

TO PETITION THE COUNCIL

City Hall Proposal to Be Presented by Taxpayers and Citizens Generally.

MR. NORDSTROM IS ACTIVE

Says the New Hall Will Run the City in Debt \$22,300—What the Opposing Ones Have to Say of the Matter.

The taxpayers and citizens of Astoria generally are to be afforded an opportunity of declaring themselves on the city hall proposal. Yesterday Councilman Nordstrom prepared three petitions, which are to be circulated in each of the wards, and when these petitions are signed they will be presented to the council. The council meets next Monday night, and it is the expectation of Mr. Nordstrom that the petitions will be ready for presentation at that time. The petitions are as follows:

"We, the undersigned taxpayers and citizens of Astoria, think from information we have that the purchase of the Flavel brick at \$25,000 is a better business proposition than the erection of a new building on the new site at the same amount of money; will cost less money, besides securing more property. The brick building will amply serve the needs of the city for many years and will then be a valuable piece of property. It will be more convenient than the new site."

Since the proposal of Captain Flavel was made, Councilman Nordstrom has talked with many of the taxpayers of the city and prominent men generally, and he finds that there is decided sentiment in favor of accepting the Flavel offer. In order that the matter may be presented to the council in a proper manner, he will have the petitions circulated, and submit them to the council for consideration.

"I have taken the initiative in this matter purely for the reason that I think the Flavel proposition better than that looking to the erection of a new building," said Mr. Nordstrom. "Many property owners share my view of the matter. I have therefore determined to present the matter to the council as it has been presented to me, and hope in this way to bring about purchase of the brick building. Perhaps I am mistaken regarding the Flavel offer, but it seems to me to be the very best we could get. If a majority of the members of the council think differently, then I suppose the proposition will be turned down. At all events, the matter is worth considering, and I shall present it in the best shape possible."

As the option holds good only until June 21, the proposal will be acted upon definitely at the meeting of the council on the night of the 20th.

Mr. Nordstrom's Figures.
Mr. Nordstrom has prepared an exhibit in support of his idea that the Flavel brick should be bought by the city. He estimates in a rough way that the proposed new city hall and all that goes with it will cost the city \$41,300, of which \$4000 has already been paid out. He reckons that the new hall would increase the indebtedness of the city \$22,300, or almost as

much as the Flavel building would cost. His exhibit makes the following showing as to the cost of the proposed new hall:

Cost of site	\$ 4,000
Estimated cost of street improvement	1,200
Cost above assessed valuation to improve Sixteenth street	1,800
Cost of new hall	25,000
Extra cost likely to be incurred	5,900
Cost of engine house	1,500
Cost of patrol wagon and driver per year	1,800
Cost of moving and making temporary changes	1,000
Total cost	\$41,300
Less cost of site, already paid	4,000
Balance	\$37,300
Amount available	15,000
Deficit	\$22,300

"Now, this deficit must come out of the general fund," says Mr. Nordstrom, discussing the matter. "The estimates are rough ones, but conservative nevertheless. For instance, the extra cost likely to be incurred in erecting a new structure will surely exceed \$5000. The item included in the statement as the cost of making temporary changes refers to the cost which will be incurred in providing temporary quarters for the city until such time as the proposed new hall is built. As against this total expense which is probable in the building of a new hall we have a flat \$25,000 for the Flavel brick, which will be a better and more conveniently located structure than the one which it is proposed to erect at Sixteenth and Exchange streets. This is the financial aspect of the situation as it has been presented to me, and explains fully my position in the matter."

The Other Side.
There is another side to the story which does not appear from the exhibit of the chairman of the ways and means committee. The opponents of the Flavel proposition set forth the following statement in support of their determination to erect the new hall:

Cost of Sixteenth street site	\$ 4,000
Cost of Flavel brick	25,000
Cost of moving building off the street	7,000
Cost of replacing woodwork	2,500
Cost of rearranging structure	5,900
Total	\$43,500

"When we expend this money on the Flavel brick we will still be in temporary quarters," say those members of the council favorable to the building of the new hall. "At some future date other members of the council will be compelled to build a city hall. The Flavel brick is not only not suited for the purposes required, but is improperly located. The proposition for sale of the building is an excellent one, but not for the city of Astoria."

All of these matters will be discussed at the coming council meeting, which gives promise of being quite lively.

OPERATED ON JEFFRIES.

Big Fight May Have to Be Indefinitely Postponed.

San Francisco, June 15.—Advises received tonight from Harbin Springs announce that an operation was performed this afternoon on the ailing knee of Jim Jeffries. Jeffries will not be permitted to leave his bed for six days.

Among well-informed sporting people there is a sentiment that the Jeffries-Munroe contest will be indefinitely postponed.

CRAZY MAN'S LONG TRAMP

Escapes From Asylum and Walks All the Way to Astoria, His Home City.

EATS NOTHING ON THE WAY

Says He Is Tired of Working for Nothing and Therefore Left—Third Journey That He Has Made.

Charles Winters is again in the custody of the authorities of Clatsop county, after perhaps the most remarkable experience ever gone through by an Astorian. Winters is mentally unbalanced, but he seems to have acquired the faculty of taking French leave from the state asylum whenever he becomes really tired of "working for nothing."

Yesterday morning the man dropped in at the sheriff's office. "I want to see the sheriff," he told Deputy Binder. Informed that the sheriff was not in, Winters asked Mr. Binder if he could secure for him his watch, which he had left at Salem. He related that he had been at the asylum, but that he had tired of working for nothing and had left. When Sheriff Linville arrived at the office, Winters was still there, and, knowing the man, the sheriff took him into custody. A newspaper man who called at the county jail was instantly recognized by Winters. "Why, I talked with you last fall when I was here," said Winters. "I remember you quite well."

"How does it come that I am back again? Oh, I just got tired of working for nothing. You see, they had me at work in the bakeshop at Salem, but didn't pay me anything for my work. So I just left. I went away from the place four weeks ago Sunday, starting at 8:45 in the morning. I arrived at Astoria 4 o'clock Thursday morning, after a trip of about four days. During that time I ate nothing, and, strange to tell, never once felt hungry."

"Salem is a nice place and I like it, but I seriously object to being compelled to work for nothing. They never once offered to pay me for my work, and I left the place. If they would pay me a little something I'd be willing to stay there as long as they wanted to have me."

Winters was committed to the state hospital September 28, 1901. He has escaped, or "eloped," as the officials designate it, three times, in each instance walking to Astoria, a distance of about 160 miles. He was last here October 1, 1903, and was returned to the asylum. Yesterday Sheriff Linville notified the state authorities at Salem and a guard will arrive today to take charge of the man.

During the four weeks which Winters spent in the city during his latest escapade no effort was made to capture him. The officials were aware of his presence here, but, as he was acting rationally, it was decided to allow him to remain at liberty. A day or two ago he again gave indication of mental disorder, and told the officers yesterday that he had not slept for two nights. He looks much better than ever before, but evidently is hopelessly, harmlessly insane. He understands that he is kept at Salem because of his mental trouble, but cannot reconcile himself to work without pay. Each time that he escaped from the asylum he attributed the same reason for his flight. He is well known in this city and has many friends here. Winters is a Finn, and speaks excellent English. He formerly drank a great deal, and when first arrested for insanity had just finished a protracted spree.

Cannonading Has Stopped.

London, June 15.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Central News syndicate says:

A dispatch just received from Moji says that cannonading at sea stopped at 1 p. m.

It is rumored tonight that the Russian warships have gone eastward.

Grand Muslin Underwear Sale

We have been fortunate enough to secure a large quantity of the **FAMOUS BAKER MUSLIN UNDERWEAR** at prices much under the market and place them on sale as stated. Only at OUR STORE do you have an opportunity of getting garments of this kind at these prices. You pay only for the material at THIS SALE, we throw in the labor of making the garments. These prices are such as only stores handling large quantities can make. Don't wait too long, a few days at the most will clean them out.

SALE COMMENCES MONDAY, JUNE 13th

Lot 4
57c



These pictures give but a hint of the great values offered at this sale. Chances like this are seldom found. Take your choice.

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10c



Lot 5
63c

Lot 2
19c



Lot 6
\$1.13

Lot 3
29c



A triumph of modern industry. Take as many garments in this assortment as you wish, except the gowns. Only one to a customer.

"BEE HIVE," Astoria, Oregon

VAFANGOW BATTLE.

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engagement.

A storm, accompanied by a heavy rain, which swept over the sea in the neighborhood of Tsu Island yesterday, hid the movements of the Russian vessels. One Japanese scouting vessel is reported to have got in touch with the Russian squadron and to have followed it. It probably lost the Russians when night came on.

Indications are that the Russian squadron is moving eastward, and this increases the chances for an open sea engagement. The Japanese are pursuing, keenly eager for a fight.

Jap Victory Reported.

London, June 16.—A dispatch to the Express from Tokio, dated yesterday, says that news has been received there, but is not yet officially published, of a great Japanese victory near Fuchou, on the railway, 70 miles north of Port Arthur. The Russians, it is added, were overwhelmed, lost 1000 men, left all their guns on the field and retreated in disorder.

The Chronicle correspondent at Tokio cables the same news, adding that the Russians, to the number of 7000 men, are now in full flight toward Tshi Chai-so and Kai-chou.

A. V. ALLEN

Headquarters for

Fruit Jars

Mason Jars, pints, per dozen60c

Mason Jars, quarts, per dozen70c

Mason Jars, half-gallons, per dozen95c

Jar Rubbers, per dozen5c and 10c

Jar Caps, per dozen30c

ALSO WIDE-MOUTH JARS AND JELLY GLASSES.

Almost Came Together.

Washington, June 15.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokio:

Admiral Togo reports that about noon on the 14th, when our torpedo flotilla was bombarding the enemy on the shore near Shantung Tao for the

purpose of facilitating a reconnaissance of our army, the enemy's cruiser Novik, with ten destroyers, came out from Port Arthur and sharp firing was exchanged. Our flotilla tried to entice the enemy by gradually retreating, but at 3 o'clock the enemy withdrew. No damage was done to our ships.

EYE STRAIN



IS the most common cause of those nervous headaches that your doctor does not reach. Dizziness, darting pains in the eye-balls or temples, smarting or burning sensation, the eyes become red and lids inflamed, quivering of lids and jerking of muscles in and around the eyes.

Do you ever have dark spots floating before your eyes? Does the sun and wind hurt them? Do you have a sleepy feeling and desire to close the eyes when reading? Blurring of vision or lines and letters running together?

If you feel any of these distressing symptoms, have your eyes examined and see what comfort and relief you will find when properly fitted with glasses.

KATHERINE WADE, Graduate Optician.

AT THE OWL DRUG STORE.

MONDAY

August 29th, 9 p.m. at Foard & Stoke's Hall, I will give a free dance and 4 FREE tickets to the St. Louis World's Fair free to my customers only. A number with every Ten Dollar Purchase.

HERMAN WISE

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