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## The Annexer's Dream

He was a citizen of St. Johns and for long he had advocated annexing with Portland. He had depicted in glowing colors the many benefits that would accrue therefrom; how the streets would be better improved and with greater rapidity, how arc lights would be placed on every street corner, how Bull Run water would flow through the streets freely and unstintedly, how the new city dock would be immediately used in an extensive manner, how free mail delivery would be at once installed, how taxes would be lowered and the price of property largely enhanced, and how the place would fairly reek with milk and honey. These and many more things he had portrayed in vivid colors, whether he believed they would be obtained or not. Tired out with voicing such convincing argument all day, one evening he sat down upon a sofa and fell asleep. And sleeping he dreamed. In his vision it seemed that he had strolled into the council chamber of the city of Portland when the body was in session. As St. Johns had rather recently been annexed to Portland, he decided to insist and learn if any of the things he had promised would be taken up and acted upon. After a gist of business of more or less importance had been taken up and disposed of, the clerk stated that a petition for a street light in the new addition of St. Johns was prayed for. The mayor asked the councilman from the tenth ward if he knew anything about the merits of the request. He promptly stated that he did not, that he had only visited St. Johns once or twice in his life, but he believed that once flourishing city now had more lights than it was entitled to, therefore, he moved that the petition be laid upon the table indefinitely, which motion carried unanimously.

A petition for the improvement of a certain street in St. Johns was then taken up. But it was found that the engineering corps had more work than they could attend to properly for months to come, and as the state of the treasury did not permit of adding to that force, the petition was duly tabled. A petition, numerously signed, asking that St. Johns be supplied with Bull Run water was taken up next. This aroused the ire of the entire council. Several members stated that St. Johns now had better water and more of it than any suburb of the city, that the city had troubles enough without trying to give St. Johns something that it already possessed, that no fund had been created for the purpose, that the people of St. Johns were always wanting something and were never satisfied and it was time to close down on their demands until the wants of the city proper could be taken care of. The clerk then stated that one bid had been received for the sale of the city dock at St. Johns. It was an offer by the O. R. & N. R. Co. of \$100,000. The mayor stated that the city treasury was sadly depleted, that the dock was so far away from the business interests of the city that its retention would do more harm than good to the heavy business interests of Portland, and therefore, he recommended that the bid be accepted. On motion of one of the councilmen to this effect, the bid was accepted.

The dreamer became bewildered at the way things were going, but yet away down in his heart he could not help but feel in the same frame of mind as the preacher in Michigan who had told his flock of the many glories of the next world, and how happy they would all be, that none would go to perdition if they followed his advice, and then wound up by declaring that the world would come to an end on a certain day the following week. He strongly urged that in order to be saved, all the members should meet with him in a large meadow near the town on the morning of that day and they would ascend to heaven together. Bright and early in the day specified the preacher, attired in his ascension robes, wended his way to the meadow. Upon arriving there he was grievously disappointed to find none of his followers on hand. After waiting a little while he began to feel rather fatigued, and spying a convenient hay stack in the field he crawled upon it and lying down finally fell asleep. A mischievous youngster came along and spied the man on the hay cock and he decided to have a little fun. So he lit a match and applied it to the hay. Volumes of flame and smoke arose and finally aroused the slumberer. Jumping up and looking wildly about him, he saw nothing but fire and smoke on every side. After gazing about a second or two,

he solemnly exclaimed: "In hell—just as I expected."

The dreaming annexer stirred uneasily and finally awoke with the impression that he had been sitting upon something extremely uncomfortable, and reaching down he pulled from under him a large, fat, yellow juicy lemon.

## Catholic Mission

On October 16th, beginning with high mass at 10:30 a. m., a mission will begin at St. Clement's Catholic Church on Portland boulevard, between Buchanan and Burr streets, for the benefit of the people of St. Johns. The mission will continue two weeks. Lectures will be delivered every evening at 8 o'clock and in the early morning at the early mass.

The first week's lectures or sermons will be for the special benefit of the members of the parish, but will also be of interest to non-Catholics, who are cordially invited and assured of a hearty welcome.

Everybody will have the privilege of asking questions of the lecturer by writing same on a slip of paper and placing them in a box provided for that purpose and known as the "Question Box." These questions will be gathered up and answered on the following evening, before the lecture itself begins.

During the second week of the mission the lectures will be heard in the evening only, at 8 o'clock. There will be good singing. Every opportunity afforded visitors to see and learn at first hand what the Catholic Church is and does.

No admission fee. There will be no abuse nor ridicule of the religious beliefs of any person.

## Bonded Debt Luxuries

Citizens of Portland desire many kinds of public improvements. But each project will cost money. In nearly every case taxpayers are to foot the bills. In other words, the people want expensive conveniences at expense of taxpayers. Each project is supported by strong argument and would certainly be useful, in ways, to the public.

The bonded debt of this city for parks, bridges, ferries and water system and other things, already authorized, will soon exceed \$12,000,000. To this total it is now proposed to add \$2,500,000 for docks (this sum will begin the work) and \$1,000,000 for a convention hall. More river bridges are needed and a cry has gone up for a sub river tube. There must be more park land and park improvements; also fireproof school-houses. Crematoriums must be built. It will be easy to raise the bonded debt of Portland to \$20,000,000 in the next two or three years. More than \$7,000,000 addition to the bonded debt of the city was authorized in the last two city elections.

Portland is a growing city, a large city, and destined to be a great one. It will need to add to its debt for public utilities and improvements, as its size increases. But it will need to guard its credit and its taxing property. These demands for debt and taxation come too fast. All should not be granted by voters of the city. Only the best and necessary ones should be allowed.

This is time for sober reflection on these matters. No community ever taxed itself rich. Our neighbor, Seattle, is feeling the paings of too much haste and too much tax in its upbuilding. Portland is comfortable because it has been, for the most part prudent. But this city could easily exceed the rational speed limit, if its citizens should forget their prudence.

A community like an individual, must pay for its luxuries. And each is ever compelled to deny itself some luxuries. —Sunday's Oregonian.

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## Measures to be Voted On

For the benefit of the voters we publish a list of the official ballot titles of each of the 32 initiative and referendum measures to be voted on November 8th. There are enough of them to keep the voter busy from now until election trying to digest them:

- 300—Yes.
- 301—No.
- An act authorizing the purchase of a site for the construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum to be located, in the discretion of the board of trustees of the Oregon state insane asylum, at or within five miles of either of the following cities, to wit: Baker City, Pendleton or Union, in Eastern Oregon, to be called "The Eastern Oregon State Hospital."
- 302—Yes.
- 303—No.
- An act to elect on the first Monday in June, 1911, delegates to a constitutional convention, to be held on the second Monday in October, 1911, for revising the constitution of the state, and providing for submission of the proposed constitution, so revised, to the legal voters of the state for adoption or rejection on the first Monday in April, 1912.
- 304—Yes.
- 305—No.
- For amendment of sections 6 and 7, Article 4, of the constitution of this state, to provide a separate district for the election of each state senator and each state representative.
- 306—Yes.
- 307—No.
- For an amendment of section 32, article 1, of the constitution of Oregon, by omitting the words, "and all taxation shall be equal and uniform," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "taxes shall be levied and collected for public purposes only and the power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away."
- 308—Yes.
- 309—No.
- For amendment of article 9 of the constitution, authorizing the creation of railroad districts, and the purchase and construction of railroads, or other highways, by the state, counties, municipalities, and railroad districts, creation of liens upon property or levying taxes for the payment of the same, and nullifying the exemption from taxation of property used for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes. (Note: Another amendment of section 1 of said article 9 is pending and is not in harmony herewith.)
- 310—Yes.
- 311—No.
- For an amendment of section 1 of article 9 of the constitution of the state of Oregon, directing a uniform rule of taxation "except on property specifically taxed, authorizing the levy and collection of taxes for state purposes, upon different classes of property, and appropriating state taxes among the several counties as county obligations. (Note: Another amendment is pending which also amends this section, and is not in harmony herewith.)
- 312—Yes.
- 313—No.
- An act providing for the payment of \$1,000 annually to the judge of the eighth judicial district by Baker county, in addition to the annual salary of \$3,000 received by him from the state.
- 314—Yes.
- 315—No.
- A bill for an act to create the county of Nesmith out of a portion of the northern part of Douglas county and the southern part of Lane county; providing for its organization, fixing the salaries of the officers thereof, and for adjusting finances between the three counties.
- 316—Yes.
- 317—No.
- A bill for a law to provide for the permanent support and maintenance of Oregon Normal school at Monmouth, Polk county, Oregon, by levying an annual tax of 1-25 of a mill on the dollar upon all taxable property within the state of Oregon.
- 318—Yes.
- 319—No.
- A bill for a law creating the county of Otis, Oregon, out of territory now included in the counties of Harney, Malheur and Grant, providing for its organization and for the adjustment of finances and transferring of records between the several counties affected by the proposed law.
- 320—Yes.
- 321—No.

(Continued next week.)

## W. W. Shultz

The demise of W. W. Shultz came as a great shock to his many friends in St. Johns. He was taken seriously ill only a week before his death, with what seemed to be pleurisy, but which developed later into acute pneumonia. He called a physician and seemed to be recovering until Friday evening about eight o'clock, when he suddenly grew worse but nothing could be done to relieve him, and he passed away at about two o'clock Saturday morning. Besides his family he leaves a father, mother, a brother and sister in Kansas and a brother, G. F. Shultz, in Washington. Funeral services were conducted in Holman's chapel Sunday by Rev. Johnson, his pastor, attended by a large number of his St. Johns friends.

Mr. Shultz was born in Laporte county, Indiana, 33 years ago and went with his parents to Kansas, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm. He married Miss Bessie Persyn five years ago the 15th of this month, and they were blessed with two children, Leora, a lovely little girl of four years, and Lesley, past two years of age. Mr. Shultz and his little family came to St. Johns about two years ago and they have all endeared themselves to every one who learned to know them, by their genial, lovable dispositions, christian living and kindly, neighborly conduct to those about them. Mr. Shultz from his youth up has been an obedient and affectionate son and since his marriage a loving, careful husband. During his illness his only care during his lucid moments was for the welfare of his wife and little ones, for whom he often expressed his love and his anxiety at leaving the little ones so early in life. He seemed to entertain no expectation of recovering after he became so ill, but had no uneasiness as to his welfare declaring that the Lord would take care of him.

Mrs. Shultz will remain here until her affairs are settled. Her father has come and will assist her. When her arrangements are completed she will take the body of her husband back to the old Kansas home where she will remain with her little ones. While she is heartbroken over the loss of her beloved husband, she does not mourn as those who have no hope, for she knows that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose, and that it will be but a little while until they shall again be reunited, where sad partings neyer come and where all tears are wiped away by the loving Father, whom both she and her husband so truly worshipped here. Mr. Shultz confessed his Savior and obeyed him in baptism a little over a year ago and has lived as nearly a perfect christian life since as it is possible for mortals to do. Always faithful in the discharge of his duty, there is for him certainly awaiting the reward that is promised to the faithful and true.

## Police Report

- Total number taken into custody from June 1st to October 1st, 1910, 78.
  - Drunks, 32.
  - Assault and batter, 4.
  - Vagrancy, 6.
  - Peddling without license, 1.
  - Automobiles exceeding the speed limit, 4.
  - Violating empowering ordinances, 1.
  - Trespassing, 8.
  - Violating saloon license, 1.
  - Minors in saloons, 1.
  - Disorderly conduct, 15.
  - Violating dog ordinance, 1.
  - Carrying concealed weapons, 1.
  - Violating bicycle ordinance, 2.
  - Men given lodgings, 1.
  - Number of meals given, 41.
  - Number of jail days served, 10.
  - Number of dogs killed and buried, 8.
  - Number of cattle impounded, 3.
  - R. McKinney, Chief of Police.
- A remarkable telescope that enables men stationed at Fort Stevens to detect the approach of an enemy while they are still more than 27 miles off shore has just been installed there. By its aid the range of the approaching fleet can be obtained and the mechanism is so adjusted that it overcomes the effects of the curvature of the earth on an ordinary telescope.
- You plant seed in the spring; you reap the harvest in the fall. Plant the seed of your savings now. In your old age the First National Bank will have your harvest ready for you by paying you 3 per cent.

## Council Proceedings

Council convened as usual Tuesday evening, all members being present with the exception of Councilman Johnson.

Petitions for renewal of liquor licenses by Thos. Glover and Sherman Cochran were read and referred to the license committee.

A communication from the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. stated that owing to the moving of their Portland office from one building to another and the absence from the city of one or two of the officials, the petition for vacation of a stub of St. Johns avenue in exchange for right of way of the Maple street sewer was not in readiness for presentation this week, but it would surely be ready by next Tuesday evening.

A report of the season's work at the rock crusher by M. G. Nease, lessee, together with a check for \$58.63 as the city's royalty on rock turned out was received and referred to the street committee for investigation as to its correctness.

Bids for improvement bonds were received from the Peninsula and First National Banks, each offering to take a portion of them at par and accrued interest. There were twelve bonds of \$500 to be sold and it was decided to sell six bonds to each institution.

Report of Chief of Police McKinney from July 1 to October 1 was received and may be found elsewhere in this issue.

The petition for a public park by the purchase of the Caples and Harris land, and which was referred to the city attorney last week, was found to be lacking in detail, and therefore the recorder was directed to request the owners to furnish the necessary description of the tracts they desired to sell for this purpose.

The mayor appointed R. L. Burk and N. A. Gee as viewers on the widening of St. Johns avenue vice S. W. Rogers and Marion Johnson, both of whom declined to serve in this capacity. A resolution to this effect was duly adopted.

A resolution to sidewalk Burlington street from Jersey to Ivanhoe on both sides of the street with 18 foot cement walks, and also Burlington street from Ivanhoe to Hayes with 12 foot cement sidewalks were adopted.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Mohawk street from Willamette boulevard to Ivanhoe street by grading, macadamizing and cement sidewalks was passed.

Ordinances establishing the grades on Bradford street from Richmond to Burlington; Decatur from Richmond to Burlington; Edinburg from Richmond to Philadelphia; Gresham from Mohawk to Burlington, and Ivanhoe from Mohawk to Richmond were passed.

Iron lamp posts for Jersey and Burlington streets instead of arc lights, broached by Councilman Downey, was discussed, and it was decided to invite bids from both the electric and gas companies for supplying the same.

On motion of Alderman Windle it was decided to install an arc light at the corner of Richmond and Hayes streets.

With this issue of the Review the ready print service will be discontinued, and the paper hereafter will be all home print as formerly. We have found the proposition an unprofitable one after six months trial. From what we can learn few subscribers ever read the inside pages. In a farming community where the inhabitants have more time for reading and where city papers do not circulate so freely it might have proven a success, but not so here. The chances are, however, that the paper will soon be enlarged, but if so it will be all home print. The price of the Review will be one dollar per year, as formerly.

W. E. Godsey, who three years ago conducted a blacksmith shop at the corner of Charleston and Ivanhoe streets, is in St. Johns this week. He was greatly surprised at the amazing progress the city has made during his absence and said he had visited many cities in the past three years, but nowhere had he seen as much building being done as in St. Johns. It is more than probable that he will locate here once more.

J. Richards, salesman of screens to be placed on water spigots to catch any "debris" that might be found in the water, states that Bull Run water contains almost four times as much sediment as St. Johns water. Ask him about it when he calls at your home.

## Lighting Business District

The lighting of the business district of St. Johns from Richmond to Fessenden street on Jersey and from Hayes to Jersey on Burlington street in Portland was discussed at the council meeting Tuesday night and it was decided to invite bids from both the gas and electric light companies for providing the same. Since Jersey and Burlington streets are to be adorned with wide cement sidewalks this winter and hard surfaced in the spring, there is no question but that it should be done. The unsightly electric light poles and net work of wires would be entirely out of place with this scheme of improvement. Iron posts with clusters of lights on each street corner would prove of great attraction. It is high time that St. Johns take on metropolitan airs. That stage in its progress is at hand and provision should be made accordingly.

The electric arc lights now gracing the streets could easily be removed to other points in the city. A stranger coming here at night would realize that there was something to St. Johns if the strings of lights were installed, and he would at once become impressed with the idea that he had arrived at a metropolitan city instead of a village still in its swaddling clothes. We understand that the gas company will make the rate most reasonable if the plan is carried out and gas used. This company has done much for St. Johns and has asked but little in return. Every provision in its franchise has been fairly met and much more has been done in the way of extending its pipes than the franchise requires. It is entitled to something, and it is only fitting that the city should in some manner show its appreciation. Of course, since bids from both companies have been invited, the one making the lowest offer will get the contract, and should this be the gas company it will be entirely satisfactory to the people of St. Johns. The electric company is getting a nice thing out of this city as it is.

Few, if any, citizens could reasonably object to this system of illuminating the principal business district. The difference it would make in taxation would be small to each property owner and the tone and dignity it would lend to the city would far more than offset its cost.

## David M. Campbell

David M. Campbell, after an illness of two months with Bright's disease, passed away Friday evening, Sept. 30, 1910. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Nelson at his home on 925 Willamette boulevard Sunday, at 2 p. m. Miss Plaskett, Miss Call, Dr. Scott and Mr. Lee sang three fitting selections. There was a large attendance of sympathizing neighbors and friends. The Modern Woodmen of America, of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body, furnished the pall-bearers and laid the remains to rest in the Columbia cemetery, using their beautiful burial service. Mr. Campbell was not quite 37 years of age. He was a quiet, conscientious and faithful man. He leaves a wife, to whom he was married less than a year ago, father, sister, four brothers and the Fassett family to mourn his early departure. They have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

## Surprise Party

A delightful surprise party was tendered Miss Blanche Edlefsen on the evening of Oct. 3. The affair was gotten up to celebrate Miss Edlefsen's birthday, and the surprise was complete. Each member of the party wore masks and the young lady was required to guess whom was under each mask. Games of various kinds were played and the evening was passed in a delightful manner by all. Those present were: Alice Autzen, Laura Bolton, Mary Falb, Anna Falb, Gretchen Cormany, Lillian Hall, Florence Carlson, Nellie Cochran, Mary King, Hazel Carlson, Tom Autzen, C. C. Stewart, Jay Bleakney, Dr. J. V. Scott, Dr. Fred Peterson, Charley Bailey, Earl Crouchley, Paul Cochran, Arthur King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice.

O. W. Allen and Mrs. Jennie Glover were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride, 313 Burlington street. Rev. C. F. Gates officiated.

## A Distressing Accident

B. H. Darling met with a fatal accident at the Portland Woolen Mills Monday afternoon. He was engaged in making some repairs to the shafting and in some manner his clothing became entangled with the pulleys and he was carried on the belt to the drive shaft near the ceiling. Before he could be extracted from his perilous position he was horribly injured. Many of his bones were broken and he sustained severe gashes in the head. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, but succumbed to his injuries early Tuesday morning.

Deceased was aged about 58 years and resided with his family at 824 North Fillmore. He was a contractor and builder by profession and well thought of by all who knew him. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

## Building Permits

- No. 135—To D. W. Sorber to erect dwelling on Nicklin street between Oswego and Charleston; cost \$500.
- No. 136—To Peter Weiner to erect dwelling on Burr street between Portland boulevard and Seneca street; cost \$600.
- No. 137—To W. A. Simpson to erect dwelling on Allegheny street between Banks and Hendricks avenue; cost \$65.
- No. 138—To B. F. Belieu to erect dwelling on Meers street between Oregonian avenue and Midway for M. R. Taylor; cost \$1000.
- No. 139—To Kerr & Son to construct storage gallery on Jersey between Chicago and New York for Calif Bros.; cost \$300.

A whist party was given at the Hoover home Sept. 28 in honor of Ben S. The first prize was won by Molly Corman and the booty by Marie Thurman. The affair was a most pleasing one and dainty refreshments served at the midnight hour helped to make it more so. Those present were George Perrine, Susie Davis, Maud Wollford, Marie Thurman, Echo Moak, Mollie Corman, Clyde Rogers, Ben Lee, Dick Webster, Lee Davis, Walter Coon, Ray Wright and Ben Hoover.

The St. Johns Athletic association has booked another fistic exhibition to be given in the rink October 27th. At this time Ace Clement, who defeated the colored boxer here a few weeks ago, will go against Jack Durate of San Francisco in a ten-round affair. Durate has recently fought Fritz Holland of Spokane, Teddy Brooks of Seattle and Johnny O'Keefe of Denver, and has confidence to believe he can defeat Clement. Good preliminaries are being arranged for.

The trolley people are still slow about cutting out that dangerous curve on this side of the cut and passing over the bridge below. If a car should happen to jump the track on the curve the disaster would be appalling. As the bridge is completed and a crew of men could make the change in a few days, the danger should be eliminated without delay.

Funny how some annexers are advising the citizens of St. Johns to "get all we can" before election next month. If, as they claim, we can get anything we need or desire after annexation, why the unseemly haste? Read the "Annexer's Dream" in this issue and you may find the solution.

Mrs. C. C. Tonner, who has been residing at Red Oak, Iowa, for some time, is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Gillespie, at present. As soon as he can settle some business affairs in Red Oak her husband will follow her here, where they expect to make their future home.

F. E. Bement and wife of Long Beach, Wash., were guests at the home of Charley Foss Sunday where a big chicken dinner was served in their honor. Mr. Bement is foreman of a crew of men preparing ground for cranberry planting near Long Beach.

Peter Weiner has begun construction of a substantial residence on Burr street.

D. W. Sorber is erecting a neat little home on Nicklin street.