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SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

City Water Comes From a Depth of 70 Feet, is Excelled by None in Point of Quality.

The first thing the new comer notices when he arrives in St. Johns is the quality of our drinking water. "It is the best water I ever drank," is the verdict of every one. Bull Run water, spring water in any of the mountain resorts in Oregon we have visited, water in the eastern states when taken in large quantities always gives one a disagreeable feeling in the region of the breast, but it is different with this beverage of St. Johns. You drink a cupful from the hydrant and it goes down the thirsty lane like a streak of moonshine down the pike and you want another to keep it company. After you have had a couple under your vest you will look longingly at the cup and only good manners will prevent your taking another.

After drinking this way it does not seem as though the fluid had arranged itself into cubes inside your gastronomic depository, but gives one a satisfied, pleasant sensation no other beverage can equal. We were curious to know the source from which this splendid supply of aqua pura was derived and in our meanderings stumbled upon the city water works near the St. Johns Lumber company's plant.

The well is 18x26 and is 70 feet deep. There is one pump operated by steam having a capacity of 50,000 gallons per hour and at high pressure 1000 gallons per minute. Another pump operated by electricity has a capacity of 20,000 gallons per hour. The well is being enlarged, the work just about completed, and another pump which will be operated by steam will be installed about the first of the year or before. This pump is a big fellow and will have a capacity of 120,000 per hour, to be operated by steam. These pumps are situated about 12 or 14 feet above the bottom of the well.

The steam for their operation is supplied by a pair of large boilers built for high pressure and so arranged that if one is disabled the other may be used. They carry 120 pounds of steam, but are able and have carried 150 pounds. The plant has purchased a half block of land at their pumping station in order to keep all other buildings as far as possible away from the well so as to keep the water pure. They have two tanks each holding 100,000 gallons of water and are 85 feet above the ground at their location, about the highest point in St. Johns. They also have another tank of 45,000 gallons capacity, 65 feet high and a concrete reservoir of 350,000 gallons capacity at the tanks. The company have laid about 25 miles of watermain and carry a pressure of from 50 to 90 pounds pressure. Mr. Edlefsen, the president and manager of the company, is putting forth every effort to keep his service up-to-date and the water supply ahead of the phenomenal growth of the city. Sometimes it bothers him to do so, but he spares no expense or trouble to accomplish this object, but the best of satisfaction has been given so far as we have been able to learn, all over the city. In fact, we have never been in a city where the satisfaction with the water service is such as it is here, whether the city owns its water works or not. Mr. Edlefsen informs us that he proposes to meet the needs of the citizens at all times and that if there is anything he can do to better the system in any way he will be glad to consider it, and if practical to take advantage of such suggestions.

The drinking water is one of the most important features of a city and we are glad and proud to compare our drinking water with that of any city on earth.

THE CITY DADS IN SESSION

Council Meets on Tuesday Evening and Transacts Its Usual Budget of Important Municipal Business

There was something doing at the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening this week. Having declared the office of councilman from the second ward vacant, it became necessary to elect a new one to fill the unexpired portion of the term. Last meeting night the names of Moses Tufts and H. W. Brice were suggested as candidates and it was expected these popular gentlemen would make a merry tussle between their friends in the council, but that uncertain animal in American politics, the dark horse, bobbed up serenely and carried off the honors. When it came to making nominations for councilman from the second ward Alderman King placed in nomination the name of Peter Autzen. There being no further nominations and the ballot being taken Mr. Autzen was unanimously elected. We are not very well acquainted with Mr. Autzen, but have heard him most highly spoken of, both as a citizen and as a prospective alderman. The recorder was instructed to notify Mr. Autzen of his election and request him to be on hands to qualify at the next meeting.

Petition of E. O. Magoon to remove his wholesale liquor store to 709 Burlington street was granted. Resignation of Special Policeman W. C. Piggott was received and accepted, on motion of Alderman Doble.

Petition of the fireboys for stove, cuspidors, hooks for hanging their wearing apparel, a signal wire from the fire room to the city pumping station was read and discussed. It was decided that the building committee should look after the heating of the different lower rooms of the building and the signal wire to the pumping station and to report at the next meeting. On motion of Leggett the mayor was authorized to secure the necessary cuspidors for the building and hooks for the fire boys. The matter of a phone for the police department was brought up and the mayor referred same to the committee on health and police.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid from the general fund on motion of King: Engineer Edwards, 35 prints of the city of St. Johns, 5 yards of profile material and a cloth map of the city of St. Johns, \$12.75; Douglass & Sons drafting table, trestles for same, \$8.00; Central hotel boarding prisoners, \$28.20; St. Johns Review job printing and ordinances, \$20; St. Johns Electric works, wiring jail and fixtures \$6.43; printing charter, Kelso printers, \$206.50, making a total of \$261.88.

Bids from Edmondson & Co. for placing a drain from the corner of the Peninsula bank to the sewer were received. One calls for a 3-inch galvanized iron pipe, the other for a 4-inch glazed sewer pipe. The latter costing but 25 cents more than the first and being so much superior, on motion of Leggett the latter bid was accepted. Bid for placing a sink 16x24 in the jail, making all connections and placing a hose bib with necessary fittings for \$20.50, by J. H. Crouchley, was tabled. While the council did not think the charge was exorbitant, considering the amount of work necessary, they thought to find a way of affording the same conveniences in a more economical manner and will look into the matter further.

In the matter of Hartman street the report of the committee was adverse to the improvement and nothing was done. Estimates prepared by the city engineer for the improvement of the several streets under contemplation, were presented and resolutions will be offered for their improvement at the next meeting. These streets are to be improved with gravel covering in an up-to-date manner.

Treasurer Hall and Expert Accountant Tanch made their report on the treasurer's books which straightened out the tangle, showing that all the funds had been properly handled so far as the money was concerned and instead of there being a shortage, there was in the bank a surplus of \$70 to Mr. Hall's account as treasurer. This, Mr. Hall says, is due to some small checks which have not as yet been paid. It is expected that the recorder and treasurer will make full reports up to date at the next meeting and the recorder will make a weekly report of the finances to the council. The report was referred to the finance committee, who will examine same and report at the next meeting.

On motion of Leggett permission was granted Mr. Holbrook to move sidewalk on Jersey street near Richmond and to build a cross walk so as to protect his sidewalk at that point.

A bunch of ordinances, the operation of which will be of the utmost importance to the city, were then brought up. The first was ordinance 151 prohibiting misers from lounging about saloons or entering these places and fixing a penalty for the same. Ordinance 152, fixing the amount due the city as an indemnity for the failure of the Youngferdorfs to complete their contract on the city hall, setting forth the delinquencies of these gentlemen and fixing the penalty at \$1060. Ordinance 153 was to authorize the sale of street improvement bonds in the sum of \$5738.77. Ordinance 154 defining what constitutes disorderly persons and vagrants and fixing the penalties attaching to these classes of individuals stopping in the city. All these franchises were given the Waterbury movement in the enactment and received the signatures of the mayor and recorder on the spot, in order that we might have the copy for insertion in this week's issue, where they will be found in full.

On motion of Leggett the recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for the sale of the old council chamber and the old fire house, the bids to be sealed and the right reserved to reject any and all bids. On motion of King the mayor was authorized to purchase a stove and pipe and set the same up in the council chamber. Stove was to be a combination wood and coal burner.

MANY MICHIGANDERS

A Great Stirring of Dry Bones in the Valley of the East.

There has been quite an influx of citizens from Michigan this fall already. We do not know whether we have been able to gather them all up or not, but this is a good start at any rate: From Ithica, Mich., S. H. Satterlee and family have come to stay, have bought a lot on Ivanhoe and will build at once. From the same place, W. W. Verby has arrived and is looking for a location. Mr. Verby, we understand, is a laundryman and may either buy out one of our present industries or start one on his own account. Lee W. Angel and Fred Broughton from the same city are here stopping with our esteemed townsman, Mr. Hinman. Mr. Broughton has his wife and little son with him and will erect the residence for Mr. Satterlee. We were not able to learn whether or not Mr. Angel had committed matrimony, but judging from his appearance we would say he was looking both for a nice residence property and some nice helpmeet to assist in the care of the same. We wish him the best of success in both cases.

Mr. I. N. Rawlins of Manton, Mich., an old friend of Mr. Hinman, 81 years of age, who has a daughter at Hillsboro and a brother at The Dalles and other relatives and friends in Portland, has been visiting Mr. Hinman for some days.

Mr. Munson of Ithica, Mich., uncle of Joseph Kindel who was accidentally drowned recently at the pier in the Willamette river where he was in the employ of the Hill road arrived the day before the young man was drowned. There are several more in Michigan who are coming to St. Johns in the near future. Such a stirring up of our eastern friends will prove a booster for St. Johns and we will be glad to help the thing along in any way we can. We send a few copies of The Review east every week when we have any left after our friends are served. We think it is the best

medicine we can give them, for it tells just what is doing in St. Johns.

BAPTISTS DEDICATE

Prominent Portland Ministers to Assist at Services.

The Baptists will dedicate their fine church building next Sunday and if the day is at all favorable a most delightful day for these good people will be spent in their new church home. In the morning Rev. C. A. Woody of Portland will preach. Mr. Woody is a big man both physically and mentally, and while not quite so fluent a speaker as Dr. Brougher, is a deep thinker and most interesting talker. We have had the pleasure of hearing him and will guarantee an interesting address at the morning service. In the evening at 3 o'clock Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, the renowned Baptist minister of Portland will deliver the dedicatory address and will dedicate the church building to the service for which it was built. Dr. Brougher needs no introduction to our people. The most of them perhaps have heard him, and if not have read resumes of his sermons in the daily papers. Dr. Brougher is perhaps the most fascinating and popular public speaker in the city of Portland and our people will most certainly miss a treat if they do not go to hear him.

At night the services will be participated in by the pastors of the different churches in the city, and the meeting will be presided over by Rev. John Benson, superintendent of the Baptist City Missions. Everybody is most cordially invited to attend all these services, by the good people of this church, through their pastor, Rev. E. A. Leonard.

Located in St. Johns.

The father and mother of Dr. Mary MacLachlan have moved into the residence vacated by Mr. Francis when he moved to California and the doctor will make her home with them there.

PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Bickner Bros. Announce Further Improvements.

The work on the new brick buildings is being pushed as rapidly as possible. Messrs. Bickner Bros. will extend their building operations as soon as leases will permit and will erect a two-story building where Potter & Good had their hardware store and also put another story on the building they are now erecting at the same time. When that is done they will clear out the buildings where The Review is being printed, the barber shop and cigar stand and real estate offices north of us and build up a solid two-story brick in their places. This will add greatly to the appearance of this portion of the business section.

Asbestos Plant Progressing.

Work on the Asbestos plant is progressing. The concrete smoke-stack is about finished and the apartments in the interior are being put in the building as fast as possible. It is a big plant and will take a great deal of work yet to complete the construction.

Population Increasing.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paulin on Gilbert street, September 10, 1907, a son. The little soldier was a bit slow making his report to this office but we will vouch for his being all right.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Powell on Hartman street, September 14, a daughter.

J. Carman of St. Charles, Ohio is spending a couple of months with his sister, Mrs. H. S. Magone, and other relatives and friends in the city.

Miss Lulu Magone has just returned from a week's visit at Milton, Oregon, where she reports having a most delightful visit.

ST. JOHNS SHIP BUILDING

Prediction of Wonderful Future for St. Johns as Shipping Point to all Parts of the World.

The St. Johns Ship Building company have an admirable location just north of the foot of Tacoma street, where they are working a large force of men at all times. Just now they are building three scows and a dredger for the Pacific Bridge company, which has the contract for erecting the bridges across the Columbia and Willamette rivers for the Hill road.

They are now at work on the third scow and the dredger. The scows are large affairs and it requires about 100,000 feet of lumber for each one. While the dredge contains 150,000 in its construction. The third scow was about completed when it became necessary to convert it into a ferry boat for the company and that is what the workmen are doing, closing the hatches and removing the walls at the ends.

This company is using some of the finest timbers we have seen in the hulls of these craft and are putting them together as if they were meant to serve as ice-breakers on the Yukon. They are not only bolting and riveting the timbers together in shipshape, but are putting in steel trusses to strengthen the structures.

This company has a splendid slip with saddles which they run out into the deep water so as to take up any boat that may need repairing and bring them up the slip where the work can be done. Their shops are fitted up in good shape for their work. They have on the lower floor a splendid bandsaw of the latest make with a gearing arrangement to tip the saw at any angle from perpendicular to 45 degrees, while the table remains rigid and will take in stuff 18 to 20 inches in thickness.

There is also for motive power an 18-horse power engine supplied with steam by a 20-horse power boiler for operating the band saw and other machines. At the time we visited the plant two employes were cutting 5-8 inch iron bars for bolts with a machine which did the work as smoothly as a candy maker cuts strings of taffy. There are in the shop, too, benches and vices too numerous to mention and all the hundreds of tools incident to the making of ships.

It is a most convenient location for the owners of vessels needing repairs, for here they will not be so badly disturbed by the movements of other vessels as is the case in the more congested section of the harbor.

St. Johns is up-to-date or nothing and is adding almost every month some new industry with a pay roll. This is one of the secrets of her wonderful growth. There is still plenty of room on the water front for large factories which can be located where the ships of the whole world in a year or two will be loading and unloading their cargoes. There never was a better time than right now for such industries to locate. The prices for the land are considerably higher than two or three years ago, but then there was no assurance that St. Johns was to become a great commercial and manufacturing center. Now, however, there is not the slightest doubt in the minds of men who are cognizant of the condition of things in the Pacific Northwest and the capacity of our harbor for floating deep draught vessels. St. Johns is doomed (1) to become the heaviest export point on the Pacific coast. No amount of knocking can prevent it. It may be delayed by pessimists in our country and by property owners exacting too high a tribute for the possession of waterfront for docks and factories, but in spite of any adverse conditions of this kind the business is coming to St. Johns and she might as well prepare to take care of it. The wisest way would be to energetically spread the news of our facilities here and offer inducements to investors to locate at the earliest moment.

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