

## LOCAL CONDITIONS

### Work in Astoria For Civic Improvement

### FOR SANITARY REGULATIONS

What is Being Done in the Various Cities of the United States by Local Civic Improvement Societies and the Many Benefits Obtained.

In nearly every city of the United States the women have organized Civic Improvement societies, with the result that many cities and towns have gone through a complete transformation as regards beauty and healthfulness. An organization of this kind is badly needed in Astoria and it does seem as though there ought to be a sufficient number of ladies willing to devote a portion of their time to improving, cleaning and beautifying the city, especially when it is considered that there will be thousands of people visit Astoria this summer, while the condition of its streets and yards are a disgrace to modern civilization.

Under the lead of Mrs. Christian, this department of the Houston, Tex., "Post" has begun a series of answers to letters, one of which is answered as follows:

"Your letter says, 'Our club wishes to take up some active civic work. Where shall we begin? What shall we do first?'"

"In our smaller towns there are generally three good centers to work from. First, begin at home."

"Let each member of your club pledge herself to look carefully over her own premises and add some improvement within one week's time to her home surroundings."

"This may take the form of a careful cleaning up of the back yard or the burning of the pile of debris thrown into the adjacent vacant lot; it may mean the placing of a pot of ferns or geraniums on the front porch; it may result in spading up the flower beds and taking up weeds; at this season, in the general climate of the southern half of our state, it should also mean the planting of seeds of sweet peas, pansies and daisies for next spring's blooming."

"If the condition of your town does not make this beginning of civic work seem the appropriate one, turn your attention to the town schools. Are the school buildings kept in the most perfect order? Is an efficient janitor employed? Are the grounds littered with the refuse of daily lunches? Perfect cleanliness is the first step toward progress. No, I am mistaken, the first step is to consult your school board or trustees and never to antagonize them. Let them see that you are not criticizing their methods, but rather deploring your own indifference in the past to your schools and their needs. Think out what your schools need in the way of cleanliness and beauty and use your utmost tactfulness to persuade the board to supply those needs themselves."

"If your homes and schools represent ideal conditions turn your attention to the railway station. 'Tis the link which binds you to the outside world, and the portions of this world which whirl by your door gains its first impressions of your progress and civic pride from your depot environments. Railway corporations are rapidly coming to recognize the good business policy of a neatly kept station with a pretty park-like enclosure on one side. It is refreshing to the passing traveler's senses, and it impresses the alighting passenger with the thought, 'the people people of this town are certainly up to date. They must have got a hustle upon themselves.' So he comes with a pleasant feeling into your midst and goes forth to advertise you."

"In many cases, a request from your club, backed by the citizens, to the railway company, will lead them to make all these improvements at their own expense. One more thought in regard to your station. Place a box or rack in the waiting room, and contribute old magazines and periodicals for the use of the public waiting for the train. It will make the parting impression of your town kindly ones and you can not estimate the widespread influence of this neighborly action."

"With these hints and the original suggestions that will arise from them, I think you can utilize a great amount of enthusiasm on the part of your club. One parting word—never be discouraged. Just think when the work gets hard, of how much good it will do. I think if we have an abiding faith in the work we are striving to push, we have a consolation for every discouragement. You remember 'Bill' says: 'Thrice is he armed that has his quarrel just,' and whether they do anything or not, the whole world admits the justness of working for civic betterment."

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

J. L. Reitz of Center county, Pennsylvania, writes to the Astorian, sending a subscription, and inquiring about the timber industry stating that he is intending coming to Clatsop county and engaging in the lumber business.

Subscribers who fail to receive the Astorian will confer a favor by notifying the office. New route boys have been put on and it takes some time to become acquainted with the route, especially where over 1,000 papers are delivered.

Engineer Berswick left out yesterday for Bear creek with the first detachment of assistants and provisions. It consisted of six men, several wagon loads of tents and provisions. The second detachment is expected to leave out tomorrow and will consist of about twenty men. The camp will be on the fine line road about two miles from the reservoir. It is expected that it will take about a month to complete the work. As to how much, if any, pipe will have to be replaced can not be determined until after the investigation.

Hansen and Drew, the great comedians, will present tonight at the Star, the comedy act entitled, "Opera House Manager," and have brought their own special scenery costing over \$500. It is said to be one of the best and most amusing productions on the stage. In addition to this, Meany and Anderson will present their great "Tramp Act," which is a side splitter. The performance at the Star tonight promises to be the best ever given. An entire change throughout will make it an entertainment worth seeing.

The great sale of ribbons at Foard & Stokes yesterday resulted in the store being crowded all day and the firm did a big day's business. They are adding to their stock every day and are doing a large share of the dry goods business of the city. One advantage they have, and which is appreciated, they are a strictly home concern and have no outside connections giving them an advantage in buying goods, giving them the advantage of securing the best bargains in the city. Their line is complete in every department.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

C. B. Coppock of Salem is in the city. Howell Lewis of Fern Hill was in the city yesterday.

Frank Smalley of Frankfort was in the city yesterday.

J. West of Portland was in Astoria yesterday on business.

A. C. Osborne of San Francisco is in the city on business.

T. H. Lindsey of Seaside registered at the Central yesterday.

Frank Bourn returned yesterday from a business trip to Portland.

Charles Mattson of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. G. E. Matterson of Oakland, California, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Nelson Troyer of Portland was in the city yesterday and will go to Seaside.

Police Commissioner W. H. Barker of British Columbia is in the city on business.

Mrs. Nicholas Clinton went to Seaside yesterday to spend a few days at her cottage at Cleveland.

L. W. Storey, general manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, is in the city on a tour of inspection.

J. G. Blake, district superintendent of the Postal, was in the city yesterday the guest of Chas. Humphreys.

### SKY PILOTS CONVICTED.

Minister Elope With one of the Choir Singers.

New Brunswick, N. J., Mar. 15.—The jury which tried J. Frank Cordova, the former south river minister, who eloped with Miss Julia Bowne, one of his choir singers, for abandoning his wife, has returned a verdict of guilty. The extreme penalty is imprisonment for one year.

### Goes to Prepare a Place.

San Francisco, March 14.—Isaac Selby, the ex-clergyman who shot at Judge Hebbard in the latter's court room after Hebbard had concluded reading a decision granting Mrs. Selby a divorce, was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary today.

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## WALKING DELEGATE

### Labor Grafters Responsible for New York Strike

### STARTED TO MAKE MONEY

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor Will Make a Searching Investigation into the Cause of the Recent New York Strike.

Washington, Mar. 15.—Charges have been filed with Samuel Gompers president of the American Federation of labor, which are said to reflect on the integrity of individuals connected with the Subway and Elevated Railroad strike in New York. Mr. Gompers said the charges would be investigated. It is said that the charges contain certain allegations that the strike was engineered for the sole purpose of being broken. Officials of the unions, it is declared received, or expected to receive, a large reward for bringing about the strike.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Chas. Mattson, Ilwaco.  
A. Turner, Chicago.  
T. C. Gillespie, Portland.  
J. Tozier, Portland.  
J. I. Kreschberg, San Francisco.  
W. Tempin, Chicago.  
A. C. Osborn, San Francisco.  
C. E. Palmer, Portland.  
F. C. Davis, Portland.  
John Erickson, Portland.  
O. C. Riches, Portland.  
Capt. W. H. Roberts, Tacoma.  
M. T. Bartholemew, Ilwaco.  
Mrs. J. Wilson, Seattle.  
A. A. White, Missouri.  
Fred Seely and wife, Portland.  
F. M. Branch, Portland.  
W. H. Nicholas, Huntington.

### Marine News.

The Elmore left out yesterday afternoon with freight and passengers for Tillamook.

The Harrison left out last evening with freight and passengers for Astoria. The steamer Columbia arrived in yesterday morning with freight and passengers from San Francisco.

The schooner Ariel with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco crossed out yesterday afternoon.

The schooner Beulah with a cargo of lumber arrived down yesterday and went to sea.

The brigantine Lurline was towed to Portland yesterday to load lumber.

The revenue cutter Commodore Perry returned yesterday from a cruise along the coast.

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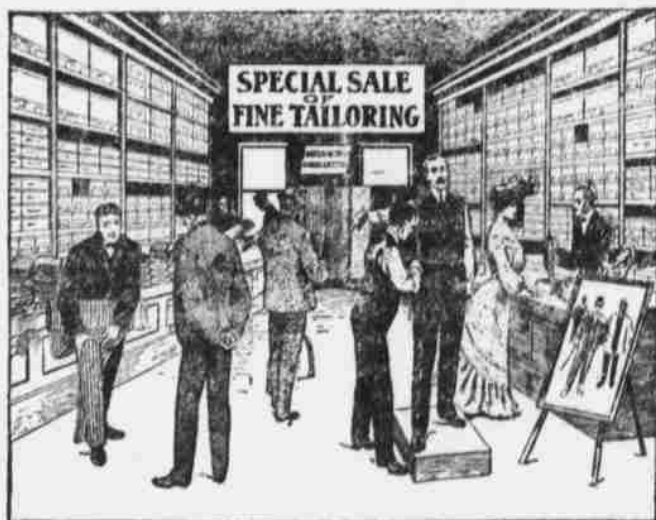
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