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An old doctor of venerable appearance and hair that has not known the barber's shears for a number of years, held forth in a homemade "jitney" at the Peninsula Bank corner Saturday evening. This venerable doctor gave excellent reasons why St. Johns should stay out of Portland, so it seemed to the Antis. He plainly brought out the fact that merging would be good for Portland, but couldn't show how St. Johns would be benefited. He seemed to impress the people with the idea that Montavilla, with its 780 inhabitants and without any local government whatever, did get Bull Run water after a while, and that nothing was gained in the way of industrial plants. It is said the old gentleman took occasion to state that the Review would go out of business if merger took place. Now this is most distressing news. We had figured that the Review would continue to do business in spite of annexation, that if the glowing promises of great activity after merging would come true that we would just coin money, that the new factories which Mr. Lewis talks so much about would need printing, and that we would even get a chance on the city printing of Portland. And now to have it announced publicly that we shall have to go out of the printing business here in case of merger just naturally makes us feel heartbroken. The city printing for the past four months totalled the sum of \$189.45, part of which was for job printing and part for advertising. Deducting the price of stock, cost of setting the advertising, time of measuring up and making affidavits (an affidavit having to be made out for every item of advertising) this office cleared on the city printing in the past four months the magnificent sum of \$18 per month. Now wouldn't we have to be hanging on by our toe nails if the loss of \$18 per month would throw us out of business? As a matter of fact the printing from one manufacturing plant in St. Johns which this office turned out during the same time totalled a number of simoleons more than the city printing amounted to. So if Mr. Lewis trots in the other factories he says will come here after merging, what has the Review to fear? Perhaps it would be a kindness to this old chiropractist if the Review would discontinue if merger takes place, but somehow we have decided not to do so. Again, perhaps the venerable gentleman has in mind that the city of Portland may be will confiscate the Review printing plant as well as the water works. One could be done as legally as the other. The only thing that could drive the Review out of business would be for conditions to become so depressed that no other business man could succeed in business in St. Johns, and this is what we fear would happen in case of merging, and is why we fight it. It is true that we would be sorry to lose the city printing, because we like to get all the work we can, but we realize it must continue to get less every year; that ordinances covering most every contingency have already been passed and that the streets have been pretty well improved, so that we could not figure much over fifteen dollars per month profit from this source henceforth, and that doesn't go very far in paying our \$300 per month expenses. To be very frank, it is true that the city printing in the past has been quite an important factor with this office, and has helped over many rough places, but since the business has gotten firmly established and the excellence of our printing has attracted business even from Portland, it is not so essential now to its existence, and we can note its dwindling with more complacency. Perhaps the good old doctor might explain how the paper at Lents and the one at Sellwood and the one in Montavilla continue to exist and prosper in spite of these places losing themselves in the city of Portland? If any one is imbued with the idea that merging with Portland is going to put the Review out of business, he has another guess coming.

Extract from Monday's Daily Abstract, Portland's official newspaper:

City Engineer Dater is planning to add 5 per cent to the usual estimates of the cost of street and sewer improvements in view of the recent passage of the ordinance requiring that the wages to be paid on all municipal contracts shall be the prevailing wage paid by the city. It is believed that this ordinance will increase the total cost of an improvement to this extent.

OUR NATIONAL BANK HAS A CHARTER FROM THE U. S. GOVERNMENT



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One thing that all citizens of St. Johns should bear well in mind, and that is if merger takes place it means for all time to come. It is something that cannot be undone. Carry this thought with you to the polls, and think well before you vote to destroy the only power you will ever possess as a municipality—the power to govern yourselves. It is something that rivers of blood have been spilled in order to obtain. It is something that has caused more wars than any one thing. Consider deeply if it would not be just as well and better to postpone this untraceable step at least until Portland has grown out to us and there will not be a long stretch of practically vacant land lying between the two cities. It is a most solemn thing to do, and should be pondered over in the most serious manner.

This office is in receipt of a communication from a lady, but as she fails to give her name, we shall not publish it, with this evidence of good faith lacking. However, she pretends she does not know how to vote, and doesn't know if it would be right to take the editor's word for it. We ask no one to take our word for it; we give our opinion supported by facts, and then leave it to a person's intelligence to guide them aright. We would advise the lady to attend some of the Anti-Merger meetings and become enlightened on this question. Or she may consult most any of the leading business men of St. Johns. They are practically all of the same mind regarding merging, and they are not candidates or office holders, nor are they bent on destroying the city government, because they have been defeated for office.

Mr. Lewis makes the statement that all the present school teachers in St. Johns would retain their positions in the event of merger by virtue of an act passed by the recent Legislature. Can Mr. Lewis give positive assurance that all the teachers now holding positions here will be reappointed by the school board in May, when teachers are supplied for the following term? The contracts of all the teachers expire in June, but they are reappointed or their successors are appointed or elected in May, before merging can possibly take place. It is entirely optional with the St. Johns school board as to whom shall teach the schools in St. Johns during the term of 1915-16. So Mr. Lewis' bill does not apply to the present teachers unless they are reappointed. This does not mean that any present teacher will be let go, for we do not think any will be, but does mean that it is up to the school board, not the Lewis law, to say who shall teach in St. Johns next winter, merge or no merge.

One potent reason why St. Johns is desirable in the eyes of the Portland city officials is because an outlet through St. Johns would thus be afforded for the Big East side sewer. While St. Johns remains St. Johns the sewer cannot be run through it, it is said.

According to Portland ordinances all stables within the city must have cement floors with drain in cesspool. So if St. Johns merges with Portland all stables in St. Johns will have to be cemented. This is the law, so it is said.

REGISTER

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

Last day to register for the City election, March 30th.

Office will be open for registration Saturday evenings March 20th and 27th and Wednesday evening March 24.

Register Now

A. E. DUNSMORE,
Recorder

Something To It

Oregon City, Ore., March 23.—For the second time within a few months the town of Milwaukee has been enjoined from obtaining a supply of Bull Run water, a temporary restraining order being secured here by Attorneys U'Ren and Hesse of Portland, acting for the Milwaukee Water company, controlled by Theodore Fisch and B. M. Fisch. It is alleged that this company has a 30 years' franchise giving it the exclusive privilege until 1934 to furnish water to the people of Milwaukee. The injunction was issued by County Judge H. S. Anderson. The original restraining order was obtained by Fred W. Birkenheimer upon technical grounds, but the circuit court ruled against him and he took an appeal, which is still pending in the Supreme court.—Tuesday's Telegram.

Now if the officials of Milwaukee had known about our distinguished townsman, D. C. Lewis, and his knowledge of exclusive franchises, it no doubt would have employed him and the injunction of course would never have been issued. He solemnly states that exclusive franchises are valueless, but somehow Judge Anderson holds a different opinion.

A Challenge

St. Johns, Oregon, March 24, 1915. Hon. D. C. Lewis, 1108 Willamette Boulevard, City.—My Dear Sir: On behalf of the executive committee of the Anti-Merger Club, I am challenging you as a member of the executive committee of the Merger Club, (and as the bellweather of the whole merger agitation), to a good old time debate on the merger question. I suggest that a debate be pulled off in the High School at an early date next week. I am having this letter published and am also sending a copy of it to Mr. Carroll. I think that the people would be glad to hear a good debate. If you want to accept this challenge, please communicate with me or Mr. C. C. Curran, our chairman, and the details will be arranged, also the date.—Yours truly, Howard O. Rogers.

Merging with Portland means that the East St. Johns passenger office will be discontinued, it is said.

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Greetings

To the Workers of St. Johns, Greetings: The Socialists of the world believe that the things socially used should be socially owned and administered, that things privately used should be privately owned.

The mission of the International Socialist movement is, to secure for the workers of the world, the earth and its fullness, substituting for our present capitalistic system of profit, rent and interest, an Industrial Democracy.

The various National Socialist parties believe in the above fundamentals, but to gain their point their tactics necessarily differ.

In these United States, a majority vote is the highest power in the land.

We socialists believe in Political action, and therefore in Political parties. As a major portion of the population is working class, so the Socialist party is the working class party; not that we have no other class in the party, but because each member of the party has equal voice in its policy and acts, and the majority being workers, the party reflects working class aims.

The Socialist party of our nation differs from all other parties, in that we use the Initiative, Referendum and Recall within the party. That means that officers of the party and candidates for public office are governed by the membership; the various candidates being required to sign an undated resignation, to be dated and presented to the City council, at any time that a majority of the party determine that the officer-elect is acting contrary to the best interests of the working class.

As to local issues—Merger, Censor Board Ordinance, etc.—the party being committed to pure democracy, is content to abide by the decision of the people. The undersigned candidates agree to do all in their power, consistent with the State law and the City charter, for the working class of St. Johns.

Be true to your class.
A. W. Vincent—For Mayor.
M. A. Hathaway—For City Recorder.

George J. Bouffieux—For City Attorney.

Ernest L. Perrine—For City Treasurer.

R. C. Stokes, Richard Hise, Henry Luiten—For Councilmen at large.

Aaron R. Bloomberg, W. F. Davenport—Councilmen First Ward.

Rudolf Moser, G. L. Perrine—Councilmen Second Ward.

—R. C. Stokes, Sec. adv.

A prominent citizen from Portland stated the other day that Portland would be glad to get St. Johns but that they would not be proud of St. Johns people if they were so foolish as to turn this city over to Portland.

Vendors of milk should remember that in Portland a license is necessary in order to sell this commodity.

RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the City of St. Johns, Oregon: That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve (widen) a street from the north side line of Philadelphia street to the center line of Catlin street in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to wit:

By grading said portion of said Street, grade or sub-grade to be established and by laying a 6 foot Cement Side-walk and 12 foot curb on both sides of said Street, with necessary Cross-walks and Catch-basins.

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 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. 123.

That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$4,305.00. 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 23rd day of March, 1915.

A. E. DUNSMORE,
Recorder.
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An Enjoyable Party

A party was given by Miss Esther Lindley, Miss Mabel Thorpe and Mr. Eric Carlson celebrating their eighteenth birthday last Saturday evening at Becker's hall. A splendid time was enjoyed by all. Many old fashioned games were played and songs were sung. The hall was beautifully decorated in purple and gold. Punch was served in a little booth by Miss Della Lindley.

Mrs. L. E. Lindley and Mrs. E. W. Kearns served the refreshments which were cake, sandwiches, fruit salad and coffee.

Three tables were spread. A large three layer birthday cake was on the "honor table" with eighteen burning candles. We all had a taste of that cake and several remarked that the "three" ought to have a birthday twice a year. Those present were: Misses Esther Lindley, Mabel, Bernice and Beulah Thorpe, Hazel Peterson, Esther Carlson, Esther and Mildred Rood, Mary Stevens, Lucy Buckles and Julia Johnson, Francis Erickson, Lillian Werth, Della and Bill Lindley and Mrs. A. Carlson.

Mrs. L. E. Lindley and the Messrs. Eric and Frank Carlson, Clarence and Fred Herwick, Kenneth Drake, Stanley Rood, Ryder Comandy, George Marlette, Edward and William Wirth, E. Barton, Frank Jones, Edward Powell, Archie Gould and Ed Westhefer.—Reporter.

FOR RENT cards at this office.

RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the City of St. Johns:

That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve North Hayes street from the center line of Philadelphia street to the center line of Catlin street in the city of St. Johns in the following manner to wit:

By grading said portion of street to grade or subgrade to be established and by laying a 6 foot cement walk and 12 foot curb on both sides of said street, with necessary 5 foot wood cross walk and catch basins.

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 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. 124."

That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said street is \$4176.58.

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 23rd day of March, 1915.

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ORDINANCE NO. 652

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY RECORDER OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS, OREGON, TO DRAW A WARRANT AGAINST THE STREET BOND SINKING FUND FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSFER.

The City of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

That whereas, under the operation of the "Bancroft Act" as the same has been adopted by the City of St. Johns for the purpose of improvement of streets and construction of sewers a deficiency has developed in the street bond sinking fund owing to the provisions of the City Charter providing for the payment of interest semi-annually and that at the close of the first year from the date of application.

Whereas, to provide the necessary funds with which to promptly pay the face value of all bond coupons as the same shall become due the City Recorder of said City be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant against the street bond sinking fund and in favor of the street bond interest fund, in the amount of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00), which act and transfer shall be for the purpose of loaning and transferring said sum to the street bond interest fund and that said amount shall be transferred and returned to said street bond sinking fund at any time sufficient funds are in said street bond interest fund to meet current demands on said fund including previous loans of this character which retransfer shall be made by said Recorder without further act or direction of this council.

Passed by the Council this 23rd day of March, 1915.

Approved by the Mayor this 24th day of March, 1915.

A. W. VINCENT,
Mayor.
Attest: A. E. DUNSMORE,
Recorder.

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NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of improvement of Macrum Ave. from the southerly line of the City Limits to the O. W. R. & N. Right Of Way, total cost of which is \$3,539.42 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. Remonstrance against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock P. M. April 12th, 1915.

A. E. DUNSMORE,
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