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POLITICAL OFFICE HOLDERS.

Efforts are being made to arouse the taxpayers of every community; the business men who are afraid to express their political opinion or go to the polls and vote for fear of losing a customer; the conservative element, who never take any interest in politics, to at least go to the polls and vote. If they will do this, and take part in making the nominations, Astoria, as well as every other city will have a business like administration and reckless extravagance will be relegated to the rear.

Philadelphia has given the country a timely object lesson in demonstrating the public's ability to master and demolish a supposedly invulnerable political machine. The efficacy of not a few old-fashioned methods of dealing with "grafters" and corruptionst has been established, and some new ways have been discovered for meeting new abuses. Under Mayor Weaver's leadership the "organization" managers have been forced to abandon their iniquitous gas lease hold-up. This surrender showed what bership dues large sums of money were timent can exercise in defeating proposed betrayals of the public trust. Mayor Weaver's subsequent warfare on the Philadelphia machine has proved with what ease and thoroughness a corrupt political organization may be smashed when once the voters band together resolutely for its destruction.

The mayor's latest blow at the odious local rings is one which might well be imitated in many other municipalities. It is a sweeping order to all municipal employes to withdraw their support and countenance from an organization caught red handed in an attempt to plunder the city. The new director of the department of public safety issued on Monday a notice to the bureau chiefs under him that membership in political clubs is hereafter not only not to be considered "a cause for appointment, preferment or promotion," but as "detrimental to the maintenance of proper discipline in the department." This change of attitude on the part of the city administration will practically emancipate all city employes from political control and will extirpate the so-called ward clubs, which have been used as clearing houses for office brokerage and for the collection of political assessments.

All employes were previously made to understand that activity in these clubs was a pre-requisite to advancement in the city service, and in the guise of mem-machine leaders. The Philadelphia Ledger collected every year for the use of the machine leaders. The Philadelphia Ledger estimates that \$200,000 was annually turned over into the machine treasury through these alleged clubs, whose members were also required to take an active part in the manipulations of ward politics. Sustained solely by the office holders, these organizations must fall to the ground under the reform order, and the Durham ring will find itself deprived of its chief sources of revenue and power.

Such severance of the officeholding class from partisan activities is, of course, essential to honest and efficient municipal administration. Philadelphia had too long tolerated the idea that government should be conducted for the benefit not of the people but of the politicians and officeholders. The ring had come to believe that it owned the city and the city employes had come to think that their first duty was to the politicians and not to the community. The logical outcome of such a perverted view was the projected gas steal. Philadelphia now realizes that to keep a municipal service clean, and honest, it must be kept out of partisan politics. The office holder must be protected from the predatory politician; and on his side he must also be made to realize that partisan activity injures his status and impairs his usefulness. He is first of all a public servant, and in that capacity he has no place in the routine work of partisan politics. No city can attain

self-government in a true sense until it compels the divorce of its own working force from partisan associations. Philadelphia is going to the root of a long-standing trouble in breaking up its clubs of officeholders. Every other city should well profit by this excellent example.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

The Astorian has been an earnest advocate of civic improvement and through its efforts and the efforts of the Woman's Club many noticeable changes have taken place in Astoria, yet it is still far from what it ought to be to invite eastern visitors here. People in Astoria know little of what is going on in the cities and towns of Washington and a few extracts from newspapers may be of interest. The following is clipped from Washington exchanges:

There seems to be a general move along the Sound country to make lawns, parks and other private and public improvements more pleasing to the eye. A little sense of fitness and small expense does this, and how much greater the satisfaction.—Deming Prospector.

There ought to be an ordinance against strewing various gaudy signs promiscuously around the streets to mar the appearance of things and to be perpetual eyesore to visitors and citizens alike. Cheney Free Press.

The city beautiful means the city well raked—the tin can crop harvested and out of sight. Then if a rose, or some other flower, or even a blade of grass, be allowed to grow where the can was the city would be transformed.—Ritzville Times.

Ferndale joins other Northwestern towns in the march of progress, and in order that she may clean up effectively she proposes to incorporate. The method is expensive, but it pays.—Bellingham Herald.

A clean city is not only beautiful, but healthy as well. Make war on the rubbish pile and disease germs die.—Centralia Chronicle.

Lincoln county does well to make a showing at the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland. We need more people and more capital, and the way to attract such things is to show what we have and what we can do.—Davenport Times.

Nothing does more toward building up a town than the high standard of its public schools, and since Prosser has become the seat of government of a new county, it is imperative that her schools be improved. The placing of the high school on the accredited list will bring people who have children to educate here to live; it will give the town standing throughout the state that can be no otherwise obtained.—Proser Bulletin.

The many attractions that Washington provides for settlers have lately induced a number of eastern men to invest extensively in real estate and in the fruit and farming lands of the Wenatchee valley. Wenatchee today is enjoying the substantial growth of from one to two families per week. It has held this pace for some time. Four years ago this city was only about 400 strong; today we are crowding the 3,500 mark, and growing rapidly.—Wanatchee Advance.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman.

The railroads are steadily reducing the running time between Chicago and New York. It is curious that so many people remain in Chicago when the facilities for getting away are so tempting.

Astoria Mother—"My dear girl, do you think it is right to let that young man spend so much money on you?" Daughter—"Why not? I have no intention of marrying him."

Tomorrow is the regular day for killing the king of Serbia, but up to date that monarch has not evined any desire to issue a proclamation reminding the people of it.

Portland Drummer to Clerk Tee—"Is this a foundry?" Tee—"No, sir. This is a hotel. That thumping you hear is on the inside of your head."

When a man is listening intently to your bad story it isn't always a sign he enjoys it. Maybe he is just trying to insure your attention for a worse one he intends telling when you get through.

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If a man don't get drunk over three times in New York he gets a premium. Won't work. Too much like local option.

General Trepoff says that it is a mistake to suppose that he is a dictator

of course. When he orders a newspaper to suspend publication or sends Russian subjects to a dungeon for having opinions, he is simply administering Russian "justice."

The wife and mother of the assassin of the Grand Duke Sergius are to be given a pension by the revolutionists. The assassin will some day have a monument raised to him by free Russia.

An economic writer says: "Every young married woman should know how to make bread." The majority of them can make it if the young married men are able to supply the "dough."

David J. Brewer, justice of the Supreme court has told the Vassar college girls that he is in favor of woman's suffrage. How would a ticket like this do: For president, Victoria Woodhull; vice president, David J. Brewer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Max Pohl hit the trial in Portland yesterday.

Rev. W. S. Short visited in Portland yesterday.

G. Barsch, of Seattle, is registered at the Central.

C. W. T. Koch of Chicago, was in the city yesterday.

Alex Normand, of Olney, was in the city yesterday.

Albert A. Pilles, of Boston, was in the city yesterday.

Wm. McCrex, of Seaside, was in the city yesterday.

James Brown, of Knappa, was in the city yesterday.

A. B. Daly, of Marshfield, was in the city yesterday.

C. T. Lawton, of Chicago, is registered at the Occident.

J. A. Miller, of Chicago, is registered at the Occident.

E. Frower, of Gray's River, was in the city yesterday.

G. W. Johnson, of Skamokawa, was in the city yesterday.

F. O. Fields and wife, of Chicago, are visiting in the city.

John Waterhouse, of Clatsop, was in the city yesterday.

Albert Dunbar attended the fair in Portland yesterday.

Mrs. Chris Henry, of Charleston, was in the city yesterday.

C. W. Taylor, of Portland, is registered at the Occident.

J. W. Palmer and wife, of Portland, are visiting in the city.

Elijah Jeffertes, of Lewis and Clark, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Horace Thing of McGowan is visiting friends in Astoria.

Mrs. C. A. Morden, of Portland, is visiting friends in Astoria.

W. S. Espey and daughter attended the Portland fair yesterday.

Chas. M. Geller is in South Bend interviewing his many customers.

B. F. Fleckenstein, of Portland, registered at the Occident yesterday.

Attorney Bourne, of Rainier, was in the city yesterday on legal business.

Herbert Ostroski, of Spokane, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mrs. I. Cohn.

Charles Ring, formerly in the employ of H. Ekstrom, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Birdie Cohn, of Portland, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. P. Gerweitz.

Mrs. Capt. Richardson was a passenger up on the Lurline Tuesday night for Portland.

J. A. Shaw, representing the Hammond Lumber Company, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Ethyl Lapher, of Long Beach California, is in the city visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson.

Otto Heilborn, registry clerk at the postoffice, is in Portland attending the grand lodge of Masons.

Benj. Sweet, a prominent lumberman of Milwaukee, Wis., is in the city looking after his timber interests.

No Secret About It. It is no secret that for cuts, burns, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. "It did not take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes, writes D. L. Gregory, of Hope, Texas. 25 cents at Charles Rogers' drug store.

Why suffer with spring tiredness, mean cross feeling, no strength, no appetite, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 35 cents, Tea or tablets at Frank Hart's drug store.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, May 29th, 1905.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Stocks, etc.

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State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1905.

(Seal) Correct—Attest: G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, JACOB KAMM, Directors.

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State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: 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. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of June, 1905.

(Seal) Correct—Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE, L. MANSUR, A. SCHERNECKAU, Directors.

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