

## NONE CAN FORETELL

Who Will Become Bishop-Coadjutor of Oregon.

When a day before the convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon is assembled, a paper states that certain clergy are prospective candidates for the Episcopate, it is to be assumed that the paper is not familiar with the mode of election of any bishops in the Episcopal church. In fact, the best way to injure the prospects of a priest of the church whom one would like to see elected to the office, is to publish the name of that priest. Generally speaking, in diocesan and general conventions the result has been negative. To elect a Bishop-Coadjutor for a diocese, the bishop of the diocese issues a call for such an assistant, preliminary to the convention. After the clerical and lay delegates have reached the subject in convention, nominations are called for, the result of the election oftentimes depending upon the type of the churchmanship represented in convention. Not that high, low, or broad church factions antagonistic one to the other, but a ritualistic nominee would probably be defeated, if the majority of delegates were of another type of churchmanship. Yet every clerical and lay member of the diocese would work harmoniously with the candidate, if elected.

There is, however, something more to it. First of all, the elected candidate's consent is required. It further requires the consent of every diocese, before the Presiding Bishop of the entire American Church may order the consecration of the bishop, elected.

In the election of a bishop-coadjutor for the Diocese of Oregon, this mode of procedure will be followed, and it is difficult to predict the chances of anyone, until the names of the candidates, as chosen by the convention now in session in Portland, are made public. A churchman familiar with the churchmanship of the candidates and their executive ability, may then, with some assurance of approaching correctness, make predictions.

## Beautiful China Set.

In addition to the usual program at the Star tonight Mr. Gervurtz in the appreciation of the patronage accorded the theater by the public will give away a beautiful \$10 China set. The theater has been crowded every night this week. The Tyrolean quintet continues to be

a drawing card and is an entirely new feature in vaudeville. The goat and dog show is an excellent exhibition of wonderful training of animals. The musical Thors present an entertainment worth more than the price of admission. Kelly and Davis, are probably the greatest comedians that have ever appeared in Astoria and furnish an abundance of amusement for an appreciative audience. Eight different acts are presented giving an entertainment of unusual merit, and the fact that the theater has been crowded every night shows that the people appreciate talent.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Important Meeting of the Members Held Last Evening.

A general meeting of the Commercial Club was held last evening for the purpose of considering the finances of the organization. For some months past there has been a lack of interest in the club and efforts to provide athletic conveniences for the young men have piled up an indebtedness of about \$800. There has been a decrease in membership, with the result that the club has not been holding its own. Last night the members were acquainted with the situation and it was decided to appoint a committee of 10 young members to act in conjunction with the board of directors. There will be a joint meeting of the committee and the directors this evening, when a plan of campaign will be inaugurated. Some difficulty has been experienced in securing new members because of the pretty general belief that the club would not last long. However, the members have now determined to work as one man for the club, and the belief is entertained that arrangements for liquidation of the indebtedness can be at once made and the membership properly increased. With this idea in view a hustling campaign will be carried on, and the support of Astorians is requested. The Commercial Club is the young men's organization and has done much to advance their interests. It is felt that it should not be allowed to die, and members are confident that the people of the city will manifest the proper spirit. Another meeting of the club will be held next Thursday night, at which time the report of the committee will be received.

## CITY INDEBTEDNESS

City Must Pay its Bills Why Not the Property Owners?

TOO MUCH LENIENCY SHOWN

Property Owners Take Advantage of the Willingness of the Common Council to Throw Off Penalty and Interest to Secure Payment of Street Assessments.

A large majority of the property owners of Astoria are prompt in the payment of their street assessments, while there are a number that take every advantage of every technicality in law; in the proceedings and in the laxity of enforcement on the part of the city officials, either to escape their just proportion of street assessments, or delay payment in order to save a few dollars in interest and penalty. Over \$100,000 of the present city indebtedness was accumulated by the refusal of property owners to pay their street assessments. Upon this indebtedness since 1892, when this amount was assumed for the improvement of streets, the taxpayers have been compelled to pay \$78,000 in interest on the bonded indebtedness of the city. Every man that escaped paying his street assessments has been compelled to contribute his or her share toward paying this interest. The bonds bear six per cent interest and have run for thirteen years.

The common council committed a mistake when they permitted a property owner to come in after three or four years and pay the assessment by throwing off the penalty and interest. When the system was once adopted every property owner who takes advantage of technicalities or the laxity of the officers in making prompt collections has taken advantage of it. Some of the street assessments have run for three and four years, the property owners having the use of the money during all of that time, paying no interest, while the city has been compelled to pay six per cent interest on their indebtedness due the city. It is not treating the property owners fair who are prompt in their payments. It is not treating the city fair by keeping it out of money that rightfully belongs to it, impairing the efficiency of the administration of city affairs and its credit. If these same property owners have a bill against the city they demand immediate payment. The city is compelled to pay its obligations promptly, why should not the property owners do the same?

Warrants for the collection of assessments on over forty street improvements have been placed in the hands of the chief of police for collection and property owners will be compelled to pay for the assessment and interest during its delinquency. Unless paid this week, the property will be advertised, sold and they will have to pay the costs. This ought to have been done three years ago. When a street is improved and the assessment levied, it should be collected as soon as the time for voluntary payment has expired, and not wait three and four years. Warrants should be placed in the hands of the chief of police and if the assessments are not paid, the property should be sold. This is the way the county collects its taxes. The sheriff does not give any man three and four years to pay his taxes and throw off the penalty and interest. A man borrows money at the bank, and he must pay it when due, together with interest. No bank throws off interest and allows the note to run three or four years, simply because it is not conducting banking business on business principles. No city will prosper that is lax in its business principles.

It is not to be wondered at that the city of Astoria has reached its limit of indebtedness when it has been compelled to pay \$78,000 in interest on money due for street assessments which the property owners have succeeded in escaping payment. It is not to be wondered at that tax payers object to a high valuation and a low assessment when it requires nearly all the money derived from a 10-mill tax levy to pay interest on bonded indebtedness. The city of Astoria is paying over \$12,000 a year in interest, the county about \$6,000, the school district about \$3,500 and about \$6,000 on water bonds, aggregating \$27,000 a year in interest alone. Is it not about time the taxpayers were waking up and taking a little more interest in the management of city and county affairs? Will the voters permit a haphazard, loose and lax method to obtain



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in the management of business of city and county or make a determined effort to put a stop to extravagance and demand that the affairs of the city and county be conducted on the same business principles as merchants and bankers conduct their business? If the taxpayers can stand it, the non-producing element who always go to the polls and elect the city and county officers, will have to. It don't cost them a cent and they have just as much to say as the man who pays \$10,000 a year in taxes.

## PIPE ORGAN INSTALLED.

Instrument Gives Satisfaction—Beautiful concert and Ceremony.

Astoria's first pipe organ was installed with fitting ceremony on Thursday, June 8. Prof. Frederick W. Goodrich, one of Portland's leading organists, presiding at the organ and both he and other musicians who participated in the program pronounce it faultless. The instrument is the famous make known as the Kimball Duplex Tubular Pneumatic, which is handled on the Pacific coast by Eilers Piano House exclusively. It is an exact duplicate of the beautiful two manual pipe organ recently installed in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in Portland, by Eilers Piano House. This same establishment is now installing in the New Trinity Episcopal church at Portland, a handsome three manual Kimball organ, costing \$10,000, this being the second largest pipe organ on the coast. Another handsome organ of the same make has just been received by Eilers Piano House for the First Methodist church of Salem. The instrument of which all Astorians should be proud is to be heard in the beautiful First Lutheran Church of Upper Astoria.

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