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## TO BOOST THE PENINSULA

The Peninsula Realty Association Organized and Hold an Interesting Session Monday

There is a movement on foot among the most progressive realty dealers to systematically advertise the entire peninsula. The first step in this matter was a preliminary meeting held at the Albina fire house Tuesday of last week, when committees were appointed and arrangements made for a meeting which was held Friday at 10 a. m. at the same place. At the latter meeting a permanent organization was formed.

At this meeting the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the matter discussed in a general way when R. G. Brand moved the permanent organization of the association by the election of a permanent president, and other necessary officers; which carried.

The election of officers resulted as follows: J. H. Nolte, president; W. H. King, vice president; James D. Ogden, secretary; R. G. Brand, treasurer. The committee on finances reported good success in the accumulation of the sinews of war and felt assured of success in their department. The committee on printing and publicity were not quite so sanguine, but two of the committee made reports and they were not satisfactory to themselves, and the committee was given, until four o'clock Monday evening further time to make their final report. The finance committee was continued.

On motion of R. G. Brand the name of the organization was made The Peninsula Realty Association. On motion of Mr. Brand the treasurer was authorized to spend no money and to pay out no money except upon the written order or warrant signed by both the president and secretary of the association.

It was the sense of the meeting that the division lines of the peninsula, so far as the business of the association be concerned, be wiped out, that we work all for the advancement of the entire peninsula. Those present were J. H. Nolte, James D. Ogden, W. H. King, R. G. Brand, D. V. Hart, J. J. Walters, A. W. Bagley, another gentleman whose name we failed to get and the writer.

The following is the report of Monday's meeting, May 25: The association met as per adjournment. Papers descriptive of the peninsula were read by Messrs.

Peddicord, Walter and Byerlee and it was decided to incorporate the three into a booklet and print 15,000 of them. The contract for the printing was let to the Review. These booklets are to be distributed to the visitors at the Rose carnival and sent east by the members of the association.

Some new members were taken into the association and it is the desire to eventually enlist every real estate dealer on the peninsula in the work. Every one should become a member and assist in the work and the association should receive the hearty support of every citizen, particularly every business man on the peninsula, for the reason that their entire work is the furtherance of the business man's interest.

A few of these booklets may be obtained after the Rose carnival by application to the members if they are wanted to send to friends in the east who anticipate visiting Portland.

### High School Banquet.

Just about the finest social event we have had the pleasure to enjoy since we have been in St. Johns was the banquet given by the faculty and pupils of the high school on field meet day, last Saturday. After the ball game in the morning, which we regret that we were not able to attend, the pupils, instructors and visitors repaired to the beautiful high school building and were seated about three tables in the auditorium. There were 84 covers laid and besides these there were 25 or 30 pupils served in the different school rooms, so that there must have been 100 or more present.

The menu was delicious and varied and not the least attractive were the educated radishes. At least they must have been educated as they were graduated from the radishbed trained and cared for by the pupils of the high school, and they were fine, crisp, fresh and delicious. The other features of the repast were in keeping with this "erudite" vegetation. Everyone was delighted with the entertainment and were loud in praise of Miss Boss, her able assistants and the entertaining pupils of the school, all of whom deserve great credit for the splendid success of the event.

## DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

An Interesting Session Tuesday Evening in Which a Large Budget of Municipal Business Was Disposed of

The common council met in their seventh regular session Monday, all members being present. The first item of interest was the Davidor franchise matter which was brought up by Mr. Garrett, a Portland attorney, who appeared in behalf of Mr. Davidor and asked for further time for that gentleman to present an acceptable bond to the council.

Mr. Davidor had stated to the council committee that waited upon him that if the Meager affidavit was obtained that he would furnish another bond that would be acceptable to the council, that he could do so within 24 hours. The council gave him ten days and now he asks until the fifteenth of June. After due deliberation the council voted to not extend the time for furnishing the bond. If therefore the bond is not forthcoming at the end of the ten days, which will be May 29, the council may revoke the franchise.

The Seventh Day Adventists then presented a petition to the council asking that they be permitted to furnish four members of their church whom the mayor should appoint special police to maintain order at their campmeeting from May 28th until June 8th. On motion of Davis the permission was granted.

That old familiar cry: "What will we do with our garbage?" was the next matter under consideration. This brings a smile to the phiz of everyone in the council chamber. There have been plans and plans for disposal of the garbage of the city, but the matter bobs up serenely about once a month. The chief of police declares that the conditions of the city are such that if this garbage is not taken care of promptly when the heated term begins that it will result in much sickness in the city and that prompt action on the part of the council is imperative. The citizens he assured the council were as anxious as anyone to clean up, but there was no place to put the garbage. The matter was referred to the committee on health and police.

The Collapsible Box Co. and others presented a petition asking for the obstructions to be removed from Bradford street between Burlington and Leavitt so as to enable them to get a side track into their places of business. This matter was referred to the street committee.

The matter of selling and exploding fireworks was then taken up and on motion of Bonham the city attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance conforming with that of Portland on the same subject.

The chief of police called attention to the thistle nuisance and asked the council to make certain amendments to the ordinance, and was informed that the deficiencies of the ordinance were covered by the state law. He also called attention to the matter of displaying red lights by those making excavations in the streets for the protection of the citizens after night. The city attorney promised to look into the matter of an ordinance covering the point.

Bills to the amount of \$124.85 were allowed for material and labor. In the matter of the petition and remonstrance for and against the extension of Richmond street improvement there was a petition from 1735 feet front and a remonstrance from 835 feet, which permits the improvement to be made. Contractor Jackson was granted five days more time in which to finish the Polk street contract upon request.

W. S. Kellogg made complaint that the corner of the cement walk being put in on his premises was being made several feet too far back from the street. The question as to whether the boulevard at that point was 100 feet or but 80 feet wide was the one at issue. If 100 feet wide the corner would be right. No action was taken.

The firebell, another chestnut from the old council, was brought up but was not cracked. Neither the firebell nor the chestnut. The matter took its regular course, a discussion around the board and no action. The most economical and best way to dispose of it would certainly be to dispose of it to the junk man and purchase a new bell that could be heard at least a half dozen blocks away, which is more

than can be said of the present bell. It is about as efficient as a \$5 farm dinner bell. In the matter of the placing of new lights the committee reported that the council had used up their appropriation for lights and that no new lights could be placed until next year when further appropriation could be made. The recorder was instructed to request the electric light company to continue the light at St. John's Heights station which has not been lighted for some time.

The city engineer presented his report on the matter of condemnation of certain parts of what was Lively street through the Maples tract and same was adopted by the council.

The ordinance prepared by the city attorney covering the matter passed to the third reading all right, but when put upon its final passage was objected to by Hunter, who thought the public should be advised of the imminent passage of the ordinance by the published proceedings of the council in the Review, and give opportunity for anyone to make objections if desired, which could not be done if the ordinance was railroaded through. He sought to set a precedent for the handling of future ordinances and when the roll was called all voted "yes" except Hunter.

Attorney Collier presented a written opinion in the matter of the water franchise to the effect that there were two provisions therein which were unconstitutional, but that they did not invalidate the franchise, it being impossible to eliminate them without affecting the virility of the document.

In the matter of putting in fire hydrants on South Jersey street the committee reported that there was but a two-inch main down that street and that if the hydrants were put in it would do no good for the reason that the pipe would not furnish water fast enough to give and pressure through the fire hose.

The O. K. Restaurant man appeared for a decision on his bid to furnish meals. No action taken. The plans and specifications for

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### Anent Single Tax.

One of our good friends handed us in a communication which is all right, fine as silk on the single tax and we consider it unanswerable. The only thing that prevents us running the entire article is that it is too long and it would spoil the whole thing to cut out any of it and run the rest.

Our friend presented the objection to the proposed single tax law that we mentioned recently, which alone would kill the law with a large number of people, that in case where the owner of land had leased for a long term of years his land, the single tax on the land would more than cover his rental and he would have no recourse.

Millions of wealth could be brought into the country and put into manufacturing establishments from which the government would secure not one penny for support while the tax would confiscate the land upon which they were promoted.

Our friend's remedy was to make it a penal offense to make a false return of property, to assess property at actual value regardless of whether it is a big iron dollar or a load of squash. Elect officers who will enforce the laws and if they neglect their duties as officers provide and inflict severe penalties for such negligence. We wish we might be able to give the entire communication. It is worthy of consideration. We hope by another election to be in a position to turn down no communication because of its length when it is worthy of a reading by our patrons. This we will be able to do if we can make our plans work.

### St. Johns Lost Again.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Woodburn.....	9	2	.818
Frakes.....	6	2	.750
Salem.....	6	3	.667
Oregon City.....	5	3	.625
Vancouver.....	5	5	.500
St. Johns.....	5	6	.455
East Portland..	4	7	.364
Albina.....	0	1	.000

What was purported to be a game of base ball took place on the local grounds May 24 between East Portland and St. Johns. If anyone expected to see a good game they were sorely disappointed, for it was anything but that. East Portland did not do so badly, but the locals—Oh, my! The pitcher was wild and the infield was a terror. Even the captain became so disgusted with his own playing that he crawled out into the field and let Parker take his place at third. The agony finally ended in a score of 12 to 4 in East Portland's favor.

St. Johns will certainly have to take a brace or base ball will fail to be a drawing card with the people here. Thirty-seven errors and nine hits in the last three games is surely not healthy for the game.

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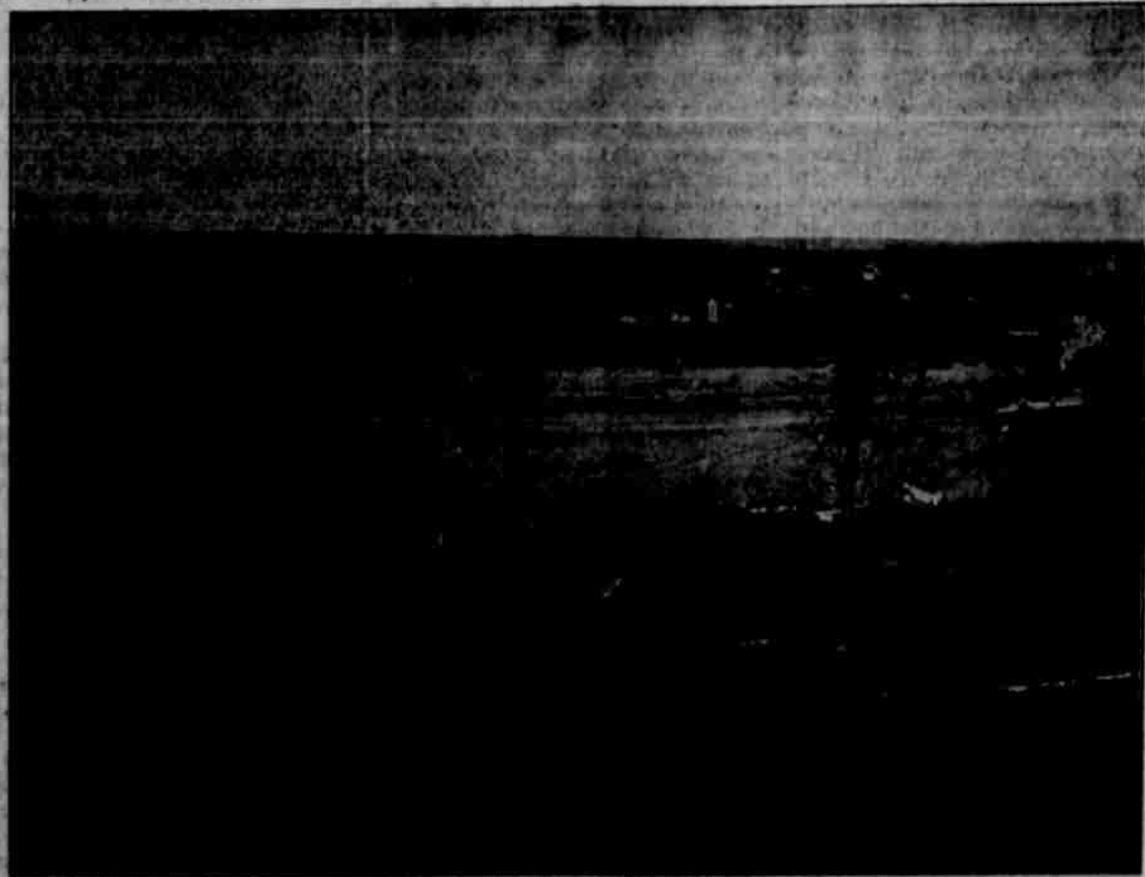
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