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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

To be Decided Upon at the April Election

TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY MUST EXERCISE CARE

The matter of the purchase of the ferry boat, which is to be voted upon next month, should be considered from an economical standpoint. It is estimated that to complete the various street improvement already petitioned for at the present ferry charges for transportation of crushed rock will greatly exceed \$5,000. If the proposed purchase of the boat is turned down it is quite probable that the prevailing price will be raised considerably in retaliation. In this event, unless some other mode of transportation be inaugurated, or the greater part of the street work be not done this year, the ferry charges are liable to be in the neighborhood of \$7,500. If the purchase is voted down by the people and a special election is called to vote on the construction of a new ferry, and carries, it is not unlikely that a year will elapse before the new boat can be put into commission. As a result the street work will have to be postponed, or else the city will practically throw away close to \$7,500 in ferry charges. It will cost \$13,000 to buy the present boat with its franchise of ten blocks and accessory utility, and it is estimated that it will require \$3,000 additional to put in a new boiler, make other repairs and place it upon a cable system, so that it will be acceptable to the county commissioners. This makes a total of \$16,000 for buying the boat and placing it in good repair. Suppose we subtract \$7,500 that the city would in all probability save in the way of ferry charges, and \$8,500 remains. The expert who recently examined the boat stated that it alone was worth in its present condition about \$7,000. With the \$3,000 additional that is proposed to be put on the boat it should be worth \$10,000. Thus it can readily be seen from this viewpoint that the city would be ahead of the game to the extent of about \$1,500, to say nothing of what its citizens might save in fares, the increased business it would get the benefit of from the Tualatin valley farmers through the operation of a free ferry, the streets that could be improved, the opportunity of running a ferry from foot of Pittsburg or any other street it might desire, and the stigma that might be attached to the city through turning the ferry people down. It has been estimated that a new ferry will cost approximately \$16,000, which does not, we believe, allow for approaches, life savers and various other necessary apparatus. Whether this amount would build and furnish a boat that would meet the approbation of the county commissioners is something we do not know, but some of our citizens claim that there is no doubt about that question. Suppose it does. Even then it is unlikely that \$18,000 will cover the additional expense of approaches, etc. Then a special election costs something. A certain number of days have to elapse before the question can be voted upon. In the meantime the streets need improvement, and the progress of the city is retarded just that much by not having them improved. The trade from Tualatin valley will be lost to us this year, and the free ferry proposition will go glimmering for an indefinite period.

We do not care to advise the people how to vote upon this question, because the judgment of the citizens as a whole is no doubt better than ours. But there are some points we may bring to their attention from time to time in relation to it that may have been overlooked, and as it is a serious question it demands serious consideration.

Bonds Approved

The bonds for the new school buildings have been approved and plans will soon be selected for their construction. The new high school will be a fine adornment on the crest of the hill, and will be something that all our citizens will feel proud of.

CORRUPT PRACTICE ACT

Makes Campaigning Difficult Business

MUST EXERCISE CARE

Under the corrupt practice act, according to which the coming municipal campaign will be conducted, political workers and hangers on, who in the past have been pests of every aspirant for election to public office, will be able to receive few rewards for their alleged services. No candidate is permitted to give anybody even so much as a drink or a cigar, or a trouser button while he is out campaigning, and if he becomes thrifty himself, he must indulge in a "Dutch" treat. No other person is permitted to spend any money in any manner for the purpose of influencing voters to cast their ballots for a particular person or party.

The law provides that no minister shall command or attempt to persuade any voters to vote for or against any candidate for office.

It is even made unlawful for any individual to bet on the result of an election, and if this is attempted the parties implicated in the betting shall be subjected to imprisonment in the penitentiary.

"No person shall, in order to promote his nomination or election, directly or indirectly, promise to appoint or secure the appointment, nomination or election of any person to any public or private position or employment, except that he may publicly announce what is his purpose of choice relating to any election in which he may participate. No candidate who has received the nomination to any public office or position shall pay any money or authorize or incur any expense, either directly or through others in his behalf, in excess of 10 per cent of one year's salary or compensation of the office to which he is nominated, provided that no candidate shall be restricted to less than \$100. This does not include his contribution toward the payment for the printing of his party statement, or his own statement, if he be an independent candidate.

"No person shall solicit any candidate to subscribe to the support of any club or organization, buy tickets to any entertainment or ball, or subscribe for or pay for space in any book, program, periodical, or other publication.

"No person shall pay for personal services to be performed on the day of any caucus, primary or election for any purpose connected directly or indirectly therewith, except for the hiring of persons whose sole duty shall be to act as challengers and watchers at the polls. No person shall buy, sell, give or provide any political badge, button or insignia to be worn at or about the polls on the day of election, and no such badge, button or insignia shall be worn at or about the polls on any election day.

"No publisher of a newspaper or other periodical shall insert, either in its advertising or reading columns, any paid matter which is designed or tends to aid, injure or defeat any candidate or political party or organization, or measure before the people, unless it is stated therein that it is a paid advertisement, and unless the name of the chairman or secretary, or the name of the officer of the political or other organization inserting the same, or the name of some voter who is responsible therefor, with his residence and street number if any, shall appear in such advertisement in the nature of a signature.

"No payment shall be made for any editorial matter, either for or against any candidate. Every letter, circular, bill, placard or poster relating to any election must bear on its face, the name and address of the author, and the name of the printer or publisher thereof, and if the same, or any publication shall contain any false statements or charges reflecting on any candidate's character, morality or integrity, the author, and every person printing or knowingly assisting in the circulation thereof, shall be guilty of political criminal libel. Persons seeking a nomination without a bona fide intent to secure the office may be enjoined from

WAS A VERITABLE LOVE FEAST

The Two Factions Get Together and Unite Upon One Ticket. Strife, Dissention and Turmoil Vanish and the Hatchet is Buried Quite Deeply

THE HANDLE IS NOT EVEN STICKING OUT

The mass meeting called by the Citizen's Ticket and held in the M. W. A. Hall Monday evening was a veritable love feast. The lion and the lamb lay down together, the hatchet was buried so deeply that it will require a diamond drill constantly at work for days to reach it, the pipe of peace was filled to its capacity and the fumes permeated the atmosphere with its odoriferous effluence until all became impregnated with its peaceful adolescence, all the old sores, strife, bickerings, contentions, warring factions and elements were gathered together and consigned to the bottomless pit of oblivion. The dove of peace hovered very near and the beautiful olive branch was passed from hand to hand. Harmony and good fellowship were very much in evidence, and if there were any bitter feelings engendered they were not expressed. All was peace.

During the afternoon representatives of the two factions—the Citizen's Ticket and the Good Government League—met in private conference in the Commercial Club rooms in an endeavor to unite upon one set of candidates and thus eliminate the element of strife so prevalent in other municipal campaigns. Concessions were made on both sides, and after debating and deliberating for some little time a slate was agreed upon and the meeting adjourned.

The convention in the evening was called to order by President K. C. Couch, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read by Secretary Valentine, Rev. C. P. Gates of the Good Government League, arose and made a particularly happy address. He stated that there was no issue now to divide the people of this municipality, that the liquor question had been passed up to the courts to decide upon, and the city officials had no further power in the matter. He commended the present council for their good work in transacting the affairs of the city in a business like manner and that they had handled the reins of government well. He said the city of St. Johns had become a by-word on account of the many petty bickerings that had prevailed within its confines in the past, and that they were now ready to bury the hatchet and get together

upon one common platform and work in harmony for the good of St. Johns. He believed that "Watch St. Johns grow" should become our watchword and united with one purpose in view—to further the cause of St. Johns—much good could be accomplished. The address was well received and its spirit of harmony and fair play met with general approbation.

Mayor H. W. Brice, in a pleasing little talk, placed in nomination the name of J. F. Hendricks as candidate for the office of Mayor. He said Mr. Hendricks was a public spirited man, a man of business and fully competent to handle the affairs of the city in an able manner. As no further nominations were offered the nominations were declared closed.

Frank Horseman, with a few complimentary words, placed in nomination the name of A. M. Eason as a candidate to succeed himself as City Recorder. No other candidate was named.

F. W. Valentine then nominated J. E. Tanch as a candidate for the office of City Treasurer, to succeed himself. The nomination was also made unanimously.

Pascal Hill, in a few well chosen words, presented the name of H. E. Collier as a candidate to succeed himself as City Attorney. He stated that Mr. Collier was a fine lawyer, had made an admirable record the past year, and that he had done considerable work for the good of St. Johns outside his duties as city attorney gratuitously. H. E. Hewitt then arose and placed in nomination the name of S. H. Greene. No other nominations being offered a vote was called for. The result showed that Mr. Collier had received 95 votes and Mr. Greene 53. The former was duly declared nominated.

Willis Moxon then placed in nomination the names of C. L. Johnson, A. W. Davis and S. L. Dobie as nominees for Councilmen at Large, all present incumbents. No other names being suggested nomination closed.

Nominations for Ward Councilmen were then in order. H. S. Hewitt made the motion that citizens of the two wards segregate themselves and each ward choose its own candidates. This motion carried, but before the nominations were made T. J. Mon-

ahan mounted the platform and stated that in the spirit of harmony entered into in the afternoon the names of S. C. Cook and F. P. Brown must be placed in nomination, one in each ward. Nomination then proceeded, and resulted in S. C. Cook and J. W. Davis being nominated as candidates for Councilmen in the First Ward, and J. E. Hiller and F. P. Brown in the Second Ward.

The platform is short, broad, deep and far reaching, of few words but of great importance—"A Greater St. Johns."

The candidates were then lined up in a row at the foot of the platform and speeches were called for. J. F. Hendricks spoke first. He nailed several derogatory tales that had been circulated concerning his past career, said if elected he would give to the city of St. Johns the very best that was in him, that he would perform his work without fear or favor, that he was bound to no faction or clique, and that he would constantly work for a greater St. Johns commercially, socially and morally.

S. C. Cook said he would do the best he could for St. Johns, and A. W. Davis said that he hoped to improve with experience. F. P. Brown said he would work for St. Johns the best he knew how.

H. E. Collier stated he will continue to do his duty as he may see fit, that he would do as much for the temperance element as he would for the saloons, that the law book and supreme court decisions would be his guide in the future as they had been in the past, and that his decision on the liquor question was rendered only after careful study, research and a minute investigation of the laws and decisions of the state.

A. M. Eason stated that he did not intend to be a perpetual candidate, that twelve months was a short term, that it required time to methodize and systemize the work that falls to the recorder's lot, that he would ever be obliging and courteous to all and show special favors to none, that he was vastly interested in the city and would do all he could toward making it prosper.

J. E. Hiller and S. L. Dobie both promised to be good and do all in their power to further the cause of the city and good government. Adjournment followed.

Opening a Success

The Vogue Millinery in the McClesney block was the scene of many pretty and seasonable hats last Saturday at the spring and summer opening, and the store was pretty well filled from morning until night with ladies and children buying and trying on the new shapes and styles. Mrs. Stueker has met the requirements of her trade admirably and was busy all day greeting her old customers and meeting the new ones coming in. Her pattern hats shown were the latest designs in all colors and shapes, and she made steady sales on opening day. A novel feature introduced was sending out a pigeon with a coupon attached to its neck entitling the one who captured the bird to \$10.00 hat. Up to the present time, however, the pigeon is still at liberty with its valuable necktie intact.

placing his name on the official ballot. Severe punishment is provided for any violation of the act. Willful false swearing is declared perjury and punishable as such."

J. Grey, foreman for Grant Smith & Co., has bought the big white house and red barn opposite the foundry on Dawson street, and Contractor Gee is moving them to South St. Johns. All the houses on both sides of the railroad right of way will probably be sold this week. Portland is gradually coming to St. Johns, if only a dozen houses at a time.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

Open New Townsite

The Smith-Wagoner Co., the personnel of which firm are former well known business men of St. Johns, but now sub-division real estate brokers of 333 Chamber Commerce, Portland, are putting on the first new townsite to be located on the new United Railway line, now being built on the west side of the river, opposite St. Johns, and is heading by way of Hillsboro to the Tillamook country. The new townsite is named Valley Vista and is charmingly located in the famous Tualatin Valley. A magnificent view of mountain peaks and ranges, of cities a few miles adjacent, spread in beautiful panorama before this slightly elevated. Distanced from Portland some fourteen miles, or two miles closer than is Gresham, this provides a pleasant ride of 25 minutes from the station located at the center of the townsite to the heart of Portland, and but a very few moments longer than is now consumed in reaching some of the choicest East Side residence districts. No drawbridges with which to contend, but the quickest and finest interurban service out of Portland.

The same company is putting on the market acreage of as fine soil as lies outdoors surrounding the townsite. These consist of 3 to 10 acres each and are ideally adapted for fruit raising, berry culture or gardening truck. An exceptional opportunity is offered the man who toils by daily labor in placing him on an equality with his more fortunate brother of financial means. Not only is it marketed at a reasonable figure, but

Will Do Good Work

The pupils of the St. Johns Public schools this week began a crusade of advertising St. Johns in a manner that promises to be far reaching in its beneficent results. Stationery with a cut of the Central school building thereon has been provided by the Commercial club and the pupils will write matter descriptive of the Peninsula in general and St. Johns in particular and send to friends residing in other sections of the continent. Postage thereon will be paid for by the Commercial club. Probably several of the best letters written will be published by the Review, and then the public will get a better idea of the good work the pupils are doing. The crusade is certainly a meritorious one and there is no doubt that fine results will be obtained.

The installments on either lots or acreage are placed so small as to be in reach of most every ambitious laborer, thus providing not only a safe but a certain way of gaining an income for the years to come.

The ringing of the fire alarm started our inhabitants shortly after noon Wednesday. Upon investigation it was found that a small building in Oak Park was in flames, and before the fire boys could reach the scene of conflagration the dwelling had been razed to the ground. The loss was in the neighborhood of \$200.

Mrs. J. L. Wolf of Salem is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Campbell, this week.

OIL FIELDS HOLD BUSY IN THESE HIGH HOPES LATTER DAYS

Prospects Assuming Ro-sier Appearance

ST. JOHNS MEN HAPPY

We clip the following extract from the Oriano, a paper published at Vale in Malheur county, and it gives good news concerning the oil and gas lands held principally by St. Johns residents. More relating to it will be published next week.

A searching inlook into the Mammoth and Eastern Oregon Oil and Gas Companies convinces the special correspondent of the Oriano and the Caldwell Tribune that these companies are organizations of representative citizens of Oregon and Idaho, men and women who have substantially shown their faith in the companies by putting their money into them, who want more money, propose to get it, and are confident that their feet are now on the path to prosperity. And the indications are reassuring that every stock holder in these companies will within the coming twelve months, snap his fingers at his late limited circumstances. Indeed the prospects are so alluring that the blood leaps at the probability of those who have had the foresight to invest in the holdings of these companies not only being assured an early enviable independence, but a splendid competence or a fortune.

In brief we find only thrifty people of intelligence and character associated in strong financial fellowship in these companies, men and women who, like all successful people are positive, who do things, who decide on a plan and pursue it, up hill and down, and who are wise enough to laugh at obstacles. The sort of people indeed who invariably gain the goal for which they are making.

We will first turn to a consideration of the Mammoth, a company whose stock has doubled in value in the last 60 days, and which will, in all probability, treble or quadruple in the next 60 days, and if the well becomes a producer the stock will leap from its present quotation to \$20 or \$50 a share.

The stock of this company has, after the closest scrutiny by representative citizens looked so good that they have acquired large holdings in the company, the head officers of both of Vales' banks being among the number.

Evidences of high grade oil in commercial quantities in the Malheur fields are now so seemingly unmistakable that several of the most skeptical heretofore are now acquiring stock. The demand for Mammoth stock has been so lively that it has practically all been taken from the market, and enough funds are in its treasury to sink a 3,000 foot hole.

Interest in and expectations for the Eastern Oregon Oil & Gas Company holdings adjoining the Mammoth on the east, and embracing identical oil bearing sands with its pioneer neighbor, bids fair to be abreast of the Mammoth in an incredibly short time.

To Plat Into Lots

Vaughn & Co. have recently purchased a five-acre tract in Whitwood Court, near the Claremont Tavern, on the United Electric Railway, and are having the tract surveyed and plotted into lots preparatory to placing them on the market. This tract is on the choice part of the hill for residence site, and is only a trifle over four miles distant from the Chamber of Commerce building. Since the recent trouble with the bridges crossing the river there has been an increasing demand for West Side resident property, and the several tracts toward Linnton are moving very satisfactorily.—Abstract.

No. 222 drew the prize of a handsome silver tea set at Newton's Cash Grocery last Saturday. The party holding this coupon has not yet presented the same, and unless the number is produced at the store before tomorrow the set will be again put in drawing.

COUNCIL HAS MORE BUSINESS THAN TIME

CALL SPECIAL MEETING

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening and the minutes of the previous regular and adjourned meetings read and approved.

The recorder was ordered to advertise for proposals for leasing the new city dock, which is rapidly nearing completion.

J. J. Chambeau reported that he would be ready to begin work on the city books by the first of next week.

A communication from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., offering to sell to the city the ferry boat now operating between Vancouver and the Oregon shore was read. As no price was quoted the recorder was instructed to solicit it.

A communication was read from Henry Hewitt of Tacoma in which he stated that he was the possessor of over 60 percent of the St. Johns Gas Light & Heat Co.'s stock, and that it was his intention to furnish the people of St. Johns with coal gas. Communication was ordered filed.

A bid on the improvement of Stafford street by T. H. Cochran was held over one week. This gentleman also presented the only bid offered on the improvement of Allegheny street, which was accepted.

L. D. Jackson asked for permission to connect a spur with the trolley line at Fessenden and Wall streets, as he intended constructing a garage of bankers in that neighborhood. Since part of the ground he wishes to cover has not yet been dedicated, no action could be taken at this time.

The engineer was instructed to prepare a new estimate for the improvement of East Burlington and Tacoma streets, the former one block and the latter two blocks in length.

Bills totaling \$109.23 were allowed. A resolution opening up Willis boulevard through the Maple tract was adopted, and the engineer instructed to prepare plans and estimates for the improvement of same.

On motion of Mr. Bonham the proposed arc light at the corner of Fillmore and Maple streets was ordered changed to Fillmore and Hayes, owing to the fact that property owners adjoining the former location refused to cut down some trees that interfered with the light penetrating to any distance.

Matter relative to the improvement of Fessenden street was taken up, but owing to the documents in connection therewith being so lengthy it was deemed advisable to lay the matter over and take it up again at a special meeting called for next Monday evening.

Big Dance Proposed

The proposition of holding a dance at the new city dock for the purpose of raising funds for a suitable float at the Rose Carnival was taken up by the Commercial club at its meeting on last Thursday evening. A committee composed of F. W. Valentine, John S. Edelson, A. W. Vincent, A. Unger, J. E. Kilkenny, Harry Hunter, A. W. Davis, W. W. Windle and Chas. Bredeason was appointed to look after the details connected therewith. The St. Johns Band has agreed to donate their services free of charge. The project promises to be a great affair and people for miles around will no doubt be in attendance. It will give every one who attends a clear conception of the immensity and substantiality of the new dock, and will no doubt be a huge success in more ways than one.

The date of holding the dance and other information concerning it will be announced later on.

The Pitchless Pine Lumber company at East St. Johns are pushing work on their new plant there as rapidly as possible. Good headway has already been made on their new planing mill and dry kilns.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.