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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1908.

Let us all go into Portland and let them build their big bridges and subways. We have the money.

Where would you have the Madras bridge moved?—Peoples Press How would the river Styx suit you, brother?

Shades of Bacchus, what is the old world coming to when thestate fair association cuts out the saloon element at the grounds?

The city engineer has saved his salary for this year in making the city dock plans. He has some left over too, to apply on some other salary. The city attorney is in a fair way to do as well. All of which sounds well to a loyal St. Johnsite.

An exchange says that "one-third of the fools in the country think they can beat a lawyer expounding the law. One half think they can beat a doctor healing the sick. Two-thirds of them think they can put the minister in the hole in preaching the gospel, and the rest of them just know they can skin the editor a mile in running a newspaper.

We wonder what kind of reasoning these agitators use to convince themselves that it will be easier to get what they want from the city council of Portland represented as they perhaps will be by a councilman in some one of the other numerous sections of the Peninsula than it is to get it from a council they can elect at home.

Did Adam drink this near-beer? There is no record that he did or didn't. Probably he "quenched" his thirst with the juice of the apple.—Dallea Optimist No, brother, we believe from the record that Adam drank ale, plain Adam's ale, pure water. Just think what he missed! If he had imbibed Duffy's malt whiz and a number of these other invigorating decoctions he might not have had to die at the youthful age of 930 years—perhaps would have been living yet.

The unwritten law will no doubt be brought into play in the Haines murder trial. This law together with the rich mans' successful plea of insanity is robbing the rope of its legitimate victim with disgraceful regularity. In the good old days that are gone, murder was murder and the one who took a life was pretty certain to give one in return. But now, it seems if a man is wealthy enough he can commit this heinous crime with impunity.

Atlantic City New Jersey has enforced the Sunday closing law for one Sunday and the liquor dealers say it caused them a loss of \$150,000. On week days there would only be about half as much spent for booze as on Sunday, when all could fill up, there would be a profit in the business equal to \$620,000. A conservative estimate of the profits would be one-third of the sales. This would make the entire sales \$1,860,000 per week for drink. Just think what this means for it is a total loss to the wealth of the drinkers, as they are out the money and have nothing but evil to show for it. If the governor would enforce his closing act seven days in the week he would do more to eliminate poverty and increase the prosperity of his commonwealth than all other agencies put together.

Some of our good annexationists hope to get lower taxes in Portland than they can in St. Johns. The city tax of Portland this year is 4.6 mills; that of St. Johns is 4.5 mills. There will be a heavy increase next year for the reason that there will be interest to pay on \$5,500,000 more bond next year than there is this year. These taxes are going to grow higher in the future, for the reason that bonds are coming due and must be paid which will take the "mun" or if they are paid by re-issuing the interest will keep ever climbing up as the pile of bonds grows for the subway or the suspension bridge, one of which will come within the next five years as sure as the days come trotting along one after the other. Don't go into Portland to save money or you will be grabbing after a gold brick.

Our Charges.

As is customary, we will charge for card of thanks, 50c; for resolutions of respect, \$1.00; for notices of church or lodge entertainments, suppers, sociables, etc., where there are charges for admission, 5c per line, but where there are no charges for these events, we will break the rule and insert them free. We make this announcement so that our good friends may understand our rule in this respect.

WANTS REVIEW NAME CHANGED

Portland, Oregon, Aug. 29-08. St. Johns Review, St. Johns, Ore., Gentlemen: At a special meeting called by J. H. Nolte, president of the Peninsula Realty Board, among other matters acted upon, was to get a newspaper on the Peninsula, whereupon a motion was made by H. A. Ruble and the question thoroughly discussed and the Board unanimously passed a resolution asking you to change the name of your paper, the St. Johns Review so as to read Peninsular Review, or such other name as you see fit to call your paper just so that it has the name identifying your paper with the entire Peninsula, and that you cover whole Peninsula in your work.

Our interests lie very close to St. Johns, and by making your paper a Peninsula paper it would be a great benefit to the whole Peninsula including St. Johns. We know and you know that St. Johns is a part of the peninsula and as we see the proposition, we could work together much better and more effectively than we possibly can apart as our interests lie very close and yet we are seemingly far apart. Take the Rose Carnival, if you please where we did more for the Rose City than all the balance of the city put together, in the way of advertising by giving away to visitors thousands of roses that were grown on the Peninsula which includes St. Johns, and in this case St. Johns and the upper peninsula were working together even if they were not together.

Therefore the Board has concluded that we need a tie to bring us closer together and we think a good newspaper would do this kind act for us. The board expects to get all the push clubs and the Rose Carnival association interested. The Board has asked J. H. Nolte, secretary of the Rose Carnival association to call a meeting on the 17th day of September to take this matter up, as the president C. F. Patton, has gone to Seattle to live and the secretary was asked to call a meeting to effect a permanent organization. At this meeting the Realty Board expects to have its harness all on and the push clubs all lined up ready for work.

Now, Mr. Review, our hand is extended to you. Will you shake? The golden gate is open, the opportunity great. We stand ready. Now is the accepted time. Will you come? What say you brothers? If you are not desirous of entering the field please inform us as we are very desirous of having a paper on the Peninsula. Thanking you for past favors and expecting many more, I am Yours truly,

J. H. Nolte, pres.

On the face this proposition looks good to us. It would mean, however, that we would have to doubt the size of the paper at once and that is expensive. If we can be assured of sufficient support to warrant the change we will be glad to take it up. As to the name—a rose would smell as sweet under any other name—and we believe Peninsular Review would be just as good and more appropriate after extending our field to cover all that territory. It certainly would be a great booster to the advertising facilities of St. Johns to tie up in this matter with our neighbors.

COMMUNICATED

Editor Review: There seems to be some misunderstanding relative to the provision of our charter which provides for paying for street improvement assessments on installments and issuing city bonds therefor. From the nature of the inquiries made relative to this provision of our charter there seems to be a general impression that these installments can only be paid in ten annual payments and that the amounts can be paid in no shorter time.

The charter provides that whenever the council shall have proceeded to improve any street or part of street or to lay out any sewer in the corporate limits in St. Johns, and shall have assessed the cost of such improvement to the property benefited thereby, that it shall be lawful for the owner of any property so assessed in the sum of \$20.00 or more, at any time within ten days after notice of such assessment, to make application to the recorder to pay said assessment in installments, the owner of said property agreeing to pay said assessment in ten annual installments, each installment to be one-tenth part of the total assessment; and interest, the payments are made annually, the rate of interest to be 6 per cent.

This assessment is entered in the lien docket and becomes a first lien against the property. When such bond lien docket is made up by the Recorder, the council is authorized to issue bonds in denotation not exceeding \$500 each. These bonds issued by the city are sold for the highest price obtainable,

but not less than par and accrued interest.

The property owner who takes the benefit of this provision of the charter for paying his improvement assessment may pay one-tenth part thereof with the accrued interest each year, but if he should desire at any time after making said application to pay the whole of his assessment he may do so by paying the principal sum with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the time of making such application up to the time of payment. To illustrate: If A's street assessment was \$100 he may make application to the recorder to pay that \$100 together with 6 per cent interest thereon in ten annual installments, paying \$10 and the accrued interest each year. Should A desire to pay the whole of his assessment on the following day or any other day after making his application during the ten years, he could do so by paying the original assessment with 6 per cent interest to the date of payment. When this payment is made it is entered in the lien docket and cancels the lien against the property.

Applications to pay any such assessments by installments are furnished by the recorder.

Yours truly
H. E. Collier, City Attorney.

CITY FINANCES.

Receipts and disbursements from August 1 to September 1, 1908:
Cash on hand August 1, 1908, \$ 7,414.32

Receipts.

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| Special tax, 1907 | \$ 72.29 |
| City dock bonds | 60,000.00 |
| City dock premium | 4,287.00 |
| City dock interest | 1,230.00 |
| Dog licenses | 3.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 72.48 |
| St. bond sink fund | 340.56 |
| Int. | 41.28 |
| Fines | 43.00 |
| Building permit | 3.00 |
| Empounding fees | 54.50 |
| Street improvements | 212.53 |
| City engineer, 5 p. c. | 10.48 |

Total \$66,370.22 66,370.22

Grand total \$73,784.54

Disbursements.

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Street improvement | 154.41 |
| Salaries, July | 552.00 |
| Street light, July | 159.00 |
| Water hydrants | 59.50 |
| Fire department | 48.50 |
| City printing | 37.15 |
| Rock quarry exp. | 204.95 |
| " tools, etc. | 43.10 |
| Engineer's help | 35.00 |
| City dock (old) | 45.92 |
| City dock site | 23,500.00 |
| Printing dock bonds | 40.00 |
| Janitor | 35.72 |
| Office supplies | 11.04 |
| Meals of prisoners | 4.34 |
| Street repairs | .85 |
| Janitor supplies | 12.04 |
| Incidental expenses | 31.20 |

Total \$24,974.72 24,974.72

Balance Sept. 1, 1908 \$48,809.82

Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, until 4 o'clock P. M. on the 15th of September, 1908, for the improvement of Buchanan street from the easterly line of Willamette Boulevard to the westerly line of Dawson street by grading, graveling and sidewalk walking in the manner provided by ordinance No. 190 and the charter of said city and in accordance to the plans, profiles and specifications of the city engineer, now on file in the office of the city recorder.

Separate proposals may be made for either the grading, graveling or sidewalk walking included in said improvement. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor for a sum not less than 10 per cent of the contract price, and no bid will be considered unless accompanied by such check, and upon blanks furnished by the city recorder for such purposes.

Said improvement must be completed on or before the 15th of November, 1908. The right to reject any all bids here by reserved.

The estimated cost of said improvement is \$4927.42. Crushed rock for this work will be furnished at the rate of 45 cents per yard at the crusher.

By order of the city council.
A. M. ESSON,
Recorder of the City of St. Johns.
Published in the St. Johns Review Aug. 28, Sept. 4, and 11, 1908.

Proposals For Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the city recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, until 4 o'clock P. M. on the 15th day of Sept., 1908, for the improvement of Oswego street from the Northernly line of Portland Boulevard to the Northernly line of Barton's Addition by grading, graveling and sidewalk walking in the manner provided by ordinance No. 191 and the charter of said city and in accordance to the plans, profile and specifications of the city engineer, now on file in the office of the city recorder.

Separate proposals may be made for either the grading, graveling or sidewalk walking included in said improvement. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor for a sum not less than 10 per cent of the contract price, and no bid will be considered unless accompanied by such check, and upon blanks furnished by the city recorder for such purposes.

Said improvement must be completed on or before November 15, 1908. The rights to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

The estimate cost of said improvement is \$4,835. Crushed rock for this work will be furnished at the rate of 45 cents per yard at the crusher.

By order of the city council.
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TIME TABLE O. R. & N.

Union Depot, Portland.
No. 2 Chicago Special leaves 8:30 a. m.
No. 4 Spokane Flyer leaves at 7:00 p. m.
No. 6 Kansas City Exp. leaves 7:40 p. m.
No. 8 Local Passenger leaves 8:00 a. m.
No. 1 Chicago Special arrives 8:00 p. m.
No. 3 Spokane Flyer arrives at 8:00 a. m.
No. 5 Kansas City Exp. arrives 9:45 a. m.
No. 7 Local Passenger arrives 5:45 p. m.

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