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WHY THE MAYOR IS CRITICISED

Wrong Impression Given to Strangers About Astoria.

Were Left to Believe by Inference That the City's Finances Were at a Low Ebb—Not Enough for Light.

It was with more than reluctance that the Astorian criticized 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.

The thousand visitors who came as delegates, or with delegates, to attend the Odd Fellows grand lodge meeting had no knowledge of the "family quarrel" between the city of Astoria and the West Shore Mills Company, and when the matter was forced upon their attention, as it was by the action of the mayor, not one of the delegates took the trouble to inquire into and inform himself as to the true inwardness and merits of the controversy.

In other words, the strangers who saw the situation as it was shown them upon its face, and drew the natural and logical inference from it, namely, that Astoria was unable to pay for street lights and that the West Shore Mills Company, with unbounded generosity in a corporation, had given the city the lights it was too poor to buy in order that they, the delegates, might enjoy lighted streets during their sojourn here.

Surely Mayor Bergman had no right to place the city of Astoria in that light before strangers. Even his warmest supporters admit that they say he made a mistake, and he did. And crediting Mayor Bergman with common sense, which he undoubtedly possesses, equal at least to the average man, the Astorian cannot see how he could make such a mistake unintentionally in view of all the circumstances surrounding the case.

It was to disabuse the minds of strangers of the impression they received, and in fact, as is known, believed, namely, that Astoria's treasury was in such a depleted condition that it was unable to light its streets, the Astorian took issue with Mayor Bergman.

But that was not the only reason for the Astorian's criticism of the mayor's action. The other reason lay in the manner in which he, as the chief executive of the city, secured the temporary lights for the streets, and the Astorian reiterates that Mayor Bergman went out of his way, whether intentionally or not, to aid the West Shore Mills Company in making a spectacular bid for public sympathy.

Had Mayor Bergman, at any time during the meeting of the council on Monday night, called Councilman Utzinger, or any other member of that body present, to the chair and taken the floor and said "members of the council, it is wrong to have our streets in darkness during the sojourn of a thousand visitors here and, regardless of our differences with the West Shore Mills Company, I think we should do something immediately to remedy this evil, even to paying for lights at private consumer's rates," not a member of the council would have opposed any reasonable motion to provide temporary lights that might have been made.

But he did not do it. In fact, when Councilman Scherneckau tried to bring up the lighting matter, he was promptly stopped by a motion to adjourn, which is not debatable and which was carried, leaving Councilman Scherneckau, for the time being, helpless to advocate the temporary lighting of the streets as he doubtless intended.

Had Mayor Bergman on Tuesday, when he realized his mistake, in failing to have the council act on Monday night, called the ways and means committee of the council together and asked them to provide lights, he would still have been doing his duty as mayor, 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 officially to the West Shore Mills

Company and ask for the lights the council had never refused.

It is a wrong, and an un-American idea, to suppose that any citizen, no matter to what high office he has been elevated by his fellows, is above criticism. President McKinley does not escape it, and surely Mayor Bergman should ask no more immunity than the head of the Nation. And it is a cowardly newspaper that fails to criticize a public official, regardless of his popularity, when he deserves it. Mr. Bergman, as a citizen, may stand as high as any gentleman in Astoria but Mr. Bergman and Mayor Bergman are not the same, although in many respects they should be.

If Mayor Bergman had no desire to aid the West Shore Mills Company in their present controversy his actions, to say the least, are very peculiar regarding the securing of temporary public street lights. He has never denied, nor attempted to in any way disguise, his partiality for the West Shore Mills Company. He has even gone so far, as he told an Astorian representative, as to suggest that the West Shore Mills Company deserved some consideration from the city—that is, aid by paying high prices for poor lamps—for that was all that company asked for—because it had built a lighting plant in Astoria when it did not pay to run one.

The Astorian has fought this contention right along. It does not believe the taxpayers are called upon to subsidize any private enterprise in Astoria. No set of men ever yet started a private enterprise without the expectation of making a profit on their investment, and the West Shore Mills Company never started a public and private lighting plant in Astoria with that of making money out of it. If the company failed to make money, it is not the taxpayers' fault, and the Astorian cannot agree with Mayor Bergman when he suggests the city should pay that company extortionate rates for street lights simply because it built a plant to furnish such lights at an inopportune time and the investment has not paid.

No apology is offered for the criticism of the Astorian upon Mayor Bergman's action in regard to street lights during the I. O. O. F. convention. It has been held, and is now believed as firmly as ever it was, that Mayor Bergman did the city and the citizens a wrong when he put Astoria in the false position of seeming to be unable to pay for public utilities. Mayor Bergman was wrong to stir up and foment a quarrel between Astoria, as a city, and the West Shore Mills Company over the matter of public lights, when there were a thousand visitors within our gates.

As said before, no official ever reaches a pinnacle where he is rightfully exempt from criticism for his acts and the Astorian still holds that it was to Mayor Bergman, and not Mr. Bergman, the citizen, that the West Shore Mills Company listened to and then made the city an object of charity. This paper still believes the West Shore Mills Company would have refused a request for free lights, if it had been made by any one of a hundred prominent citizens. It was only because the opportunity of putting the city under obligations to it by granting the request of its mayor.

Sympathy, popularity and all the rest of it, is all right until it comes down to business, but business is business; as much so, if not more so, with public officials as with private individuals, and no official has the right to place a city in a false light before the world either because he has the power to do so or because he desires to oblige a friend.

However, the incident of public lights during the convention is closed. The question as to what Astoria is going to do for street lights remains open and unanswered. The water commission should certainly be able to give the council some sort of an answer as to whether it will build a public lighting plant or not, at the council's next meeting. If no satisfactory report from the water commission is received, then the council should go ahead and provide street lights and let the blame for delay in having lighted streets rest where it will belong, with the water commission.

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CUBAN CUSTOM SERVICE FRAUDS.

Said to Be Worse Than the Post Office Scandal—An Investigation to Be Made.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "An explosion in the Cuban custom's service is threatened which promises revelations as sensational as the disclosures in connection with the postal service."

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 employees are trembling with fear of investigation.

That congress must make a thorough investigation of every department of the government in Cuba, is the conclusion forced upon administration leaders in both houses. Nothing short of a searching inquiry by a committee containing representative of the minority party will be accepted.

It is probable that the Bacon resolution will be adopted by the senate.

Thus far, no steps have been taken officially, to investigate the Cuban customs service, but it is asserted that several employees in that service are contemplating resignation, while others who are away on leave of absence will not return because they do not wish to become involved in the investigation.

It is declared that the investigation will show that, through lax business methods and unscrupulous employees, thousands of dollars have been diverted from legitimate channels into the pockets of dishonest officials and their accomplices. The disbursements of sums, ranging from \$100 to \$10,000, have been made to persons who have not performed any service whatever, it is said, and in many instances without the formality of presenting vouchers.

Gross extravagance in expenditures for furniture, supplies and other expense in connection with the customs service is also charged.

CHANGE THE NAME OF A PORT.

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 passed a bill, and it has been approved by President Diaz, changing the name of Topolobampo, on the Pacific coast, to Stillwell. The change is made as a compliment to A. E. Stillwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company, which proposes to build a railway from Kansas City to Port Stillwell.

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