

# SPRING CLEANING

Now is the Accepted Time.—Today the Day of Salvation.

## DIRTY CONDITION OF STREETS

Back and Front Yards Filled With Garbage, Streets Filled With Wood and Rubbish, Furnish Employment for the More Enterprising Citizens.

The time is opportune for spring housecleaning in Astoria. The people of the city ought to be actuated by sufficient pride to at least put the front and back yards of their residences in a sanitary condition. A yard filled with choice roses, flowers and shrubbery is more conducive to health and happiness than a yard filled with hoopskirts, oyster and tomato cans and cast-off clothing. Some of the yards in Astoria resemble more the hog ranch of a farmer, and the odor is about as inviting. People should realize that cleanliness is next to godliness and a great deal of sickness this spring can be prevented by placing residence property in a more sanitary condition.

The streets are ankle deep with mud, but this will soon be obviated and when the street improvement department is fully organized and equipped better results will be obtained. There is not a city in the United States, but that civic improvement leagues are taking hold of this work and assisting the authorities in purifying the existing conditions. In every newspaper are accounts of what the women are doing in this direction. The Seattle Post Intelligencer contains the following on the work being done in the small town of Chehalis, Wash.:

The citizens of Chehalis are getting ready to receive visitors. They expect to entertain many strangers during the coming summer and autumn. Among these coming are homeseekers and persons interested in locations for investing capital. They will probably judge the people by the appearance of the streets and public buildings. Because of this general method of passing opinions the civic organizations of Chehalis desire to make some important changes in the city. They are working for future development and seeking a good class of homebuilders.

It is a good thing to have strangers visit our western cities and towns. Their coming is a signal for cleaning up and polishing the rusty spots. They should not be permitted to witness the stagnant mud pools, broken sidewalks and tumbled down fences. Private lawns should not be used for public grazing purposes in feeding the town cows. In a land where flowers grow to perfection and bloom every month in the year, there should be a paradise of loveliness from the storehouse of nature. All these desirable features can be obtained by the people working harmoniously for better towns.

Visitors are always interested in the health of the inhabitants of cities they expect to make their future homes. No city can appeal with force to the homeseeker when its cemetery is the most frequented spot and its office buildings are filled with physicians. Such conditions are not necessary. They come from poor sanitary laws and general neglect of public improvements. Now is the time to remedy those evils in every town where they exist. It would be well to make a general cleaning up all along the line for fear that the best localities might be overlooked.

### ON THE SQUARE.

#### Games Licensed Should Have Plugs Removed.

A good suggestion has been made by a prominent man who is in a position to know what he is talking about. If the city licenses nickel-in-the-slot machines they should be examined every day and see that they are not plugged. A large number of the machines are plugged. That is, one half of the big prizes are fixed so that they do not stop on the dial. There is about 85 per cent in favor of the machine, and by removing the plugs there would not be over 60 per cent, which is a large percentage. It is bad enough to license vice without giving a sucker a show for his money, and a removal of the plugs will confer a favor on about 1500 young and promising moral men of Astoria.

### TALK IT OVER.

#### With ePeople You Know—With Astoria People.

No evidence can be stronger than the direct testimony of people you know. The public expression of friends and neighbors is the proof of merit we offer. If you still remain a skeptic, talk it over with this testifier.

D. E. Duncan, who is employed with his brother at the Astoria Soda works, 426 Duane street, and who resides at the corner of Duane and Ninth streets,

says: "I had been troubled with a weakness of the back and kidneys for a number of years. There was a constant dull aching pain in the loins and as far up as the shoulders. Not only did my back ache but there was a weakness from the kidney secretions which was very annoying and disturbed my rest. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills and one day I stepped into Charles Rogers' drug store and got a box. I found them to be a great benefit. After the first few doses I felt better. I know of others who have used them with the same good results." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

### Real Estate Transfers.

United States to Sam Ekoos 160 acres in section 30, township 5 north, range 7 west. Patent.

United States to Thomas Ekoos 137.88 acres in sections 30 and 19, township 5 north, range 7 west. Patent.

Thomas Ekoos and wife to Astoria Abstract Title & Trust Co., same property. \$1800.

M. S. Philbrick and husband to C. F. Yergen, lots 2 to 6, block 2, Pine Grove. \$600.

E. M. Bergen to Jessie A. Bergen, north half lot 1, block 1, First addition to Gearhart Park. \$1.

### Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Clatsop Mill Company was held Tuesday. The following were elected directors: M. J. Kinney, Frank Patton, R. B. Dwyer, Asmus Brix and H. F. Prael. At a meeting of the directors M. J. Kinney was elected president and H. F. Prael, secretary.

### The Fishing Season.

An error occurred in the Astorian yesterday morning relative to the time of opening the fishing season, it should have read "less than a month." The spring fishing season does not commence until April 15. The matter has been published so often that all fishermen who read the newspapers understand it.

### The Correct Answer.

Astoria, March 22, 1905. Editor Morning Astorian: My answer to the puzzle of the train running between Astoria and Warrenton, to ascertain how far the conductor walked, is that he did not walk at all. He rode all the way. AUG. NELSON.

### Get Your Piano Tuned.

Howard S. Soule, Piano tuner and repairer, from Soule Bros' Piano House of Portland, is in Astoria for a few days. Parties wishing work done in his line, may leave their orders by phone at the Cole Hotel.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

H. Baxter of Ft. Stevens was in the city yesterday.

William Black of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.

F. P. Kendall of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Paulson of Brookfield was in the city yesterday.

Frank Bonhart returned from a visit to Seaside yesterday.

Mrs. John Kelly of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

M. W. Gartner of McMinville is visiting friends in the city.

Hon. Wm. R. Williams of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

C. Timmons and wife returned yesterday from a trip to Portland.

R. H. Sale and wife of Grays river are registered at the Occident.

Dan. J. Moore, mayor of West Seaside, was in the city yesterday.

Hon. J. G. Meglar returned to Brookfield on the Vanguard yesterday.

Chris Olsen, a prominent trapper of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

Judge C. J. Trenchard is attending the good roads convention at Grants Pass. He is expected home today.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

#### Occident.

- Seth L. Bargar, San Francisco.
- C. F. Fisher, Portland.
- E. E. Geimer, Portland.
- H. L. Traub, Portland.
- N. Hughes, Bellingham.
- T. A. Chimrock, Portland.
- A. Rigg, New York.
- C. C. Going, Portland.
- P. J. McDonald, Portland.
- Sol Sleyman, Seattle.
- W. W. Gordon, Portland.
- Bert Rockwell, Eugene.
- H. F. Tolivan, Kansas City.
- H. F. Gaylord, Portland.
- E. W. Dingman, Portland.
- C. W. Wright, Portland.
- O. T. Emmett, Cleveland.
- H. M. Bransford, Toke Point.

### COMMON COUNCIL.

#### Very Little Business Transacted at Last Night's Meeting.

An adjourned session of the common council was held last evening. The following proceedings were had:

Communication from the O. T. & N. Co. asking for permission to extend their wharf to the pier head line was granted.

An ordinance providing for advertising for bids for cribbing the north side of Taylor avenue and appropriating \$300 therefor was passed.

The question of granting an extension of time to Dill & Young for improving Franklin avenue to May 1 was brought up. Councilman Lebak refused to withdraw his objections unless the contractors would agree to work nine hour instead of ten, and stated that the unions were going to wait upon the contractors and insist upon their observing union hours.

An ordinance appropriating \$7,364 for the benefit of Aug. Hillstrom for improving Taylor avenue was passed.

An ordinance confirming the assessment for the improvement of Taylor avenue was passed.

A resolution providing for the improvement of Duane street between Tenth and Twelfth streets was adopted.

A resolution providing for the improvement of Taylor avenue around Smiths point was adopted. E. A. Taylor was present and objected to the improvement unless it was done by general taxation, stating that it would be of no benefit to their property and there were only three or four families living there. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The committee on streets and public ways reported favorably on the communication from the Astoria Crushed Rock Company, asking for financial assistance in improving Sixteenth street, but the council voted against adopting the committee's report. Belland objected to paying out money for any company that was selling rock to the city, and if they wanted to have the street improved for their own benefit let them pay for it.

The report of the street committee on the petition asking for the removal of the electric light from Thirty-eighth street and Grand avenue was laid over, as the people in that vicinity were getting up a remonstrance against it.

Belland opened the ball by suggesting that the committee on ways and means and the city attorney meet and draw up an ordinance licensing all kinds of business to make up the deficiency caused by the loss of gambling fines. Burns objected to passing any such ordinance or imposing any license, and the matter went over.

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