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A person who would murder another's character or reputation is more to be despised than he who would kill the body. Then if you can not speak well of any one, be slow to talk.

Don't be a knocker, boost, it seems that the proper employment for a knocker in the next world would be to break up big chunks of sulphur for the other devils to shovel into the pit.

Merry Christmas to every one who reads the Review. May the coming year be a prosperous one to every one of you. We believe it will be if every one will just get in and hustle, and help in stead of hindering each one his neighbor.

If Thornton J. Hatna was not guilty as an accessory when his brother killed Wm. Annis, and whose trial is now being held at Flushing, N. Y., it is hard to conceive of a situation wherein one could be an accessory in a murder tragedy.

If you know of any one who needs help, do not wait to carry the news to others, help them a little yourself, enough to show them that you are their brother. No matter how poor they are or how rich you may be, you are no better than they are because of it. Give them a lift and you will be the better for it and thank more of yourself for doing so.

Now is the winter of our discontent, and the roses and pinks will have to put on their mittens. The coldest weather, they say, in ten years, Mercury down to 16 above, but that makes us laugh, when we think of the days we used to go hunting in old Iowa with the mercury down 28 to 30 degrees below nothing, and think nothing of it. Our winters are like early fall compared with those cold, hard winters.

We wish to call attention to a couple of communications in this issue, those of J. H. Fletcher and A. W. Davis. We do not believe such letters are conducive to the good of the community. They breed disorder, engender strife and foster discord. They are neither elevating nor enlightening. We believe that questions of public interest should be discussed through the paper and we are glad to admit discussions of any topic to our columns when they are couched in such language as will not give offense, but we are determined that no communication containing objectionable language shall be in answer to our own writing. Abuse us if you wish, and take the consequences, our columns are open for that purpose. But when directed against any other citizen, we must beg that they be couched in such terms that no offense can be taken. In order that we may gain all the knowledge possible and yet be able to work together in harmony and good, friendly feeling, it is only by so doing that we can hope to achieve success in furthering the interests of the city. Now, please do not forget this, we do not wish to refuse any one the use of our columns, so do not ask us to run any vindictive, vituperative or other abusive matter. The daily papers of Portland do not care how much discord may obtain in St. Johns. If you must write meekly or "bust" send your screeds to those papers.

**COMMUNICATED**

Editor Review: I am not going to enter into controversy with J. H. Fletcher. His attack on me in last week's issue of this paper was uncalled for and was intended to be venomous and insulting, and emanated from a source that might be expected. The object has been accomplished. Mr. Fletcher, and to what extent you will find out later. You butted into something you either did not understand, or you wilfully and maliciously misrepresented my meaning with intent to deceive, and when you state that I made any promises you know full well you lied, and had it not been for this latter fact, I would have paid no attention to your ravings. The law is the only way to settle this question and you had better ask some one who knows, to instruct you on the subject or shut up. But you will break out again on some subject, in fact any old subject will do.

I am not representing any faction, they all look a like to me, and I am going to follow out this policy to the end of the string. I am willing the people shall judge as to my course and if the effect of your article in last week's Review adds to your prominence, you are welcome. I wish you would please excuse me from any further controversy in this matter as we do not agree and nothing is to be gained in this manner.

A. W. Davis.

**COME OUT.**

Just a word about our schools and the coming meeting called to levy a special tax for general school purposes. There is some criticism of the board about the salaries of the teachers by some who seem to think that a man or woman should spend from a quarter to a half of their life preparing to teach school and then when fitted for this special work, to go to work at the salary of a section hand or well digger, who needs to know only enough to shovel dirt out of a hole in the ground. We believe in getting our public work done as cheaply as possible and at the same time secure good service. We do know that our teachers are not paid a dollar too much and a number of them are not paid enough. We know one, who if not paid more will go to Seattle another year, where they are paying higher wages and where they have been trying to win this particular teacher away from us. We know, too, if we permit them to win out that the chances are 1 in 100 that we will secure as good an instructor to take her place. We know this from personal observation for we have visited the schools and have noted the difference between what they were last year and what they are this. It shows the effect of good work on the part of the instructors, not of this one alone, but of others. We do not wish to have a few dollars at the expense of the efficiency of our schools. It is the thoroughly well educated boy or girl who will make a success in life other things being equal, therefore we should all strive to give the children the best there is in it, in order that they may do the best. Personally, we have no children to send to any of the schools in St. Johns. But we have just as deep an interest in the welfare of every other child in the city as we have in our own. They are all children together and the welfare of our children is bound up in the welfare of every other child of the city.

The city of St. Johns imperatively needs another high school. She needs one that will do for a long term of years, not a little hen coop that will be filled within one or two or three years at the most. It should be built according to the best plans that experience have taught in this line of architecture. The James John trustees promise to give a deed to the lot west of the city hall, to the school district, provided the district puts up a high school building there. It is a splendid lot in a beautiful location, in what will always be one of the most densely populated parts of the city and it should be taken on the terms named by the trustees.

In reference to the lots recently purchased by the directors in the eastern part of the city for school purposes. As we stated last week we believe that it is one of the best things that this body has done for the district since we came to St. Johns. It will not be three years until this same block of ground can be sold, if the district so wishes, for double what it cost. With the improvement of Pessenden street, the advent of the packing plant, the two big saw mills in the same section, two or three other mills that have been located there in connection with these plants, the development of the East St. Johns and Mangley Junction section, there will be a population that will demand a public school in that neighborhood. If these lots are not in the location then desired, they can be easily exchanged for others where they can be procured for less money, or sold at a good profit for the district and others purchased. The price paid for the lots is very reasonable in fact is \$1400 less than the price asked for them before the bargain was made and if the board wished to "renig" they would have no trouble in getting rid of the lots.

Now, this is not our own private views on these matters, but that of a number of our more progressive citizens with whom we have talked on the subject. So, if you are a voter and a tax payer come out and express yourself at the polls. It is particularly desirable that every one who has the best interests of the boys and girls at heart to come out and vote for this special tax of a half mill or mill or whatever it may be necessary to bring about the desired results. We have been assured that it will not take to exceed a half mill, and that will break no one.

There is just one more argument in favor of doing this at this time, and that is, that there is that ever-recurring club hanging over our heads that "if you do not do as we want you to we will put you into Portland." Someday this will be done, and we may help to do it. It would not take much to make us advocate that measure now. We need to vote a few more bonds on the city in order to secure some of the necessities of civic life first, for if we do not, we will never get them after we get into the big city. If we had these we would advocate going into Portland, if for no other reason than to stop a lot of the pickering and faultfinding that is destroying the happiness of so many of our people. And when we have attained these ends you will find us on the side of voting St. Johns into the big city. It will cost us more a great deal in the matter of taxes and we will have poorer service in many ways, but then the people will be together giving the Portland council Hall Columbia, instead of scarping among themselves. This may not sound just nice, but it is the truth. Come out and do your duty as a citizen at this special election

and the people will think more of you even if you are a kicker.

**ORDINANCE NO. 206**

An Ordinance to License, Tax, Regulate and Restrain Bar Keepers, Saloon Keepers and Dealers in Spirituous, Vinous or Malt Liquors, Bar Rooms, Drinking Shops or Places Where Spirituous, Vinous or Malt Liquors are Kept for Sale or in any Manner Disposed of and the Disposal Thereof; and Restricting the Places Where Said Liquors Can be Sold; and Repealing Ordinance No. 65, Passed by the Council February 6, 1906, Approved by the Mayor February 8, 1908.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

Section 1: No person or persons, shall, in the city of St. Johns, directly or indirectly, in person or by another, or otherwise, open, maintain or carry on any saloon, bar-room, drinking shop, or any place where spirituous, vinous or malt liquors are kept for sale or in any manner disposed of, or sell, barter, deliver or in any way dispose of for or on his or their or any other person's account, any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in any such place to any person or persons, or sell or barter to any person or persons, any vinous, malt or spirituous liquors in any other place without obtaining a license therefor in the manner hereinafter provided. Any one violating the provisions of this section, shall, upon conviction thereof before the Municipal Court of the city of St. Johns, be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or by imprisonment in the city jail for not less than Thirty (30) days nor more than three (3) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2: Every person, firm or corporation to whom a license shall not be entitled to take out a license provided for in this ordinance; the keeper of any lawfully house, gaming or gambling house or disorderly house, or house or place resorted to for the purpose of smoking opium, or to a keeper or keepers, proprietor or proprietors of any house or place, or bar-room or drinking-shop, or saloon, resorted to for gambling or for the purpose of selling or furnishing or visiting by lewd or associate women; or the keeper or keepers, proprietor or proprietors of any bar-room or drinking-shop or saloon connected directly or indirectly in connection with any lawfully house, or contrary to the laws of the state of Oregon, or gambling house or place resorted to for the purpose of smoking opium, or persons who have been, within a year, convicted of a violation of this ordinance, or who are not well disposed towards good order and peace of society, and who are not of good moral character. And no license shall be granted to any person for the purpose of selling or furnishing in any bar-room, or drinking-shop or for the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors at a place within four hundred (400) feet of any school house, nor in any locality where the same is prohibited by the residents of the vicinity, nor in any place which has an entrance on Jersey street, nor on any street or streets in the city of St. Johns except Burlington and Pausadepha streets in said city, and Jersey and Broadway streets, and no such entrance shall be within twenty-five (25) feet of Jersey street.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Mayor of the city of St. Johns, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a committee of three (3) members of the council of said city, to be known as the liquor license committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into and give their opinion upon all applications for license under this ordinance. Said committee, in order to properly investigate and examine the character of applicants, shall have the power to administer oaths to applicants, and compel their attendance, and send for papers and documents.

Section 4: Any person, firm or corporation, desiring a license under the provisions of this ordinance, shall present and file their application therefor to said liquor license committee at least Twenty (20) days before issuance of such license. Such applications shall state where the proposed business is to be conducted and the nature of said business.

If upon investigation, the committee shall be satisfied that such applicant is entitled to a license under the provisions of this ordinance, and the place where it is proposed to carry on said business is a proper place therefor, they shall approve said application and file the same with the city recorder when the applicant shall thereupon pay to the city recorder the amount of the fee for license for one year the liquor license shall issue as applied for and not otherwise, provided nevertheless, that the said liquor license committee nor the city council shall not grant more than one license for the sale or disposal of any vinous, spirituous or malt liquors for over Twelve Hundred (1200) inhabitants or the major portion thereof residing within the city of St. Johns. That the council may, by resolution, either grant or refuse a license, notwithstanding the approval or disapproval of said committee, but shall not have the power to issue more than one license for every Twelve Hundred (1200) inhabitants or the major portion thereof residing in said city, but either the committee or council may revoke a license at any time, in which case there shall be returned to the licensee a proportionate sum of the money paid by him equal to the proportion of the unexpired term to the entire year; provided that be-

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for the issuance of such license the applicant shall file with the city recorder a bond in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) with good and sufficient sureties conditioned that he, they or it will conduct said business and saloon in strict conformity with the Laws of the state of Oregon and the charter of the city of St. Johns and the police regulations of said city.

Section 5: Every person, firm or corporation to whom a license shall issue under the provisions of this ordinance, shall pay into the city treasury a license fee of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) per annum in advance of the issuance of said license, and no license shall in any case issue until the license fee for the ensuing year has been paid as herein provided.

Section 6: That it shall be the duty of the keepers, owners or proprietors of any saloon, bar-room, drinking-shop or other place where vinous, spirituous or malt liquors are sold or kept for sale or in any manner disposed of in the city of St. Johns, to remove and keep removed the blinds, screens and other obstructions from the windows, doors, entries or exits to or from said places of business so that the interior of such saloon, bar-room or drinking-shop may be, at all times, subject to plain view of all adult persons passing such place or places of business, said front to be not less than sixty (60) per cent clear glass across the width of the room and be not less than three (3) feet in height and five (5) feet from the top of the walk, the bar to be directly in front of the window; and hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation within the city limits of the city of St. Johns to keep, own or conduct any saloon, bar-room, drinking-shop or other place where spirituous, vinous or malt liquors are sold or kept for sale in which there shall be any back or side doors; or musical instruments; or seats, or tables for public use or back or side room or rooms, boxes, booths, or alcoves or in connection with any billiard or pool room or bowling alley, or any other room except toilet of sufficient size to accommodate the place. Any one violating the provisions of this section, shall, upon conviction thereof before the Municipal Court in the city of St. Johns, be punished by a fine not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); or by imprisonment in the City Jail not more than Three (3) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**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.  
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**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.

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