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Kelley Loe, a well known printer and newspaperman will open a shop at Camas, Clarke county, Wash. about January 20, when he will launch the La Camas Post. We hope Brother Loe will be able to play High, Loe, Jack and the game so successfully that when one of those millionaire panics bumps up against his Post it may stand the shock without a quiver.

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The supreme court has decided that where two brutes armed with pistol or dirk beat a woman with a leather strap, are not guilty to the charge of assault under section 1766 of Bellinger and Cotton's annotated code. We do not care whether it is cowhide or bullwhang the strap was made out of if we could have the honorable supreme court over a barrel and an opportunity to use the strap on him for five minutes we will bet a peanut he would be willing to find us guilty under the statute named. This may be "lese majestie" and if it meets the eye of the infallible supreme court we may be haled up to answer the charge of contempt, but we'll risk it.

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Watson's Jeffersonian Magazine, published by Thos. E. Watson in Atlanta, Georgia, is a regular and welcome visitor to our desk. Mr. Watson is an old Jefferson democrat and later a very radical "pop" and he must feel "mighty" lonesome among some of his colleagues. We are not a democrat and never have voted the democrat ticket except where the republican was so cussed ornery that it was like becoming partisimis criminis in all his rottenness to vote for him, then we deliberately scratched. We like Watson because he is honest, because he is a man in the true sense of the word, and although we think he is mistaken sometimes, we know he is true and honest. We wish his magazine might be in the hands of every voter in the United States. It would not make democrats of all of them, but it would make thousands of better republicans as well as democrats.

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It is laughable to hear some men talk. Because some one in livery and silk tile did not come around to them and present a gilt edged card inviting them to the recent mass meeting they are sore. They are going around all drawn up like a lousy calf in a rainstorm and saying, "I wasn't invited, I won't play. Let's get the decent people together and cut this crowd out." This makes us tired. If every pig-headed idiot in the country tries to find fault and goes gunning for trouble he will meet up with plenty of it. When our kids were small and they were afflicted with an attack of this kind and a reasonable amount of persuasion would not bring them to a respectable frame of mind, we used to take them on our lap face downward and be a father to them. That is what a dozen or more calamity howlers in this city needs and if they do not stop knocking and get in and push with the main body of enterprising citizens, leaving the little insignificant, bawlbaby proclivities alone, we hope they will get it, good and hard. Eventually they will, but it may be too late to do the city any good.

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The St. Johns penny-a-liner-hanger-on of the Journal comes about as near the truth in his recent little guess work report of the situation at St. Johns as he can be supposed to. When he says the property interests favor going into Portland he probably thinks one or two institutions, whose owners have heavier interests in Portland than here, constitute the property interests. Speaking of the office holders and the newspapers fighting annexation because of the fear that their revenue from the city would be cut off; we can only answer for ourselves. The Review is the only paper and it has received the munificent sum of $137.50 from the city in the six months we have been connected with the publication. At the same time we have been able to keep our feet under the table three times daily, meet all bills and lay something by for a rainy day. If this wonderful city revenue was all the Review depended upon we would be obliged to be as economical with the use of our finances as this correspondent is of the truth. The fact is the Journal scribbler is not such a fool as he looks, else in charity we would credit him with making a mistake. We know that he knows better, hence we are compelled to say simply that he deliberately lied when he wrote the slush referred to.

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If you want job printing done at once, bring it in now.

THAT CITY PARK.

There has been much said pro and con about a city park. The petition that has been circulated calls for a sum of $75,000 to be voted for the purpose of providing a city dock and a city park. We believe that both objects are worthy of the most earnest consideration and effort of every individual citizen of St. Johns.

There are two propositions as to the park. The first to which our attention was called is Cedar Park, the price of which we have not been told. The other location for a park we stumbled onto while out on another trip; this one is the point of land lying on the bluff overlooking the dry dock. There are six or seven acres of this lot and it reaches down to the water front at the north end of the strip and has 38 feet of water front on the north side of the street. The highest point of land is partly cleared, so that tennis grounds and other play grounds could be easily and at little expense installed. The edge of the cliff is covered with large fir trees and other smaller trees and bushes which could be trimmed and made into a most delightful shady resort. From here, too, a fine view of Portland and the river from the steel bridge down to Linnton is obtained. In fact it is the most desirable location for a city park there is anywhere near St. Johns. We made inquiries and learned that Powers and others in Portland owned the property jointly, and asked Mr. Edlefsen of the waterworks to ascertain the very lowest price it could be obtained for to be used as a city park. Mr. Edlefsen has ascertained that the property can be purchased for $18,000 including the water front of 38 feet which would give the city 98 feet of a landing for the use of excursions coming to or going from the city. There is an easy grade from the highest point to the water front and we believe that steps should be taken to secure this at the earliest possible moment, before some one buys it and cheats the city out of the most desirable location for a park within its limits. We wish the commercial club or the city council would take this matter up and make some definite arrangements. Mr. Edlefsen tells us he can handle the matter here in St. Johns and will be glad to meet the council or any committee of the council or citizens looking to the purchase of this tract.

The owners have been holding the property intact because of the desirability of the location for a hotel or pleasure resort, and for that reason have refused to sell individual lots and refused to sell the water front, and when we presented the matter of a city park they at once saw the fitness of the situation and made their price through Mr. Edlefsen.

We believe the better way would be to place this park matter on a separate ballot from that of the city dock and this view we have found to be universally that of other citizens with whom we have talked on the matter. This park could be made self sustaining from the beginning by the sale of concessions, etc., and it could be improved and beautified at the option of the city at such times as the necessary funds could be easily produced.

We would be glad to hear from the citizens either through these columns or otherwise. All who have been over the grounds are unanimous in the opinion as to their desirability for city park purposes.

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THAT FIRE BELL.

There is one motion that passed the city council last meeting which we hope will be reconsidered. We do not believe the elder statesmen were more than half awake when they passed the matter. It is the placing of the old, antediluvian fire bell on the top of the west end of the city hall. This bell is about as efficient as grandmother's old dishpan when it comes to giving a fire alarm anyway, and is as clumsy and ungainly as a mud fence. Before the city council places this bell they should consider whether or not the bell is worth the trouble. Why pay $150 or $200 to place a bell that is worth but $25 or $30 for old junk. Just what can be realized on this old bell from the junk man is all it is worth, and it would be the height of folly to place it anywhere else than in the junk pile. Besides if it was the best kind of a bell we would not be in favor of destroying the present symmetrical appearance of the city hall by putting up a belfry on the west end of the structure which would give it the appearance of an old church of the 17th century.

If a bell is desired for fire alarm, trade this bell for one which will make a noise, put it up on a neat steel tower, where provisions can be made to raise the hose to drain in the tower, so that they will not be ruined by the moisture in them after they have been in use. Then the city will get the worth of their money. If this motion which was allowed to pass, is carried out the city hall that has cost so much money and trouble will be ruined and we do not believe the council will stand for it.

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Otis Learned and family returned the first of the week from their visit to Skamokawa, where they have been enjoying a holiday season with relatives and friends.

Council Meeting.

The city patriarchs met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present. The matter of the purchase of lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 of James John's addition to St. Johns for dock purposes was brought up by the reading of two communications, one from Mr. Holbrook and the other from Mr. Bingham, his partner in the lots. The price asked for the lots, $25,000, while about $2000 or $3000 too high should be accepted by the city at once and immediate steps taken to erect the dock and improve Philadelphia street so that the work may be pushed to an early conclusion, and not be permitted to drag through another year without anything being done.

If this location is not secured now it will be sold to some one else who will not sell it to the city, for there are interests which are working against this city to the fullest extent of their ability and if our people are sleepyheaded enough to permit it, they will soon have our hands tied so that we will be helpless to extend the improvements of the city except along such lines as they desire, and for their own emolument. Besides that, there is not such another desirable place for a city dock. The recorder was instructed to notify Messrs. Holbrook and Bingham that the city desired to purchase these lots and the matter would be submitted to the voters and requested them to hold the lots until the bonds were voted to make the purchase.

A communication from W. Scott Kellogg was read in relation to some work which he at one time tried to secure from the council on the treasurer's books and was referred to the finance committee to answer.

Report of the St. Johns Transportation company for the month of December was read and on motion of Leggett was accepted and the check for $3.75 franchise fee was returned.

Application was made by Frank J. Heck and one Wessenger for the privilege of filling out Louis Richard's unexpired license. They were informed as politely as possible that Richards had forfeited his license and that there was nothing coming to him. Therefore the proposition was turned down. Councilman Walker seemed to be the only one in favor of granting the request. Alderman Linquist intimated that the council would consider a proposition for the gentlemen to occupy the stand at the rate of license the other saloons were under, $1000.

On motion of Leggett Mr. Olin, who appeared in person, was granted permission to improve the street in front of his residence on lots 13 and 14, block 2, Oak Park addition to be done under the supervision of the city engineer.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Couch & Co., supplies to pauper, $6.40; Couch & Co., wood and other supplies, $15.75; Polk & Co., city directory of Portland, $6; election expenses only partly in, $20; St. Johns Review advertising and jobwork, $50.25.

Reports of the recorder and treasurer were read and placed in the hands of the finance committee.

The question of the placing of the firebell was brought up and on motion of King it was decided to place the bell on the west end of the city hall, the vote being four for three against.

On motion of King it was decided to accept $50 for the old city hall the purchaser to remove the same.

On motion of Jobes the city engineer was instructed to make an estimate of the expense of placing the bell on the west end of the city hall and that no steps be taken to place the bell until his report was acted upon.

On motion of King the city engineer was instructed to proceed to level off and remove surplus dirt from the city hall park and grade the same.

On motion of King the pool room ordinance was held over another week.

First Leap Year Party.

The first leap year party of the season was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gales at Montavilla Thursday night of last week. Those in attendance from St. Johns were: Misses Ruby Hoover, Adria Burkhart, Clara Beller; Messrs. S. J. Donaldson, W. A. Trout, Benny Hoover, George Donaldson; Miss Booth of Portland; Misses Lelah and Lilah Dolan of Montavilla. A very enjoyable evening was spent, games and music, being the chief features of entertainment. Refreshments were served.

Men's Mass Meeting.

Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. there will be a men's mass meeting held at the Evangelical church. Mr. Gates will speak on the subject "What is Man?" an address to men only on avoided subjects. Mr. Butterworth will sing. You cannot afford to miss it. All men between the ages of 12 and 150 are invited.

Chester Detrich of Vancouver, recently spent several days in St. Johns visiting his cousins, Wynn and Harley Manning.

Report of City Treasurer

Oct. 1st to Jan. 1st, 1908

Cash on hand Oct. 1st	$9,653.20
RECEIPTS.	
Special Tax	1,560.46
Dray Licenses	39.50
Liquor Licenses	100.00
Dog Licenses	14.00
Miscellaneous Licenses	167.70
Fines	267.25
Building Permits	27.00
Miscellaneous	4.00
Rent City Dock	135.00
Street Improvement	374.79
Street Improvement Interest	151.76
Total Receipts	2,841.46
Grand Total	$12,494.66
DISBURSEMENTS—Warrants Paid.	
Salaries (four months)	$ 2,270.81
Street Lights (three months)	363.25
Water Hydrants (three months)	147.00
Insurance Premium	25.00
Printing City Charter (copies)	206.50
City Jail Cells	535.00
Vault Doors	140.00
General City Printing	122.65
Shades for City Hall	49.25
Stove, etc. for City Hall	34.40
Street Work	87.90
Street Improvement, including Interest	215.55
Office and Vault	46.80
Experting Books for City	25.00
Vault and Basement City Hall	235.00
All other purposes	284.53
City Hall	1,511.24
Total Disbursements	$6,299.88
Total Receipts	$12,494.66
Total Disbursements	6,299.88
Balance on hand	$ 6,194.78
City Hall Fund	$1,881.05
All Other Funds	4,313.73
Total (January 1st)	$6,194.78

Politics are Brewing.

The first gun of the spring campaign was fired Tuesday evening in the law office of H. E. Collier. It was not our pleasure to be at the cannonade, but the echoes reverberating on the "circumambient" struck us about as follows: The meeting was called to order by J. E. Williams and a temporary chairman in the person of Ex-Governor Fletcher was elected as was the secretary, J. E. Kirk, who was selected to keep the minutes of the meeting.

The chairman then called for an expression of the sentiment of the meeting which was generally responded to by those present and an enrollment was taken before adjournment of all those who were in sympathy with the movement which included all present except two or three who left before the signatures were taken.

On motion the chairman appointed as a committee on resolutions, H. E. Collier, W. L. Plummer and George C. Carhart.

On motion the secretary was instructed to secure a suitable hall, the city hall, Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 p. m. where all the voters might meet and effect a permanent organization looking to a bigger, better and cleaner city of St. Johns.

There was considerable enthusiasm manifest in the meeting and everything bids fair to have things humming in a short time for a lively campaign.

Now, just one word at the beginning. Let us lay aside every thought of personal enmity or good will. Let us look singly to the advancement of the city. If our dearest friend is not in our estimation fit for the position he asks, let us cheerfully turn him down, while on the other hand, if our bitterest enemy is especially fitted for some place of trust or public service, no matter how much we dislike him personally, let us support him to the best of our ability. This takes manhood of a high order, but we should have it. Let us have the best for the best city in Oregon, anything less is not good enough for St. Johns.

Epworth League.

The Epworth League held an especially interesting meeting at the home of Mr. Phillips in South St. Johns Tuesday evening. It was a business meeting held for the election of officers and the following roster was elected for the ensuing term:

E. C. Hurlbert, president; Miss Lena Long, first vice president; Miss Lula Magone, second vice president; Miss Hazel Young, third vice president; Walter Crouchley, fourth vice president; Miss Wales, secretary; Frank Thornbrue, treasurer; Miss Bessie Phillips, organist; Mr. Weaver, chorister.

After the business meeting there was held a very enjoyable social session which all appreciated to the highest degree. The League is composed of some of St. Johns most estimable young people and they are doing a good work for their church.

To Whom it May Concern.

The Free Alliance Baptist mission, of St. Johns, Oregon, incorporated by William Kuyath, Gottfried Gross and Emil Zink has no recognized standing with any Baptist church or organization. The individuals promoting it are acting on their own behalf and without authority, and none of them are members in good standing of any Baptist church. This notice is published to prevent anyone being imposed upon and led to contribute under a misapprehension as to the facts. J. Kratt, K. Felumeth, Jas. Billeter, First German church, F. Bueermann, Second German church.

RESOLUTION

Notice is Hereby Given That at the Meeting of the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, Held on the 31st Day of December, A. D 1907, the Following Resolution Was Adopted:

Resolved, That the Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, deems it expedient and necessary to improve Burlington street from the northerly line of Jersey street to the northerly line of Kellogg street in the following manner, to wit:

By grading same to established grade and graveling same, and completion of sidewalk six feet in width, curb to be twelve feet from property line, curb plank to be 4x14 inches, stringers 4x4 inches and necessary crosswalks. Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and the plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer, filed in the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. The cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property specially and peculiarly benefitted thereby and which is hereby declared to be all the lots, parts thereof, and parcels of land within a line 100 feet from the outside line of each side of the said Burlington street.

The engineer's estimate of the probable total cost for the improvement of said street is $469.80.

The plans, specifications and estimates of the city engineer for the improvement of said Burlington street are hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the city recorder of the city of St. Johns be, and is, hereby directed to give notice of the proposed improvement of said Burlington street as provided by the city charter.

Remonstrances against the above improvement may be filed in writing with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

By order of the Council.

A. M. ESSON,
City Recorder.

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Proclamation!

Whereas, On the 7th day of August, A. D. 1906, a Charter Commission was duly appointed by the Council of the City of St. Johns, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, to revise and amend the Charter of the said city of St. Johns and submit such revision and amendment to the citizens of said city for their inspection and proper criticism, and thereafter return the same to the Council of said City, and

Whereas, Thereafter the said Charter Commission, having duly revised and amended said Charter, and having duly submitted the same to the said citizens of the said city, returned the same to the said Council of said city, and

Whereas, Said revised and amended Charter was presented by Initiative Petition of the citizens of said City to the recorder of said city, and by him transmitted to the Council of said City on the 8th day of October, 1907, being the next session of said Council following the filing of said petitions, which said petitions are on file with the recorder of said City, and

Whereas, In said Initiative Petition said citizens and legal voters of said City requested the fixing by the Council of said City of a date for a special election for the adoption or rejection of said revised and amended Charter, and recommended the 6th day of January, 1908, as the date for the holding of such special election, and

Whereas, on the 8th day of October, 1907, Ordinance No. 155 of said City was passed by the Council and approved by the mayor of said City fixing the said 6th day of January, 1908, as the date for the holding of said special election on said Initiative Petition, and

Whereas, Due and legal notice of said special election was published in "The St. Johns Review," a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in said city, county and state, as shown by affidavit of the printer of said newspaper on file with the recorder of said city, and due and legal notices of such special election were posted by the Chief of Police of said city, as shown by his affidavit on file with the recorder of said City, and

Whereas, On the 6th day of January, 1908, such special election by Initiative Petition was duly and legally held in said City of St. Johns, in said county and state, and

Whereas, At such special election there were cast the whole number of one hundred and ninety (190) votes, of which one hundred and twenty-seven (127) votes were in favor of, and sixty-three (63) votes were against the approval and adoption of said revised and amended Charter as proposed by Initiative Petition as aforesaid, and the approval and adoption of said revised and amended Charter received a majority of all the votes cast at such special election as aforesaid, as shown by the affidavits of the canvassing board theretofore duly and legally appointed, which affidavits are on file with the recorder of said city.

Now, therefore, I, K. C. Couch, mayor of said city of St. Johns, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me and in compliance with the law in such cases made and provided, do hereby proclaim and declare that the said revised and amended Charter of the said city of St. Johns, in said county and state, has been legally approved and adopted by a majority of the votes cast thereon by the people and legal voters of the said city of St. Johns, at said special election so held, and the same is and shall be from and after this date the legal Charter of said City of St. Johns, of full and legal force, effect and virtue.

Done at the City of St. Johns, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, this 8th day of January, A. D. 1908.

By the Mayor.

K. C. COUCH,
Mayor.

Attest:
A. M. ESSON,
Recorder.

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ONE BIT-A-WEEK

All advertisements under this head one bit for each week No ad. taken for less than two bits. Over 24 words two bits a week charged.

IF YOU want to buy, rent, sell or exchange property see Wolcott (The Rent Man.)

DRESSMAKING— All kinds of dressmaking neatly and promptly done by Miss Anna Steichen, 519 So. Jersey. 4tf

TO LET—Furnished rooms with or without board. The Lloyd, cor. Leavitt and Ivanhoe streets. Mrs. M. E. Scott.

WANTED—A good girl to assist at home work. Call on E. C. Hurlbert. 440 Chicago St.

WANTED—At once, girl or woman to do general housework. Call at 828 N. Fillmore or address Box 693 St. Johns.

WANTED—Two dozen Plymouth Rock chickens. W. F. Stadelman. 711 N. Fillmore street. 10 p

Carpenter and House Finisher—Finishing house for Mr. Walker on S. Jersey. Any one desiring such work call at 1117 Princeton. W. S. Clark. 10-c

PICKED UP—On the river a two room scow, about Oct. 15, 1907. Owner can have same proving property and paying charges. W. E. Ashby. 12-p

OWNER WANTED—For a house of 3 rooms built on logs, picked up on the river on or about November 25, 1907. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. Inquire of L. Caples, St. Johns, Ore. 9 pd

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

In order to insure a change of advertisement the copy for such change should reach this office not later than Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Please remember this and save the printer