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The Water Question

Editor Review: Why is it that you have nothing to say in regard to the water question? It is a live question and might bear some discussion. Do you believe the water company will be compelled to lower its rates? A few of your readers, at least, would like to know what you think about it. Let us have it, Reader.

Using the above anonymous mischievous as a motif, we will have our little say on the water question. We have refrained from commenting upon the question wholly as a matter of policy. We have asked no special favors of the water company and have received none. Our relations have been pleasant. We have the same regard for it as we have for our other patrons. It paid for what job printing we have done for it, and no more. A square deal is all that we have ever given or received from it. So far we have seen no good reason why we should "jump into the water company," as several citizens have advised us to do. If the prices are too high, and they can be lowered by the city council or any body of citizens, a newspaper full of comments would not alter the conditions in the least. It would have no effect upon the course adopted by the water company, neither would it nor should it affect the action of any other body of citizens. Simply stated, it would be a case of butting in when butting in was not desired.

"Do you believe the water company will be compelled to reduce its rates?" Frankly speaking, no. If there is a law in the land that gives the consumers power to establish their own rates for their water or any other utility, we believe it unconstitutional. It would be nice in advertising the advantages of St. John to state: "Water at your own price; the company has nothing to do with the rates. It is just as low as you wish to make it." We have never heard or read of an instance where consumers could by law establish rates to suit themselves, except where municipally owned, or at time of granting franchise. Therefore, it is our belief that the water rates will not be lowered by force. But that they will voluntarily be lowered by the company after the hue and cry has gone for naught, we do believe. We were not in sympathy with the petitions circulated demanding that council exercise its so-called power, because, doubting the efficiency of the so-called law, we believed a petition, couched in respectful terms, such as one would wish addressed to himself, signed by a generous portion of the consumers, asking the water company to lower its rates if possible, would have brought the desired result. Courtesy and kindness will often do more than the invoking of a doubtful law. As a matter of fact, Mr. Edleson informed us the company expected to lower the rates after the annexation case had been satisfactorily settled, as an agreeable surprise to its patrons. But just then a candidate for local office came out and declared he had the nerve and would use his efforts in forcing the company to lower rates. Had the company then lowered the rates, the candidate would have gotten all the credit for forcing (?) the company to act. Next the council was petitioned to use any power it might possess to force lower water rates, and it is still up in the air. While we disagree with the manner of procedure, yet it is not our purpose to censure the city attorney or any one else for the method they used. It is all right to give the so-called law a test. That is the only way to discover its merits. As to the present water rates being exorbitant, one must know the expenditures before being competent to judge. This we do not know. Personally we would like to see water rates 25 cents per month, and everything else in proportion. In this day and age men are prone to condemn corporations and combinations of capital, without looking at matters from a corporation's viewpoint, without taking the matter of expense into consideration.

As a matter of fact, it seems natural for us all to compare the rates here with those of Portland, forgetting that the rates there were practically the same as now exist here up until 1893; that in that city the rate is far below meeting expenses, the deficit being met by additional bond issues, and the fact that Portland lays mains at its own expense on improved streets solely; forgetting the fact that St. Johns has developed from a small hamlet to a fair sized city in nine years, requiring miles and miles of main extension. Neither do we consider the fact that Vancouver, a city many years old and three times our population, at the expiration of a 25-year franchise, has given another

Taxes Stagger Him

They have a strange and lucid (?) way of issuing statement of taxes in Josephine county. A friend of ours in the East has written us complaining of the excessive taxes charged to him. Several years ago he purchased a timber tract of 160 acres 15 miles from Grants Pass in Josephine county. Each year since the taxes have been growing at a startling rate. This year the sheriff sent him word to the effect that his taxes were more than \$50. The statement, if it might be termed that, gave no information as to what the tax was to be used for, how it was to be dispensed—simply the bare fact that his taxes for last year were \$50.67. Believing that the owner was entitled at least to the satisfaction of learning the tax levy in mills, and the different funds it was to be dispensed to, the editor wrote the sheriff, asking for this information, but after a couple of months' time no word could be received. If this is an ordinary case of how business is transacted in the state, no wonder outside capital is loath to invest in Oregon. The letter reads in part: "I wrote the other day to Grants Pass for a statement of taxes on my timber claim; I am sending you the statement. Do you think they charge more for taxes on account of living out of the state? The taxes when I first got the claim, I believe, was between \$20 and \$25; now it is \$50.67. How in the world can they have the conscience to charge such a tax, or what is their object, and what do they do with the money? I have been trying hard to get rid of the tract, but the highest offer I have had is \$2000. One party claimed that \$1500 was a good price for it. How can they charge \$50.67 taxes on property that will only bring \$2000 at most? They surely must be grafters out there. No wonder people are turning South more than to the West if all conditions are anything like this in other land taxes."

for fifty years at almost the identical rates we are paying. The only thing we seem to clearly realize is that we are paying too much for water, and want the price reduced. It seems to be human nature to want things cheap, regardless of cost of production.

The water question, we realize, is a delicate one, and to say a word in defense of the company is regarded as almost criminal in the eyes of many. The company did show lack of judgment when it originally spent \$30,000 for the old plant here that later had to be discarded and replaced. They should have invested their money in St. Johns realty and let some other party wrestle with the water problem. Yet real estate and the water franchise went begging until the present company took hold and began to improve the system.

We predict that the price of water will be lowered, but not until force has fruitlessly exhausted itself. We shall wait and see.

A Startling Discovery

The bakers who closed their annual state convention left the city laughing over a story told them by a bread business expert in one of the sessions. The expert said that a young married couple not long ago purchased a carriage for their only child. Having this pride of their hearts with them at the time, they made active use of the purchased article on their journey home. They noticed that passing pedestrians looked at them and smiled, and some of them looked after them smiling. Finally the husband walked ahead and looking back to satisfy his curiosity, was surprised to see a tag hanging on the bottom of the carriage marked: "Our Own Make."—Altoona (Pa.) Gazette.

A Perilous Trip

A ten-year-old daughter of L. B. Carley, living north of O'Neil, in Holt county, Nebraska, was swept out of her father's arms while he was rushing to a storm cellar, and carried ten miles by a tornado. She landed practically unharmed in a grove where she remained in the cold all night, being found next day. The girl suffered from the cold and her clothing had been torn when she struck the trees, but she will recover. The tornado swept through Holt county dipping at various points and covering a territory six to eight miles wide and 50 long.

For Insurance see F.W. Valentine

Commercial Club

A goodly attendance was present at the regular meeting of the St. Johns Commercial club last Friday evening. Arrangements for the holding of the Sweet Pea Show and Regatta were furthered. The soliciting committees reported subscriptions to almost \$1000, with more in sight. Blue prints showing the assessment of the various real estate in St. Johns were on hand, through the courtesy of W. C. North, Deputy Assessor, and are open for investigation on the part of any citizen interested in learning what his property is assessed at. It being apparent that the prints showed inequitable assessments in a number of instances, A. W. Davis, A. R. Jones and John N. Edleson were appointed as a committee to recommend any changes that might to them seem inequitable.

E. S. J. McAllister, a prominent attorney of Portland, was present and gave a most interesting address, dealing principally with good roads. He handled the subject from a philosophical standpoint rather than from an economical one, although he proved conclusively that good roads were ever a paying proposition. He told of the beneficent influences irradiating to remote districts by reason of good avenues to the cities and civilization; how degeneracy and ignorance are rampant and inevitable where good arteries do not lead out to a higher plane of civilization. He cited instances of degeneracy in secluded localities where it was almost impossible to reach by the present trails, and claimed it was only on account of noncommunication with other fellow-beings that it was so. Good roads, he declared, means much more than a saving in dollars and cents, and he advised his hearers to support all the good roads measures. Mr. McAllister is a most pleasing speaker with a fine address, and his remarks were listened to with rapt attention. He brought out many new thoughts that were keenly appreciated.

The "Blue" Sky Bill

The editor has received from Secretary of State Olcott a copy of the Blue Sky bill which will be initiated at the November election. The bill, designed to protect purchasers of stocks and bonds and to provide for the thorough regulation and supervision of corporations, is modeled after the famous Blue Sky law of Kansas. The Oregon bill has been in the course of preparation for months and has been revised and approved by some of the best lawyers and business men in the state. The administration of the corporation law now costs about \$7000 per year. Under the new law the expense will be about \$12,000, but this is more than offset by the new sources of revenue provided in the bill, which, it is estimated by the Secretary of State, will add about \$20,000 to the present annual receipts from corporations, in addition to saving the people of the state at least a million dollars a year now thrown away on worthless stocks and bonds.

Any reader of this paper desiring to see this bill become a law may help the cause by calling at this office and signing the initiative petition. Prompt action will be necessary as the completed petition must be filed in Salem not later than July 3.

Introduces Two Bills

Congressman Lafferty has introduced two bills recently limiting the hours of labor in the District of Columbia. The first is a copy of the California law of 1911, which has just been held constitutional by the California supreme court, and which limits the hours of labor of female employees in department stores, factories, hotels, laundries, and other public places, to not more than eight hours in one day and not more than 48 hours in any one week. Lafferty's second bill, introduced at the same time, limits the hours of all employees, male or female, to eight hours a day and 48 hours a week, except those whose duties are performed on vessels and trains of common carriers in transit, who may be employed not exceeding 12 hours a day and not exceeding 60 hours a week. Both measures were referred to the committee on the District of Columbia.

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Two Days Only

The Sweet Pea Show and Industrial Exhibit will open Monday, July 8, and continue the day following, on which same day the Regatta will take place. It has been decided to have the event consist of two days instead of three, as originally suggested. The executive and chairmen of the several committees are having frequent meetings, and the work is well under way. Efforts are being continued to secure additional subscriptions. The committee on decorations has arranged for decorating the principal business streets and the city dock; the Sweet Pea Show is arranging for the prizes to be offered; the committee on Industrial exhibit is perfecting its plans; the committee on music is considering its work; the committee on public comfort and other committees will also attend to their duties. On Monday evening a committee from the Portland Motor Boat club met the officials of the Commercial club and practically completed the arrangements for the coming Regatta. It is now time for the business houses and individuals to prepare for decorating their places so as to give the city an attractive appearance. This is something in which every one should take part. Let the visitors see that spirit and activity prevails in St. Johns and in this way we may give them a good impression and also show that it is a live, progressive city. The club is providing for the decoration of the business streets, but the individuals should properly attend to their decorations and by such a united effort make it a great festive occasion of which we will be proud. The time is short, let everybody at once get busy.

All persons having sweet peas for exhibition are requested to leave same at the Commercial club rooms or the city dock on Sunday, July 7th. Those who are unable to do so, should leave word at the Commercial club and they will be called for. Every one having sweet peas should not fail to have them exhibited. The larger the display the better it will be.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Prizes for adults—Class A. First and second prizes for largest bouquet of any one named variety.

Class B. First and second prizes for the most artistic bouquet.

Class C. First and second prizes for the largest bouquet of mixed peas.

First and second prizes for the bouquet containing the greatest variety of colors, one spray of each. First and second prizes for the most perfect peas of any color, 10 stem bouquets.

First and second prizes for the most perfect peas without foliage, 10 stems purple and white.

Special Prize For the best collection of not less than six bouquets.

Juvenile Prizes—Class A. First and second prizes for the best vase of 10 spray bouquets, blue, red, white, lavender, pink, salmon.

Class B. First and second prizes for the best mixed bouquet, 10 stems or more, six special prizes.

Class C. For the bouquet containing the greatest variety of colors, one spray each.

Class D. For the most artistic bouquet, sweet pea foliage and others allowed.

Class E. For the best collection of not less than six bouquets.

Special Prize—Class F. For the largest bouquet of peas. Need not be compact, measured by circumference, any variety or color.

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Council Proceedings

Council met as usual Tuesday evening with all present except Ald. Perrine and Jennings, Mayor Muck presiding. The resignation of Councilman J. E. Jennings was read and accepted, as there was nothing else to do. Mr. Jennings has removed to Canada.

Alderman Hill then placed the name of Roy Wilcox in nomination as councilman from the second ward to succeed Mr. Jennings. Alderman Hill presented the name of W. F. Stadelman. A vote was taken and Mr. Wilcox declared elected on a vote of three to two. He was sworn in later in the evening.

Several complaints against a proposed two-foot cut in the improvement of South Ivanhoe street were made, and it was decided to delay proceedings for a week for investigation and afford an opportunity for a stronger remonstrance.

A number of property owners remonstrated against the proposed improvement of Hartman street. The remonstrance was irregular in form, and was referred back to the objectors to correct the defects.

Bills amounting to \$246.23 were allowed on motion of Alderman Horseman; all yes.

Pascal Hill announced that the colors for the new ferry boat had been secured, that the new ferry boat was ready for its test trip, and would be placed in commission at St. Johns within two or three days.

The First National bank was awarded \$7000 worth of city improvement bonds at par and accrued interest on motion of Mr. Hill. It was finally decided that some action would be taken toward getting Dawson street in shape for improvement, and a resolution condemning the P.R.L. & P. Co. right of way, and a 15-foot strip owned by Mrs. Nancy Caples, between Tyler and Buchanan street, was unanimously adopted on motion of Mr. Hill. The trolley company has given assurance that it will not oppose the proceedings. It is the intention of council to at once proceed to have this thoroughfare hard surfaced as soon as it is declared to be sixty feet wide and a city street in all respects.

An ordinance assessing the cost of hard surfacing Fessenden street Buchanan to the East city limits was passed on motion of Alderman Valentine; all yes.

An ordinance providing for the disposal of \$9,500 improvement bonds was unanimously passed on motion of Mr. Horseman.

St. Johns Teacher Weds

Lowell T. Alderson and Lola F. Walker were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Walker, 610 North Filmore street, Saturday morning, leaving at once for a trip to the Tillamook beaches. The groom holds a position with Fairbanks, Morse & Co. and is the son of W. C. Alderson, chief clerk in the Portland City Engineer's office. The bride is a teacher at St. Johns, where she has lived for many years. Rev. T. R. Jones, of North Yamhill, performed the ceremony, the ring service being used.

Jesse Alderson, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Miss Lulu Herald as bridesmaid. After the wedding a lunch was served, and when the wedding cake was cut and distributed it was found that Jesse Alderson had drawn the ring. Mrs. M. A. Holloper, the bride and groom's friends, were present. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alderson, Edith Alderson, Lois Alderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker, Mrs. D. V. Walker, Osborn Walker, Mrs. M. A. Holloper of McClure, Ohio, Mrs. E. E. Covert, Rev. T. R. Jones, North Yamhill, William Stedlish, Ben Lee, Anna Brice, Geraldine Alderson, Muriel Alderson.—Telegram.

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A Review of Reviews

From issue of November 18, 1904. J. H. Crome, editor:

The first brick building is now in course of erection in St. Johns, being built by L. B. French, a couple of blocks south of the school house. It is 25x50, two stories high. The erection of this building is an epoch in the history of St. Johns.

The question has been frequently asked whether or no the price of real estate in St. Johns is too high. No, we don't think prices are too high, and believe they will go higher yet. (To show that the editor was not mistaken we cite a few offers running in advertisements in the same issue: \$900—lot 100x100 near woolen mills, \$1600, lot 100x100 in business center. Lot 60x100 two blocks from school house \$300. One-fourth acre in Oak Park \$450. Lots in Oak Park No. 2, \$65 each. Lots 50x100 only four blocks from business center \$170. 100x100 overlooking the river, \$450. 100x100 three blocks from the saw mill, \$575—Ed.)

P. W. Hinman has about completed a substantial two story business block, corner Ivanhoe and Chicago streets.

The great need of a bank is felt in St. Johns. The volume of business transacted here daily will amply repay such an institution, and the accommodation it would be to the business public would be immeasurable.

G. W. Simmons, superintendent of Road District No. 5, has done a considerable amount of grading and graveling, especially on Willamette boulevard.

A telephone office in St. Johns is becoming a necessity and it is hoped the telephone companies will act in this matter at an early date. (The hope is still indulged in—occasionally—Ed.)

O. E. Learned will plat the ten-acre tract just beyond the school house and put it on the market in a few days.

Messrs. Richard and W. Shepard have purchased a tract of three acres four blocks from Oak Park station and will place it on the market at once. It will be known as Oak Park Addition No. 2.

F. W. Valentine sold the lot, corner of Baltimore and Hayes streets, to E. Vandemere last week for \$1100.

Mrs. James Tufts bought the home and lot known as the Stark place last week. Consideration \$650. Mrs. Tufts is recently from Algona, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ward of Oregon City, sold through Shepard & Tufts lot 50x100, corner Broadway and Hayes street; consideration \$1100. Mr. Ward demonstrated his faith in St. Johns by at once purchasing another lot, corner Burlington and Edison street, on which he will build a residence at once.

The W. R. C. Convention

On the morning of June 19, 1912, a part of the delegates, the President, one of the past presidents and one member of the St. Johns W. R. C. started for Salem, Ore., to attend the W. R. C. convention and after arriving there, four of us fell into good hands as to a place to sleep. As there is a fine cafeteria in Salem we were soon testing it. Then we went to the Elk's hall, where the W. R. C. convention was to meet. There were 229 delegates in all of the W. R. C. Of the department officers, St. Johns secured one plum, as we have the department chairman, Mrs. Minnie Hall, for our share. We had a very harmonious time from the time we started from home until we returned to the same. Press Cor.

Oregon has a good chance to win the national prize for advance in earth education this year. The committee has under way an exhibit showing how 75,000 boys and girls of the state have been interested in the new competitive gardening contests and how 10,000 Portland School children were enlisted in similar work in this city alone. Perhaps no other state ever gave such liberal support to this movement at the outset. The next step, it is expected, will be to make this industrial education an integral part of the state school system.

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