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Since the Commercial club has taken up the matter of public parks and recommended the purchase of sites therefor, it will now be up to the city council to bring the matter of voting bonds for purchase thereof before the people at a special election. It is certain that the parks are badly needed. We shall have more to say concerning same later on.

Republican newspapers throughout the country are raising quite a hubbalooboo because Secretary Bryan has announced that he will give a few lectures to augment the salary he receives as Secretary of State. The charge is not made that the office demands the personal attention of the Secretary all the year around. On the contrary it is well known that this is not the case. Nor is it claimed that the salary he receives is sufficient to pay the actual expenses of entertainment that the Secretary is almost forced to give to diplomats and others. It is the dignity of the office that is injured, say his denouncers, and the fact is set forth that such a course is unprecedented. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Bryan is different from many other officials. He is ever active and energetic, and refuses to become an official drone. It is certain that the duties of his office will not be neglected if he decides to spend his unoccupied time in delivering lectures. And his lectures are worth while, and it is a great pleasure to listen to them. Why should Bryan be muzzled because he is Secretary of State? Bryan is scrupulously honest. Were he not it would not be necessary to lecture in order to meet his expenditures. It is true that he knew what the salary was before he accepted the office, but he did not know that he would be denied the privilege of augmenting it in a legitimate way if he so desired. The trouble is that many people find that Mr. Bryan is not aristocratic enough to suit them. He believes in work and cares not for fuss and feathers and pomp and aristocracy. He is a man common in all things—a commoner truly. There is no great cry of shirking duty and responsibility when presidents spend much time in fishing or playing golf or traveling around the country making speeches. Because Bryan persists in spending his vacation time in something that is useful, enlightening and educational, he is condemned, not by the masses, but by the aristocracy. It is safe to assume that Bryan will paddle his own canoe in spite of any criticism offered by the "high and mighty." If the people want to hear him speak and are willing to pay for the privilege, and so long as he neglects no public duty in so doing, why the complaint?

New Library Building

The new building for the St. Johns branch of the county library is well under way and will, it is hoped, be completed about December first. The site upon which the library stands is the generous gift of Mr. M. L. Holbrook. It is most fortunately located on the corner of Kellogg and Charleston streets and promises to form with the school and playground opposite an important civic centre. In planning the building an effort has been made to spare the beautiful trees now standing on the lot. The building, Southern Colonial in style, is to be of red brick with white joints. In one end of the long reading room will be shelved the books and magazines for grown-ups, while the other end is devoted to the children. The lecture room, seating approximately 115 persons, will be used for story-telling, lectures and club meetings, while the librarian's room may sometimes be used as a study room. The number of books and magazines in the library will be increased as the demand grows. The building is the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie and will cost \$15,000. Messrs. Johnson & Mayer of Portland are the architects.

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The City of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized and permitted to lay a sidetrack and run cars over the same, along the north side of Bradford street, between a point on the main line of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company three hundred (300) feet westerly along said main line from the east line of Philadelphia street to a point, which point is the east line of Alta street, all in the city of St. Johns, Multnomah county, Oregon; said track to extend from its point of connection with the line of railroad of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company to the plant of the Peninsula Iron Works.

Section 2. The duration of this franchise shall be twenty-five (25) years from and after the taking effect of this ordinance.

Section 3. The compensation to be paid to the city of St. Johns for this franchise shall be the sum of three (\$3.00) dollars per annum, which said sum shall be paid by the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company to the city treasurer of the city of St. Johns on or before the first day of July of each year.

Section 4. The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, its successors and assigns, shall keep in repair that portion of the streets occupied by its sidetrack authorized under this ordinance as required by the council, and the said Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, its successors and assigns, shall pay, prior to the time of delinquency, any special assessment for the repair or improvement of that portion of the streets between the rails of the said sidetrack and extending one (1) foot outside of such rails, and that portion of said street lying between the two tracks of the said Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company at said place, and in case of failure or refusal to comply with the notice to repair, improve or maintain such portion of said street, or of neglect or refusal to pay any legal assessment for repairs or improvements, the said city of St. Johns may declare by ordinance the immediate forfeiture of the franchise herein authorized.

Section 5. Said Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation

Company shall, within thirty days after the passage and taking effect of this ordinance, file in the office of the recorder its written acceptance of the same.

Passed by the Council
Approved by the Mayor
Attest: Mayor.
..... Recorder.
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An Interesting Meeting

The St. Johns Commercial club held an interesting meeting Wednesday evening. Owing to the steel bridge fire President Pennell was detained in Portland later than usual, and the meeting started at a later hour than is the custom. The committee on alternate railway service reported satisfactory progress. Chairman of the committee on parks, D. C. Lewis, recommended the purchase of three acres of land near the Stearns residence west of Wilamette river and overlooking the same, three acres of land on Buchanan street, three or more acres of the Caples tract on Dawson street, and one block of ground near Fessenden and Edison streets, costing in all about \$30,000. It was decided to refer the matter to the city council with the recommendation that the sites be secured and a bond issue sufficient to purchase the tracts mentioned and equip them properly be submitted to the people at a special election in the near future. A representative of a brick making concern asked for five acres of land upon which to erect a factory for the manufacture of a new variety of brick made of sand and lime. Matter referred to the promotion committee. A communication from a furniture company asked for the donation of an acre of an acre of land to erect a factory thereon, claiming that the factory would furnish employment for 50 hands at the start. Referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Bailey, Douglass and Allen for recommendation.

A Communication

St. Johns minister's reply to action of the city council in permitting skating rink to run on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday: The pastors of the various churches of St. Johns whose congregations petitioned the city council to not permit the skating rink to run on Sunday still maintain that their views of the question regarding the council's authority to close the rink was correct, and further, that those backing the article in the St. Johns Review of June 20th, wherein the reference was made that the statements of certain ministers were "unjust and unmerited," need a little information and further enlightenment. As reasonable men we held and yet believe that there are certain institutions and amusements that a city council can license and regulate with no advice from the state or county. To be sure such vocations as keeping saloon has many restrictions otherwise than those laid upon it by a city council. A saloon cannot open up in an open field outside of an incorporated city without certain license restrictions—not even on one's own personal property. A skating rink is governed far differently. They run by individual consent outside of city limits. The very moment such classes of institutions enter a city they

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