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REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Black Renders Statement for Seven Months Business in the Criminal Department

Following is the police report from May 1, to December 1, 1908: Total number of arrests, 116; on information furnished by citizens, 30; on information obtained by the police, 77; of total arrests 34 were under the age of 21 years, 37 were for drunkenness, 4 for assault and battery...

To properly police this city during the ensuing year will require the services of two day officers and two night officers, at an estimated cost per month of \$399.00. Extra day officer can act as street commissioner for the working of city prisoners.

Of these 43 plead guilty. Four plead not guilty and were convicted on trial, 5 plead not guilty, and were acquitted on trial. Of the remaining cases released by the Chief after investigation, 12; released by the court after a hearing, 16; taken before the Juvenile Court...

There should be provided for the jail quarters a side entrance from Philadelphia street, a wash basin for the use of prisoners so they can wash up without having to use the Chief's office as at present. A urinal attachment to the present toilet fixtures. The vault in the basement should be ventilated and doors fixed so it can be used as a dungeon.

The business of the City Pound should be entirely separated from the Police office and put directly in charge of a Pound Master with a compensation sufficient for the work to be done. Portland's method is business-like.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. BLACK, Chief of Police.

DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Dads Convene and Transact Their Usual Budget of Municipal Business in a Satisfactory Manner

The city fathers met in their 36th weekly session Tuesday evening last being present. R. C. Evans of Linnton in a communication asked to purchase 60 yards of crushed rock for use in some construction work in that town.

Mr. L. Garrigus appeared in behalf of J. Harmon of Chicago, presented an ordinance granting a franchise to Mr. Harmon to install and operate a gas plant in St. Johns. No action was taken pending the settlement of the St. Johns Gas, Light and Heat company's franchise.

City Attorney Collier asked further time for examination of the records regarding the status of Willamette boulevard. Alderman Johnson was not ready to report on the roofing of the city dock, but had several different samples of roofing and a discussion followed which resulted in Davis making a motion that no change be made in the specifications of the contract covering the roofing of the dock.

Hon. K. C. Couch asked for a permit to erect an addition to the rear of his store building, for a store room, or warehouse, to be covered with corrugated iron and roofed with fireproof roofing. On motion of Johnson the application was received and permission granted. All voting yes except Doble.

On motion of Johnson, Ordinance 205 repealing ordinance 100 was passed over the mayor's veto, Davis, Johnson, Hunter, Windle, and Doble voting yes, Bonham and Miller, no.

At this juncture Walter Basye wished to know when the city was going to have the grade established on Edison street as petitioned for about a year ago. The city engineer replied that the grade could not be established on Edison street until the grades were established on the intersecting streets and that it would be done as soon as possible.

City engineer's acceptance of work done on North Hayes was accepted and placed on file after being approved by the street committee, on motion of Davis. All yes.

City engineer's acceptance of work done on Crawford and Salem streets was read and referred to the street committee, who held same over until next meeting. Chairman Windle of that committee stating that the dirt at the sides of the rock work was too high for the surface of the macadam.

Resolution printed elsewhere in this issue presented by S. C. Cook asking that a committee of five be appointed to draft amendment to the charter was read and on motion of Davis the resolution was adopted and the mayor decided that he would name the committee later.

Following bills were allowed on motion of Davis: J. T. Murphy, nuts for street rollers, 40 cents; George Warner, \$12.25; R. Bell, \$2; C. Poff, \$2.25; J. F. Poff, \$2.

29th and we trust that the meeting next Wednesday night may include all the progressive, energetic men of the city. The hour is 8 o'clock and it is desired that the citizens will be there promptly at that time, as there will be considerable work to do.

Maegly Junction, as that section of the peninsula is known, which lies adjacent to the crossing of the Hill road and the O. R. & N. belt line, is one of the liveliest on the entire Peninsula.

City Will Soon Have Gas

The St. Johns Gas Light and Heat company under the new organization seems to be pushing things energetically. They are preparing for work and to meet their obligations to the city soon as possible. The gentlemen who are interested in this enterprise at present have a very different appearance from that of Mr. Davidson of doubtful memory.

Artisans' Election

Last Monday was a red letter night for the United Artisans. They held their semi-annual election of officers and it has never been so hard to secure an election before because of the number of candidates that ran for all the important offices.

M. W. A. Elect Officers

We lost our copy of the report of the election of officers of St. Johns camp of Modern Woodmen and failed to get it in the list, we give it this week. M. W. A. camp No. 7546 elected the following officers, December 3d: James H. Gee, consul; L. H. Boyd, advisor; Geo. L. Epps, banker; Adam F. Kaemlein, clerk; A. V. Hanna, escort; Sam Lloyd, watchman; S. L. Shetter, sentry; G. W. Dunbar, manager.

Runaway Monday

Loy Wilcox's team did a stunt Monday evening that they could not have done if Roy had been driving them. They got away from him in some way and came running up Jersey street passing between the street car and the corner of the walk at the St. Johns Hardware company's store.

Commercial Club Meet

A number of the members of the Commercial Club and other citizens met in the club rooms Wednesday evening and spent several hours very pleasantly and profitably. The club has not been in active operation for several months and just now there is a spirit being manifested among the business men of the city to revive the club and get into the harness.

Building Permits

No. 99, to R. V. Fields to erect a residence on lot "R" block "R", St. Johns Heights addition, fronting on Tyler between Jersey and Willamette boulevard. \$1600.

A Lively Section

Two years ago it consisted of a farm house, a barn and three or four brush patches. It now has a good store, two hotels, two wood-working factories, a coal and lumber yard, a gravel and sand company, a big new sawmill will soon be erected there and the town will be built up more rapidly than any other section of the Peninsula, not excepting Swinton.

Speaking about the gas plant that has jolted up again.

We hope that this will materialize at this time and that we shall have gas for our fuel next summer. Even in the winter time it is all right and economical for the better class of houses, where a very little heat is necessary.

Mr. C. P. Mossman from Coulee City, Wash., came to St. Johns Monday morning to visit his father W. V. Mossman and family.

There never was a more opportune time than the present for just this kind of action on the part of our citizens.

Commercial Club Meet

It is just as Chairman Hendricks said at the meeting this week, "we have every thing here in St. Johns that we need to make a most prosperous town, we have the intelligence, the energy, the ambition among the citizens, we have the facilities, the location, the natural conditions here for the making of a great city and the only reason that St. Johns is not forging far ahead of all her neighbors is that our people do not pull together. One man or party of men will suggest one thing and endeavor to initiate it and another man or set of men will knock it and hinder the work. So long as this condition continues it will nullify all effort for the advancement of the city. What we need most of all to do is to get together and putting all differences aside to work harmoniously for the best interests of the city."

Building Permits

No. 101, to E. Moe, to erect residence on lot 16, block 12, South St. Johns, fronting on Alma between Hayes and Ivanhoe streets. \$1600.

Commercial Club Meet

Mr. J. M. Russel, of Portage, Wis., is spending the winter with his son-in-law, Mr. F. P. Drinker, cashier of the First National bank. Mr. Russel who recently left his Wisconsin home says there was four inches of snow on the ground, that the ground was frozen solid and one needed to get into his heavy winter overcoat to be comfortable when he left there. Quite different here with the roses blooming, and even the carnations blooming out of doors. My, what the people of the east and north miss by staying in that frigid country.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE

Secretary Knodell Gave an Entertaining Talk on Sunday Evening in Evangelical Church

Secretary of the Anti Saloon League, Knodell gave a most interesting lecture in favor of his society and its operations in Oregon. His lecture was interesting in that his attack on the saloons was from a different standpoint, or rather his arguments were put in a different way from that generally adopted by temperance or prohibition lecturers.

were meager, were greater criminals than either of the classes he has described. This was the man who had the vote in their hands which would be able to stop this evil traffic entirely, and refuse to cast it. No amount of staying at home to avoid the responsibility of casting the vote, nor shifting of the responsibility to others would do. These men and these men alone were responsible for all the evils that came from the saloon; because they had the power in their hands and refused or neglected to use it for the protection of the boys and girls of our country and the safety of our homes.

He started with the statement that "It has been a long time since first I heard that the man who got drunk, went home and abused his family, burned his own dwelling and the property of others, called a criminal. All recognize such an individual a criminal." Yet, he declared, he did not think it right and just to put all the responsibility upon this man, he did not think that this man was as much to blame as some others who were considered higher up in society and more respectable in the community.

Then he brought the matter to the situation here in St. Johns. He declared that the councilmen who would vote to put in the saloons here were in the same position as the ministers of Lincoln county because they had the power in their hands to turn the saloon business down and that would settle it. If they fail to do this and are successful in establishing the saloon here they alone will be responsible for all the evils because they have the power to prevent and do not do so. He spoke of Councilman Davis and his explanation of his position last week in the Review. He asked if Mr. Davis knew these conditions existed why did he not file a complaint himself? If the police were cognizant of this illicit selling of intoxicants why did they not file a complaint? The officers of the law are supposed to enforce it, and not wait for some outsider to come in and do their work for them. He declared that if the saloons are permitted to open that the matter would be tested in the courts. He declared that the reports that the dry sections of the state were not dry were not true, that the local option law was being enforced better and more rigidly than was the law against stealing and murder, and that the time would come when the liquor traffic would be banished from the entire nation.

The man who takes a glass in a social way and never became intoxicated, or who drinks a glass to close a business deal or to open up negotiations was the habit of some he declared is a greater criminal than the drunkard. This is, he said, because no boy would be induced to drink by witnessing the besotted drunkard, who was so disgusting in his appearance and so evil and abusive to all his fellows. On the other hand, the bright business man, suave, smooth, polished, well to do, a gentleman in appearance and bearing, with his wit excited by the exhilarating effect of a glass or two is a hero in the eyes of the average boy and to imitate him would be his highest ambition.

He closed with an appeal to his audience for funds to assist in the prosecution of the cases which were sure to come up. He stated that the cases in all places where the trials had come up had been successful except that at Medford where the temperance people were not given a proper showing by their attorney, and that to take the matter to the supreme court would take two years, that after the supreme court had decided so far as it was concerned, if either party was dissatisfied and should take it to the supreme court of the United States, that it would require at least one and a half years more, for that court was that much behind with its work. He declared that it would be a quicker method to invoke the initiative two years hence and by that time to put the saloons out.

The audience gave the speaker a most careful and earnest hearing and a great many signed pledge cards for the use of the league in the prosecution of its work.

The Robekahs had nine applicants for initiation last Wednesday evening. You will miss a good time if you do not come out to our meetings of this live lodge. They are growing more rapidly than any lodge in use city.

Commercial Club Meet

No. 102, to Leroy Perkins to erect residence on lots 21 and 22, block 21, fronting on Lehigh, between Hudson and Willis boulevard. \$200.

Commercial Club Meet

There never was a more opportune time than the present for just this kind of action on the part of our citizens.

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No. 103, to Daniel Brecht to enlarge hotel on block 4, James Johns addition fronting on Burlington between Crawford and Locust streets \$1000.

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No. 104, to A. M. Stearns, to erect residence on lots 5 and 7, block 30, A. L. Miner's addition fronting on South Decatur between Cook and Buchanan streets. \$1500.

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