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Jack Johnson has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. It should have been for life.

The St. Johns school board is to be congratulated upon the enterprise and public spiritedness displayed in securing more playground for the pupils at the Central school. It was an auspicious time to make the purchase of another block of ground, and it was wisdom to acquire it. Now if the public would manifest the same interest in securing a public park or playground, it would be another act of wisdom. We understand that the school board will fit the new addition up in first class style for athletic purposes and recreation as well.

The width of Willamette boulevard will be definitely decided by the Supreme Court. Whether it is decided to be 100 or 80 feet wide, the probabilities are that the city of St. Johns will never use over 80 feet of it for street purposes. If it is made 100 feet wide it is extremely likely that the property owners may be permitted to enjoy the use of 20 feet of it for many years to come and yet be relieved of taxation on that much ground. Eighty feet is fully as much as can be improved and utilized. The Supreme Court decision will only decide what width the city can claim for street purposes.

Working, it is said, behind a cunningly laid scheme of deceit, Eastern casualty insurance companies are attempting to invoke the referendum on the Workmen's Compensation Measure passed by the last Legislature. This measure was passed in the interests of the working men of Oregon and for the betterment of their condition in case of personal injury while engaged in their daily occupation. Under its operation the casualty insurance company and the ambulance chasing lawyer are put out of business, therefore the howl and the attempt to invoke the referendum on the bill.

A matter that the Commercial Club should push with vigor is a roadway encircling the lower peninsula. Nothing prettier in a scenic highway could be imagined than would be a hard surfaced thoroughfare connecting Willamette boulevard with the Slough road via the lower peninsula. Poets have raved over less attractive beauty spots. And its accomplishment is entirely feasible. The right of way has been secured, and it is up to the county to construct the highway. But unless the matter is insistently urged it will be given little heed. An active committee should be appointed to take the project in hand, and push it through. It is well worth the trouble, and would be something that the city would ever point to with pride. The matter should not be further delayed.

A lease of at least a generous portion of the city dock has finally been effected, and at a good rental, partly through the efforts of the same to the Crown Columbia Paper Co. of Oregon City for storage purposes will not afford employment for many hands, yet it lifts quite a burden from the taxpayers. In conversation with the representatives, they informed us of the possibility of the company removing a large portion of its plant to St. Johns later on, believing they could do so to advantage. The dock has been somewhat of a white elephant for several years and the butt of considerable ridicule, but it will undoubtedly prove its worth and the wisdom of the city in acquiring it before many more years. The land alone is worth double what it cost. But it is imperative that sidetracks be connected with it. The Paper Co. representatives assert that the dock would have been leased long ago at an advantageous figure had it been equipped with an outlet to the railroad, and they would have been willing to give a much larger sum for its use. The matter of sidetracks should be taken up either by the city council or Commercial club and a feasible manner of connecting rail facilities thereto worked out. Then a special election should be called for voting upon bonding the city for construction of same. As it now stands the dock is somewhat similar to a house with only a front door to it.

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ORDINANCE NO. 544

An Ordinance Providing the Time and Manner of Improving N. Leonard Street from St. Johns Avenue to Bruce Avenue in the City of St. Johns, Oregon.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

The council of the city of St. Johns, having ascertained the cost of improving North Leonard street from the north side line of St. Johns Avenue to the north side line of Bruce Avenue in the city of St. Johns, as shown by resolution of the council of said city, dated on the 13th day of May, 1913, and recorded in the office of the recorder of said city, and notice thereof having been published in the St. Johns Review, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, on the 16th and 23rd days of May, 1913, as shown by the affidavit of the foreman of said paper, which said affidavit is on file in the office of the city recorder; and legal posting of notices of such improvement, as shown by the affidavit of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder; and no remonstrances having been filed, and as provided by said resolution, the engineer's preliminary estimate of cost of said improvement is \$5,495.94, but shall be more accurately determined by said engineer.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that said street be improved and the time for the completion of said improvement is hereby fixed at 60 days from the date of publication of this ordinance.

That said street shall be improved as follows: By grading same to the established grade by cut and fill and by sidewalk same on either side with 6 foot cement sidewalks, 8 foot cement curbs entire length, together with all necessary cross-walks and gutters said walk and curb to have expansion joints as directed by the City Engineer; curb to have four-inch drain tile every fifty feet, hitch rings to be placed in curb as directed by the City Engineer.

The city recorder shall give notice by publication for not less than three insertions in the St. Johns Review, the official newspaper, inviting proposals for making said improvement.

Said improvement shall in all respects be done and completed in conformity with the provisions of Ordinances No. 160 and 302 except as otherwise provided in this ordinance; all work to be done under the direction and supervision of the city engineer.

That the cost of said improvement shall be assessed against the property in the local improvement district as described in said resolution and designated as and declared to be Local Improvement District No. 95.

Passed by the council this 3rd day of June, 1913.
Approved by the Mayor this 3rd day of June, 1913.

CHAS. BREDESON, Mayor.
F. A. RICE, City Recorder.

Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until June 24, 1913, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the improvement of North Leonard street from the north line of St. Johns Avenue to the north line of Bruce Ave., in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 544, 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 \$5,495.94. 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 the date of the last publication of this notice.

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.

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