

THE PENSION OFFICE

HUMOR THAT SPICES THE ROUTINE WORK OF THE OFFICIALS.

Some of the quaint and original applications for pensions that have been handed in to the representatives of Uncle Sam.

If he dared to do so the commissioner of pensions at Washington could compile a delightful volume, putting therein the strange applications for pensions that come to his office.

Soon after the close of the civil war there came to the pension office in Washington the following unique and poetical application for a pension that went the rounds of the newspapers years ago:

to Commissioner of Pensions Washington, these many years I've tried in vain an honest pension to obtain For wound received in Sixty one at first Battle of Bull Run one of ohioes sons so brave who went to the front the union to save And whilst Engaged in above said fight a rebel shell took half my sight Not content by taking an Eye took my Eye Brow Clear of the bone and Left me as unconscious as a stone burning a blister of Crystal Clear from the jaw bone to the Ear but thanks to god my life was spared Check and Eye brow but Slightly Scared and one Eye was left to me for to write and read Poetry I hope that with that Eye to see the day when unkel Sam his Cripples will Pay.

Much more recent is the letter sent to the commissioner of pensions by an applicant who had contracted blood poisoning in the following remarkable manner:

I got blood poison by being hit with a benz eg when I cam back from the front. The eg was not good when you send my pension I want the Dead made so my wife can't get none of it. She throd the eg. She war a rebel.

Equally appealing and remarkable was another letter sent to the pension office in which the applicant set forth his claims to a pension in this wise:

The way I got my War injury was a Ketchin of a hog. The Hog war wanted by our captain for forage. We was chasin the hog and she crawled threw a hole an I thot I were about the size of the hog and tried to crawl threw, but I stuck an in tryin to wiggle out I throd the rales off an one it hit me on my bed and noked me senseless. I do not think the hog had nothin to do with my line of duty. for I did not ketch the hog. Wich she never was caut, so please send along my pension.

One aged pensioner had evidently made a serious blunder by taking unto himself a wife in his old age, for love of gain seems to have been the motive of the woman who married him if the following letter stated the facts in the case:

Dear Mister Government, Please to fix up my pension papers so as my wife cant draw my twelve dolers a munt when I am ded. she say she married me for lov an to be a ole mans Darling but now I no it was for to get my pension on herself by being my widower so please let my pension end with me but please doant let on to her that you got this from me or I would have a hot time of it and times is hotter now than I can stand. So when I send word that I am no more then send her this if you want to but until the pension is shut off witch it is her just desserts for marryin for money an in a Mersheynary spirit.

One day there came to the pension office a very old and subdued looking man who could scarcely totter along with the help of two canes. By his side was a very robust and perfectly self reliant young woman of perhaps thirty years of age. When some one went forward to ask what was wanted the young woman said:

"Well, I'll just tell you. This is my husband, and we ain't getting enough pension—that's what we ain't. We're getting only \$10 a month, and we know a man that wasn't in the war half as long as my husband was and didn't get a shot in him and he gits his \$12 a month, and we want our pension raised to that figger or more."

One applicant was willing to give the most palpable proof of the genuineness of his injuries, for he wrote as follows:

If you don't think I was shot in the war I am willing to come on there and you or any one else can lay their finger on the bullet imbedded in my back which panes me when I stoop or lay on it and which it has brought on permanent disability so I can't work like I used to could I guess if you would speak to President Maykinley and tell him about the bullet he would say to send on the pension and any medical doctor would say the same. A doctor here will go his affydavit that he has layed his fingers on the bullet wich I am proud of as scars of War where I fit and bled for my country wich it is America and Union forever.

—New York Tribune.

Not a Fair Division.

"If a house contains six bureaus, eleven armoires, seven chiffoniers and fifty-three miscellaneous drawers, how many of 'em is the husband entitled to and how many is the wife?" asked the young clubman.

The second clubman laughed harshly. "You are young and have much to learn," he said. "You may as well understand first as last that if there were in your house a mile of bureaus, three acres of armoires and 17,000 drawers all these would still be stuffed full of vells, ruching, hatpins, ribbons, silk stockings, petticoats, powder puffs and safety pins, and the best course for you to pursue would be to wrap your own things—your shirts, underclothes and so on—in a newspaper and keep them under the bed."—New York Press.

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THOMAS DEALEY, City Treasurer.

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 17, 1906 3-30

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that special assessment roll No. 129, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Exchange street, from the center line of Nineteenth to the center line of Twenty-first street, has been filed with the Auditor and Police Judge, and numbered special assessment roll number 129, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Monday the second day of April, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., in the council chambers in the city hall, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing.

OLOF ANDERSON,

Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria. Dated Astoria, Oregon, March 22, A. D. 1906. 4-3

CITY ADVERTISEMENTS.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment made for the improvement of Columbia avenue, from a point 102 feet south of the south line of Taylor avenue, to the south line of Iwaco avenue, as per assessment roll number 117, was made by an order of the common council due and payable on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1906, by ordinance number 3224, confirming said assessment roll, that the following are the names of the persons against whom the assessment is made and the amount owing by each to wit:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like Am. Fin. Workman Co. Assn. \$ 80.00, Aho, Paul 9.00, Allen, B. C. 15.00, Allen, A. V. 15.00, Bakka, Andrew 50.00, Estrom, Hannah 14.00, Bigbill, Lee 20.22, Carlson, Elizabeth 35.00, Carlson, O. O. 8.00, Carlson, E. 8.00, Forsman, Chas 12.00, Hannola, Demit 24.00, Hannola, Andrew 24.00, Hakvist, Alexander 34.50, Jackson, Jacob 92.50, Johnson, Anton 46.25, Johnson, Alex 40.00, Kaakonen, Jacob 7.50, Kampaala, John 25.00, Kalkton, Tille-Waisanen 7.50, Korpala, Matt 5.00, Lebeck, L. 128.24, Mattson, John 30.00, Makala, Henry 21.00, Nerberg, Helena 35.00, Pennington Land & Trust Co 15.00, Paulson, Paul 35.00, Pantaja, Jacob 145.25, Palo, Alex 18.60, Simon Temperance Society 34.00, Swan, M. J. 10.00, Takkanen, John William 24.00, Tolonen, Moses 16.00, Thompson, Jack 34.00, Wallin, E. A. 20.00, Webster, John 50.00, Woonas, John 5.00, Yakkola, Maria 5.00, City of Astoria (excess) 186.01

By order of the common council. OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria. Dated Astoria, Oregon, March 22, A. D. 1906. 4-3

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Astoria, has declared its determination and intention to improve Fourth street from the north line of Astor street to the south rail on the railroad track of the Astoria & Columbia River R. R. Co., on Water street, to the full width thereof, and on the established grade thereof. Said improvement shall be made by grading the said street to the full width to the established grade and constructing sidewalks on both sides of said street, eight feet wide, by macadamizing or filling in said street with crushed rock from curb to curb, to the depth of 9 inches, on the sides, and 12 inches in center, and of course the grading of the street for the subgrade from curb to curb, shall be 9 to 12 inches below the established grade, so that said street will be on said grade when filled in with said macadam, or crushed rock, and there shall be a crown in the center of the street of 1/2 inches.

In matters of detail said improvement shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefor to be prepared by the City Surveyor as hereinafter provided and general ordinance No. 1901 and any matter of construction and drainage found necessary to make the improvement safe or substantial shall be done by the contractor whether specified or not, without extra charge.

That City Surveyor be and he is hereby directed to make and file with the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, plans and specifications for the construction of said improvement and estimates of the costs and expenses thereof.

That the Auditor and Police Judge of said city be and he is hereby directed to cause notice of the intention and determination of the Council to construct said improvement to be given by publication for eight days in the Morning Astorian.

That the costs and expenses of constructing said improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises benefitted by the same which said lots, lands and premises are included in the special assessment district including all lots, lands and premises so benefitted to wit:

Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in block 3; lots 1, 2, 7, and 8 in block 4 in the city of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure, in Clatsop county, State of Oregon.

OLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria. Dated Astoria, Oregon, March 23, A. D. 1906. 3-31

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