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The Pacific States would not raise the price for their inefficient telephone service. On, no! They just simply do away with the cheap class of phones compelling their patrons to use higher priced ones or do without. It would not be so bad if the service was improved but when this operation raises the price one half without bettering the service a particle, one feels that he has been stung. It will be a red letter day for St. Johns when the Home phone gets started here.

It is deeply regretted that the liquor question should have been revived again. So long as the city is kept in a turmoil by a fight over this question it will do no good and will not prosper. Ill feeling will be engendered. It is a pity that this matter cannot be settled and settled at once, so that all may be satisfied to let it alone and get together to make St. Johns what she can be easily made—the prettiest and richest part of Portland. We have everything that we need to put St. Johns to the front if our people will all pull together. The Commercial club has started a movement now that means much to our people and we hope everyone will bury all differences and work harmoniously for the accomplishment of this object. We do not believe the acrimonious discussion of the liquor question, either publicly or privately, will ever accomplish anything except to make enemies on both sides of the question. A careful, pleasant, study of the question, without the bitterness that is almost always thrown into it, would accomplish far more good than the vindictive methods taken by both sides in this fight.

There is considerable travel between St. Johns and East St. Johns station on the Hill road. We believe that there would be, in a short time, enough travel to pay some enterprising man to run a transfer hack or stage between Jersey street and the station if such a run was put on. The hack should make all passenger trains. There would be an ever increasing number of our citizens who would go over to Vancouver if they could make connections with the trains in this way. Now they have to go via Redmond and it takes about a half a day, while if they could make connections with the passenger trains and knew that a hack would meet them at the train coming back, it would not take a hour to go from here to Vancouver and the same length of time to come back. There would also be many packages to haul and we believe that a man could pick up a living from the start and in a little while as the enterprise became known would meet with a liberal patronage. This would be true at least until we get the trolley line to the Swift packing plant, when it would possibly take up this business.

There has been considerable discussion of the new organization of the St. Johns Gas, Light and Heat company, and some are so shortsighted, either purposely or because they have not inquired into the matter and do not know any better, than to charge the present owners with all the rottenness of the old organization; the broken promises, misrepresentations, everything is laid at the doors of the present owners. This is neither just nor fair. These gentlemen have paid their good, hard coin, so they say, for this franchise, they appear to be acting in good faith, are going ahead as fast as they possibly can to get the plant installed, if they can do this, it would be folly for the city council or anyone else who cared for the welfare of the city to endeavor to prevent them. Give them an opportunity to demonstrate what they can do. One thing is certain, the city council will simply involve the city in an expensive and unfruitful lawsuit if they endeavor to have the franchise annulled by legal action at the present status, for no court in the land would set aside this franchise and thus jeopardize or arbitrarily abrogate the vested rights of the innocent purchasers of the franchise. There was a time when such action might have been taken against S. V. Davidor, but it is too late now, and even then it would have been somewhat doubtful because of the rights of those who had already purchased stock from him. We believe these gentlemen are acting in good faith. If they are not, we would be in favor of making it just as hot for them as the city is capable of doing, but until they are proven to be fraudulent in their intentions and actions, we believe it is but common justice to meet them in a fair and unbiased manner. The people of St. Johns, many of them, want gas and if these gentlemen will give it to us on the terms of this franchise it would be foolish to turn it down.

**A LAME DEFENCE.**

Mr. Editor:  
 Your last number contains an article from A. W. Davis endeavoring to justify his action in turning traitor to the cause upon which he was elected to the city council. His logic is as lame as the cause he espouses, and is worthy only of an ex-saloon keeper. He gives as a reason for changing his coat, "that liquor is being sold in St. Johns illegally and in no small quantities." I doubt the truth of the statement; but of course he knows, and knowing it, why hasn't he put a stop to it? That is what he was elected for, he states that beer wagons and liquor wagons are making deliveries two or three times a week. This is the first time I have heard of this, and if true it brands Mr. Davis as negligent, untrue to his obligation and unfaithful to his constituents. As a councilor, he should have called attention to this infraction of the law. He, or the officers at his command, should have put a stop to it, for a man has no more right under our Local Option law to give liquor away than he has to sell it. So that Davis having known of these violations of the law, and failing to enforce the law, has violated his oath as a councilor.

Mr. Davis admits that he is fully aware of the fact that the city went dry by vote in June but it is not dry now, and nothing has been done to check it. Then what on earth has been about? Surely all his time has not been taken up with the construction of that depot on the O. R. N. track. Had he not sworn to uphold the law? He promised to stand faithfully by whatever the people said by their votes. In June, the city went dry. Now, he votes to make it wet. His excuse is that "the police department has not found any one willing to swear to a complaint against the offenders." If the police knew that drinking was carried on why didn't they swear out a complaint themselves? That's what they were appointed for. And if they did not know, Davis should have posted them or sworn out a complaint himself. Why should outsiders be compelled to swear out complaints against the violators of the law when they have paid men to do this very thing? If they fail to ferret out these things and then arrest and punish them when detected, they should be discharged instantly. When Tom Word was sheriff of Portland and knew the law to be violated, he did not wait for outsiders to throw themselves into the breach—he did it himself. But, Mr. Davis states positively that liquor was sold in the city and delivered from wagons in St. Johns, and he remained as dumb as an oyster, and as speechless as Julius Caesar. The officer who is sworn to enforce the law, and then sleeps at his post endangers the general welfare.

But rather than act, Mr. Davis concluded to try his "remedy" by putting "the traffic under the city's regulations and restrictions". This, I submit was not his business, his business was to stand by his pledges and promises and the platform and principles of the Good Government League, for they it was who first called him out as a candidate for civic honors. The League declared against licensing the sale of liquor and several other things; but they declared also that if at the June election the citizens voted for license, they would give them a stringent license law; but if they voted "dry" then they would make the city as dry as they could make it. All this was fully explained to Mr. Davis and he thoroughly understood it, and promised to stand by it. Has he done so? No, he has betrayed his trust, and is, therefore, unworthy of public confidence.

Our political philosopher also says: "When an evil exists, there should be a remedy". Undoubtedly, and Davis' remedy is to return to the license system—the very thing that good people have been battling against for years. This remedy is too old. People have come to the conclusion that it is wrong to license evil. Mr. Davis has seen St. Johns under a license law, and it was a "remedy" wasn't it? Does he remember the scenes which took place in some of the saloons, too brutal to print and too indelicate even to hint at? That's what regulation means and always has meant. But Jersey street is to be exempt from the curse of the saloon. Why? Are the people of Jersey street better than those on other streets? And if the new remedy of regulation is better than the prohibition why deprive Jersey street of that blessing? What ever way at Davis turns he will find a dilemma, and he can take either horn of it.

Mr. Davis tries to shield himself under "the city attorney's opinion". We didn't send Davis there to be influenced by anybody's opinion. We sent him there to keep the town dry, as he does it? He will discover before long how much that opinion is worth. Davis' whole contention, however, resolves itself into this; because the Local Option law has been violated, the law should be repealed. Why, Sir, if any other man gave utterance to such an argument as that it is a field of dead jackasses, it would be surprising if some of them didn't spring back to life and kick his brains out for insulting their intelligence. We have a law against theft, but thefts are committed almost every day. Most people would increase the penalty for the infraction of this law—Mr. Davis would repeal it, or perhaps license the industry.

try. We have a law punishing murder. St. Johns has had two murders of late, but both the criminals have so far escaped. We want the law made more stringent and better enforced.—Mr. Davis would repeal it, or perhaps license and regulate the crime. We hope the gentleman will be able to see where the better application of his logic would lead him. Law itself is an educator, and the way to make people obey it is to enforce it without fear, favor or affection. Other points in his defense demand attention, but your space is limited and their consideration must be deferred until another issue.  
 Yours, etc.  
 J. H. Fletcher.

**ORDINANCE NO. 204**

An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No. 183, Passed by the Common Council July 7th, 1908, and approved by the Mayor July 8th, 1908.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:  
 Section 1. That ordinance No. 183 passed by the common council, July 7th, 1908 and approved by the mayor July 8th, 1908, be and the same is hereby repealed.  
 Passed by the Common Council November 24th, 1908.  
 Attest:  
 A. M. ESSON,  
 Recorder.  
 Published in the St. Johns Review, December 18, 1908.

**ORDINANCE NO. 205**

An Ordinance to Establish the Grade of South Hayes Street from the South Line of Buchanan Street to the North Line of Ida Street in the City of St. Johns, Oregon.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:  
 That the grade of South Hayes street in the city of St. Johns, from the South line of Buchanan street to the North line of Ida street be, and the same is hereby established according to the profile made and prepared by Charles E. Andrew and filed in the office of the City Recorder of the city of St. Johns on the 30th day of November, 1908, which said profile is hereby accepted and approved and said grade is hereby established in conformity therewith.  
 Passed by the common council December 8, 1908.  
 Approved by the mayor, December 8, 1908.  
 H. W. BRICE,  
 Mayor.  
 Attest:  
 A. M. ESSON,  
 Recorder.  
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**RESOLUTION**

It is resolved, by the city of St. Johns that it deems it expedient and necessary that certain portions of the existing charter of the city of St. Johns should be revised and amended and for that purpose be it resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and requested to appoint a committee of five, to act in conjunction with himself, to be known as the Charter Amendment Committee, each member of said committee to be a resident and freeholder of the city of St. Johns, and it shall be their duty to propose and draft any and all amendments to said Charter or portions thereof that they may deem expedient and advisable, and to report to the city council not later than February 2, 1909.  
 Adopted by the common council December 15, 1908.  
 A. M. ESSON,  
 Recorder.  
 Published in the St. Johns Review, December 18 and 25, 1908.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah.  
 In the matter of the Estate of W. W. Raser, deceased.  
 The undersigned having been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, Administratrix of the estate of W. W. Raser, deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them verified as by law required, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice to the undersigned at the office of Collier & Collier, Holbrook building, Saint Johns, Oregon.  
 E. E. RASER,  
 Administratrix of the Estate of W. W. Raser, deceased.  
 First publication, Dec. 18—31.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING.**

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 2 of Multnomah county, state of Oregon, that a special school meeting of said district will be held at Central School house on the 28th day of December, 1908, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the following object: To levy a special tax for general school purposes.  
 Dated this 17th day of December, 1908.  
 J. E. WILLIAMS,  
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**UNIVERSITY PARK.**  
 Mr. Jim Delaney and wife have arrived in University Park from Union, North Dakota. They are visiting their son and his family on 17th street. They expect to spend the winter here and in California.  
 Mr. Harvey Rand and family have sold their place on Piske street to Mr. Yergen and have moved to Hood River, where they will locate on a farm.  
 Rev. Bradstreet filled the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday evening and will preach there again next Sunday. He would like to have as large an audience as possible, and therefore extends a cordial invitation to the services.

**A WORD TO THE WISE.**  
 You will all be seeing Christmas packages through the mails in a few days from now. A hint observed may save you a great deal of annoyance and perhaps some loss. Many people fail to wrap their articles securely, using light flimsy paper to save postage. It is false economy. The postal service has no time or facilities for rewrapping your packages and the articles become torn and the articles lost, the loss is yours as there is no recourse. Use strong, tough paper and wrap securely. The next consideration is the address. Be sure that it is plainly written. Hundreds, yes, thousands of packages and letters go to the dead letter office because of poor writing in the address, or that the destination was not explicitly stated. If you cannot write legibly get some one to do it for you.

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