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We feel like apologizing to our readers this week for using so much space in discussing the various phases of the annexation question. But while it has gotten to be a rather tiresome topic with many, it is something that should be given the most serious consideration. Not that the ultimate outcome of the case pending before the supreme court can be changed, but the new conditions arising from annexation, should it take place, must be faced. At best it would be a jump in the dark. But it is not a time of repining. The die is cast, and it is now up to us to consider how it would affect the city at large. Hence the questions, answers and comments that should prove food for thought. We do not harbor the slightest ill toward any who differ from us on this proposition. If they are honest in their views, we admire them for it. We well remember back in Pennsylvania, in Clearfield, where we spent 25 years of our life. There were two incorporated towns, one large and the other small, with only a river dividing the two. The annexation question arose, and practically the same arguments were used then in favor of annexation as have been advanced in St. Johns. We would have the prestige of the name of a better known town, lower taxes, more industries, better streets and better conditions all around. We lived in the smaller place, and with our father were ardent annexationists. We couldn't see it any other light, despite any argument to the contrary. That was more than 15 years ago. The smaller place was a thriving place, free from debt and could get anything needed. Annexation took place, taxes rose to almost double, population lagged, no industries came, the mounted men took good care that anything good was located in the territory of what was the larger town, only one or streets were improved, which were paid out of the general fund, as is the rule back there, property depreciated in value and not a thing we hoped for did we get. True the smaller town was made into a ward with two councilmen, but they were ever up against a "stone wall" with seven councilmen always against them; the two could get nothing. The tail simply could not wag the dog. One experience, therefore, of this kind is plenty for us. Capitalists and influential men ever control the situation and the remote districts of any city get just what these men find it to their personal advantage to permit them to have. Portland needs us, but we don't need Portland. Anything it has we can use now, even to its name. There is some complaint that St. Johns does not get its proportion of industries and new residences, yet it must be remembered that Portland is about 50 times as large as this city according to population, and that every time St. Johns gets a new industry or residence Portland must secure fifty to grow proportionately. In the past six years Portland has fallen far behind in the race. This is a fact that cannot be disputed, and what more could be expected from annexation?

Stories of Success

PETER WHITE



Pioneering is always attended with hardships, but the early life of Peter White was one of strenuous struggle in a conflict with nature in wrestling from a bleak and barren country its vast mineral wealth and laying in the midst the foundation of a beautiful city. It was he who founded and to a great extent built the city of Marquette, Mich., and earned thereby the title of "The Grand Old Man of the Copper Country." His career was full of seeming impossibilities. He was a pioneer in every undertaking which made for the development of this wonderfully rich country and the beautiful Peter White public library stands as a feeble expression of his generosity and public services. When such men build the foundation it is easy to raise the superstructure, and the trail blazed by Peter White is blessed by acts of public charity and by deeds of public devotion that will serve as a guide to those who choose to follow in the footsteps of a truly great and above all, a good man. The struggles of the pioneer have passed, but our modern civilization presents its problems. Provision for the future is one of these. As the best possible solution to a question of this kind, we direct you to the savings department of this bank.

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Methodist Church Notes

The year opens with one of the brightest prospects in the history of the local church. Even the silver thaw of the first Sunday of 1912 did not very materially lessen the attendance upon the regular services. The pastor's sermon at 11 a. m. from the scene of the Children of Israel crossing the Jordan was greatly appreciated. The fact that the almost incredible difficulties which confronted the Israelites served as an opportunity for the speaker to illustrate that difficult problems have ever been the means of developing the world's most able men. This is found to be true in every phase of life, in every vocation of the human race. No people long continue to be honorably conspicuous unless there are grave problems to solve. Under the providence of God the human intellect struggled to be free from the narrow sphere of the traditional "scribe." Guttenberg opened the way for this divine privilege. The commercial world found its interests retarded. The rapid increase of immigration and building up of inland cities challenged the genius of men, but a Fulton revealed in the face of tremendous odds that invention would again keep pace with the desires of progress. This all prevailing fact of difficulties being the secret of developing the better qualities of men has recently been seen in wireless telegraphy. A vessel disabled but a few leagues from shore formerly jeopardizing its crew may now in a very few minutes, as a result of the discovery of God's laws in the etherial region, obtain the attention of mariners from all points of the compass.

High School Notes

Opie Read, who appears in this course, is like no one else in the world. His very presence lends a strange enchantment to his stories. On the stage Mr. Read shines with a radiance all his own. Everywhere he is received with enthusiasm. The indescribable witchery of his words, the charm of his voice and manner, the influence of his personality, combine to weave the magic spell that holds his hearers enthralled. One minute roaring with laughter at some humorous bit, the next staring at the speaker through hot, blinding tears, with a feeling that will never smile again—only to break into fresh screams of laughter immediately after—you realize that this wonderful man has the power to sway his audience at will. Mr. Read is known throughout the world as the greatest living story teller. In his work on the lyceum platform, he fully lives up to this reputation year after year on the same course. The James Johns High school B. B. team will open the home season by a game with Estacada High school Saturday evening in Bickner hall. The game will be called promptly at 8 o'clock. Estacada is reported to have a fast team and a lively game is anticipated.

The Evangelical Church

The first lecture of the series of four, by laymen, was given Sunday evening, January 7, by J. F. Burke, formerly chief prosecuting attorney for the anti-saloon league of the Eastern states. He proved a very able speaker, and brought some facts first hand from the fights in Maine, New Jersey and other states. The second lecture will be given Sunday evening, Jan. 14, at 7:30, by Dr. G. Norman Teafe, who will use his subject: "The Need of Education in Sex Hygiene." Only those over 16 years of age are invited to this service. Leave the children at home, as they will not be admitted.—Reporter.

ORDINANCE NO. 449

An Ordinance Declaring the Cost of Improving Jersey Street, from the Northerly Side Line of Mohawk Street to the Northerly Side Line of Ida Street, in the City of St. Johns, Ore., and Assessing Thereby, Declaring Such Assessment and Directing the Entry of the Same in the Docket of City Liens.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows: That the council has considered the proposed assessment for improving Jersey street from the northerly side line of Mohawk street to the northerly side line of Ida street, in the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and all objections made thereto, and hereby ascertains, determines and declares the whole cost of said improvement in manner provided by Ordinance No. 420 to be the sum of \$6,613.91, and that the special and peculiar benefits accruing to each lot or part thereof or parcel of land within the assessment district, by reason of said improvement and in just proportion to such benefits, are in the respective amounts set opposite the number or description of each lot or part thereof or parcel of land in the following annexed assessment roll, and said assessment roll, which is numbered 68, is hereby adopted and approved as the assessment for said improvement, and the recorder of the city of St. Johns is directed to enter a statement of the assessment hereby made in the docket of city liens, and cause notice thereof to be published as provided by charter, which assessment is as follows:

Table with columns: Lot Block, Addition, Amt., S. St. Johns. Lists various lots and their assessed amounts.

Passed by the council this 9th day of January, 1912.

Approved by the mayor this 9th day of January, 1912.

K. C. COUCH, Mayor.  
F. A. RICE, Recorder.

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NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of improving Baltimore street from Edison street to Bradford street, total cost of which is \$1,577.91, has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to examination. Assessment district extends back to the center of lots, blocks or tracts of land abutting on said street as provided by the city charter and resolutions. Remonstrance against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock P. M. January 29, 1912.

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RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the city of St. Johns, Oregon:

That it deems it expedient to lease and hire to the St. Johns Lumber Company, a private corporation, the southerly one-half of Bradford street, in the city of St. Johns, or that portion thereof lying and being on the southerly side of said street between a point forty (40) feet westerly from the westerly side line of Salem street in James Johns Addition to said city to the center line of block numbered two (2) in original plat of St. Johns for a period of five (5) years from and after the first day of July, 1911, for a total rental of five hundred and fifty (\$550.00) dollars, said sum to be paid as follows, to wit: \$500 in cash, balance in annual installments of ten (\$10) dollars each, payable on the first day of July of each year during the continuance of said lease.

Provided, however, that it shall be specified in said contract of lease, and that such lease is only granted upon the express condition that the city of St. Johns does reserve the right in and to said portion of said street to lay water mains and water pipes, gas mains and gas pipes, sewer mains and sewer pipes, and to grant any franchise over said street to any railway company or bridge company or transportation company or other public service corporations, or if the said Lumber company the use of said street for a public highway or other public purpose to its option, upon sixty days notice to the said Lumber company, terminate said lease, and in that event the said company to remove, at its own cost, any and all obstructions therefrom within sixty (60) days from the date of notice and to render to said city the quiet and peaceful possession thereof within said time; provided the said city shall refund to said Lumber company the unearned portion of the lease money as herein provided and paid.

That said lease shall prohibit the said St. Johns Lumber company, or its successors or assigns from placing any structure or structure in said portion of said street that might, could or would in any manner deprive the city of St. Johns the free use and enjoyment thereof in the exercise of the rights and privileges by said city retained, and that said Lumber company shall use said street in connection with the business with which it is now engaged, and that said lease shall contain such other covenants, restrictions and limitations as may seem to the mayor of said city for the best interests of the said city of St. Johns.

Adopted by the council January 9th, 1912.

F. A. RICE, Recorder.

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NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of improving Crawford street from Richmond street to Salem street, total cost of which is \$6,317.73, has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to examination. Assessment district extends back to the center of lots, blocks and tracts of land abutting on said street as provided by the city charter and resolutions. Remonstrance against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock p. m. January 29, 1912.

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Notice of Cost of Improvement

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of Jersey street from Mohawk street to Ida street, the total cost of which is \$6,613.91, was declared by Ordinance No. 449, entitled "An ordinance declaring the cost of improving South Jersey street from the northerly side line of Mohawk street to the northerly side line of Ida street in the city of St. Johns, and assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of city liens."

The cost of said improvement is levied upon all the lots, parts of lots and parcels of land within the boundaries of the district, as follows: Between the northerly side line of Mohawk street and the northerly side line of Ida street. A statement of said assessment has been entered in the docket of city liens January 10th, 1912, and said assessment is now due and payable at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and will be delinquent and bear interest after January 20th, 1912, and if not paid on or before February 10, 1912, proceedings will be taken for the collection of the same by sale of property as provided by the city charter.

F. A. RICE, City Recorder.

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NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of Crawford street from Pittsburg to Baltimore street, total cost is \$2,234.00, has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to examination. Assessment district extends back to the center of lots, blocks or tracts of land abutting on said street as provided by the city charter and resolutions. Remonstrances against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock p. m. January 29, 1912.

FRANK A. RICE, City Recorder.

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