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The suggestion made by Councilman Bonham at Tuesday evening's council meeting contains much merit. He suggested that since the saloon men desired an ordinance changed so that they would not be compelled to pay more than the license fee obtaining in Portland for the next six months, that it would seem like a good plan to also enter into a contract with the firemen and police officers to serve for a certain length of time. The value of this suggestion is realized when it is known that Portland must take over all existing contracts made by the city of St. Johns when merger is effected. Thus if the city of St. Johns should enter into a contract with the firemen and police officers whereby the city of St. Johns agrees to retain their services for a certain period, they would be retained on the job by the city of Portland until the contract expired, at least. Otherwise all city officials will be under the civil service regulations, and there are probably so many qualified applicants ahead on the waiting list that the present firemen and police officers might stand a very slim chance of being retained. Such a contract would insure a paid fire department and the full complement of policemen until the contracts expire. The present policemen and firemen have been giving eminent satisfaction, are residents of St. Johns, and the people in general would be glad to have them retained. There should be no reasonable objection to such a contract on the part of anyone, as none could be injured by such a proceeding. The school teachers have been taken care of, and the other officials should receive a like treatment. It would seem to be the duty of the city fathers to protect and give our citizens the fullest benefits of any such advantages.

Goodwin's Weekly, published in Salt Lake City, has the following to say concerning the meter question, that has been causing so much agitation in Portland recently. The proposition of installing water meters in Salt Lake City is now being urged:

The proposition to put in water meters is again being agitated and the usual heart burnings are awakened at the proposition. On its face it reads fair that by the use of meters each man pays for what water he uses. But that is not fair, for in truth, the meter is a luxury to the rich man who cares nothing about the water tax, while for the poor householder, the meter tax causes him to begin to economize water from the moment the meter is put in. He thinks of it every time a rose bush in his little yard is watered, every time one of his children is to have a bath, with the result that after a little time the rose bush is not watered, the children's baths are less and less frequent. Meters may be necessary in very large cities, but they have no place in small, young cities. Water should be as free as the air and if there is here and there a "water hog" there is a legal way to reach him. Instead of sending a large amount of money away to pay for meters the money should be used at home to increase the water supply.

How long the war will last is a question that is difficult of solution. The probabilities are, however, that peace will be declared some time this fall. This belief is based on the fact that Germany is willing to make what appears to be generous concessions. England declared that it would fight it out to a finish about the first of the year. But at that time England expected to do great things by the middle of May. In view of this fact and Germany's concessions, there is strong hope for an early termination of the senseless slaughter. The advent of Italy into the struggle was expected to bring about a crisis, but so far it has made but little difference, and Germany has not yet started to cut loose on that nation. So unless peace is declared there is little hope of cessation of hostilities for years to come. The warring nations must soon realize this fact, if they have not already done so, and it is confidently expected, will adopt measures to bring about peace once more.

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. What have you to offer? For particulars, see Dr. Gilstrap.



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ORDINANCE NO. 667

An Ordinance Declaring the Cost of Improving Tyler Street in the City of St. Johns from the North Side Line of Dawson Street to the South Side Line of Fessenden Street 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 Tyler street in the city of St. Johns from the north side line of Dawson street to the south side line of Fessenden street, and all objections made thereto, and hereby ascertains, determines and declares the whole cost of said improvement in manner provided by Ordinance No. 640 to be the sum of \$4,865.14, 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 177, 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:

Table with columns: Point View, Lot, Block, Amount. Lists property addresses and their respective assessment amounts for Ordinance No. 667.

Items From Daily Abstract (Portland's Official Paper)

Enforcement of the jitney ordinance adopted by the voters has been held in abeyance through a temporary injunction granted Wednesday by the Circuit Court to A. W. Lafferty, representing jitney owners. He asserts in his suit that the ordinance is unfair and discriminatory, and illegal, because the law was not followed in submitting it to the voters. The validity of the ordinance will be determined before the Council will proceed with its enforcement. To properly enforce the ordinance it will be necessary to appoint a thoroughly competent automobile man to make inspections of machines. An ordinance has been prepared creating the position, the salary to be \$125 a month. The revenue for the jitneys will be in excess of \$600 a month, it is said.

Couch & Co. is closing out some men's \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 Oxford Shoes for \$1.75.

They are Certainly Swell



Those new furnishings of ours. Shirts of exclusive patterns, neckwear that proclaims its class at a glance. See the new bows and four-in-hands. Every man who pretends to be a good dresser will want some of them. As you are in that class we shall take pleasure in showing you what you surely ought to see.

COMPLETE COMFORT

Was always in the mind of the manufacturers of our shoes. Everything that would conduce to that condition was included. It's a pleasure to wear such shoes, especially as they also have all the style good taste demands and a value that will appeal to the prudent purse.



COUCH & CO. PIONEER MERCHANTS

SPECIALS

Men's \$4.50 Oxfords at \$1.75
4.50 High Shoes at 1.75
Ladies' 3.50 Oxfords at 1.98

NOW IS THE CHANCE

To get everything we have at practically your own price. We are going to make a big effort to sell \$1,000 worth of merchandise this coming week, and the prices are going to make the business.

Bargains in Shoes

- List of shoe bargains including: Big Lot Men's and Boys' High Top \$4.00 Shoes, Army and Navy \$2.00 Shoes, Boys' \$1.50 Good Style, Mary Jane Ankle Strap Sandals, Walton's Genuine Kid, Women's Patent Leather Shoes, Misses' Pat. Leather Walton Shoes, Children's Pat. Leather Walton Shoes, Men's 25c Bow Ties, Big Lot \$1.50 Parasols and Umbrellas, All 15c Ribbons, all Colors, per Yard.

Snaps in Miscellaneous Articles

- List of miscellaneous article bargains including: White Wash Bowls and Pitchers, Slop with Covers, All Granite Blue at just One Half Price, Glass Wash Boards, Assorted Lamp Chimneys, Lantern Globe, Ladies' 50c Underskirts, Children's Odds and Ends in Underwear, Children's and Women's Gauze Underwear, All 10c Dress Gingham, Ladies 5c Handkerchiefs, Child's Waists, Ladies' 25c White Petticoats, Eight Boxes Matches, All Spices and Extracts, 10c Bottles Blueing and Amonia, All 10c Pkgs. Barley, Tapioca, Maccaroni, etc., All 10c Bars Toilet Soaps, Glycerine, Pumice, etc., 50c Grade English Breakfast Tea, 10c Bottles Olives, 50c Royal Baking Powder.

The goods are rapidly disappearing, and if you want any of the bargains listed above you'll have to hurry. Sale begins now and lasts while the goods last.

You Need the Money that We Can SAVE YOU

SULLY'S BANKRUPT STOCK STORE 113 Philadelphia Street ST. JOHNS, OREGON

In 1914 Oregon pulled through a storm of radical legislative propositions that until they were settled suspended all industrial activities. Fortunately the 25 legislative experiments that were to be tried out by the enthusiastic advocates of everything new under the sun were all defeated. The legislature got a sane slant and took up none of the defeated idiosyncracies and submitted no new nostrums for the body politic to a popular vote and enacted none. But now comes Mr. U'Ren with a new Single Tax campaign and announces that if he does not succeed he will force this question on the people at four more elections. Mr. Spence puts resolutions through the state grange of which he is the head and master to abolish the legislature and have commission of one body in continuous session. The Tax Liberator shows how taxes have gone up 410 per cent in eight years and how all the money in circulation circulates at the tax collector's office. During all this time Oregon has had oodles of reformers and reforms of the U'Ren-Spence type in both parties, and we have regulated industries to a fare-you-well. Reformers and reform laws have not prevented taxes going skyward and business from going to hallelujah and money is harder to borrow in Oregon than any Western state. The state has been long on politics and short on administrative efficiency and voters should hesitate about signing up petitions for the new nostrums. We need a good long holiday from political agitation and a chance for the commonwealth to get its breath and for business to have at least an even break.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

In order to insure a change of advertisement the copy for such change should reach this office not later than Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Please remember this and save the printer.

Ladies' button Oxfords and two-strap pumps, regular \$3.50 for \$2.50 at Couch & Co.