

DOINGS IN NEW YORK

Six Hundred New Teachers Needed in Gotham.

MARRIAGE MANIA RAGING

Manhattan and the Windy City Rivals in Many Ways and Quite Candid in Their Jealousies—Odd Notes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Six hundred teachers are wanted to participate in the \$17,000,000 paid annually to the schoolmasters of New York City, and wanted quick. Applicants should be old maids of vinegary and forbidding aspect, for the havoc wrought last summer by the curly headed god in the costume advocated by Mark Twain and armed with a bow and arrows, was so great that school officials despair of maintaining an efficient corps having even passably good looks. Just why the slaughter among school teachers should be so great is held by philosophers and sages to be an inexplicable psychological phenomena, but ordinary humans suspect the Manhattan male population of shrewdly calculating that the young lady who has spent a year or two teaching the young idea how to shoot, has stored up a valuable experience against the future and likely to be handy around the house. Every summer, as soon as the spring crop of school is over, there is a large crop of resignations, many of them for the avowed purpose of entering the matrimonial harness, which is held to debar them from positions as teachers. This year the number of recruits has been considerably lessened by reason of the severity of the examinations and the fact that the preparatory course in the Normal College has been considerably lengthened. Meantime the increase in the enrollment of pupils has been \$2,000 over last year. The increase has been greatest in the Borough of the Bronx, where teachers are scarcest, and Queens, Richmond, Brooklyn and Manhattan, rank next in order. At present there are 554 schoolbuildings in the city and 75 more are under construction. The shortage of teachers is so great that in many cases the older pupils are acting in that capacity to their younger comrades.

Gothamites have never regarded Chicago as backward in claiming anything that seemed to her desirable, especially if it could be obtained at the expense of New York; but the latest demand from the City by the Lake has been something of a facer for all that. It is nothing less than the claim of Mrs. Laura E. Skeels to the Manhattan waterfront of the Harlem River, which, through a reputable firm of Wall Street attorneys, she asserts is hers by virtue of a royal grant made to her ancestors in 1666. At that time the chief products of the region were scalps, warwhoops and wildcats; now

they are high rents. The property included in the claim, which extends clear across Manhattan Island at its widest part, has become enormously valuable within comparatively recent years, for the Harlem River is now a very important link in the city's system of waterways, and is lined on either side with valuable dock and manufacturing sites. If Mrs. Skeel succeeds in proving her claim, and it is now receiving the serious consideration of the Corporation Counsel, she will become the wealthiest landholder in the country, which has long been a position enjoyed by the Astor estates.

The four-masted schooner, William Nottingham, out of Port Townsend, Wash., on June 24, with the biggest cargo of lumber that ever came around the Horn, put into New York Harbor one day last week with a chapter of accidents to her credit that would be a genuine inspiration to W. Clark Russell or any other chronicler of the sea. While the vessel was loading at Port Townsend, one of the crew stabbed the captain four times in the back. But the "old man" is only twenty-nine years old and speedily recovered. After 700 big sticks of Oregon pine, some of them more than 100 feet long and 6 feet in diameter, had been loaded, the vessel put to sea, and sixty days afterward sprung a leak off the coast of South America. For a time the donkey engine served to keep her free from water, but on September 24, she ran into an iceberg ten miles long, lost her foreyard in the collision and was nearly submerged by the weight of ice that came aboard. After that she leaked worse than ever, and it required the best efforts of her crew of six men at the hand pumps to keep afloat. For three days the vessel tacked about the Falkland Islands, playing tag with the icebergs, and then made her way slowly up the Atlantic Coast, seeking more and more with every gale she encountered. At this port she gave up the fight with the wind and waves and consented to be towed to her destination by the changing her cargo in Boston, she will return to New York and load with oil for Sydney. Her first mate thinks he will make that voyage, but says that next time he learns that she is to go around the Horn with a cargo of lumber, he intends to look for another berth.

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PROCLAMATION.

Whereas at the general election held in the City of Astoria on Wednesday the 12th day of December, 1906, A. D., the following described fifteen several different amendments, to the Charter of the City of Astoria were submitted to the legal voters of the City of Astoria for adoption or rejection by initiative petition, and whereas the vote on each measure has been counted, canvassed and returned, and the canvass has been completed, and the following is the total vote cast in the City of Astoria for and against each measure, to-wit:

"An amendment to Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 127 and 118, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, creating four wards and defining the boundaries thereof, and providing for two Councilmen from each ward and one Councilman at large, fixing the time of election bi-annually on the second Wednesday in December, in the even years, and providing that the term of Councilmen shall be four years, and all officials of the City of Astoria, in office when this Act takes effect, shall hold until the first Monday in January, 1909, and extending the term of office of each Police Commissioner one year, and providing that commencing with the election of 1908, one Police Commissioner shall be elected every two years, and a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold the remainder of the unexpired term."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 598, and 397 votes were cast for the amendment, and 201 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 75, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, providing for the manner of making assessments to defray costs and expenses of improving streets, and providing that assessments may be levied without regard to the assessed valuation of the property."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 581, and 385 votes were cast for the amendment, and 196 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Sections 27 and 28 of the Charter of the City of Astoria, relating to vacancies in office, and providing for filling vacancies by appointment by a majority of the remaining members of the Common Council, to continue for the remainder of the unexpired term."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 559, and 416 votes were cast for the amendment, and 143 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 51, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, defining the duties of the Superintendent of Streets and making it his duty to inspect the construction of street improvements and sewers, and, with the City Surveyor, and Committee on Streets and Public Ways, certify in writing of the completion of the same, and to perform other work."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 572, and 459 votes were cast for the amendment, and 113 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 132, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, fixing the limit of indebtedness at \$250,000.00 and defining the assets and liabilities to be taken into consideration in fixing such limit."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 545, and 362 votes were cast for the amendment and 182 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 123 of the Charter of the City of Astoria, exempting the City from liability from damages for accidents or injuries upon any street, unless the claim is filed with the Auditor and Police Judge within thirty days from the time of the accident, exempting Councilmen from liability for words uttered in debate and fixing their salary at \$100.00 per year."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 554, and 375 votes were cast for the amendment, and 179 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 91, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, providing for establishing and re-establishing the grades of the streets of the City of Astoria, and that no grade shall be changed on an improved street or portion thereof, except upon a written petition of the owners of at least three-fifths of the property abutting upon said street or that part thereof upon which the change of grade is proposed."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 536, and 403 votes were cast for the amendment, and 133 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 38, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, defining the powers of the Council and providing for licensing, taxing, regulating, restraining, restricting and prohibiting bar-rooms and drinking shops and places where liquors are sold; prohibiting gambling and providing for contracting indebtedness and prohibiting any officer from being in-

terested in any contract, and restricting the granting of franchises for street rail-ways for a longer period than thirty years, and regulating the manner of issuing franchises."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 575, and 368 votes were cast for the amendment, and 207 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 47, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, defining the powers and duties of the President of the Council."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 511, and 376 votes were cast for the amendment, and 135 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 108, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, providing the method of assessing damages and benefits in laying out widening and opening streets and alleys, and providing the method of collecting assessments levied for that purpose."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 526, and 394 votes were cast for the amendment, and 132 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 15, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, defining the qualifications of electors, fixing six months residence as a qualification to the right to vote and providing for registration of electors."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 567, and 453 votes were cast for said amendment and 114 votes against the same.

"An amendment to the Charter of the City of Astoria, fixing eight hours as a standard for a days work, and \$2.50 as the minimum wages of employees of the City, and that Citizens or those who have declared their intention to become such shall be employed by the City, and providing that contractors shall be required to give bond conditional for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing material in executing the contract."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 603, and 416 votes were cast for the amendment, and 187 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 40, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, defining the duties of the Mayor, and providing that he shall see that the laws and ordinances are enforced, and giving the Mayor the power to suspend from service any officer or employe of the Police Force, Fire Department, Street Department and Surveyor's Department, who shall refuse to enforce the laws and ordinances of the City."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 601, and 340 votes were cast for the amendment, and 261 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 143, of the Charter of the City of Astoria, making the Water Commission elective and fixing the term of office at eight years, increasing the number of Commissioners to nine members and providing the method of filling vacancies in the Board."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 583, and 397 votes were cast for the amendment, and 276 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 2, of the Charter of the City of the City of Astoria, giving the City power to build, purchase lease and operate Street car lines, Telephone, Telegraph and Lighting Plants, and to control, lease, sell or dispose of the same for the benefit of the City."

The total number of votes cast upon said amendment was 572, and 423 votes were cast for the amendment, and 149 votes against the same.

And each of said measures above mentioned having received an affirmative majority vote and having been approved by a majority of those voting thereon as above specified THEREFORE:

By virtue of Ordinance No. 3315 of the City of Astoria, and the law in the premises, I, Herman Wise, Mayor of the City of Astoria, do hereby proclaim and declare each of said amendments to the Charter of the City of Astoria, to be in full force and effect on the first Monday in January, 1907, A. D.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Astoria hereto affixed this 14th day of December, 1906, A. D. HERMAN WISE, Mayor of the City of Astoria.

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