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PUBLIC LIGHT PLANT WILL PAY

What Other Cities Have Done, Astoria Can and Will Do.

Plenty of Light at Reduced Prices Will Yield a Revenue to the City Above All Expenses if Furnished by a Public Plant.

And now it is Tacoma that is agitating the public lighting question. The city has its own plant, but it has proved such a good investment, made upon a smaller scale than the needs of the city demand, that the council is considering the expenditure of \$35,000 additional to put the light plant in the condition they think it should be.

From every city that has built, maintained and operated its own electric light plant comes the same story—satisfaction and cheap rates for the taxpayers, free lights and revenue for the city.

Everywhere that public lighting has been proposed, the city has had to go through the same fight Astoria is going through. The monopoly, or monopolies, having the electric light contracts have, with the aid of their paid agents, fought public ownership bitterly and, where they have won the battle, the burden on the taxpayers has been increased. Statistics will show this to be true.

But let this be remembered. NO TOWN OR CITY IN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAS ADOPTED A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LIGHTING, SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER CITY CONTRACTS, HAS EVER GONE BACK TO LIGHTING BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, AND NO CITY FURNISHING ITS OWN LIGHTS HAS EVER HAD A DEFICIT FROM THAT SOURCE, WHILE IN SOME INSTANCES, AS HIGH AS FIFTY PER CENT ON THE INVESTMENT HAS BEEN EARNED.

Astoria is not a metropolis but it is a good-sized chunk of a town for all that, and, ordinarily, is about as progressive as any place of its size in the West. What other cities of its size, and towns of half its size, have done, it surely should be able to do.

If a town of 6,000 inhabitants can have 120 arc lights on its streets, furnish the citizens with as many incandescent lights as they want for 30 cents per month, per light, and then pay into the city treasury a surplus of \$14,000 a year over and above all expenses, from its public lighting plant, why can't Astoria do the same? That very thing is being done in not one but several towns in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, the figures quoted above being an average made from the list published some days ago.

The list, and the figures given were authentic, and by a perusal of it, citizens will see that several cities of 6,000 to 7,500 inhabitants, have been able, by owning their own lighting system, to reduce the cost of lights to consumers to 25 cents a light per month, furnish free public lights and yet pay a surplus into the city treasury.

It is not the idea of the Astorian to claim that this city can do better than

any other with a public lighting plant. If it does as well as the average city has done the taxpayers will be more than satisfied, not only with the cost of running and the earnings of the plant, but also with the quality and quantity of the lights furnished to them.

There is in fact no tenable argument against the public ownership of a lighting plant in Astoria. It is not an experiment. The people know what the water system cost, how well the people have been served by it and how handsomely it has paid on the heavy investment made to establish it.

Everyone knows that an electric light plant will earn five times the amount of money the water plant earns, and can be built for less than one-eighth the cost of that plant, and operated even more cheaply. This being true, the water commission is by no means taking a leap in the dark in erecting a light plant.

They will start in with every assurance that can be given them—other than the results of actual operation of a plant—that such action on their part is wise and for the best interests of the city and the people.

Astoria is growing rapidly and will continue to grow. The more rapidly it grows, the more lights, public and private, will be needed. If the rate on lights under private contract should be increased in the future, as was attempted in the past, it would soon be next to impossible for the city and citizens to properly light either the streets or the stores.

There is only one thing for Astoria to do for its present and future prosperity and that is to build and run its own lighting plant.

CLOSING THE CAMPAIGN.

Republicans Held a Rousing Meeting in Astoria Last Night.

The campaign in Clatsop county was closed in a most magnificent manner in this city last night. Judge M. L. Pipes of Portland, and the Hon. Chas. W. Fulton addressed a large assembly in an open-air meeting on Bond street, the program being enlivened by musical features by the Astoria band and the sound-money quartet.

Judge Pipes opened with the statement that the eye of the Nation is on Oregon in the present political conflict. Each state in the Union, he said, was an integral factor in deciding the great issues of the day, and that, at this particular time, and under the prevailing circumstances, more depended upon the decision of Oregon than upon the stand that might be taken by half a dozen other states later on.

Judge Pipes devoted the principal part of his argument to an explanation of the republican national policy. The issues upon which the republican party was making a stand this year, he said, were based upon the policies established by Washington, Lincoln, Sumner, Garfield and Blaine. The policy of the party has always been distinct as far as its relations to the opposition was concerned, said Judge Pipes.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating," continued the speaker. "You have tasted the pudding and found it good. The administration of President McKinley has brought about a condition of affairs which has filled the heart of the workingman with de-

light and his purse with funds necessary for his sustenance."

Judge Pipes then took up the contentions of the demo-pops on the matter of national policy. In a general sense, the people of the country, he said, rendered a verdict on the issues four years ago.

"Has a new argument been advanced on the silver or any other populist issue?" asked Judge Pipes. "Go and ask the business men. Ask them what they think of the McKinley administration and the gold standard. If they are honest I will wager that they will say that both are wise and judicious."

Judge Pipes entered upon a discussion of the administration's attitude on expansion.

"Civilization," he said, "cannot exist without expansion. The cause of civilization depends upon the acquisition, by the more enlightened people, of the countries that have been ruled by despotism. The policy of expansion was inaugurated immediately upon the heels of the Declaration of Independence. Napoleon, in his last great war of conquest, got hard up and negotiated the Louisiana purchase for \$15,000,000. Did we ask the consent of the people residing in that territory to govern them? Certainly not. We acquired Louisiana by purchase and we acquired the Philippines by conquest, although several millions of dollars were paid to Spain for the islands in order that we might not appear to be mercenary. The Filipinos, no more than the original Louisianans, can raise the objection that they are being governed without the consent of the governed."

The McKinley administration, Judge Pipes declared, was one of three to establish an epoch in American history. Washington, he said, fought for a principle that this country might be rendered fit for a white man to live in. Lincoln fought for the principle that the negro should be allowed to live and enjoy his liberty in this country. McKinley stands for the principle of bettering all classes, be they black, white or yellow.

C. W. Fulton made the closing speech of the evening. The republican party, he said, had proceeded upon the established theory that it owes a greater duty to civilization than to Filipino assassins.

The safety of the people depended primarily, he said, upon the election of the legislative ticket. This was necessary not only because of the prestige which the party would retain but that the enactment and enforcement of republican principles and doctrines would be assured.

The meeting was most successful in every sense. The speeches were good and the crowd large. It was, in a word, a most brilliant and satisfactory closing of one of the most important political campaigns in the history of Clatsop county.

FISHERMEN'S FRIEND.

Preservation Which Reduces Decay of Nets, Seins, Ropes and Canvas Ninety Per Cent.

When to the hazard of losing his life and property through the perils of the sea, to which the Columbia river fisherman is constantly exposed, is added the rapid decay of his nets, seines, tarpaulins, canvas, etc., from mildew and decay, it may safely be said of him that "his lot is not a happy one."

Fortunately the deterioration of these articles can be arrested and consequent losses reduced to a minimum.

Many preservatives have been tried in the past but it remained for a German chemist with practical ideas to discover the boon so earnestly sought. So far as experience goes, as shown by the testimonials of representative fishermen from the fishing grounds of Europe and America, the only sure preparation for the preservation of nets, seines, tarpaulins and ropes from the ravages of alternate land and water exposure is the celebrated German discovery Avenarius Carbolinum. This remarkable compound renders rot and decay impossible, through its antiseptic qualities, and tackle treated requires replacement only when its usefulness is impaired by actual wear and tear. This represents a saving to the fishermen of ninety per cent of their loss.

Avenarius Carbolinum renders rope canvas, etc., pliable and prevents freezing or stiffening in the severest weather, thus safe-guarding the property of the Columbia river fishermen not only

during active use but also during the inactive winter season when the etching fingers of decay work sad havoc with his outfit, and spring confronts him with a mortgage on his future earnings in the shape of a repair bill.

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When the compound is in general use on the Columbia, as it will be when its merits are ascertained, thousands of dollars will be saved by a class of workers whose arduous and dangerous pursuit entitles them to the fullest recompense it can be made to yield.

Fisher, Thorsen & Co., of Portland, Oregon, are the Pacific coast agents for Avenarius Carbolinum, and it can be procured at Fisher Bros., Foard & Stokes and B. F. Allen of Astoria.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Miss Kilan of Portland is spending a short time with Miss Bowly of this city.

Miss Anna Stuart of Portland is a guest at the home of Mrs. J. E. Higgins.

Among the Astorians visiting in Portland the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elmore, Mrs. A. A. Finch and Miss Floretta Elmore.

The "Ten for Tennis" Club has opened their court for another season of tennis. A tournament is looked for the early part of the week.

Miss Higgins entertained a number of friends at her home last evening in honor of Miss Stuart. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Robert Finley Wilson, manager of the Pacific Coast Company of this city, leaves Monday night for a trip to the East. On his return "dame runner" says he will bring a bride. The best wishes of his many friends go with him.

Victor Finch of San Francisco, brother of Dr. A. A. Finch of this city, and Miss Martha Gilbert are to be married at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday afternoon, June 7th. The couple will leave immediately for their future home in San Francisco.

Mrs. Charles R. Higgins gave a most charming musical at her home on Exchange street last Friday afternoon. Among those who participated were: Mrs. Charles Callender, Mrs. W. A. Wilkinson, Miss Bennett, Miss Wood, Miss Hobson, Mrs. Higgins, Miss Frederickson, Miss Halstead and Miss Parker. Delicious refreshments were served late in the afternoon.

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VRAGNIZAN'S BODY RECOVERED.

Parties Discovering It Refuse to Accept the Reward—Funeral This Afternoon.

The body of John Vragnizan, better known as "Austrian John," and "Big John," the fisherman who was drowned in the terrible storm that swept over the Columbia about two weeks ago, was found yesterday at the edge of the bar by a fisherman named Frantovich. The body was rapidly drifting out to sea and it was with some difficulty it was rescued. The body had drifted for miles from the point where Vragnizan's boat was overturned and was in an advanced stage of decomposition.

Anxious to give the body of her husband a Christian burial, Mrs. Vragnizan offered a reward of \$50 for the recovery of the body and stood ready to pay this amount yesterday, but Frantovich, and his boat-puller, Peter Seider, refused to accept the money. Mrs. Vragnizan is left with four little children to support, her resources being the insurance her husband held in various orders.

The funeral of Mr. Vragnizan will take place this afternoon under the combined auspices of the Knights of Pythias and the A. O. U. W., of both of which orders he was a member. The deceased was held in high esteem by all who intimately knew him and great sympathy is felt for his wife and orphans.

NOTICE A. O. U. W.

All members of Seaside lodge, No. 13, A. O. U. W., are requested to meet at their hall at 1 o'clock today, Sunday, June 3, to attend the funeral of our late Brother John Vragnizan. Funeral will take place from Pohl's undertaking parlors.

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A CHILLY WIND-UP.

Hop-Scotchers Get a Very Poor Reception at Their Final Rally.

Exactly fifty-two people attended the final rally of the hop-sotchers at the opera house last night. This gives a fair idea of the reception the voters have been extending to those candidates throughout the campaign, and is, at the same time, a safe criterion upon which to base an estimate of the outcome at the polls tomorrow.

DEGREE OF HONOR FUNERAL NOTICE.

All members of Pacific lodge, No. 53, D. of H., are hereby notified to meet at their hall today, Sunday, June 3, at 1 p. m., sharp, to attend the funeral of our late brother, John Vragnizan. MRS. M. W. BERNSTEIN, Chief of Honor. F. D. WINTON, Recorder.

A NEW TRAIN.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. will place in service April 29th a New Train between St. Paul and St. Louis, called the "Flying Dutchman." The train will have through sleeping cars and be first-class throughout. Ask any ticket agent for particulars or address C. J. EDDY, General Agent, Portland, Oregon.

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ASTORIA, May 31.—Editor Astorian—I have received letters and requests from all parts of the city and county for a copy of my statement of the financial condition of Clatsop county, in answer to the charges of the "Citizens" which read as follows:

"Let the reckless extravagance of the county court, the wanton expenditure of the people's money, and the constantly increasing indebtedness of the county, the employment of unnecessary deputies in the various county offices demand a change in the administration of county affairs. The indebtedness of the county is over \$100,000, necessitating the payment of a large interest account, and no effort has been used to decrease this indebtedness, while the taxpayers are burdened with excessive taxation."

Briefly answering the above clap-net, I wish to again inform these would be leaders that the present county administration found Clatsop county \$103,329.83 in debt when it took charge July 1, 1894. Upon this amount there has been paid \$40,911.97 interest, and the county's debt was reduced \$20,351.82. In the semi-annual sworn statement of the county clerk, dated December 31, 1899, the following showing was made:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Outstanding warrants December 31, 1899 (\$106,630.92) and Warrants issued since January 1 to May 7, 1900 (9,778.75).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes G. F. warrants paid since December 31, 1899 (\$28,477.37) and Y. B. bridge warrants paid since December 31, 1899 (8,155.93).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Warrants paid since December 31, 1899 (\$34,147.14) and Total warrants now outstanding May 7, 1900 (\$2,202.53).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Y. B. bridge non-interest bearing warrants (\$10,811.66) and General fund and road warrants (71,900.87).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash on hand to pay warrants called (\$2,202.53) and Cash in hands of treasurer, general fund (\$8,903.05).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash in hands sheriff, general fund (2,107.75) and Cash in hands county clerk (225.43).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total warrant debt less cash on hand (70,578.53) and Balance due state, tax 1899 (7,399.08).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total county debt May 7, 1900 (\$82,978.21) and Total debt July 1, 1894 (\$103,329.83).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total debt May 7, 1900 (\$82,978.21) and The reduction of the county debt (\$20,351.82).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Chargeable to former administrations (\$61,283.59) and And the Y. B. bridge costing (20,891.82).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total county debt May 7, 1900 (\$82,155.41) and The above total represents the amount which should be credited to the present administration as compared to former management.

This statement can be verified by any competent "citizen" who wishes to know the truth, if he will call on the county clerk and treasurer, who keep a complete set of books and the cash, or warrants required to show that they are correct. If it is doubted, I invite Col. E. C. Hughes, Duncan Stewart and Thos Dealy, or other competent democrats to call, and with me examine them at any time.

Very truly yours, J. H. D. GRAY, County Judge.

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A sore heals promptly when the blood is in good condition, but NEVER if it is diseased. The tendency of these old sores and ulcers is to grow worse, spreading and eating deeper into the flesh. They are a constant drain upon the system, gradually but surely ruin the health and sap the very life. A person's capacity for work or pleasure is soon lost in the great desire and search for something to cure.

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