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Boost for St. Johns

The sewer question has been settled for the present at least, however unsatisfactory the settlement may be to some. The paving question has been adjusted, Westrumite being laid on Jersey street and Bitulithic arranged for on Philadelphia street. The water company has agreed to supply all with an abundance of water as soon as it can possibly get to it, and has even intimated that the price of the water will be reduced in the near future. Therefore, all the questions that have been agitating the public the past few months have been dissipated, and it is hoped that no lasting bitterness has been engendered. "It is human to err and divine to forgive." Let us, then, forget and forgive all differences that have arisen in the past and make an earnest endeavor to get together and work for a better and more glorious St. Johns. There is so much to do and so few to do it unless all bear a hand. The necessity of a good Push Club is most apparent. But it must be founded upon broad lines—a platform upon which all can stand and work together for the common good. The St. Johns Progressive Association is an excellent title for such an organization, but it must be conducted on somewhat different lines than the present organization. Personal grievances, condemnation of officials and local institutions and personal spite must have no part in it. There are other and more proper ways of dealing with such matters. Advancement of the city's welfare should be the only point aimed at—to work in conjunction or sympathy with the city council rather than at loggerheads with it. Many other cities that could be mentioned have found push clubs of incalculable benefit to their advancement. The same could be true of St. Johns. With natural advantages and facilities that no other city in the Northwest can boast of, St. Johns is peculiarly favored. If all the knocking could be transformed into boosting, what an ideal city this would become. And why couldn't this happen? Many things are yet needed here that we believe could be acquired with a little boosting. The greatest thing of importance is a roadway and trolley line to the Swift territory. A good, strong local organization could take this matter up, learn the necessary steps for its acquirement, and proceed to obtain it. It would mean that the many workmen of that district and the larger district adjoining soon to be opened up would build homes and do their trading in St. Johns. A sidetrack to the new city dock is second in importance. This could be secured with but little effort, and we believe a lease could be secured for its occupancy before any expense is incurred in erecting the sidetrack. A new industry, a public park, a cemetery, a heating plant and other institutions are badly needed. Why not organize and take vigorous steps to obtain them? By reason of the immense amount of street improvement now going on, the city is more attractive than it has ever been. A little push, a little energy rightly directed will do wonders. It has been a difficult matter in the past to get the people of St. Johns together on any one proposition, but since the atmosphere has been cleared of all disturbing questions upon which public sentiment has been divided, it now should be an easy matter to forget past differences and work together for the common weal. Let us try.

Bigger prices and better exhibits than ever before are expected to bring crowds to the annual apple show to be held in Portland Nov. 15-17. The apple crop of the state is excellent, and it is thought the various fruit districts will make a splendid showing. Big prizes will be offered by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads for the best district displays, a purse of \$250 being hung up by each line. This will be open to competition by any fruit district of the Pacific Northwest. Oregon communities will get in line and make fine displays of the fruit that is making the state famous and a treat is in store for those who like to see artistic displays of beautiful apples.

Mesdames Hendricks, Valentine, McKinney and Rice are spending a few days at the joyful hop yards near Independence, with Mrs. McKinney's mother as chief chaperon. In the meantime the sale of paste-board plates have taken a boom at the local stores, the four lone hope-tic "widders" deeming it more satisfactory to secure dishes that will burn than to wash those that will not.

Citizen Again Criticises

Editor Review: (1) As briefly as possible I will endeavor to answer the review you make to my last letter. You seem to have lost sight of the fact that tax payers of sewer district No. 2 are the parties upon whom you should bestow your milk of human kindness and flowers; not upon the parties who have heaped the burden of tax upon them. I think your milk of human kindness has soured and your flowers have faded.

(2) Your quotation of Benjamin Franklin does not apply in the case at all. There are cases on record where a theft has been committed and the party most industrious to hunt down the thief has proved to be one of the gang that committed the theft and the effort put forth was only to mislead the officers and cover up if possible any clue to the recovery of the stolen goods.

(3) My statement as to the engineer stands unanswered. I suppose the practical sewer man you refer to was Mr. Siebold, I don't know of any other man that would make such a statement or do such a job, and if the Maple street sewer proves a success I will conclude he is about right. You say you have all along contended that the sewer was not up to specifications, in that admission you virtually admit that the council perpetrated a fraud on the property owners of sewer district No. 2. Then where do you stand in your defense for them? Are you on the right or wrong side? What more proof do you ask than you have admitted?

(4) You say the city charter does not prohibit issuing warrants, etc. There are many other things not prohibited. The council might issue a warrant payable to yourself for your effort to screen them in their acceptance of the Maple street sewer, that would be just as lawful and I guess with your help they might make it stick.

(5) Now, Mr. Editor, as you admit most all I set up I think it useless to say more, the proof is apparent. If you should say "the city government of Hood River was rotten to the core" and know as you have admitted that they have built a sewer that was not up to the specifications as our council has done, would that be proof or not? Would you accept your own evidence? As to meeting the Hood River man: it is not fighting men that St. Johns needs, it is men who will think, men that can reason, that when they know they are wrong will get right. Smart men change their minds when they find themselves in error, dummys go right on and never change their minds.

(6) You think I had better lay down the hammer, etc. Can a carpenter work without a hammer? (7) Don't you think it would have been far better to have been certain of a sidetrack to the dock before taxing the people to build one? We certainly do need a sidetrack to that dock and for every day's work the editor of the Review will give I will give two toward building such a sidetrack. We should be getting something out of it. As I understand the dock is costing the city about \$12 per day beside wear and decay.

(8) In conclusion I have to say that were I a member of the Progressive association and quietly sat in its assembly and heard the resolutions and matters discussed, and had not raised my voice in condemning and heroically criticise as being calumny, villiany, etc., I believe I would forever hold my peace. You say it is not your intention to condone crime or defend iniquity, your admission as to the sewer proves that you do both. I most heartily commend the city council for the good work being done on our streets, and if my support is worth anything to them they shall have it in every good work they are doing or may hereafter do; but if it were not too late, I certainly would protest against the work now going forward on Edison street. That street could have been made on an even grade like Hayes and Ivanhoe streets. The gulch at New York street could have been bridged without breaking the grade and left room for the traffic to pass under in New York street. I believe if I had it in hand I would stop the work and do it that way yet. I suppose you will ridicule this advance idea, so will say no more. Citizen.

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And We Reply

1. Judging from this paragraph Mr. Citizen is one of those very few in the sewer district who wants to get out of paying for the sewer, whether it is good or bad, and is "sore" because council heaped this "burden of tax" upon them. Such men are enough to turn honey sour.

2. Yes, and there are many cases where a man cries "graft, graft," when he imagines other parties are getting graft and he is not in the deal, like the little pig in the corner that does all the squealing because he is crowded out of the trough. Perhaps this DOES apply. Or does he want us to believe that he is being paid for raising the hue and cry of graft?

3. We certainly do not admit, virtually or otherwise, that council perpetrated a fraud in this instance. To get right down to the real facts of the sewer question, what have the property owners to do with the specifications, anyhow? The engineer was directed to prepare them and the wishes of the property owners were never consulted in drafting them. Indeed, it is extremely doubtful if even one of them at the time the contract was awarded knew the exact wording of the specifications. Since it was entirely within the power of the engineer to prepare the specifications, and in these specifications he had reserved the power to modify them, why should he be censured for modifying them if he believed the exigencies of the case made it expedient to do so? Why was he given this power if he was to be censured for using it? Time and again prominent property owners have reiterated that the only thing they wanted was "a good sewer." Therefore, why harp about changeable specifications, since all the sewer experts have declared they have a good sewer? Can Mr. Citizen, whom we believe knows no more about a sewer than we do, or any other man, prove that it is not a good sewer until it has been in use as a sewer? We have as much sympathy for the property owners as any one else, if they have not gotten a good sewer, but they themselves do not know that they have not. If they can credit expert testimony, they have. No, we never consulted Mr. Siebold about the sewer; scarcely know the man; haven't had any communication whatever with him since he came into this office over a year ago quite indignant because we favored giving cement sewer pipe a chance on the Philadelphia street sewer; do not know if he is a sewer expert or not, or whether he ever tried to lay a sewer before he came to St. Johns. Strange as it may sound, there is not enough money in the whole sewer contract to buy us—not until the poor horse looms a whole lot closer than it does just now. Why not raise a howl, while Mr. Citizen is in howling business, about the Burlington and Philadelphia street sewers? They were laid by the same contractor and we understand in the same manner as Maple street. Mr. Citizen and his Progressive resolutions were strangely silent about them. And it is also strange that after about a year's usage no complaint has been made that they are not performing their functions. Yet there are many who will declare that they are laid in a worse manner than Maple street, where inspection was in vogue.

4. Baby twaddle—or vaporing of a disgruntled or diseased mind.

5. Funny that Hood River man knew all about the "rotten" condition of the sewer last spring and that the council and engineer would accept it. Citizen here argues that he is a dummy, and not the kind of a man that St. Johns needs, and we are quite willing to take his word for it.

6. It is all right for a carpenter to have a hammer, but it isn't the proper thing for him to knock the men at work instead of driving nails into the building—he does more harm than good with it.

(7) In regard to the dock, we might cite the facts in the case, for the benefit of newcomers. First a petition numerously signed was presented to council asking it to call a special election to vote bonds for a city dock. This was done and a verbal promise from the O. R. & N. Co. secured to lay sidetrack to connect therewith after the dock was completed. The matter came up for vote and an ample majority of the citizens voted to build the dock. They knew that no written promise of a sidetrack had been secured, and also knew they could vote more bonds for sidetrack if the company failed to do so. Who is at fault here—the council that acceded to the request of the petitioners, or the large majority of the property owners who voted the bonds?

(8) We held our peace at the

Breed Fine Horses

Steps have been taken by Central Oregon people to exploit one of the greatest resources of that region that has heretofore been neglected. This is the useful horse. To stimulate the breeding of fine animals, the Central Oregon Livestock Sales Association has been formed, with headquarters at Redmond, and hereafter sales of horses will be held on the third Monday of each month at that point. The object is to establish a big horse market, where breeders will come in touch with buyers and find fair prices for their stock. The organization is not for the benefit of Redmond alone, nor is it intended for the profit of association members, but it will help every section and community of Central Oregon, even to the rancher in the foothills. The outside buyer, it is believed, will come to a sale where he can pick up a bunch of 400 or 500 head, when if he has to travel from ranch to ranch, he is not attracted. All classes of horses from bronchos to the finest of riding and draft horses, will be offered for sale. Central Oregon has exploited its alfalfa, sheep, wool and cattle, but little has been said about its horses. Yet it produces thousands of fine animals, climate and all conditions being favorable to the best development of the horse, and the new plan will probably add to the importance of the industry.

How to Avoid Divorce

My advice to wives who wish to avoid divorce is: Don't quote father. Pet your husband; he is nothing but a big kid. Meet him at the door with a smile. Dress as you did when he came courting. Don't monopolize all his spare time; give him a chance to mingle with his male associates occasionally. Wear the color he likes you in and the style of gown. Have something in the way of a surprise dish for dinner. Read the papers and magazines and be your husband's intellectual equal. Keep up with him in every special line of work. Encourage his hobby. Be sympathetic and do not tell him all the troubles of the day; he has had his own, more significant and important individually than all yours put together. Keep his clothes in order, a clean house and good food. Your husband is yours forever and ever. No chorus girl or pretty stenographer can take him away from you. But keep him or somebody else will snap him up and make him think she and she alone ever did or will understand him.—Judge Pettit of Chicago.

True for you, Judge, but when a girl has been bamboozled into marrying a lazy skunk, who spends more time sucking a stinking old pipe around the cigar dives and pool halls than he does at honest labor, how will she be able to follow your recipe after she has had her eyes opened?

meeting because we realized it would have been like waving a red rag in front of a mad bull to attempt to remonstrate, as we were overwhelmingly in the minority. (Mr. Citizen's persistence in spite of the criticism later has fully proven this.) No criticism would have been made by the editor had not the resolutions been published at the request of prominent members of the organization. Then we could not let them go to nearly every street in the Union, which the Review reaches, unchallenged. We have no apology to offer. Since the district attorney could find no evidence of crime in the sewer proposition, when it was brought before him, how could we do it? If crime has been committed, as Citizen alleges, it is his duty as a citizen and aggrieved party to prosecute. Why doesn't he do so and quit his belly-aching?

Council might well be glad to have such an "advanced" adviser—always provided that his wisdom is on a par with his splendid egotism. His idea might well be termed "advanced" were it not for the fact that it has been in vogue for over half a century, and that the city council considered the same proposition several weeks ago—and rejected it. No, we have no ridicule to offer in the face of such a brilliant burst of second-handed wisdom.

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Council Proceedings

Tuesday night's session of the city council was the shortest in many weeks. Everything passed off in the smoothest manner possible, without a hitch or disturbing element of any nature. All the vexing problems that have been absorbing a considerable portion of the solons' time during the past couple of months have been adjusted, and serenity reigned supreme. Only five of the seven aldermen reported for duty, Aldermen Perrine and Muck being absent.

After the minutes had been satisfactorily disposed of, the first matter taken up was a petition for an extension of 30 days' time on the improvement of Edison street on the part of C. E. Wheelock & Co. As it was expedient to get the consent of the bondsmen to the extension, matter was laid over one week.

A petition signed by W. S. Lauthers and Star Brewing company asking permission to hard surface Burlington street in front of their place with Bitulithic was granted on motion of Alderman Hill; all yes. Alderman Valentine thought if the hard surface was to go that far that it should be carried to Hayes street, and volunteered to endeavor to get the property owners' consent to this extension of the street improvement. Mayor Council stated that the object in getting the above named to sign the request was to do away with the flatiron-shaped strip at the intersection of Philadelphia street and afford a crossing in front of Lauthers. He was more than satisfied to have the improvement carried to Hayes, as were all the councilmen.

A petition for a fire hydrant at the corner of Newton and Mears street was referred to the water and light committee by the mayor. J. H. Knowles remonstrated against the assessment of Fessenden street, deeming it excessive and unjust; A. E. Simmons, S. C. Cook and C. L. Holmes objected to cost of cement crosswalks. All referred to street committee and engineer for report by the mayor.

D. J. Horsman asked for a refund on his sewer assessment, stating that he was assessed in two districts. Referred to city attorney and engineer.

On motion of Mr. Hill the recorder was directed to notify the Portland Railway, Light and Power company to remove the excess dirt on Fessenden street and provide the necessary box gutters.

The chief of police reported a number of arc lights out of commission at different times during the past two months. It was decided to deduct same from the company's light bill.

Alderman Horsman reported a pool of stagnant water at Newton and Olympia streets; C. L. Johnson reported a like pool on Pittsburg between Albany and Crawford, and C. E. Wheelock reported same condition on Lively and St. Johns avenue. The mayor agreed to call the attention of the health committee to the same and have them abated.

Barney Noonan of the fire department asked for arc lights at fire stations and that a hose cart was needed at Oak Park.

The improvement of Portland boulevard from Thompson to Bruce streets was accepted by the council on motion of Mr. Hill; all yes.

A resolution directing the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of Burlington street with Bitulithic from the intersection of Philadelphia street to the Owl saloon on Burlington street was adopted on motion of Mr. Hill.

A resolution directing the engineer to survey a roadway to the dry dock and Western Co. Co.'s tract was adopted on motion of Mr. Valentine; all yes.

An ordinance providing for the sale of delinquent assessments was passed on motion of Mr. Hill.

An ordinance declaring the cost of improving Buchanan street from St. Johns Heights addition to Fessenden street was passed on motion of Mr. Horsman; all yes.

Now at Washington

Editor Review: I remember I promised to write something for the Review, but I scarcely know how to get at it unless I begin at the beginning.

We left St. Johns August 4, at 8 a. m. and arrived at Seattle at 4 p. m., where we spent two days with Dr. W. B. Scott and family. Leaving Monday morning on the steamer Princess Charlotte for Vancouver, B. C., arriving there at seven o'clock after a beautiful day on the Sound. I am sure I have never before seen such beautiful, bright, blue sky bordered with such white billowy clouds.

Leaving Vancouver at nine o'clock Tuesday morning over the Canadian Pacific, we saw nothing of special interest all that day, and as we wanted to rise early the next morning, we retired at 9:30. At four o'clock Wednesday morning we were in the observation car viewing the grandeur of the Rocky mountains, and almost immediately we came in full view of the great glacier. Oh! but it was grand, and then in a few moments we were at the summit of the Selkirk, and then we came dashing down through the tunnels, passes and gorges, in and out among the showy peaks.

At three in the afternoon we had our last glimpse of the Rockies. After such an exciting day we were ready to retire at 9:30. Thursday there was not so much of interest until we arrived at Winnipeg at 6 p. m. Our train stopped here three hours and we went hastily over the city. There were some very nice buildings and a fine depot.

Friday morning at 10:20 we arrived at Fort Williams, Ont., where we took passage on the large new steamship Keewatin, which was out home until 8 o'clock Sunday morning, when we arrived at Owen Sound. A few hours' ride by train brought us there and we had several hours there and enjoyed the beautiful city very much. Leaving Toronto at 5 o'clock we arrived in Buffalo at 8:30 p. m. After a restful night at the new Statler hotel we felt rested and refreshed and saw Buffalo from a touring car. Some of the places of interest: the spot where McKinley was shot at the Pan-American exposition, the house in which he died, the house in which Ex-President Roosevelt took the oath of office after the death of McKinley and the beautiful McKinley monument erected in loving memory by the state of New York.

At noon Monday we took the trolley car for Niagara falls, where we witnessed one of the greatest natural beauties of the world, taking a car ride over the gorge and enjoyed every moment of it. One of the most thrilling experiences was when we went down behind the falls and watched the great cataract rolling over us, while we were over 100 feet under ground or rather, under rocks and water.

Tuesday morning after a walk around Goat island we returned to Buffalo and at 1 o'clock took the train for Ashtand, Ohio, where we arrived at 10:15. And now for the real object of this trip: the Stoner family reunion.

Stoner was my mother's maiden name and Ashtand the home of the Stoner family for many years. It was just three months and six days before the declaration of independence, while our forefathers were fighting the battles and enduring the labor that gave birth to our republic, our grandfather, Jacob Stoner was born, and now we were gathered on the farm of the old Stoner homestead in a reunion. There were 65 present, but only 13 full cousins, ages ranging from 78 years of age down to 52. Our only living uncle of West Grove, Ia., was also with us, the others present were children, and grand children of the cousins. A long table was spread and 60 of us were seated around it while five of the young ladies served us with all the good things that could be supplied by both farm and city. A little way from where our dinner was spread stood the same large farm house built by my grandfather and where my mother was married 60 years ago. The next morning eight of us drove over to the old country church yard and read the inscription on the monument above the graves of our grand parents; he died in 1856, the year I was born, she two years before.

After visiting a few days we boarded the train for Washington, D. C., but took a stopover for Berlin, Pa. There I had the privilege of rambling all over another large farm house where my mother was believed the ferry proposition would be adjusted and the bonds disposed of. On motion of Mr. Valentine, adjournment took place to Thursday night.

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born in 1821. This house was built by our great grandfather over 100 years ago. From here we drove out to another old churchyard and read the inscription on his tombstone: "Christian Stoner—1750-1823." That night we slept in a house that was built in 1770. These houses are in good repair and look as though they might stand another hundred years. We are now in Washington, D. C., and enjoying every moment of the days. Will be here two weeks. Mrs. J. C. Scott.

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