

### ASK ST. JOHNS FOR A LIGHT FRANCHISE

#### Mt. Hood Peperentatives Say Power Plant Will Be Done in April.

That further street improvements are contemplated at St. Johns was made public at the meeting of the council Tuesday evening. Petitions were received from the property owners on Buchanan and Charleston streets requesting that those streets should be improved forthwith and in each case the city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications. A resolution was passed directing the publication of an ordinance for paving McCrum avenue.

A vigorous protest was entered by W. S. Lathens against the condition in which the excavating work on the Burlington street sewer had been left by Contractor Seybold. It was suggested that inasmuch as the contractor had not given final notice of completion of the work, and the street committee had not passed on the work, it was somewhat premature for the whole council to consider the protest, which was referred to the street committee.

An arc light was ordered installed at the junction of Jersey and Maple streets. This light makes six additional standard arc lamps that have been ordered placed in prominent locations during the last two months.

An ordinance was passed assessing the cost of the Jersey street sidewalk from Chicago street to Burlington street.

#### Census Figures Look Light

A communication from E. Durand, director of census, was read announcing that the official figure of population for St. Johns show 1872 residents. In view of the school census last November, which reported 1425 pupils of school age by using the recognized city multiple of 4 1/2, the population seems to exceed 600.

Attorney Fisher and Chief Engineer Smith from the Mount Hood Light & Power company asked permission to erect poles and string the necessary wires for furnishing light and power in the city under franchise. The officials predicted that these new power houses at St. Johns would be completed about the middle of April, and they announced that they would be in a position to supply current to customers before the end of the present year. The machinery to be installed in the new power house is designed to develop about 6,000 horsepower. The officials of the company spoke of the center of activity being in the Peninsula and the terminals being located on the Peninsula. Councilman Davis endeavored to draw from the officials some definite announcement of plans for car service, and while they were non-committal as to the date when they would bring up the question of a street car franchise in St. Johns, they conveyed the impression that it would be as soon as the question of franchise and right of way in the more immediate vicinity of Portland had been definitely determined. The lighting franchise passed a first reading and was referred to the city attorney for consideration.

#### Macabees Install Officers

Despite the inclement weather the installation of officers of the Order of Macabees for the ensuing year was carried to a successful conclusion last night. State Commander Sherwood was present and assisted at the inauguration. This order is making considerable headway in St. Johns. Deputy Supreme Commander Herbert J. Anea makes his headquarters in this city and draws all attention to the work of the order. Five new members were obligated at last night's meeting and arrangements were made for the visit of the No. 1 degree team. The following members were installed in their respective offices: C. M. Toole, commander; Oran E. Gould, lieutenant commander; J. Helms, chaplain; L. L. Fortune, sergeant; J. H. Gee, record keeper; W. S. Buckles, first master of the guard; Harvey Newell, second master of the guard.

#### BOURNE TARGET OF DISGRUNTLED ONES IN SENATE

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politics of Oregon," while Malarkey declared him "morally and mentally unfit to represent Oregon in the United States senate."

#### Sinnott's Plain Words

All of this was intended to throw the personalities of Bourne into debate, and it brought a significant warning from Senator Sinnott of Wasco declaring he was neither a friend nor foe to Bourne, but had covered Bourne's past record, while others who now assailed the senator were extolling him, Sinnott said.

"If you are going to incarnate hatred of the Oregon system in Jonathan Bourne, if you try to undermine the Oregon system of laws by attacking him, you will find behind Jonathan Bourne a compact body of 75,000 votes in this state, voters who now have no great regard for him."

#### Calkins Strong for Assembly

Calkins of Lane was the most outspoken in condemnation of parts of the Oregon system. He said he regarded the initiative as vicious and incapable of being changed so as to be satisfactory. He approved the referendum, but landed hard on the recall, which he also termed "vicious." He said it is a club held over executive and judicial officers, intimidates them in the performance of what they ought to do. The direct primary and corrupt practices act he favored, but opposed Statement No. 1. As a climax he added:

"If you who are divided about the wording of this resolution were to do as I would do, you would hold a caucus, an assembly, or a convention, decide what to do, and then stand for it."

Sinnott said if the resolution had originally been drawn by him he did not know how he would have worded it, but he was not willing to retreat under fire or insert mild and soothing language to placate those who hate the Oregon laws. He declared his confidence in the Oregon system. Conceding it has imperfections, he declared that the people have not gone wrong oftener than has the legislature, with its past history of corruption and abortive laws.

Malarkey, while denouncing Bourne, supported the Kellaher resolution, which in effect praised the initiative and referendum, the direct primary, the corrupt practices act and the recall, affirmed the belief of the legislature that these laws constitute the best system of government in the world, and commended this system to the legislatures of other states. Malarkey sought to have the resolution amended to strike out the "best system of the world" phrase, but after this failed he

fell in line for the unexpurgated version as insisted upon by Kellaher.

Defeated by 17 to 21. After the orators had become exhausted and the roll was called, the resolution met defeat by a vote of 17 to 21, with Joseph and Farish absent. There were three roll calls, the first on Malarkey's motion to recommit with instructions to amend, the second on the minority report killing the resolution. The vote here given is on the minority report, perhaps the clearest index of all.

For—Barrett of Umatilla, Dimick, Kellaher, Locke, Malarkey, McColloch, Miller, Oliver, Patton, Sinnott, Von der Hellen—11.

Against—Abraham, Albee, Barrett of Washington, Bean, Bowerman, Burgess, Calkins, Carson, Chase, Hawley, Hoskins, Lester, Merryman, Norton, Nottingham, Wood, President Selling—17.

The final vote on adoption of the majority report killing the resolution was the same except that Von der Hellen switched over to the majority, and Nottingham, who had stepped outside the bar of the senate when his name was called, was not permitted to vote. He tried to do so by asking unanimous consent, but Kellaher, in thunderous tone objected.

#### Kellaher Might Have Won

Kellaher probably could have won the day had he been willing to modify the resolution to the extent of omitting the declaration that the Oregon system is "the best in the world." Albee, who has always been a friend of Oregon's popular laws, insisted this was untrue, and voted against it. So did Selling, who likewise appeared in strange company, and so did Barrett of Washington, who said he would vote the other way if the pruning shears were applied. Change of these three votes would have made it 14 to 14, and others might have gone into the Kellaher camp had he consented to modify.

Albee took the stand that, while having faith in the laws adopted by the people, he was not prepared to say that they are the best in the world.

Nottingham fears Kellaher. Nottingham expressed the opinion that the object of the resolution is advertising and said he did not believe in these good intentions of Kellaher.

McColloch of Baker said he was willing to indorse the resolution just as it stood, as it expressed his belief that Oregon's system of laws is the best in the world.

Bowerman spoke in sarcastic vein, devoting much of his time to an exorcism of Bourne. He said the resolution was not comprehensive enough, because it did not indorse all the laws passed by the people. He suggested additional clauses, calling attention to the home rule bill, the two bills "annihilating" the fishing industry on the Columbia, the referendum on the appropriation bill in 1906, the vote on the tax amendment last year, the jury amendment, the other acts meeting his disapproval.

As exhibits, he said, he would attach the senior United States senator, one of the nine foot ballots, and one of the official pamphlets sent out to legislative measures to the people.

Norton resented the idea of "putting him on record" when no legislation is pending. No one's business what his views are, he declared. He added that he favors the people's laws, but would vote against the resolution because it is useless and would exhibit "arrogance and inordinate conceit."

Chase and Carson next attacked the resolution, the latter announcing he is willing to be called a standpatter. Malarkey delved into a defense of the resolution and in reply to Bowerman suggested that additional exhibits be attached to tell of the blunders and corruption of legislatures of the past. He said that except for the initiative the local option, the direct primary and corrupt practices act would have been defeated.

Miller made an earnest speech in closing.

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ing the debate, in which he gave a little history of senatorial elections of the past, recalling the contests in which Mitchell, Hirsch, Simon, Corbett, McBride and Fulton figured. He rejoiced in the fight among the Republicans and said if enough rope is given the Democrats will elect the next senator. The people will not tolerate repeal of the laws enacted, he declared, and the standpatters may as well make up their minds to stop the war.

### FLORIDA MEMBER SAYS

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Cunningham group. In fact, he admitted on the stand that he acted in that capacity. Throughout the whole record it appears that as lawyer, as commissioner and as secretary of the Interior, Ballinger fully sympathized with the coal land claimants and desired that they be given the patents they desired.

#### Didn't Want Law Enforced

"If they had violated the law, he held, it was because the law was absurd. Nowhere does it appear that he wanted the law enforced; nowhere is he shown as safeguarding the public interests. He always seemed to feel it his duty to look out for private interests and to entirely lose sight of the fact that the people's property was at stake."

Peicher declared that it was positively wicked in Ballinger to send "a young lawyer, only a year out of college, and who had never tried a case, to the Pacific coast to defend the government's interests in the hearings on the Cunningham claims." He further asserted that Ballinger, when on the witness stand, was "evasive and apparently afraid that the truth would come out," and bitterly criticized Oscar Lawlor for participating in the case while bearing malice in his heart against Glavin.

### NAVAL COLLEGE AT HALIFAX IS OPENED

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 19.—Another definite step in the program for the establishment of a Canadian navy was taken here today with the formal opening of the new naval college for the training of naval cadets. Louis P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries and of naval service, and a number of other public officials attended the opening. The college starts with a class of 21 cadets, chosen by competitive examination from all parts of Canada. The class next year will consist of 25 cadets, which will bring the attendance of the college up to 45. The college faculty consists of a corps of competent instructors headed by Naval Constructor B. S. Hartley, B. A.

### WRITE LETTERS TO HELP ROAD BILLS

#### Portland Business and Civic Clubs Lined Up in Novel Campaign.

Oregon legislators will be deluged with letters from their constituents urging the adoption of the Oregon Good Roads association's five highway bills. Druggists, grocers and hardware dealers will write at once asking the passage of the bills. Rural carriers, farmers and others who travel much have joined in the general letter writing campaign.

President John Haak of the Civic council wrote yesterday to the president of each of the 25 east side clubs represented by the council asking that good roads letters be sent immediately to the Multnomah delegation. The East Side Business Men's club, George T. Atchley, president, will join in a communication of good roads approval.

The Portland chamber of commerce, Commercial club, Y. M. C. A. and the Ad Men's club have all pledged support to the movement, not only by writing letters, but by furnishing representation at the good roads day at Salem when the house and senate will go into committee of the whole to hear the presentation of the good roads cause.

The Retail Merchants' association of Oregon will be meeting in Salem next week, and will join the two special trainloads of Portland boosters being organized for a visit to the capital probably Wednesday of next week. The good roads movement is said to be the most representative and best organized of any in Oregon.

Philip S. Bates, special representative of the Oregon Good Roads association before the legislature, visited most of the organizations named yesterday and secured pledges of their support. He left last night for Salem. His duty, as assigned by the association at Tuesday night's meeting, is to learn as definitely as possible just where every member of the legislature stands on each of the five good roads bills. Judge Webster, chairman of the good roads association's executive committee, will watch over the progress of the bills through the committees of the house and senate and try to prevent their being changed or amended.

### RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT OF WIDEST SCOPE

#### Chicago, Jan. 18.—Plans for the most comprehensive and far-reaching religious campaign ever conducted in America were discussed here today at a conference of leaders of the Y. M. C. A., the various church brotherhoods, the International Sunday School association

and prominent ministers from many parts of the country. Nothing less than a thorough revitalization of the evangelical churches and other Christian agencies in 90 American cities is the aim of the promoters of the movement, which will be known as the Religion Forward movement.

Announcement will be made shortly of the names of the 90 cities in which the campaign is to be conducted. A committee of 100 is to be appointed in each city, to consist of representatives of all religious organizations participating in the campaign. In each city an effort will be made to vitalize the Bible classes in the Sunday schools, and to

enroll men and boys in a systematic study of the scriptures. The plan adopted divides the work into three divisions, that of preparation for the campaign, an eight days' appeal to non-Christian men and boys, and a follow-up program to conserve the benefits of the campaign.

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