

CITY FUNDS NOT SO BAD

Finances of Municipality Will Make It Possible to Erect the New City Hall.

AUDITOR ANDERSON'S PLAN

Figures It That Council Can Put \$40,000 Into Building and Not Increase Debt or Raise Levy.

Auditor Anderson has figured out how the new city hall can be built without any increase in the tax levy of the municipality. There is at present a 10-mill limit on the city tax levy, and Mr. Anderson says this limit need not be removed by the legislature in order that Astoria's new headquarters may be erected.

"Last year our city taxes amounted to about \$16,000," said the auditor yesterday, explaining his plan. The levy was 10 mills. This year we will receive \$19,000, because of the increased valuation of city property. Next year, when the valuation will be still further increased on account of the new property owned up in East Astoria, we will get about \$21,000.

"Now, we paid off about \$30,000 of our debt last year with a total tax revenue of only \$16,000. If we receive only \$21,000 a year for the next five years we will be able to make quite as good a showing and have a balance of \$5000 a year. In five years this would amount to \$25,000, which, with the \$15,000 now in the city hall fund, would provide money enough to build the hall. It is my opinion that of the 10 mills which we levy for municipal purposes 2 mills could be set aside for the city hall, the remaining 8 mills to be used to conduct the city government. We could issue warrants against the special fund and in this manner the debt of the city would not be increased.

"The statement that our debt was reduced \$30,000 last year will perhaps be surprising to those who are not familiar with municipal conditions, but it is quite true nevertheless. The reduction was the result of increased police court receipts and sundry licenses, and the receipt of substantial amounts for delinquent taxes. Police court and sundry license receipts will be even greater this year, and we should not build the new hall and at the same time continue to effect a reduction in the indebtedness."

The financial condition of the city has improved wonderfully during the past year, and if the heavy interest account can ever be stopped, Astoria will be in position to make many repairs. Only a short time ago taxpayers were fearful that the limit of indebtedness, \$215,000, would be exceeded, in which event the city would be in a most embarrassing situation. Now, however, the debt is \$153,427.27, or \$61,500 from the limit. The present council has been very careful with its funds, and the result has been apparent in the financial exhibits of the auditor and treasurer. The next statement of those officials will doubtless be even more favorable.

It will also be news to man Astorians to know that the city is now nearer to a cash basis than it has been for many years. The last call for warrants issued by Treasurer Dealey is destined to take up outstanding paper to February 1, so the city is just four months behind with its obligations. The city includes the warrants issued to pay for the new city hall site, which cost \$4000. The city is effecting a big saving in interest, and Auditor Anderson states that the interest paid out during the first quarter of 1903 was greater in amount than that paid out during the other three-quarters of the year.

So there is no particular reason why the city can not build a city hall which

will be a credit to Astoria. Every member of the council thus far approached upon the subject says he will favor the expenditure of \$35,000 to \$50,000 on the hall, which sum would fill the needs of the city for a long time.

SCHOOL TEACHER WINS OUT.

Gets \$10,000 for Breach of Promise from Wealthy Stockman.

Portland, June 3.—The jury in the United States district court tonight awarded Birdie McCarthy \$10,000 damages against James D. Heryford, the for breach of promise. Miss McCarthy is a school teacher.

Joe Gans Wins.

Baltimore, June 3.—Joe Gans, the lightweight champion pugilist, was given the decision tonight over Harry Cohen (Kid Griffo) at Brooklyn in the seventh round of a 15-round bout.

Notice of Appointment of Administratrix.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Isaac Lugnet, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for Clatsop county. All persons having claims against said estate must present the same to me at my residence, No. 109 Washington street, Astoria, Oregon, on or before six months from this date duly verified as by law required. Date this 14th day of May, A. D. 1904.

SOPHIE LUGNET, Administratrix of the Estate of Isaac Lugnet, Deceased.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Ore., May 23, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, George Gibbs, of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement for the purchase of the Lots 9, 16, 17 and 24 of Section No. 2, in Township No. 4 north, Range No. 8 west, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Friday, the 12th day of August, 1904.

He names as witnesses: William Gibbs, of 1667 Estes street, Portland, Ore.; Ezra Gibbs, of Lents, Ore.; C. W. Mead, of 237 East 11th street, Portland, Ore.; Wm. J. Millenbach, of Portland, Ore.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 12th day of August, 1904.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

Weather Indications.

Portland, June 3.—For Oregon: Saturday, fair, warmer, except near coast.

CONVENTION FOR PUPILS

School Children Will Meet Some Time Next Week to Elect Goddess of Liberty.

APPORTIONMENT GIVEN OUT

Convention Will Be Made Up of More Than 50 Students—No Candidates Have Yet Been Put Forth.

Some time during the coming week probably on next Saturday, the pupils of the various schools of the city will meet in convention for the purpose of electing a goddess of liberty, who will preside over the Fourth of July celebration. The date for the convention will be fixed later and the delegates notified. There will be more than 50 delegates in the convention, and they will proceed to business just as great political conventions go about things.

The Fourth of July committee left the matter of the election of the goddess of liberty to City Superintendent Clark, and Mr. Clark has apportioned delegates among the several city schools, with the exception of the Convent of the Holy Names. The convent will be notified today to select delegates, the apportionment being one delegate for every 25 pupils. In making the apportionment Professor Clark allowed one delegate for every 25 pupils, and one delegate for fractions of 25 in excess of 12.

It is now up to the delegations from the several schools to bring forth their candidates and to pave the way for the coming contest. All of the schools have chosen delegates with the exception of the high school, the convent and the Taylor school. The Taylor school is made up of two primary grades, and it is the wish of Professor Clark that older children be selected to represent this school at the convention.

The following statement shows the number of pupils at present attending the various schools and the apportionment of delegates:

| School— | Pupils. | Delegates. |
|------------------|---------|------------|
| Alder brook | 96 | 4 |
| Adair | 362 | 10 |
| Shively | 259 | 10 |
| McClure | 301 | 12 |
| Olney | 162 | 6 |
| High school | 92 | 4 |
| Taylor | 89 | 4 |
| Sister's convent | — | — |
| Totals | 1,261 | 50 |

As yet no names have been presented for the honor which the convention will bestow, but in due course of time the friends of the available young ladies will commence work and get things in shape for the supreme struggle. The convention can not conveniently be held until the final examinations are over, although it is possible an earlier day than Saturday will be selected.

NEW BOOKS.

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GONG TO THE FAIR.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop, on the 11th day of May, A. D. 1904, upon a judgment and decree rendered therein on the 30th day of April, 1904, in an action wherein Thomas Doig was plaintiff, and against John W. Welch, John W. Welch as guardian of the persons and estate of Samuel C. Welch, Francis Isabel Welch and Nancy Pearl Welch, minors Myrtle Sundleaf and Charles Sundleaf, her husband, and the city of Astoria, Oregon, defendants, for the sum of \$2289.34, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from February 6th, 1904, until paid, and for the further sum of \$200.00 as attorneys' fees herein, and the costs and disbursements of this suit taxed at \$42.60, and the costs of and upon this writ commanding and requiring me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots one (1) and two (2), in block (twenty-one (21), in the town (new city) of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John M. Shively, in Clatsop county, Oregon.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in front of and at the court house door in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described real property to satisfy the said judgment, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

THOS. LINVILLE, Sheriff, Clatsop County, Oregon. Astoria, Oregon, May 13, 1904.

The World's Fair Route.

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