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The Annex Meeting

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

Judge Holcomb's Views

Since last week's issue of the Review I have talked to about 100 lation to be entitled to a councilof our residen's, asking them their man. wishes and vi ws on annexation, and I have invariably heard the one query: "What advantages will believe that they would receive advantages, while the many, like myself, cannot see any benefit

By annexation Portland could of course, would have to be paid by taxes on our property, which is an the gas or water companies, and duction, if any given by annexa-tion to purch se the franchise of the local water company? Stop, think and figure. It is true that the consumer in one way pays more for gas in St. Johns than in Portland, but the conditions are differ-But when you take into couent. sideration the facts and expense to the consumer, I believe that our gas and water are furnished as cheaply to the resideuts of St. Johns as in Portland The gas fur-nished by the company in St Johns is superior in quality to that used in Portland, and will go farther and of a fire engine and also install street it is forced by pressure, which We believe the fathers did right strengthens and improves it. The just at this time before the annexaof dividends, still it is a valuable line we might recite a little history: residents are getting gas as cheap Shortly afterward the fire engine as Portland residents.

They are in about the same posi- bina town that do not know where tion. They must lay pipes to any the engine went to, but they do

has been water and gas rates. By annexation to Portland St. Johns residents will have practically no voice in the city affairs until she has a population of 25,000 people, and must grow five times her popu-

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No gas would have been piped to the Peninsula if St. Johns had not we receive by annexation?" A few chise to any one who may apply the power as a city to grant a franfor it. We are a growing, thriving city, new buildings are seen on nearly every street and numerous undoubtedly purchase the St. Johns Water Co.'s franchise, provided they would be willing to sell. That, schools and churches adorn the fair sidewalks have been contracted for. item of great importance that should be considered. How long would it take the difference in re-St Johns (my further than as a resident of

A Bit of History

Councilman Downey is rather 'put out' because the city dads hesitate to contract for the purchase franchise and in time when St. Once upon a time a certain city a total of \$12,151,500, without Mr. must get his clearance papers at Johns grows, as she will, it will pay handsome dividends, and the company will without being asked, evidently, reduce the rates. Tak-ing into consideration the facts as above stated, I believe St. Johns residents are getting gas as cheap mentioned disappeared, and to this

As to the St. Johns Water Co.: day there are many citizens in Al-

Portland's Indebtedness There has been much contention

Respectfully, A. L. Barbur,

Auditor of the City of Portland."



The Portland and St. Johns Anas to Portland's indebtedness, and nexation Club held an open meet- Portland's assistant postmaster, the ing of E. F. Day, Dr. McChesney regular meeting of the city fathers in order to get the facts we applied ing in the city hall Thursday even-to the city treasurer. We append ing of last week. Most of the to do to get free mail delivery are selected by Mayor Hendricks, will in the city in t

the reply received recently: "Replying to your letter ad-dressed to the City Treasurer, I en-speaking was done by "annexers." to show that it is within five miles of Portland's city limits, that it has more than 1500 inhabitants and there was no opportunity given to to show that it is within five miles of Portland's city limits, that it has more than 1500 inhabitants and there was no opportunity given to to show that it is within five miles to show that it is within five miles to show that it is within five miles to and endeavor to get them in-ton and endeavor to get them in-ton and Leonard streets. On motion close you herewith statement show- statements made, the chair ruling that it has the required amount of free ferry boat jointly with St. of Mr. Dobie petition was accepted ing total bonded indebtedness of the debates would not be entertained. improved streets. The first two Johns, the boat to be equipped with and ordered filed. City of Portland up to December thirty-one, 1909. To the total as tabulated it will be necessary to

have lately been sold and \$250,000 St. Johns and Portland and the question of annexation cuts abso- purchase of the boat, or at least read, and also a remonstrance by sidewalks have been contracted for. I am not the attorney for either the gas or water companies, and am not interested in their affairs and or matory Bonds, this will give to st. Johns (my home), and winhing justice to all and special privileges to none. We finist have a free ferry to meet our growing demands, and by having it place the star of hope over the cradle of the poor man's grave. W. W. Holcomb. A Bit of History A Bit of History Broadway Bridge Bonds that have present valuation of the utilities in lutely no figure in the matter and bear the expense of the fire appara- the fire department against said

land. Quite recently the city pa- unimproved condition of the streets. much more quickly than by annexapers of Portland have been con- As many streets have been im- tion, as any one will concede who

gratulating that city upon the fact proved in the past two years and gives the matter any thought. The statement which Mr. Barbur that the Portland harbor extends many more are being improved at enlosed showed the bonded indebt- away down to Ranier. If a boat present, Mr. Williamson said that offset the difference in price. Here lights along the business streets. We believe the fathers did right 500 bonds sold. To this should be point and Portland, it gets credit next April or May asking for free added \$5,225,000 worth of bonds with anchoring in the Portland delivery would be granted and sergas company has not paid one cent of dividends, still it is a valuable line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-harbor, which is controlled by the vice installed soon after June 1. Dire we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history: voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a little history voted June, 1907, of which a por-line we might recite a

is only worth now 'about one-fifth A diversity of opinion exists the Methodist church, corner Hayes of what other blocks are that he among our citizens as to the amount and Leavitt streets. Every mem- York street, Haves to Willis boulecould have gotten for the same of bonds the city requires on street ber should attend and all interested price, and then said that in his improvement from contractors as a in making Oregon dry in 1910 will was adopted on motion of Mr. judgment it would be better to an-nex with Portland at this time. He also stated that in spite of the a few instances obtained from the hereby asked to observe the day grade of the state They are in about the part of a constant op pipes to any one consumer 400 feet away from the nearest main. Portland will not lay any kind of main unless as-sessed to adjoining property. Por-land is not obliged to extend mains sessed to adjoining property. Por-land is not obliged to extend mains mow that one Mr. Bates was paid for fire purposes, as is shown in woodlawn with over 30 miles of has laid two and non-half miles has laid two and mains the past the past sum-bas laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past sum-has laid two and mains the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and mains the past the past sum-has laid two and two past the past sum-has laid two and the past sum-has laid two and the past sum-has laid two and the past sum

portant highways. Especially bad tracted to pay back what we have required, \$10,000. The rule in is the delay on Milwaukie street, borrowed, but if all contracts will Portland is to require bonds to the more Portland contractors come out which is the only direct avenue to become null the bondholders will full amount of the engineer's estiand bid upon our street? Surely St. Johns money is as good as Portbe holding an empty sack. There mate. This should settle any dis-There is little hope that this im- can be no discrimination between pute as to council imposing a burland money. The field is always provement can be completed this any of the city's contracts. All be- den on the Fessenden street imbid upon Fessenden street, and yet provement. it was about \$2300 above the lowest local bidder. The Portland bid on the sidewalk for Jersey street **How About This** sess a chemical engine and our fire the delays on this street. It has ing plants that have located at was nine cents per running foot higher than the local contractor took it for. Do a little thinking A detailed statement issued by for yourself when some one tells As to the street lighting, it cer-It has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why he attractive and a land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why has been the practice of the land. But he failed to explain why he faile rate is now \$1.00 per month, toilet tainly would be attractive and a paving companies to start men on of Portland if Portland controlled of Portland, for the year ending work cheaper than we do in St. soc, bath soc. For the past 20 years the Vancouver water rate has been \$2.50 per month. Wood-mere, which is part of Portland, would be attractive and a street is up after an-mere, which is part of Portland, is part of attractive and a street is up after an-mere is up after after is and one reason for so locating is and one reason for so locating is and up in a vears; \$2,200,000 bonds is an anter of fact is and one reason for so locating is an anter of a due in a vears; \$2,200,000 bonds is a set of the city is a set of the cit mere, which is part of Portland, does not have Bull Run water, no fire protection, and the Woodmere Solution and the Solution and the city has refused to fire protection, and the Woodmere Solution and the protection and the protection and the protection and the solution and the In Portland when one desires to build a house or make additions to fire protection, and the Woodmere Water Co is still supplying water owners are doing so today. Surely a dwelling he must first submit his Portland has one now for protec-tion of its water front, and of sinking fund of only \$228,351.53 fore he can secure a permit. It is course would build another for St. has been provided, practically but Johns' benefit. He believed his one-fifteenth of the entire indebtedprovements. In St. Johns this is property would increase ten per ness. In 23 years less than oneproperty would increase ten per ness. In 23 years less than one-cent by annexation, but the chances third of the amount of the first in time and money to the builder. are he would be the first one to bonds has been raised and nothing Permits also cost more in Portland kick if the assessor viewed it that for the following bonds of over two way and raised his assessment ten millions of dollars. If Portland has than in St. Johns. Moral: Stay provided nothing in the way of a per cent.

Free Mail Delivery For a Free Ferry According to W. E. Williamson, A committee of citizens consist-

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It is believed that the large manu- lowed to practice in the city hall on add \$1,000,000 water bonds which statement of the indebtedness of Mr. Williamson says that the facturing plants will "chip in" for Monday nights as heretofore was give the entire amount of bonds now was because they would not sub-station of the Portland office at a nominal sum. A free ferry feelings between the band boys and that have been voted for. get credit with anchoring in Port- was denied solely because of the can be obtained in this manner fire laddies was amicably adjusted.

Special Meetings

walks and box gutters, 45c, ma-cadam \$2.75 per yard. This bid being below the engineer's estimate, The W. C. T. U. met in extra session at the Methodist church Mr. Cochran was awarded the con-Monday afternoon. tract.

The State W. C. T. U. has set The application of Sherman apart Tuesday, Nov. 1st. as a day of prayer and fasting, and St. Johns cense was recommended by the Union will meet at 1:30 o'clock in license committee.

> A resolution to improve New vard, by cement walk and macadam

Bids for the improvement of Mo-

hawk street, Willamette boulevard

to Ivanhoe street, was next in

order and the bid of Thos. H.

Cochran was found to be the low-

est. His bid read: Cut 38c, fill

toe, walk and curb \$1.02, cross

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Of advertising in THIS Paper case , on'll never regret it. Be-gin ...t once and keep right at it

Council Proceedings

All members were present at the

Bonds Required

to be much bigher. Old Bull Run which any old Albina resident will pipe line, which cost \$3,000,000, attest is true. Therefore, if we and is nearly worn out, has not been paid for. The new Bull Run after annexation disappear and likepipe line meters, land and right of ly be found at University Park, ways are provided out of bond is-sue and tax levied on the city for Bortland does not even possess a chemical the same with interest. Portland water rates when Greene operated that it would not? We already pos-that it would not? We already posto \$2.00 afterward to \$1.50, which fighting apparatus is in firstclass been torn up for eight months and Kenton would have located at St. rate prevailed when the St. Johns Water Company began doing busi-fine thing, if we could keep it. at a \$1.25 per month. The city of owners are doing so today. Surely for on which no work has yet been at a #1.25 per month. The city of a string of unlighted street lamps started. The fills on East Eighth Light a \$1.25 per hold. In the water at Light and the same rates as St. Johns. The pumping plant at Albina has been running night and day at full force during the part summer, so like. wise has the Woodmere plant. time? There has been a water shortage all summer in Sellwood, Woodstock, Mt. Tabor, Woodmere, Sunnyside, Anderson in Dreamland Mt. Scott, Anabel, Irvington, and a good many other localities, and no water can be had for sprinkling in any of these places, nor can suffithere has been no shortage in St. tice, has such rosy views concern- when ye annex to Portland: Johns water. The city of Portland ing St. Johns after annexation that "At the next meeting of the city owns their water works and should he assuredly is living in dreamland council an ordinance is to be con- chairman evidently expected to say furnish water at cost, including these days. In his "pipe dream" sidered for passage providing that something to help their cause, taxes, and interest on bonds to the he has visions which are so bright a fine of not exceeding \$100 may rather dropped a bomb when he extent of about six and one-half and glorious that the millenium be imposed upon any person who stated that he believed we would millions of dollars. The St. Johns would fade in comparison. In his loiters in the streets of Portland so suffer no calamity if we waited Water Co. has never declared a dream he sees free water, free gas, as to obstruct the passage of vehi- awhile before annexing. dividend to this date and has no free ferry in 30 days, taxes cut in cles between the curbs, or who An individual named Fletcher hope of doing it for some time to half, property doubled in value, free shall stand upon the sidewalks, or wound up the affair in condemning come. It has been the direct cause mail delivery three times a day, at street corners and thus interfere our business men to Hades or some free street improvement, lower price with the free use of the walks by other seaport because they were not tending water mains at their own for fuel, industries tumbling over pedestrians. It is believed that specially desirons of free mail deexpense and at a loss to the com- themselves to locate here, wages the ordinance is aimed at street cor- livery at this time. pany, but it gives the city of St. doubled, property turning over ner loafers and public meetings on Johns one-half million dollars ad- every day, sunshine the year around, the streets, where large crowds ditional property to assess, and con- thousands of street lights, all streets sometime congregate. -Tuesday's sequently lower taxes. It has been one of the biggest factors in build-ing up St. Johns. Five-sixths of consumers of St. Johns water pay things that it is impossible to enum-only \$1.00 per month, and less than erate them all. What will the 200 pay for bath and toilet. A awakening mean? Thos. Glover. mathematical calculation will prove

the fact that the St. Johns Water Co. is furnishing water as cheap as the city of Portland, taking into met at the cosy home of Mrs. Clay-and a half in unwinding the red consideration the difference as ton on Willamette boulevard, Port- tape. In St. Johns it costs him above stated. Is there any indi- land. Mrs. Clayton proved herself nothing for permission to move vidual reader of this item, who if an ideal hostess and served delicious buildings or for cutting wires. he was the owner of the water or refreshments. Although I am com- Therefore, you can count Mr. Gee gas companies could afford at this pelled to report that little sewing as being strenuously opposed to andate to reduce the rates? And the was done, they all had a fine time. nexation and making the same any extent because of annexation. In St. Johns to celebrate the first anniversary of the Corp's baby, litgreat howl by the annexationists -Press Cor.

purchase a fire engine, would it not Sellwood.

fail unless there should be two come null and void or none do.

upon these two propositions at this

Yon'll Get it Proper

Ho, ye street corner loafers, store

Contractor N. A. Gee had a taste of Portland conditions again last week when he moved a building in that city. It cost him \$10

conditions here.

A. M. Esson showed the unfair- sinking fund to take care of the ness used by giving the value of \$2,200,000 issue of bonds which

Funny thing: The annexers use for the building and would, perience in departmental work in claim that property value will in- therefore, be open to lease or sale. Washington and knows the ropes crease from 10 per cent up to 50 Mr. Snow was assured that if the thoroughly, and he is not the kind

takes place. Yet these same fellows vately and not by bid, his applica- body's consent to assert the claims have property for sale at the same tion would obtain precedence over of his constituency .- Burns News. price they listed it six months ago. any other. While it is unlikely Why not take it off the market and that the city hall will ever be used get the benefit of that wonderful in-crease themselves? The fact of the matter is that they do not believe ers of the Telegram lately can there will be any appreciable differ- realize this. ence, and why should there be? It

is not recorded that any suburban

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

box warmers and peanut politicians, paring them with Portland's esti- St. Johns be censured for as yet night, Oct. 31st, in G. A. R. hall. One Charles Anderson, a Socialist read what the city council of Port- mated valuation of public utilities. providing no sinking fund for the A fine program has been prepared,

> by the forelock, made formal application Monday before the proper will be charged. authorities in Portland for a long

lease on city hall of St. Johns in A. W. Lafferty, nominated for the event that annexation took place. The purpose for which he Congress in this district, is a comdesired the structure was to install paratively young man, full of a home brewery. He made the brains and energy, and will make plea that after annexation (which a representative that will be heard he hoped would not occur) the city from in Washington to the benefit of Portland would have no further of this district. He has had ex-

per cent as soon as annexation lease of the building was made pri- of a man who will wait for any-

On October the 27th the W. R. proved the loop of the trolley line town that ever annexed to Portland C. met at the home of Mrs. Cheney will be encircled with improved found that property increased to in St. Johns to celebrate the first streets. Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

tle James Cheney.

he had selected E. F. Day, Dr. Joseph McChesney and T. H. Cochran to gather the necessary data and interview the authorities open here. There was a Portland of Linnton with the object of constructing a free ferry jointly.

The light committee was instructed to take up all applications for arc lights now on file, and if it is found after investigation that all are needed, all will be granted.

Boys' Meeting

The Portland Voung Men's Christian Association is planning to hold a series of Sunday afternoon meetings for boys. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for these meetings in several sections of the city, and that later boys from all necessary to have plans for all im- these sections can be gathered in some large church or theatre on the West Side for a mass meeting, at which a prominent man from out of town will speak.

Beginning on next Sunday, October 30, a boys' meeting will be conducted at the St. Johns Metho-

The W. R. C. are going to dist church. It is very desirable our public utilities at cost and com- have now run 17 years, why should have a Hallowe'en frolic Monday that all who are interested in the boy life of the community give this their hearty support. Only boys cient be had for house use. while by profession, but not so by prac- land is considering doing unto ye He believed ours had increased in dock bonds which have been run- consisting of songs, declamations fourteeu years of age and over will value just as rapidly as Portland's. ning we believe less than three and drills. Refreshments of pump- be admitted, but all boys of that C. C. Woodhouse, whom the years? Referred to Mr. Hurlbert. kin pie, fried cakes and coffee will age in St. Johns ought to be there. be served, after which they will in- The Y. M. C. A. asks the cooperastruct the youth in old-time plays. tion of all churches and all fathers B. L. Snow, in order to take time Come out and have the time of and mothers in making the united

your life. A small admittance fee meeting of the series a strong one in point of numbers. An able man, one greatly interested in boys, will be secured to address the meeting. and every boy who attends will en-

Building Permits

joy a treat.

No. 147-To N. A. Gee to underpin building on Burlington street between Ivanhoe and Hayes for Lauthers Mercantile Co.; cost \$50. No. 148-To T. W. Birch to erect dwelling on Willamette boulevard between Ida and Alma streets for J. S. McKinney; cost \$1400.

As an instance showing that poprovement of Dawson street. With tatoes thrive on the peninsula, N. A. Gee left with us Monday the result of one hill of spuds dug from Myer Gatton's farm in the north end. The weight of the Murphys was 10 pounds, 7 ounces, and they

were large and firm.

