

CHARTER AMENDED

Bill Making Change Forwarded to Representatives in Salem.

COMMISSION SETTLED

Barker and Cook Will Have to Reside in Astoria or Their Office will Be Declared Vacant and Successors Appointed.

The bill making amendments to the city charter has been approved by the common council and has been sent to Senator Tuttle and Representatives Laws and Burns to be introduced into the legislature. Some of the amendments agreed upon by the committee were modified and one new section added. The section added provides that a vacancy in the office of councilman city attorney, treasurer, surveyor mayor or superintendent of streets shall be filled by the common council to hold for the unexpired term. As the charter now reads they only hold until the next regular election. This has confused matters, and made a bad mixup. Some times two councilmen are elected in one ward at the same time and at other elections no councilmen are elected.

The amendment to extend the city limits in the east end is to take in certain property in Van Dusen's first addition, so that a street can be improved. There are about 20 new houses being built in that section and they have no street to the city. A fight was made by some to take in the Hume mill. This is not advisable, as it was understood when Mr. Hume built his mill that it should not be taken into the city limits. Mr. Hume has invested a quarter of a million dollars in the plant and gives employment to about 200 men, and the promises made should be fulfilled. It is bad policy to antagonize any industry. Another matter of importance is the fact that a company has been organized to build another mill, and it would not build if its property was to be taken into the city limits.

The amendment providing that members of the police commission shall not absent themselves from the city for a longer period than 60 days without permission from the council first obtained, and providing that their offices shall be declared vacant will settle the police commission squabble. As soon as the law is passed, Commissioners Cook and Barker will have to return to the city within 60 days and reside here or their offices will be declared vacant and the vacancy filled by appointment by the mayor and confirmed by the common council. As both Cook and Barker have moved away from Astoria with their families, and do not intend to return, their offices will be declared vacant. The new commissioners to be appointed will hold until the general election in December, when both positions will be filled by election. The republicans having thrown up the sponge, not making their bluff good the settlement of the difficulty will probably be satisfactory to the public.

ELECTION REVERSED.

Forest Grove Ceases to Be a "Dry" Town.

Forest Grove, Ore., Jan. 10.—The city election yesterday resulted in a complete victory for the license ticket, and as a result Forest Grove will probably soon have a legalized saloon for the first time in the history of the city. S. N. Johnson, the new mayor, was elected over his opponent, Walter Hoge, of the anti-saloon ticket, by a vote of 174 to 143. The remainder of the license ticket was also elected by substantial majorities as follows:

B. H. Laughlin, C. W. McNamer and John Cornellus, councilmen; P. G. King, recorder; W. S. Hudson, treasurer, and P. W. Cronin, marshal.

This is the first time since the founding of the town that the voters have ever given their assent to the licensing of a saloon. Last year the temperance ticket won by an average majority of 50 and the change of sentiment is due to the failure of the officials to suppress the illegal sale of liquors during their administration. The mayor-elect, Mr. Johnson, when seen tonight gave out the following statement:

"We have been elected by the people with the clear understanding that a saloon will be established. We shall consider it our duty to carry out this policy and arrangements for granting a license will be made as soon as practical."

Jenkins Is Champion.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 10.—Thomas Jenkins won the catch-as-catch-can wrestling championship tonight by throwing Jack Carkeek two straight falls.

SPOKANE ENTERPRISE.

Citizens Subscribe for a Big Railroad Project.

Spokane, Jan. 10.—Business men tonight subscribed \$38,000 for the proposed electric road from Spokane to Moscow, Idaho. Two hundred thousand was previously subscribed by the Spokane citizens.

It is the plan to raise \$1,000,000, and it is estimated the road will cost \$3,250,000.

ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT.

Will Hatch Salmon for Benefit of the Easterners.

Portland, Jan. 10.—At the meeting of the fish, game and forestry committee of the state Lewis and Clark fair commission it was decided to erect a fish hatchery at the exposition, where visitors will be shown the processes of artificial propagation of salmon and trout. Three hatchings will be had during the life of the exposition, and the various sizes of the fish at different stages of development, from tiny fish to full-sized fish, will be shown by this unique exhibit.

In tanks connected with the hatchery, the tiny fish will swim about where they can be viewed by visitors, each size having separate compartments so that the big fish will not devour the little ones. The entire exhibit will be under the direction of Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen, who has consented to act as superintendent of the fisheries exhibit. Bull Run water is desired by the committee for use in hatching the fish, on account of its purity, and a request will be made to the city for the use of sufficient quantities to insure the success of the exhibit. It is expected that no trouble in securing this concession from the city will be experienced.

The hatchery features at St. Louis proved the most attractive of exhibits, and were watched with a great deal of interest by people who crowded that exhibit constantly. The United States fisheries department operated one, and the state of Washington another. It is believed that the hatchery here next year will be one of the most popular of all the vast number of exhibits of every kind maintained on the grounds.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Thos. Boyle of Marshland was in the city yesterday.

N. R. Whitcomb of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.

J. D. Thomas of Chicago is registered at the Central.

William St. Thomas of Portland is in the city on business.

S. H. Cawston of Portland was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

H. N. Adams and wife of Portland are registered at the Occident.

A. E. Wakeman of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. Charles Jordan of Cathlamet visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Frank Patton and wife left last night for a month's visit to Los Angeles and Southern California.

Rev. L. D. Mahone, who has been assisting in meetings at Seaside, returned home yesterday.

Richard Smith of the firm of Noland and Smith has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.

Miss Irene Johnson is able to be out after being confined to her home for a week with a sprained ankle.

Miss Huntington of the Stevens, who has been ill for a week, is improving and expects to be out soon.

T. B. Elmer leaves this morning for Port Gambel, where he has accepted a position in the mill at that place.

Albert Carlson formerly of the Bee Hive returned to Astoria Sunday evening and is assisting Mr. Copeland in taking stock.

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An examination of one of Mrs. Chadwick's trunks reveals dresses valued at between \$4000 and \$5000 and doubtless she spent the rest of the money for her hat.

A NEW

STRAIN

Of Music But the Same Old Song

CHAPTER I.

Ah me, but things do change. Less than four months ago the Astoria clothing merchants had a fit and said what a deucedly unpolite fellow this Paul Strain was because the poor man claimed to be selling **CLOTHING at 1/2 Price**. 'Twas no such thing, they all said, he sells nothing but Trash, etc., etc., and it was true—a pity 'twas, it was true. Yet people would bite, and if they got bit in turn, whose fault was it?

CHAPTER II.

As is customary at this time of year, every reputable store has a

Genuine Clearance Sale!

and the only way a sale can be conducted on the square is to take off a reasonable discount from regular prices, except when an article is damaged or entirely out of style, when such article is offered at any old price.

But the STRAIN poison had taken root among some of our otherwise conservative clothing merchants, and they are making claims which are unreasonable and STRAINED; hence my fight on HUMBUGS.

CHAPTER III.

If it was wrong for Paul Strain to introduce lower Third street methods in Astoria, it is just as wrong for Astoria clothiers to hire lower Third street advertisers from Portland, who introduce "fake" ideas under a new mask

You, gentlemen, yourselves proposed that we conduct this year's SALE on a reasonable and fair basis; but you didn't mean it—hence my fight on SHAM.

CHAPTER IV.

Now since you've been caught at this trick you must expect a CLOTHING WAR!

That Portland professional advertiser can't save you; he is a good enough man, but he does not know the Astoria people as I do, who have lived 25 years among them. He simply puts on a new mask on old foggy, fake ideas, worn out 20 years ago. I guess you will acknowledge by and by that HERMAN WISE is The Champion Clothing Advertiser of Oregon.

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