

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY

May 7th and 8th

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Representing Strauss Bros., Chicago,

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Will be at C. H. COOPER'S with an elegant line of the Latest Woolens in the piece. Orders taken and fit guaranteed.

C. H. COOPER
Sole Agent for Astoria.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, May 8.—Washington, Oregon and Idaho, showers today.

All contracts for advertising in the Astorian are made on a guarantee of circulation four times larger than that of any paper published or circulated in Clatsop county.

AROUND TOWN.

Pigs for sale at Gaston's stable.

Horses for sale at Gaston's stable.

J. B. Wyatt of Vancouver, Washington is in the city.

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

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

Mrs. N. R. Bridges left Sunday for a two-weeks' visit with friends in Portland.

The steam schooner Signal left out for the Sound Sunday for a cargo of coal.

Wanted.—To rent a centrally located furnished house. Address X, care Astorian.

The Del Norte left out for San Francisco Sunday, carrying a large cargo of freight.

Kalle Heikkila, a native of Finland, has declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

S. J. Gorman, the salmon jobber, was in the city yesterday, looking over the local situation.

The barkentine Chehalis left out for Australia Sunday with a cargo of lumber from Knappton.

Andrew Young was over from Wise yesterday, looking after his political fences at this neck of the woods.

Rudolph L. Boentgen, a native of Germany, was granted full citizenship papers in the county court yesterday.

C. H. COOPER has been appointed Sole Agent for Astoria and vicinity for the Famous KNOX BARS. The latest Summer Blocks just received.

The State of California was scheduled to leave for San Francisco at 3 o'clock this morning. She had but a small quantity of freight to take on at this port.

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 Rev. Henry Marcotte will address the meeting of the Young People's Christian Temperance Union at the Presbyterian church this evening.

Letters for the following persons remain uncalled for at the Astoria post-office: John Berg, Phillip Beckner, W. Black, Erick Blakken, Carl Breen, Carl Pakanen, Fred Wilker.

C. H. Page has been appointed referee in the complications involving the Columbia Electrical & Repair Company. Mr. Page has appointed H. M. Bransford as custodian of the plant pending final settlement of the claims held by Fisher Bros.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Pears'

A touch is enough for cleanliness. That is why it lasts so.

from the statements made by him in this city immediately prior to his death by suicide.

An Astoria afternoon paper says: "Those merchants who favor a settlement of the existing rate war have in their own hands the means to settle it. If a committee of merchants were appointed to investigate the trouble, and decide which of the two corporations is in the wrong, the matter could readily be adjusted. The boycott could then be effectively used if the offender refused to come to terms." Every merchant and every individual in Astoria with a degree of sense knows it to be a fact that the interests of this city do not lie in a restoration of the old-time rates of fare at present. Astorians, in a business way, have suffered all the loss possible from the low fares for this season, and the time has at last arrived when they have an opportunity to "break even." The interests of this city now lie in the continuance of low fares, as the low fares mean an increase in the summer travel, which is one of the best sources of local revenue during this time of the year.

SACHEM'S EXCURSION.

Twenty Car Loads of People Go to Seaside and Feast—A Disappointed Crowd of Merry-Makers.

There were twenty car loads of people in the excursion of the Grand Sachesm of the Red Men from Portland to Seaside on Sunday last, and it was a miserable day for an excursion, at that. But, as the Astorian has said time and again, the people of Portland are anxious to get away from that city on their one holiday in the week, and consequently they took advantage of the chance offered them for an opportunity to see the sea, and over fifty hundred people came down on the special train.

The ride, although a slow one, was a delight in itself, and it was hugely enjoyed, but the reception of the excursionists received at the end of the ride was a disgrace to Seaside and will probably end excursions for awhile to that town.

There was no place one could get a bite to eat; there was no one who seemed able to point out a point of interest or even answer a question about the place and the result was that the train load of people left Seaside thoroughly disgusted with the town itself and the reception they received.

Two or three hundred people on the excursion, who stopped off at Astoria, had a good time. They found an abundance to eat and drink, and not at excursion rates, either; they found places of interest to visit and had no difficulty in getting launches or boats for rides on the river; some of them went fishing; others took car rides and generally speaking, all the excursionists who stopped off at Astoria got what they came for—a good time.

And this, too, when Astoria had made no preparation to receive visitors, as it was understood that the excursion would be rushed through to Seaside for a clam bake. The clam bake was about the worst trial the Portland people were called upon to undergo, and the majority of the excursionists, after getting reports from those who had the courage to experiment with the bake, remained in the cars, hungry and thirsty, without a chance to buy a bite to eat or a drop to drink in sight.

Excursions can be run from Portland to Astoria, with even additional side trips to Seaside or Fort Stevens, and twice twenty car-loads of people can be given an enjoyable day's outing. The weather was, of course, against outdoor amusements on Sunday last but there was no place at Seaside where the crowd could gather indoors and have a good time. In Astoria it would have been very different and if the business men take up the matter of running Sunday excursions to this city during the coming summer there will be no lack of amusement for the visitors in or out of doors, good or bad weather.

It will only take one or two excursions such as that of Sunday last, to absolutely ruin the excursion business to Astoria and adjacent points.

LOCOMOTIVES RUN WITH OIL.

One of the largest railroads on the Pacific coast has decided to substitute oil as fuel for its engines. But whether the experiment will prove a success remains to be seen. In this respect it differs from the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has made a decided success in its fifty years of cures of stomach ills such as dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness. Do not experiment with unknown remedies when this safe and reliable medicine can be had of any druggist. Try a bottle and be convinced. It will build up your debilitated system, strengthen your weak stomach and make it capable of digesting the food taken into it, and when this is done health must naturally follow.

COUNCIL DECLINES TO BE HELD UP

Refuse to Entertain Lighting Bid of West Shore Mills Co.

MR. TRULLINGER'S WRATH

Creates a Scene in the Council Chamber Upon His Scheme Being Defeated—Water Commission in a Peculiar Position.

For the second time the city council last night declined to accept the bid of the West Shore Mills Company for the contract to furnish electric lights for the city. At the meeting held that of last night the council declined even to receive the company's bid, as it was believed that either the water commission or other parties would present some kind of a proposition through which the city could get a decent lighting service at a cost within the bounds of reason. Last night, however, matters came to a "show-down." The West Shore Mills Company had put in the only bid for the contract beginning on the 15th inst., but the council declined to entertain it because it was deemed too excessive. This was done with a full knowledge of the fact that unless the bid of the company was accepted, the city would be compelled to spend a period in darkness after the expiration of the present contract.

The bid submitted last night was based upon a minimum service of forty arc lights, as many more to be supplied as necessary, at the following rates for single lights, per month: One year \$3.00 Two years 7.50 Three years 7.50 Four years 7.50 Five years 7.50

The bid included furnishing twenty-three incandescent lights for the city hall and jail, without cost. Immediately after the reading of the bid Councilman Utzinger moved that the council enter into a contract with the company for two years. Cook wanted to make it for five years. Scherneckau then took the floor and, in a lengthy speech, declared that he was opposed to the acceptance of the bid because it was even more excessive than that of last year. He expressed the belief that it would be better for the city to struggle along in the dark for a short time and allow the water commission time to agree on some kind of a proposition.

Utzinger jumped to his feet and in a most emphatic manner declared he would not stand for an instant for Scherneckau's "darkness idea." It was a disgrace upon the city to even suggest an action.

Brix and Parker supported the position taken by Scherneckau. Parker declared that the rates had been gradually growing higher when, in all reasonableness, they should be materially decreased. Three years ago, he said, the city had 60 arc lights for \$350 per month, the next year it cost the city \$375 for the same service and now the city was putting up \$400 per month for the same number of lights with less power.

Utzinger then made another motion to the effect that the council enter into an agreement for three years. There was a murmur of dissent to this proposal and P. A. Trullinger, the manager of the West Shore Mills Company, broke the spell by stating that the company would not take the contract for one year at the same rate given last year. Scherneckau interrupted Trullinger with an inquiry as to the candle-power to be guaranteed under the schedule submitted. To this Trullinger replied that the company could not guarantee any specific volume of light. It could not promise lights of 2000 nor even 1200 candlepower.

A vote was then taken, as follows: Noss—Agree, Brix, Goddard, Parker, Scherneckau, Svensen. Ayes—Cook, Hansen, Utzinger. Trullinger then walked up to the clerk's desk and in a tone of undisguised anger demanded that he be allowed to withdraw his bid. He was promptly informed by the mayor that the document was in the hands of the council and

that it could not then be withdrawn. "Well, I want my check for \$300 back," Trullinger shouted. "As long as the council has thrown out the bid you will have no use for the guarantee on the contract."

Trullinger was handed his check and the meeting proceeded to other business.

The proposition made by the West Shore Mills Company to dispose of its plant to the city was turned down—first by the committee on ways and means and finally by the council. That the city has no desire to become possessed of the plant is evident from the following resolution, signed by Councilmen Scherneckau, Brix and Parker, and passed at last night's meeting.

"Your committee on ways and means, to whom was referred the within, would respectfully recommend that the proposition of the West Shore Mills Company be filed. We do not think that at the present time the city is in a position to entertain any offer of buying such an expensive plant to light city streets. Unless we can make an agreement, on reasonable terms with responsible parties, we would recommend that, when the present contract for lighting the streets expires, the lighting of same be discontinued until such time as arrangements for same can be perfected, satisfactory to the council.

Petitions for retail liquor licenses were filed by B. L. Jeffery and W. H. Moon. Licenses were granted to P. Peterson and August Nelson.

Claims were allowed for the following: C. W. Holt \$ 4.20 A. Brix 4.20 Thos. Liville 1.00 W. B. Ross 4.20 Surveyor 20.40 Superintendent St's 45.00 Fernald & Stokes Co. 14.40 Clatsop Mills Co. 27.74 West Shore Mills Co. 373.75 Astoria Box Factory 6.79 A. V. Abbott 24.79

María C. Olsen filed a remonstrance against her lots—12 and 31—being included in the assessment for the improvement of Thirty-eighth street, on the contention that her property did not border on that part of the street benefited. The matter was referred to the street committee.

Councilman Utzinger then presented the following resolution: "Whereas, the Daily Oregonian, of a recent date, criticized the resolutions of the common council of Astoria as the product of 'ignorance or prejudice' for claiming that Astoria, as a cheap charter port, would add millions of dollars annually to the pockets of the producers who trade in Portland.

"And, whereas, Councilman Cook, on my behalf, did, on the 3d inst., send to the Oregonian an answer to said charge and did therein set forth reasons why it is to the 'mutual interest' of Portland and Astoria to demand that the Union Pacific system shall at once make Astoria a common port on Puget sound ports on all exports of this basin.

"Resolved, That the Oregonian be and it is hereby respectfully requested to publish said communication from Councilman Cook and to allow a free discussion in its columns of this most important public question, to the end that all the people may be fully informed as to the merits of the claims made in behalf of Astoria as the seaport of the Columbia basin."

There was some objection to the passage of the resolution on the ground that it was a matter which ought more properly come before the commercial bodies of the city. The discussion drifted into a decidedly humorous dissertation on what influence the Morning Oregonian did not have as well as the influence the Only Harvey did not wield and, after the members had argued one another into the conviction that both were harmless "bogies," the resolution was passed.

The council then took up more serious business. City Surveyor Tee recommended that, inasmuch as the improvement on Thirty-eighth street could not be made under the fifty per cent assessment rule because of a lack of sufficient frontage property, the north half of blocks 57 and 58 be included in the specifications.

Chief of Police Hallock reported that but \$11.60 had been paid out in bounties for rats under the terms of the ordinance and the council voted to return the balance of the \$50 appropriated to the general fund.

Under suspension of the rules ordinances were passed extending the time in which to complete the contracts from June 1 to July 1 on the following street work: Seventh street, from the west line of Tenth to the west line of Eighth; Seventh street, from the north line of Bond to the south line of Astor. An ordinance was introduced for the improvement, by July 1, of Fifteenth street, from the south line of Exchange street to the north line of Irving avenue, the planks to be laid upon the stringers already being used.

A motion to pass the ordinance under a suspension of the rules was defeated by the negative vote of Councilman Parker.

The ordinance regulating re-interments in the city cemetery from the old Hillside burial grounds was passed with the amendment that no charges would be made by the city as long as those making the change provide for the expense of the work done. All such work, however, must be done under the supervision of the city's superintendent.

An order was passed transferring \$229.98 from the general fund to the Adair drain fund.

A resolution was passed changing the specifications on the proposed improvement of Thirty-eighth street, from Duane street to Harrison avenue, so as to reduce the width of the street five feet.

Councilman Svensen was granted leave of absence from date till August 10.

Falling Hair



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POLITICAL NOTES.

Opening of the Campaign—A Ticket and No Ticket in the Field.

The coming week opens, properly speaking, the county campaign. It promises to be the most unique political contest ever known in Clatsop or any other county. On the one side are the candidates of the republican party, regularly nominated by a convention composed of delegates selected according to law, and going before the people upon a clear cut platform adopted by their party. They go to the people as candidates should go, the representatives of a political party, and the measures and reforms it stands for.

Opposed to the republican candidates is a conglomeration of men running for office. They are men of all parties and, in this campaign, of no party. They are not even fusionists and they go before the people representing the platform of no party, responsible to no party, and bound to support no measures of reform or anything else.

The republican convention in Clatsop county met pursuant to the regularly published call and transacted its business in the regular way. The democratic convention was called to meet, and did meet and organize only to adjourn to attend a "citizens' meeting," to which no delegates had been elected, and which was assembled in a haphazard manner from the people on the streets.

The "citizens' meeting" nominated a county ticket. The highest total vote cast was 72 and this number was cast in the case of only one nomination. The other candidates were selected by a majority of from sixty to sixty-five votes.

After the "citizens' meeting" adjourned the democratic convention was to re-convene and either nominate a ticket or endorse the "citizens' ticket." But the old line democrats were disgusted, and the county delegates went home, and when the democratic convention reconvened there were only six regular delegates present. These delegates reorganized the convention and proceeded to endorse, for the democratic party of Clatsop county, the nominations made by the "citizens' meeting."

After the close of the democratic-citizen farce, a number of office seekers who had been unable to get recognition from the republican party or even from the "citizens' meeting," rushed around among their friends and secured fifty names to their petitions and blossomed out as independents. They were, and are, the outcasts of all political parties, but for all that have just as good a standing before the people as the men who were nominated by no party.

The mixup, on one side only, does not end here, however. The law stepped in and refused to recognize the "citizens' meeting" as a political convention and refused to place on the ballot its nominees. This compelled the "citizens' candidates" to get out petitions and now they have to go before the people as independents, without a platform and without a party.

It does not seem as if it would be difficult for the average voter to decide how to cast his ballot next June. On the other hand he has a regularly nominated ticket, good men representing a party and with a platform of principles which they are bound to uphold. That is the republican county ticket.

On the other side he has a lot of candidates that have got upon the ballot helter skelter, any way they could. They represent no party, are bound

by no platform and are, in truth, merely running for office for the sake of the office and not under any promise to serve the people as public servants. They are just what the name under which they run means, "independents." Independent of party, independent of platform, independent of any and all promises and, as such, they ask the voter to support them.

The man who votes for the non-nominated helter, skelter ticket must either know personally the worth of each man he votes for or must vote blindly, for they are bound by no party ties to any promises of economy or good government or anything else. They are simply running as so many men who want office and make no promises how they will conduct the offices if they get them.

This is the situation at the opening of the campaign. It is not a puzzling one. The voter should be able, and doubtless will easily and quickly decide what ticket he will support. There is but one ticket in the field—the republican ticket.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

United States to William Geddes—southwest quarter of section 24, T 6 N, R 7 W; patent. William Geddes to A. M. Holter—same property; \$1,000. John Wisner to A. M. Holter—south half of southeast quarter of section 21, T 6 N, R 7 W, and timber on north half of said quarter section; \$300. Sheriff to Ernest House—tract of land in section 2, T 6 N, R 10 W; \$700. Ernest House to L. D. Coffman—same property, quitclaim; \$1. M. M. Suprenant and husband to A. M. Holter—southwest quarter of northeast quarter and north half of northwest quarter section 31, T 6 N, R 7 W, and timber on the northwest quarter of said northeast quarter of section; \$300.

ATTENTION FORESTERS.

Members of Court Astoria No. 8, F. of A., you are requested to be present at regular meeting tonight, at 8 o'clock sharp. Important business to be transacted. Grand Court Officers and delegates from Portland Courts will be present with new paraphernalia to assist in initiatory ceremonies. By order, CHAS. RING, Chief Ranger. C. E. FOSTER, Recording Sec'y.

IMPROVED SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT.

The new schedule of the O. R. & N., which went into effect April 22nd, shortened the time to Chicago 12 hours, and gives a double daily service between Portland and Chicago. Train No. 2, leaving Portland at 9:15 a. m. is known as the "Chicago-Portland Special." Its equipment is new throughout, making it fully the equal of any train now in service from the Pacific coast to the East.

The "Overland Express" leaves Portland at 6:30 p. m. and furnishes complete service both via Huntington and Spokane to the East, together with the best of service to all local points on the O. R. & N. lines.

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