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REWARD FOR SERVICES.

When politics dominate the business affairs of a municipality, the tax payers are called upon to foot the bills. A large portion of the expenses of a city is created by political rewards for services rendered or to be rendered.

The Astorian has frequently called the attention of the public to many items of unnecessary expense connected with the management of the city government. It has from time to time warned the common council that a continuance of municipal extravagance would lead to municipal bankruptcy.

When the question was brought up, there were plenty of excuses. Take the improvement of Franklin avenue, as an illustration. There is no objection to the gentleman employed to superintend the construction of the work as he is one of the most competent men for the position, but it is the principle of the thing.

It wasn't a month ago that L. O. Belland introduced a resolution in the common council, sweeping in its intents and purposes, absolutely abolishing the office of superintendent of construction besides cutting down the fire department. Two weeks after, the political excuse manipulators succeeded in having the superintendent retained and stated that it was an absolute necessity that the city should pay a man \$3 a day, or the city would be ruined by dishonest contractors trying to take advantage of the city in putting in inferior lumber.

When there is another street to be improved, it will be the same thing. The citizens party is getting in shape for the city election and they are trying to make votes at the expense of the tax payers.

Another thing: The city is frequently charged more for supplies than is a private individual. Political pap is doled out to certain concerns, the bills are presented to the council, the hiregophics "O. K." marked on the bill and some one makes a motion that

it be paid, and another political debt is paid at the expense of the tax payers. If the affairs of the city were run on business principles, an estimate of supplies needed would be made at the beginning of the year and bids invited for furnishing the same.

The city has been compelled to resort to extreme measures and may possibly have to economize in order to tide the city over the shoals of threatened bankruptcy. It is compelled to issue \$16,000 in municipal bonds to replenish the general fund.

There is always an end to every road, be it a thoroughfare or a political alley. There is an end to all things and it looks as though the city of Astoria had run up against a brick wall obstruction in the shape of an indebtedness aggregating about \$225,000 with no immediate prospects of reducing it, unless they lop off some of the political pets and pay political debts out of their munificent salaries.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Today is Good Friday, commemorated by Jews and Gentiles as the day upon which the Savior of mankind was crucified in Gethsemina. There is no trace of the celebration of Good Friday or even Easter as a Christian festival in the New Testament or in the writings of the apostolic fathers.

No rules as to the date of the Easter festival have been laid down by authority. Christians were left to follow their own instincts. These were naturally different in the Jewish and Gentile churches. The point at issue really was the date of the termination of the Paschal feast. With the Jewish Christians, whose leading thought would be the death of Christ as the true Paschal Lamb, this fast would end at the same time as that of the Jews, on the 14th day of the moon, at evening, and the Easter festival would immediately follow.

This diversity of usage was gradually brought to an end by the verdict of the Church of Rome. The Roman Christians adopted the ordinary Gentile usage, which, within certain limits placed the observance of the crucifixion on a Friday, and that of the resurrection on the following Sunday, and this rule is observed by all the churches of Astoria, and in fact of the United States.

A. O. U. W. Meeting. Astoria, Ore., April 17, 1905.—Each and every member of Seaside lodge, No. 12, is hereby requested to be present at the lodge room next Saturday night, April 22, 1905, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., as business of vital importance to each member is to be considered.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Occident. R. D. Fulton and wife, Portland. L. W. Barnes, Portland. B. P. Knight, Colorado Springs. R. S. Turner, Portland. Chas. Kuthe, Portland. E. R. Norris, Portland. J. L. Fisher, Seattle. M. Friedenthal, Portland. L. Allgrohoff, Portland. S. Sellington, San Francisco. E. Murphy, San Francisco. E. Murphy, San Francisco. George Black, Portland.

Parker.

J. A. Baldwin, Portland. Toos. H. Allman, Cathlamet. F. C. Morton, Long Beach. F. H. French, Portland. A. W. Wahl, Portland. John Blossom, Portland. C. G. Curtis, Portland. Mrs. Dunn, Astoria. Geo. Hilliard, City. M. Johnson, Portland. J. H. Carlson, Fergus Falls. O. A. Snowberg, Fergus Falls.

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