

OVERCOAT and MACKINTOSH SALE

As a special inducement to reduce our stock previous to spring arrivals we will make a large reduction on the above nobby goods at less than cost.

C. H. Cooper The Leading House of Astoria

TO ASTORIANS.

The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found on sale in Portland at the well-known stationery house of J. F. Handley & Co., 291 Washington Street. Orders for advertising left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—Oregon, Washington and Idaho, occasional rain.

AROUND TOWN.

J. N. Jones of Aberdeen is in the city.

Mrs. J. E. Ferguson is in Portland on a visit.

J. W. Wilson of Grant's Pass is in the city.

Crawfish cooked in wine at the National Cafe.

J. W. Dimmick of Portland is at the Barker house.

Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 213.

H. Hamwell of Port Townsend is at the Occident.

Miss Laura E. N. Foss of Grays river is visiting in Astoria.

Miss Kathryn Shiveley is visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. A. A. Cleveland and her son, Charles, are in Portland.

Olaf Erickson of Melville was in the city yesterday on business.

John Kopp has returned from a brief business trip to the Sound.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 612 Commercial street.

Miss Maybelle Young is in Portland for a brief visit with friends.

E. W. Crichton of the White Collar Line was in Astoria yesterday.

E. C. Blackford, editor of the Clatskanie Chief, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. S. R. Lane of Roseburg is visiting her niece, Mrs. A. M. Smith, of this city.

Mrs. A. Leiserman, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Faye, is in Portland.

J. C. Frost of Seattle was in Astoria yesterday, registered at the Occident.

The tug Samson arrived in yesterday from San Francisco with the Wahkiakum in tow.

Mrs. Will Trullinger, Mrs. T. A. Trullinger and Miss Belle Trullinger were in Portland yesterday.

The British bark Haddon Hall cleared yesterday for Japan with 81,292 bushels of wheat valued at \$43,084.

For Rent—6-room house, hard finish, unfurnished. Rent low to right party. Apply at premises; 422 Irving avenue.

An order for 150,000 feet of lumber for the Columbia River Packers Association is being issued by the Clatskanie mill.

Cream Pure Rye. America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson sole agent.

The steam schooner Fulton left yesterday morning for Grays harbor where she will take on a cargo of lumber for San Francisco.

Mrs. C. J. Trenchard, Miss Trenchard and Miss Hansen attended the performance of the Bostonians at Portland last Wednesday.

W. I. Clark, San Francisco agent for the Necanicum Spruce Lumber Company and the Astoria Box Company, is in the city on a business trip.

Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other, George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311.

The sheet and pillow-case party given by the Kataeta Council of Pocatolas at Flander's opera house last night was a most successful affair, the hall being full to the outer doors. The grand march was led by Jens Hansen and Miss Katie Wirt.

Pears' Soap

What a luxury Pears' soap is! The cheapest soap in all the world besides.

tomorrow, at 4:30, to the Sunday school and other Christian workers, and again in the evening at the Presbyterian church, at 7:30, to all who are interested in the good work of building up the highest type of religion. These meetings are under the auspices of the ministers of the various churches of Astoria, and are strictly for the church of Christ in general. All Christian people and everybody are expected to be present at these gatherings.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Announcement is made of the coming marriage of Miss Mary E. Smith to Mr. E. H. Stronwper. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, February 21, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Suprenant, in this city.

The Friday Night Whist Club was very elegantly entertained last week by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lunsberry. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Y. C. Lewis and Mr. P. A. Trullinger, the consolation to Mrs. Osborn and Mr. G. Nolan. As the guests were about to partake of a delicious repast, a telephone message was received from Portland from Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, who left that evening for a trip East.

A very pleasant birthday party was given in honor of Miss Minnie Bartoldus, on January 30, by Miss Jennie Lindholm. There were about sixteen young people present and the evening was spent in lively games and music. The time quickly flew and a most tempting luncheon was served at 12 o'clock, which all enjoyed. Soon after lunch the merry crowd left for their homes. Those present were: Misses Jennie Lindholm, Kitty Osgood, Myrtle and Alice Seeley, Josie M. Bosler and Minnie Bartoldus; Mrs. Mary Frye; Messrs. Willie Johnson, Alfred Gustafson, Daniel and Willie Young, Charles and Willie Bartoldus, Andrew Lindholm, Jim Seeley, Ed Moore and John Frye.

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PETERSON IS STILL THE MAN

"Three Roads" Matter Is Yet Undecided.

FULTON'S STRONG OPINION

Declares the Petition to Be Illegal on Several Points—No Final Vote Yet Taken.

Although there was every reason to believe that the county commissioners would take definite action, one way or the other, on the "three-roads" petition yesterday, the matter is just about as far from final issue as it was yesterday morning. The commissioners adjourned yesterday afternoon without having taken final action in the matter although legal opinions were already being submitted. The main feature of the day's proceedings was the reception and discussion of a solicited opinion of Charles W. Fulton. When, on the preceding day, it was decided to ask Mr. Fulton's advice on the matter, it was believed that this action was being taken with a view to accepting this opinion as conclusive, as far as the legal merits of the controversy were concerned, but the day's proceedings proved this conclusion in error as the ultimate points of disagreement were evidently made without regard for the opinions of Mr. Fulton or anyone else.

It is difficult to say just wherein the commissioners disagree. That they do disagree is proved by their inability to come to an understanding. It would be neither improper nor untrue to say that upon the final vote of Commissioner Peterson depends the fate of the measure, for it is only Mr. Peterson's vote that now remains in doubt. Why he hesitates to go on record is a conundrum but the proceedings show that he does hesitate, and that it is this hesitation on his part that holds the whole matter in a state of statu quo. This action is contrary to the wishes of the friends of the measure, however, for they express every desire to have the question brought to an issue, one way or the other so that some definite conclusion may be reached on the proposition.

As the matter now stands, there is no question as to the validity of the petition as far as the required number of signatures is concerned. It is the legal phase of the matter which now commands the chief attention. In this connection it may be said that Mr. Fulton's opinion has a most important bearing. It is as follows:

Astoria, February 3.—To the Honorable, the County Court of Clatsop county, Gentlemen: In compliance with your request, I have investigated the question you submitted to me, namely: May one who is shown by the poll books of the last election to have voted only for state and district officers, and not for county officers, if he was then and still is an actual resident and voter of this county, join in a petition and be counted as one of the petitioners, to the county court to levy a tax for a public improvement, mentioned in sections 2241 and 2242, Hill's Code? I have not been able to arrive at a conclusion entirely satisfactory to myself. I am not aware that our supreme court has ever had occasion to construe the statute in question in that particular.

The statute provides that "whenever the majority of the legal voters of any county, as shown by the poll books of the last preceding election, shall *** petition the commissioners of such county," etc. It seems to have been the purpose of the framers of this statute to make "the poll books of the last preceding election" the conclusive test. Section 17 of Article II of the constitution provides that, "all qualified electors shall vote in the election precinct in the county where they may reside for county officers, and in any county in the state for state officers, or any county or congressional district in which such electors may reside for members of congress."

Thus, it will be seen, that if it appears from the poll books that a voter did not vote the county ticket, the fact that his name appeared on the poll book would not be evidence that he was a legal voter of the county. He may have been a resident of the county, but voting out of his precinct; or he may have been a resident of some other county of this congressional district present here on election day, voting for state and district officers. If it is the purpose of the statute to make the poll books the conclusive and only test by which one's right to join in a petition shall be determined, then it would seem that one who is shown by the poll books only to have voted for state and district officers, could not be recognized as a petitioner.

It seems to me, however, that such a construction takes into consideration the letter rather than the spirit of the statute. I have assumed that the statute does not intend one whose name does not appear on the poll books of the last preceding election, to join in such a petition and that a majority of those whose names appear as voters of the county by such poll books must join in such a petition in order to give the county court jurisdiction to levy the tax, and while I am disposed to believe that such is the proper construction of the statute, I have not considered that

question in view of the fact that upon the interpretation given to the statute both by those who favor and who oppose the petition, as I am informed, but even if such be the proper construction, I do not think it necessarily follows that the court may not receive testimony to show whether or not one who appears on the poll books to have voted only for district officers was in fact a voter of the county.

The object of the law apparently is to require such a petition to be signed by a majority of the voters of the county as shown by the poll books, and where, by the poll books the question is left in doubt as to whether or not the party is a voter of the county, it seems a reasonable construction to hold that the court may take such other evidence as it may deem satisfactory to aid it in arriving at the fact. I therefore conclude that in case the name of the voter appears on the poll book, but it also appears that he voted only for state and district officers, the court may take testimony showing whether or not he was at the time and still is an actual resident voter of the county.

I have now answered the only question submitted to me, but in view of the fact that in case you shall grant the petition and levy the tax, the validity of your action will probably be tested before the courts, I do not wish to be understood as expressing the opinion that in case you shall conclude that a majority of the voters have petitioned for the tax, you are authorized under these petitions to make the levy. On the contrary, I fully concur in the opinion rendered your honorable body by Mr. C. R. Thompson. I agree with him, that the petitions are fatally defective in this, that they do not propose to aid in the construction of an existing highway, but in the construction of a road to be hereafter laid out and established "over the most practicable route" between certain points. And, in my judgment, there is another equally fatal objection to the validity of the petitions, namely, they apply to three separate and distinct improvements, but so worded that a voter must either petition for all or none; must either reiterate against all or none.

There are several reasons why thus uniting the three proposed improvements in one petition renders it void. It is contrary to public policy thus to "pool issues." The residents of one part of the county desire a certain improvement undertaken by the taxpayers; the people in another part of the county desire a different improvement so undertaken. One may be a matter of great public concern, while the other may substantially subserve only private interests. They are embodied in one petition; in order to secure a voter is compelled to support as well the one in which the public really has no concern. The petition can not be granted in part and rejected in part. It must be granted or rejected as a whole. In the case instanced, a voter could not reiterate against the project in which the public had little or no interest without also re-iterating against that which the public welfare required. Can you doubt the invalidity of such a petition? Every proposition submitted to the people must be so framed and so submitted as to permit a full, free and direct answer.

Now the statute in question provides that the county may grant aid to such improvements on the petition of a majority of the voters, or when the majority of the voters shall decide in favor of so aiding such public work, at any special or regular election.

Suppose, now, instead of proceeding by petition, the question of aiding these proposed works had been submitted to a vote of the people. Will it be contended that it would be legal to so submit them that one must vote in favor of aiding all or none? Certainly not. The proposition to aid each work would be separately submitted and separately voted on and to submit it otherwise would render the election void.

I submit that the improvements proposed are of too much importance to be allowed to drift into a maze of litigation which will tie them all up for several years. A general election will be held in June when any one or all of the propositions may be submitted to a direct vote of the people.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. FULTON.

GRAND Masquerade BALL of the SONS OF HERMAN To be given at FOARD & STOKES' HALL February 22, 1900 HANDSOME PRIZES FOR Best Sustained Character Best Cake Walkers Best Costume Best Waltzers

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TO IMPROVE TAX SYSTEM.

Conference of Judges, Commissioners and Assessors Called.

Judge Gray, chairman of the state organization whose object it is to formulate some definite plan to more fairly distribute the burden of taxation, has issued a call to every county judge, commissioner and assessor in the state of Oregon to meet in Portland on the 26th inst., as follows:

"To the County Judges, Commissioners and Assessors of Oregon: Gentlemen—Our last convention met in Portland, July 12 and 13, 1899, but owing to the date, several months after March 1st, when the work of assessing begins and for the reason that many of the counties of the state were unrepresented, we failed to accomplish the purpose for which the meeting was called. But the discussion developed, that a radical change should be made in the assessment laws of our state, and the convention adjourned to meet at the Multnomah county commissioner's court rooms in Portland, on Tuesday, February 26, 1900, at 10 p. m., for the purpose of agreeing upon some equitable plan that can be adopted in assessing the tax of 1900, and recommending to the legislature of 1901 such amendments to the present laws of our state as this convention shall present. Especially the cumbersome, inefficient and inoperative laws relating to assessment and taxation, roads and highways and probate matters.

"In order to give this meeting force and influence, it should be fully attended by the representatives of every county in the state, and in order to complete necessary work it will probably require not less than three days' time.

"I have taken liberty to invite Gov. T. T. Geer, F. L. Dunbar, secretary of state; C. S. Moore, state treasurer and the present state board, to meet with the convention the first day, at least. We hope this meeting to be composed of those having direct charge of the business and financial affairs of the state, will each realize the importance of their attendance, and make a special effort to be present.

"Governor Geer and several of the judges have already notified me that they will be present.

Very truly yours, J. H. D. GRAY, Chairman and County Judge of Clatsop County."

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Names. Includes Astoria Precinct No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

MELVILLE NOTES.