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The city council has practically reached a deadlock so far as selecting fire apparatus is concerned. A triple combination has been voted down and an auto truck has met with the same fate. The council has failed to agree as to what shall be secured. All however, are of the opinion that some kind of apparatus should and must be procured. The people in general also seem to be divided on the question as to which is best to buy. One councilman has stated that the reason the people in the outlying districts did not want a pumping engine was because in some instances the pumping attachment might not prove of material benefit. And the business section does not want anything else, because nothing else would prove adequate in case of a large fire. Of the two factions it would seem that the business interests are the more magnanimous, because they propose that an apparatus be purchased that could be utilized, all or in part, anywhere in the city, while the other faction wants an apparatus that they believe will serve to the greatest degree of efficiency in the residence district only, and would not avail against fires in large structures. It is also contended that the city of Portland possesses no triple combination machine, but it is explained that Portland has no need of a triple because it has paid men at hand to man the different pieces of apparatus separately, while in smaller cities where less paid men are used, the triple is the only practical machine, where only one machine is procured. Portland, however, has two combination hose and pumping machines, the same as demonstrated in St. Johns, but without the chemical engine. And the price paid for each machine, it is understood, is \$9000. It would seem that the best would not be too good for St. Johns. Progressive in most everything else, St. Johns has not been progressive so far as fire fighting apparatus is concerned. Those opposed to a pumping engine give as one reason for their stand that the water supply is inadequate and without sufficient force. Those in favor of the pumper contend that is the very reason why a pumping attachment is essential—to supply force where force is lacking. As a matter of fact a pumping attachment can be used wherever there is a fire hydrant, and the speed of the engine could be regulated to suit the size of the mains.

It is now proposed to find a way out of the difficulty by holding a special election, and leaving it up to the people to decide what kind of apparatus they want. Whether this will clear the atmosphere to any great extent, or be a wise move to make, is a matter of conjecture. The people as a rule, some contend, know little or nothing about fire apparatus, and, therefore, difficult for them to vote intelligently upon same. It is pointed out that they have elected representatives to look into matters of this nature, and get what is most feasible and practical, after a thorough investigation; that the people do not have the time or the opportunity to investigate, and when they vote on such a proposition can only do so blindly or from an impression they have formed from what they have seen or heard; and knowing little or nothing concerning such matters, it is more than likely that price would "cut more ice" with them than anything else, and the merits of the machine given little consideration.

In view of the fact that we have no organized fire fighting force, have only inferior and inadequate apparatus, and that there is a likelihood that insurance rates will soon increase or be cut off in some instances, there is justification for calling a special election, since the council cannot agree. Under the provisions of the city charter it is somewhat doubtful if fire apparatus could be purchased on the installment plan, whether the city has the right to purchase anything without having the money on hand with which to pay for that which is purchased. Therefore a bond issue would seem to be the practical thing to do. Some citizens claim that the city council, as representatives of the people, with the opportunity to investigate, should decide for the people as to what is needed, if they themselves could agree. It is not so much what is the most popular, but which in the estimation of the councilmen is the most serviceable and practical.

Councilman Chadwick is a strong advocate of calling a special election and voting upon three bonding propositions, viz:



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Pumper and hose at \$9,000; pumper and hose and auto truck and chemical at about \$12,000; pumper and hose and chemical and hose at \$15,000, placing each proposition on the ballot independent of the other. He believes in St. Johns securing the best apparatus obtainable, something it can point to with a great deal of pride and gratification. He does not favor a triple combination, believing that better service can be secured by having the pumper separate from the chemical.

How the matter will appear on the ballot if an election is called has not been definitely decided, but from the present outlook it seems apparent that the matter will be left to the people to make selection.

Don't forget that our townsman D. C. Lewis is a candidate for Representative on the Republican ticket. He has lived in St. Johns for several years and is known to most of our citizens as an active and hustling gentleman. That he would do anything in his power if elected, to advance the interests of this section is a foregone conclusion.

**Evangelical Church**

The delegates to the Woman's Missionary Convention are here in goodly numbers. The enthusiasm with which the meetings begin promises a very good convention. Friday and Saturday are to be full days. Friday evening there will be a Missionary program by the children. Come and enjoy this entertainment together with us. Do not forget the address to young people Saturday evening. The speaker of the evening is Mrs. G. N. Thompson, of Salem, Oregon, the field secretary of the society. The evening sermon will be preached by a returned missionary, Rev. Lyle J. Eby, from Siam. J. A. Goode, Pastor.

Don't forget to bring in your news items. The more interest people take in sending in items, the better the paper will be. If you have a visitor at your home let the public know it. Your guest will appreciate mention of the visit in the local paper. If you have a party or entertainment at your home, jot down the fact together with names of those in attendance, and send to this office. We want all the news we can get, and the only way we can get it is by the aid of the local people.

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Candidate for the Republican Nomination for  
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**RESOLUTION**

It is resolved by the city of St. Johns, Oregon:  
That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Willamette Blvd. from the southerly side line of Richmond street to the S. P. & S. Railroad cut in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit:  
By grading a strip along each side of said boulevard to grade or sub-grade, to be established, extending from the property line out into the said boulevard, a sufficient distance to admit of a six foot sidewalk and a ten foot parking between sidewalks and curb, where curb is provided for by the plans and specifications, and by laying a 6 ft. cement sidewalk on both sides of said boulevard (with temporary cross-walks together with corners and curbs, according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer 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 as provided by the 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. 113."  
That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$6,881.25.  
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.  
Adopted by the council this 5th day of May, 1914.  
A. E. DUNSMORE, Recorder.  
Published in the St. Johns Review on May 8 and 15, 1914.

**RESOLUTION**

It is resolved by the City of St. Johns, Oregon:  
That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Willamette boulevard from the westerly line of Richmond street to the easterly line of Burlington street 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 sidewalk and by constructing a fifteen foot cement curb on both sides of said street, with necessary drains and catch basins, and by laying standard concrete pavement.  
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, 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. 111.  
That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$7,291.68.  
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 28th day of April, 1914.  
A. E. DUNSMORE, Recorder.  
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**RESOLUTION**

It is resolved by the City of St. Johns, Oregon:  
That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve the easterly side of North Kellogg street, from the Northerly line of St. Johns Ave. to the Southerly line of Bruce Ave. in the City of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit:  
By grading the said easterly side of North Kellogg street to the established grade and by laying a 6 foot cement walk, 12 foot curb on said easterly side of said street, with necessary cement cross walks and corrugated iron gutters 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 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 as provided by the 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. 112."  
That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$187.85.  
That the cost of said street to 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 5th day of May, 1914.  
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