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Have Made Good

It is but fitting, as the present city council is about to relinquish the reins of city government, that something be said concerning the individuals that have taken part in making history for St. Johns, and a brief review of the work they have accomplished.

At the very outset momentous questions had to be settled, most delicate of which was the paving of Jersey street and the acceptance or rejection of the Maple street sewer. The former was amicably adjusted by permitting the property owners to make their own selection as to the kind of hard surface. The sewer problem was more intricate. Councilman Perrine inaugurated a desperate fight against its acceptance that grew quite bitter at times. While it was conceded that the specifications were not strictly adhered to, council was pretty evenly divided between acceptance and non-acceptance. The outcome was that several defects were remedied, and a heavy maintenance bond exacted of the contractor. Despite pessimistic predictions to the contrary, the sewer system weathered an unusually severe winter without showing a "yellow streak," and, in fact, could not have worked better were it one continuous pipe without a break. Even the strongest objectors are coming to the conclusion that it is not such a bad sewer, after all.

More street work, and of a better grade, was accomplished the past year than in any two years previously. More fire apparatus has been added, public fountains erected and a crematory provided. The latter institution was a problem all former councils failed to solve. The record made by the present council will go down in the annals as the most progressive and successful of all St. Johns city history.

Mayor Couch was largely responsible for this most satisfactory record. As a presiding officer he was most admirable. Tactful, resourceful and full of vigor and energy, he always knew what to do and how to do it. No councilmanic body ever had a better adviser. No matter what problem faced the council, Couch could always be depended upon to point the surest and safest way out. He well knew how to pour oil upon the troubled waters when dissention arose, and his keen insight and helpful suggestions were fully appreciated. The great budget of business he could dispose of in a minimum of time was a revelation to all who were familiar with municipal business. It was through his personal efforts that a method was worked out whereby a roadway was accomplished to the woolen mills, and his method was quickly adopted and carried out by council. This was a feat all former councils gave up in despair. He gave his time to the city without stint, in fact to such a degree that he was unable to give his own business the attention it demanded. It was solely on account of his private business that he resisted the earnest solicitation of many of his friends that he again become a candidate. It may be that there are men who would have made as good mayor as Mr. Couch, but we much doubt if there are any that would have made a better one.

Frank A. Rice took charge of the recorder's office without any previous experience in municipal affairs whatever. But in spite of his inexperience, vastly more work was accomplished in the recorder's office the past year than in any previous year. And the work was done well. The recorder's office could not possibly be in better hands. Pleasant, courteous, obliging and scrupulously honest and upright, the city can congratulate itself upon the fact that Mr. Rice is certain of re-election.

Treasurer W. Scott Kellogg has looked after the various funds of the city exchequer well. An expert book-keeper and accountant, he kept everything in perfect order, and worked out several systems of arrangement in accounts that saved time and labor. His two terms in succession debarred him from becoming a candidate for the office this year.

City Attorney Esson safely guided the "ship of state" away from dangerous shoals and breakers, and was a faithful attendant and adviser at the council sessions. More work devolved upon the city attorney the past year than any other year, and being thoroughly versed in municipal affairs and the city charter, he gained a celerity and progress that made possible the vast amount of work done. Most city attorneys are made the subject of severe criticism on the part of the populace, but Mr. Esson was singularly free from all odium. All his actions were based on the charter, which left no room for criticism. Owing to his intention of moving to California next week, he is not a candidate to succeed himself.

President of Council A. A. Muck has made a good councilman, and on several occasions when he acted as mayor presided with dignity and a grasp of details that proved his worth as presiding officer. True it is that he was subjected to some criticism on account of his stand upon the sewer question, he believing, after considerable time spent in investigating the sewer, that it would do its work well and that the city was fully safeguarded by reason of the the heavy maintainance bond exacted. Therefore, he favored acceptance, and stood by it. In the light of a hard winter's service of the sewer without a complaint, who shall say that he erred in judgment? In all matters relating to city government he ever tried to give all a fair and square deal. He is a firm believer in progress and advancement, and ever stood ready to lend his aid and assistance in promoting any project that had in view the welfare and advancement of the city. Mr. Muck is a candidate for mayor, and if elected promises good government and a square deal to all, and will be untrammeled with any promises of special favors.

F. W. Valentine has ever striven to do his full duty as a councilman, showing favoritism toward none and treating all with the same consideration. Intensely interested in St. Johns and its welfare, he has used his utmost endeavors in its advancement. On every question arising concerning municipal affairs Mr. Valentine was to be found voting on the right side. His genial disposition has made him one of the most popular and widely known of our officials and citizens. He is a nominee for councilman of the first ward.

D. Frank Horsman is perfectly satisfied with the record he has made as alderman. He has ever tried to do his duty as he saw it, and has no apologies to make. He has exercised care and consideration when casting his vote on any measure, and his record speaks for itself. He is a candidate to succeed himself, and promises to act in the future as in the past if elected.

Chas. Bredeson has made a straightforward alderman. He believed in hewing straight to the line, let the chips fall wherever they may. He believed rigorously in showing patiality to none, and at all times had the courage of his convictions. No one was ever left long in doubt as to how Charley stood upon any proposition. He is a candidate for mayor and promises to enforce all ordinances so long as they are on the statute books if elected.

G. L. Perrine, the Socialist member of council, has made things lively in the council chamber. Loving agitation like a cat does milk, he lost no opportunity in creating it. But his sole purpose in so doing was that good might come of it. A stickler for contractors living right up to the wording of specifications he proceeded to make trouble if they failed to do so. Never for a minute did he permit his coworkers to forget that he was a Socialist with Socialistic ideas. He has reason to feel satisfied with the record he has made. Mr. Perrine is a candidate for councilman at large as a Socialist.

J. W. Davis, as chairman of the street committee, found plenty of work to do, and he did it well. As councilman his judgment was first class and he was a strong progressive in the matter of street improvement. Mr. Davis has made a first-class alderman, and is a candidate to succeed himself.

Last, but by no means least, is Pascal Hill. We believe the city hall records will not disclose a better councilman than Pascal has proven to be. Reasonable at all times, if he found he had taken a wrongful position on any matter he was quick to realize and acknowledge it, but instances were very rare when this became necessary. His great hobby has been good streets, and many of them. Unlike most councilmen, he advocated street improvement even though he was hit harder than any other property owner in the cost of improvement. Possessed of sound judgment, plenty of good common sense and an indomitable will, he was a tower of strength to council and has certainly made good. He is also a candidate to succeed himself.

This is but a brief resume of the of the officials and some of the things they accomplished, as we see it. They have made mistakes, of course. What council has not? Yet we, who have sat up night after night with them and carefully noted their actions, individually and collectively, pronounce their work good and faithfully done.

For Insurance see F. W. Valentine

Clean Up

Mayor K. C. Couch, having promptly acquiesced in the request made by the Commercial club and Ladies' Auxiliary to issue a proclamation for a general clean-up day, the exact date, as per Mayor's Proclamation in this issue, being Saturday, April 13th, and the city council also acting in hearty accord in the matter of providing a place to put the garbage and refuse is a sure guarantee that St. Johns will before long get rid of the accumulations of debris, tin cans, rubbish and the like, which are not only unsightly but a positive and constant menace to health. There should be no hesitation on the part of any one to aid in bringing about this most desirable result. The first great consideration should be a healthy city; and upon these two sure and essential foundations of health and wealth, there is absolutely certain to follow assured and permanent prosperity. So that the triple combination is health, wealth and prosperity. Surely that should appeal to all of us, and there can be no doubt that it does. Now let everybody get busy and each get ready to do their part to bring it about. It is a proposition in which we are all interested, and therefore we should take a personal pride in it.

There is no surer method of being infested with mosquitos than tin cans in which some water has accumulated even though it be little, and the mosquito is the most dangerous distributor of deadly germs and poison known to the scientific world. Let us, therefore, in due time remove the cause, not wait and then vainly try to remedy it and the effect. Aside from this, the city's appearance will be benefited. You will be better pleased with yourself, surroundings and those of your neighbors after the city has been given a genuine spring clean-up. The visitor will take notice and he will get a good impression and be more likely to want to live in our community. Remember there will be a number of visitors here during the summer, especially in July, and we want them to become favorably impressed with the present and future of St. Johns. They will take the present as a criterion for the future. But why attempt to argue further on what is clearly a self-evident proposition? There is only one side to this whole question, and that is to clean up, CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP!!

St. Johns Beware

Councilman Ralph C. Clyde yesterday afternoon filed in the office of the city auditor an ordinance - - - - The measure prohibits the initiating of hard surface improvements that may result in the confiscation of property assessed for the pavements. There is a question as to the legality of the proposed ordinance, but Councilman Clyde declares he will submit the measure to a vote of the people if the law-making body fails to pass it. - - - "If the council does not wish to assume the responsibility of passing this ordinance, even tho' admitting it may be legal," said Clyde. "I will make an effort to have it placed upon the ballot so that the people may have their say on the same. In St. Johns only 50 per cent. of the assessed value of the property is allowed on street improvements. An effort was made to change this, but the people voted against it. If the people of St. Johns are to become a part and parcel of Portland, the paving combines will sure have some juicy pickings out of St. Johns, as their restriction clause will no longer apply. They have my sympathy.—Portland Daily Journal.

Women With Piles

Be cured by simply taking sugar coated tablets.

Constipation, tight clothing, and women's ordeals cause piles. Women suffer piles more than men and all will be grateful to know of a successful remedy in tablet form, that brings a cure without cutting, use of salves or suppositories. This guaranteed remedy is HEM-ROID, sold by St. Johns Pharmacy and all druggists. $1 for treatment lasting 24 days.

Dr. Leonhardt Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y., Prop. Write for booklet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams have returned from California where they have been spending the winter. J. E. has added several pounds of flesh and looks fine.

Mrs. Cora Snow

Died at St. Johns, March 16, 1912, Cora Snow, who was born in Hocking county, Ohio, May 4, 1842, aged 69 years, 10 months and 12 days. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. H. Graham of Hillsboro, and one son, W. J. Nolan, of St. Johns, and three grandchildren. Her remains were interred at Hillsboro. She was a member of H. B. Compson W. R. C. No. 52 of St. Johns and the said W. R. C. had charge of the funeral, which was held at St. Johns on March 18. I was glad to have known her, as she was one that we felt attached to, and in her conversation with me, told of her faith in God. So we know she has gone to be with that Friend, who is closer than a brother—that One who has prepared a place for us who love him here and will receive us in that heavenly home when done with our earthly one. May her loved ones on earth finally meet her there in that house of many mansions that is promised to those who are faithful and loyal here.

Yet my mother, never, never,
Shall this heart forget thy love
Till the hand of death shall sever—
Till I seek my home above.

Fondly now our thoughts are turning,
Toward our dear friends and distant home;
While the evening stars are burning,
Far in yon bright azure dome.
—Press Cor.

Show a Great Success

In quality of stock exhibited, in the number of thorough-bred animals entered, the prices realized by stockmen for their fancy exhibits, the attendance and the absorbing interest manifested in the show, not only by breeders of the entire Northwest, but by the general public, the Fat Stock Show held by the Pacific Northwest Livestock association at Portland last week was the most successful event of the kind ever held on the Pacific coast. Weather conditions were ideal and the attendance was estimated to exceed 6000 people during the three days.

The quality of the stock was so far superior to that of last year that officials and stockmen were positive that the grand champions of former shows would not have been eligible even for the smallest prizes this year. The champion carload consisting of fifteen head of magnificent Herefords, was probably never surpassed, if equalled, at at any show in the United States. This car load was sold at auction, bringing $10.10 per 100 pounds, almost $1 per 100 more than was paid for the champion last year.

The grand champion steer, also a Hereford, entered by the University of Idaho, was a beautiful two-year-old of almost faultless proportions, and was sold for $1.20 per pound, on foot, a price which has been exceeded but once in the United States for a single meat animal. The second prize steer sold for 50 cents per pound.

A prominent feature of the show was a splendid exhibit of hogs from from Central and Eastern Oregon, alfalfa-fed and wheat-finished in every instance, equalling in size and quality any similar showing made in the best corn and hog growing states of the Middle West. Prices for hogs averaged nearly 8 cent per pound.

FOR SALE.

Three quarter-sections, six miles from railroad, 1½ miles from school 114 acres broken, 275 more can be broken, rest brush, fenced; log houses and barns on two of the quarters. Price $20 per acre. Will sell one or all three quarters. One ¼ is fine potato land. For particulars address M. R. Perrine, Red Willow, Alberta, Canada. 18-4tp

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The Library

Open Hours: 1:00 to 5:30 and 7 to 9:30 p. m.
Sundays: 2:30 to 5:30

A new story by John Fox, Jr. The author of The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, and the Little Shepherd of the Hills, in Scribner's Magazine, beginning in the April number, may be read in the library at any time and all back numbers circulate.

New fiction on five-cent shelf:
Abbott—Sick-a-bed-Lady.
Oppenheim—Pay Envelope.
De Morgan—Likely Story.
Wright—Winning of Barbara Worth. Second copy.

The ninth grade is deciding many momentous questions in their monthly details and a special shelf is kept filled with reference books for them. The question now in preparation is: Resolved, That the labor union is a benefit to the laboring man.

The delivery cases are kept well filled three times a week with request-books and new books from the central library. Here are some of the subjects on which books have been requested and received during the last week: Potato Culture, Care of the Canary, Concrete, Russell Valve, Poultry, Spiritualism, Civil Service, Dreams, Shorthand, Electric Railways, Vegetarian Cookery.

What women can do to improve the town:

"Too many of us fall into the mistake of thinking that beauty is expensive."

BOOKS

352·R658—Robinson: Improvement of towns and cities.

715·S68—Solotaroff: Shade trees in towns and cities. In the mental picture of a beautiful city or village the tree has an inseparable part.

710·T82—Triggs: Town planning, past, present and possible.

710·W37—Webster: Town planting. 1910. Gives a list of the best trees, shrubs, and plants for the town planting, with directions for their planting, pruning and after management.

716·J47h—Jekyll: Home and garden. The description of English lanes, gardens and dooryards contain many helpful suggestions.

712·K29—Kellaway—How to lay out suburban home grounds.

716·R455f—Four seasons in a garden. Contains interesting chapter on village improvement societies.—Rexford.

IN MAGAZINES

Civic improvement—Robinson, contributing editor. A department in the weekly journal, Survey, which gives many suggestive items from all over the world.

Setting her city to rights; how women are applying housekeeping principles to town life.—Daggett in Delineator for August 1911.

City planning-Too many straight lines.—Gould in Outlook for July 29, 1911.

City Planning: Rochester.—Outlook for July 1, 1911.

Beautifying and Business.—Oyen in World's Work for July 1911.

These and other material on the same subject in the library.

Greatly Surprised

Mrs. John Evans, residing at 133 Swenson street, was aroused from her slumbers last Friday evening by her many friends and neighbors, who came in to remind her of her 51st birthday. She was further surprised by being notified that the crowd were all hungry, but was soon relieved when the refreshments began to arrive in great quantities from the nearby neighbors. Those present were: Mesdames H. Lemon, Geo. Brokaw, D. J. Jones, J. B. Marlette, M. Brown, H. C. Finch, J. S. Jones, Ruth, Wakefield, Portland; Misses Edna Marlette, Hazel Evans, Mary and Agnes Jones; Mrs. Rasmussen. All had a most glorious time and hope that they may have the pleasure of many more such occasions.

Please do not Read This

Three lots, 7-room house, 12 8-year-old fruit trees, gas in house, wired for electricity, street improved, on most prominent street; $2000, $500 cash, balance on time. See K. C. Couch.

John W. Sickelsmith of Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all druggists.

Henderson for Supt.

"The wealth and happiness of a community," says G. W. Henderson, "must be determined by the skill, dexterity and judgment with which its labor is applied, and by the relative number of men employed in useful labor and those not so employed.

I believe that the schools should educate in those things that pertain to 'Living' and to 'Making a

Living.' We should educate away from luxury and idleness to plain living and usefulness as a means to happiness.

The superintendent of schools should be a practical school man, and should have no business, private school or literary relations to interfere with his work.

I have been identified with public education, in both high school and grammar work, for 20 years.

My policy is: Closer organization and closer supervision of school work.

If nominated and elected to this office it shall be my study so to conduct affairs of the office as to unite the highest degree of ECONOMY to the tax payer with the greatest EFFICIENCY and energy on the part of teachers and pupils.

I shall devote all my time and energy to EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Words for ballot: ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY, ENERGY, PROGRESS. Frequent visits to schools. Constant help to teachers.

Note.—By 'economy to taxpayers' I do not mean low salaries for teachers. I believe in good teachers, well paid.

PAID ADVT

Proclamation

Whereas, the Commercial organizations of our city and the city council, as well as a large body of our citizens are desirous of placing our city in that wholesome and sanitary condition consistent with its matchless location and surroundings, and to this end have petitioned me, as the executive officer of our city, to appoint some day to be set apart for the purpose of cleaning and beautifying all grounds, both public and private, within the limits of our city.

Now, therefore, I, K. C. Couch, as mayor, do proclaim and appoint Saturday, the 13th day of April, 1912, as a day to be observed by all our citizens by the cleaning, beautifying and placing in a sanitary condition all streets, alleys, lots and grounds, both in front and rear of all buildings, and to this end do ask the earnest co-operation of every citizen, with the interest and purpose that our city may become a more wholesome abiding place, and that others may thereby be induced to share their lot with us.

Done at the city of St. Johns, Oregon, this 21st day of March, 1912. K. C. COUCH, Mayor.

John Ditchburn

Republican candidate for Circuit Judge, Department No. 4, came to Oregon a sailor; was a member of a lifeboat crew at Ft. Canby; assisted in building Tillamook Rock Lighthouse; was a fisherman, longshoreman and worked for Louis Nicolai in a sawmill; was admitted to the Bar in 1888 and has practiced ever since in all the courts of Oregon, Washington and of the United States. "If elected," he states, "I will obey the law; I will enforce the law, as the people have made the law. I believe in the recall, in the Oregon system, and that sex alone should not disfranchise. That there are enough judges if they will change the system and work harder. I will be Judge for all the people—not for lawyers only."

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Announcement

I have accepted the Independent nomination for the office of mayor by petition. It is only fair to myself to state that I did not seek the nomination, but was induced to do so at the most earnest solicitation of my friends. If I am elected I will use my best endeavor to conduct a safe and sane administration. My three years' record on former councils in St. Johns will justify this promise.

I am not tied up politically or to any class or clan. I believe the City Council is an organization to carry out and legalize the acts and desires of the people, and should be guided by their only law—the charter. I believe the citizens of St. Johns are safeguarded by state laws in their rights against exorbitant charges of public utilities. If we have been sleeping on our rights in not taking a hand in the regulation of the prices of water or any other utility, isn't it about time we do something? My candidacy promises a rigid investigation. I have the nerve and will not fail if it is possible. A. W. Davis.

NOTICE OF

CITY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Monday, the first day of April, 1912, in the city of St. Johns, Oregon, for the purpose of electing the following named officers for the city of St. Johns for the ensuing year, namely:

One Mayor,
One City Recorder,
One City Treasurer,
One City Attorney,
Two Councilmen First Ward,
Two Councilmen Second Ward,
Three Councilmen at Large,

In the manner provided by law and the charter.

The following have been designated as the polling places for said election: The I. O. O. F. building, 202 South Jersey street, at the corner of Leavitt, for the First Ward, and at the City Hall for the Second Ward.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall remain open until 7 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

F. A. RICE,
City Recorder.

Published in the St. Johns Review on March 8, 15, 22, 29, 1912.

Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until April 2nd, 1912, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Fessenden street from the westerly line of Buchanan street to the southeasterly city limits with concrete hard surface pavement, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 464, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the estimate of the city engineer, on file.

Engineer's estimate is $10,940.96.

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.

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 March 15, 22 and 29, 1912.

NOTICE OF

Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of improving Newton street from Portland boulevard to Bank street, total cost is $4,326.45, 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. April 8, 1912.

F. A. RICE,
Recorder.

Published in the St. Johns Review on March 22 and 29, 1912.

CHARLES E. NICHOLS ESTATE.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Chas. E. Nichols, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at the office of O. J. Gatzmyer in the McDonald block, 208 North Jersey street, St. Johns, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified, within six months from the date hereof.

Date of first publication Friday, March 8th, 1912.

ELIZA NICHOLS, Administratrix.
O. J. Gatzmyer, Attorney.

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