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Mr. E. C. Hurlbert, in reply to our suggestion and proposition last week that he "fight annexation," declines and gives what might appear to be plausible reasons for so doing. The first reason given involves the rock crusher proposition. Mr. Hurlbert says that Mr. Nease can cease to furnish rock for the city streets now by forfeiting \$1500. This we will not attempt to deny, because it is a fact. He further states that Mr. Nease is a business man. This is also true. Therefore, being a business man and a good one, he saw an opportunity of doing a stroke of business with the city of St. Johns. He made a proposition to the city council of operating its rock crusher and using its rock, which was gladly accepted. He agreed to furnish rock for the "streets of the city of St. Johns" at a rate of 85 cents per yard with a rebate to the city of 2 1/2% per yard for use of the utilities. He ostensibly made this very low rate because under the terms of his contract he could charge any price he saw fit for rock not used on the "streets of the city of St. Johns." Here is where his profit was to come in. He will tell you, as he has told the editor and others, that some of the rock he furnishes to the city of St. Johns costs actually more than 85 cents per yard for production. While the city was operating the plant the average cost of production per yard was greatly in excess of 85 cents. Mr. Nease, however, is satisfied with the arrangement, because he can see where he can dispose of large quantities of rock at prices much greater than received from the city. He stated before the council Tuesday night that he was receiving \$1.25 and \$1.30 per yard at the bunkers for rock for Fiske, Dawson and Lombard streets in Portland. Therefore, so long as St. Johns does not annex, it is reasonable to expect that he will not throw up his contract and lose \$1500 in cash, although he CAN do so. But if St. Johns is annexed to Portland there will be NO streets in the CITY of St. Johns. No court in the land could hold that a man who contracts to furnish rock for the streets of the city of St. Johns must by virtue of the same

is paid for "St. Helens rock," because Mr. Nease, T. H. Cochran and others claim it is harder, more durable and breaks sharper. We have thus very conclusively proven that with annexation 85 cent rock will vanish from our midst.

Mr. Hurlbert grew a little inconsistent when he states that Mr. Nease can furnish Portland with rock at \$1.50 per yard until he has enough to offset the bond, and a little farther on intimates Portland can get as good rock at a much less price. Certainly that city would pay Mr. Nease \$1.50 per yard and pay ferry charges besides if it could get rock cheaper nearer home with no ferry charges to pay. The "head man" Mr. Hurlbert mentions, if he is on to his job at all, knows that the city engineer of Portland estimates all rock for street purposes at \$1.50 per yard at the bunkers.


As to the water question, why discuss it? Mr. Hurlbert knows as we know that annexation will in nowise change the situation here for years to come, unless the local company designs to dispose of its holding. And if it is making as much as many people imagine why should they desire to sell? They have a "cast iron cinch," and why "kick against the pricks?" They only puncture deeper. But if discussed from a standpoint of comparison in rates, we will certainly concede that the rates are lower in Portland than St. Johns, if the laying of pipes by property owners and taxes for water bonds are not taken into consideration. But when Portland had a dozen or more times the population St. Johns now has the rate was higher than it now is here. We might go farther—to Vancouver, Wash.—where with a population of several times what we have the rate is today 20 per cent higher than obtains in St. Johns. But what's the use?

As to "if one is benefited all will be" proposition, it depends upon one's point of view. If we pay one dollar per month for water, as we are now doing for this office, from our point of view we believe we are benefited more by paying this one dollar per month for St. Johns water and using all we care to than if we were paying 50 cents per month for the inferior surface water of Bull Run which we could get access to only when the rest of the population is asleep, as has been the case the past summer in many of the suburbs of Portland. Our neighbor might believe he was more benefited because he saved four bits per month on water. All a matter of opinion, the theory of "ratio and proportion" to the contrary notwithstanding.

If Mr. Hurlbert will give our last week's editorial a careful perusal he will find that he is mistaken, not

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**Council Proceedings**

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night with Mayor Hendricks presiding.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, a petition for an arc light at the corner of Oswego and Bank streets was read and upon motion of Councilman Dobie, accepted and ordered filed.

A petition for an arc light at corner of Leavitt and Gresham streets was referred to the light committee on motion of Alderman Davis.

E. O. Magoon petitioned for saloon license to do business in the Woodhouse building when completed. Referred to the license committee.

Claims against the city to the amount of \$5.55 were allowed on motion of Mr. Dobie.

Judge W. W. Holcomb was present and asked that a committee be appointed to confer with the city of Linnton to ascertain if arrangements could not be made to construct a ferry jointly. On motion of Mr. Davis the mayor was empowered to select three citizens and request that they serve as a committee in securing the required data, which would include fire apparatus in connection with the boat for protection of the river front property. Attorney Collier volunteered any aid he might be able to render along this line.

Ex-Fire Chief Holden and A. G. Long of Portland made interesting talks on the need of a fire engine in St. Johns, giving prices and other information. Mr. Holden told how badly St. Johns needed a fire engine and what a benefit it would prove to the city. As the cost is greater than the city can stand at present, no action was taken in the matter, although Councilman Downey believed there should have been.

The engineer's acceptance of Tyler street was accepted by council on a 5 to 2 vote, Aldermen Hiller and Dobie voting in the negative. A bond in the sum of \$300 as a two year's guarantee was required and received.

M. G. Nease asked for an extension of his lease on the rock quarry and apparatus to ten or fifteen years if possible. He stated that they had invested \$25,000 in equipment in addition to what the city owned. Referred to the attorney for written report next Tuesday night.

Mr. Schelter, representing the St. Johns band, asked to continue to meet in the city hall Monday evenings as usual. Council decided if agreeable to the fire department there would be no objection.

A petition from the Weyerhaeuser interests for vacation of part of a street in their tract in exchange for right of way for the Maple street sewer was read and referred to the engineer and street committee to check up as to description.

Councilman Downey gave a passionate dissertation on street lighting, and in a flowery manner described what a great thing it would be for St. Johns if the business streets were decorated with a string of lights from one end to another. Council agreed with him so far as the beauty was concerned, but the cost seemed to them to be prohibitive at this time, as there is no money in sight to even buy the posts.

A resolution to improve New York street from Willis boulevard to Hayes street was adopted on motion of Mr. Davis.

A time and manner ordinance for the improvement of North Jersey from Catlin street to Weyerhaeuser was passed on motion of Mr. Davis, Councilman Cook objecting, however.

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contract furnish rock for the streets of the city of Portland after the former has ceased to exist. If it could be so, could the contractor discriminate between any particular sections of Portland? Certainly not. "Ratio and proportion" would not permit it. If the streets of the city of St. Johns also means the streets of the city of Portland, one portion of that city has as much right to the same price as another. In that event after annexation Mr. Nease would be required to furnish rock for the entire city at 85 cents per yard, and he would have no chance to make his profit by selling rock to Portland contractors, as is now the case. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Nease would be violating no provision of his contract after annexation if he refused to furnish rock at less than \$1.50 per yard, because he is permitted to charge as much as he pleases for rock for use on the streets of Portland. After annexation, of course, all our streets will be streets of Portland. Another point: The city of St. Johns, by virtue of its contract with Mr. Nease, receives 10c per yard for all rock sold for other purposes than for its streets, and our city is now receiving ten cents for every yard of this rock that is being placed on Portland streets. Therefore, Mr. Nease can and must refuse, after annexation, to furnish rock for our streets at a less price than he charges for other streets of Portland, because it would be discrimination and "class legislation." But Mr. Nease can hold his contract, unless the city of Portland repudiates all the contracts St. Johns has entered into. He stands ready to supply rock for our city streets at 85 cents, but when they become streets of Portland all he has to do to hold the quarry and utilities is to pay into the city treasury ten cents for every yard of rock taken out, and he can charge for the product as much as

us. We did not state that the industries mentioned came here before St. Johns "was." We did state they were established here when "St. Johns was not on the map." This common expression means, of course, before a town or village has gained a place on the official map of the state, or is still obscure and has not attained to any degree of prominence. Mr. Hurlbert thought he saw an opening here and he fell right into it. Because in this part of his argument he claims that St. Johns, even in those early days, had an "individuality." This he denied last week. Consistency, then surely act a jewel, but how few surely see!

Mr. Hurlbert says: "Some of our own city officials think that annexation will help make our taxes lighter," and in substantiation of this he quotes Councilman Davis: "The reason the council did not provide a sinking fund was because they knew that sooner or later the city would be annexed to Portland, therefore thought it as well not to add the additional tax." Mr. Davis is aware that annexation is certain before the 20-year bonds become due. We also believe this. Therefore, to avoid higher taxation, no sinking fund was created. This does not prove annexation will help make our taxes lighter, but does prove that UNTIL annexation our taxes will be lower, unless it be later than 17 years hence in coming. Better read this paragraph twice, Mr. Hurlbert. You unwittingly threw a boomerang when you used this for argument.

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As to the free ferry proposition, Mr. Hurlbert knows as well as any one else that we can get a free ferry any time we desire to vote bonds for securing one. This we could not do if we were annexed to Portland, because the entire city would have to vote upon it, and it would not be deemed a necessity by many at this time. Portland wants that trade from the Tualatin valley just as badly as we do. The very reason we want a free ferry is the very reason Portland does not want us to have it.

In conclusion let us say that no man is so blind as he who will not see. We have shown and conclusively proven that this city will suffer a distinct loss by annexation on the rock proposition. Even the city attorney and the aldermen are at a loss to know how the low price of this necessity may be retained to this section after annexation. Mr. Hurlbert's "gains" are all untenable, chimerical and simply cannot be sustained. We are willing to present the case before three reputable lawyers, and even permit Mr. Hurlbert to be one of the three, and yet we would win the case. With the above facts before him and if he cares anything for his veracity, we will find Mr. Hurlbert fighting annexation henceforth.

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At the regular meeting of Holmes lodge K. of P. last Friday night, a bunch of pleasant surprises was sprung upon the brave men who compose that fraternal body. A party of 15 or more Knights from Oregon City dropped in for a fraternal visit. This was surprise No. 1. Then after the business of the evening a deputation of Pythian Sisters were discovered in waiting, bearing one of those delicious lunches the Knights know and love so well. This was surprise No. 2. Then, after the feed, stimulated by the delicious refreshments furnished by the good Sisters, Judges Hayes and Dimmick and Dr. Hoey waxed eloquent and in one, two, three order surprised not only the Knights and Sisters present, but even themselves with their flights of oratory. It was a happy occasion and all the laggard Knights of this lodge who failed to put in an appearance will be wishing they had burnished their rusty visors and been in the fray. It's all right this time but they should not let it occur again.

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**W. C. T. U. Convention.**

The W. C. T. U. meeting at the Congregational church was well attended Monday evening, and much interest manifested. The delegates brought a lengthy and exceedingly interesting report from the state convention which met in Salem last week, where there were 136 delegates; and, judging from the report, all Salem seemed to enthuse with them. For, although they met in M. E. church, the largest in the city, they decided it was too small, and Thursday evening, when Mrs. N. H. Armor, the Georgia cyclone was to speak, they went to the old Tabernacle, which I think has the largest seating capacity of any structure in Salem, and it was packed to the door.

Mrs. Armor speaks in Portland the first time, Friday evening at the M. E. church, Third and Taylor streets. Remember the Big Parade in Portland Saturday, Oct. 22, at 2 p. m. Let everybody go and take part. Mrs. Armor will speak at Masonic Temple immediately after the parade.

The St. Johns Union, deeming it a pleasure and duty to show our president, Mrs. J. C. Scott, our gratitude for her efficient and untiring work, decided to make her a life member to the state W. C. T. U. The presentation speech to and honored president, as well as the report from Salem was made by Mrs. Tallman. The delegates from all parts of the state, I am sure returned to their homes with renewed vigor and determined to work harder than ever to make "Oregon Dry in 1910."—Press Cor.

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