

ST. JOHNS WILL VOTE TODAY

Keen Interest Felt in Election in Prosperous City on the Peninsula.

CONTEST FOR MAYORALTY

Future Plans for Thriving Municipality, Which is Growing So Fast, are Forecasted in Policy of the Candidates.

"I am expecting an orderly election in St. Johns tomorrow," said Chief of Police Bredson.

confusing is the provision for issuing bonds that although voted by a large majority, the \$100,000 in bonds for payment of fire apparatus, public dock and erection of a city hall were refused by two bond-buying concerns...

COST OF GAS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Average Charge to Consumers by Private Companies But 71 Cents.

LARGER USE ENCOURAGED

Municipal Plants Furnish Illuminant for as Little as 36 Cents Per Thousand—Lesson for Portland Monopoly.

The owners of the gas monopoly in Portland would have the people believe that they are furnishing gas for light and heat at a very slight advance over the

penon-in-the-slot meters, furnishing from 5 to 25 cubic feet, the maximum rate for the poor people being about 90 cents per 1000, although furnished in 2-cent quantities.

SIGN AND GIVE OUR PLATFORM

Statement No. 1 Candidates for the Legislature Declare Principles.

REPUBLICANS FOR REFORM

Reiterate Their Pledge and Declare for Referendum, Revocation of Gas Trust's Franchise and Wider Powers for Cities.

The Republican candidates for the Legislature for Multnomah County who have subscribed to statement No. 1, last night signed and gave out the platform upon



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PANORAMIC PICTURE OF ST. JOHNS, LOOKING TOWARDS THE WILLAMETTE.

cannot always tell what may happen. Our people are law-abiding and quiet citizens, and will not tolerate any disturbance.

The polls will open in the two wards at the City Hall at the junction of Philadelphia and Burlington streets, and at the office of E. O. Learned, on Jersey street, near the schoolhouse, at 9 A. M., and close at 7 P. M.

There are four candidates for Recorder—W. L. Thorndyke, "Citizens"; W. I. Churchill, "Progressive Taxpayers"; J. W. Banks, "Independent"; and "Business Men"; O. R. Downs, "Independent."

The Infant Has Grown

Soon three years ago, the busy municipal infant of St. Johns of that period improved the columns of this paper...

Remarkable Growth of St. Johns

That the 3-year-old infant has grown remarkably the picture of the place as it appears today shows. Three years ago only the public schoolhouse and one or two buildings, which appear in the picture, were standing.

Revision of the Charter

Perhaps one of the most important business of the incoming administration will be the revision of the charter, or what is known as the "city government."

now \$1,250,000 and will probably be increased to \$1,500,000 this year, the bonds will be gilt-edged. There does not appear to be any opposition to these bonds.

Next and most important is the water question. Owners of the present plant, or anybody else for that matter, did not suppose they would see such a growth in St. Johns in two years when they bought out the first company...

Offered to Sell Waterworks

Mayor King called and presided over several mass meetings to consider the water question, and yet nothing was accomplished, except to draw out an offer of the present water company to sell for \$20,000.

Property Valuations

Some idea of the appreciation of property valuation in St. Johns may be gained by saying that lots are selling at a price of \$1000 to \$2000 in 1906. This is business property, and the only improved street in the town...

Streets and Sewers

While but one street was fully improved last year, many others are to be improved. Philadelphia, 136 feet wide, will be paved from Jersey street to the river.

actual cost of production. They are probably shutting their eyes to the fact that during the past year a special commission of the Department of Commerce and Labor of the United States, Dr. Frederic C. Howe, has been engaged in a thorough investigation of public utilities in Great Britain...

Growth of Municipal Ownership

Municipal ownership is now an uncommon thing in Great Britain. The nationalization of the gas service, however, has been less rapid than that of the water supply or of the railroads...

Cost of Gas Manufacture

The approximate average cost of gas furnished to consumers by the cities themselves was 65 cents, while the average cost to those who obtained their gas from private companies was 71 cents.

Birmingham Gas 42 Cents

While the average cost of gas, as quoted above, is 65 cents from municipal plants and 71 cents for private companies, there are many instances of lower prices in both classes.

O. R. & N. Filling in Bridges

CASCADE LOCKS, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—The O. R. & N. has now under way a work of some importance in the shape of filling in two bridges crossing sloughs, one on either side of Viento.

GO BEYOND FOREST GROVE

UNITED RAILWAYS MAY BUILD INTO YAMHILL

Track-Laying Will Probably Begin Early Next Month Over Hills West of Portland.

The building of the Forest Grove line, projected by the United Railways Company, past the college town, although that place is announced as the terminus of the trolley road, is foreseen by the application of the promoters to the Forest Grove Council for a franchise...

Text of the Platform

To the Voters of Multnomah County and of the State of Oregon: We, the undersigned, are candidates for nomination by the Republican party at the primary nominating election on April 21, and election by the people of our legislative districts at the general election on June 4, to the Oregon Legislative Assembly...

For the People's Choice

We will always vote for the people's choice for United States Senator, regardless of our individual preferences, as we have pledged our honor to do in our subscription to Statement No. 1.

Link in Trans-Continental Line

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—H. S. Shores, County Surveyor, has been cross-sectioning the county road from the Humbugguts river to London.

Policy is to Reduce Price

In most of the towns where gas is manufactured by the city, it is the policy to sell it at the cheapest possible rate. Light is looked upon as a prime necessity, and its widest use for domestic purposes is to be stimulated.

which they will go before the Republican voters at the coming primary election.

After declaring their fealty to statement No. 1 and their purpose always to vote for the "people's choice for United States Senator, regardless of our individual preferences," the subscribers lay special emphasis on the pending constitutional amendments for the initiative and referendum on local, special and municipal laws, and parts of laws, and for giving cities and towns exclusive power to regulate and control all public utility franchises in the character of service and the price thereof...

Banking Laws Favored

Sixth—A bill regulating all state and private banks and trust companies, and providing for a state bank examiner.

Time Has Come to Decide Who Owns the Legislature

PORTLAND, March 31.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to an Oregonian editorial of last Thursday, wherein Elmer B. Colwell is commended for his stand on the question of who shall own and control the public utility franchises...

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OUTLINING THE ISSUE.

Professor Hugh Herdman delivered the fifth of a series of addresses on church history in Calvary Presbyterian Church last night. The subject was "Cromwell and the Puritans."

Milwaukee Country Club

Los Angeles and Oakland races. Take Sallow and Oregon City cars, First and Alder.

Talks on Cromwell and Puritans

The subject was an extensive one, dealing with one of the most interesting periods of English history. It is no matter how right he may be on other questions, any man who repudiates the efforts of the people to cure that festering ulcer of corruption, the United States Senate, cannot safely be depended upon to help in the fight against local ailments.

Time Has Come to Decide Who Owns the Legislature

The law now requires candidates for nomination to the Legislature to declare themselves on the issue of the United States Senate, and we are told that the most powerful stronghold of entrenched graft, special privilege, favored franchises, corporations and monopolies of the United States Senate is today the most powerful stronghold of entrenched graft, special privilege, favored franchises, corporations and monopolies of the United States Senate.

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