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An interesting communication on the light question appears in another column. The writer is a well-known local business man. He points out the folly of further delay in building the city plant. Some of his suggestions are novel and his whole argument is convincing. It will appeal to many people as a curious situation that the water commission should keep funds rusting in the treasury more than sufficient, according to its own estimates, to complete at least the street light circuit. It must be inferred, however, though the last report of the commission is silent in that connection, that a portion of the funds on hand are required to meet the next interest charge, and perhaps another portion really represents the sinking fund accumulation for the series of bonds next maturing. These are matters upon which the commission might well be more clear in its statements. But the main point in the communication is the suggestion that bonds for an electric light plant might be sold largely to our own home investors. This is an idea on the right track. There is enough idle money in the banks of Astoria, as shown by their published statements, to build and equip the city lighting plant without borrowing a dollar from the outside. With the experience of the water system, where could an Astoria investor go to find a better or safer investment? If we can keep the bonds for the electric light plant at home, pay the interest charges into the pockets of our own people and give the general consumer a better light than he is now receiving, at greatly reduced charges, we will be practicing a principle in municipal economy that has made other communities rich and powerful. There is, indeed, a strong argument in "Taxpayer's" communication and it is to be hoped it will be appreciated and acted on by our citizens.

The paramount issue in the oncoming national campaign—an issue for or against which every vote cast in Oregon in June will be counted directly or indirectly, one way or the other—is not free silver or the trust or the multitude of other secondary questions with which the democrats will bait their drag-net in the hope to capture the weak and ignorant of all classes. The people who make issues have their attention directed to the Philippine Islands. They have sniffed the briny waters of the sea. The great commercial battle that is to be fought in the Orient is the issue; the question of whether we shall take part in that battle and reap the fruits of a victory that should fall to us more largely than to any other of the earth's contend-

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ing nations: the question of our chance to participate in that battle and its victory is the question upon which the people must decide next campaign. Bryanism says we must stay out of that commercial contest; that we must leave to England, to Germany, to Russia, to France, and to other lesser nations of the Old World the division of the fruits of that victory. Republicanism says we are entitled to be the first nation at that bountiful table; that Dewey's guns at Manila; that the blood of many of the best young men of the Nation have procured us a seat at the very head of that table and that we owe it to ourselves, our children and their children to get in and occupy it without delay. The republican party demands that the Philippine rebellion shall be crushed, order restored and our authority acknowledged in Luzon and throughout all the Philippine Islands. The republican party demands that these rich islands, shall be retained and the rich trade of their people and the millions adjacent, living almost within sight of the flag that Dewey unfolded, shall be enjoyed by our people. The republican party says it will pay to retain these islands. Not alone for their great wealth, but for the far greater wealth that their position will enable us to command. Bryanism says give up those islands, haul down our flag, retire our soldiers, leave any nation that chooses to go in and reap the great commercial advantage of Dewey's victory in putting an end to Spain's mediæval reign. The republican party says hold on to the islands, enter into this widest door opened by their possession in the world's trade; that commerce is the greatest agent of peace, the greatest enemy of war, the greatest force for the advancement of civilization. Bryanism says these are base and sordid arguments, and that no party holding them is fit to guide the destinies of the Nation. Republicanism stands for seizure of the greatest commercial opportunities ever presented to any nation; Bryanism says give up those opportunities. This is the issue—the extension of our commerce is the paramount issue of the campaign. And upon this must Oregon be held to have voted when the returns of her election are published to the world next June.

SOME STRANGE UTTERANCES. Ex-Governor Candler, of Georgia, is evidently not in a conciliatory frame of mind. He appears to be what is known as an "unreconstructed reb," one of those who thinks the civil war is still "on." He addressed the confederate veterans at Atlanta a few days ago, at the confederate memorial celebration, and some of his utterances were gems—gems of the burning blood kind. That they had a political cast is due to the orator's fervency. He did not wish to attack the Union soldiers, as he explained, but to denounce "the fanatics who presided at the birth of the republican party and nursed the banding into vigorous manhood and taught it the doctrine of a higher law, and to disregard the limitations of the constitution, reverse the precedents of a hundred years, and who, disregarding the Golden Rule, preached from the pulpit the doctrine of hate instead of peace on earth and good will to men." That is mixing history pretty thoroughly, but let it pass. This devotion of the fire-eating ex-governor to the constitution is touching. We heard a deal about this violation of the constitution in preventing men from disrupting the government and stealing the property that belonged to the whole nation at the time of the war. "This breed of fanatics," the ex-governor proceeded to inform his hearers, "had not died out, but were still in congress and in the pulpit, preaching the same unholy gospel. Worse still, they still dominate the party of Lincoln and Seward and Chase, which denied to you in 1860 the blood-bought right of local self-government, and which is today waging a war of conquest against an unoffending people ten thousand miles away."

There was an impression that some pretty good democrats, who were, nevertheless, good Americans, had a hand in the effort to make the authority of the United States government supreme in the Philippines, and to restore order there in order that the majority of people should enjoy the blessings of true liberty and civilization, which they never knew, Gen. "Joe" Wheeler, an ex-confederate, for one. But Wheeler, who did his part for what he doubtless considered right at the time, came to his senses long ago, something which the eruptive Candler seems not yet to have attained. Of course the introduction of politics at such a time was in very bad taste to say the least, but one of

our American poets has said that politics "knows no propriety of time or place." He must have heard somebody like the unreconstructed ex-governor of Georgia. Such men as he never help the world along. A hermit life would seem most suitable for them.

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GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS. Custom House, Astoria, Oregon; Collector's Office, April 26, 1900. Supplies for Revenue Vessels.—Sealed proposals for supplying ship chandlery rations, and coal to vessels of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily, at Astoria, Oregon, and delivered on board said vessels at that place during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Saturday, May 12, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. The coal furnished to be anthracite or bituminous of best quality; uniform in character; to weigh 2,240 pounds to the ton; to be delivered on board the vessels at such times and in such quantities as may be required, at localities readily accessible to said vessels, and to be subject to inspection as to quality and weight. Bidders will name the prices both for steaming and stove coal, and also their facilities for furnishing the vessels with fresh water, and their charges therefor. Blank forms of proposals, with schedules showing articles of ship chandlery and component parts of rations, may be had upon application at this office. Proposals must be submitted on these forms. Separate bids will also be received the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and no contract will be put in force until congress shall have made an appropriation for the purpose. JOHN FOX, Collector.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank OF ASTORIA. At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 26, 1900.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$242,584.77. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 148.48. U. S. bonds to secure circulation, 12,500.00. Stocks, securities, etc., 89,168.24. Real Estate, 3,414.63. Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) cash items, 890.07. Due from State Banks and Bankers, 26,354.40. Due from approved reserve agents, 90,801.12. Checks and other cash items, 1,160.63. Notes of other National Banks, 160.00. Nickel, 46.05. Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie, \$112,140.00. Legal-tender notes, 374.00. 112,514.00.

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 625.00. Total, \$587,362.39. LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00. Surplus fund, 25,000.00. Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 29,649.59. National Bank notes outstanding, 5,250.00. Due to State Banks and Bankers, 1,632.47. Individual deposits, subject to check, \$398,598.18. Demand certificates of deposit, 77,341.15. 547,929.33. Total, \$587,362.39.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1900. C. R. THOMSON, Notary Public.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given, that the common council of the City of Astoria has determined to improve Thirty-Eighth street in that part of the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John Adair and generally known as Adair's Astoria, in Clatsop county, state of Oregon, from a point fifteen feet south of the north line of Duane street to the south line of Harrison avenue, by grading said portion of said street to the established grade to the width of twenty-five feet through the center thereof, and planting the same when graded with sound fir plank, either red or yellow, of three inches in thickness by 12 inches wide, laid upon stringers, to the width of sixteen feet through the center of said portion of said street, with the construction of a curb and gutter, and may be necessary to permit the surface water to pass under such portion of said street so improved.

Said improvement as to its construction in matters of detail and the material to be used, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 1901, of the City of Astoria, entitled "An ordinance in relation to the improvement of streets," which was approved the 3d day of January, 1895. The costs and expenses of said improvement, except street crossings, shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises fronting upon and adjacent to said portion of said street proposed to be improved and such other lands as in the opinion of the council shall be benefited by said improvement, which said lands and premises which will be benefited by said improvement are hereby included within a special assessment district to be assessed to defray the costs and expenses of said improvement, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of block 21 and running thence south to the southeast corner of lot 1 in block 53, thence east to the southeast corner of lot 4 in block 57, thence north to the north east corner of block 22, thence west to the place of beginning, and containing all of blocks 21, 22, 23, 31, 45 and 46 and the north 1/2 of blocks 27 and 28, all in said Adair's Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon.

This notice is published in the Morning Astorian for eight days in pursuance to a resolution duly adopted by the common council of the City of Astoria, on the 7th day of May, 1900, declaring its intention to improve said portion of said street, the first publication of this notice being on Friday, May 11th, 1900. H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION. Astoria, Oregon, April 5, 1900. To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon: Gentlemen:—In accordance with Section No. 153 of the city charter, we herewith beg leave to report the receipts and disbursements of the Astoria Water Commission for the quarter ending March 31, 1900, as follows:

RECEIPTS. For the month of January, 1900, our gross receipts were: From account of water rates, \$2,139.85. From account of tapping mains, 8.50. From account of delinquent charges, 7.25. \$2,155.60. For the month of February, 1900, our gross receipts were: From account of water rates, \$2,079.25. From account of tapping mains, 6.50. From account of delinquent charges, 8.50. \$2,094.25. For the month of March, 1900, our gross receipts were: From account of water rates, \$2,118.45. From account of tapping mains, 4.00. From account of delinquent charges, 2.75. \$2,125.40. Total receipts for the quarter \$6,375.25. Balance in treasury at date of last report filed Jan. 3, 1900, \$7,915.05. Total, \$14,290.30.

DISBURSEMENTS. Salary of superintendent, \$275.00. Salary of assistant, 210.00. Salary of keeper at power house, 75.00. Salary of keeper at head works, 60.00. Salary of clerk, 225.00. Salary of city attorney, 30.00. Salary of janitor, 15.00. Expense account, 80.19. Office expense account, 164.73. Rent account, 75.00. Advertising account, 19.00. Stationery and printing, 14.50. Repairs to mains, 4.00. Repairs to telephone line, 6.50. Repairs to conduit, 1.00. Office furniture, 1.50. Stock account (special castings, etc.), 41.45. For 150 acres land in Bear Crk water shed, 750.00. For expense of recording deed to said land, 1.45. \$2,149.32.

Leaving balance on hand in general fund of, \$12,143.98. Respectfully submitted, ASTORIA WATER COMMISSION. By C. S. Wright, Chairman. Attest: J. H. Mansell, Acting Clerk.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS. Treasury Department, Office, Superintending Architect, Washington, D. C. April 21, 1900.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. on the 28th day of May, 1900, and then opened, for the wharf and distaffing and bath houses at the U. S. Quarantine Station, Astoria, Oregon, in accordance with drawings and specifications, copies of which may be had at this office or the office of the custodian of the station. JAMES KNOPX TAYLOR, Supervising Architect.

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ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD.

Leave PORTLAND. Arrive. 8:00 a. m. Portland Union Depot, 11:15 a. m. 6:55 p. m. for Astoria and inter- 9:40 p. m. (Astoria). ASTORIA. 7:45 a. m. For Portland and inter- 11:30 a. m. 6:10 p. m. Intermediate points 10:20 p. m. SEASIDE DIVISION. p. m. a. m. 5:00 11:35 Lv. Astoria, Ar. 7:40 4:00 5:35 11:55 Ar. Warrenton, Lv. 7:40 4:00 5:50 12:00 Lv. Seaside, Ar. 6:30 4:10 6:30 1:00 Ar. Astoria, Lv. 6:15 3:20 SPECIAL SEASIDE SUNDAY TRAIN Leaves Astoria at 8:30 a. m.; arrives at Seaside 9:45 a. m. Passengers may return on any train shown on schedule on same date. ALL TRAINS to and from Seaside run at Flavel and Hammond via Warrenton. All trains make close connections at Goble with all Northern Pacific trains to and from the east or Sound points. At Portland with all trains leaving Union depot. At Astoria with I. R. & N. Co.'s boat and rail line to and from Iwaco and North Beach points.

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