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Annexation case has at last been definitely settled by the supreme court, and by virtue of its decision, handed down Tuesday, St. Johns will remain St. Johns without the caudal appendage (Portland) for some time to come. We had become so resigned to the probability of an adverse decision that when it was made public we scarcely knew whether to feel elated or not. However, we still feel that the time for annexation is not yet ripe, and no good could come from it at this time. We have nothing but the kindest feelings toward those who favored annexation. They no doubt were as earnest in their convictions as we were in ours. They fought a good fight and would have won had there been a possibility of winning under the law in which the attempt was made. But their legal advice was at fault. In the light of the higher court's ruling it is well the case was laid before the supreme court. Had annexation taken place by virtue of the vote cast, serious complications, great expense and much confusion would have ensued if later a similar case was taken to the supreme court. Several other districts are now in the same predicament that this city avoided by making a test case of it, and they are now vainly trying to discover where they are at. It was fortunate that the advice of several citizens that the case be withdrawn was not followed. According to the supreme judge's opinion, there is no law in existence under which St. Johns may become consolidated with Portland. This city cannot commit suicide no matter how ardently it may be desired. A law providing for its demise may be passed at some future date, but it will require petitions signed by fifteen per cent of the voters of the state before it can be put on the ballot. Afterward, if such a measure should be carried at a general election, petitions would have to be circulated, contain fifteen per cent of the voters affected by consolidation, praying both the councils of Portland and of St. Johns to call a special election for the purpose of voting upon the issue. Both cities must vote upon the proposition, and in the event of it carrying in both cities, the terms of all officials in both cities abruptly terminate, and an election must be called to elect officials to preside over the combined corporations.

All civil engineers agree that a poor sewer will show its defects during the first winter, by clogging and failing to carry off the excess of water. Maple street sewer, in spite of being handicapped with the washings from a defective hard surface pavement, took care of it all just like a "good sewer" would have done. The property owners in general claimed a good sewer was all they wanted. We have heard of no disease epidemics nor of much ill health in the second ward, nor has any murmur been heard against the working of the sewer after a hard winter's service.

George J. Perkins has gained much fame by reason of winning his case on the annexation case. Even those who favored annexation and didn't believe he had a ghost of a show, cannot help but admire the brilliant case he built up against them. His knowledge of law is remarkable and was a revelation even to his fraternity. With the best legal talent of Portland, a majority vote and a decision of the circuit court arrayed against him he won out. This case wins him more distinction than any other case would have done.

To the 2d Ward Voters

In order to become better acquainted with the voters in my ward, I wish to say a few words for myself through the columns of the St. Johns Review. I have lived in St. Johns and vicinity for the past ten years, and for the past three years I have been serving the public in a business capacity, having an interest in the St. Johns Laundry Co. Am also a taxpayer within the city of St. Johns, and, in fact, all my interests are right here at home. I am always in favor of good government and economy in municipal affairs, and if elected will use my best efforts to perform the duties of my office in a business-like manner. At the Republican primary election I received the nomination for councilman from the second ward, and now await your final decision at the polls on Monday, April 1st, 1912. Number 28 on the official ballot. Respectfully yours,
J. E. JENNINGS,
432 Hartman street, St. Johns.

Inkerman Davis has sold his ranch near Oregon City and has returned to St. Johns.

Stories of Success

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A Card to Voters

I have been nominated on both the Republican and Democratic tickets at the primaries for the office of City Attorney. I have accepted the nomination and am out to win. I have been confined to my bed since the 9th of February with typhoid fever. It will be several days yet before I will be strong enough to get out. I can make no campaign of my own and must rely entirely upon my friends. I believe that I am qualified for the office. I have had considerable practice of law. No man can practice law without a library, and I have a far better library than the average attorney of Portland. My record is open to the inspection of any one. I have progressive ideas and am vitally interested in the city's progress. If elected I shall give my best efforts to the office and try and conduct the same economically. I have always endeavored to strictly mind my own business, and if elected will devote the same care to the city's affairs as I would to my own. I shall stand for a square deal and no trickery. I was born at Portage, Wis., and educated in the public schools. Received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Wisconsin, and received the degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Chicago. I spent about two years with my father, Judge Stroud, and one year in the office of Burr W. Jones, author of Jones on Evidence and Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin, after which I came West and made my home in St. Johns, having resided here for about one and one-half years. Am a taxpayer and own my own home at corner of Polk and Stafford Sts. Am a member of the St. Johns Commercial Club and one of the Board of Governors; also a member of the Portland Commercial Club.

Essons Going Away

A. M. Esson and family leave for sunny California the first of next week, where the genial A. M. will hang out his shingle, and where no troubled dreams of paving and sewer tangles will cross his peaceful breast; where the question of how wide is Willamette boulevard? who owns the foot of Charleston street? and how can Dawson street be opened up? will neither harass nor molest him. As he sits in the shade of an orange grove with the bright blossoms all around and a gentle zephyr caressing his manly brow, with his gaze lingering on the distant mountains with their glistening tops, with lines of care erased from his forehead and the horn of plenty having smoothed out the wrinkles of his stomach (if any have existed), it is hoped that a stray thought of those he has left behind to struggle for existence may occasionally flit across his mind. The people of St. Johns are loath to see Mr. Esson and his estimable wife depart from us. They had become such a part and parcel of this community of ours that their departure is a distinct loss. May they find their lines ever cast in pleasant places, where the shadow can never reach them.

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Socialists sympathize with the desire to better the conditions of working people, with the strike properly managed, but not with lawlessness and violence. Members of all political parties were engaged in the recent riots in Illinois, but that commits no party to that course of action.

Having the ballot already in the hands of all men (and some women with more to follow) we believe that agitation and education must convince the majority of the advantage of organization and co-operation in industrial as well as political life. And any action outside of the law by less than a majority is not only folly but contrary to the spirit and the principles of social democracy.
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Second: I was born in this state and have raised and educated my family in Portland. I have nothing to fear from my past record and am under no obligations to friend or foe. I am in a position, if elected to give the criminal element my closest attention, and will put forth a special effort to subdue vice and crime in this city. The sheriff's office shall be my headquarters at all times except when out on actual duty, and the duties of said office shall have my entire time and attention.

Third: I am a working man myself and have won the confidence of the business men of Portland. They are aware that my training is such that, if nominated and elected, I will give the people an economic, impartial business administration, and that I will greatly reduce the costs of the Sheriff's office to the taxpayers of this county.
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