

**CITY ATTORNEYSHIP
NEXT IN VIEW**

**FORMAL LETTER OF DECLINATION
SUBMITTED BY PRESENT
INCUMBENT—SOME ESTIMATES
AS TO QUALIFICATION.**

The following statement is made public at the instance of City Attorney A. M. Smith and quiet all conjecture in the matter of Mr. Smith's desire or purpose, of succeeding himself in that office; and clears the way for other considerations in that relation, one of which is here offered in the kindest spirit toward all concerned, citizens, tax-payers and candidates:

◆ Astoria, Ore., Nov. 16, 1906.
◆ Hon. Olof Anderson, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, Astoria, Ore.
◆ My Dear Sir—I have received your formal notice of my nomination for the office of City Attorney by the Democratic party at the recent primary election. While I appreciate the kind interest of my many friends who have urged me to become a candidate for re-election, I regret that it is impossible for me to consistently accept the nomination or become a candidate for the office, but for many good and sufficient reasons, among which are the length of time that I have already served in the office and previous announcements that I would not again be a candidate. I must respectfully decline the much appreciated honor Very sincerely yours,
◆ A. M. SMITH.

There is ample reason for the people of Astoria to desire the service of a competent attorney, for a man well fitted for the post of legal guardian of her interests, of one who will lend conscientious and efficacious aid at all junctures, where the law must intervene to protect her against invasion, loss, or mistake. This is essential and self-evident and is admitted on all sides; but there is far too much stress laid upon the fiction that the office demands the attainments of years and the fruition of long training, for the prosecution of its duties; that no one except he be a profound and expert lawyer, can handle successfully and happily the issues that reach the office and the courts.

Municipal law is like any other of the elements of jurisprudence, it is one long, expansive lesson, of which "time is of the essence," in the acquirement of its last and best features; and any bright, capable man, with the instinct of a legal student and the pride of a man who wants to succeed, can safely and easily master it, to the advantage of the city and his own personal credit. It is part and parcel of the curriculum of the modern student of law and its practice does but amplify the lessons he has learned in his chosen school.

The question of competency does not figure in the public consideration evoked by the nomination of Charles H. Abercrombie, however much a certain few in this city would like to inject it in the pending election. He is in possession of every attribute and qualification necessary to make a serviceable, successful and dignified municipal attorney, and honest enough to thoroughly equip himself for the administration of the office, wherever he may find such equipment needed. He does not pose as a man to whom all law is as an open book. He is simply a straight-forward, earnest, honest lawyer, with an ambition to serve in a position of trust incidental to his profession, and if elected, he will do all that is required of the incumbent of such an office in behalf of the people.

No man who knows him will deny his fitness for the place, nor in default of any known impediment, begrudge him the honor he is seeking. That he has not the weight of years and practice behind him in this quest is no fault of his, and is likely to cure itself in time; that he has the weight of honest courage and high purpose and the measure of merit that goes with a well-balanced, legal mind, well-stocked with such fundamentals as a faculty for adaptation, close analysis, professional judgment and determined purpose, would seem to put him in the foremost ranks of acceptable material for this, or any other office.

In view of the complacency with which the Republicans of Astoria have considered, and aided in, the re-nomination of Mayor Herman Wise, and the fact that the field has been left entirely clear of, practically all, contest, it would be a graceful thing for the Citizens' convention on next Tuesday night to make Mr. Abercrombie's nomination unambiguous and so further relieve the campaign of any stress or disagreements, a move that would pave the way for the kindlier dispo-

sition of the charter amendments and make the campaign one to be remembered as entirely free from discord. This is mere suggestion in the interests of local harmony and a genuine expression of good will all round.

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

First Lutheran.
Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30. Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Morning service tomorrow will include also the funeral service over the late Miss Hilma Ostling, who will be buried from the church. The service will begin at 10 o'clock. Steamer will leave Booth's cannery at 11:30 to convey the funeral cortege to Greenwood. The theme for the combined service will be: "Render unto Caesar the Things that Are Caesar's and unto God the Things that Are God's." Evening service in English as usual at 7:30. The theme for the sermon will be "Flattery." English Lutheran Sunday school also in the German Lutheran church on Grand avenue at 2 o'clock p. m. and service at 3 o'clock. Two short sermons will be delivered, one in English and one in German. Rev. C. F. Boehner of Camas, Wash., is expected to be here. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Congregational.
Services will be held today at the usual hours. The pastor will preach and cordially invites all who are not associated with other churches to attend. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject, "A Pertinent Question." Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "A Gospel of Sympathy and Healing." This will be the second in a series on "Phases of the Gospel Ministry of Jesus." Sunday school at 12:20. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Leader, Annette Stinson. A very cordial invitation is extended to all residents, visitors and strangers in the city to attend all these services. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor.

First M. E.
The morning sermon will be given by Dr. W. B. Hollingshead of Portland. The pastor will preach at 7:30 on the theme, "Noah, the Ark and the Flood." Both services will be especially interesting. The Epworth League meeting at 6:30 will be an attractive service for young people. The regular morning class meeting is at 10:15 and the Sunday school at 12:15 p. m. We will be glad to have strangers worship with us. Seats are free. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. We will try to make you feel at home. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Norwegian Lutheran.
At the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod church, corner of 29th and Grand avenue, service today morning at 10:45. English services in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The annual sale given by the Ladies' Aid will take place Wednesday evening, Nov. 28. Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

Warrenton, Presbyterian.
Warrenton Presbyterian: Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Efficient teachers, good singing, alive school; come and study with us. Worship at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor; special music by the choir; good congregational singing. Come and worship with us.

Norwegian and Danish Methodist.
Corner of 37th and Duane streets. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 and 7:45 by the pastor. Thursday night at 8 o'clock preaching and prayer meeting. A hearty welcome extended to the Scandinavian people. Elias Gjerding, pastor.

Alderbrook Presbyterian.
Alderbrook Presbyterian. Worship at 10 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Sunday school at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30. Free reading room open from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. and evening evening from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Presbyterian.
Morning worship 11 o'clock. "Shall America be Christian or What?" Sunday school 12:15. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Evening worship, 7:30. "Making Things Right." Third on Jacob.

First Spiritual Church.
The First Spiritual Church of Astoria will meet in the basement of the A. O. U. W. hall at 7:30. Dr. Coon, state organizer, will lecture on "The Difference Between Christianity and Spiritualism." The public is cordially invited to attend.

Grace Episcopal.
Divine services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 12:30 p. m.

NOTICE.
There is money in Exchange street fund from 17th to 19th street to pay warrants Nos. 26601 and 26602. Interest will cease after this date.
THOS. DEALEY,
City Treasurer,
Astoria, Ore., Nov. 17, 1906.

THINK WELL

before you select your suit for fall. There are many things to take into consideration chiefly among them are fit and fabric. Do you know that before we buy our stock to place

BEFORE

you we have spent long hours of study and have carefully compared one with another until we know that our clothes are the best that it is possible to produce? Then why should

YOU LEAP

at any thing that is offered you? You can be well dressed and well satisfied if you trade with us. "Lest you forget" we say again "Think well before you leap."

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**IN COUNTY COURT
YESTERDAY**

**ROAD, BRIDGE, MILL, BOND AND
PUBLIC PRINTING ORDERS
MADE—THANKSGIVING LEFT
TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.**

The county court of Clatsop county met in adjourned session yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, with Judge Trenchard and Commissioner Larson on the bench, County Clerk Clinton in charge of the records and Roadmaster John Frye in attendance.

In the matter of the balance due the county from Road Supervisor Fred Oman, who has left the county, A. J. Hill, one of his bondsmen, appeared in his own behalf and that of his fellow-bondsman, William Morrison, and requested further time in which to present to the court such receipts as might be outstanding to cover the alleged sum due the county from Mr. Oman and his request was granted.

The matter of the petition for a new road, filed by C. S. Dow and others, was taken up and the proof of notice being duly submitted and said petition was duly allowed. Roadmaster John Frye, George Stevens, surveyor, and H. B. Hobson were appointed as viewers, to meet at Young's River bridge on Monday, November 26, at 10 a. m.

An opinion was filed by Attorney J. A. Eakin, in the matter of the expenditure of special tax fund moneys, levied upon specific districts, upon adjacent districts and holding such expenditure illegal; and the clerk was directed to notify the supervisors of road districts Nos. 13 and 15, of the tenor of said opinion, and its effect generally.

A bid was received from Fred Normand, for the laying of puncheon on the Jewell-Elsie road, at \$1.75 per rod, and being the only bid filed in this behalf, the matter was deferred for final action until the December term.

A bid was received from J. H. Smith, at \$1.50 per rod for making and laying puncheon on the Elsie-Red Bluff road, and 15 cents per rod for fixing the grade and was accepted, provided he could find the necessary timber for the puncheons without extra charge, and the clerk was instructed to so inform him, no contract to follow if he could not find such timber.

The bond of T. J. Nelson, in the sum of \$1,000, for the making of the Ownership Plat books of the county, with the National Surety Company as surety, was approved and accepted by the court.

It appearing to the court that A. R. Foot had sold his interest in the floating wharf at the county draw bridge No. 2, on the Lewis & Clark river, to F. Kindred, the clerk was directed to notify Mr. Kindred to file a bond with the court in lieu of the firm bond now on file.

It was ordered by the court that the J. S. Dellinger company furnish the office of the sheriff with 10,000 tax receipts and one Tax Collection Register of 226 pages, and in the same form as last year, at the agreed price of \$10 per thousand for the receipts and \$30 for the register. And it was further ordered that a contract be entered into by the county with the J. S. Dellinger company for publishing the delinquent tax roll of 1905 at 25 cents per line, upon the agreement that said lists should be also published in the Budget, as in the Morning Astorian, without

further cost to the taxpayers, thus insuring wider publicity for the same.

It was ordered by the court that the sum of \$100 be and the same is appropriated to, and for, the benefit of the Boys and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon and that the clerk draw a warrant in such sum and forward same. This action being taken because of the fact that Clatsop county has a fair percentage of the children under commitment there, and the society is maintained largely upon charity and that there is urgent need for the assistance thus rendered.

In the matter of the sale of the county saw mill, it was ordered by the court that the sale price of the same be fixed at \$1,250, with the reservation that the county shall be permitted to use the mill for the cutting of bridge timbers for county service through the months of December and January.

The roadmaster was directed by the court to ascertain what timber could be had for bridge lumber and report to the court as soon as possible.

In the matter of the bridge petitioned for at the foot of Nordstrom Hill, on road No. 99, a call for bids was ordered, to cover the construction of same, said bids to state price per foot and kind of timber to be used, and said bids to be filed with the county clerk or before 10 o'clock on November 29.

Court then adjourned until court in course.

MACK SWAIN THEATER CO.

"When Women Love" was presented by the above company at the Astoria theater for the matinee yesterday, and "The Inside Track" formed the bill last night. The latter play will be repeated at both performances today. "The Sign of the Cross" combination will occupy the theater tomorrow night. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Swain company will present the world-famous drama, "Hazel Kirke," and for the balance of the week, commencing Thursday, a sensational comedy-thriller, entitled "The Village Blacksmith."

Created Disturbance—Cries of "police" attracted a large crowd on Bond street at midnight last night. Officer Houghton responded to the call and found a young man off from the Frisco steamer, drunk and creating a disturbance. A wrestling match ensued and Houghton had his hands full for a time, the young man being strong and wiry and refused to go to jail. Officer Coffman heard the cries and came as Houghton had, the man down on the sidewalk, and it required both officers to take him to jail. Arriving at the jail the young man, who is about 26 years of age, said he was a prize fighter and could lick his weight in wild cats, and Houghton was of a similar opinion. The sailor told Houghton he was a pretty good man, and it took a good man to take him to jail. He will be released this morning and put aboard the ship.

Skill and Good Luck—By good measure of genuine skill, eked out by kindly luck, Dr. Ed. Llewellyn has succeeded in saving the life of Fred Purlington's fine little terrier "Biddy," which was badly poisoned the other day, and she has gone back to take care of her six handsome puppies that came so near being "motherless." Mr. Purlington is jubilant and grateful accordingly. It goes without saying that Ed Llewellyn did all that any man could do for the poor animal; he loves them too well to half-do anything in their behalf.

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