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Editor Review: I would like to be enlightened a little about the amendment to the Constitution authorizing cities to merge and permitting of surrender of charters. I notice that there seems to be considerable confusion as to the real meaning of the amendment. The wording of the amendment allows such mergers to take place "provided a majority of the electors of each of the incorporated cities or towns or municipal corporations affected authorize the surrender or merger, as the case may be. Now, does that really mean a majority of the citizens eligible to vote, or a majority of those voting in each city? What is your opinion of it, and cannot the Legislature correct the wording to mean the majority vote?—Citizen.

In answer to the above, it would seem to the ordinary mortal that the law means just what it says—a majority of the electors, not a majority of the votes cast. If the framers of the bill had a majority of votes cast in mind, it is exceedingly unfortunate that they did not make the law to read that way. But probably they decided that merging of cities is such a serious matter that it should be authorized only by a majority of those entitled to vote. If two separate and distinct meanings could be taken out of the measure, it would then be termed an ambiguous measure, or one having two meanings, and in law an ambiguous law is generally deemed null and void. So it would seem that the law must stand as it reads until changed by a vote of the people of the state. The voters had no manner of knowing what might be in the minds of the framers of the bill. They could only judge by what it very clearly states. And the Legislature has no power whatever to change a measure adopted by the people, or construe it to mean other than what it plainly makes clear. At least that is our understanding. If it could do so in one instance, it would be folly for the people to vote upon any measure. It is probably true that the measure would have carried just as readily had it stated "a majority of the votes cast in each city," but it did not. The electors of a city mean all who are eligible to vote, whether they do or not. To our mind the only way the new law could become effective would be for each city interested to cast an affirmative vote large enough to guarantee a majority of all eligible voters in each instance.

One of the industries in Oregon which has an opportunity to make a special growth this time, owing to war conditions in Europe, is the flax industry. Dr. D. A. Pierce, chairman of the Oregon flax committee, has recently written to the promotion department of the Portland Commercial Club inviting its participation in this movement. He calls attention to the fact that the known flax producing area of the world is comparatively small; that under present conditions it is unlikely that any considerable amount of flax will be raised in Belgium, Ireland or Russia and that it will devolve upon the United States to furnish the greater part of the fiber needed within the next few years. It is well known that the Willamette Valley and other parts of Oregon can produce flax fiber equal to the very best European product and he believes that this is Oregon's opportunity to attract the attention of the world by her flax production. In the vicinity of Salem it has been demonstrated that one acre of flax will produce from 500 to 600 pounds of clean fiber which at present prices should make this crop as profitable as anything the farmers can raise.

North School Notes

Alfried Mageske has returned from the east and is heartily welcomed by his schoolmates and teachers of the North School. The teachers of the North School gave their annual luncheon on Tuesday of this week with Miss Alice Sorliel as guest of honor. The collation was held at the noon hour. The room was decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Those present were: The Misses Alice Sorsoliel, Nellie M. Stevens, Floy Mc-Niven, Anna B. Kennedy, Mae Wright and Gertrude Thomas.



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A Big Show

Portland's greatest exposition, the Manufacturers' & Land Products show, has brought under one roof in Oregon's metropolis the greatest array of products of the soil ever assembled in the United States besides magnificent displays by the leading manufacturers. Thousands of people from all over the Northwest have viewed the exhibits and pronounced the exposition the most successful ever held west of Chicago. The display of fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables has never been equaled at any exposition of the kind in recent years. During the last two weeks many cities and towns of the states have had special days at the fair, including the Willamette Valley country, Tillamook county, Clackamas county, Woodburn, Forest Grove and other places. The exposition will not close its doors until November 14 and from November 8 until the closing night there will be many programs of interest. The working exhibits are of the highest character and testify to the large number of articles manufactured in Oregon with the "Made in Oregon" label going to all parts of the United States and foreign lands. Besides the manufacturers' exhibits and the fine display of fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables, the hourly programs and special features have proved a great drawing card and there is something doing at the exposition afternoon and evening. Twice during the closing week many valuable exhibits will be distributed by the exhibitors. On Friday, November 13, a Chinese baby show will be one of the unique features and musical attractions of a high class order are daily attractions at the show. The last week will bring to the exposition the The Dalles, Hood River and other special days. The exposition is well worth a visit and railroad rates are an extra inducement for all to see the big exposition. A good sized crowd from St. Johns attended last Friday afternoon.

An enjoyable evening was spent Thursday, Nov. 5th, at the home of Miss Bernice Brownley, 204 S. Kellogg street, in honor of the first annual of the "Omega Chi Sigma." The rooms were beautifully decorated in old rose and maize festoons and an abundance of beautiful chrysanthemums. Dainty refreshments were served the latter part of the evening and the punch bowl by no means the least patronized corner. Those present were: The Misses Arline Shaw, Floy Coffey, Alice Wrinkle, Mildred Poff, Jenny McNiven, Agnes Orr, Gladys Palmer, Nina Lesh, Ethel Hufford, Marie Bredeson, Hazel Johnson, Ruth McGregor, Bernice McGinnis, Beulah Beam, Marion Dunsmore and Bernice Brownley; Messrs. Wesley Wrinkle, Oron Lear, Roy Beam, Jack Brownley, John McGregor, Harry Peterson, Louis Dunsmore, Russell Poff, Ferris Swisher, George Hufford, Bert Sundstrom, Louis Keliher, Charles McGinnis and Flavius West.

Don't forget to reserve the date of Nov. 20th for the H. S. On that night the students will play, "The Village Lawyer." This will be a good play, so you don't want to miss it.

Big Business a Day Dream.

The expansion of British commerce, writes T. Sharper Knowlton in the Century, discussing "The Uses of Imagination in Business," was due to the day dreaming of practical men, who bound themselves together in trading guilds for the purpose of capturing the best business the world could offer. The expansion of American commerce is the same substance in a more modern setting. Those men who engineered its marvelous growth "saw the unseen" by aid of their imagination. Away in the west they saw the desert places, mere waste wilderness of the unproductive, and they "imagined" irrigation. And now the earth has become glad with the abundance of luscious fruits, and a prosperous people inhabit the once barren region. Some of them "imagined" railroads, others steel, and others, again, "saw" manufacturers where none of these things had any existence. The romance of things is as real as the romance of human hearts.

When Andrew Lang Forgot.

Andrew Lang was absentminded at times. Once he paid a visit to a Scotch professor at a university where he lectured. He was to catch a return train early in the morning, and breakfast was ordered for 9 o'clock, but at 8:30 a horrified maid announced to the family that some one had stolen Mr. Lang's clothes and he couldn't get up. The host went to Mr. Lang's room and found him sitting up in bed in his monoch and pajamas. There was no sign of any other garment in the room. The host went downstairs to summon the police, but before he could get a connection by the state owned telephone the maid came running down to say that Mr. Lang's rigging had been found. He had folded up his clothes the night before and put them under his pillow because the pillow was too low and then forgotten all about it.—New York Sun.

Just take the case of Mr. Fly. Pursued with down and clutter. When he observes one's hand on high He knows just what's the matter.—Denver Republican.

"Grace was the torch bearer of civilization," declared the teacher. "Were there suffragette arson squads that long ago?" asked the bright pupil.—Buffalo Express.

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater, Had a wife and tried to beat her. Still her beauty is unmarred. Pete will shortly leave the ward.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

"Why are men so old fashioned in their ideas?" asked the intellectual woman. "I'm afraid," replied Mr. Meekton, "that it's because they get an idea that every new fashion means more expense for gowns and hats."—Washington Star.

I've sweetness to burn in my makeup. I never indulge in coarse staps. But I hanker to mash with a stinking crash The sleek who mashes straw hats.—Poria Journal.

"Grace is such a restful friend!" "Restful! Why, she chatters all the time."

"That's just it. I never have to think what to say when I'm with her."—Boston Transcript.

My wife desired to rent a suite (Which would be sweet don't titter). But soon we learned that with the suite We'd have to take the bitter.—Exchange.

"Couldn't the wreck have been averted?" "No; there wasn't a woman around who had a petticoat that could be waved for a signal."—Baltimore Sun.

The coat of living soars away. A fact that we deplore. The cost of tan you get today Costs eighty dollars more.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Married women are disillusioned about one thing." "What's that?" "That men can use language which will make your hair curl."—Baltimore American.

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No. 9047. Report of the condition of the First National Bank

at St. Johns, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business Oct. 31, 1914.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$309,925.67. Overdrafts, secured & unsecured 63.25. U.S. bonds to secure circulation 50,000.00. Other bonds to secure postal savings 6,000.00. Bonds, Securities, etc. 54,843.56. Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 600.00. Banking house, furniture and fixtures 3,000.00. Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks 1,158.74. Due from approved reserve agents in Central cities 1,703.78. In other Reserve cities 20,070.76. Checks and other cash items 2,086.61. Notes of other National Banks 1,245.00. Fractional paper currency, nickels, cents 131.73. Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie 15,310.50. Legal-tender notes 215.00. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 2,500.00. Total \$688,654.60.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00. Surplus fund 10,000.00. Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 6,983.24. National bank notes outstanding 50,000.00. Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks 566.19. Individual deposits subject to check 117,294.90. Demand certificates of deposit 15,774.81. Time deposits payable after notice 30 days or longer 112,456.50. Cashier's checks outstanding 1,203.60. Postal Savings Dep't 3,595.96. Notes and bills rediscounted 780.00. Total \$688,654.60.

NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of improvement of Willamette boulevard from the easterly side of Richmond street to the S. P. & S. R. R. Cut, the total cost of which is \$4,790.10, has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to examination. Assessment district extends back to the center of lots, blocks or tracts of land abutting on said street as provided by the city charter and resolutions. Remonstrances against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock P. M. November 30, 1914. A. E. DUNSMORE, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review on Nov. 13 and 20, 1914.

Report of the condition of the First Trust & Savings Bank

AT ST. JOHNS In the State of Oregon at the close of business Oct. 31, 1914.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$40,967.39. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 16.50. Stocks and other securities 10,750.00. Banking houses and fixtures 10,497.63. Furniture and fixtures 1,333.05. Due from banks (not reserve banks) 2,032.07. Due from approved reserve banks 1,971.05. Checks and other cash items 6.25. Exchanges for clearing house 885.00. Cash on hand 752.94. Total \$69,281.88.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00. Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 4,269.14. Individual deposits subject to check 11,006.75. Demand certificates of deposit 885.00. Certified checks 75.00. Reserved for taxes 75.00. Time Certificates of deposit 3,980.99. Total \$69,281.88.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Bertha Quinn and Francis M. Quinn, her husband, and S. J. Kaminsky, Defendants. By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 27th day of October, 1914, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said Court on the 17th day of October, 1914, in favor of Peninsula Security Company, a corporation, plaintiff, and against Bertha Quinn and Francis M. Quinn, her husband, and S. J. Kaminsky, defendants, for the sum of \$2,500.00 with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 15th day of October, 1913, and the further sum of \$330 with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 1st day of March, 1914, and the further sum of \$185 with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 1st day of March, 1914, and the further sum of \$62.17 with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 17th day of July, 1914, and the further sum of \$200 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 17th day of October, 1914, and for the further sum of \$26.25 costs and disbursements, and the cost of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to wit: All of Lot or Tract lettered "R" of St. Johns Heights Addition, situated in the City of St. Johns, Multnomah county, State of Oregon. Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the County Court House in Portland, Multnomah county, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants (or either of them) had on the 15th day of April, 1912, the date of the mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that date had in and to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs. T. M. WORD, Sheriff of Multnomah county, Ore. Dated this 28th day of October, 1914. First issue Oct. 30, 1914; last issue Nov. 27, 1914.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County. H. M. Tenney, Plaintiff, vs. Edith M. Hill, Reuben W. Hill, her husband; Grace V. Martin, Bessie M. Martin and W. E. Yates, Defendants. By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 27th day of October, 1914, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said Court on the 17th day of October, 1914, in favor of H. M. Tenney, plaintiff, and against Edith M. Hill, Reuben W. Hill, her husband; Grace V. Martin, Bessie M. Martin and W. E. Yates, defendants, for the sum of \$250 with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 1st day of December, 1912, and the further sum of \$25 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 17th day of October, 1914, and for the further sum of \$23.70 costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to wit: All of Lot numbered Two (2), Block numbered Sixteen (16), in South St. Johns, within the corporate limits of the City of St. Johns, County of Multnomah and State of Oregon. Now therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the County Court House in Portland, Multnomah county, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants (or either of them) had on the 1st day of December, 1911, the date of the mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that date had in and to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs. T. M. WORD, Sheriff of Multnomah county, Ore. Dated this 28th day of October, 1914. First issue Oct. 30, 1914; last issue Nov. 27, 1914.

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RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the City of St. Johns, Oregon: That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Macrum avenue from the southerly line of city limits to the O. W. R. & N. Railroad, in the City of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit: By grading a strip 20 feet wide on each side of the street, and by laying a six foot cement sidewalk and 14 foot curb, necessary cross walks and gutters, according plans and specifications of 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 approximate 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 of said street is hereby declared to be "Local Improvement District No. 119." That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$4416.98. 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 10th day of November, 1914. A. E. DUNSMORE, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review Nov. 13 and 20, 1914. "The Village Lawyer" is coming to town. Come and get acquainted with him at the H. S. Nov. 20. Note the label on your paper.