

IN HIGH LATITUDES.

Where You Can Read Late at Night Without Artificial Light.

I have, on the Limford, in Denmark, latitude 57 degrees, read the newspaper in my bedroom at 10:30 p. m. with out the aid of a candle. While I read the villagers played skittles in the alley under my window, and beyond the hoary chestnut trees of the garden, with clots of starlings on their bare top boughs, the sky was still crimson and gold in the west, with the long, woolly lines of vapor only just beginning to swathe the land like a blanket. On the other side of the inn the traffic was as vigorous then as at noonday. Carriers' carts creaked up to the door, and dray loads of squeaking pigs made other music than the lark's. Double chaises, with cushions of red or green velvet and half a dozen happy villagers to each (the men all with great chins bowed pipes in their mouths), swung lastly by, raising a dust, and the lowing of troubled cows and calves came as much from the road as from the illimitable meadow beyond attached to the historical old manor house (now a mere dairy farm), whose buildings were quite concealed by the tall trees that girdle them.

The inn damsels, sewing girls, kitchen maids, the daughters of the house and a friend or two had now set aside all the cares of the day and were rolling each other about on the dewy grass under the chestnut trees like so many lambskins, and the landlady with the immeasurable waist, who by day held all the maids leashed to their respective tasks with inflexible yet not unkind severity, stood in the doorway, with her fat beaming fingers in her yielding sides and disturbed the starlings periodically with her stentorian peals of laughter at the antics of her dependents. Yet at 5 o'clock the next morning, with her own rhadamanthine hand, she will pull the bellrope that shall waken each lass, and by 6 the establishment will be again in a normal state of activity. As for the worthy landlady, he is haymaking until 11 p. m., and it will be odd if he is not up before his dame wakes every soul in the house with her call bell.—Cornhill Magazine.

A GOOD ACTOR.

How a Famous French Advocate Won a Hopeless Murder Case.

Maitre Lachand, the famous advocate, was perhaps the greatest master of comedy in France, and not a few eminent actors envied him his marvelous powers of mimicry. He was once employed to defend a murderer, against whom the facts were hopelessly clear.

When his pathetic appeals and his tears—which were always at call when he pleaded before a country jury—failed to touch his stolid audience, he resorted to the most impudent piece of trickery. Thrusting his moistened white handkerchief into his pocket, he demanded if the jurors were men, if they had human hearts, if they could bring themselves to condemn a fellow man like the accused, whom he had credited with all sorts of chivalrous if not salty merits.

His eloquence was not merely fruitless, but the jury responded to it at first with uneasy shuffling, then with biting lips, and finally with loud and uncontrolled bursts of laughter. Lachand, while flinging about his hands, had intentionally dipped his fingers into the great inkpot in front of him, and as he drew his right hand across his forehead, as if in agony of despair at the certain fate of the accused, he left upon his brow an enormous black mark, like a crescent moon and drew two other black traces down his cheeks as he put his fingers to his eyes to dash away the tears.

Feigning high moral indignation at their conduct, he continued: "You are about to decide whether one of your fellow men shall be thrust by you out of the ranks of the living, and you choose such a moment for indulging in cruel and thoughtless laughter. Is this extravagant mirth a fitting mood in which to decide whether a man shall or shall not die?"

The argument actually told upon the jury. The man was acquitted.—Paris Journal.

Ancient Dress Still Worn.

In the little town of Munsiedel, in Bavaria, there exists one of the most curious charitable foundations in the world. One of the burghers, Christopher Wanner, died in 1451 and left his fortune for the establishment of a home for aged poor. He attached, however, the condition that every old man who was taken in should wear his beard and the same cut of clothes and cap as he himself used to wear; consequently the ancient pensioners are still to be seen wandering about the streets of Munsiedel in the costumes of the fifteenth century.

Imaginary.

"Father," said the little boy, "every now and then I hear you talking about somebody who was old enough to know better."

"Yes, my boy."

"What age is that, father?"

And the old gentleman after some thought replied:

"My son, there isn't any such thing. It's like the golden age—purely mythological."

Knew the Gossip.

"Why do you keep such an inefficient servant as that and pay her such high wages?"

"My dear, she has been a maid in every family of prominence in our set"—Baltimore American.

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 297 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 285 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 \$220,000.00 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 363 votes were cast for the amendment and 182 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 129 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 35, 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 interested in any contract, and restrict-

ing 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 419 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 employee 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 582, and 307 votes were cast for the amendment, and 275 votes against the same.

"An amendment to Section 2, of the Charter 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.

NOTICE.

There is money in the following street funds to pay the following warrants: Eleventh street from Harrison avenue to Kensington Avenues, Nos. 22661 to 22671, both inclusive; Duane street from 10th street to 6th street, Nos. 22195 to 22598 and 22203 to 22210 inclusive; 7th street from Niagara to Bay Avenue, Nos. 22225 to 22229 both inclusive; Bond street from 8th street to the west line of McClure's Astoria, Nos. 22283 to 22304, both inclusive. Interest will cease after this date.

THOMAS DEALEY,
City Treasurer.

Dated Astoria, Oregon, December 17, 1906.

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J. C. CLINTON,

County Clerk

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 6, 1906.

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