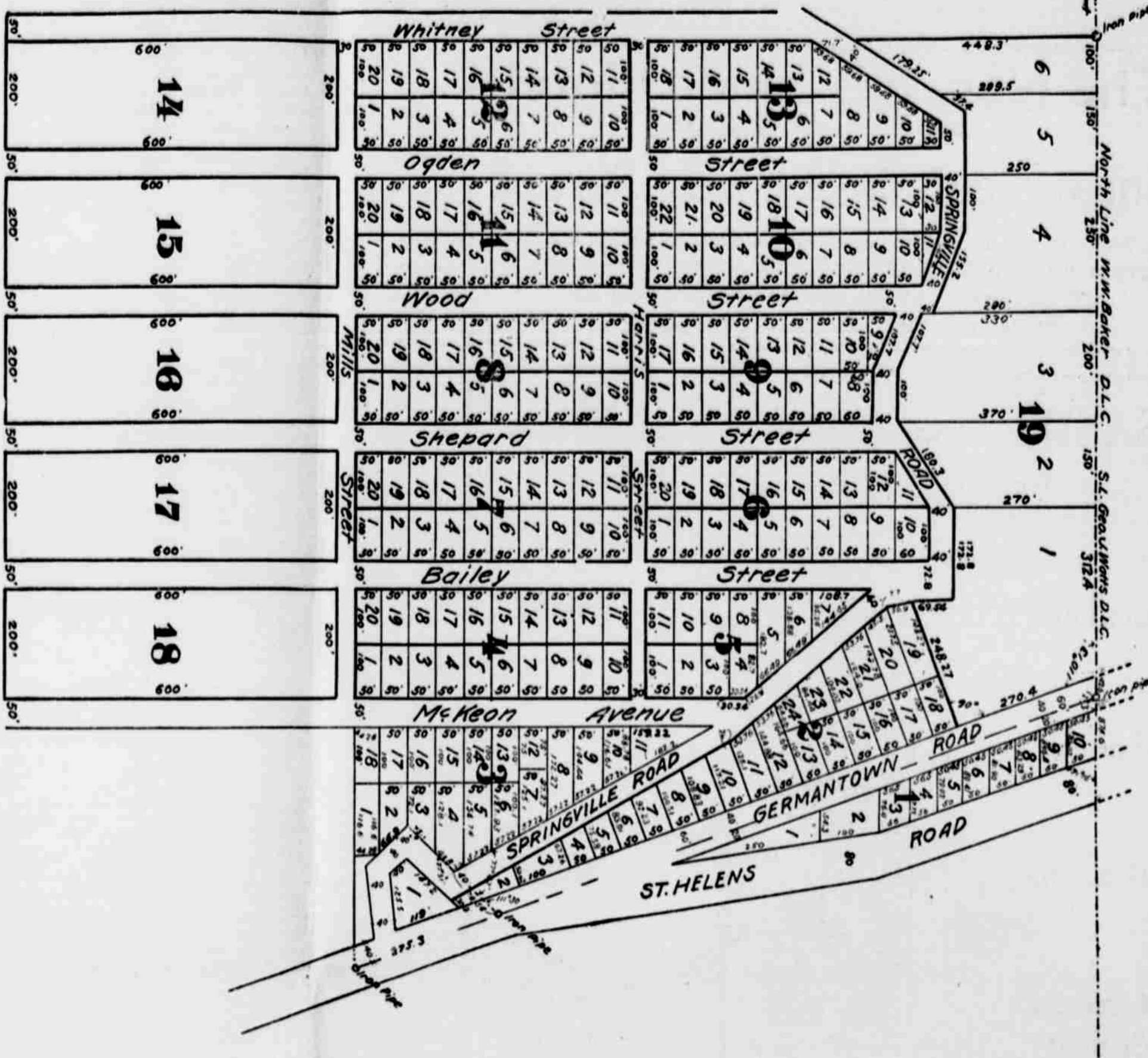
The pardon of White, the Sailors Boarding House man, by Gov. Chamberlain is everywhere looked upon as a terrible mistake. The governor does not often blunder, but this act of his is the most unpardonable one in his whole career. Just why the notorious rascal should be allowed to go free to prowl again on society, is a question that cannot be answered. It is true that Judge Fraser wrote the governor a sympathetic kind of letter, but even he did not recommend a pardon. But ten of the trial jurors petitioned the governor to pardon this notorious outlaw, and that is the very reason why the governor should have refused to pardon White. Why did these ten sworn men vote to convict him if he didn't deserve the penalty of the law? Until Gov. Chamberlain learns to ignore the petitions for the pardoning of criminals when signed by any number of the trial jurors, he will be open to the charge of injudicious leniency. Men who act upon a jury and vote to find a person guilty of a criminal offence and afterward ask a governor to pardon him are either cowards or perjurers and probably both. By the act of signing a petition asking the executive to do what they did not do they show that they perjured themselves by their verdict, and no sensible man should attach the smallest importance to anything they would sign. The very act stamps them as fools, cowards or perjurers—perhaps all three.

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WEST ST. JOHNS LAND CO.

Richard Shepard & Co. and H. G. Ogden, Agents, St. Johns, Oregon.

In Disgraceful Shape.

There is a crying, even a howling, need of the improvement of Tacoma street from Jersey to Hayes street. For the past two years the place has been a disgrace as it lies where every visitor must, perforce, see it from the car before he dismounts. Some of the property owners along the two blocks are kicking very hard over the condition of the street, and are making frantic efforts to have conditions bettered. Just now there are pools of stagnant water covering some 2000 square feet, and only the Lord knows how deep, in the street. These are floating with green scum and are so vile and unattractive that a self-respecting hog would break the get away record in seeking his annual bath elsewhere. Something should be done—must be done—at once to benefit the property along these two blocks. The accruing benefits by improving this street through to Hayes would be by 200 per cent greater than the cost. As both Ivanhoe and Hayes streets are at grade there need no surveys taken, provided all property owners will enter the deal and subscribe to the agreement. Get busy, gentlemen; get busy.

Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Edward Phillips of Barclay, Md., writes: "I wish to tell you that I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My little girl, Catherine, who is two years old has been taking this remedy whenever she has had a cold since she was two months old. About a month ago I contracted a dreadful cold myself, but I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was soon as well as ever." This remedy is for sale by St. Johns Drug Store.

The New Ferry.

In our next week's issue we shall be able to state with certainty the exact date when the new ferry will commence operations. It was expected that May 15 would see the boat complete—but numerous obstacles kept bobbing up to prevent. Unless something now unforeseen gets in its work the boat will make its initial trip within ten days.

For Sale.

The fine half block at the corner of Willamette boulevard and Richmond street. New, modern ten room house with finest river view in city; an ideal home and the cheapest property in St. Johns. Address B. A. Olson, St. Johns.

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L. B. Chipman
Real Estate

Second Nine Wins.

In a game that was marked by superb pitching on both sides and rapid playing by all participants the St. Johns second nine defeated the Boss of the Road nine of Portland last Sunday by the score of 3 to 1. Lee and Vernon occupied the points for the locals while Anderson and Lafollette did the stunt for the visitors. The work of both batteries was excellent, but the stick work of the locals won the game. Star plays were made by Norene, Lee and Vernon. On account of the wet grounds at Hill's Park the game was played on the Ivanhoe street grounds. Crabtree as umpire gave general satisfaction.

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