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COUNCIL MEETS

Matters of Importance Receive Attention

All members were present at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, with Mayor Vincent presiding. A petition for an arc light at the intersection of Edison and Reno streets...

Concerning the Censors

Was very much pleased to see that there was at least one who had the courage of their convictions, and came out openly in support of the Censor Ordinance. Where are the other one hundred and sixty-five who petitioned to have this law created?

Will Sing at Theatre



Margaret O'Connor Willumson, the Welsh Nightingale of St. Johns, will sing at the Columbia Theatre tomorrow, Saturday evening.

tive, and only called into action when complaint had been made concerning objectionable matter or pictures. The city attorney, however, decided that it was too late to amend the ordinance...

COMMERCIAL

Club Takes Up Matters of Local Importance

At the weekly meeting of the board of governors of the Commercial Club at lunch Tuesday noon, the applications of Albert B. Wrinkle and Eugene Hiatt were accepted and they were admitted to membership. A communication from The Dalles-Celilo Canal Celebrating Committee...

Feeding Big Snake

After being imported from India, the largest snake caged in the Lincoln Park Zoo, at Chicago, steadfastly refused to take nourishment and was believed to be gradually starving to death. In the several months of his captivity his weight decreased from 300 to 215 lbs.

An Open Letter

Rev. Charles M. Smith, St. Johns, Oregon. Dear Sir: As I was out of the city when you replied to some things I said in my lectures in the Christian church a few weeks since, I will give you a few reasons for believing that I told the truth. You deny the truth of what I said of the trial of Galileo by the inquisition for teaching that the sun is fixed in the center of the world...

THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

Hours: Afternoon, 12:00 to 5:30. Evening, 7:00 to 9:00. Sunday, 2:30 to 5:30. Mr. Homan's list of varieties of roses recommended to be grown in Portland gardens, may be seen at the library. The list is divided by color into white, pink and rose colored, yellow and yellowish carmine and red, crimson and dark red, delicate shades...

City Primary Nominating Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 6th day of March, 1915, in the lecture room of the Public Library, for the First Ward, and at the City Hall for the Second Ward, a Primary Nominating Election will be held...

Who Said So?

St. Johns, Oregon, March 2nd, 1915. To the Editor the Review: In your issue of the 26th you published a short item from the Oregonian to the effect: "That at Salem I mounted the Speaker's rostrum and invited the members of the House to visit St. Johns, 'the best City in Oregon,'" and then you proceeded, through the columns of your paper, by indirection, to create the impression that due to the above statement, I must necessarily be against merging with Portland. I did make the statement attributed to me; and after St. Johns shall merge with Portland, St. Johns will still remain. I never lived in a community for which I did not boost, and I never lived in a community that I thought so good, that conditions could not be improved with work, but why all this fright, and why all these prophecies of ill omen? And why not a campaign of Truth? The Merger bill is simply a Democratic measure; it simply provides a way, and compels no one. Let the people rule is a good slogan.

ture and under the provisions of which the merger vote will be taken next month, Mr. Lewis was not so anxious to let the people rule. So he has been trying to override the will of the people since, and by an artfully constructed constitutional amendment by which the people presumed it would require a majority of the qualified electors interested to complete a merger, the measure carried. Then Mr. Lewis sought to again override the voice of the people and had a bill introduced whereby a majority of those voting at the election should complete a merger. Now he cries "Let the people rule." Is that hypocrisy or what is it? The trouble is Mr. Lewis wants the people to rule the way he wants them to. As to the high school, that is a question that neither Mr. Lewis or the editor can accurately answer. The only thing either can do is merely to guess. It is true that the high school building can be used for high school purposes only, but that does not mean that all the present classes would have to be maintained—one class will hold the building. As to the teachers losing their jobs, we do not know who advanced that unpleasant information; not the editor, however. Why should they lose their jobs if competent and satisfactory? Who says the rumors "we will lose the police force, fire station," etc., is not well founded? If Mr. Lewis, how does he know? Be fair, Mr. Lewis, and let the truth shine out. Mr. Lewis asks "Who wants us to vote \$130,000 for a water plant not worth one-third the sum?" The Railroad Commission, far more capable to judge than Mr. Lewis, has decided differently. It is not the purpose of the Review to advocate the purchase of the water plant, except to suggest that if the people are not satisfied with the price of water, the remedy is at hand. But in simple justice to the company it may be stated that the Railroad Commission found that the actual value of the plant, less depreciation, two years ago was over \$89,000, that \$7500 worth of pipe in East St. Johns was not included in the estimate, that \$16,000 worth of pipe has been added since, and the franchise is worth considerable, whether a merger is effected or not. The Company now, according to its books, has thirty-one miles of iron pipes and only one and one-half miles of wooden pipes in the ground at the present time. The pipe alone cannot be purchased at the price Mr. Lewis states the whole plant is worth. Any man who believes that the St. Johns Water Company would not receive full value for its plant in case of merger and Portland purchased it, should note what Portland has paid for the water plants it has acquired. They pay for utilities in Portland and do not practically steal them, as Mr. Lewis would seem to have us believe. He neglected to mention that it took Alena a number of years to secure lower water rates after consolidation, or that the price paid for the plant was far in excess of that asked for the St. Johns plant, and much inferior as well. But such little things will escape one's memory sometimes. Any one who does not know where Mr. Lewis stands on the merger question after reading his article above ought also to be placed in the asylum at Salem. Since Mr. Lewis wants a campaign of Truth, why does he deviate from it in regard to the value of the water plant, and why not give us a few facts instead of assertions, which any one can make? Give us assurance of what we will get, and how soon we will get it. The truth is just what we want, Mr. Lewis.—Ed. To Sell or Exchange I have some choice unimproved property in Sheridan, Yamhill county, Oregon, that I wish to sell or exchange for desirable property in St. Johns. For further information, call on DR. W. J. GILSTRAP, First National Bank Bldg., St. Johns, Oregon. Auto for hire by day, hour or trip, at very reasonable rates. Good opportunity for parties of four or less to make a trip into the country at a low price.—H. M. Waldref, 609 Fessenden street, Phone Columbia 206. Note the label on your paper.