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RESTRICTIONS NECESSARY.

receive the careful consideration of the enforce the laws until they are recommon council. It is a well known pealed by an act of the legislature, fact, that oil storage plants are a menace to the property of others. They The Ministerial Association of St. are one of the most dangerous ele- Louis has adopted resolutions, to ments in case of fire, and their restric- affiliate with the Portland Ministerial tion is absolutely necessary. The Association, to close the Lewis and him as to how it was done. people of Astoria are familiar with the Clark fair on Sundays. While Oregon was the cause of an extensive confia; many will avail themselves of attend- could give thanks. gration at which thousands of dollars' ing divine worship on Sunday, yet the worth of property was destroyed. So advisibility of closing the gates of the strong was public sentiment against exposition of Sunday does not meet the rebuilding of the tanks, that the with the approval of a large majority jury winks than she is on the defense common council was compelled to pass of the people who will visit the fair, of her lawyers. an ordinance prohibiting the rebuild- There are a large number of people ing of the tanks,

the common council should take cog- served, while the Orthodox Christians suing expired transfers to their pasnizance of these facts, and prohibit the contend that Sunday is the day. erection of coal oil and gasoline tanks All produce arguments based upon within the city limits. There is an the Bible to prove their assertions, ordinance now in force that prohibits but the authorities have declared Sunthe storage of certain quantities of oil day as the day to be observed. It is that it is feared they will get into the within the city limits, but this is not difficult to draw the line in the consufficient. The tanks already there troversy, but if the gates are left open, are a menace to property and ought to for the benefit of those who are unhave come within the purview of the able to attend during the week, there ordinance regulating the storage of can be no particular harm, aside from

The common council should take cog- by their absence. nizance of these facts and pass an With all due respect for the St. tion. That the Standard Oil Company scheme, with the object of making the has purchased this property for the gate receipts pay the expenses and reerty demands a speedy enactment of an Master, no one will gainsay, but the ordinance prohibiting the erection of observances ought to be made genstorage oil plants within the city lim- eral. There is no doubt but beer garits. The council is bound to protect dens, excursions to various points of

A GROWING EVIL.

Astoria is what is called "an open town." That is, that certain vices are tion are straining at a gnat and swalofficers whose duty it is to enforce the ear of corn on Sunday and did eat, laws. The excuse for this condition of against the objections of his disciples. affairs, is that the prohibition conces- whom the ministerial association seem thereby contribute toward the support to go hungry on Sunday, neither of the government. This is certainly a should he be compelled to attend flimsy pretext. All stores and occu- church if his inclinations are not so inpations, except saloons are compelled clined. that seemed to be exempt from the but restrictions as to Sunday obserthe case, there is a moral side to be week days as well as on Sundays. The spect the laws of the state.

introduced in the common council rais- Tanner creek sewer scandal should be ing the license from \$25 a quarter to eliminated. If it is a sin to visit the \$50 a quarter. This ordinance was fair, study the works of art and nawithdraws. Not that it was a good ture, the sciences and progress of measure, but a certain element thought American ingenuity, simply to pass it was aimed at the cheap amusement away a few hours, then the gates shows. As the ordinance now stands, should be closed to all such, but to these theaters only pay 25 cents a those who do not think they will be night as license. This is not com- contaminated by worldly influences on mensurate with the profits and benefits the Holy Sabbath day, it may be beneaccruing to the managers. An ordi- ficial to humanity to leave the gates nance should be passed requiring them open, and conduct divine worship on to pay at least one dollar a night for the grounds. A fine choir, a grand their theaters, and prohibiting the pipe organ, with other musican instru-

place of amusement for a certain class the fair grounds may also be conduof people, yet they are no benefit to cive to the soul's salvation. We are the city. They demand and are accorded police and fire protection, but but simply want to give the sinners an are unwilling to pay their proportion- opportunity to be heard in the matter (ate share for it.

Another matter to be taken into con- granted. sideration is, that these institutions while their receipts are large, the bulk assessed for state or county taxes, and will run short with such a large numare no direct benefit to the community, ber of officeseekers. Why bless you litrevenue to meet the wants and require- Mr. Roosevelt is giving offices to demo-THE SEMI-WEEKLY ASTORIAN. ments of a growing city, and these crats and begging acceptance. revenues must be derived from taxation and licenses. There is no reason By mail, per year, in advance ..\$1 00 why the license of all vaudeville, or even with this revenue there will be a to wear red neckties next time. deficit on the debit side of the ledger. considering the expense of police and Harry Payne Whitney has hired a fire protection.

cense be raised and that all theaters that a whole corps of college professors be prohibited from opening their doors could be hired for that. The Standard Oil Company has on Sunday. Proprietors of vaudeville purchased another lot at the foot of shows ought to respect the laws of the purchased another lot at the foot of shows ought to respect the laws of the It is thought that St. Louis will fail Sixth street, stensibly for the pursuate and the elecent that believes in to realize the magnitude of her world's pose of erecting oil storage tanks there-This question is one that should then the officers should be made to

that hold that Saturday is the day The time has come in Astoria when prescribed by Holy Writ to be ob-

the desire on the part of the minister-Astoria has been very fortunate in ial associations for a strict observance the matter of fires, but the time will of Sunday. If the gates are closed, come some day when a disastrous fire other amusements will be provided will occur in the district where the for those who do not care to attend Standard Oil Company's plant is lo- divine worship. It is a mistaken idea cated, and thousands of dollars' worth that if the gates are closed, the visitors of property will be destroyed. The will flock to the churches. Those who at last, when one appears that is company's plant is located in the cen- are so inclined will avail themselves ! ter of the salmon canning industry of the opportunity, while those who do and a fire will do incalculable damage. not attend church will be conspicious

ordinance prohibiting the erection of Louis divines, it does seem as though any more oil tanks within the city lim- the matter of Sunday closing ought to its. Such an ordinance is an absolute be left to the committee. If the fair necessity for the protection of prop- grounds are to be closed, then all the erty. Once the Standard Oil Company saloons and places of amusement gets a foothold, it will be a difficult ought to be closed. Street cars should matter to dislodge it. The time to be stopped; traffic on the railroads and consider this question is now, and not steamboats suspended, and excursions to wait until their engines of destructo Seaside cut out. While the Lewis number of that fish sporting on the tion have been erected. A nounce of and Clark fair will be an institution high sea waves. prevention is worth a pound of cure, of education in the arts and sciences is an adage applicable to this ques- it is also to be conducted as a financial purpose of erecting oil tanks is certain imbursing the generous people of Portand the time to act is before it has land who have subscribed to the fund gone to the expense of erecting its whereby the fair was made possible. tanks. The safety of the community That Sunday ought to be observed as and the protection of adjoining prop- was originally intended by the Divine property and the duty is particularly interest, ball games and possibly enjoined upon the council to see that horse races will be provided for the the rights of the citizens are protected. visitors, and if the fair is closed on Sunday they can enjoy the other amusements. For this reason, it is evident that the ministerial associaallowed to exist by sufferance of the lowing a camel. The Lord plucked an sions pay a revenue to the city and desirious of emulating. No man ought

to close their places of business on It is possible that an error has been Sunday. There are vaudeville shows committed in these brief statements, provisions of the laws by sufferance of vances should not be permitted to inthe authorities. If there is any one terfere with the Lewis and Clark class of business whose doors should fair, unless they are equally applied be closed on Sunday, it is the vaude- to all forms of amusements. When ville shows. Yet, they run a theater this is done, no one can object, as a both afternoon and evening on Sunday large majority of the people have imand no attempt is made to enforce the plicit confidence in the scriptures laws. Aside from the legal aspect of where they are strictly adhered to on considered. A vaudeville theater may people of Oregon are certainly under fill a long felt want during the week, lasting obligations to the kind offers tooth. but the proprietors ought to have suffi- of the St. Louis ministerial association, cient respect for the community to re- and will no doubt lend them a hand in their most commendable mission-Some time ago, an ordinance was ary work in Portland, even if the

THE MORNING ASTORIAN white a vaudeville theater affords a the churches, and sacred concerts in before a permanent injunction

> The democrats are trying to sympaof it goes out the city. They are not thize with Roosevelt for fear the pie are no direct benefit to the community. ber of officeseekers. Why bless you lit-The common council need an increased the dears, prosperity is so rampant that

> A Chicago murderer was caught while fleeing by reason of the brick second class theaters should not be red necktie which he wore. If he cheats raised to at least \$30 a month, and the gallows, he will know better than

jockey to ride his horse for \$30,000 per. The Astorian will insist that the li- An esteemed contemporary observes

ber of millions of deficit is footed up.

Grover Cleveland should be ashamed of himself in keeping us in such sufpense-nearly a month has passed since it happened, but not a word from

With Mexico and China both trying controversy in Portland over the will welcome all the eminent divines to adopt the gold standard there was Standard Oil Company's plant, which of the United States to Portland, and but little left for which the populists

> Nan Patterson seems to be depending more on her winsome looks and

> "Crooked" ways are so popular in New York that car-conductors are is-

The bootball teams have piled up such big surpluses in their treasuries hands of the trusts.

The Flycatcher.

There is a bird that catches flies, did you know that? When he is hungry he keeps very quiet in some favored spot, and his quick eye notes his fancy he waits for another, but sufficiently palatable, the voracious little bird gives a shrill cry, pursues it with remarkable swiftness,

The Mariner's Friend.

Of all the weatherwise fish the dolphin is the most remarkable. During a fierce gale or storm at sea is near if he can see a dolphin or a

Johnny's Joke.



Johnny, with a jagged brick, Made a poor policeman Killed a fly upon his ear Johnny's such a little dear!

Found Out the Difference.

Betty, having been pecked on the finger while trying to stroke a parrot, exclaimed:

"Oh, dear, oh, dear! I thought it was going to be a nose, and it's a

Pamiliar Example.

"Now, little boys," said the Sunday school superintendent, "I want you to tell me what faith is."

Tommy Tucker broke the silence that

"Goin' out on the pier early in the mornin' to ketch a mess o' fish for

breakfast," he said.-Chicago Tribune.

Easily Parted. "He's quite bald, I understand." "Almost. He has just two wisps of

"Yes, and he calls one 'the fool' and the other 'his money.' "-Philadelphia

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POOR BENSON.

He's Sorry Now That He Mentioned

the Ham at All. Mr. Benson declares that hereafter he is going to tell the straight truth, to matter how badly it may burt the the track of the insect for a moment other fellow. That is a form of cruelty or two. If that one does not suit from which Benson hitherto has thoughtfully refrained. His wife has benefited most frequently by his considerate repression of facts. Indeed so careful has Benson always been of her feelings that he has not only withheld facts, but even has been known to suband after swallowing his prey with stitute a positive untruth just to keep a gulp he returns to watch for more. her from feeling badly. That was what he did just before she went to Boston. The morning she went away Mrs. Benson took Penson into the kitchen and

showed lift the lee box. "I know," she said, "how you dislike the mariner knows that the end of it enting in restaurants, so I have left enough provisions cooked to last you for several days. Here are cakes, preserved fruits, salads and a boiled ham. You can make your own coffee and by bungry for them you will be spared the

a week. commissariat with pangs of incipient and the lots where the animals are dyspepsia. The prospect of dining kept continually. It is much easier to alone on cold viands and boiled potatoes offered but few more attractions iry to get rid of it after it is well esthan a course in public eating houses, but his habitual regard for Mrs. Benson's feelings prevented his saying so. On the contrary, he thanked her effusively for her tender thoughtfulness.

Mrs. Benson beamed with the happikindness are appreciated by the re-"I thought you would like it," she

The flext day when writing from

Boston Mrs. Benson appended a postcript to her six page letter. "How is the ham?" she asked.

In reply to this query Benson wrote: "The ham is delicious. I eat it for breakfast and for dinner. Yesterday I happened to be in this neighborhood I came in and had a snack. You were a trump to leave me so well provided

In her next letter Mrs. Benson asked. "Have you any ham left?"

Thenceforward Benson forwarded to Boston daily bulletins of the state of the ham market. For the most part this information was conveyed in let ters and postal cards, but on the tenth day he rushed into telegraphic activity That morning he had dumped fourfifths of the ham into the garbage can, so he wired, with a strict regard for truth:

"The ham is gone."

On the twelfth day after Mrs. Ben son's departure Benson received an express package from Boston. Wonderingly he paid the charges of 75 cents and wonderingly he unwrapped the box.

"For the love of heaven!" groaned Benson, and resolved thenceforward to

stick valiantly by the truth. Mrs. Benson had sent him another ham.-New York Press.

Notice to Stockholders.



Guest-Madame, I'm thinking of put ting up at your house. Landlady (grissly)—Yes, sir; in ad Next Time

vance.-New York Evening Journal,

Disinfect Farm Buildings

Very few farmers appreciate the imbolling potatoes whenever you feel portance of disinfecting farm buildings, lots, etc. It costs very little to horror of restaurant fare for at least prepare or buy a solution already prepared and sprinkle it over the walls Benson surveyed his well stocked of the henhouse, the stalls of the barn prevent disease in this way than to tablished. - American Agriculturist.

Profit In Swine.

Stock boars two to three years old are the best. Good brood sows should "That ham," said he, "looks particu- he kept for years, says American Agrilarly fine. I am anxious to get at it culturist. Select the best type and now. I shan't step a foot inside of a next the best mothers. Swine if proprestaurant so long as there is a scrap erly handled should pay as well as any other stock. The prices and the demand have both been good for some ness of the well doer whose deeds of time. If we raise the right kind for the markets the demand will increase.

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lar annual meeting the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association will be held at the offices of the company at Astoria, Oregon, on December 12th, 1904, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be considered.

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