

St. Johns is Calling You

Is second in number of industries. Is seventh in population. Cars to Portland every 16 min. Has navigable water on 3 sides. Has finest gas and electricity. Has two strong banks. Has five large school houses. Has abundance of purest water. Has hard surface streets. Has extensive sewerage system. Has fine, modern brick city hall. Has payroll of \$95,000 monthly. Ships monthly 2,000 cars freight. All railroads have access to it. Is gateway to Portland harbor. Climate ideal and healthful.

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Has seven churches. Has a most promising future. Distinctively a manufacturing city. Adjoins the city of Portland. Has nearly 6,000 population. Has a public library. Taxable property, \$4,500,000. Has large dry docks, saw mills. Woolen mills, iron works. Store works, asbestos factory. Ship building plant. Veneer and excelsior plant. Flour mill, planing mill. Box factory, and others. More industries coming. St. Johns is the place for YOU.

MAKES REPORT

On the Subject of Parks for St. Johns

The committee appointed by the city council for the purpose of dealing and treating with the different phases of the park question, submit the following: That parks in St. Johns, in the eyes of the committee, are a necessity, or at least a convenience and source of comfort that would afford pleasure and recreation for young and old.

That to wait until a later date would mean that St. Johns would have no parks this year, and the committee can see no object to be attained by waiting for a so-called more favorable time.

That the committee has too much faith in the stability and future development of the city to believe that values of land will decrease instead of increase, and, therefore, is of the opinion that land for park purposes will never be any cheaper than at present.

That the objection raised on the grounds of dull times is unfounded, for the reason that, apparently, times are not more dull now than has been the case for the past several years, and indications point to much better times in the near future.

That the bonds will run for twenty years, and it is inconceivable that St. Johns will not be a part of Portland long before the bonds can mature. And in the event of consolidation, St. Johns should, by any manner of reasoning, be proportionately burdened with indebtedness.

As it now stands, St. Johns' assets far exceed its liabilities. It is firmly believed by the committee that in the event of consolidation St. Johns would get no parks at Portland's hands, under the assumption that Columbia park would serve for the Lower Peninsula.

That all the mass meetings held on the issue favored parks, and petitions to the city council to place park sites on the ballot were presented by citizens, making it apparent that the people in general want parks. Every park site that the mass meetings and the people have advocated, with the exception of one which was withdrawn, will be placed on the ballots, and each site will stand or fall on its own merits. No fairer method could be conceived.

That the committee would advise every voter to make a personal visit to the various tracts and become familiar with the same.

That the committee would in nowise recommend or advise the purchase of any particular tract, but believes the public should of itself judge what it wants.

That each park site on the ballot will be independent of any other, and in each instance it will require a two-thirds vote of all the votes cast pro and con on each individual tract. The total vote cast on parks collectively has no bearing whatever in the matter, so far as each tract is concerned. Voters may vote in the affirmative or negative on each site, or may vote in favor of one or more and against the balance, or vote for the ones desired and not vote against any of the other sites. It is all a matter of preference.

That if all the sites proposed carry, the annual interest on the bonds would be approximately \$3000 on a \$4,000,000 assessed valuation, or 75 cents per year for each property owner who is assessed \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted, I. B. Martin, F. A. Rice, C. E. Garlick, A. W. Markle, Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for the office of Councilman at Large for the city of St. Johns at the April election. If elected, will use my best endeavors in the interest of good government, giving you value received for all public money expended. W. A. CARROLL.

An electric massage, only one in town.—Gilmore's barber shop, adv.

Better Fire Equipment

To the Voters: The City Council has wisely placed upon the ballot at the regular election to be held on April 6th a measure calling for a \$9,500 bond issue for the purchase of a high class pumping engine for the city. Few people realize the crying necessity for improved fire protection in St. Johns.

Lying between two great rivers and adjacent to Portland, St. Johns is the natural shipping ware house and manufacturing center of the Columbia River basin. If St. Johns is to grow, which it will, it must be along these lines, but in order to do so and to secure industries, it must first be able to offer fire protection to possible investors. At the present time St. Johns only has hand engines which were out of date before the flood.

Nor can the water supply here be relied upon. In order to have adequate fire protection, at least eighty pounds to the square inch, as well as adequate size mains would have to be installed. As the company is entitled to a reasonable return upon its investment, in order to get adequate fire protection there would be necessitated an expenditure of a very large sum of money; for the increase in the size of the mains and for the increase of the pressure, both of which would entail a very much larger cost of water, not only for domestic supply, but for fire fighting.

We are advised by impartial experts, who have studied the problem of fire protection in this city, that the cheapest and best possible method of securing adequate fire protection is by the purchase of the apparatus proposed. We are also advised that the installation of this kind of apparatus would pay for itself in less than a year by the reduction in premiums now paid for insurance.

Also by purchasing an automobile fire truck as proposed it would enable the department to give complete protection to all of the outlying districts, to the small homes where there is now practically no protection in case of fire.

Fire protection is a matter little considered by the small home owner, but it is a matter that may at any time completely ruin him.

This is a subject that should be given the most careful and thoughtful consideration. It is for your own protection and safety as well as for the upbuilding of the entire community. The Fire Department is at all times ready and willing to furnish information and data upon this subject at the request of any person.

Signed, LEE CORMANY, Chief.

Notice of Sale

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a resolution passed by the council on the 10th day of March A. D. 1914, authorizing the undersigned to sell certain chattel property owned by the city of St. Johns, that the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at 4 o'clock P. M., on the 4th day of April A. D. 1914, at the front door of the city hall of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, the following described property, to wit:

- One rock crusher, daily capacity 60 to 100 square yards. One ten ton steam roller. One boiler and engine, 30 horse power. CHAS. BREDESON, Mayor of St. Johns. Published in the St. Johns Review March 26 and Apr. 3, 1914.

The Congregational Church, corner of Richmond and Ivanhoe streets—a homelike church; Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; C. E., 6:45 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. We welcome you to these and all other services of the church.—Pastor.

For Sale—Muscovy Ducks and Eggs for Hatching. These ducks make no noise, grow to weigh from ten to twelve pounds, are fairly good layers, easy to keep, and for table use there are none better. Call at or address 920 South Jersey street, St. Johns, Oregon.

THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

Library hours: Afternoon—12 to 5:30. Evening—7 to 9. Sunday—2:30 to 5:30 for reading only.

Lecture: Wednesday evening, April 8th: Beginning promptly at eight. Prof. A. R. Sweetser of the University of Oregon, on Wild Flowers of Oregon. The lecture is illustrated. Free to all. Miss Ruth Crouch of the East School will tell the stories Saturday. Three o'clock for children of the third grade and below; four o'clock for those of fourth grade and above.

Thirty adult books and ten children's books have been received during the week. Reviews of a few follow: New Books: Bradford Gamalid—Lee, the American. Success is the idol of the world and the world's idols have been successful. Washington, Lincoln, Grant, were doubtless very great. But they were successful. Who shall say just how far that element of success entered into their greatness? Here was a man who remains great, although he failed. Here was a man who failed grandly, a man who said that "human virtue should be equal to human calamity," and showed that it could be equal to it, and so without pretense, without display, without self consciousness, left an example that future Americans may study with profit as long as there is an American.

Dix—Mother's Son. Has been called the brightest love story of the season. George, Henry—Progress and Poverty. An inquiry into the cause of industrial depressions and of increase of want with increase of wealth. The remedy. George, Henry—Social Problems. Grubb and Guilford—The Potato. A compilation of information from every available source. Grahame, Stewart—Where Socialism Failed. An account of William Lane's bold attempt to realize socialism in our time at New Australia and Cosme in Paraguay. Martyn, Frederic—A Holiday in Gael.

This remarkably cheerful account of English prison life starts out in this fashion: I have recently returned to work from the holiday of a life time. I have been taking the finest rest cure that the whole world affords. I have been doing 18 months' hard labor in an English prison. One scarcely knows whether to admire the author for his ability to look on the bright side of things or to wish that the authorities would devise some punishment that would bring him some degree of remorse instead of one that he "can honestly assert that I thoroughly enjoyed."

Johnson, Tom—My Story. Those who delight in stirring tales of battle and heroism will find not the least thrilling this story of the good fight against privilege, as lived over in words by one of the bravest soldiers of all, during the last five months of his life, when he realized that further fighting was for him impossible. The book closes with this message to those still in the field:

"It is inevitable that those engaged in the great struggle should sometimes become discouraged. The defeats of the moment loom large and so obscure the vision of the worker sometimes that they are not always able to see that the direction of the general movement is invariably forward. But it is a forward movement, and this is the word of cheer I would send to those taking part in it. It is in the nature of Truth never to fail."

Porter, Eleanor—Pollyanna will be popular. Taft, L. R.—Greenhouse construction. A complete manual on the building, heating, ventilating and arrangement of greenhouses and the construction of hot beds, frames and plant pots.

For Sale—Eighteen laying Brown Leghorn pullets.—Call 504 S. Hayes, adv.

Candidates Galore

The city ballot for the election next Monday is of some size. With thirty-five candidates in the two wards and six measures to vote upon, the voter will have something to do in making out his ballot. The following candidates have filed for the various offices and whose names will appear on the ballot:

- For Mayor: Chas. Eredeson, rep.-dem. H. O. Brown, independent. F. A. Vincent, socialist. For Recorder: Myrtle B. Brodahl, ind. Albert E. Dunsmore, republican-dem.-prog. For Treasurer: H. D. Beam, dem. I. Davis, socialist. F. A. Rice, rep.-prog. For Attorney: O. J. Gatzmeyer, rep. E. C. Geeslin, ind. Thad. T. Parker, dem. Howard O. Rogers, ind. Perry C. Stroud, ind. Councilmen at Large: C. J. Anderson, socialist. W. A. Carroll, ind. O. M. Cornell, rep.-dem.-prog. John W. Davis, ind. C. C. Oihus, dem. R. C. Stokes, socialist. M. T. Swan, socialist. F. W. Valentine, rep.-prog. H. M. Waldref, dem.-prog. Councilmen First Ward: C. E. Garlick, dem. R. D. Garden, prog. Geo. M. Hall, ind. R. A. Jayne, rep.-dem. Marion Johnston, rep.-prog. Gaylord Mallett, socialist. Councilmen Second Ward: C. R. Chadwick, rep.-dem. Harry Hunter, socialist. Karl Magreske, ind. J. L. Misner, ind. Geo. W. Munson, rep.-dem.-prog. Geo. H. Oman, socialist. R. D. Powell, ind.

"Swat the Grafter"

Editor Review: A letter under the above title, quoted from the News, appears in your last issue in which it is craftily attempted to give the impression that I have been boasting a big park bond issue, while my opponent for the office of Mayor, the present incumbent, Mr. Eredeson, bravely tried to head off the "graft" by a veto. Let us see! The original scheme was to combine several sites and place them on the ballot to be voted for as a unit, so that any one desiring a park at all must vote for all or none. This scheme was favored—

1st. By all owners who wished to sell less popular tracts by having them combined with those which the people wanted.

2nd. By all boosters who were trying to earn a fee or a commission for engineering the combination. One individual confessed to me that he had been promised \$100 by one owner and to be "taken care of" by another if he made the deal stick. And he was the first individual to yell "graft" when it became evident that the council would not stand for it.

3rd. By all bankers naturally interested in a bond issue. 4th. By Mr. Eredeson, who was a member of the committee which brought in a report favoring a combination of four tracts, but omitting the very one for which the council had a petition signed by about three hundred, asking that it be placed on the ballot.

This scheme was opposed by myself almost singly and alone for weeks. In the mass meetings and in the council I fought for the idea of putting each tract on the ballot independent of every other so that the voters themselves might decide just how many and which sites they wanted, if any. Legal objections and all kinds of objections were made, and when it became apparent that the council would not stand for any combination scheme, every one of the above named interests lost their zeal for parks. "It was a bad time just now." "Better wait till summer comes and with it, perhaps, a different council. The whole thing would be killed if brought to a vote now." And so some are abusing the council for giving the people a chance to defeat parks, and others shouting "graft" because we are giving them a chance to get parks—one, two, three, or none—exactly as the majority decides. And Mr. Eredeson, who was in favor of

COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

A petition for the improvement of Philadelphia street between Hayes and Edison streets with Warrenite hard surfacing was presented at the regular meeting of the council Tuesday evening, at which all members were present with Mayor Eredeson presiding. The matter was referred to the street committee and engineer.

A petition for an arc light at the corner of New York and Edison streets was referred to the water and light committee. The following bids were received on the improvement of Mohawk street: Star Sand Co., \$4,560.07; W. S. Jeans, \$4,787.11; M. E. Kilkenny, \$4,574.82; M. T. Swan, \$4,677.48; Cochran-Nutting Co., \$4,726.05; V. W. Mason, \$4,722.15; Andrew & Harner, \$4,680.23; Jacob Hahn, \$4,327.21. The bid of Mr. Hahn being the lowest, he was awarded the contract.

Resolutions for the improvement of Burr street between Dawson and Banks streets were adopted.

P. H. Edleson, manager of the water works, was present in response to a communication from the council in which the company was accused of charging patrons for water cocks contrary to the provisions of the franchise. He stated that the company never did charge any one for supplying water cocks; that the company had always furnished them free of charge at a cost of \$1.50 each as often as three times to one property owner; that the only charge made was for installation after the first cocks were installed by the company free; that according to the franchise it was the duty of property owners to keep the cocks in repair; and that the property owners had the privilege of installing the cocks if they so desired.

A petition for the improvement of North Kelloz street between St. Johns avenue and Bruce street was referred to the engineer. Mr. Edleson asked the council to define the word "plumber," so that he would be enabled to know what constituted a plumber when giving permits to lay pipe. No one seemed prepared to offer a satisfactory solution of the term.

J. B. Fletcher spoke in behalf of a plumbers' ordinance, in which he strongly urged the necessity of such an ordinance, and the city attorney was directed to prepare and submit an ordinance of the nature requested.

Upon suggestion of the Mayor, it was decided that a day for cleaning up of the city be set, and April 20th was the day designated for that purpose by the council.

The engineer was authorized to have certain connections with the sewer made on Willamette boulevard, and a lien entered against the property to pay the expense thus incurred.

A four park combination is much opposed to giving the people a chance to select just what they please, and tries to head off the "graft" with a veto.

I am making the race for Mayor because many who had not previously supported me requested me to do so, as I had made good on the council. And whatever mistakes I may have made, my efforts in getting the park question on the ballot in its present form is no mistake. If you are not in favor of any park at all, you have only to vote no, and some day you may want something put on the ballot and would have a kick coming should the council arbitrarily refuse you the opportunity to vote on it.

I wish to say here that the reports being circulated to the effect that I am not able to qualify as freeholder, and that I would appoint a certain former chief of police, are absolutely false. Respectfully, A. W. VINCENT.

WANT ID.—Any person having copies of the city charter of the city of St. Johns and desiring to dispose of same at 50c per copy, may do so by delivering same to the undersigned.—F. A. Rice, Recorder, adv.

Authority for Announcement

I herewith announce again that if elected to the office of City Recorder I will appoint a Deputy to take care of all Municipal Court cases where it is not proper for me to appear. I made this statement once before, but a Mr. C. E. Somers, of this city, denied emphatically that this could be done. I question his authority.

Before publishing this announcement I was advised by several attorneys and also an ex-Judge of Portland that this was perfectly regular. Since seeing his statement in the paper I wrote the Attorney General, giving him sections 11, 74 and 75 of our City Charter, and the following is his reply:

Miss Myrtle Brodahl, St. Johns, Oregon.—Dear Madam: Replying to your letter of the 20th instant to this office asking whether or not in the event of your being elected city recorder of St. Johns, you could appoint a deputy to attend to a certain portion of the work, I beg to state that in my opinion such a deputy could be appointed. Yours very truly, A. M. CRAWFORD, Attorney General.

There have been other reports, circulated no doubt by the opposing parties, which I have not considered it worth while to deny, for I give every voter whose votes I would care to have, more credit than to consider such childish things in selecting a city official.

I am, however, not using the shortcomings of my opponents as stepping stones to an office, as I find it works far better to let voters know why I think I am qualified for a position rather than why I think others are not.

MYRTLE B. BRODAHL, Candidate for City Recorder.

Another Opinion

Mr. C. E. Somers, 310 W. John Street, St. Johns, Oregon.—Dear Mr. Somers: Relative to the powers of the City Recorder and City Council with reference to your Municipal Court, I wish to submit the following opinion:

1. Your Municipal Court was created and derives its powers from your city charter. The City Recorder is Ex-officio Judge of the Municipal Court, and the sole power to exercise judicial functions is lodged in the Recorder himself by the charter. It is an elementary principle of constitutional law that the judiciary cannot delegate its functions as such. Therefore, the Recorder cannot delegate his functions as a judge to a deputy Recorder, nor in fact to any one.

2. As to the power of the Council to create in some one other than the Recorder the power to act as the judge of the Municipal Court, I have to say this: Your charter, so far as I can see, does not directly extend this power to the Council. The only part of the charter which might be construed to lend color to such power is Sec. 68, subdivision 77. But this subdivision extends to the Council power only to establish proper officers and bureaus subordinate and auxiliary to the departments and heads thereof constituted by this charter. But in the very nature of a judicial office it can have no subordinates or auxiliaries. It cannot delegate its judicial powers, and hence can have no judicial subordinates.

The work of a judge in finding facts and applying the law in a given case is a personal one, and based entirely on his own interpretation of the law, and its application to the facts as he finds them to exist. If the office of Municipal Judge is vacated, then of course the Council is given direct power to fill the vacancy. If the Council did have the power to authorize another to act as a Municipal Judge for and in behalf of the Recorder, it would create the peculiar situation of having two persons with the powers of a Municipal Court at the same time, for which your charter makes no provision. So I would say that unless your charter has been so amended since 1907 as to give this power to the Council, that the above is a correct statement of the situation with reference to your inquiry.

Yours truly, John B. Cleland, Mr. Cleland was Judge of Circuit Court of Multnomah county for years. C. SOMERS, 310 W. John street.

HIGH SCHOOL

The girls' basket ball team of James John High played the Forest Grove girls last Saturday, and were again victorious. At the end of the first half the score stood 24 to 4 in our favor. The opposing team then growing desperate, the second half was played with a reckless disregard of rules. At the end of the second half, however, our team had scored four more points, and Forest Grove only one more.

The boys' team played a curtain raiser, the Sophomores defeating the Seniors 28 to 16. The girls' teams have done splendid work this season, not yet having lost a game. There are a few more games scheduled, which promise to be very spicy. Forest Grove hopes for revenge next Friday on their own floor, and there are two games scheduled with Sellwood later.

Some sponge and raisin cakes, which looked very appetizing and which their creators told us were quite edible, have been turned out of the ovens in the cooking room this last week. Wednesday the problem of bread making will be taken up by the H. S. girls, who are looking forward to it with mingled feelings.

Last Friday evening Mr. Chapin entertained a most appreciative audience with his impersonation of Lincoln, giving a very clear conception of our great war President. This was the last of the Course of Lyceum lectures given this year. We have now had three of these Lyceum series, and all have been very successful. We hope to secure another Course next year as good or better than those already offered.

The Hiak Klawata girls had planned a hike Sunday morning, but the condition of the weather prevented their going.

Missives have been given out to all the students by the German classes, which are very puzzling, and, therefore, to those who do not take German. They seem to be invitations to a German party, to be given at the H. S. next Saturday.

Tuesday afternoon the High School students were treated to a very entertaining talk on "Dreams" by Mr. Pitman of Monmouth Normal College. Mr. Pitman's talk was in a very humorous vein, and the hearty applause at the close showed that it was highly appreciated by the James John students.—Reporter.

CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS.

Chester Davis has returned to school after an absence of fourteen months. He has been in Missouri during this time. He says he is glad to be back in Oregon away from the excessive heat and cold of Missouri.

Ida Pyeatt re-entered school Monday morning after an eight months' absence. She is in the 7B division, room 11.

The pupils of Room 15 are dramatizing Evangeline. Friday of this week they will debate the following resolution: "That on January 1, 1915, the future manufacture, sale and importation of alcoholic liquors shall be prohibited in Oregon."

The "Student Talks" on athletics given in Room 15 last week were very interesting and instructive. The "Student Talks" this week on recently accepted books of fiction tend to broaden the intellect and keep the grammar school graduating class fully abreast of the times.

George Pappas, a fourteen year old boy who recently came from Greece, has entered Room 1 for the purpose of learning English. He is an apt pupil and is making rapid progress.

Miss Wilson of Room 5 has resumed her duties after a two days' absence on account of illness.—Reporter.

NORTH SCHOOL NOTES.

For week ending March 37, Kenneth Gatto and Christina Toole of 5th grade had the most stars, and in 6th grade Jessie McNiven and Jessie Lefleman had the most.

Miss Dunn was called away Wednesday, and Mrs. Thomas taught for her. Miss Dunn has resigned and Mrs. Thomas, formerly Miss Mitchell, will complete the year's work in the 2d grade.