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The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, April 6.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, showers today.

AROUND TOWN.

Sweet cream at the Bonbonnerie. Frank Kimble of Stella is in the city. R. E. McGuire of Seaside is in the city.

N. P. Parson went to Portland yesterday. Jeff's is "the only" restaurant. White coals.

John Adair of North Yakima is in the city on business.

Horses for sale at Gaston's stable on Fourteenth street.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmichael of Ilwaco are visiting in the city.

Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you.

A cash purchaser for a good piano may be found at this office, if the price is low enough.

Mrs. J. O. Murray of Ilwaco returned from her visit to California on the steamer yesterday.

L. B. Seelye, manager of the White Collar line, was in the city yesterday, looking after business interests.

J. Babier and family were passengers from San Francisco on the State of California, arriving yesterday.

A small place at Clatsop for sale or rent. Suitable for chicken ranch. Apply to A. Tagg, Parlor Candy Store.

The Spinners' Club will meet this Friday afternoon from 2 to 5 in the basement of the Presbyterian church.

Herring & Cook, Commercial street, between Tenth and Eleventh, is the only first class all-night lunch house in Astoria.

J. E. W. Macfarlane of Portland, manager of the Columbia Oil and Gas Company, is in the city on business.

General produce, fish and commission store and employment agency. Old metal and rubber bought. 469 Duane street.

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

Herring & Cook are now supplying their customers with Hop Gold beer, a large consignment having been received yesterday.

Harper Whiskey is liquid music, bottled poetry, ripe mellow, refreshing and delicious. Sold by Ford & Stokes Company, Astoria, Or.

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

The launch Iris is now on the run between Astoria and Warrenton, prepared to handle freight and passengers. She will connect with the Portland steamers.

Roslyn coal is the best and most economical coal for household use in Astoria. Try it once and you will have no other. George W. Sanborn, agent. Telephone 1311.

A painful and dangerous surgical operation was undergone by Mrs. D. J. McVicar at the hospital yesterday. Late last night the patient was reported doing well and her speedy recovery is looked for.

The secret of good living lies in wholesome and well-cooked food. When a restaurant has established a reputation along this line it is the place to patronize. The Model has this reputation. Near Ford & Stokes.

Men Wanted—To learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required; special inducements this season; illustrated catalogue, map of city and souvenir mailed free. Moier's Barber College, San Francisco, California.

CLATSOP COUNTY'S FINANCIAL SHOWING

Tax Receipts Show Her to Be in Better Shape Than Ever.

STARTLING COMPARISONS

County Commissioners Throw Official Bonquets at the Sheriff, Assessor and the Taxpayers.

Never in the history of Clatsop county have matters relative to tax collections given such universal satisfaction as for the fiscal year. Taxes were paid more promptly and with less haggling and complaint, the work of collection was done with less friction and expense and the assessment roll was found to have been freer from errors and entanglements than at previous periods.

At the session of the county court yesterday, the time was almost exclusively occupied by the examination of the rolls turned over to that body by the sheriff.

Only errors of the most trifling consequence were discovered, the sum total of such mistakes amounting to but \$137.50. This is considered a remarkable showing, as, in many instances in the past, the rolls have contained on each of a score of pages, errors amounting to a far greater sum than the total errors this year.

The report of Sheriff Linville on receipts for taxes up to the close of the collection period on the first of the month, shows that the people of Clatsop county are in better financial condition than they have been for several years past. Indeed, the amount of delinquency found on the books after the close of collections is found to be less this year than at any time within the history of the county.

The total amount represented on the assessor's roll this year was \$108,099.48; of this amount nearly \$91,000 was paid before the hour of closing the books as provided by law. Several hundred dollars were received immediately after through the mails and from persons who were delayed in reaching the city, for one cause or another. It can be seen, therefore, that the actual delinquency is much less than \$9,000.

In order that a correct idea of the great improvement over past years may be gained it may be stated that last year the delinquent list amounted to \$24,693.49. The year before it was \$28,122.82, and for the year immediately preceding—in 1896—the delinquencies ran up to a total sum of \$29,884.90, or over 30 per cent of the total amount of taxes.

In view of these figures, Clatsop county has made this year a record which has not only discounted collections of all previous years but, indeed, those of all other counties in the state, according to the reports now at hand.

The report of Sheriff Linville shows that the collections just made were for the several funds and in the amounts named below:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes City of Astoria, City of Warrenton, Town of New Astoria, School district No. 1, County school, County, Youngs bay bridge, Seal bounty tax, State, Errors and double assessment, Still delinquent, Total.

IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS.

Advantages of Doing the Work by Private Contract—Seventh and Ninth Streets Protest.

The protest of a number of property owners on Seventh and Ninth streets against the improvement of those thoroughfares by the city, brings up a question that it seems the citizens should be able to settle once and for all time. The protestants want the streets named improved but they want to do the work by private contract.

The friends of Dr. Henderson are poking much good-natured fun at him for ever permitting Mrs. Henderson to take up a study so essentially opposed to the pecuniary success of his own profession. The doctor laughingly replies by saying: "Well, had I known that she would have grown so proficient I am sure I would have raised a strenuous objection."

COUNTRY DELEGATES.

The meeting of country delegates to the republican convention will be held in Carruther's hall at 7:30 p. m. on Friday, April 6, the day before the convention. A full attendance is requested.

COUNTRY DELEGATE.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

streets by public contract without asking the privilege of doing the work themselves.

But there are two classes of property owners. One is the class that readily sees the saving to themselves by doing street work under private contract. The other class sees the saving to be made by private contract but they also recount how in several instances, through failure to comply with the strict letter of the law, the city has had to pay the whole bill and the citizens got their street work done free of charge.

If the citizens would unite and work for it—a law regarding street improvement could undoubtedly be formulated that would be a great improvement over the present laws.

PROF. McCUE'S WITHDRAWAL.

A Case Where Personal Ambition Has Been Utterly Subordinated.

The action of Prof. John C. McCue in withdrawing from the legislative contest before the republican county convention has caused considerable comment among the rank and file of the party in this city. Much discussion was caused about town yesterday by the article published in the Astorian, coupled with the announcement made by Professor McCue concerning his decision to drop out of the contest.

To an Astorian representative yesterday, Professor McCue stated his reasons for his action. He declared that his withdrawal was due to the conviction that objections might be raised by members of the party to the candidacy of two young men on the legislative ticket.

"In view of this objection," said Professor McCue, "I felt that it would be wise for me to drop out of the race. Even were both Mr. Young and myself to receive the nominations, one or the other—possibly both—would suffer at the polls and the opposition might be enabled to pull through."

"Mr. Young has had previous experience in the state legislature and, no doubt, would make a strong candidate on that account. It is on this account that I feel that it would be better for all concerned that I should take the action I have."

The opinions expressed by party leaders indicate a general impression that Professor McCue's position on the matter has established him in high standing among the republicans of the county, purely because he has manifested voluntary willingness to sacrifice personal ambition to what he deems to be the interest of the party ticket; not that Professor McCue would not draw the party strength as well as Mr. Young could, but because of the general impression that at least one of the candidates would have to be sacrificed, and that in voluntarily withdrawing, Professor McCue is credited with having taken a decidedly generous and graceful stand.

WANTED TO VISIT ASTORIA.

Bryan Would Have Liked to Come to This City—Local Democrats Did Not Work Hard Enough.

Among the prominent democrats who went to Portland to hear William Jennings Bryan was Herman Wise of this city, who returned home yesterday.

In speaking of his trip Mr. Wise became almost enthusiastic, especially over his personal meetings with the great democratic leader. "When I met Mr. Bryan the first time he had just returned from his trip to the country and he looked tired and worn and added to the great labor he had already performed that day, he had his Portland speech to deliver at night. It was enough to make any man look tired and worn. But Mr. Bryan's recuperative powers are little short of marvellous, for when I saw him Thursday morning he looked bright, alert and in excellent health."

"Had the local democrats worked for it," continued Mr. Wise, "Mr. Bryan would have visited Astoria instead of some of the towns he did visit. In fact, he told me himself that he had wanted to accept the telegraphic invitation sent to him to come to Astoria and so told the committee that met him at the state line, but they had made other arrangements. I regret not being able to visit Astoria," he said to me, "as much as you regret my failure to do so, for I want to see your city. If I ever come to the coast again I will surely visit you."

"As to the Portland meeting," said Mr. Wise, "the dispatches have told you all about it, as near as type can describe an affair of such magnitude. Over 10,000 packed themselves into the Exposition building, tearing down fixtures in order to make more room, and as many more were unable to get inside. The enthusiasm was simply indescribable. It was worth the trip just to see the spectacle, even if you did not care to hear Bryan, who made a masterly, logical and eloquent address."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Grimes Grove Land Company to A. E. Wright—lot 8, block 7, Grimes Grove 885. W. J. Van Dyke and wife to John Bryce—lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, in block 132, south addition to port of Upper Astoria, 885. H. B. Parker, administrator, to C. L. Parker—tract of land near Seaside belonging to estate of Fred Beerman, deceased; 81,925.

CONTRACT FOR CITY LIGHTING

Councilmen Express Opinions Relative to Proposed Bids.

WHAT MAYOR BERGMAN SAYS

While Public Economy is First at Heart the Old Company Should Not Be Treated Too Harshly.

The announcement made in the Astorian yesterday morning that local parties had decided to enter into competition with the West Shore Mills Company for the contract to furnish lights for the city, caused wide-spread discussion and brought forth expressions of general approval. It is unmistakably the sense of the community at large that if any company or combination of capitalists can be found who will agree to furnish lights for public and private use in the city, they ought to be encouraged, as it is the general impression that too much money is now being paid for the service given.

Councilman Schenereckau stated in an Astorian representative yesterday that he was satisfied that the city council would offer every encouragement to outside parties intending to enter into competition for the contract, which will begin on the 17th of next month. Mr. Schenereckau stated that while the West Shore Mills Company may have been perfectly fair and honest with the city, he believed it to be against the best public policy to permit—and it is the council's duty to prevent if possible—the monopoly of any municipal franchise or contract by a single company or set of individuals. He stated yesterday, without reserve, that he had been given every reason to believe that the West Shore Mills Company, in the absence of competition, had exacted terms from the city which otherwise would have been impossible. For some time past, he said, the city had been almost absolutely under the thumb of the West Shore Mills Company, and being unable to do any better, the council was obliged to accept its propositions as the only thing in sight.

Councilman Utzinger stated last night that he would be heartily in accord with any proposition tending to reduce the expense of lights to the city and consumers, as well as to secure lights of standard candle-power, according to pending contracts.

"The contracts," said he, "now call for street arc lights of 2,000-candle-power. We are getting lights of even less than 1,200-candle power. If the parties who propose to compete for the city contract will give a sufficient bond to fulfill the terms set forth in this morning's Astorian, I can see no objection why the council should hesitate to entertain their proposition to utilize the city's water power, as long as a reasonable compensation for the use of the improvements is offered. Personally I am quite friendly with the managers of the West Shore Mills Company, but in my capacity as councilman I will stand 'pat' on any proposition which is calculated to subvert the best interests of the city. If we can get better and cheaper lights from the new company, or any other responsible corporation, I am in favor of giving them the contract."

Mayor Bergman declares, unreservedly, that, in his opinion, lights cannot be supplied at the figures given in the Astorian yesterday morning. Said he: "In my capacity as mayor, I have received numerous communications and propositions from people from abroad. I also have a fair personal knowledge as to the cost of electric service, whether it be for power or lighting purposes—and I will say candidly that I do not believe these people can give us the desired service at the figures they quote."

"Another point I wish to make is that I do not think it just for the city to turn down the West Shore Mills Company upon the slightest pretense of economy. Those people put in a plant and took chances on the outcome of the venture when Astoria was small and without a definite future. They gave us a metropolitan electric light service at a time when none others appeared who were enterprising enough or willing enough to take the risk. They have thousands of dollars invested in the plant now and I believe it would be most unfair for the city to turn them down unless there was a most reasonable excuse for doing so. I look upon matters of this nature from the standpoint of principle as well as public economy, and I am willing that you should quote me as expressing the above opinions."

It is understood that a proposition from a new company for lighting the streets, etc., is now being formulated to be presented to the council at its next meeting. Blank contracts and a reasonable bond will also be submitted as proof of a willingness to do business and as evidence of good faith.

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UPTURNED BOAT COMES ASHORE.

No Trace of the Bodies of the Missing Boys.

It is now settled in the minds of the parents and friends of the two boys, Hugo Lindstrom and Warren Robinson, who went boat riding on Saturday evening last and have not been seen since, that the lads are drowned. No trace of the bodies have been found and many believe that they never will be found. It is said that if the boys drifted on their upturned boat far enough down the river to get into what is called the "jetty current," it is almost a certainty that the bodies were carried out to sea.

On the other hand quite a number of friends of the parents are satisfied that the bodies will come ashore near Chinook. Their contention was strengthened yesterday by the news that the boat in which the boys went out had come ashore near Chinook. The report that a boat had drifted in on Flavel beach was found to be erroneous by Mr. Robinson, father of one of the boys, who went to that part of the river to make certain that the boat was the one taken out by the boys. He could find no trace of a boat having come ashore and a careful search failed to reveal the bodies of the missing youths.

An idle story started in Uppertown to the effect that the boys had run away was quickly run down to its source, a boy about the same age as the lost lads. All the foundation he had for the tale was that "it might be so."

CALL FOR CITY WARRANTS.

City Treasurer Carney Makes an Important Announcement and Discusses Its Effect.

City Treasurer Carney has announced that on Tuesday next he will issue a call for all outstanding warrants against the city on the general fund endorsed prior to September 1st, last. The payment of these warrants will mean a cash expenditure of from \$15,000 to \$20,000, indicating a most prosperous condition in the city.

The city warrants are now being taken up at par and Astorians generally have much cause for feeling gratified over the prevailing financial conditions.

Treasurer Carney stated last night that there was general approval and satisfaction throughout the city relative to the manner and promptness in which the city's outstanding indebtedness was being handled. Not only were

the warrant-holders being fully satisfied but, said he, the credit of the city is gradually being enhanced. Mr. Carney expressed himself as highly pleased over the great improvement in the situation and declared that the municipality would discover that a great advantage would be gained through the improved conditions.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

S. S. Gordon, administrator, vs. Mary Cusick et al.—Order for confirmation of sale.

Security Savings & Trust Company vs. Astoria Street Railway Company—ordered that the receiver be authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$2,401.51 for the purpose of making repairs and paying taxes, etc.

Susan M. Wirt vs. Mary R. Adair et al.—Order for confirmation of sale. John Bentilla vs. Clatsop Mill Company, on trial. Trial to be resumed at 9 o'clock this morning.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS.

The latest war news is eagerly sought after. To some it brings happiness, as they read of valiant deeds accomplished, while to others, the same message brings sorrow, when they note the death or capture of their loved ones. There is also much sorrow and suffering throughout our own country by those who have been captured by that greatest enemy—Dyspepsia. For this, however, there is a remedy and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures indigestion, constipation, biliousness, nervousness and insomnia, and as a preventative for malaria, fever and ague it is unequalled. It has a record of fifty years of cures to back it up and a trial will convince you that your case is not incurable, as you will find after taking a few doses your stomach will be strengthened.

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