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Judge McBride will hold an adjourned term of the circuit court on Wednesday next to set equity cases to be tried during the regular June term.

Mr. John Kopp has recently commenced the operation of a complete and modern bottling establishment, where the well-known product of his brewery is bottled for the trade and consumers. Free delivery to customers in the city. Telephone 21.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Wanted—A girl or woman for sewing carpets. Apply to Chas. Hellborn & Son.

Mr. F. D. Butzer, of the Clatsop Mill Company, will go to the Sound today on a short leave of absence to look after some matters of private interest.

The Star restaurant, 626 Commercial street, now open for business. Meals 15 cents up. The best to be had in the city. Give it a trial for your dinner today.

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A special dispatch to the Astorian from The Dalles last night stated that the Columbia river had been rising at the rate of a tenth of a foot an hour for seven hours.

The Bachelors' Club will have their luncheon at the opera house Friday, May 19, when they will "bat out a few high balls" and "have their mitt out for a good catch."

The theme of the morning sermon at the Presbyterian church tomorrow will be "A Word for the Discouraged." In the evening the pastor will preach upon the subject "As It Shall Appear."

All the usual services will be held at the Baptist church tomorrow. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The Life and the Bread," and in the evening, "The Seed and the Soil." All are cordially invited.

A stray net was picked up near the mouth of the river on the Washington side yesterday by C. Markstrom and is now held at Booth's cannery awaiting a claimant. The buoy attached to the net bore the initials "S. C."

The republicans will hold a rally tonight at Knappa. A large number from this city will attend, leaving on the regular train at 6:19. Those desiring to go can obtain tickets at the office of H. D. Thing on Commercial street.

The incandescent lights throughout the city went out last night about 9 o'clock and the city would have been in total darkness for the time being had it not been for the fact that the Astoria still has facilities for lighting by gas.

Senator George C. Brownell of Oregon City will address the people on the issues of the campaign at New Astoria on the night of June 1. The republican county central committee is making arrangements for a big excursion on that occasion.

Schofield & Hauke are sole agents for the celebrated Blue Ribbon flour. It is manufactured by Gardner Bros., Stayton, Oregon, and consumers are cautioned to notice that this name and address appear on every sack as it is understood that imitations are being offered in the city. Telephone 51.

J. N. Heckard, the candidate of the hop-scooters for assessor, barely escaped term from having his name left off the official ballot. Owing to the fact that the nominations made at the so-called "citizens' convention" were irregular, the candidates were obliged to circulate petitions among the people in order to get on the ballot—just the same as the regulation "independent" is obliged to do. Mr. Heckard failed to file his petition until yesterday, and probably would not have done so then had he not been prodded by the secretary of the hop-scooters' central committee.

Pears'

No soap in the world is so cheap.
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Mr. A. E. Buttner of Portland is in the city in the interest of the order of United Modern Vigilantes. He will be joined in a few days by Mr. F. J. McHenry, chief leader of the order. They expect to add a number of new members to the Astoria branch.

Services at the Methodist church will be held as usual tomorrow. Dr. Whitaker, president of the Portland University, will preach both morning and evening. Dr. Whitaker will soon leave the Oregon conference to fill the pulpit of Plymouth church, Boston, Mass.

A schooner load of wood pulp came up from Youngs river yesterday and was transferred here to the boat for Oregon City. It is stated the paper mills are away belching with their orders and that an enlargement of the plant is contemplated. What is the matter with building a paper plant at Astoria?

Process Carpet Renovating—We guarantee and can thoroughly prove that we can more satisfactorily clean a carpet by the process method than by any other method. Beating a carpet will do more harm than it will do good. Have them cleaned by common-sense method. Call on A. W. MELTON, Tighe Hotel.

The run of salmon continues to increase and all the fishermen on the river are busy. But few boats are in the harbor and the tide runs will be in use when made fit for service. It is rumored that prices during the past week have fluctuated from 6 to 7 1/2 cents. This is hardly a correct statement. For several extraordinary fine lots of fish as high as 7 1/2 cents has been paid but the price of 6 cents is the market price for the all round catch. The salmon are not averaging over 25 to 30 pounds but are fine fish that pack unusually well and hence, what they lack in quantity they more than make up for in quality.

A captain yesterday was hunting for a tow for his ship from Astoria to Portland. He said to a half dozen men engaged in the shipping business, "What is the matter with you Astoria fellows, anyhow? This is the second time I've been in here in two years and I've been in here to pay out from \$200 to \$300 to get to Portland to get my cargo, when I could have loaded my ship here much easier, much quicker and saved that expense. Why do you fellows want to haul a ship clear up to Portland and back again to load her? Haul her load down here. That would only be one haul and a much cheaper one than to take the ship a hundred miles up the river and bring it back again. You fellows are regular barnacles," and the irate captain went away to telegraph for a tow boat.

The annual appearance in this city of Norris & Rowe's Big Trained Animal Shows is looked forward to by the amusement lovers with much interest. Each season the show has visited us, marked improvements and enlargements have been noticed. This season will be no exception to the rule. Norris & Rowe's shows are now twice the size of last season and many valuable additions have been made. The growth and improvement of the big animal show has been nothing short of phenomenal, and the success of the enterprise can be traced to the fact that the show is clean, moral, wholesome, instructive and very amusing. It is, in fact, an entertainment that the most fastidious can witness without having any of his scruples hurt. It is an entertainment that every boy and girl should see, because of what kindness and patience will accomplish, even over dumb brutes. The shows will exhibit in this city under their large waterproof tents which will be located centrally, and the performance will be given at 2:30 and 8 p. m. A new grand free spectacular street carnival and children's fairy land parade will be given at 11 a. m., on the morning of the exhibition, at which time the entire company of over two hundred animal actors will be seen. Excursion trains will be run from all adjoining towns to enable all to see this big instructive exhibition.

REPUBLICAN MEETINGS.
Where and When the People's Candidates Will Meet With the Voters.

The republican county central committee has decided upon the dates and places for political meetings up to the close of the campaign as follows: Knappa, Saturday, May 19. Chadwell, Monday, May 21. Olney, Tuesday, May 22. Warrenton, Wednesday, May 23. Svensen, Thursday, May 24. Westport, Saturday, May 26. New Astoria, Friday, June 1. Astoria, Saturday, June 2.

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COMMISSION WILL ACT AT ONCE

Building of a City Electric Light Plant to Be Decided Today.

SPECIAL MEETING LAST NIGHT

Open Session During Which the Matter Was Fully Discussed, and Water Commission Meets Today to Study Plans and Figures for a Municipal Plant.

The water commission, after a public and private meeting with the committee from the city council last night, will meet this afternoon to decide whether or not they will complete the city's electric lighting plant.

There will be no delay upon the part of the commission in reaching a conclusion in this matter, one of such vital and immediate importance to the people. The commissioners will go over the figures and plans submitted to them some months ago for erecting a lighting plant and will ask for further information at once. When they have all the figures before them they will then decide whether it is for the best interests of the city to build and operate a plant, lease the power to outside capital, or throw the whole matter of public lighting upon the shoulders of the council for it to handle as best it can.

But there will be no delay. In a very few days at the outside the public will know exactly what it can expect in the matter of public lighting from its commissioners.

The public meeting last night was opened to general discussion. But few new facts concerning the lighting question were brought out. The discussion is given in detail as the entire community is interested in every phase of this public lighting question. It is the most important public question that has arisen in Astoria for years.

When the meeting was called to order Water Commissioners Elmore, Lowby, Dement, Trenchard, Van Dusen and Chairman Wright were present, as were Councilmen Scherneckau, Irix and Farker of the committee appointed by the council to meet with the commission.

Chairman Wright said that he desired an expression of opinion as to whether the meeting should be public or private.

Councilman Scherneckau moved that the meeting be private. He said that the council desired its committee to discuss matters with the water commission which he felt should for the present, for purely business reasons, be of a private nature.

This was said because of the presence of representatives of the West Shore Mills Company, Scherneckau evidently believing that it was not wise to make known to the enemy their plans.

Commissioner Elmore said that in order to bring the matter before the meeting he would second the motion for an executive session. Personally he favored giving Father Trullinger and his son an opportunity to express their views on the lighting question, as he desired all the information he could obtain on the subject.

Commissioner Trenchard said he thought the meeting should be an open one. Any citizen who desired should have a right to listen to the deliberations. Let everybody have their say and then let the commission and council committee meet in private afterwards and consider what had been said.

Father Trullinger said that he and his son had not come to the meeting to talk, but to listen. They wanted to know what was going to be done.

Trenchard said there was nothing before the commission, as far as he knew, calling for a public or a private meeting.

Scherneckau said "I really supposed that every commissioner was aware by this time of the reason for the calling of this meeting. The council has sent you to you to ask you whether you are willing to utilize the water power the city owns to furnish it with electric lights. We want to know what this

commission is willing to do before the council goes any further and we hoped that we would be able to get an answer from you by next Monday night, in order that we might take some action in regard to lighting the streets."

The idea of the water commission having to act on any question within three days seemed to disturb Trenchard. He said that before the commission could act it would have to know the exact situation.

Scherneckau mildly intimated that that was the exact purpose of the committee's visit, to state the situation, and see what could be done to remedy it. He again said that he had supposed, until the moment that every commissioner was acquainted with the situation. For Trenchard's benefit he stated it. The Trullingers had made a proposition to light the city's streets during 1900. The council had considered the bid too high and refused it. The old contract had expired, the street lights were out and the council now wanted to arrive at the best means of relighting the streets at the earliest possible moment but wanted at the same time to make permanent arrangements for public lighting.

Trenchard said he thought he understood the situation.

Elmore asked what the city had been paying for lights and what the council wanted as to price.

Scherneckau repeated the figures as to the old bid and said that had the West Shore Mills Company been satisfied with the old figures for the coming year there would have been no hitch, but the council objected to an increase of \$15 a month on 50 street lights.

Councilman Farker said another objection was that the West Mills Company would not guarantee any specific candle-power.

Perry Trullinger then said, in answer to questions, that the average cost of arc street lights in the United States was \$101 per annum. That so far as candle-power, was concerned electricians agreed that no definite candle-power could be guaranteed by any company.

Elmore said that when the water commission was thinking of putting in a lighting plant, firms had made them bids guaranteeing not less than 2,000 candle-power per lamp and asked how they could do it. He also asked Perry Trullinger if it was not cheaper to furnish lights of 1,200 or 1,400 candle-power? In other words if Mr. Trullinger had a circuit of 40 arc lights of 2,000 candle-power each, if he could not save money by adding 20 lights to the circuit and cut down the candle-power?

Trullinger admitted that by such a plan a saving to the parties furnishing light could be made.

Scherneckau said that Perry Trullinger admitted to him a long time ago that the lights in use in Astoria were not up to date. He said that the light company had refused to buy new lights unless they could get a long contract with the city.

Perry Trullinger admitted the presence of lights were not up to date but said his company could not afford to replace them with improved lights unless the city would give them a contract for five years. He said the people were dissatisfied with the lights at least, he added as an afterthought, the council and newspapers said so, and the company wanted to better them by putting in improved lamps but had to have a five years' contract from the city before they could afford to do it.

Elmore asked if the city's uncompleted plant would be serviceable to the West Shore Mills Company if they would buy or rent it?

Perry Trullinger said: "No, we've got a steam plant that we want to sell to the city."

"Oh, that's it," said Elmore.

Commissioner Dement said that he would like to know whether the fight between the West Shore Mills Company and the council had reached a point where no compromise was possible. He asked if the West Shore Mills people were willing to take the old price of \$7.50 per light per month if the council would give them a year's contract.

Scherneckau answered that the committee from the council had not come there to discuss any such proposition. They were not empowered to deal with any proposition from the West Shore Mills Company. The council had refused that company's bid and sent a committee to the water commission to see whether that body would complete the city's electric light plant or not.

Dement said he did not propose to dictate to either the city or the West Shore Mills Company but he thought that if that company would make its old bid and the city accept it, it would be best for everybody.

In answer, Father Trullinger made an impassioned speech. He said he was willing to take the contract at \$7.50 per light for five years but not for less. He was not trying to extort money from the city but he would not do business unless he could make a profit and he couldn't make anything at the old rates when it was uncertain from year to year what the council would do—whether they would continue to accept the West Shore Mills Company's lights at \$7.50 or demand a reduction.

He said he was a plain old man and an American citizen. He had been in business in Oregon for fifty years. He asked favors from nobody. The lighting was as good in Astoria as it was anywhere, no matter what people said to the contrary. Nobody could make him do business the wrong way. The West Shore Mills Company had dwindled down until the old man was about all there was left. The company could

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not make the improvements needed and furnish the city lights at \$7.50 per month on yearly contracts. The company has been under great expense. The reason the company bought the gas works was to keep it from being a menace to the electric lights. Now that they controlled both they would be run at a profit or not at all. The company would not guarantee candle-power.

Then followed a mixed up discussion of electrical matters which Councilman Brix ended by saying: "Well, gentlemen, what I want to know is not what expenses the West Shore Mills Company are under, but what the water commission is going to do with this lighting question."

Elmore said the commission was not prepared to answer that question at the present time. It would like to know what the council wanted it to do—whether the council was prepared to contract for electric lights and what they would be willing to pay. He asked if the council was in a position to enter into a specified contract with the water commission.

Scherneckau answered that he was satisfied the council was prepared to enter into a contract.

It was then decided to go into executive session and after a recess of ten minutes this was done with the result as given above.

er assemblage than has been seen here in many years.

Secretary Dunbar was requested to ask the mayor, the presidents of the chamber of commerce and progressive association to jointly ask the proper authorities to detail one or more war vessels to this port for the occasion.

Mr. McAllen reported the receipt of a handsome gold medal which a Portland firm donated for a girls' rowing race.

The secretary will immediately correspond with people with a view to securing novel performances for the multitude. The president was authorized to procure headquarters and banners. Prizes will be offered for the best floats in the gigantic day procession. The committee on fireworks will go to work at once to prepare for a fine pyrotechnic display.

Astorians are known to be the most liberal subscribers on the coast for a first-class celebration and the committee is determined to have no other.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.
Committees Appointed to Take Charge of Fourth of July Program.

The Fourth of July committee appointed by Mayor Bergman at the citizens' meeting Thursday night met last evening and organized by electing the following officers: President, Herman Wise; secretary, Albert Dunbar; Treasurer, J. N. Griffin. A rough outline of a program was discussed and several sub-committees appointed.

It was reported that some of the people approached had expressed themselves as willing to contribute liberally for the right kind of a celebration.

In former years a few of the merchants were expected to contribute the biggest portion of the funds, but this year the committee is assured that the most generous assistance will be given by the citizens, especially the cannerymen, the restaurateurs, cigar stores, ice cream parlors, and similar lines of business.

The committee would like to raise about \$2,000, as it has a program in view that will require about that amount.

Posters will immediately be sent out into every town and hamlet on the river and also to Portland. The Oregon metropolis is not making preparations to celebrate this year, consequently Astoria is sure to have a large crowd from Portland. An invitation will also be sent to the people of The Dalles to send an excursion through to Astoria.

Astoria will undoubtedly have a large

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It has been proven that soldiers are hit during battle according to the color of their dress. In the following order—red is the most fatal. Austrian grey is the least fatal. The proportions are red twelve, rifle green seven, brown six, Austrian bluish-grey five. There is one other color, not mentioned, more fatal—and that is the paler of weakness. If it has commenced to paint its deathly hue upon your cheek, and the stomach weakens and life seems not worth living, go to the druggist and obtain a bottle of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will give you life and energy. It does this by making the stomach strong and the blood pure. It is unequalled for such disorders as indigestion, dyspepsia, or malaria, fever and ague.

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