

CITY LIGHT PLANT

West End Improvement Club Advocates Municipal Ownership.

MAY BUILD OWN LIGHT PLANT

Improvement Club Plans to Construct Electric Plant and When City Decides to Operate Plant, to Merge Both Systems.

The West End Improvement Club last night adopted a resolution favoring Mayor Wise's veto of the ordinance granting to the Astoria Electric Company a five-year lighting franchise.

The West End Club has been wrestling with the municipal ownership problem, and it is evident that the plan for installation of a co-operative lighting system is to be successfully worked out.

Karl Knoblock, who is one of the enthusiasts at work on the lighting plan, said last evening that the installation of the co-operative system was, so far as the people of the West End are concerned, merely a step toward municipal ownership.

"If the city ever goes into the lighting business, the West End plant will be turned over to the municipality," said Mr. Knoblock. "We are taking this step to demonstrate that municipal lighting is practicable, and at the earliest date possible will gladly merge our plant with a general city system."

Members of the club spent fully an hour last evening reporting upon their investigations with reference to a cleaner West End. Every part of the district which has not been cleaned was reported last evening, and it is the purpose to publish notices in the Finnish and English papers to owners of the property urging them to clean up.

trict of the city," said President Carlson. Secretary Sovey of the McClure Club was present to extend to the West Enders an invitation to attend the proposed rousing meeting of the McClure Club on the night of March 13.

RESULT OF A BLUNDER.

Proceedings That Followed the Mix-up of Certain Names.

The following is a bit of history incidental to the past forty hours, the city of Astoria, and four of her citizens. It explains itself as you read it; but for the convenience of those whom may not understand it readily, it may be said the whole joke is on the Astorian, for having used the name of C. J. Curtis, when it should have referred to Judge C. J. Trenchard.

Complaint.

"In the Supreme Court of the United States of America for Clatsop County, C. J. Curtis, plaintiff,

"Versus J. S. Dellinger, publisher, and N. J. Judah, editor, of the Morning Astorian, Defendants.

"Plaintiff for cause of suit against the above-named defendants alleges:

"That during all the times and dates herein mentioned, the said J. S. Dellinger was the publisher of a Republican newspaper in said county and state known as the Morning Astorian.

"That said Judah was the editor of said Morning Astorian and responsible for all articles appearing therein.

"That on the 28th day of February, 1906, the said Dellinger and Judah, with malice aforethought, maliciously, laceriously and with intent to injure the well-known reputation of the plaintiff, wilfully, unlawfully, and without the consent of the plaintiff first obtained in writing, published the following false, scandalous and libelous item of, and concerning, said plaintiff.

"For the Supreme Bench: Judge C. J. Curtis is in receipt, and charge, of the petitions of Hon. T. G. Hailey for nomination for the office of judge of the Supreme Court, the position he at present occupies, upon the Democratic ticket and the same will be circulated daily."

"That the above item was published with the intent of influencing said plaintiff and inducing him to become a Democrat in circulating a petition for a dyed in the wool Democrat, defendants well knowing that said plaintiff has been a Republican for more than six months last past and is now a member in good standing of the Republican party of Clatsop County, State of Oregon.

"That by reason of the premises and said false, malicious and scandalous item so published, said plaintiff has been damaged in his reputation for honesty and integrity, and being a truthful man, in the full sum of \$250.00."

"Wherefore, plaintiff demands judgment against the defendants and each

of them for the sum of \$250.00; for \$25,000 attorney fees and for costs and disbursements herein taxed at \$652.25 and for such other and further relief as in equity may seem just.

"THE CLATSOP COUNTY BAR, Attorneys for Plaintiff."

Following is the answer of the defendants in said case, and it has to go, see?

Answer.

Now at this day and hour come the defendants in the above entitled cause and for answer therein, and thereto, do aver and say:

First:—That the item alleged to have contained the libelous matter aforesaid, was given to the Morning Astorian by Hon. C. J. Trenchard, of this city, who has the misfortune to bear the same initials as plaintiff in this case, and that his antecedent name is Curtis, also; a confusing and oddly disposed application of a generally respected cognomen, for all of which the defendants are in no wise responsible.

Second:—That the Morning Astorian here and now admits that it is committed to an apology, of some sort, to some body, and is ready and willing to render same as soon as some unbiased authority shall indicate to whom it is due and owing, but reserves its regretful expression until it shall have heard from Hon. T. G. Hailey, the only party who has any cinch on the damage end of this controversy:

Third:—That the defendants herein deny that they sought in any manner to mislead the reading public, or the non-reading public, in the matter of the particular political persuasion of the said Curtis; that it never knew, except upon frequent, diversified and unreliable hearsay, that the said Curtis had any politics, until his late, lamented admission that he was a Republican, and they plead the right to doubt this for the customary probationary term allowed such extraordinary statements, without prejudice to the pleadings herein filed by the said Curtis:

Fourth:—That the real onus and offense chargeable to defendants herein, if any exists, is of a self-imposed nature in inadvertently publishing the name of the said Curtis at all, laches for which defendants must suffer loss of prestige and income, beyond the severest penalty within the purview of this or any other court:

Fifth:—By way of qualification, and for the purpose of indicating its unbiased attitude in the premises complained of, the Morning Astorian declares itself in a position to announce that the said Curtis is a Republican, and with the Republicans stands, (pro tempore), and is entitled to full faith and credit, and further than this deponent say not, having no reliable nor undue gift of guessing.

Sixth:—Plaintiff herein having alienated the entire bar of the county of Clatsop, as his representatives herein, together with his predilection for all other bars, including the one at the mouth of the Columbia, defendants are without recourse as to legal representation in this court, and are forced to use the press as its next and only channel for reaching the ears of the court in this premise.

Wherefore, defendant pray that they may be purged of the alleged charge of libel, as herein complained of; that they be dismissed from this court, and cause, free of costs, and to go hence without day, and for instant order to this effect.

TRACTION SYSTEMS

Chicago Suburbanites Will Have Quick Transportation.

ELEVATED SYSTEM PROPOSED

Three Million Residents of Territory Adjacent to Chicago Will Be Afforded Quick and Cheap Method of Transportation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—The Tribune today says:

Transportation—quick, direct and cheap—is promised to three millions of residents in the territory southeast, south, and southwest of Chicago by the greatest proposed interurban traction systems in the world. Entrance to Chicago is to be on an elevated structure built over the Lake Shore and Rock Island railways.

Behind the undertaking is said to be large capital. Negotiations which have been in progress for several days in New York have been participated in by the Moore brothers, President B. P. Yoakum, of the Frisco railroad system, and representatives of Robert Mather, of the Rock Island holding company. William S. Reed of Chicago, who is president of three of the traction companies represented in the deal, also is interested in the proposed corporation and may be the head of the new corporation.

The chief feature of the proposed system is the elevated structure over the Lake Shore and Rock Island Tracks. This will extend from the La Salle street depot to Ninetieth street, near Washington Heights. It will be ten miles long and will constitute the central artery of the system.

In appearance the elevated structure will differ little from the other elevated roads in Chicago, with the exception that it will be higher, being twenty-four feet in the clear. Stations for the convenience of residents of the South Side will be built at Twenty-second street and at intervals of five blocks south.

Cheapness of transportation will be one of the aims of the promoters. The maximum fare on the elevated portion of the system will be fixed at 15 cents and the minimum at 5 cents. On the interurban divisions of the road the fare will range from 5 to 65 cents.

Allowing a year for the manufacture of the steel, it is estimated that the road will be completed by 1909. The

Advertisement for P. A. Stokes featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and hat, with text: 'There's a tone, a touch, a finish and an expression about OUR GARMENTS that one does not see outside the "bang up tailors." Come in and visit with us and get a line on the "Good Things." P. A. STOKES, THE STORE THAT LEADS.'

cost of building the entire system is placed at \$6,233,500.

EIGHTEEN INITIATED.

Last night the Lincoln Annuity Union initiated another class of eighteen members, making sixty-two members in the last three weeks. While the Lincoln Annuity Union is one of the latest orders in the city it has a membership of nearly 200 members. It has won the confidence of the people of Astoria by its prompt payment of claims and it promises to be one of the largest orders in the city in a very short time.

W. E. Mallory, of Portland, the supreme vice president, has been doing the work in Astoria for the order. After the meeting last night a banquet was served to all present. Mr. Mallory leaves for California today to look after the order in that State.

AN ASTORIA CASE.

Many More Like it in Astoria.

The following case is but one of many similar occurring daily in Astoria. It is an easy matter to verify its correctness. Surely you cannot ask for better proof than such conclusive evidence.

D. E. Duncan, who is employed 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 a numbness of the back, often extending through the whole muscular system 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 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.

Torture By Savages.

"Speaking of the torture to which some of the savage tribes in the Philippines subject their captives, reminds me of the intense suffering I endured for three months from inflammation of the kidneys," says W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me. "Nothing helped me until I tried Electric Bitters, three bottles of which completely cured me." Cures Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders and Malaria; and restores the weak and nervous to robust health. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist. Price 50c.

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A Scientific Wonder.

The cures that stand to its credit make Bucklen's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of Piles. It heals the worst Burns, Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Cuts, Wounds, Chilblains and Salt Rheum. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers drug store.

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SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 3RD, FROM 7 TO 9 O'CLOCK, WE WILL PLACE ON SALE, WOMEN'S FINE HEMSTITCHED, LINEN, EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, DAINTY DESIGNS, REGULAR 20 24 35c. VALUES. YOUR CHOICE 10c

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