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**AN OBJECT LESSON.**

Herman Wise Opens the Eyes of Astorians on Portland Prices.

The prices quoted by Herman Wise in his ad in today's Astorian ought certainly to open the eyes of our people to the folly of running away from home for the sake of a 50-cent fare. "Good goods" is Mr. Wise's motto, and good goods, coupled with such "coaxers," as he terms his reduction, ought to certainly crowd his place of business from morning till night. If success goes to him who earns it, who works for it, then Herman Wise will meet with success.

Don't fail to read the prices he quotes.

If all our merchants would pull as hard to keep trade at home as does Herman Wise, Astoria would be the best town on the coast.

**WITHDRAWAL OF S. P. RATE**

Not Intended as a Discrimination, but in Consequence of a Shortage of Equipment.

Mr. J. C. Mayo, general passenger and freight agent of the Astoria and Columbia River railroad, was seen by an Astorian representative yesterday in regard to the recent withdrawal of the S. P. rate on lumber, an action that is of much importance to local shippers.

Mr. Mayo says he was told by Mr. Markham, general freight and passenger agent of the S. P., that the only reason for the withdrawal of the rate was the lack of equipment, most of the available flat-cars being used in government contracts in California. The demand for cars, which the company could not supply, was so constant and so insistent that the rate was withdrawn. To show that the object of the order was not to discriminate against this section, Mr. Mayo points out that the rate on box shooks and other stuff that can be carried in box-cars is still in force. The lumber rate is withdrawn all along the line of the S. P. The order simply meant that the company lacked the facilities to do the business.

**ASTORIA'S LAG IN GROWTH.**

An Eastern Critic's Comment on the Cities of the Northwest.

Two eastern gentlemen, in Astoria on business, were yesterday airing their views of northwestern cities. Both of them deemed Portland to possess more solidity than progressiveness. "I couldn't find there that evidence of western bustle of which I've heard so much," said one, "but she seems to have plenty of capital of her own. There is more vim and go in Seattle, but somehow I gathered the impression that there is more boom than business in that place. Tacoma is fast-struck, and it seems a struggle for her to keep on the map."

"Spokane is a good point," observed the other, "but there's a 'but' there, for, being an inland town, there is naturally a limitation to her possibilities, and this appeals to one looking for a city holding the elements of greatness."

"The trouble with Astoria, it strikes me," continued the first critic, "is that she has more opportunities than her people know how to use. With her advantages, which are apparent at first sight, she ought to be far ahead of her present condition in business, in population and in general appearance. The people here seem swamped with their possibilities, although there is much evidence of a spirit of enterprise."

**THE CUTTER McCULLOCH.**

Dewey's Famous Dispatch Boat Now in Astoria Harbor Enroute to Portland.

The revenue cutter McCulloch, celebrated as Dewey's dispatch boat, crossed in yesterday and anchored in the bay shortly after the lunch hour. She was looking bright and tidy, considering her cruise in northern waters, and her appearance aroused a faint suspicion that the desire to have the vessel put on her best face when she receives the homage of Portlanders, had something to do with her delay in leaving Puget Sound.

Captain S. Colson is in command. There are three lieutenants and one en-

gineer on board who were on the McCulloch when she was part of Dewey's fleet in the Oriental seas. They were disinclined to say much concerning the battle of Manila bay, feeling that everything of interest had been already said and re-said many times. All on board were bitterly disappointed in not being able to take part in the Dewey reception. It was originally planned to have the McCulloch go around and assist in the admiral's home-coming exercises, but something went wrong.

The vessel carries four six-pound guns and two one-pounders. The latter, Hotchkiss "revolving cannon," are trophies of the war, being from the Spanish warship Maria Christina. They are especially prized by the crew because Dewey gave them to the boat.

While in Dutch Harbor one of the crew fell into the bay and nearly drowned. Surgeon Carpenter worked with him for a long time before he showed any signs of vitality, but he finally was successful. The fall broke the man's collarbone.

The McCulloch proceeds up the river at 5 o'clock this morning, and will remain in Portland about 10 days.

**LAST NIGHT'S MINSTRELS**

Great Success Scored by the Ladies of Astoria in Aid of the Public Library.

The lady minstrel entertainment given by society people of Astoria at Fisher's opera house last night was successful, artistically, beyond expectations and was well patronized. The Astoria Public Library is the beneficiary.

The program was full of fun and in every number was a display of talent. The costumes were striking and appropriate and the performer wore plenty of darkness—which sooted their complexions.

The singing was enjoyable throughout and that of the quartette was especially so. The jokes were new and rich and the local hits were good-naturedly pointed. The stage movements were exceedingly graceful.

The entire program was splendidly rendered and enthusiastically received but the climax was reached in the cake walk, whose good points are beyond description. The audience cheered and cheered and everybody was sorry that everybody else in town was not there to see the fun. Four couples participated and their antics were inimitable. The couple getting the heartiest applause was to get the cake but all four merited and received such hand-clapping tribute that it was difficult to judge who won. It was finally divided between two couples. Really, however, there ought to have been four cakes.

Everybody who attended last night will heartily recommend tonight's performance. The entertainment is worth the money, aside from the consideration of the worthy cause to which the proceeds go.

**THE SCHOOL FINANCES.**

Difficulties of the Board Owing to the Increased Attendance and Decreased Revenue.

The Astoria board of school directors would like to practice the theory of fat money just now. Apparently, the board has reached that stage where it will have to make something out of nothing.

Through no fault of the present board, the district is in an extremely

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bad way financially. It is paying interest on a bonded indebtedness of \$50,000. An increase of expenses seems inevitable. A decrease of revenue fills the cup to overflowing. Here are the schools opened for a session of seven months, and all the money the board has will be absorbed in two months. It is a serious condition that confronts the directors.

Even with the question of maintaining the schools for the remaining five months out of the way, there still is threatened the efficiency of the schools. The rooms are over-crowded, blackboards, desks, clocks, etc., are sadly needed, and the employment of at least one more teacher seems absolutely necessary. The directors hopefully ask each other, "How are all these things to be done?"

There are at least 75 more pupils in the schools this year than there were last, and the increased attendance is chiefly in two schools, which are so situated that it is difficult to relieve the congestion by assigning surplus pupils to other schools.

However, by changing the boundary lines, some improvement has been made, and the Adair school relieved of 23 pupils. As many more will go from the McClure school to Shively. But all this generalship, though it makes the most of present conditions, does not raise the revenue.

Probably the present school board is as competent a one as could have been chosen, but some of the prominent citizens who constitute its membership think it is not fair that they should have to bear all the annoyance and responsibility for a condition which was simply its official inheritance. The directors owe it to themselves to have a financial statement of the district's affairs published, that the taxpayers may know just wherein the trouble lies and help the board with some sensible suggestions which may be offered.

"It is probably due to public apathy that the school situation is not generally known," said one gentleman yesterday, "and it is the right and duty of the board to make the public bear its share of the responsibility. Publish a detailed statement of the finances and then no one can hereafter blame the directors and say, 'I didn't know anything about it.'"

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**Boys' Caps**—Boy golf caps in plaids and checks and plain colors. . . . 25c  
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N. B.—We have the largest line of school supplies in the city; large tablets 5c; combination school boxes, 6c; bound slates, 8c; soapstone pencils, 2c per dozen; book straps, 5c; rubber inserted lead pencils, 1c each; etc.

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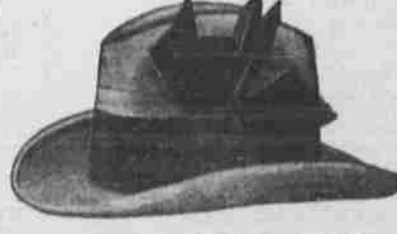
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