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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 Muck presiding.

A communication from A. G. Long stated that he was willing that the fire steamer owned by him should remain in possession of the city for the present, provided it be given proper attention and the city be responsible for its welfare.

D. C. Lewis told of communications being sent to the Mayor and Commissioners of Portland by anti-mergerites, copies of which he read to the council.

Councilmen Graden, Downey, Perrine, Tallman and Bonham made remarks on the subject.

Councilman Graden stated that the local water company had commenced laying new water pipes on Oswego street.

The city attorney and Alderman Graden, chairman of the water and light committee, were instructed to interview the local water company in regard to installing fire hydrants on St. Johns avenue at as early date as possible.

Upon recommendation of Councilman Bonham it was decided that notices should be posted warning all drivers of automobiles not to exceed a speed of eight miles an hour in the fire limits of the city.

The following bids were received on the improvement of Ivanhoe street between Philadelphia and Catlin streets: M. E. Kilkenny, \$3763.67; Andrew & Harter, \$3772.57; Martin, Loeffelmann & Oswald, \$3747; Cochran-Nutting Company, \$3718.77; Markwart & Co., \$3907.04; V. W. Mason, \$3796.38; Hahn & Rehman, \$3682.30.

The following bids were received on the improvement of Hayes street between Philadelphia and Catlin streets: M. E. Kilkenny, \$3573.98; Andrew & Harter, \$3530.31; Martin, Loeffelmann & Oswald, \$3551.13; V. W. Mason, \$3467.51; Hahn & Rehman, \$3525.90; Cochran-Nutting Co., \$3482.57; R. Markwart & Co., \$3691.72. The bid of V. W. Mason being the lowest, he was awarded the contract.

The bid of the First National Bank on \$3964.64 of improvement bonds at par, accrued interest, providing of bond forms and a premium of \$25 being the best bid offered, that institution was awarded the bonds.

Ordinances providing the time and manner of improving Pittsburg street between Crawford and the ferry slip and Ivanhoe street between Burlington and Richmond streets were passed.

A resolution directing the city engineer to prepare the plans, specifications and estimates for the improvement of Leonard street between Charleston and Chicago streets by sidewalk and grade was adopted.

It was decided that the proposed improvements of John and Charleston streets be filed for the present.

An ordinance providing for keeping dogs enclosed or in leash when on the streets passed first and second readings, and then held over for alteration.

Councilman Martin stated that the steam exhaust at the local ice plant was so arranged that the steam therefrom forced its way over Dawson street, and at times making it more or less dangerous to traffic. The Mayor volunteered to see Mr. Harris and have the matter remedied if possible.

Alderman Perrine gave the details connected with the installation of a comfort station at the city hall plot, and said he believed the work could be done for about \$1200 by day labor, and he was given authority to proceed with the work.

It was decided that the mayor should make appointment of appointive officers at the next session of the council.

Missionary Societies

The following interesting and instructive article was written by Mrs. Geo. Jeffcott and read by her at the Mother's Meeting, Monday April 19, subject: "Missionary Societies."

Missionary effort and organization to carry it on are distinctly a Christian institution. Probably in no one point does the spirit and practice of the teachings of Jesus differ from other so-called religions as in its attitude toward those who know little or nothing of its power and influence.

Moreover this spirit of helpful sympathy more perhaps than any other one thing establishes the Divine character of Christ, and his teachings.

The Missionary spirit shown in such a striking way in the early church was something new. It was not brought about by gradual development of a clearer understanding of social relations, but was manifest all at once and among the followers of a single teacher, and was in no way connected with the recognized social and religious leaders of that day.

That this is true is indicated by the position these leaders took toward the new teaching. Nor have we need to look far for the cause of their intolerance and bitter opposition.

In the face of the growing popularity and influence of the new teachings the Jewish leaders saw danger to their position and authority.

While the Jewish religious system was far the best the world had known up to that time and could they have but grasped its true spirit would have lifted them socially far above the nations about them. They seem to have valued it from purely selfish motives. Jealous of any encroachment on their privileges, intolerant of any who might differ with them on the most trivial point, and carefully reserving to themselves all knowledge and favor of God. They form a striking contrast with the followers of the new Teacher.

The Missionary work of the early church, while inspired by a common faith, was at first largely carried out by individuals or at most two or three together.

The story of these early missionaries, their loyalty to their Master, their simple faith that knew no discouragement and the wonderful results of their effort are among the finest things that come down to us from the past.

There are dark chapters in the history of the church when it seemed that the spirit of the Divine Master was lost sight of and faith was dead, and yet through it all there has seemed to be a recognition of her obligation to carry the story of the cross to the ends of the earth.

In our times there has been a marked increase of interest in the various lines of mission work. Practically every Christian church has some organization whose special object is the spread of religious truth and a better understanding of man's social and moral relations. Along with teaching on these lines, much has been done to better general conditions.

Medical departments have been established, work specially directed to the uplift of women, the better education of children, etc., has been undertaken. This extension of the field of work has made better organization both for work and support, absolutely necessary and the various local societies have organized under control of a central body with the object of working to a better advantage and furnishing better and more dependable support.

To try to give statistics covering the extent of the work would be out of the question, but compared with any other lines of endeavor it is undoubtedly great. What the results of all this effort is and is to be, only God whose love is its inspiration may know. That it has been far reaching in its effort on human progress is certain.

Take for instance the advance of civilization in our own land. Before the pioneer, came the missionary. With a zeal undaunted by hardships and privation, inspired with the joy of passing on to others what had counted for so much in their own life, these men played no small part in the development of the wilderness.

The Missionary Society at its best, supporting and backing up its consecrated men, sympathy and encouragement is a practical working out of the Christian spirit and its only explanation is the principle that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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.

NEW BOOKS:
Guerber—Emperors of France. Josephine, Marie Louise and Eugenie are names which call to mind endless pageants and touching or dramatic scenes, which historians, novelists, poets, and playwrights have already used in their works, and will doubtless use again.

Johnston—Yorktown Campaign, and the Surrender of Cornwallis. An account of this final campaign of the Revolution in the light of the old and such new material as our historical collections offer.

Kaufman—Do Something. Be Something. "A new philosophy of human efficiency."

A book that is fairly peppered with exclamation points and even closer filled with remarks which need them. Stimulating to the ninth degree—as witness the following: "Dream to the stars—fling your darts a thousand miles."

"History is the diary of barbarism—the chronicles of civilization are yet to be written." "You can't be helped because you're a jelly fish. If you were lifted up, you'd flop back like a soggy sponge. Start in and grow a spine. Wade out of your self pity and your false pride. Dig through your cowardice and your fear and find the man in yourself."

"Impossibility is now an old fashioned word with a definition but not a meaning. Impossibilities are the half-hearted efforts of quitters. Magic has become a unionized trade. Wizards punch the clock four times a day and stop at the cashier's window every Saturday."

"When you are quite satisfied with yourself you'll begin to dissatisfy the rest of us. No mind at rest can do its best." Macmanus—Yourself and the Neighbors.

If you were one of the lucky ones who have seen and heard the Irish storyteller, Seamus MacManus, on one of his Portland trips, you will not care to miss this, his latest book of Irish stories. And if you read this book of stories you will see to it that you do not miss Mr. Macanuso on his next Portland visit.

The first five stories are concerned with "Yourself and Yourself," and take you—that is, of course, if you happen to be an old fashioned Irishman on the old sod—from "Barefoot Time" through "Your Courtin'" "Your wedding," and "When a Man's Married," to "Evening's Quiet End," when—

"A great wake you had surely; your thousand friends came from far and near to smoke a friendly pipe at your house and to pray a prayer over you, and sit for some hours by your bier, lamenting that the parish would never see your like again, and the funeral was something that would have delighted the heart of you, had you only been able to see it. In relays of four, the finest men of the parish shouldered you over bog and moor, hill and dale, road and river, to your final field, with five hundred footing it behind, and when you were lowered to your long home, and Father Peter, in shaky tones, had committed you, "Earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes," the boys who filled your grave said with the last sod, "With all our sorrow, we're proud. For from this day out 'twill be our boast that we planted the best man Killymard ever knew. God rest you, Johnnie!"

And a hundred bowed heads muttered a deep and fervent "Amen!"

THE CHRISTIAN LIGHT. Oh! what is this which shines so bright And in the lonely place Hangs out his small green lamp at night The dewy bank to grace? It is a glowworm still and pale It shines the whole night long, When only stars, Oh! nightingale Seem listening to the song.

And so amid the world's cold night Through good report or ill Shines out the humble christian's light As lonely and as still.

For Rent—One 6 room house, \$8.00; one 7 room house with 1 acre, \$8.00; one 6 room house all remodeled, \$10.00.—Peninsula Security Co., Room 5 over First National Bank.

Rose Carnival Notes

Oregon's marvelous scenic wonders, with the Ninth annual Rose Festival June 9, 10 and 11 as a fitting climax, will be the basis for the photoplay, "The Land of Promise," to be produced in Portland by the Northwest Weekly, an Oregon motion picture company.

The purpose of the photoplay will be to include the scenic attractions in various portions of the state about a story of the early history of Oregon. N. Olness, who will produce the picture, will have the cooperation of the Rosarians and the festival association. The scenario was written by Pearl Bailey, a Portland girl, and was considered the best out of more than thirty plays submitted to the judges.

A company of photoplay actors will be taken on a tour of the state and pictures will be staged at the Oregon coast line; on the Columbia highway, near Mt. Hood, along the Columbia river, at Crater Lake National park; along the Deschutes River in Central Oregon and in fertile valleys. There will be more than 100 scenes, and the photoplay will be produced in two reels and placed on motion picture circuits covering theatres all over the civilized globe.

To secure a queen for the Portland Rose Festival that will represent the greatest number of people, the fiesta management has received nominations from every organization in Portland. Voting will be by coupons in the daily papers until May 16. The contest closes May 19, giving three days for votes from cities and towns outside Portland to reach the contest manager.

Organizations in Portland will appeal to similar societies throughout the state to forward them coupons. The girl receiving the highest vote will be made queen and the next six highest will be Princesses.

Queen Rose, as the ruler of the 1915 festival will be called, will be crowned the afternoon of opening day at the Festival center. The six princesses will also be given the names of flowers. The crowning ceremonies will call for one of the most picturesque ceremonies ever planned in the history of the carnival.

Several hundred school children will have part in a beautiful picture to be staged on the Portland Park blocks.

Engineer Force Busy

The engineer's office is a busy place these days. An unusual amount of street work is being done, and it keeps the engineering corps on the jump.

This department of city affairs is in most competent hands. James Burson, city engineer, is a man well qualified to act in this capacity. He has broad and varied experience as civil engineer, and has an intimate knowledge of the conditions and requirements of practically every street in the city.

His recommendations are ever listened to with respect and with full confidence that Mr. Burson is fully cognizant of conditions and of the best method of remedying defects, and making repairs. His judgment is thoroughly reliable and his work is painstaking, accurate and meets with the approval of the people in general.

He has two efficient assistants in E. W. McLean and Ben Hoover. Both are trustworthy, capable and take great pride in the work. All work is kept up to date as nearly as it is possible to do so. When it is proposed to improve a street, the engineer by resolution is given twenty days in which to prepare the plans, specifications and estimates, but it is very rarely the case that the engineering department does not have all in readiness in half the time allotted.

Every one receives courteous treatment at the engineer's office, and always any one wanting information regarding street work can secure it with facility and dispatch there. Mayor Muck and the city council have again shown fine judgment in retaining Mr. Burson and his assistants.

Back to the Farm

Would you like to own a choice little farm in Yamhill County, Oregon? If so, come in and see what I can do for you. I have a few friends with choice little farms who wish to exchange for City property.—Dr. W. J. Gilstrap, First National Bank Building, St. Johns, Oregon.

Communications

The communications below are published at the request of D. C. Lewis, in order that the people may know their contents. Many erroneous reports have been in circulation concerning their contents so that their publication will set many people right regarding what they contain. Mr. Lewis assures us they are true copies of the originals:

To the Editor of the Review: I think it was on election day you and I had a short conversation regarding the merger election.

We both agreed that whichever way the electors voted, the will of the people should be respected and the same ought to be accepted as final, and the people again become united and work in harmony for the upbuilding of this state.

The voters spoke. By a majority, not only of the vote cast, but also of the registered vote as taken for the last city election, the sentiment was strong for merger. That being so where is the justification for this late attack made against our people? Is it mergerites or anti-mergerites who are fanning the flame? Read the names of those signing the petitions attached to the letter sent to the Mayor and Commissioners of Portland.

To say a person is unprincipled is the equivalent of saying he is "without virtue," profigate, openly immoral, corrupt, dissolute, depraved, wicked, disreputable, and such a charge is slanderous and criminal. Note the language of the letter: "Misrepresentations were made by unprincipled men." The language is plural. Near the close of the so-called petition which is attached to the letter "promoters" are referred to. Every person who contributed money to aid the merger cause, or worked for the same, or spoke for the same or even voted for the same in a sense are promoters and are included in the charge of being unprincipled.

I make the letter and petition and names attached, all of which are filed together in Portland, and were read as one instrument, a part of this letter that the readers of the Review may know exactly what is taking place so they can clearly place the blame.

In the petition reference is made to the number of electors. Why call the commissioners attention to last fall's registration? That was a State registration and contains many names who were not and yet are not naturalized American citizens. A misuse of the truth for purpose of deception is equally as bad as open, deliberate falsehood. Explanations may be due.—D. C. Lewis.

St. Johns, Oregon, April 28, 1915. To the Honorable Mayor, and Board of Commissioners, Portland, Oregon. Gentlemen:

I have been requested by citizens to send you the enclosed petition signed by some of our principal business men who are opposed to signing all of our rights and privileges as citizens away. We are all very friendly and have none but the kindest feelings towards the City of Portland, and know that your prosperity also means much to our city, but we cannot feel but that you have all the territory now that you can well look after, and while we are willing to admit that the time will come when it may be to our advantage to join hands with you all for a greater Portland, but feel that the time has not yet arrived.

Misrepresentations were made to our citizens in many ways by unprincipled men to secure their votes and many of them are now sorry. Our object in sending this letter, although late, is to call your attention to some un-constitutional features of the bill. Should Portland vote to take in St. Johns, it means a long and hard fought battle.

Most respectfully yours, J. E. Williams.

If required, hundreds of our citizens would gladly sign this or a similar petition.—J. E. W.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Portland, Oregon. Honorable Sirs: As to the feasibility of placing upon the ballot at the June election of your City, the question of merging St. Johns with Portland is being considered by your Honorable body, there are several matters relative thereto that perhaps have not been brought to your attention, yet are worthy of consideration at this time.

First, Constitutional amendment

Moving By Mail

Mrs. Annie Olsen, of Seattle is said to be the first housewife in the United States to "move" by parcel post.

Postoffice clerks were astonished when Mrs. Olsen appeared at the parcel post window demanding stamps for conveyance of the household goods from Seattle to Quinault, where she has gone to join her husband. "I figured it would be cheaper this way," said Mrs. Olsen, stamping a barrel containing her kitchen stove. "It cost me \$20 the last time I moved." Other articles of furniture followed, weighing in all 337 pounds and including kitchen utensils, a rocking chair and a dining table among other things. They cost her \$4.62 in stamps. "Uncle Sam for me!" exclaimed Mrs. Olsen. "I knew it would be economical."—Journal.

which was passed by the vote of the people last Fall, making the merger of adjoining cities in this state possible, providing that merging should 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. The language is plain, yet the last Legislature attempted to alter or amend this Constitutional amendment, and so worded the merger bill that a majority of those voting at the election should effect merger. It is conceded by legal advisers generally that the Legislature has no power whatever to alter, amend or even interpret a Constitutional Amendment, as the former must be done by a vote of the people at large, and the latter is a judicial function and not a Legislative one. So it would seem that the Constitutional Amendment must stand as it reads "a majority of the Electors." St. Johns has a population not far from 6000 people and about 2200 electors. Last Fall 2079 were registered from St. Johns. At the recent election on merging only 799 voted in favor of merging, while the constitutional amendment, in unmistakable terms, states that a majority of the electors must be secured before merging can take place. It will be seen by the figures quoted that a majority has not been secured, in fact only about 35 per cent of the electors of St. Johns expressed a willingness to merge. This being the case, if merger could be completed under these conditions, would it not be questionable, to say the least, of being able to sell improvement bonds for street or sewer work in St. Johns, since the bonds are based on and backed by the property of the district and not by the City?

The vote on merging in St. Johns was undoubtedly secured on the assurance by the promoters that Portland would immediately provide Bull Run Water at Portland rates to St. Johns inhabitants, that the Fire Department would be enlarged, that School facilities would be increased and that large sums would be spent on docks in St. Johns. Those at the head of the merger movement were mostly real estate men, while the business men and property owners were generally opposed to merging.

In view of all these facts we would suggest that the matter receive the most careful consideration at your hands and that the Constitutionality of the law be thoroughly analyzed by your legal Department.

Trusting that you may do this and thereby avoid any legal complications that might hereafter arise, we remain,

Yours Most Respectfully,—K. C. Couch, Merchant; C. C. Currier, Druggist; Dr. J. V. Scott, Dentist; H. W. Bonham, Merchant; Ed. S. Currier, Merchant; W. R. Evans, Merchant; C. S. McGill, Merchant; W. L. Ormandy, Merchant; H. W. Ormandy, Merchant; D. E. Brodahl, P. C. C.; C. R. Thompson, Druggist; J. H. Knowles, Contractor; S. L. Connany, Laborer; J. E. Williams, Insurance.

FOR SALE.—I will sell on easy terms at a bargain my half acre of choice garden land with small house in St. Johns only two blocks from car line. Would accept a modern five passenger auto as part payment. What have you to offer? For particulars, see Dr. Gilstrap.

Full blooded Barred Rock baby chicks. Call at 315 W. Buchanan.

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