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WHY THE MAYOR **IS CRITICISED**

Wrong Impression Given 10 escape it, and surely Mayor Bergman not return because they do not wish Strangers About Astoria.

That the City's Finances Were at a Low Ebb-Not Enough for Light-

It was with more than reluctance that the Astorian criticised the action of Mayor Bergman in regard to the lighting of the streets during the Odd Fellows convention. Ordinarily Mayor Bergman is on the right side of a question when it concerns the public, but sometimes even the most conscientious official allows his friendship, of many years standing, for a private concern, to influence him in his actions.

tions. The thousand visitors who came as delegates, or with delegates, to attend for that was all that company asked the Odd Fellows grand lodge meeting for-because it had built a lighting rel" between the city of Astoria and plant in Astoria when it did not pay the West Shore Mills Company, and to run one. attention, as it was by the action of the tion right along. It does not believe mayor, not one of the delegates took the taxpayers are called upon to subthe trouble to inquire into and inform himself as to the true inwardness and merits of the controversy.

In other words, the strangers ac- vestment, and the West Shore Mills cepted the situation as it was shown Company never started a public and them upon its face, and drew the private lighting plant in Astoria with natural and logical inference from it, any other purpose or intention than namely, that Astoria was unable to that of making money out of it. If the pay for street lights and that the company failed to make money, it is West Shore Mills Company, with un- not the taxpayers' fault, and the Astoheard of generosity in a corporation, rian cannot agree with Mayor Berghad given the city the lights it was too man when he suggests the city should poor to buy in order that they, the pay that company extortionate rates

It is probable that the Bacon resoluompany and ask for the lights the tion will be adopted by the senate. ouncil had never refused. Thus far, no steps have been taken It is a wrong, and an un-American officially, to investigate the Cuban dea, to suppose that any citizen, no customs service, but it is asserted that matter to what high office he has been several employes in that service are

elevated by his fellows, is above crit- contemplating resignation, while others icism. President McKinley does not who are away on leave of absence will should ask no more immunity than the to become involved in the investigahead of the Nation. And it is a cow- tion. ardly newspaper that fails to criticise It is declared that the investigation a public official, regardless of his pop- will show that, through lax business Were Left to Believe by Inference ularity, when he deserves it. Mr. methods and unscrupulous employes,

Bergman, as a citizen, may stand as thousands of dollars have been dihigh as any gentleman in Astoria but verted from legitimate channels into Mr. Bergman and Mayor Bergman are the pockets of dishonest officials and not the same, although in many re- their accomplices. The disbursements spects they should be.

of sums, ranging from \$100 to \$10,000, If Mayor Bergman had no desire to have been made to persons who have aid the West Shore Mills Company in not performed any service whatever, it their present controversy his actions, to is said, and in many instances with say the least, are very peculiar regard- out the formality of presenting vouch ing the securing of temporary public ers.

street lights. He has never denied, nor Gross extravagance in expenditures attempted to in any way disguise, his for furniture, supplies and other expartiality for the West Shore Mills pense in connection with the customs Company. He has even gone so far, as service is also charged. he told an Astorian representative.

as to suggest that the West Shore CHANGE THE NAME OF A PORT. Mills Company deserved some con-

UBAN CUSTOM SERVICE FRAUDS.

Said to Be Worse Than the Post Of-

Be Made.

NEW YORK, May 25 .- A special to the Herald from Washington say; "An explosion in the Cuban custom's

ervice is threatened which promises revelations as sensational as the dislosures in connection with the postal

An official of the customs service, who has just returned from Cuba, brings

information that the custom's service

there is honeycombed with fraud and the employes are trembling with fear

That congress must make a thorough

nvestigation of every department of

the government in Cuba, is the conclu-

sion forced upon administration leaders in both houses. Nothing short of a searching inquiry by a committee containing representative of the minor

ity party will be accepted.

service.

of investigation,"

fice Scandal-An Investigation to

sideration from the city-that is, ald Mexico Pays a Compliment to an American Railway President.

> CHICAGO, May 25 .- A special to the Record from Chihuahua, Mex., says: The congress of Mexico has passe

The Astorian has fought this conten a bill, and it has been approved by President Datz, changing the name Topolobampo, on the Pacific coast, 1 Stillwell. The change is made as No set of men ever yet started complement to A. E. Stillwell, presi a private enterprise without the expecdent of the Kansas City, Mexico and tation of making a profit on their in-Orient Rallway Company, which proposes to build a railway from Kansas City to Port Stillwell.

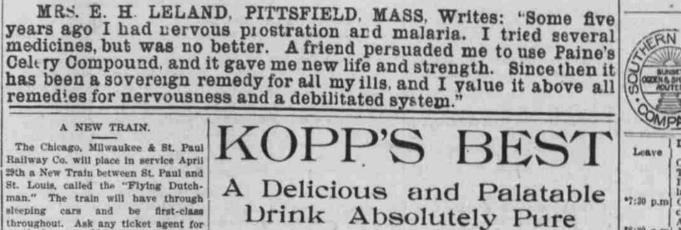
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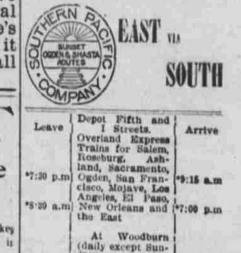
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delegates, might enjoy lighted streets for street lights simply because it during their sojourn here. built a plant to furnish such lights at Surely Mayor Bergman had no right an inopportune time and the investment

to place the city of Astoria in that has not paid. light before strangers. "Even his No apology is offered for the critiwarmest supporters admit that. They cism of the Astorian upon Mayor say he made a mistake, and he did, Bergman' action in regard to street And crediting Mayor Bergman with lights during the I. O. O. F. convencommon sense, which he undoubtedly tion. It has been held, and is now possesses, equal at least to the average believed as firmly as ever it was, that man, the Astorian cannot see how he Mayor Bergman did the city and the could make such a mistake uninten- citizens a wrong when he put Astoria tionally in view of all the circum- in the false position of seeming to be stances surrounding the case. unable to pay for public utilities. May-

It was to disabuse the minds of or Bergman was wrong to stir up and strangers of the impression they re- foment a quarrel between Astoria, as ceived, and in fact, as is known, be- a city, and the West Shore Mills Comlieved, namely, that Astoria's treasury pany over the matter of public lights, was in such a depleted condition that when there were a thousand visitors it was unable to light its streets, the within our gates. Astorian took issue with Mayor Berg- As said before, no official ever

reaches a pinnacle where he is right-But that was not the only reason fully exempt from criticism for his for the Astorian's criticism of the acts and the Astorian still holds that mayor's action. The other reason lay it was to Mayor Bergman, and not Mr. in the manner in which he, as the Bergman, the citizen, that the West chief executive of the city, secured Shore Mills Company listened to and the temporary lights for the streets, then made the city an object of charand the Astorian reiterates that Mayor Ity. This paper still believes the West Bergman went out of his way, wheth- Shore Mills Company would have reer intentionally or not, to aid the fused a request for free lights, if it had West Shore Mills Company in making been made by any one of a hundred a spectacular bid for public sympa- prominent citizens. It was only because that company saw and grasped

Had Mayor Bergman, at any time the opportunity of putting the city during the meeting of the council on under obligations to it by granting the Monday night, called Councilman Ut- request of its mayor.

zinger, or any other member of that Sympathy, popularity and all the rest body present, to the chair and taken of it, is all right until it comes down the floor and said "members of the to business, but business is business; 60 council, it is wrong to have our streets as much so, if not more so, with pubin darkness during the sojourn of a lic officials as with private individuals, thousand visitors here and, regardless and no official has the right to place a of our differences with the West Shore city in a false light before the world Mills Company, I think we should do either because he has the power to do something immediately to remedy this so or because he desires to oblige a evil, even to paying for lights at pri- friend.

vate consumer's rates," not a member However, the incident of public lights of the council would have opposed any during the convention is closed. The reasonable motion to provide tempor- question as to what Astoria is going to ary lights that might have been made. do for street lights remains open and But he did not do it. In fact, when unanswered. The water commission Councilman Scherneckau tried to bring should certainly be able to give the up the lighting matter, he was prompt- council, some sort of an answer as to ly stopped by a motion to adjourn, whether it will build a public lightwhich is not debatable and which ing plant or not, at the council's next was carried, leaving Councilman meeting. If no satisfactory report Scherneckau, for the time being, help- from the water commission is received, less to advocate the temporary light- then the council should go ahead and ing of the streets as he doubtless in- provide street lights and let the blame tended. for delay in having lighted streets rest Had Mayor Bergman on Tuesday, where it will belong, with the water

when he realized his mistake, in commission.

failing to have the council act on Monday night, called the ways and means committee of the council together and Astoria Oregon. asked them to provide lights, he would still have been doing his duty as mayor. not only to the citizens of Astoria, but to his colleagues in the executive branch of the city government.

But he did neither of these things. On the contrary he chose to go

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