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A high bridge at St. Johns is only a matter of a very few years. It is something that is bound to happen, but its coming can be greatly advanced if some energy be expended toward its acquisition. It is time that some organization take the matter in hand and work actively for its acquisition.

The people of St. Johns have again emphatically demonstrated that they do not want parks. The attitude of the city in this regard has never varied, except to become more pronounced, and it is useless to expect that the question will again be raised for many months to come. It was presumed that the prices asked were the reason that parks have not been secured in the past, but in the light of Monday's vote this does not altogether seem to be the case. For instance, the Caples tract was voted down by a much larger majority than was the case when it was voted upon several years ago at a much higher price. Therefore, the park question is a dead issue in St. Johns. It does not appeal to the average mind, peculiar as such a condition may seem.

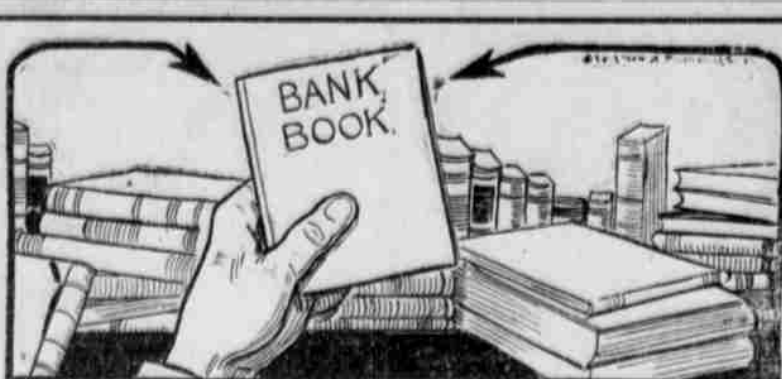
There seems to be considerable disappointment that the bonds for a modern fire engine did not carry at the polls and particularly is it a disappointment to the members of the fire department. They have gotten along as best they could with the inadequate apparatus at hand, however disheartened they have at times become with using it, and had fondly hoped that they would be supplied with something that could be utilized with celerity and be fully adequate to cope with any conflagration that could arise. But it was not to be so. No relief was afforded. Some said the proposed new outfit was too costly, some said it was unnecessary and what we had was good enough, some favored a machine without a pumping attachment, and some said one thing and some said another, but not enough favored the bond issue to make it carry by a two-thirds majority.

"We must, or should be honest with all the world," writes a prominent Democrat in defense of Mr. Wilson's attitude toward the canal tolls issue. Right. But on this question there would be but little virtue in a desire to prove our honesty to the world for the reason that in so doing it becomes necessary to be unfair and dishonest with the interests of our own nation in order to show so-called honesty towards another.

Americans, as a rule, are game losers, and rather than dodge a bona-fide agreement once made with England they would cheerfully present that country with the entire canal zone just as it stands and also loan to the recipients the U. S. navy with which to protect the big ditch, but this nation is not easy enough to willingly do so unless Great Britain can produce an indisputable agreement made with them by authorized representatives of this government to the effect that we are under undeniable obligations to exact tolls from our own coastwise vessels. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty is too unintelligible to be accurately interpreted. For instance, the term "all nations" could easily mean all nations other than the one building the canal.

The repeal of exemption will be a hard blow to the lumber trade of Oregon for the reason that British Columbia will get our business by the canal route with the Atlantic coast. Payment of tolls by American traders will increase the trade of Canadian ports and hence decrease the business of our own shipping points through the inability of American vessels to compete with the more cheaply operated English ships. The regulations imposed upon our steamers are conducive of greater expenditures than required of English ships, while the cheap cooley laborers employed on British traders gives them a still greater advantage over American vessels with their well-paid, well-fed crews. Free tolls would remove this handicap on American ships and thus place the coastwise vessels of both countries upon a more equal basis.

This is a world of competition. Had Great Britain built the canal we would naturally expect that country to derive some benefit from the labor and expense involved. By repealing the exemption act this government is casting aside its one chance of securing for its shipping interests commercial equalization in return for its services in performing one of the most



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marvelous feats of the century. Honesty is good policy, but honesty, like charity, should begin at home, and until an international court of arbitration decides that we are dishonest in not giving up our rights to satisfy the greed of other nations the patriotic people of this country will never willingly abide by the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as interpreted by honest but mistaken Woodrow Wilson and foxy Johnny Bull.

The fact that the rank and file of the Democratic party are not in accord with President Wilson's views on the canal tolls issue should not suggest the implication that they are not in harmony with the policies of his administration generally, for they are—emphatically so. Every official movement the President has made since his occupancy of the White House, with the exception of the tolls puzzle, displays the mastery of action of a far-sighted, deep-thinking, practical mind. Mr. Wilson's wise revision of the tariff downward, causing it to afford reasonable protection to home industries and yet assure the consumer a fair deal from said producers is gradually showing its intended effect. His "hands off" policy on the Mexican situation in which he refuses to invoke armed intervention at the cost of thousands of lives and millions of dollars is proper and good. Let Mexico settle its own disputes. Americans who remain in that country in the interests of their property must take their chances.

The Wilson administration is yet young, but already the good results proceeding from many needed governmental reforms inaugurated by Mr. Wilson are being felt throughout the nation—the Portland Oregonian and other calamity-belchers to the contrary notwithstanding. We sincerely believe that in after years the name of Woodrow Wilson will be mentioned with as much reverence as are those of Washington and Lincoln to-day.

AND now, Gentlemen, since the election is over, forget it. If you were defeated remember that there were other good men on the ticket who also failed to win. Don't imagine that your friends all gave you the double cross. Don't be led to believe that you are not popular with the community simply because you did not receive the highest number of votes. Console yourself with the thought that had you won out in this contest the fascination of the game may have influenced you so powerfully that your sorrowing friends couldn't pull you out of politics with a boat hook. So don't be sore and cuss 'em all out, thus showing how hard you are hit. Be game, smile and you will get credit for being a mighty good loser anyway.

**One of the Twelve**

Citizens who are interested in having elected to the next Legislature men of known and tried business capacity and of demonstrated integrity, who it is believed, will work together understandingly in carrying out a programme of retrenchment in public expenditure and of greater efficiency in public service, have united in a call to 12 men to become candidates for 12 places to be filled in the lower house from Multnomah County. These 12 men are all well known. The standing of each is unquestioned. Several have had previous legislative experience. They represent no class or special interest. All are men who can work together

on a common basis for public good.—Morning Oregonian. Our townsman, D. C. Lewis, is one of the 12 selected. The lower peninsula has no better booster than Mr. Lewis, and if elected to the Legislature could be a great power for this section. The only time St. Johns ever got anything at the hands of the Legislature was when a St. Johns man was one of its members.

**Central School Notes**

Two students from Reed College spoke Monday afternoon, urging a "Swat the Fly" campaign. Tuesday evening another talk as given on the same subject by Professor Beam. The regular weekly meeting of the teachers' sewing class was held Monday evening and the Art class Wednesday evening. Miss Romig and Mrs. Crecraft spent the week end at the home of the former, near McCoy, Polk County, Oregon.

Room 14—Lenore Kilton has entered Room 14, having moved here from Newberg. Ray Clarke and Lyle Nicolls have returned to Portland, after having spent part of the year here. In grade 9A the highest average for the month, 91.3, was made by Leland Stone. In 8 B the highest average, 93.6, was made by Gladys Evans. Room 9—Virginia Dunsmore made 90 per cent average, the highest in 6 B, second division. Helen Edmonson, Lewis Clarke and Francis Drinker received 92 per cent, tying for highest average in 6 B, first division.

Room 10—The geography classes in their study of Europe, have contributed to the interest of the subject by bringing curios, dishes, spoons, etc., types commonly seen in European homes. Ethel and Calvin Kimmel are in school again after a three weeks' absence. Olive Wheeler ranks highest among the pupils of room 10, averaging 98 per cent.

Room 12—A mock city election was held in room 12 Monday, sample ballots being used. A great amount of enthusiasm and individuality was manifested. It seems the younger generation is just as keenly interested in the welfare of the city as their elders. Tuesday forenoon from 10:45 to 11:40 has been set aside in room 12 for the discussion of current events. In 8 A, second division, Nettie Moe and Ionia Cooper each averaged 90 per cent, being the highest in the class. In 8 A, first division, Ruth Edmonson and Mable Hartle received 93 per cent each. In the 6 A second division, Alice Rawson averaged 91.5 per cent. In the 5 B second division, Thelma Stoke averaged 93.5 per cent.

Room 15 had the best record for speed and accuracy in the recently conducted arithmetic test. Freda Payne solving the 150 examples in 2 minutes and 50 seconds. The debate on the liquor question was decided in favor of the affirmative, Mr. Drinker, Mr. Monahan, and Mrs. Bellingier kindly acting as judges. The pupils of Room 15 will soon take "a trip around the world." The "Student Guides" are studying maps and guide books and will personally conduct the rest on the imaginary trips thru the various cities. Room 15 boys defeated Room 14 boys in the base ball game last Friday and they in turn were defeated by Room 15 girls.

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**M. E. Church Notes**

Many are planning to go and hear Ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee at the Armory at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. If you can possibly arrange to go and hear this, one of the most renowned men of the Nation, do so by all means.

Next Sunday is Easter day, and special services are arranged as follows, viz: A young people's union service in the early morning at 7 o'clock at the Evangelical church. Everybody invited. At the M. E. church the Sunday school will give an Easter program at the time of the regular Sunday school hour, 9:50 to 11 o'clock. At 11 a. m. public service, with the Easter sermon by the pastor, followed by reception of members, benevolent offering, and close with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come, in the spirit of worship and of Easter, and join in this blessed day and service.

The hour of the Junior League service will be changed from 3 o'clock to 6 p. m. Senior League at 7, and evening preaching at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all. The famous "Dynamite" Adams, formerly of Ft. Worth, Texas, and the hero of all of the Southern Prohibition state wide victories, will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church in this city on Thursday and Friday nights of April 23 and 24, at 8 o'clock. Salem, Springfield, Harrisburg, Ore., all bear eloquent testimony to his effectiveness in the dry victories which they gave this last fall. He has been 49 times arrested and 12 times in jail. Like Governor Patterson, he knows the liquor traffic from both sides. He is a natural born wit and humorist, a consummate actor, and a convincing orator. He is a rapid fire talker, and averages a joke and a fact every minute. Watch for large post-ers, and come and hear him. If you hear him the first night you will surely want to hear him the second, and to have your friends to hear him also. Remember the dates. Admission free; everybody come. April 19th is to be "Go to Church Sunday." Tell your friends about it and plan to go. Remember the slogan, "Go to Church Sunday, April 19th. Every one is going. It makes no difference where, but go," and you will be cordially welcomed at this church. Special sermon and music for the day, both morning and evening. Come to at least one or both of these services on that day. "Get the habit." Come. W. Edwin Ingalls, Pastor.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our church service. Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. A. Goode, has been returned to this charge for the coming conference year, for which we are all very thankful, and hope every one in the city may come and hear him and get acquainted with him and his estimable wife, who is not only a great help to the pastor in his pastoral duties, but in all the walks of life a true Christian woman. Any one not having a church home, come, and a warm welcome awaits you in God's house, corner of John and Ivanhoe streets. Bishop Swengel will preach in the Evangelical church April 26 at 8 p. m. Come and hear him—Reporter.

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**Evangelical Church**

Evangelical Church: Sunday morning, sunrise prayer meeting; 9:45 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m., preaching, an Easter service and sermon; 7 p. m., K. E. C. E., subject, "A Long Look Ahead;" 8 p. m., preaching, theme, "Our Life the Mould in Which Character is Cast." Wednesday p. m. A. S. meet in the church; 8:15 p. m. choir meets for rehearsal. Thursday, 8 p. m., prayer meeting. Last Sunday, April 5th, the pastor being away attending the annual conference of our church, the leader of our choir gave a concert, which was very much appreciated by our people and spoken very highly of by the visitors who were there, and those who were not there surely missed a musical treat. After songs 198 and 138 were sung. Brother Gordon Ogden from memory gave the 3rd chapter of Ephesians. Brother Bert Johnson read a short sketch of the life of Lanny Crosby, after which was a male chorus. The duet by Miss Jackson and Mr. Perkins was fine. Then there was the chorus from the Gipsy Smith Hymnal, after which Mr. Roy Perkins gave one of his beautiful solos. Then the reading by Miss Lillian Perkins was listened to with rapt attention. A duet followed by Miss Bessie Jackson and Mrs. Mae Wright that was exceptionally fine. Then the ladies quartette put the finishing touch on the evening's program. One number that all looked for and were disappointed in was a reading by Mrs. G. M. Hall, who on account of ill health had to cancel her number.

"Hello, Central! Give me Columbia 4365.—Hello! This Bess?—How are you?—As usual, feeling dull—What?—Slept too late?—Well, why don't you get up early Sundays as well as other days? Use a little will power; get up early and feel good all day.—!! Listen, Bess; next Sunday is Easter and there is to be a Sunrise Christian Endeavor service held at the Evangelical church at 7:00 a. m.—Yes, it's the little white church near Central school. There will be special music and a program. Will you go?—Good! Then we will have a long, happy Easter day.—Yes, then I will call for you at 6:30.—All right! Good-bye!"

**Over the Telephone**

This is a union meeting. Don't forget the time, 7:00 a. m. Everybody welcome. Come one, come all.—Reporter.

**First Baptist Church**

Services at First Baptist Church Sunday, April 12th: Subject for morning, "Resurrection of Jesus Christ." At the evening service will be an Easter program assisted by members of the Sabbath school, followed by baptism. "Christ Our Passover," McPhail—Choir. Recitation, "If I could be a Big Church Bell"—Nelson Boom-sleiter. Song by Primary Class—Carols of Easter. Recitation, "A Wish"—Clarance Keys. Duet, violin and clarinet, selected—Cliff Crouch and Marshall Shaw. Song by class of girls—"Easter Dawn." Duet, "Jesus is Risen"—Misses Alice Gee, Madona Wright, Mattie Keliher and Ruth Cowles. Reading, "Come Unto Me"—Florence Wass. Anthem, "Rejoice Evermore," Gabriel—Choir. Recitation—"A Sunbeam Basket," by five primaries. Violin solo, cradle song, Steane—Mr. Paul Behnke. Solo, "Excelsior," Stanfield—Sir Thomas Newton, late of Ed-enborough. Anthem, "Sing Unto the Lord, Myers—Choir. Baptism. Benediction. "Now the Day is Over," Choir. F. W. Coffyn, Organist and Leader.

**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 sub-grade 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 improvements 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 or tracts 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.

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