

COMMUNICATED.

**To the taxpayer—Why taxes are high in St. Johns:** On June 3 the city council appropriated \$300 in the Willamette boulevard case. What for? \$150 to help property owners on the north side of the boulevard fight property owners on the south side, and \$150 to help property owners on the south side fight back against property owners on the north side. What interest has the taxpayer in the fight, anyhow? None whatever. The only persons either benefited or injured in the local fight is the property owners along the street in question. The taxpayer is not a party to the suit at all except to pay the bill—\$300 spent for which the taxpayer cannot hope to receive any benefit whatever.

And at the same council meeting ex-City Attorney Stroud was given a job at a fee of \$200. What for? Nobody seems to know exactly. Some say that Mr. Stroud is to look up all the court decisions relative to the powers of the Railroad Commission to regulate public utilities. What for? Oh, so that in case the Railroad Commission ever should render a decision in the St. Johns water rate case, and that if the water company should appeal to the courts from the decision of the Railroad Commission—should all these things ever happen then these court decisions would come in handy. I asked Councilman Wilcox why Mr. Stroud was employed in the case and he said, jocularly I presume, "Well, you know he is one of our citizens, and has to live and we had to help him out a little." Wouldn't that cork you? The fact is, there is very little for an attorney to do in the water rate case, and no necessity for employing additional legal counsel at this time. There is no question of law involved at this time—only a question of fact. At least three basic facts must be determined before the Railroad Commission can fix a reasonable water rate. These facts are:

First, a fair value of the property. Second, cost of maintenance. Third, cost of operation. The Commission has sent out its engineer to ascertain the value of the property. Of course the Water Company will set forth its estimates of the value of its plant.

If the city council would direct the city engineer, or if he has not the time, employ some other qualified engineer, to ascertain the value of the water plant, to compare with and check up the engineers of the Commission and Water Company, I think they would be spending the taxpayers' money much more wisely. The cost of maintenance and operation can be, and should also be ascertained. Five hundred dollars of the taxpayers' money spent at one council meeting for which I contend the taxpayer will not receive anything like his money's worth is going some, especially for a reform council. I wonder what would have happened if we had not turned the "rascals" out last election!

I am criticizing the acts of the council because as a citizen and taxpayer I have a right to do. So when I think they make a mistake, and from what I know of these cases, and from my experience, I must say that the acts of the council in both these cases were most unwise. I do not charge viciousness or willful wrong doing, only just "easy marks"—victims of jawbone artists, that's all. S. C. Cook.

**NOTICE OF Annual School Meeting**

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 2 of Multnomah county, state of Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at the Central School house, to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. to 6 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 16th day of June, A. D., 1913.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director. Dated this 5th day of June, 1913. F. P. DRINKER, Chairman Board of Directors. Attest: J. E. Tanch, District Clerk. Published in the St. Johns Review June 6 and 13, 1913.

**REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS**

The following list of legal blanks are kept for sale at this office and others will be added as the demand arises: Warranty deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Realty and Chattel Mortgages, Satisfaction of Mortgages, Contracts for Sale of Realty, Bills of Sale, Leases. All these blanks at the uniform price of 30c per dozen.

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**Notice of Sheriff's Sale**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah county.

A. L. Miner, plaintiff, vs. N. A. Gee and S. Gee, his wife, defendants.

By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above-entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 20th day of May, 1913, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 29th day of April, 1913, in favor of A. L. Miner, plaintiff, and against N. A. Gee and S. Gee, his wife, defendants, for the sum of \$800, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 13th day of October, 1912, and the further sum of \$20.61, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 12th day of April, 1913, and for the sum of \$80.00 Attorney's fees, and for the further sum of \$17.55 costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to wit:

Lots One (1) and Two (2), in Block numbered Five (5), St. Johns Park Addition to the Town of St. Johns, in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment, order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Monday, the 23d day of June, 1913, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the East front door of the County Court House in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, sell at public auction, (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants (or either of them) had on the 30th day of January, 1912, the date of the mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that date had in and to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs.

T. M. WORD, Sheriff of Multnomah County, Oregon. Dated this 20th day of May, 1913. First issue May 23d, 1913. Last issue June 20th, 1913.

**Proposals for Street Work**

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, until June 17, 1913, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Richmond street from the north line of Smith Avenue, to the south line of Fessenden street in the manner provided by Ordinance Number 542, 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 \$2,861.80.

Bids must be strictly in accordance with the 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 of the city of St. Johns. Published in the St. Johns Review May 30 and June 6 and 13, 1913.

**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.

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