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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I herewith announce myself a Republican candidate for re-election for the office of City Recorder, at the Primary election to be held March 6, 1915.—A. E. Dunsmore.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of City Attorney on the Democratic ticket at the primary election to be held Saturday, March 6, 1915.—T. T. Parker.

I herewith announce myself a Republican candidate for the office of City Treasurer at the primary election to be held Saturday, March 6th.—O. E. Learned.

"Let's take a chance" on merging! If memory serves us correctly, we did take a chance on constructing a city dock once upon a time. We still have the city dock, but the glowing promises of its great value to St. Johns are only sweet memories now. Would that we had that same "chance" over again! Then we took a chance on a quality of hard surface called Westrumite, and applied it on Jersey street. We have some of it left, 'tis true, but there is danger of it not remaining with us much longer. Let's not take any more chances.

An Excellent Paper

Paper read by Mrs. Mary E. Kelley before the members of the W. C. T. U. and different Sunday Schools of St. Johns held at the M. E. church, Wednesday afternoon; subject "Temperance and Pledge Signing."

It is not my purpose here to talk of the evils of intemperance as we all have much knowledge of this terrible evil, but rather to show to you the good that can be accomplished in putting this enemy from our boys and girls and our homes through the proper training in our Sunday Schools of systematic education and persistent efforts at pledge signing. Most of us must go through a helpful system of training, association, and experience before we are useful to our State, our God, and even our selves. Good citizens are made through a process of education, temperance must be instilled drop by drop into the young lives by careful teaching. Sad it is that so many fathers and mothers are so careless in the teaching and training of their children. Therefore it is very important that we all as well as Sunday School teachers be well informed and ready and able to present to old and young the awfulness of the evils of intemperance. The temperance teaching is important because the saloon is counted as the church's greatest foe, it is also important because it is the teaching of God's Word, and the Bible is the rule of faith and practice.

Will we not all try in each church to establish an Annual Temperance Sermon if every church would fall in line it would be one of the most inspiring events and surely rouse many who sleep. Each quarterly temperance day should be a time for pledge signing. Do not forget to have some interesting temperance exercises. We are hoping that we may be able to have a good report of pledge signers by the end of the year. Do not let these Temperance Sundays pass, this is an opportunity to show the evils of intemperance.

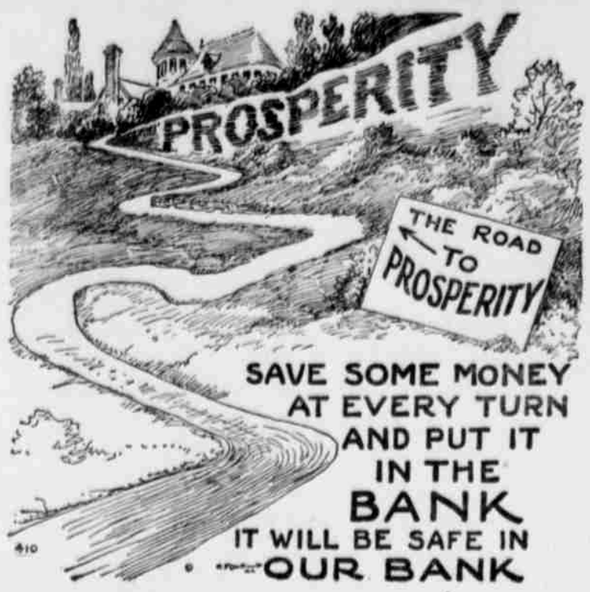
No superintendent who is really alive to his or her responsibility will fail to look after this department. He will appoint a secretary or committee for each Temperance Sunday and in every way possible advance the Temperance cause.

Our International Superintendent urges every temperance teacher to become familiar with the Temperance Teaching Manual.

Let every Sunday School get in line, educate for total abstinence, the destruction of the liquor traffic, extinction of the cigarette habit and self control in the surrender of every habit injurious to body or mind.

If you would report any special features of the temperance work done in your school and especially any new or novel features of your programs to our local Superintendent, Mrs. S. C. Cook, she would appreciate hearing from you.

Mrs. T. D. Condon entertained eighteen guests at a turkey dinner Sunday, at which the table decorations were most beautiful, the center piece of which was a shepherdess basket filled with violets.



The road to prosperity looks like an up-hill climb. It may be at first but it keeps getting EASIER. The nearer you get to the top the more joy you experience in knowing that soon you will be up and the climb will be over. Toward the top the money you have in the bank begins to assist and boost you. Nothing succeeds like success, and everyone will push you the way you are going—down or UP.

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No Silly Predictions

Editor Review: Accepting your kind offer to open the columns of your paper for the discussion of the question of city consolidation, I beg leave to submit the following facts as I understand them. I do not care at this time to indulge in a lot of silly predictions as to what will happen or not happen. I will confine myself to what I believe to be facts. The question is of too much importance to be treated as a barroom joke.

It is conceded I think by all that St. Johns will some day be consolidated with Portland. I think that 99 per cent of the people that invested money in St. Johns property did so with that idea in view.

The only question then is; when? Had we better do it now, or wait a while. On this question there will always be a difference of opinion. Of course we can always expect that people that are immediately interested, that is, drawing a little pay check each month out of the city treasury, will be very much opposed to annexation, whether now or 20 years from now. This is but natural and we will not quarrel with them. Then there is the "Boss," the man or clique of men that runs the town or think they do, the power behind the council, they also will be opposed to any change now or next generation. Eliminating all these, we only have to consider the welfare of the common citizen.

What changes then can we reasonably expect if we consolidate with Portland?

First: Is there any advantage in a Great City? The relative greatness of cities is measured first by the number of its population; 2nd, its Bank Clearings which very closely measures its business activity. The various push clubs all over the world are spending annually hundreds of thousands of dollars to attain these things, to make their city greater than its rival. Certainly these people are not fools. Portland is already one of 4 great cities on the Pacific coast, but St. Johns can never hope to attain that distinction. We can only enjoy the advantages of a great city by becoming a part thereof. We can never rise above about a 10th grade city alone as cities are measured today.

Commission Form of Government.—What will we gain by consolidation now? First and at once we would get a commission form of government, well organized and highly successful, and in good running order, and eminently satisfactory to the 277,812 population as witnessed by the result of the attempted recall last summer. If 277,812 people are satisfied, don't you think 5000 more could stand it? We would at once get the legislative, and executive ability of commmissioners or councilmen worth $5,000 a year. We would get a mayor worth $6,000 a year. We would get a city attorney worth $4800.00 a year. And we would get the services of a city engineer worth $4200.00 a year and all this at a tax rate lower than we are paying now.

The tax rate is lower in Portland than it is in St. Johns, and at the same time the real property in St. Johns is assessed at a higher price in proportion to its selling price, than it is in Portland. As a result of this we are paying more than our share of State and County taxes.

United Effort.—Second: We would get the benefit of the efforts put forth by the various Portland Agencies that are spending large sums of money in advertising their city. Portland is not advertising St. Johns now or making any effort to send industries here. Unity, united effort is the order of the day. Manufacturing concerns are consolidating everywhere. Banks are consolidating. Two of the large Portland Banks merged lately, and two more National Banks are reported ready to consolidate April 1st. Schools are consolidating. The Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club are consolidating. Why do they consolidate? Answer: To eliminate duplication of effort and consequent waste, and to increase efficiency. Stockholders in private concerns, and taxpayers in public affairs demand, and will have, the maximum results, with the minimum of cost. St. Johns is not securing the manufacturing and shipping enterprises the last 6 or 7 years that her strategic positions on the river had ought to secure. I cannot recall that we have secured a single factory that would give employment to an average of 20 men daily, the year round, except the one now building and they owned the land 8 years. I doubt if our pay roll has increased in that time. What is the matter? Answer: Our pull could not overcome the opposition, neither can it now. What shall we do? Fight the enemy? Belgium tried that. No, the sensible thing to do is to unite and work as a unit, and do it right now. We can gain nothing by watchful waiting.

The Name Portland.—They tell us we would get nothing from Portland except the name. Well we already have the Portland Woolen Mills, the Portland Manufacturing Co., The Jobes Milling Co., Portland-St. Johns. The Port of Portland Dry Dock and our Post Office is the St. Johns branch of the Portland Postoffice. There don't seem to be much left to name.—S. C. Cook.

The editor takes the liberty of appending a few words to the above. The argument (?) Mr. Cook advances is surely most edifying, especially that part concerning the worth of the Portland Mayor and other officials. He places the worth of the man at the stipend he receives. Now if Portland would pay Mayor Albee $10,000 a year that city would have a mayor worth $10,000 a year, and so on, the price making the real worth of the man. Now if Mr. Cook had not at the start stated that he would not use silly argument, we might have believed this to be such. As a matter of fact the city of Portland could double the salary of the Portland mayor, and yet we would not be willing to trade our Mayor, who receives $156 per year, for Portland's Mayor. So much for worth.

Mr. Cook, in winding up his argument, ruthlessly repudiates the only real, Simon pure certainty that would be gained by merging—the name, and leaves not a leg to stand on. He furnishes good argument that the High School will be partially discontinued when he says the Portland schools are consolidating.

The 99 per cent he mentions, if he would investigate closely, will no doubt acknowledge that they invested in St. Johns in spite of the fact that St. Johns will sometime be a part of Portland, and not because of it.

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HIGH SCHOOL

Incidents of High School Interestingly Told

The reception given in welcome to the February Freshmen was a most enjoyable affair. The genial high school spirit made every one have a good time so that the occasion was pronounced the best of many pleasant high school parties that have come our way.

The first of the evening was given over to a vaudeville program in the auditorium. The amateurs distinguished themselves in various original stunts, all of which were hugely enjoyed by the spectators. At the close of the "show" the company numbering 90 odd, repaired to the gymnasium. Here various games were introduced under the efficient management of Olive Zimmerman, and then refreshments were served. The committee in control of this latter important part of the evening's pleasure carried out their plans so perfectly that there was not the sightest hint of difficulty. The new piano gave added zest to the songs and helped the minutes fly.

Tomorrow night, Saturday, March 6, will see, perhaps, the most exciting and interesting game of girls' basket ball season. Stevenson, Washington, sends down a team which boasts an undefeated period of six years. The J. J. H. S. girls will do their best to break this record and keep their own two years perfect. The number of tickets has been limited to 100 at 25 cents each. Of these, most have been already sold; we only wish that our gymnasium were larger that all applying for admission might be accommodated. A return game will be played at Stevenson on the Saturday following.

That's a brilliant idea!

Where's the Senior joke-editor?

The Senior play is still up in the air.

Catholic Church Notes

St. Clement's Church is located at Smith Ave. and Newton Street. Early Mass on Sunday is at eight o'clock; High Mass at half past ten; evening devotions at 7:30 p. m. Appropriate sermons at all services. On next Sunday evening a series of Lenten instructions will be commenced on the Catholic system of Confession, in the course of which both the moral and dogmatic aspects will be explained, and the scriptural authority and history of this practice will be given.

Non-Catholics are always very welcome. They are not expected to take any part in the services, only polite attention is required and silence; we never speak without necessity in our churches.

Private lessons in dancing from 8 to 10 every Monday evening in Eagle Hall—S. G. Wright.

When he talks about 277,812 people who are eminently satisfied with the Portland Commission form of government, he probably forgot the figures the recall vote showed, thousands and thousands voting in favor of the recall. Anyway, hasn't he swollen Portland's population considerably?

United effort! That is just what we need in St. Johns. If men like Mr. Cook would use their efforts toward getting things for St. Johns, take an active part in the Commercial Club and help boost, things would come our way. When he claims that the common people would benefit by merging he argues against the experience of all small places that have annexed to a larger one. He should tell us that St. Johns was once a part of Portland, but conditions became so intolerable that they were laid before the Legislature and St. Johns was allowed by that body to separate itself from the larger city that had treated it so illy. He should tell us that Albina, with promises of a bridge and many new industries, trustingly merged with Portland, and that since merging it has not gotten one good industry, and St. Johns did not get scarcely an industry till it loosened itself from Portland, and got practically all it has since Albina annexed with that city. He knows this is true, and yet in the face of it all he urges us to try it again. As a matter of fact Portland has no industries to give us; she is woefully short on them herself. We have all the advntages of any citizen of Portland now, and merging simply cannot add to our advantages, but is bound to work to our disadvantage. History has a habit of repeating itself. The suburbs of any city never get anything. Other parts of his argument may be dealt with when time and space permit.

Notice of Cost of Improvement

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of Stanford street, from the west line of Burr street to the east line of Buchanan street, the total cost of which is $740.94, was declared by Ordinance No. 644, entitled "An ordinance declaring the cost of improving Stanford street, from the west side line of Burr street to the east side line of Buchanan street and assessing property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of city liens."

The cost of said improvement is levied upon all the lots, parts of lots and parcels of land within the boundaries of the district described as follows: Between Burr street and Buchanan street.

A statement of such assessment has been entered in the docket of city liens March 3, 1915, and said assessment is now due and payable at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and will be delinquent and bear interest after March 13, 1915, and if not paid on or before April 2, 1915, proceedings will be taken for the collection of the same by sale of property as provided by the city charter.

A. E. DUNSMORE,
Recorder

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Duck Eggs for Hatching.—Fishel's best laying strain, White Indian Runner; $2 per setting. F. B. Rogers, 715 N. Seneca, St. Johns.

Note the label on your paper.

ORDINANCE NO. 644

An Ordinance Declaring the Cost of Improving Stanford Street from the West Line of Burr Street to the East Line of Buchanan Street, in the City of St. Johns, Oregon, and Assessing the Property Benefited Thereby, Declaring Such Assessment and Directing the Entry of the Same in the Docket of City Liens.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

That the council has considered the proposed assessment for improving Stanford street in the city of St. Johns from the west side line of Burr street to the east side line of Buchanan street, and all objections made thereto, and hereby ascertains, determines and declares the whole cost of said improvement in manner provided by Ordinance No. 625 to be the sum of $740.94, and that the special and peculiar benefits accruing to each lot or part thereof or parcel of land within the assessment district, by reason of said improvement and in just proportion to such benefits, are in the respective amounts set opposite the number or description of each lot or part thereof or parcel of land in the following annexed assessment roll, and said assessment roll, which is numbered 114, is hereby adopted and approved as the assessment for said improvement, and the recorder of the city of St. Johns is directed to enter a statement of the assessment hereby made in the docket of city liens, and cause notice thereof to be published as provided by charter, which assessment is as follows:

Addition	Lot	Block	Amount
So. St. Johns	8	1	$21.59
"	9		43.70
"	10		43.70
"	11		43.70
"	12		43.70
"	13		43.70
"	14		45.90
"	1	2	46.50
"	2		43.70
"	3		43.70
"	4		43.70
"	5		43.70
"	6		43.70
"	7		20.80
St. Cloud Hts.	1	F	50.18
"	2		34.96
"	3	A	34.96
"	4		49.05
Total			$740.94

Passed by the Council this 2nd day of March, 1915.

Approved by the Mayor this 3rd day of March, 1915.

A. W. VINCENT, Mayor.

Attest: A. E. DUNSMORE,
Recorder of the City of St. Johns.

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Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns until March 23d, 1915, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Swenson St. from the north line of Myers street to the west line of Oswego street, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 643, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and the estimate of the city engineer, on file.

The engineer's estimate is $4037.86.

Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks which will be furnished on application at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of the last publication of this notice.

No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor of the city of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the aggregate proposal.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the city council.

A. E. DUNSMORE,
City Recorder.

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ORDINANCE NO. 643.

An Ordinance Providing the Time and Manner of Improving Swenson Street from Myers Street to Oswego Street in the City of St. Johns, Oregon.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

The council of the city of St. Johns, having ascertained the cost of improving Swenson street from the North side line of Myers street to the East side line of Oswego street, in the city of St. Johns, as shown by the resolution of the council of said city, dated on the 2nd day of Feb., 1915, and recorded in the office of the recorder of said city, and notice thereof having been published in the St. Johns Review, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, on the 5th and 12th days of February 1915, as shown by the affidavit of the foreman of said paper, which said affidavit is on file in the office of the city recorder; and legal posting of notices of such improvement, as shown by the affidavit of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder; and no remonstrance having been filed, and, as provided by said resolution, the engineer's preliminary estimate of the cost of said improvement is $4,037.86, but shall be more accurately determined by said engineer.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that said street be improved and the time for the completion of said improvement is hereby fixed at 60 days from last publication of notice of proposals of said work, which said proposals must be filed with the recorder of said city on or before the 23rd day of March, 1915, at 8 o'clock, p. m. of said day.

That said street shall be improved as as follows: By grading same to the established grade by cut and fill and by sidewalking same on either side with 4 foot cement sidewalks 8 foot curbs entire length, together with all necessary cement crosswalks and iron gutters, curb to have standard drain tile every fifty feet; hitch rings to be placed in curb as directed by the City Engineer.

The city recorder shall give notice by publication for not less than three insertions in the St. Johns Review, the official newspaper, inviting proposals for making said improvement.

Said improvement shall in all respects be done and completed in conformity with the provisions of Ordinances No. 163 302 and 400, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance; all work to be done under the direction and supervision of the city engineer.

That the cost of said improvement shall be assessed against the property in the local improvement district described in said resolution and designated as and declared to be Local Improvement District No. 122.

Passed by the council this 2nd day of March, 1915.

Approved by the Mayor this 3rd day of March, 1915.

A. W. VINCENT,
Mayor.

Attest: A. E. DUNSMORE,
City Recorder.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, will redeem on the First Day of May, 1915, the following outstanding improvement bonds: Numbers 174 to 190 inclusive. The face value with accrued interest will be paid upon presentation at the First National Bank, St. Johns, Oregon, or the office of the undersigned on the above date, the said date being a semi-annual interest paying period. From and after said date the interest on said bonds shall cease.

F. A. RICE,
Treasurer.

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