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ELECTION SHOULD BE CLEAN

Every Precaution Should be Taken to Prevent a Dishonest Vote From Being Cast April 6

If the report in the Journal is true it is regrettable that District Attorney Manning so far neglected his duty as to fail to file the necessary briefs in the case of fraudulent voting at Sellwood which was to come up in the supreme court the present term. By this action the state has no standing in the court except at the courtesy of that body. If true, it will be a feather in Mr. Manning's cap when he comes up for election again and every voter in the county should remember how Mr. Manning abetted fraudulent voting by neglecting his duty, whether intentionally or not, it does not matter. We would vote for a yellow dog in preference to a man who had no more interest in an honest ballot than Mr. Manning has indicated. We do not consider any excuse sufficient for such neglect. An honest ballot is the only hope for the perpetuity of our form of government. Destroy the ballot and you have anarchy.

It is rumored, we do not know with what truth, but to be forewarned is to be forearmed; that there is some colonization being done in the city for some purpose. The citizens of St. Johns if they do nothing else, should see to it that any such schemes come to naught. There should be challenges on all tickets at the polls and every vote that is not known to them should be challenged and the voter sworn, a record taken, and the antecedents of the voter inquired into. A fund should be placed in one of the banks to be used to prosecute to the limit every case of fraudulent voting. Neither should our people depend upon a careless or sympathetic district attorney, lest he should again permit a criminal to escape justice. This fund should be ample. It should not be less than \$1000 and should be more if possible. It is only by the use of the law providing for the purity of the ballot that

we can keep it pure. If we do not invoke the power of the law, the unprincipled who have an object in view will not hesitate to violate the tenets of that law in order to carry their point. We are in earnest in this matter and as a proof we will offer to put up as much money to take this matter up, appoint committees, secure this fund, place it in the bank and protect their ballots with a number of challengers.

Let us have a clean ballot regardless of the consequences. It is only by a clean ballot that we can ever acquire a clean government. A government of the law abiding citizens achieved by fraud would never be successful for the reason that the element of fraud which placed the party in power would crop out after the party had secured the reins of government and it would become as evil as the openly lawless element. Let us have an honest ballot and thus get the true expression of the wishes of the people, if then the officials are not what was expected of them, turn them down at the next election. Care in the selection of candidates and an absolutely honest ballot will soon "consign the corrupt official to innocuous desuetude," as the immortal Grover remarked.

George Sutherland, a former Hood Riverite, who is now at Canby, Ore., was in the city Saturday and hunted us up. George says he is doing well at Canby, but he has a hankering for Hood River. They all do when they get away for awhile, and he expects to go back in the spring. It is a good place to go just the same.

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THE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

Which Will Come Before the People Monday, April 6th, for Their Adoption or Rejection

ENLARGED BOUNDARIES.

We have said but little in regard to the enlarging of the city boundaries for the reason that we thought no sane man would object to being taken into the city limits of St. Johns. We have recently learned there is quite a spirit of opposition to the proposition in the district which it is sought to incorporate with us.

Our good friends on the outside raise the objection that it will cost more in taxes to live in the city limits. This may be true, we believe it is, but they cannot expect to gain all the advantages which will accrue from joining in with St. Johns without some cost, and they should remember this, that as soon as the Swift plant is started and the number of people from that institution build out there from a community large enough to incorporate get together, they will be voted into that corporation where the affiliations will be entirely different from what they now are and it will be then too late to choose where they wish to be associated. Better come in now, while you can.

THE CITY PARK.

There are a number of people who are opposed to voting so much bonds upon the city at one time. If St. Johns were to remain just as it is, always, there might be something in their objection. If the bonds voted would not within themselves be a boost for a bigger St. Johns, if they would not wield a strong influence to upbuild the city and make of it a more prosperous community, then would we oppose with all our might the voting of these bonds. But the facts are just these:

First: Property will never be lower in St. Johns than it is today. If we are to secure grounds for a city park at all we had better do so now, before the value rises beyond what the city can afford to pay.

Second: The objection of voting a hardship upon our children is not well taken for the reason that when these bonds become due and payable, 20 years hence, there will be 20 times as much of St. Johns and more, and the extra taxation necessary to redeem these bonds would scarcely be noticeable.

Third: The location now most favorably considered as a place for a city park, near the dry dock, is the only one where the beauties of nature add to the attractiveness of the situation. Here we have a fine view of river, field and mountain, the big firs still remain standing as they were a hundred years ago; it is in fact, the finest location for a park in the city limits, and if it is not secured now, will soon be sold to others, cut up into dwelling places and the site as a park forever lost. The price is very reason-

able considering the advantages, is cheaper than the adjacent property without the water front, being at the rate of less than \$400 per lot.

THE CITY DOCK.

At the present election we are to vote on bonds for securing a site and the erection of a city dock. It would be a profitable investment for the city if there was not a pound of freight shipped over its boards in ten years, for the reason that just as soon as the city builds this dock there will be others put in by either private or corporate means and ships will load and unload here millions of tons of freight every year. The objection to the dock has been made that the railroads could not and would not come to the dock if built at the foot of Philadelphia street. We would like to ask if there was ever a place the railroads would not come if there was money in it for the company? We have had almost a quarter of a century's experience in the service of the railroads of the country and we speak from experience when we say the first question asked about any new extension is "What will be the source and amount of the revenue secured by the project?" Show to the railroads the advantages of such an outlet, and the amount of freight they may be able to receive here at a minimum of expense and you could not keep the companies from putting their lines in here. The Hill road is working now on a line in this direction, and while it may reach but to their own docks, will but add to the importance of the city having a dock here to receive and discharge the freight incident to the business of its people.

This location, too, like that for the city park is the best one within the city limits, and we were very fortunate in securing an option on these lots until after this election. If we do not vote the bonds and secure the lots now, there are others waiting who will take the lots and utilize them for themselves and the best location for municipal water front will have passed forever out of our hands. We need only to look at all other cities on the coast and hear the verdict of the people in these cities to convince us that it is of the utmost importance that this location be secured at this time. Every one of these cities lament that the city government in the past allowed all the water front to be acquired by private parties and corporations, many of them are now trying to acquire possession of water frontage at even extortionate prices, and we now have the opportunity to secure the most central of all the lots along the water front at a price that they will never be offered at again. We trust that every voter

will vote yes on all these bond questions.

We should have enough civic pride not to stand in the way, but to boost our city on to the utmost of our ability. We should not be pessimistic and narrow minded when looking into the future of our city. There is not another city in the state of Oregon that has better natural advantages, brighter prospects for the future than has St. Johns. Every thing in the natural environments of St. Johns points to its making a great city some day, and the sooner these objects touched upon above are accomplished the sooner will she make a vast bound onward. We may vote them down now, but if we do we will regret it. They will come up again and again until they are carried and at a cost vastly more to the citizens here than if taken now, the most favorable time in the history of the city. Let us not permit this auspicious opportunity to slip by us.

E. E. Ericson for Coroner.

Realizing the growth of the East Side and that they are entitled to representation, I will, if elected, appoint an East Side man deputy who will have charge of the Coroner business on the East Side. I have selected for this position A. R. Zellar who has been closely identified with the business interests of the East Side for 20 years and has all the qualifications to perform the duties of the office in a fair and impartial manner. He is a thorough and conscientious business man and will guard the interests of the tax payers as well as those of the city.

E. E. Ericson, of the Ericson Undertaking Co., K. of P. building 409-411 Alder street. Republican candidate for the nomination of county coroner, phone main 6133.

MY PLATFORM.

If elected to the office of city treasurer, I will honestly and faithfully perform the duties of said office.

I will establish the office of treasurer at the city hall and said office will be kept open every business day of the week during official hours.

I promise to work with the city recorder, helping to establish a more complete system for the recorder's and treasurer's office, thereby placing the city records on an up-to-date system.

J. E. Tanch, Candidate for the office of city treasurer.

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF

B. D. Sigler, Republican Candidate for Assessor, First Man in Oregon to Assess Public Franchises

Under his assessment Public Service Corporations are now paying \$1000 per day more taxes on personal property than they paid under any former Assessor. If re-elected he guarantees to continue his present policy. Following is a statement of Comparative Personal Property Assessments, which speaks for itself:

1904.	1907.
\$ 183,360..... Portland Gas Co.....	\$1,343,730
848,795..... Portland Railway Co.....	4,083,600
225,090..... Telephone Co.....	886,300
617,090..... O. R. & N. Co.....	18,878,070
110,055..... Northern Pacific Ry. Co.....	776,560
152,300..... Southern Pacific Ry. Co.....	700,920
170,150..... Portland General Elec. Co.....	1,306,500
213,600..... Oregon Water Power Co.....	858,005
27,565..... Northern Pacific Terminal Co.....	108,680
\$2,548,095..... Total.....	\$29,033,055
1904.....	1907.....
\$6,500 per mile, O. R. & N. and N. P. Co.'s.....	\$47,000 per mile.

Base Ball Sunday.

Weather permitting the St. Johns Tri-City league team and the Wash Independent will play an ante-season game at St. Johns Sunday afternoon. The Portland aggregation is composed of a clever set of youngsters and have participated in two games this season. They overwhelmed the All Stars recently by a score of 13 to 4. A number of old Frakes players were pitted against them. The St. Johns team is rounding out nicely and an enjoyable time is anticipated by the fans Sunday. The team will line up as follows:

St. Johns	Wabash
Swanson..... c.....	Pembroke
Wakefield..... p.....	Anderson
Hauck.....	
Moore..... 1b.....	Jasman
Fleming..... 2b.....	Adams, Capt.
Brown..... ss.....	McBride
Philbrick capt. 3b.....	Schaeffer
White..... rf.....	Taylor
Parker..... cf.....	Eulrich
Ruppel..... lf.....	Fortier-Hoffman
Tee..... utility.....	McDonald and Barlan

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M. T. Barnett handed us a copy of the Douglass Tribune, published at Douglass, Butler county, Kansas, which contains an account of the death of Rev. Stephen Brink, a cousin of J. E. Brink of this city. Rev. Brink had been a minister of the M. E. church for the past 40 years, was greatly beloved by the church and was a strong worker. His health had failed of recent years and he went to Pasadena, Cal., where he died. He was buried at Nickerson, Kas., March 6.

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