

COUNCIL MEETING

City Fathers Discuss Many Important Matters.

LOOKING AFTER STREETS

Great Many Petitions on Different Subjects Attended to—Communications Are Read—Ordinances Passed, Liquor Licenses Are Granted to Two Persons.

The city council met last evening in regular session, with the Mayor and all the council present. The petition of the Altoona Packing Company, asking permission to use part of Thirty-fifth street to erect a net rack was referred to the committee on wharves and water front.

Clara Weiman presented a request to construct a sidewalk in front of the North 100 feet of lot 7, block fifty-four Shively's, which was referred to the committee on streets and public ways.

A petition from O. J. Peterson, et al. for the appropriation of \$25, by the council to aid in building a sidewalk around Smith's point was granted.

A petition from Thomas Christians for permission to build a sidewalk in front of lot 7, block 54, Shively's was referred to the committee on streets and public ways.

A petition for permission to remove dirt from the hill on Forty-fourth st. street to fill his lot was presented by Alf. Peterson, and duly referred to the street committee with power to act.

The bonds of Charles Dahlstrom, August Dasielson, and Johnson and Engstrom, for liquor licenses were presented and referred to the committee on health and police.

A petition from B. Browing to be allowed to build a small house at the foot of Fifty-third and Ash streets, was filed as it was stated that the said lot was without side of the city limits.

A petition to reduce the price of lighting gas and electricity both in the resi-

dence and business districts, signed by seventy-three persons was presented and referred to the committee on Ways and Means, and the city Attorney. Manager Coolidge of the electric company was present at the council and addressed the body with respect to the petition. He stated that the company was already losing \$700 a year on their gas plant, and was giving the cheapest possible rates to its consumers. He said "In the past thirty-seven months from October 1st, 1902, 24,462,000 feet of gas have been supplied to the people of this city at a cost of \$1.82 cents per thousand feet, and the selling price to the consumer has been \$1.98 cents, leaving the company a profit of but sixteen cents per thousand feet. With the expense which our company is under for repairs, salaries, etc., it can easily be seen that the gas plant has been a losing proposition for us. We have the interest of the city of Astoria at heart as much as any person, for her prosperity is ours." Mr. Coolidge said the company was perfectly willing to allow the city to look over their books and ascertain whether or not his statement was correct.

A communication from the city auditor concerning the redemption of lot 6, block 72, McClures, was referred to the committee on ways and means.

A communication from H. W. Cyrus to put up chandeliers in the city hall was referred to the committee on public property.

The proposal of Jensen & Hansen to furnish the city with a horse, dump cart and wagon, for \$1.50 per day, was referred to the street committee.

A communication from J. Riley asking that his assessment for the improvement of Fourteenth street from Grand to Jerome, be lowered, was referred to the committee on ways and means.

The following bills reported favorably on by the ways and means committee were ordered paid: George Kaboth, \$5.00; Councilman Belland, \$5.00 and Olof Anderson \$5.00.

Liquor licenses were granted to J. O. Tyberg, and A. C. Campbell.

The bill of O. Peterson for \$4.50 and H. Humble for \$15.13, were ordered paid. The committee on streets and public ways reported unfavorably on granting Lindenberg & Company, permission to erect an oil tank, and their report was adopted.

The committee on ways and means

reported favorably on the following bills: Foard & Stokes, \$3.70; City Lumber & Box Company, \$33.70; and the City Superintendent, \$113.

The committee on fire and water reported favorably on the following bills which were ordered paid: S. Elmore & Company, \$15.80; Dunbar & Co. \$1.00; Astoria Electric Company, \$6.00; Ross Higgins & Company, \$3.00; Foard & Stokes, \$3.00; D. C. McCosky, et al. \$6.25.

Building permits were granted to Nancy Weleh and the Union Oil Company.

The committee on public property reported favorably on the following bills which were ordered paid: Astoria Electric Company, \$59.00; S. Elmore & Co. \$202.50; G. W. Sanborn, \$13.00; Foard & Stokes, \$9.15; City Lumber & Box Company, \$2.10.

The monthly statement of the auditor and police judge was read and filed. It showed that a total of \$618 had been collected; of this sum, \$585 was for fines and forfeitures, \$30 for city cemetery account, and \$3.00 for building permits.

A report from the city surveyor on the improvement of the street along the south line of block 94, Shively's was read and adopted on motion.

Rev. W. S. Short presented a petition asking for the erection of an electric light near the Holy Innocents Chapel. It was referred to the committee on streets and public ways.

The committee on streets and public ways presented a report relating to the improvements to be made on certain streets of the city. The report was filed.

The bid of W. A. Goodin at \$582 for the improvement of Birch street from Fifty-second to Fifty-third street was accepted.

An ordinance relating to the appropriation of blank dollars for the improvement of Third street from Commercial to Duane was read the first time.

An ordinance appropriating \$186.01 to pay W. A. Goodin for certain improvement work, was read the second time.

An ordinance appropriating money for certain municipal improvements was read for the third time.

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400 the amount of the North Pacific Brewing Company's license, to that Company came up for the third reading and after considerable discussion passed. At this point in the proceedings it was stated that Charles Dahlstrom was operating his saloon without a license, and the Mayor accordingly instructed the chief of police to arrest the guilty party, or make him pay the fine of \$50.

An ordinance to suppress nuisances was read for the third time and passed.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the city physician at \$50 per month came up for its third reading and was passed.

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400 to Laxell & Co., the amount of their liquor license was lost, as the council at the previous meeting decided to allow Laxell & Company, to operate.

An ordinance appropriating \$1,113.99 for the improvement of Columbia avenue from Taylor to Alameda streets was passed.

The resolution introduced by Councilman Linsenweber, to pay experts \$150 for expediting the city books, was read and upon a vote being taken was lost.

The matter of street Inspector Barry and W. A. Goodin was here discussed which is referred to in another part of this paper, at length.

The council then adjourned.

FINGER PRINTS EFFECTIVE.

Criminals Can Be Surely Identified by Finger Marks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Detective Sergeant Joseph Faurot, who was sent abroad December sixteenth last to study identification systems in London and Paris returned on the steamer Carnana yesterday. He will submit a report today to Commissioner Bingham.

The thumb print method of identifying criminals struck Faurot as being the surest and most useful feature of the Bertillon system. While he was in London, pursuing his study, Scotland yard was called on to act in the Deptford murder case. The only clue of importance was a finger print in blood on a cash drawer. The finger print was photographed on copper and sent to Scotland yard, and in twenty-four hours the detectives had the murderer.

Faurot said yesterday that the adoption of the finger print system would be a decided improvement on the Bertillon system as used here.

"Bad lucky" is a lazy man's excuse. Success depends upon ourselves.

The booming southwest keeps up the pace of fast mail trains also.

Frightfully Burned. Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electrical furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for Burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c at Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

GIRL ABDUCTED.

English Heiress Confined Secretly in Sanatorium For Many Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A complaint of abduction arising out of litigation over an estate abroad has been made to the New York police against a member of the Westchester County Club and an investigation is in progress.

Little that is definite about the case is allowed to come out here but it is learned that the daughter of an English family said to be noble, disappeared from Honolulu several years ago, and finally succeeded in communicating with her relatives from a sanitarium in this country. She was born, it is said, in Paris and is 27 years of age. Upon learning here whereabouts her relatives communicated with the police here. A French countess is said to figure in the case in some way.

It was learned yesterday that a detective had visited a police court on Saturday and had been looking for the man complained of but without finding him. The man wanted, it is said had been at the Waldorf-Astoria within the past few weeks.

TRAFFIC BLOCKADE.

Milk Train Collides With Freight, Piling Up Cars on Tracks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A special to the Times from Middleton, N. Y. Says: A combination milk and passenger train on the Susquehanna and Western railway, crashed into the rear end of a work train composed of twenty cars standing on the main track here yesterday. The passengers of the milk train were badly shaken up and one was injured.

Several cars of the work train were demolished and the debris thrown on the tracks of the Ontario & Western tracks, which run parallel with the Susquehanna. Traffic was blocked on both lines for several hours.

Luckiest Man In Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At Chas. Rogers, druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.



SPECIAL SHOWING

New embroideries and shirt waists.

New white shirt Waists.

New ginghams, percales and domestic wash goods.



The Question Is HAVE YOU SEEN Those Two-Fifty Hats That are shown in our windows this week— They fit your head as they do your pocketbook and best of all they are up to date. P. A. STOKES, 'Where they sell good Clothes.'

BAR, BAY AND RIVER

Dull Day on the Waterfront of Astoria.

KILBURN BRINGS A CROWD

Interferes With Spawning. Out of Yokohama—Paramuta Goes to Sea Rosecrans and Low Arrive—Notes of the Day.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn was among the early arrivals of sea yesterday. She brought a good consignment of freight from the Bay City for Astoria, and had thirty-one people on board among whom were the following: Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Tallant, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith, P. Grady, R. W. Thulinger, H. V. Dolph, J. J. Bryant, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Bryant, B. L. Bunderson, George Wasmuth, G. A. Riste, E. N. Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ogners, W. W. Crews, E. L. Wood, M. L. Skidmore, Mrs. Skidmore, W. V. Gillespie, C. W. Roberts, J. W. Good, M. Francis, R. P. Ream and C. Goodman, with six in second cabin.

The gasoline schooner Gerald C., which sailed Tuesday morning, returned to this port, says the Newport News. After crossing out Captain Latham found the sea running too high to attempt entering the Siletz and put back here to await a more opportune moment. While going out over this bar she shipped a heavy sea and was very lucky to escape without serious injury.

The bar was apparently quite smooth when the Gerald C. sailed, but before had cleared it a big green comb suddenly rolled up high over her bow and broke right on top of her burying the staunch little vessel out of sight all but the top of her masts. The battens were torn from the hatch, the skylights over the engine room stove in, the boat broken from mits lashings to the deck amidship and considerable other damage was done. Captain Latham was at the wheel and narrowly escaped being knocked overboard by a box that was swept past him, striking him a side blow on the breast. Had it struck squarely it would have either killed or knocked him into the sea.

Close Shave.

The steamer Despatch crossed out for San Francisco yesterday morning at 8 o'clock.

The bark Paramita, lumber laden for Guaymas, left out on the forenoon tide yesterday.

The Portland-Asiatic liner Nicomedia, twenty days from Yokohama, crossed in yesterday, and left up for Portland about five o'clock yesterday evening.

The fine oil-tank steamer Rosecrans in charge of the hulk Monterey, also oil laden, came in from California yesterday and proceeded at once to Portland

The French bark Jules Gomez, Captain Quartrevaux, seventy-four days from Hohart Town, with coal, arrived

in yesterday and is anchored in the lower harbor.

The steamship Senator is due down from Portland early this morning and is expected to leave out for San Francisco at 7 o'clock. C. C. Burritt is the only passenger registered out on her from this port up to close of business yesterday.

The steamer R. Miller will go into ship's hospital for a couple of weeks during which time her machinery will be thoroughly overhauled and the boat put in god shape generally. The steamer Maydowner will take the Miller's run and business on the interrun.

The Lurline got down from Portland about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and left up on time. Captain Larkin is still indisposed and has to take prime care of himself against relapse. The following people were on the Lurline's register: E. Haines, G. C. Hall, T. B. Shreve, Miss J. C. White.

A Healing Gospel. The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints, and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c.

SPECIAL CALL TO SUFFRAGISTS! The Woman's Suffrage Association will hold a special meeting Monday, February 5th, at 2:0 p. m. All members are requested to be present as there is business of importance to be acted upon. By order of the President.

TO THE PUBLIC. Notice is hereby given that the Assembly Club, giving dances at Logan's hall, has engaged union musicians. Signed, ASTORIA MUSICIANS' UNION.

There's a cure for old age, an excellent and thorough one. There is nothing sensational about it. It is the best the doctors can find under existing circumstances. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Frank Hart, druggist.

Everything That's Good to Eat CAN BE FOUND HERE. We carry a full line of fancy canned and fresh fruit and vegetables. Fancy naval oranges. Price, from 10c to 50c per doz. Telephone us and your order will have the same particular attention as if you called in person. ASTORIAGROCERY Phone Main 681 623 Commercial St.

ANOTHER MIGHTY SALE OF CHILDREN'S COATS AND THE LAST EXTRA SPECIAL We have placed in our windows a large quality of fancy FRENCH FLANNELS suitable for making dainty waists for early spring wear. The price formerly was 65c and 85c the yard while they last we will dispose of the remaining waist lengths at the extremely low price of a yard 49 cents There's a splendid collection of the most popular shades and colorings in the choosing, better come early. LADIES' COATS SUITS AND SKIRTS ALSO DRASTICALLY REDUCED THE FOARD & STOKES CO. ASTORIA'S GREATEST STORE Where the New things Make Their Debut.