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MORE ABOUT THE PARK

Port of Portland Offer to Donate a Location for a Public Dock at Foot of Tyler Street

It seems that there are some who think the price too high for the location owned by Powers and others to be used for a city park. We cannot pose as authority on prices for land in St. Johns, or anywhere in fact. We are not real estate dealers. This we do know, that if the property is not bought in the near future it will cost a great deal more than the present price. It is better to pay an exorbitant price for a location now, than to wait a year or two and pay double, or fail to get it altogether.

Since our last issue we have been reliably informed that the Port of Portland will donate to the city a location for a dock at the foot of Tyler street if this location is secured for a park. This would avoid the necessity of buying the 38 feet of water front on the north side of the street and thus save \$3800 to the city or what would be better, this water front could be bought and sold later at greatly advanced figures, for it is a very desirable piece of property.

The same rule will apply to the water front at the foot of Philadelphia street. The cry is that the price is too high, because a short time ago the same property could have been bought for two or three thousand dollars less than now. We think it is not right that this raise should have been made just now, and that it would look better for these property holders to make a lower price for the lots in question than they asked before. This would show a better public spirit and would cause them to more than double in gains by the advancement of their other properties than they would lose by giving the city the advantage of a low price for this property.

The fact remains the same in both these instances, so far as we

have been able to learn, that for the purposes desired there are no locations in the city so desirable, and if the people allow these to slip through their fingers now, it will be greatly to their ultimate loss. Why not take these offers, vote the bonds, secure the locations and as early as possible make the necessary improvements which will place St. Johns in the front rank. Some of the real estate dealers who are howling because there is nothing doing with them, would then have something coming. Their more aggressive and optimistic competitors would have more than they could attend to and some of it would naturally fall to them. Think of this, and act upon the suggestion.

Returns to Nebraska Home.

Some of us feel like hanging crepe on the door, of our hearts, at least, because one of St. Johns' brightest little ladies has skipped by the light of the moon. Last week Miss Maybelle Beller bought an elongated piece of pasteboard which entitled her to ride from Portland to Verdon, Neb., and without even leaving us a lock of hair, departed for 'home and mother.' Miss Beller is a sister of our compositor, Miss Clara Beller, is a bright, happy, genial little lady and will be greatly missed by her schoolmates and friends here, who will join with us in wishing her all the happiness that comes to the good, in her old home in Nebraska, and also wish that she may find it her pleasure to return to St. Johns in the near future.

Bring in your printing now.

ODD FELLOWS GIVEN SURPRISE

During Installation Exercises Monday Evening the Rebekahs Make an Unexpected Raid on Their Brother Members

Laurel lodge I. O. O. F. enjoyed a most delightful evening at their hall last Monday night. There were a number of visitors from neighboring lodges and the new officers were put through their paces in regulation style. Just at the close of installation, or in fact, before the deputy grand master was through with the work, for two of the newly elected were yet absent, a timid rap was heard at the door. One of the little boys, H. S. Hewitt, opened the door and told the noble grand the crusaders were coming. The noble grand pounded on the pulpit with his little wooden hammer and told the members of the lodge to "be easy." Then something happened.

We do not believe woman has changed a bit since Mother Eve swiped the big Spitzbergen in the garden of Eden and hid it under her kimona to save it for Adam. About 20 or 25 of her nicest representatives came marching in to the surprise and delight of their "Adams" with their hands full of— not Spitzbergs but cake of all kinds, complexion, texture and previous condition of servitude, aided and abetted by a generous supply of coffee, sandwiches, sweet pickles and sweet girls. My, it was a time like you read about in the books with the backs all off and the leaves lost out.

After the feed came the usual speeches from a goodly number of the boys and a few of the girls. The retiring Noble Grand Foote related in a graphic manner his sad experience when he proposed to a pretty Rebekah, whose father, a wicked man had died. You know where bad men go. Well, after Brother Foote had made a most passionate appeal at the feet of the pretty one, she glanced out of the corner of her eye and while

a smile played about her mouth, replied: "Go to—father!" Well, this called for another, and Brother Foote told about a dream an engineer had. The engine driver dreamed he was away late and was running to beat the band around a mountainside and as he rounded a point about a mile a minute a big bridge he was to cross just in front of him was burning and he plunged down a thousand feet to the bottom of the ravine. Before he went through the bridge, however, he instinctively reversed his engine, jammed her down in the corner in his effort to stop the train. When he came to, he found himself on the floor of his own cottage, with his wife astride of him her hands in his hair and pounding his head upon the floor as hard as she could. She said that he had grabbed her by the ankle and reversed her over the head of the bed.

Sister Hall was then called for and in her own inimitable way recounted how "Bill" went away out west, strayed from the path of rectitude and almost broke his father and mother's hearts by being put in the legislature, but his father, who was telling it, didn't know what it was for, and there was no one there to tell him to ask Heney. Sister Hall was obliged to answer to an encore and told the story of the prodigal son, which brought down the house. All told there were about 80 or 100 present and the way they went for the bachelors and old maids and leap year was a caution. There is a bachelor in the second office of the lodge, the warden is another (bachelor, we mean) the vice grand is a preacher and it is the duty of the warden to conduct his victims to this personage, therefore we will look for many occasions during the year where an erring and happy

bachelor and old maid will be pulled over the tow path to stand before our vice grand.

Hon. D. M. Watson Lucky.

When in Portland the first of the week we met our old friend, Dan M. Watson. Dan is the luckiest fellow that ever lived. If he were to fall off a house he would land on his feet "a runnin'." Recently he went to a point near the Collins and Carson hot springs and began boring into mother earth to see what he could strike. First, he raised a flowing well of the purest and coldest water, just like directly off the ice. Then going deeper he struck another vein slightly warm and moderately strongly impregnated with minerals. Sinking another well he struck a hot place and brought up water that would boil a rubber dog tender in a minute, and so strongly flavored with the minerals that it will peel the rind off your kisser at the touch. Dan will lease this site for another hot springs resort, at figures that would make him independent. Mr. Watson is interested in a number of profitable oil wells in different parts of the country, besides many other interests, any one of which is worth a fortune.

Describes What Is Man.

The men's meeting at the Evangelical church was well attended and the address was closely listened to by the audience. Mr. Gates gave a plain talk to his hearers upon the morals and immorals of the day. We have heard very many complimentary remarks from his hearers.

The Turkey's Lament.

A turkey stood by a barn yard gate. 'Twas Christmas eve and the hour was late, His eye was dim and his nose was red, 'Twas grief not beer had turped his head; For he said with a sigh to his meek-eyed wife (She had never written a rhyme in her life.) Each Christmas eve brings grave alarm To a turkey raised on a western farm. They'll invite the minister out to dine On a turkey's wing and a glass of wine, And some proud bird must lose his head That the farmer's guest may be daintily fed. It was not so in that happier day Ere Columbus discovered America, And I've always wished that the Pinta's crew Had sunk deep down in the ocean blue, From the wild red man we had little to fear With his crude ash bow and his flint armed spear; But alas, my love, what a different deed When a webfoot boy draws a careful head. I have often heard my grandfather tell (In Turkish lore he was posted well) How our ancestor stood like a vicer grand And gobbled a welcome to this fair land; But he little thought as he spread his tail And strutted about as he saw that sail, How that fateful ship brought deep disgrace And a vassalage sore to our free born race. But 'tis now too late to grieve, my dear, The evil is done and the danger is clear, And he mournfully wiped a tear from his eye; But the minister feasted on turkey pie. —E. Springer Simms.

Will Save the Ink Supply.

This office is under obligation to H. F. Clark for the nicest little mirror a pretty girl ever saw her face in. It came about like this: In a shipment of new goods one of the French plate mirrors was broken. We were in the store as Mr. Clark was taking the mirror out of the frame. He opened his heart and told us if we could make use of the broken glass it should be ours for the taking. We took the larger fragment, selected a frame to fit it and now have a looking glass as valuable as some of St. Johns water front, and our linotypers will not now have to go out on the street with a smear of black ink across their pretty faces.

Roy A. Campbell, an old print from Westington Springs, S. D., drifted into the office last Thursday. He likes this country tiptop.

A Joint Installation.

The Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft held a joint installation of officers in Bickner's hall Friday evening January 10th. There was a good attendance of the brothers and sisters of these orders and a most enjoyable session was held. Captain Elliott with 20 husky members of the uniform rank constituting the degree team of Webfoot camp, Portland, assisted installation officer, Wm. Reid in the work. These lads are well drilled and gave a fine exhibition of the floor work, never making a mistake in the entire program. The Circle officers were installed by the Circle Guards under the leadership of Mrs. Tallman. After the installation ceremonies delicious refreshments were served and the evening spent in dancing, everybody enjoying the evening to the full. The officers of the camp were: W. E. Swengel, P. C.; D. Tallman, C. C.; J. H. Anson, Ad. L.; D. G. Busby, banker; W. E. Coon, clerk; R. C. Clark, escort; Bert Johnson, watchman; G. F. West, sentry; J. C. Aiken, manager; A. W. Vincent, physician.

The officers of the Circle were: P. G. N.—Augusta Mansfield. G. N.—Loretta Armstrong. Adv.—Sarah L. Brice. Magician—Mary Reynolds. Clerk—Hannah Vincent. Banker—Lillie B. Walker. Attendant—Sarah Darling. C. of G.—Lillie M. Hunter. I. S.—Catherine Teeling. O. S.—Zella Johnston. Musician—Lola Walker. Managers—Lydia Tallman, Sara L. Brice, Ann Luella Harrington. Physician—A. W. Vincent.

Little Deeds of Kindness.

One of the neatest little acts of kindness which has been thrown our way lately came through the postoffice in the shape of news notes from some good friend of the paper who did not sign their name. We wish the writers of these notes would sign their names, that we may know to whom we are indebted. We will not publish the name unless given special permission. We wish to thank the writers however and ask them to come again, but please give us your name.

Bring in your job printing.

A Very Good Ladd.

After all is said and done, Wm. H. Ladd deserves a great deal of credit for coming to the relief of the depositors and creditors of the defunct "Title, Graft & Bust company" as some of the friends of the institution call it. Mr. Ladd, with his great wealth, could do as Schmitz and a great many other wealthy criminals have done, use their money to get scot free. There is nothing to indicate that Mr. Ladd was guilty of anything criminal. The worst that can be said was that he did not insist upon his name being disconnected from the bank when he severed his connection with it. This indiscretion morally placed him responsible for the acts of the bank, although he had no interest in its operation. It seems that Mr. Ladd took this higher than usual view of the matter, and was man enough to make good the losses occasioned by the rottenness of the management of the concern. We think this reflects great honor upon Mr. Ladd and will place him a great deal higher in the estimation of many people than he has ever stood.

Root Out Dens of Iniquity.

Some genus homo, delinquent in the fear of God and man has been a little too much in evidence in the north end of the city. Recently the home of Mrs. Weeks, who is in Wisconsin visiting her father's home was broken into, but it is impossible to say if anything was taken. Two or three other houses have been entered recently and Sunday night while the family of W. E. Swengel was at church someone entered his house and stole a few dollars in cash some trinkets and a watch. Later these predators were captured and they confessed to the theft. They were mere boys and have been turned over to the juvenile court. It is just what may be expected as long as the city has such dens of infamy in their midst as are permitted to work openly in St. Johns. One of these rotten dives can do more to demoralize the youth of a city than ten churches can counteract. Get rid of the hell holes and there will be less excuse for our boys going to the devil.

Watch St. Johns grow this year.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

Hold Regular Meeting Tuesday Evening and Dispose of Usual Budget of Municipal Business

The 42nd session of the city council met in the council chamber Tuesday evening with every member present. After reading the minutes which were approved as read a petition was presented asking for establishment of grade on Oswego street from the north line of the Portland boulevard to the north line of the city limits. On motion of Leggett the city engineer was instructed to do this work.

Petition was presented to improve Thompson street between Lively and Meyers, and an arc light on intersection of Fessenden and Meyers referred to committee on light and streets.

Communication from Mr. Holbrook stating that after consulting with Mr. Bingham, the joint owner of lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, James Johns addition, he was able to offer the same to the city for \$23,500 and at that price would hold the property until the election in April and some reasonable time for them to sell the bonds.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: C. C. Oilus, labor, \$35; Peninsula bank, interest on bonds, \$300; C. A. Seabury, witness fees, \$3; Central hotel, feed prisoners, \$7.40; same, feed election officers, \$2.50; St. Johns Review, advertising, \$2.05; H. Linquist, labor, \$6; E. Linquist, labor, \$6; Edmondson Co., tiling, \$2.58; W. C. Wight, electric light wiring, \$22.50; O. Edwards, money paid to laborer for city, \$2; St. Johns Water Co., fire hydrant service, \$49. Total \$436.23.

W. Scott Kellogg's communication of last week was presented and the finance committee instructed to meet Mr. Kellogg, ascertain just what was wanted and make their report.

G. Hofstrand offered bid for a \$500 improvement bond, presenting in payment \$535.36 in city warrants. On motion of Leggett bid was accepted, the bond to be paid for at face value with accrued interest in warrants with accrued interest.

Official reports of recorder and treasurer were formally accepted and placed on file.

Leggett called the attention of the council to the fact that the different holders of franchises were neglecting to make their quarterly reports as required by the terms of their franchises and the charter and suggested that some pressure be brought to bear to the end that they do this.

Petition for the improvement of Polk street referred to street committee with instructions to have the engineer make estimate for same to the line of Mrs. Caples' property.

The mayor re-appointed City Engineer Edwards and the appointment was confirmed so as to meet the requirements of the new city charter.

Claim of Page, Lauthers and Hathaway were presented, their bills against Younglerford & Sons were discussed and the sense of the council was that these bills should go through the same channel which other bills against this firm had passed and the gentlemen interested were so informed.

Deed from Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook conveying to the city lots A, B, C, D and E, in Court place, for street purposes was received and accepted.

The estate of W. W. Goodrich, through its administrator, presented a claim for \$4063.13 for services rendered during his term as city engineer. Referred to finance committee to report at next meeting.

Representative of the Standard adding machine was present and presented the good points of his adding machine, which were numerous and very apparent. The fathers tabled the proposition for another week.

The recorder was instructed to procure from the county officials the necessary registration blanks and books to be kept in the city hall for the use of the voters.

On motion of Leggett recorder was instructed to procure for his use necessary letter and bill files and a high stool for his desk.

On motion of Dobie city engineer was instructed to keep the cross walks of the city cleaned from mud.

The attention of the council was called to the fact that the water company were leaving too long a string of trenches uncovered with no protection to men or other animals from falling in. Recorder was instructed to call the manager's attention to this matter.

The Sunday closing ordinance was again brought up and Alderman Leggett moved its second reading but the motion was lost for want of a second.

On motion of Dobie, chief of police was instructed to ring the Methodist church bell at 8 p. m. during the winter and at 9 p. m. during the summer in compliance with the city curfew ordinance.

M. L. HOLBROOK

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