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HOW ABOUT THAT CITY PARK

Owners of Proposed Site Offer to Take the Amount Asked for Same All in Twenty Year Bonds

Yes, how about that city park? Are we going to let the last available situation for a desirable park slip through our fingers? The location we have called the attention of our readers to in the southwest part of the city, overlooking the dry docks is the last piece of property available for park purposes which has anything like a desirable prospect. The beautiful fir trees, the smaller trees as nature made them, the gentle slope to the north and west down to the water front, the level ground back from the cliff suitable for tennis courts, croquet grounds, swings or other features to entertain the people during holidays or spare hours all combine to make this the ideal park.

There is but one thing that can be urged against the location and that is that it is not as large as we would desire, but it is the largest with anything like the natural beauty of view. Here we can see the west side of Portland up the heights to Council Crest, all the river from the steel bridge down to Linnton. One never tires of watching the movement of the craft upon the river—the big wind jammer, the swift little motor boat, the sturdy tug pulling or pushing the heavy freighter or boom of logs as the case may be, all serve to interest the beholder. Shall we have this view point; for the benefit of our children and children's children? May we secure this for the new comer who will help pay for his own restful, recreative pleasure park? If we would, we must do so soon. The present owners have made an offer which is very reasonable and makes it possible for us to secure this most desirable piece of property for the city. This park may be made self-sustaining from the very start, and in a few

THE CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

Regular Weekly Accumulation of Municipal Business Taken Up and Disposed of as Seemeth Most Wise to the Dads

The 43 session of the seventh council of the city of St. Johns met in the city hall Tuesday evening, January 21, 1908. All were present and after the preliminary skirmish petitions for arc lights at the intersection of Willis boulevard and Tioga street, another for one at the intersection of Monteith and Buchanan and another at the intersection of Bradford and Mohawk were read and referred to the committee on water and light.

Petition for liquor license by Sherman Cochran and another by Herman Sperring were referred to committee on licenses.

Communication from S. C. Cook requesting the city to change the name of Depot street to Fessenden street was referred to street committee to report at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Noonan reported the Rose City hotel as not coming within the requirements of the fire laws of the city by not providing fire escapes from the third story, also that the Central school needed some 50-foot stationary ladders in order to make the fire department effective. The matter was referred to the fire commissioners with power to act.

The matter of adding machines was brought up by the mayor and on motion of Jobs was laid on the table indefinitely. Evidently the council thought it more profitable to pay \$300 every year or two to expert the books than to pay \$185 now for an adding machine which will detect any and all errors as they arise. It may be, but if it is, it is an element of economy we have not become acquainted with.

One of the most laughable events of the season was the straining at a gnat and swallowing of the camel performance indulged in by the council in the matter of Davidor's franchise.

Mr. Davidor presented a bond for the faithful performance of the

terms of his franchise by him which was perfect as to legal requirements and acceptable to the mayor, but not having \$5000 in his pocket, brought all that he had, \$1500, of which he offered \$1000 to the council, as a cash bond in addition to the regular bond, and promised to deposit another \$1000 within two weeks, the balance within 60 days. Councilmen Peterson, Linquist, Jobs and Dobie refused to accept this and demanded the whole \$5000 or none. Mr. Davidor then dug up his other \$500 and offered the \$1500, which was also turned down with the same vote. On motion of King Mr. Davidor was then granted an extension of 60 days in which to deposit the entire \$5000. Peterson, Jobs and Dobie voting "no" apparently desiring to freeze out the entire proposition. This is the first instance we remember where a "bird in the hand was not worth more than two in the bush."

The matter of the extension of the improvement of Oswego street was deferred for deeper investigation.

Engineer Edwards reported that it would cost the citizens on Thompson street, between Meyers and Lively, 80c per lineal foot to make their cement walk and the matter was deferred until next meeting for further consideration before ordering the work done.

Arc lights were ordered placed one at Newport station, one at intersection of Chicago and Modoc and one at the intersection of Meyers and Fessenden as requested in petitions.

The matter of improving Polk street through to the Caples tract was recommended by Leggett and on motion of Jobs resolution was ordered published and notices posted.

The committee to meet Mr. Kellogg reported that no definite or satisfactory settlement was arrived at, and report was adopted by the

council on motion of Leggett.

The committee reported on the Goodrich claim that they had found in the suit pending between Goodrich and the city at or before the time he presented his bill, indicating that the bill was not made in good faith. That they had endeavored at different times to secure a statement from Mr. Goodrich showing the amount of his claim, if any, but without avail. On motion of Walker the report of the committee was adopted.

Engineer Edwards reported that it would cost 40 cents per square foot to erect and deck the dock single deck, 65 cents double deck and 77 cents double deck with shed. The matter was held over for another week for further investigation.

The ordinance regulating bowling alleys, pool rooms, skating rinks, etc., was presented and after a little preliminary squirming it passed the second reading but when Leggett moved to pass it to the third reading the council laid down.

Mayor Couch also took occasion to roast the editor of the Review for remarks contained in last week's paper which he contended reflected upon the council. The motion was again lost for want of a second.

The following bills were allowed: C. Sargent, five cords of wood, \$22.50; Portland Railway and Light Co., December lights, \$121.37; A. M. Esson, recording deed to streets, \$1; Lauther's Transfer Co. 1 bbl cement, \$3.60; A. L. Coon, blacksmithing, \$4; St. Johns Electric Works, \$4.15; J. McKinnis sawing wood, \$2.50; H. Linquist, labor, \$6; J. D. Boden, team work at city hall, \$19; Chris Oihus, labor, \$9; Glass, Prudhomme & Co. blanks \$3.35; D. A. Root, labor on streets, \$15; B. M. Bailey, labor on streets, \$20; H. B. Allen, labor, \$10; Lou Gosney, labor, \$6; R. L. Bink, labor, \$10. Total \$257.50.

DECEMBER SCHOOL REPORT

Detailed Statement Concerning the St. Johns Schools that Should Prove of interest.

The showing of the schools for the month of December is not quite so good as that of the previous month. This is caused by illness among the pupils, removal of some and the unavoidable absence of some because of the holidays. This may always be expected at the holiday season. By this time the pupils are down to work again and next month we may find the usual very high standard.

There was an increase of nine boys and five girls in the high school but a decrease of 24 boys and 5 girls in the central school, which gives us a decrease in the number of pupils by just 15 boys. There is also a decrease in the number of visitors among the patrons of the school which may also account for just a little bit of the enthusiasm which keeps both pupils and teachers up to their best. Let us not neglect the schools. The showing is very good, but we always desire just as nearly perfection as possible and strive to make each month's report

HIGH SCHOOL.	
Number of days taught during month	19
Whole number of days attendance	2772½
Whole number of days absence	200
Whole number of times late	5
Number of pupils neither absent nor late	80
Average number of pupils belonging	150
Average daily attendance	145
Per cent of attendance	93
Number of visits by parents	23
Number of visits by members of schoolboard	4
Number of pupils remaining last month, girls 70, boys 71	141
Total enrollment this month girls 83, boys 96	179
Increase in enrollment, girls 13, boys 25	38
Dropped from enrollment, girls 8, boys 16	24
Net increase in enrollment, girls 5, boys 9	14
Remaining, girls 75, boys 80	155
CLARA A. BOSS, Principal.	

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
Number of days taught during month	19
Whole number of days attendance	9183
Whole number of days absence	723
Whole number of times late	24
Number of pupils neither absent nor late	225
Average number of pupils belonging	519.5
Average daily attendance	482.4
Per cent of attendance	92.6
Number of visits by parents	40
Number of visits by schoolboard	4
Total remaining last month, girls 270, boys 265	535
Total enrollment this month girls 317, boys 294	572
Increase in enrollment girls 47, boys 29	76
Dropped from roll girls 52, boys 53	105
Net decrease	29
Remaining girls 265, boys 241	506
W. C. ALDERSON, Principal.	

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It was an open installation and there was a large number of comrades and friends in attendance. George Wright W. R. C. furnished color bearers and filled other offices during the installation which was much appreciated by the local corps.

At the close of the installation the new president had the conductor escort the past president, Mrs. Hinman to the president's station, and in a few appropriate remarks presented her with a lovely bouquet of roses. Mrs. Hinman very feelingly responded and there came near being a copious shower.

Mrs. Hall brought out a present which Capt. Snow presented to the installing officer, as a slight token of the regard in which she was held by Compson W. R. C. for her kindness in not only the work of installation, but for other aid she has so nicely given the corps. In response to calls Capt. Snow, Commander Miller and Mrs. Gilman responded very graciously. Then delicious refreshments were served and all declared they had a fine time when they separated about 10 o'clock.

Building Permits Issued.

No. 126 for 1908 No. 2. To B. U. Bickford to erect residence lot 8, block 14, South St. Johns front on Stafford between Buchanan and Wall. \$1600.

No. 127, for 1908 No. 3. To E. C. Harlbert to erect a residence on lot 4, block 5, Portland boulevard, between Chicago and Fessenden streets. \$1500.

No. 128, in 1908 No. 4. To W. E. Dunsmore, to erect a residence on lot 12, block 11, South St. Johns, fronting on Stafford between Ida and Alma streets. \$1200.

Starts the Ball Rolling.

Wayne L. Mills the architect and builder has been awarded the contract to construct an eighteen hundred dollar residence on Kellogg street between St. Johns avenue and Catlin street, according to plans prepared by him.

Mr. Mills recently arrived in St. Johns and was so well impressed with the natural advantages and progressive spirit that is apparent in this city that he decided to permanently locate here and has opened an office well equipped for carrying on an up-to-date architect's and contractor's business. He has been connected for the past several years with Holabird & Roche, the leading architects of Chicago, as superintendent of construction during the time that firm built the last large addition to the famous Auditorium hotel, the new five million dollar county building, the Mandel Brothers building and many other large office and mercantile buildings in the down town "Loop District."

There is every indication for believing that the coming year is to be a very busy one in St. Johns building circles as there are now under consideration several brick and concrete business buildings, although at this time of the year operations do not usually materialize as definitely as they are this year, but it is undoubtedly owing to the fact that both labor and material are very low in price at present and it is the common opinion that they cannot long remain so. Consequently everyone appears to be anxious to close their contracts in time to take advantage of the present conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Leitinger of Tipton, Ia., are in the city the guests of their old time friends, J. E. Williams and family. They came to the coast with the intention of finding a home here. They were rather prejudiced in favor of Everett, Wash., but we will trust to Mr. Williams to show them the many advantages St. Johns has over that city. There is really no comparison. We can skin the Washingtonians a mile in any feature of the situation. We hope our Hawkeye friends may be able to see things as they are for the Hawkeyes are good people and we want them here.

New Gas Works.

Goodrich & Goodrich, architects and consulting engineers, are preparing plans and specifications for a building, 32x70, for the St. Johns Gas, Light & Heat Company. This building will be either of steel or of brick, with steel trusses, corrugated iron roof and thoroughly fireproof. It will contain a gas generator room, superheater, scrubbers, purifiers, engines, exhausters, etc. There will be one gas holder, of 20,000 cubic feet capacity, with a diameter of 42 feet; one relief holder, of 4000 cubic feet capacity, with a 25,000 gallon capacity. About five miles of gas mains will be installed. The approximate cost will be \$40,000. It is the intention of the company to begin operations at once. It will supply a growing demand for a more modern form of illumination than kerosene lamps, and is an additional evidence of progress for St. Johns. The place has an excellent water system and a good sewer system.—Daily Abstract.

Cures all Kinds of Grip.

Our remedy for the grip has always been whiskey and quinine and it has always done the work. We are free to admit that the remedy is quite as bad as the disease, but it does not last so long. The following is the way an exchange has the matter sized up and we think the writer has it down to a fine point.

"They say whiskey destroys grip and you bet it does. It will make the disease known as grip worse than it would be without it but it is a greater success in destroying every other kind of grip. For example whiskey destroys your grip upon one's self by weakening your will power; it destroys one's grip upon health, business, friends, the affection of one's family and the respect of neighbors and associates. It destroys the grip upon manhood, fraternity and eternity and lets one slide down into the slums, slimes and disgrace of the gutter of human society. Yes, whiskey destroys the grip upon one's bank account, property and good name and when the victim goes to the grave unwept, unhonored and unsung, loved ones feel that whiskey had effectually killed all the grip the man ever had."