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This week witnessed almost an entire change in municipal government. The old officials took a back seat and the new ones were placed in the harness. There is little to condemn in the work of the old council and much to commend. It was not that they had made a failure of the duty entrusted in their hands that they were displaced, but because of a spirit of unrest among the people. Things were going along too smoothly and too monotonously, and a change was desired apparently that the monotony be broken, and also a desire to see what a new councilmanic body can do.

The new council looks good. They are all good citizens, earnest and show a disposition to realize and appreciate the heavy responsibility placed upon their shoulders. There is much to hope for and little to fear from the body now representing the citizens of St. Johns.

In passing from the old to the new, we would say a few words concerning the new Mayor. We have known Charles Bredeson more or less intimately during the past seven years, and we can attest to his sterling qualities. There is an utter absence of deception and hypocrisy in his makeup that is truly refreshing. Fear nor favor will never stand in the way of Mr. Bredeson performing his duty as he sees it. One cannot help but like the man, and those who have known him the longest like him the best. He came to St. Johns when it was young in growth and experience, and he realizes as well as any one its further needs and requirements. He believes in being open and aboveboard in all public matters, and there will be no "star chamber" sessions with his consent during his regime. We have faith to believe that Charles Bredeson would never have sought the high office to which he has attained did he not feel within himself that he would make good, that he would command the respect and the ultimate confidence of all, and his administration reflect credit upon the city and himself as well. With his many manly attributes to assist him, there is good reason to believe that he will make good in every sense of the term, and that city affairs under his guiding hand will be taken care of in a manner never excelled. Honest, courageous, a true friend and a public spirited man, we predict that he and the administration over which he presides will redound to the honor and betterment of the city of St. Johns.

The new city attorney, O. J. Gatzmyer, is a rising and popular young attorney with a future full of promise. He has dwelt quietly among us for the past few years, pursuing his chosen vocation and establishing himself in the respect and confidence of our citizens. He is ambitious, energetic, thorough, a perfect gentleman at all times, and has acquired a fluent knowledge of law. That he will guide the city aright in a legal way past the shoals and obstacles that occasionally beset a municipality all are willing to concede.

We shall not at this time attempt to enumerate the good qualities of the new councilmen, but suffice to say that in each and every instance they are men to be depended upon and relied upon to do their duty to the utmost. It is safe to say that all will receive a square deal at their hands, and that every public matter will receive the fullest and most careful consideration before action is taken thereon.

With the "ship of state" still in good and safe hands, it is up to us as citizens of St. Johns to assist in every way possible in making the new administration the success we believe it is destined to be. Be slow to condemn; be broad enough to view both sides of a controversy before criticising; exercise patience, and do not expect too much; and, above all, be fair, considerate and helpful, and the new administration will do the rest.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Happenings Told In An Interesting Way

Last Thursday morning a very enthusiastic booster meeting was held. Mr. Boyd, the faculty and different members of the student body expressed themselves in regard to the importance of the coming contests in debate and track.

The debate of Saturday evening was well attended and no small part of the audience was made up of St. Johns people. The debate proved interesting from the opening to the closing speech. Although we were defeated in this semi-final debate, we may justly feel proud of what we have done in this first year's attempt at debate.

Last Saturday afternoon J. J. H. S. was represented at Columbia's annual open indoor meet by Smith, Thurmond and Magone. Thurmond and Magone had a little hard luck. Thurmond was running a good race when he was thrown by a couple of runners who stumbled in front of him. Magone sprained his knee in the pole vault, thus being put out of further competition. Smith, however, won second in the broad jump, coming within two inches of first place, thus making three points for James John. This made more points than all the Portland high schools taken together were capable of in the open events.

J. J. H. will not attempt to have a base ball team this year, but will devote all their time to track and field athletics. We have considerable talent in these and by present indications this will be without doubt a red letter season. There will be at least four more meets, which will make a well balanced season. The first will be with Ridgefield High school April 26. There is now a movement on to charter a boat and make this trip a free for all picnic. A couple of weeks later the U. of O. will stage their annual interscholastic meet, and on May 17th Vancouver will be the scene of another dual meet. And some time before the end of the season a triangular meet will be pulled off between Estacada, Gresham and James John. —Reporter.

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RESOLUTION

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

That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Smith avenue from the southeast line of Oswego street to the northwest line of Columbia boulevard in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit:

By grading said portion of said street to the sub-grade established and by paving said street with gravel bitulithic pavement twenty feet in width together with the necessary sub-drains.

Work to be done according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder relative thereto, which said plans and specifications and estimates are satisfactory and are hereby approved. Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and under the supervision and direction of the city engineer.

That the cost of said improvement to be assessed pro rata and as provided by the city charter upon the property especially and particularly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all of lots, parts of lots, blocks and parcels of land between the termini of such improvements abutting upon, adjacent or proximate to said street from the marginal lines of said street back to the center of the block or blocks or tracts of

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land abutting thereon or proximate thereto.

That all the property included in said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be Local Improvement district No. 97.

That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said Smith avenue is \$11,135.62.

That the cost of said street be assessed against the property in said local assessment district as provided by the charter of the city of St. Johns.

Adopted by the council this 8th day of April, 1913.
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