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The question of public parks for St. Johns are now before the people for acquiescence or rejection. The question is an old one in St. Johns. At various times in the past park sites have been discussed and two different tracts have been voted on. And the chief argument advanced against park sites today is the same as it was ever in the past, and will undoubtedly be the same yesterday, today and forever—price too high. It is said the first tract proposed for park purposes in comparatively recent years was the piece of land now occupied by the Hollbrook block. We understand it was submitted at a price of \$1200, but was deemed too high in price. Cedar Park was next discussed and could have been secured for less than \$10,000—too high in price. The next effort to secure a park was the piece of land overlooking the Willamette river, containing about seven acres and priced at \$18,000. This was the most beautiful spot in St. Johns for park purposes, but it was turned down at the polls. The Caples and Harris tracts jointly were then offered at \$22,000, but were voted down. In looking backward one cannot help wonder at the mistakes that have been made, when the advance in values is considered. It is true that the Caples tract is lower in price than offered previously, but it is not because the land has decreased in value, but because Mrs. Caples is desirous of having a park on that site, and has made the generous concession.

Would it not be a good idea to get rid of that "too high in price" hoodoo? It makes all the difference in the world whether we are buying or selling. It is a fact there are a number of people in St. Johns who have lived here many years, and are disappointed men today because they did not buy property here when it could be purchased for little. It always seemed too high to them, and even today they will tell you that all property is too high in St. Johns. They profit nothing from experience, and permit the outsider to jump in and take the cream while they stand off and complain about high prices. And so it is with us in regard to parks. Yet how inconsistent we are! We love to tell how rapidly values are going to increase and what a large and important place St. Johns is going to be, yet other people's land is too high, but we hold ours at a reasonable price, of course. It is doubtful if there is a man in St. Johns, were he to own the sites offered for park purposes, but would ask as much or more for them than the owners now do. The only way to get at accurate values of land is to compare them in price with other tracts of like similarity. If St. Johns is to retrograde instead of advance, it is a sure thing that prices are too high. But do you believe that will be the case?

It is said that taxes are too high already. That is true. But the interest on park bonds would add very little thereto and afford unlimited enjoyment. It must be remembered that the interest is the only thing that St. Johns need concern itself about. The average man in St. Johns pays taxes on a valuation of about \$600. If all the park sites carry, based on this rate, his taxes would be increased only 40 cents per year. Is it worth that much to yourself and family? It is a fact beyond dispute that St. Johns will be a part of Portland long before the bonds can mature. The Portland Commerce Club even now is working on a plan whereby to consolidate the county and city government, making the limits of Portland the same as the county limits. A committee has been appointed and is now laboring on the proposition. It is also said that a constitutional amendment authorized by the last Legislature whereby it will be possible for adjoining cities to consolidate, will be voted upon this Fall, and if it is voted upon, and there can be little opposition to such a bill, it is almost a certainty that another vote will be taken on the subject, and if the majority vote as they did once before, consolidation would be an assured fact. Therefore, it is well to provide for the future, and get what we need now, and be sure of it. Portland will have to foot the bill. And why should it not, since we will have to assume an indebtedness far in excess of our own, and we will have need to burden ourselves with more indebtedness in order to play a little nearer even.

Why should we longer delay in securing parks? They will be just as essential this summer as next. The children will enjoy them as much. Parks have long been deemed a necessity in all modern and well regulated cities. Why should St. Johns, so far advanced in other things that constitute a metropolitan city, be so far behind in the matter of parks, can any one tell? Available sites are becoming more scarce year by year, and it behooves us to secure park sites while park sites are to be had. Be a progressive and show the world at large that St. Johns will not longer be behind in the matter of parks and playgrounds—and fire apparatus.

The accusation made against the President in the Senate during the Panama tolls debate to the effect that Mr. Wilson's policy in favoring the repeal of the exemption act is the result of a secret deal made between himself and the British empire is, to say the least, an outrageous slander upon the character and integrity of an honest, conscientious man. Any man so low in intelligence as to really believe a man of Wilson's stamp guilty of such treachery to his country's interests should be put away in a padded cell. The President's antagonistic stand on the exemption act is due absolutely to his high sense of honor. His own mistaken interpretation of the Hays-Pauncetote treaty gives him no other alternative than to use his influence in forcing the government to comply with the provisions of that agreement, as he erroneously views said provisions. No sane treaty commission would expect any sane nation to construct a canal at her own expense and then demand the same amount of toll charges from her own coastwise vessels as those paid by the ships of foreign countries. Such business diplomacy would be equal in fairness to that of a man who would build a magnificent theatre and charge the actors the same price of admission as paid by patrons of the house. Does any one imagine for a moment that had Johnny Bull built the canal that he would invite Uncle Sam to come and splash about in it free of charge? Not on your life. Sam would pay the water rent all right. Does any one pretend to believe that England would offer to repair the canal in case the whole works were to cave in? Nixie. England has not even offered to maintain the canal, nor to buy a new shovel to replace the one that Pat Holligan broke. It has no qualms, however, in demanding that U. S. coastwise ships be forced to pay the same toll charges that English vessels pay.

How much longer does the civilized world have to wait until some wise man comes along and points out a way to secure just and impartial verdicts in cases before the court without the aid of a jury? The jury system is one of our most serious and most expensive handicaps employed in the interests of justice. In murder trials and other high criminal offences the impartiality of a part of the population of the county where in the trial takes place is required in order that twelve men "good and true," may be selected to pass judgment upon the guilt or innocence of the defendant. Not only does this method entail much additional expense to the taxpayer and a loss of valuable time to the busy man, but the examination through which one must pass in order to qualify as a juror is humiliating and sometimes almost an insult to the intelligence of the average man.



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Reply to Query

Editor Review: We have noted the query of Mr. Chas. E. Garlick in last week's Review pertaining to the "Committee's Report," as submitted in the issue of the Review of March 20th, the purpose of which query as published in the Review is evidently to call forth this reply, that it shall come out in print, with the evident expectation and intention of making an attempt to make political capital out of it.

However, we will assume that the gentleman has made his inquiry in good faith, and make him and the people of St. Johns such answer as we believe to be square and honorable, and to which they are entitled.

First: We deny his allegation that "the representatives of the churches of St. Johns entered into politics to the extent of placing a full city ticket in the field for the coming city election on April 6th," which is not the case. If the gentleman will observe the list of names endorsed by the committee he will see that five of the eleven were placed on the ticket by the primary, which the law provides for, hence not by the committee. Further, that the other six names are men who have come out independently (which the law also provides for), and the committee gave them its endorsement, which committee, composed of citizens of St. Johns had a perfect and lawful right to do, of men lawfully before the people as candidates, notwithstanding that some have alleged that we "had no business to do it." Why not? And further as to why the committee has been raised up, and why they have taken said action, we respectfully refer the gentleman to the report of the committee to be good plain English and ought to be understood, and the committee stands by the report as a square statement of what we meant to say, and says what we mean. To be sure the gentleman can draw any, and as many inferences from it as he chooses; the committee does not exercise censorship in that regard, but from the nature of his query he has seen fit to draw some inferences that have never been mentioned in the committee, and we doubt if even thought of.

We would like to call attention to the fact that the committee, in its report, does not question or arraign the character of any man, personally or officially. The committee has not arraigned the present city administration, but has simply stated what the citizen of St. Johns ought to stand for. It is not a church or political ticket. We have asked no man his politics or religion. The committee only asks for law enforcement "as they are and may be." Every citizen has a right to ask that much, and more than merely asking it, has a right to demand it of the city administration.

The gentleman has been a member of the city council during the past year. We will leave it to himself to answer whether the laws, both municipal and state, have been faithfully enforced in the city during the past year. He ought to know, and if he does not know, he as an official should find out, and if they haven't been enforced why haven't they? And if they haven't been enforced during the past year what assurance has the citizens of St. Johns that

the same men as the officials in the same offices will do any different the coming year than the past? As regards to the matter of how good government may be obtained, we would remind the gentleman that good government has been and probably never will be obtained only as the people demand it and "go after it" to secure it, and in that regard we are not apt to get more than we ask for.

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"GET THE HABIT" of going to church. You may just as well, and better get that habit as some other, and you are always welcome at the M. E. church, the "Mother Church" in St. Johns.
From next Sunday to Easter Sunday is Passion Week, and there will be special services each night next week at 8 o'clock, except Monday and Saturday nights. Come.
A special Easter program is being prepared by the Sunday school and will be given on Easter morning at 9:50 to 11 o'clock.
Sunday Morning, April 5th, the sermon will be to the "Faithful Students," Mrs. Brown's class. The evening sermon at 8 o'clock, subject, "The Majesty of Your Citizenship." You are extended a welcome.
Now that April is here the hour of the evening preaching service will be at 8 o'clock, instead of 7:30, as formerly. The Senior Epworth League will also change time of service from 6:30 to 7:00. All other services at the usual hours.
W. EDWIN INGALLS, Pastor.

Will Speak at Library
Mr. Arthur C. Newell of the Civic League of Portland will speak, under the auspices of the St. Johns Grade Teachers' Association, at the library. Mr. Newell is chairman of the committee on education and child-welfare. He is a graduate of Oxford University and well known as an inspiring speaker.
The subject of his address will be, "The Proposed Changes in the School Law." Owing to the fact that there are many suggestions under consideration, this address will be of interest not only to teachers, but to all tax-payers and patrons as well. The Grade Teachers' Association extends a cordial invitation to the citizens of St. Johns. The date of the address will be announced later.
The St. Johns Grade Teachers' Association has secured complimentary tickets from the Portland Symphony Orchestra, enabling the Corona Orchestra of Room 15 to attend a rehearsal to be given April 24th.

The Park Question
Editor St. Johns Review: Moved by the earnestly expressed views of many taxpayers, with whom I have conversed, I believe that those in doubt about how to vote on parks should know that there is a strong and growing conviction that Mayor Bredeson did right in vetoing the park proposition. Voters are asking why they should pay the prices asked for these pieces of land that nobody else has seemed to want for any purpose, especially as we are assured they can be taken over by the city at the assessed valuation if we need them, saving taxpayers over \$10,000. The question is whether the parties offering these sites are as much worried about the "dear people" as they are about selling their dear land. We taxpayers can take the money we would have to pay as our share of the cost of these parks and get much more pleasure out of it in our own way, when and where we like, than by being driven into this extravagance by cunning trades between owners of park sites and politicians itching for office, or otherwise. We are going to head it all off by voting "X No" on every park proposition.
Voter and Taxpayer.

Should Be Exalted
Editor Review: If I was asked to point out the man whom I thought deserved to be honored (?) above every other man in St. Johns, I unhesitatingly would point to the author of the article entitled "Swat the Graffer," which was printed in the last issue of the Review.
A man who is so liberal (?) in his views, so noble minded (?) so utterly unmindful of selfish interest, and withal so well equipped mentally to advise the unsophisticated voter against the deep laid plots of the villainous grafter to despoil him (the voter) of his birth right, certainly deserves to be exalted (?). I know of no better way to show our appreciation of his splendid services than to send him to the Legislature (?), and if haply we should fail in that, then by all means let us do our best to send him to Salem. There are other institutions there which, if he could not get out of which, would afford a splendid field for the further development of his great talents. Another St. Johnsite.

RESOLUTION
It is resolved by the City of St. Johns, Oregon:
That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Burr street from the northerly line of Dawson street to the southerly line of Smith Ave. in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit:
By grading said portion of street to grade or subgrade to be established, and by laying a six foot cement walk and a fifteen-foot curb on both sides of said street, with necessary cement cross-walks and corrugated iron gutters.
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 on a pro rata basis as provided by 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 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. 108.
That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$4,018.24.
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 31st day of March, 1914.
F. A. RICE, Recorder.
Published in the St. Johns Review April 3, 1914, and April 10, 1914.

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Said 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, 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.
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That all the property included in said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be "Local Improvement District No. 109."
That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$4,151.40.
That the cost of said street is to be assessed against the property in said local assessment district as provided by the charter of the city of St. Johns.
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