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Some people seem to have an idea that merging with Portland would have a tendency to bring more industries to St. Johns. Now how could this be true? Portland has no industries that she wants to drive to St. Johns. In fact, proportionate to population St. Johns has secured many more industrial plants than Portland during the past ten years. This is a fact that cannot be denied. As a matter of fact, many of the industries that have been located in this region of the country, but of those that have St. Johns has received its full share. It is said that Portland discriminates against St. Johns and that Portland Commercial Club also tries to prevent industries locating here. How unjust this statement is, is demonstrated by the fact that the Portland Commercial Club has been furnishing voluntarily to the St. Johns Commercial Club periodically lists of firms and individuals seeking new locations, with the suggestion that if St. Johns had anything to offer it would be advisable to at once get in communication with the parties seeking locations, the names and addresses of which were furnished. The President of the Portland Commercial Club has repeatedly stated that his club would be only too glad to co-operate with the St. Johns Club at any and all times, and would do anything in its power to aid us. The chief trouble here is that suitable land for factory sites is too high in price. The "Woman Voter" in an article elsewhere in this issue, has offered a most practical suggestion to relieve the situation when she suggests that the city of St. Johns bond itself for \$100,000, and that this sum be used in purchasing one hundred acres of land, and that same be cut into five acre tracts or less to be given the use of to manufacturing concerns at a cost of the interest only, the said concerns to have full use of the land as long as the plant is active, but as soon as closed down or abandoned the land to again revert back to the city. As the city could borrow the money for thirty years at probably five per cent interest and as property owned by the city is not assessed for taxable purposes, manufacturing plants could have five acres of land as long as they were doing business at a yearly rental of \$250, or less than \$21 per month. If that would not bring industries, and at the same time prove little or no expense to the city, they would surely be hard to secure. Probably the city dock could be sold and proceeds invested for the above purpose. Certainly the "Woman Voter" has hit the nail on the head, and her idea should be taken up by the Commercial Club and given deepest consideration.

"Portland Water Rates" is the chief argument of the promoters of the merger movement. To the unthinking such argument might bear much weight, but when one studies the proposition in all its details he soon becomes convinced that Portland water rates in St. Johns would not happen for years to come in case of merger this summer. It has been repeatedly said that as soon as merger will have been effected that Portland will begin extending its mains to St. Johns and supply our people with Bull Run water at Portland prices. The fallacy and futility of such reasoning is clearly manifest when one reads the franchise of the local water company given by the local authorities back in 1903. Section 11 states:

"The rights herein granted of laying mains on the streets of the town of St. Johns shall be and remain THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT of the grantee herein for the period of fifteen years from and after the taking effect of this franchise, saying, however, the right of any person or corporation within same city to provide his or its own private supply in any manner NOT requiring the laying or use of mains in the city."

The franchise was given in July, 1903, and thus it will be seen that the local company has an exclusive franchise for several years yet to run, during which time neither a private corporation, the city of St. Johns or the city of Portland could under any law in the land put in a competitive water system. The claim has been made that exclusive franchises are not binding on the grantor. This may true where exclusive franchises are given for an indefinite period, but it may be relied upon that when this franchise was given there was no law in existence whereby the City of St. Johns could not legally give an exclusive franchise for a period of fifteen years. If there has been such a

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law passed since, we are ignorant of it, and even so it could not possibly be retroactive, or in other words, affect any contract made previous to its passage. Therefore, in the event of merger, Portland simply could not run Bull Run pipe lines to St. Johns in competition before the fifteen years have expired. There are several Supreme court decisions to this effect, and we challenge any mergerite, Mayor Albee, Portland City Attorney LaRoche or any of the Commissioners to bring proof to the contrary. The only possible way that Portland could give us Bull Run water before April, 1919, (franchise starting April, 1904) would be to purchase the local plant and at a price commensurate with its worth. Section 12 of the franchise states:

"The people of the town of St. Johns do further agree to and with the said grantee herein that during the PERIOD OF THIS FRANCHISE it will continue to use water supplied by the grantee at the rates herein provided for all purposes for which the town shall require the use of water."

This franchise was granted by the people of St. Johns and is just as binding by reason thereof as if every resident of St. Johns had signed it personally. So when people tell you that if merger takes place Bull Run water will be served the people of St. Johns immediately afterward, tell them they do not know what they are talking about. It simply could not be done. A franchise is just as binding upon the grantor as upon the grantee. If it were not so a franchise would not be worth the paper it is written on, because it would afford no protection to the party investing his money in public utilities. But the law makers have wisely provided such protection and the vested rights of corporation-owned utilities are just as sacred as the vested rights of individuals.

It is said that a letter was read at the merger meeting in the Library Monday evening signed by Commissioner Daly of Portland, in which the statement is made that in event of merger Portland will either buy the local water plant or install a new one. The proposition of installing a competing plant is exploded in another place in this issue. As to buying the plant, can Mr. Daly assure us that the people of Portland will vote bonds to buy? Bond issues are most unpopular in Portland, and are invariably turned down in recent years. In fact Mr. Daly knows no more about it than you or I, and any statement he makes regarding water matters in event of merging is merely theoretical and not assured. He tried hard to get the people of Portland to pay three months water rates in advance not so long ago, but his little enterprise was knocked into "a cocked hat." Mr. Daly has probably made his statements in good faith, and it was the best encouragement he could offer upon insistent urging that he give some statement for benefit of the mergerites. He is a man that is evidently willing to oblige, even though he knows his statements are theoretical.

As to Albina, if Portland had not deemed it worth while it would not have taken it in. And didn't a certain party last year try to sell to the city of St. Johns a three acre tract of land for \$5,000 that was assessed at less than \$100 per acre? Another article from Mr. Cook on insurance rates will appear next week; too lengthy for this issue.—Ed.

REGISTER

Registration books are now open at the City Hall for the General City election.

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ORDINANCE NO. 651

An Ordinance Ordering the Holding of a General City Election for the Election of Officers of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, and for the Purpose of Submitting Certain Propositions to the Qualified Electors of the City of St. Johns, and Fixing the Time and Place Thereof and for Naming the Judges and Clerks to Officiate Thereat.

The City of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the City of St. Johns shall hold a general City Election on the fifth day of April, for the purpose of electing officers for the City of St. Johns as follows, to wit:

A Mayor, City Recorder, City Treasurer, City Attorney, Two Councilmen for the First Ward, Two Councilmen for the Second Ward, and Three Councilmen at Large.

Also to submit certain questions to the qualified electors of the City of St. Johns, as follows, to wit:

Shall Sections XXIX and XXX of the Charter of the City of St. Johns be amended, fixing the date of the Next General Election to be held on the first Monday in April, 1917, and biennially thereafter, and permitting all officers elected or holding office at the time of the taking effect of this amendment, to hold office for a period of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Shall the people of the City of St. Johns incur a municipal bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$130,000, for the purchase and extension of the Water Plant of the St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Company?

That Ordinance No. 617, an Ordinance creating a board of Censorship, regulating shows, theatres, motion pictures, distribution of literature, bill boards and advertising matter, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this Ordinance, passed by the Council the 8th day of September, 1914, be submitted to the legal voters for their approval or disapproval.

Section 2. And it is hereby ordered that said election be held on the fifth day of April A. D. 1915, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and seven o'clock P. M. of said day in the manner provided by the City Charter of the City of St. Johns.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered that the following judges and clerks of said election be, and they are hereby, appointed, to wit:

Judges for the First Ward: Day Judges—F. W. Valentine, Mrs. A. C. Gaines, Mrs. T. H. Short.

Night Judges—T. F. Bush, J. F. Herrold, C. E. Royer.

Judges for the Second Ward: Day Judges—Mrs. Nora K. Corbin, Mrs. Anna J. Canright, Henry L. Whisler.

Night Judges—John M. Shaw, G. H. Lemon, George Brokaw.

Clerks for the First Ward: Day Clerks—Mrs. Fannie E. Smock, Mrs. J. H. Gammel.

Night Clerks—A. R. Davis,

ORDINANCE NO. 650

An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Legal Voters of the City of St. Johns a Proposition to Purchase a Public Utility, as Provided by Subdivision V. of Section 70 of an Act Entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of St. Johns, Multnomah County, Oregon, and Providing a Charter Thereof, and to Repeal All Acts or Parts of Acts in Conflict Therewith. Adopted By the People of St. Johns in the Year 1907; and Directing the Recorder to Place Upon the Official Ballot the Proposition "Shall the People of the City of St. Johns incur a Bonded Indebtedness in the Sum of \$130,000.00 for the Purchase and Extension of the St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Company's Plant?" And for the Mailing a Copy of said Notice to Each Legal Voter of said City.

The City of St. Johns does Ordain as follows:

Section 1. Shall the City of St. Johns incur a municipal bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$130,000.00 for the purchase and extension of the St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Company's Plant? Said bonds to be coupon bonds issued in denominations of \$500.00 each, and shall not bear a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, and may be retired any time after one year after date of issuance, but in

ORDINANCE NO. 649

An Ordinance Providing for Having Referred to the Legal Voters of the City of St. Johns at the Election to be Held on April 5th, 1915—Ordinance No. 617—For their Approval or Disapproval, and Providing for the same to be Placed Upon the Official Ballot.

Whereas, on the—day of February, 1915, there was filed with the City Recorder a petition, signed by more than twenty per cent of the legal voters of the city, directing said council to refer Ordinance No. 617 to the legal voters of the city at the next general election to be held on the 5th day of April, 1915.

Therefore, it is ordained by the City of St. Johns:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 617, being an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating a Board of Censorship regulating Shows, Theatres, Motion Pictures, Distribution of Literature, Bill-Boards and Advertising matter," and fixing a penalty for the violation of this ordinance, which was passed by the council on the 8th day of September, 1914, be and the same is hereby referred to the legal voters of the City of St. Johns for their approval or disapproval at the general election to be held on the 5th day of April, 1915.

Section 2. The City Recorder is hereby directed to place the proposition, shall Ordinance No. 617, designated as the Censorship Ordinance be repealed?

X	Yes
X	No.

Section 3. The City Recorder shall prepare and mail to each legal voter of the City of St. Johns the title of said ordinance; said mailing shall take place not later than twelve days prior to the date of election.

Passed by the Council this 16th day of March, 1915.

Approved by the Mayor this 16th day of March, 1915.

A. W. VINCENT,
Mayor.

Attest: **A. E. DUNSMORE,**
Recorder.

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Section 2. And it is hereby ordered that said election be held on the fifth day of April A. D. 1915, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and seven o'clock P. M. of said day in the manner provided by the City Charter of the City of St. Johns.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered that the following judges and clerks of said election be, and they are hereby, appointed, to wit:

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Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Ordinance No. 651 an election will be held on Monday the 5th day of April, A. D. 1915, in the City of St. Johns, Oregon, for the following purposes to-wit: For the election of the following named officers for the ensuing year, viz: One Mayor, one City Recorder, one City Attorney, one City Treasurer, three Councilmen at Large, two Councilmen from the First Ward, two Councilmen from the Second Ward, in the manner provided by law and the Charter of the City of St. Johns.

And at said election there will be submitted to the qualified electors of said City for the approval or rejection the following propositions to-wit:

"Shall Section XXIX and XXX of the Charter of the City of St. Johns be amended, fixing the date of the next General Election to be held on the first Monday in April, 1917, and biennially thereafter and permitting all officers elected or holding office at the time of the taking effect of this amendment, to hold office for a period of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified?"

Shall the people of the City of St. Johns incur a Municipal bonded indebtedness in the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) for the purchase and extension of the Water Plant of the St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Company?"

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The following places have been designated as polling places for said election: First Ward—In the Lecture Room, at the Public Library, Second Ward—In the Council Chamber at the City Hall.

The polls will be open at nine (9) o'clock A. M., and will remain open until seven (7) o'clock P. M. of said day.

By order of the Council.
A. E. DUNSMORE,
Recorder of the City of St. Johns, Oregon.

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