

## WILL ENTER FIELD OF POLITICS

**CITY ATTORNEY A. M. SMITH RETIRES FROM THAT OFFICE—CHARLES H. ABERCROMBIE IN THE FIELD TO SUCCEED HIM.**

The Morning Astorian speaks authoritatively when it says that Charles H. Abercrombie will be a candidate before the people next month, and upon the Republican ticket for the office of city attorney of the city of Astoria, at the November primaries and the December election. With equal assurance, it announces that if he shall be elected, he will, in all ways, disassociate himself from the district attorney's office and give his whole time and attention to the municipal post. And all who know him, know what that means.

With commensurate reliability the Astorian is able to announce that the present incumbent, A. M. Smith, will not be a candidate for the office again, and for excellent business reasons, he being a member of a law firm whose scope of affairs, and increasing business, forbids him further consideration of this, or any other office.

Again, the Astorian is in a position to aver that there is every possibility that Attorney Richard Shore Smith is quite certain to be in the race for the mantle soon to fall from the capable shoulders of Mr. Smith, and, of course, on the Democratic ticket.

This morsel of home-politics carries with it the pleasant conclusion of the entire fitness, equipment and wholly acceptable personalities of these two fine young citizens of Astoria, and the team once before the city electorate in a race for the honor will make the choice, other than upon a severe partisan basis a matter of serious and very interesting doubt.

### "RAILROAD JACK."

In "Railroad Jack" there is a breeziness and freshness about almost its every movement that is redolent of the unconfined American region where the story is laid. Altogether there is a charm around it. With its mingled fun and tragedy, its oddity and its pathos,

its pretty little traits of nature of native life, its hits and reflections of everyday American character that ought to spell continued success, "Railroad Jack" will appear at the Astoria theater Saturday evening, October 13. Prices, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c.

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Arthur J. Lee to William T. Cat-trall, warranty, land in Section 27, T. 8 N., R. 9 W. .... \$ 400  
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## CHARTER-WORKERS IN SESSION

**MEETING AT CITY HALL LAST NIGHT WELL ATTENDED AND PRODUCTIVE OF TANGIBLE RESULTS—TO WIND UP FRIDAY.**

The Astoria charter-commission is getting down to real work now and by the end of the coming week will have things so shaped up and so amplified that the new charter provisions may go before the people in good time to permit a close and satisfactory study of the amendments before they are finally voted upon, December 12, next.

The session at the city hall last night was attended by a large major portion of the nineteen gentlemen who compose the commission, and they wasted no time in getting down to and doing business. Among the matters disposed of were the following:

An amendment was adopted providing that no member of the common council shall ever be questioned as to any word or words he shall utter in official debate there, in any other place; and no councilman shall be liable for any damage resulting from street improvements or any defect therein, unless the person claiming damage shall have filed a sworn statement setting forth the nature and extent of his or her claim within 30 days from completion, with the city auditor.

Another amendment prevailed giving the city power to grant franchises for street railways; to fix rates of fare; rates of speed; limiting franchises to 30 years; reserving right to take over the property after 10 years, upon a majority vote of city electors so deciding at any regular election.

Another amendment carried last night, striking out the 75 per cent clause of the street improvement law, so that no part of the cost thereof shall fall upon the city.

Still another change was made in providing new rules of action on the part of viewers of streets, subject to improvement.

An amendment was adopted requiring but three-fifths of the property owners to petition for the change of grades in streets, instead of three-fourths, as now prevails.

Providing additional duties for the street commissioner, requiring him to officially inspect and report upon, street improvements, and allowing him three deputies, instead of two as at present, subject to the approval of the common council.

The last amendment adopted last night raises the limit of municipal indebtedness from \$215,000 to \$230,000; and increases the assets of the city in that regard, by including real estate at its original cost of purchase; all taxes and street assessments due the city.

The commission then adjourned until next Friday evening, when it is expected the work of revamping the charter will be finished; after which it will be carefully arranged and duly published for the scrutiny of the citizenry in general before election.

### "THE OCTOROON."

Last night, the popular Mack Swain Theater company presented the great melodrama "The Octoroon" at the Star Theater to an over-flowing house. The play is one of the best of the many dramatic successes of a prolific dramatist and scored an immense hit. This is not a matter of surprise, for the story is one of thrilling interest, with plot and characters skillfully drawn, the situations are exciting, the climaxes intensely dramatic, the sentiment absorbing and the comedy element of a superior order, and the play was staged and acted in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The scene of "The Octoroon" is laid in Southern Louisiana in ante-bellum days, and the story deals with life in the great sugar and cotton plantations of that section, in the cane-brakes and the swamps of the Attakapas, and along the sluggish waters of the Atchafalga, in those "good old days," when cotton was king and sugar the queen-consort—when the planter-aristocrat numbered his slaves by the hundreds, when human beings were classed as chattels and put up and sold to the highest bidder. The interest is not allowed to drag for a moment, one dramatic situation following another, in quick succession, until the climax is reached. Want of space will not permit of a lengthy review of the play, but among the many scenes of thrilling interest may be mentioned the murder of the boy Paul and the robbery of the mail-bags; the auction sale of slaves where the beautiful octoroon girl, after spirited bidding, is sold to McCloskey for the sum of \$25,000—the trial by Judge Lynch—the flight of the murderer through the swamps and cane-brakes and his pursuit by the relentless Indian, and the final self-sacrifice of Zoe and her escape from slavery. Cora King Swain, as Zoe, the octoroon girl, gave a sympathetic and finished performance of a difficult role; Anna Jordan was a charming Dora and Daisy D'Arva a dignified Mrs. Payton; Mack Swain was delightfully humorous as Salem Scudder, the overseer; Mr. Layne made a manly George Peyton; Bert Frank was excellent as the Indian Wahnotee; Mr. Berrell was a forceful McCloskey; Wm. Hutchinson acted Pete, an old negro, in an able manner; and Vivian Vale, Rena Berrell, Jas. Wright, Jas. Miller, E. C. Hunt and Frank Coner are all deserving of credit for excellent renditions of minor characters. In the course of the play, the popular Rose City quartet sang plantation melodies in a manner that called forth repeated encores. "The Octoroon," as presented by the Swain company, calls for the highest praise and those who wish to witness a finished performance of an excellent play should not miss it.

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When the gorgeous "Palace of Aladdin" twinkled into view last evening from behind the curtain at the Grand, the audience saw at once that Hi Henry had made good his promise of fine spectacular effects. An exquisitely beautiful stage picture was presented. The minstrel troupe disclosed a number of good voices, while the musical instruments were in unusually capable hands. The specialties on the program were all good and the audience testified its appreciation with numerous encores. Taken altogether, Hi Henry's pot-pourri of black face, white face, singing, dancing and joking to many colored lights, is a distinctly better production in its totality than any minstrel show which has preceded it for many months. Incidentally, it should be mentioned that some of the jokes are new and really worth while.—Ex.



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