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Public sentiment seems to be wondrously wrought up over the impending marriage of old man Astor and a young Force girl. What's the odds so long as both are satisfied? They get what they bargain for, and it is nobody else's business. In these days of loose morals it seems to be quite the thing for men of wealth to discard their wives and marry another. It is just legalized adultery, which is infinitely worse than polygamy. Had the Force girl been wealthy herself no fault would have been found by society or the clergy. It is something that happens every day of the year without comment—the union of old age and youth.

The water company has been severely criticised for charging 10 cents per foot for lowering the water mains and laterals, yet by virtue of an ordinance passed unanimously in November, 1905, and signed by Ex-Mayor Brice, it is empowered to do so. Further than that, by the same ordinance it is permitted to charge the same price on all cross streets and also for the cost of labor and material for disconnecting and connecting the pipes. The only charge the company usually makes is 10c per lineal foot in front of the abutting property, and nothing for cross streets or connecting expenses. The water company could legally exact more than it is doing, yet men will kick.

While an association like the St. Johns Progressive association, which was recently organized, could be of incalculable good to any city, yet it requires very careful handling to prevent matters creeping in that would prove more harmful than otherwise. Some men can see only one side of any question, and can not look at matters other than from their own standpoint. On account of being conceived without due forethought and investigation, drastic steps are sometimes taken on the spur of the moment that are regretted after calmer consideration. Such, we believe, was the case at last week's meeting. Resolutions were adopted that would not have been given to consider them before adoption. Some of them are so drastic and disastrous to the city's reputation, that while we publish them as a matter of news, believe they will augur more ill than good. But when it is realized that they were adopted by not more than 25 of our citizens, their effect will not be as widely effective as if more people favored their adoption here.

Seventh. If the statement has gone abroad (which we do not believe has) that "the city government of St. Johns is rotten to the core," who and what is responsible for its being scattered abroad? Wasn't it the very people who adopted this resolution, which gave a false impression of the conditions in St. Johns? Because precedent had been followed in the matter of issuing warrants and because four councilmen had seen fit to take expert testimony in sewer acceptance as the sole reasons assigned that the officials are rotten to the core. It there are more reasons than these we have failed to learn them.

We believe the St. Johns Progressive association means well, at least the majority of the members do, but they acted rashly in passing this set of resolutions. It smacks more of retrogression than progression. Knocking doesn't help a city, neither does making mountains out of mole hills. If evils exist, knocking and kicking will not effect a cure. It has ever been the policy of this paper to uphold the good name of the city, advance its interests and promote its welfare as much as possible. Therefore, in pursuance of that policy, it could not publish the resolutions adopted by the St. Johns Progressive association without showing at least that there were two sides to the propositions advanced.

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—one that could do more harm to the city than anything that could be uttered. No one wants to come to a city where the water supply is in such a condition as intimated in this resolution. Isn't it a burlesque on the title given the association? Its justness might be determined when it is known that the capacity of Portland's water system with about 250,000 population is 25,000,000 of gallons per day according to the water engineer's statement over the phone yesterday. Mr. Edlefsen informs us that the present capacity of his water plant is 4,300,000 gallons daily for our 6000 population. This gives 100 gallons to the individual through the superb water supply of Portland as against a little over 715 gallons per individual per day through the "inadequate, worthless" equipment in St. Johns. Very little is "nearly worthless" in the way of equipment. A new pump of 90,000 gallons hourly capacity was installed last month, which makes two of the same capacity at the well, and the greater portion of wooden pipe has been replaced with cast iron. It is true that in a few instances the pipes are becoming inadequate, but these are being enlarged right along. The fact of the matter is that St. Johns has one of the best water systems in the West, furnishing the best and purest of water, a much better system than a suburb of Portland has or ever has had. Little judgment was certainly used in drafting this resolution.

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NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that appointment of the cost of improving Fessenden street from Portland boulevard to the center of St. Johns, total cost of \$10,062.23 has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to examination.

Fourth. "We demand that the mayor and recorder immediately recall said illegal and worthless warrants and destroy them." It seems to us that if we held any of the so-called worthless warrants we would hang on to them until better ones were supplied. As it is impossible to supply genuine warrants until the assessment ordinance is passed, it is apparent that this demand is most unreasonable.

Sixth. That the water works "are deemed wholly inadequate to supply a sufficient amount of water for domestic use and fire protection; that much of the equipment is worthless and would have to be replaced almost at once." A more unjust statement could not be made.



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ORDINANCE NO. 412

An Ordinance Adopting and Prescribing the Form in Which Improvement Bonds of the City of St. Johns Shall be Executed.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows: Section 1. That the improvement bonds of the city of St. Johns, authorized by ordinance No. 384, passed May 23, 1911, in the amount of \$20,000, number of consecutively from No. 151 to No. 190 inclusive, and all other improvement bonds to be hereafter issued by the city of St. Johns shall be in the form and shall contain recitals substantially as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA State of Oregon County of Multnomah

CITY OF ST. JOHNS Improvement Bond

Know all men by these presents, That the city of St. Johns, in the county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, for value received, hereby acknowledges itself indebted to and promises to pay the bearer the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in gold coin of the United States of America on the day of _____, 1911, without grace, with interest thereon from the date hereof until the principal sum shall be redeemed at the rate of Six Per Cent per annum, payable semi-annually in like gold coin on the _____ day of _____ of each year, as evidenced by and upon the surrender of the annexed coupons, as they severally become due, provided that this bond and others of the same series are redeemable, in the law and ordinance, commencing with No. 1, at the option of the city of St. Johns, at any interest paying period at or after one year from the date hereof, by publishing notice of redemption in a newspaper published and of general circulation in Multnomah county, Oregon, for at least sixty days prior thereto, and by mailing copy of such notice to the banking house of Spitzer, Borick & Co., Inc., of Ohio, both principal and interest payable at the office of the treasurer of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, or at the Fiscal Agency of the state of Oregon in the city and state of New York, at the option of the holder hereof.

This bond is one of a series of bonds of like date and tenor issued by the city of St. Johns under authority of and in full compliance with the charter of the city of St. Johns, and that the recitals, in the law and ordinance, of the state of Oregon, and in pursuance of resolutions and ordinances of said city duly passed, approved, recorded, authenticated and published as required by law, for the purpose of securing the necessary means to pay the cost and expense of improving streets and laying of sewers and is an obligation of the city of St. Johns aforesaid, and the faith and credit of said city and all the real and personal property therein are hereby pledged for the prompt payment of this bond and interest at maturity.

And it is hereby declared and certified that all acts, conditions and things to be done and to exist precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have been done, happened and performed and do exist in regular and due time and form as required by the laws and the constitution of the state of Oregon, and that this bond does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

In witness whereof, the city of St. Johns, by its council, has caused this bond to be signed by its mayor and councilmen, by its recorder, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and the interest coupons hereto attached to be signed by its mayor and recorder, and this bond be dated the _____ day of _____, A. D. 1911.

Countersigned: _____ Mayor, _____ City Recorder.

Section 2. That interest coupons shall be attached to said bonds, executed by the fac-simile signatures of the mayor and recorder, which shall be in substantially the following form: No. _____ \$15.00. On the _____ day of _____, 1911, the city of St. Johns, state of Oregon, will pay the bearer Fifteen Dollars at the office of the city treasurer of St. Johns, Oregon, or at the Fiscal Agency of the state of Oregon in the city and state of New York, at the option of the holder, being six months interest, then due on its Improvement Bond dated _____, 1911. No. _____ Mayor.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in so far as any such conflict exists, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed by the council August 15, 1911. Approved by the mayor August 15, 1911. K. C. COUCH, Mayor. F. A. RICE, Recorder. Published by the St. Johns Review August 18, 1911.

City Recorder's Report of Finances

For the Ending June 30, 1911

Table with Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts: Balance cash on hand \$3,010.09, Taxes 11,309.07, License 910.36, Fines 128.50, General 238.26, Street 5 per cent 269.59, Interest Street Fund .61. Total \$15,865.58. Disbursements: General \$3,533.95, Janitor 142.50, Salaries 1,664.82, Engineers 476.89, Street repair 777.67, Recorder's assistant 120.00, City clock 30.00, Road roller 233.42, Fire fund 100.00, Water 818.04, Office supplies 32.79, Printing 423.93, Bell tower 276.96, Light 8.03, Charity 13.30. Total \$9,074.01.

Table with Cash balance June 30, 1911 \$6,782.57. City Property and Indebtedness: City property (inventory) \$126,627.31, Bonded indebtedness—city clock and city hall 70,000.00, Improvement bonds 69,000.00. Franchises Now in Effect: Pacific States Telephone Co.—To operate telephone and telegraph system. Home Telephone Co.—To operate telephone and telegraph system. Portland Ry. Light & Power Co.—To operate and use railway and street railway. O. W. R. & N. Co.—To lay and maintain a sidetrack on Bradford street. Mt. Hood Railway, Light & Power Co.—To construct, maintain and operate an electric light, heat and power plant. St. Johns Transportation Co.—To operate ferry. St. Johns Water Works & Lighting Co.—To maintain water system. F. A. RICE, Recorder.

Proposals for Street Work. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until Sept. 31st, 1911, at 5 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Columbia boulevard from the westerly line of Richmond street to westerly line of Mohawk street, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 411, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the estimate of the City Engineer, on file. The engineer's estimate of the probable total cost is \$5,939.85. Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks, which will be furnished on application at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from date of the last publication of notice of proposals of said work.

No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposal, and bonds to the amount of the contract price will be required.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. By order of the City Council. F. A. RICE, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review on August 18 and 25, and Sept. 1, 1911.

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ORDINANCE NO. 411

An Ordinance Providing the Time and Manner of Improving Columbia Boulevard from the Westerly Line of Richmond Street to the Westerly Line of Mohawk Street in the City of St. Johns, Oregon.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows: The council of the city of St. Johns, having ascertained the cost of improving Columbia boulevard from the westerly line of Richmond street to the westerly line of Mohawk street in the city of St. Johns, as shown by the resolution of the council of said city dated on the 23rd day of July, 1911, and recorded in the office of the recorder of said city, and notice thereof having been published in the St. Johns Review, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, on the 28th day of July and August 4th, 1911, as shown by the affidavit of the foreman of said paper, which said affidavit is on file in the office of the city recorder, and legal posting of notices of such improvement, as shown by the affidavit of the city engineer, on file in the office of the city recorder, and no remonstrances having been filed, and, as provided by said resolution, the engineer's preliminary estimate of the cost of said improvement is \$5,939.85, but shall be more accurately determined by said engineer.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that said street be improved and the time for the completion of said improvement is hereby fixed at sixty days from the last publication of notice of proposals of said work, which said proposals must be filed with the recorder of said city on or before the 5th day of September, 1911, at eight o'clock p. m. of said day. That said street shall be improved as follows: By grading same to the established grade by cut and fill and by sidewalk same on either side with 6 foot cement sidewalks, 12 foot curbs, together with all necessary cement crosswalks and corrugated iron gutters, and by placing a strip of macadam 16 feet wide in the center of said street, the full length of the improvement, said macadam to be 8 inches deep in the center and 6 inches deep on either side, except where railway track is laid in the street, there to be 10 feet wide on each side of track and 8 in. deep throughout; said walk and curb to have expansion joints as directed by the city engineer; curb to have 4-in. drain tiles every 30 ft; hitch rings to be placed in curb as directed by the city engineer.

The city recorder shall give notice by publication for not less than three insertions in the St. Johns Review, the official newspaper, inviting proposals for making said improvement. Said improvement shall in all respects be done and completed in conformity with the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 192 and 409 except as otherwise provided in this ordinance; all work to be done under the direction and supervision of the city engineer. That the cost of said improvement shall be assessed against the property in the local improvement district as described in said resolution and designated as and declared to be Local Improvement District No. 67.

Passed by the council August 15th, 1911. Approved by the mayor August 15th, 1911. K. C. COUCH, Mayor. F. A. RICE, City Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review on August 18, 1911.

REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS

The following list of legal blanks are kept for sale at this office and others will be added as the demand arises: Warranty deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Realty and Chattel Mortgages, Satisfaction of Mortgages, Contracts for Sale of Realty, Bills of Sale, Leases. All these blanks at the uniform price of 30c per dozen. You get full weight and first quality at the Central market. Just try awhile.

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RESOLUTION It is resolved by the city of St. Johns, Oregon: That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Crawford street from the easterly line of Salem street, to the westerly line of Richmond street in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit: By grading said portion of street to grade as shown on plan and profile thereof, which plan and profile has been filed in the office of the city recorder August 8th, 1911, and by laying 6 foot cement sidewalks with 12 foot curbs on each side of said improvement as shown on said profile, and by placing a strip of macadam 16 feet wide in the center of said street, the same to be extended to connect with macadam opposite the westerly line of Mohawk street, same to be 8 inches deep in center and 6 inches at each edge, all cross walks to be of cement, all gutters to be of corrugated iron. Work to be done according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder relative thereto, which said plans and specifications and estimates are satisfactory and are hereby approved. Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and under the supervision and direction of the city engineer. That the cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property especially and particularly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all of lots, parts of lots, blocks and parcels of land between the termini of such improvements abutting upon, adjacent or proximate to said Crawford street, from the marginal lines of said street back to the center of the block or blocks or tracts of land abutting thereon or proximate thereto. That all the property included in said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be Local Improvement District No. 68. That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$10,627.20. That the cost of said street improvement is to be assessed against the property in said local improvement district as provided by the city charter of the city of St. Johns. Adopted the 8th day of August, 1911. F. A. RICE, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review on August 11 and 18, 1911.

RESOLUTION It is resolved by the City of St. Johns: That it deems it necessary and expedient to improve South Jersey street from the northerly line of Mohawk street to the easterly line of Idia street, in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit: By grading said portion of street to grade as shown on plan and profile thereof, which plan and profile has been filed in the office of the city recorder August 8th, 1911, and by laying 6 foot cement sidewalks with 12 foot curbs on each side of said improvement as shown on said profile, and by placing a strip of macadam 16 feet wide in the center of said street, the same to be extended to connect with macadam opposite the westerly line of Mohawk street, same to be 8 inches deep in center and 6 inches at each edge, all cross walks to be of cement, all gutters to be of corrugated iron. Work to be done according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder relative thereto, which said plans and specifications and estimates are satisfactory and are hereby approved. Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and under the supervision and direction of the city engineer. That the cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property especially and particularly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all of lots, parts of lots, blocks and parcels of land between the termini of such improvements abutting upon, adjacent or proximate to said S. Jersey street from the marginal lines of said street back to the center of the block or blocks or tracts of land abutting thereon or proximate thereto. That all the property included in said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be Local Improvement District No. 69. That the city engineer's assessment of the probable cost of said improvement of said street is \$6,733.88. That the cost of said S. Jersey Street improvement is to be assessed against the property in said local assessment district as provided by the city charter of the city of St. Johns. Adopted the 8th day of August, 1911. FRANK A. RICE, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review August 11 and 18, 1911.

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