

KILLED THE BILL

Council Opposes Thoroughfare in Astoria.

POLITICS AND BUSINESS

Some of the Members of the Common Council Are Opposed to Granting Relief to the People of Astoria From Excessive Taxation.

It is to be regretted that the common council could not see its way clear to indorse the bill presented last Monday night establishing a public thoroughfare from the eastern to the western limits of the city.

It certainly would have been a great benefit for all the people of Astoria and the expense would not have been felt by the tax payers. It is certainly an injustice that a few of the small property owners of Upper Astoria should be assessed for keeping the streets in repair, especially when they are used by two saw mills in the east end, causing them to wear out sooner than though used for ordinary purposes. Upper Astoria is peopled by a large number of our best citizens. They have very little police or fire protection, but are assessed for maintaining a police and fire department. They are compelled to keep the streets in front of their small homes repaired, costing them a large amount of money each year.

The object of the bill was to provide a public thoroughfare that should be maintained by general taxation, for the reason that it benefited everyone in Astoria, more than it did the property owners whose property is assessed to keep the streets in repair for the general public. That politics entered into the matter is claimed by some. Because Upper Astoria usually goes republican, the citizens or democrats do not propose to give them any more improvements than they can help, and even then, make them pay for them. The more these matters are brought to light, the more are the people convinced that it is poor policy to elect a citizen or democratic ticket in Astoria. The fallacy of this is shown in the election of two democrats to the state legislature who have no influence whatever and are unable to secure needed legislation for the city or county. The fishermen cannot expect any legislation as long as the county is represented by democrats. This should be an object lesson for the fishermen, the residents of Upper Astoria and the republicans of Astoria and Clatsop county. It probably will result in relegating the citizens party out of existence.

COPY OF CHARTER.

Vetoed by Governor Chamberlain in the interests of One Democrat.

The following is a copy of the charter which passed the legislature in 1902 and which was vetoed by the governor:

Sec. 6. The members of the common council now in office and all other elective officers of the city shall hold office until the first Monday in July, 1904, when their term of office shall expire. At the general election to be held on the first Monday in June, 1904, there shall be elected nine councilmen, three from each ward. One of said councilmen in each ward shall hold office for two years; one in each ward shall hold office for four years, and one in each ward shall hold office for six years, and thereafter a councilman shall be elected from each ward bi-annually at the general election to be held on the first Monday in June or on date named by any change in the state constitution or by act of the legislature. And they shall hold their office for six years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 11. There shall be a general election in the city of Astoria on the first Monday in June, 1904, and every two years thereafter, said election to be held at the same time of holding state and county elections throughout the state, provided that all the present officers of the city holding elective offices, including the mayor and councilmen, shall hold office until the first Monday in July, 1904.

Sec. 13. The judges and clerks of election designated by the county court of Clatsop county, shall act as judges and clerks of the city election, and the county clerk of Clatsop county shall place upon the tickets prepared by him names of the properly nominated candidates for the several city offices of the city of Astoria.

The other sections provide for the canvassing of the returns and certifying the result of officers elected for the city to the auditor and police judge. These are exactly the same provisions incorporated in the Tuttle charter and which the democrats are seeking to defeat. It simply does away with one election each year; legislates no one out of office and will make a saving of over \$800 in two years to the city. What is the objection to it? Even the democrats are unable to find any

objections to the bill, they simply are opposed to it because it was introduced by a republican.

In his veto message, Governor Chamberlain says:

I have not heretofore felt called upon to interpose a veto upon any measure of strictly local interest, and am induced to depart from my usual policy on account of the following considerations: The city attorney of Astoria has called upon me in person, representing, as he claims, seven out of nine members of the council, requesting that a veto be interposed to the proposed amendment, etc.

Governor Chamberlain admits that he vetoed the charter at the personal request of City Attorney Smith. By what right does the city attorney arrogate to himself the authority to make a charter for the people of the city of Astoria? It simply shortened the term of office of City Attorney Smith six months and being a democrat, and the governor being a democrat, acted solely for Mr. Smith and against the wishes of nine-tenths of the people of Astoria that are just as much interested in a city charter as Mr. Smith. If one man is going to run Astoria and make its laws to keep himself in office, then why not change the name of the city from Astoria to Smithburg. A Smith by any other name would sound as sweet.

An Enjoyable Trip.

Judge C. H. Page, who has returned from an extensive visit in the east, reports having a very enjoyable time. He visited his old home in Virginia and renewed old acquaintances. He visited Washington, met President Roosevelt and a number of prominent senators. Everyone, including democrats and republicans, speaks in the highest terms of Senator Fulton. He is not endeavoring to push himself ahead, but is willing to take the natural course of events. He is regarded as a coming man and the expressions are freely made that the state of Oregon should keep him in the senate. He met Dr. J. W. Walker, formerly of Astoria, who is located in a small town in Virginia, and has a good practice. He speaks in the highest praise of President Roosevelt, and that he is president in fact as well as in name. Business of all kinds is good in the east and the country is a prosperous condition.

Battery Officers Arrested.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—Davidoff, captain; and Kueff, senior officer of the battery from which loaded shells were fired January 19, striking the imperial pavilion and other buildings, have been arrested.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At Astoria in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 11, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$330,919 07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	9,834 56
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	750 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	50,138 87
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,500 00
Other real estate owned	4,375 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	2,842 64
Due from state banks and bankers	22,823 99
Due from approved reserve agents	72,149 99
Checks and other cash items	2,345 00
Notes of other national banks	100 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	654 16
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$61,959 90
Legal-tender notes	61 00
Legal-tender notes	62,050 90
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	625 00
Total	\$574,609 18

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	26,713 36
National bank notes outstanding	11,900 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$231,150 92
Demand certificates of deposit	32,503 11
Time certificates of deposit	211,341 78
Total	\$574,609 18

Total of Oregon, county of Clatsop, \$574,609 18

I, J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.
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