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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
 ASTORIA LIBRARY**

SUPPLEMENTED BY OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM SECRETARY AND TREASURER—FINE SHOWING MADE FOR YEAR JUST CLOSED.

To the Members of the Library Board:  
 The year just passed has been a notable one for the Astoria Public Library, by reason of the fact that we received and partly expended the generous gift of Five Hundred Dollars bequeathed by the late Narcissa White Kinney.

With this money we have been enabled to materially increase the general usefulness of the Library by the addition of various Scientific works of noted authors, histories, books on the useful and fine arts, books of travel, and the nucleus of a library for the readers of the Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish language.

We trust this latter addition will be much used and appreciated on account of the large percentage of foreign-born residents of our city.

The past year having been the first spent in the rooms provided for us by the City we have noted, with interest, the conditions attendant on our removal to new quarters.

We find that while the numbers of people visiting the reading room has decreased the percentage is over that of last year, which is a gratifying result of our having added at intervals, new books to our shelves.

Our regular income was augmented during the year, by the proceeds from one entertainment only, but having been relieved of the expenditure of past years for rental, lights and fuel (which is no small item to an institution whose funds are always low) we have been able to provide a good number of new books, without further appeal to the public.

We owe our most grateful thanks to the Mayor and Common council for their continued support and uniformly kind consideration of our appeal to them.

The question of making this a free library has often been discussed at the meetings of the Board, but still remains unsettled. I would recommend that steps be taken in the near future, toward a thorough consideration and exhaustive report as to the ways, means and advisability of this change.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the committee, especially the entertainment committee which so ably managed the one entertainment of the year, also the officers and members of the Board for their unflinching kindness and encouragement.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**MAUDE S. PATTON**  
 President.

**Report of Secretary and Treasurer.**

No. books taken out during the year on regular subscription...	1298
No. of books taken out during the year on transient subscription...	1206
Total .....	2504
No. new books added to Library during the year, English.....	156
Foreign .....	88
Total .....	244
No. books in the Library, Feb. 1, 1907.....	2937
No. Visitors to the Reading Room during the year .....	106,51
Librarian's Cash receipts during the year .....	\$209.10
Received from City Warrants, ..	\$40.00
Received from entertainment, "Trial by Jury" .....	53.75
Received from Mrs. Narcissa White Kinney,—bequest .....	500.00
Disbursements for year .....	\$1017.48

The annual election to-day for the ensuing year, resulted as follows: for President, Mrs. A. A. Finch, Vice-president, Mrs. Nelson Troyer; Secretary, Mrs. P. A. Trullinger, Treasurer, Miss Eva Holmes.

Respectfully submitted  
 DORA BADOLLET, Sec.  
 EMILY N. STOKES, Treas.

**Epworth League Contest Social**—For the past three months the Epworth League of the First Methodist church has been holding a contest. The members were divided into two parties and strove to gain points by getting new members, etc. The result has been that the attendance and membership are fairly doubled. Tonight the members of the winning side under the lead of S. C. Turner will be banqueted by the defeated party, lead by Dr. R. H. Hicks. A banquet and program will form the principal features of the entertainment.

**HONORED HERE ALSO.**  
 Death of A. G. Barker, the Popular Railway Representative.

Yesterday's Oregonian brought the following sad intelligence, which is sincerely deplored by hundreds of Astorians who have known and appreciated Mr. Barker for years:

"A. G. Barker, assistant general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, died at midnight, at his home, 710 Flanders street, of pneumonia. Mr. Barker had been ill only since Friday. He leaves a wife and a grown daughter. The arrangements for the funeral will be announced later. Burial will be in Portland, where Mr. Barker has lived for the past 18 years.

"Few officials of Railroad Row had more friends than Mr. Barker. He had the respect and the affection of all who knew him. During a long connection with the road he represented he had gained an extensive acquaintance in all parts of the state. Nowhere was he more highly esteemed than in Portland, where he was best known. So sudden was Mr. Barker's illness that but a few of his friends had learned of his serious condition. The news of his death will prove a shock to a large number in the transportation business, as well as to many in other vocations."

**He Got a Telegram**—He had not been married very long and was getting along happily, when the pleasant tenor of his life was warped by the receipt of a telegram from his warlike mother-in-law, announcing her arrival on a certain train. He met her dutifully, and carried her load of bundles up home, smiling, but vengeful, and she no sooner got there than she assumed entire command of the establishment, including herself. He bent every faculty to devising ways and means of ousting her and at last skillfully paints himself to a life-like image of a small-pox patient; goes to bed and the scheme works like a charm. For lifelike details of the story, see the new moving-picture films at the Waldorf.

**The Roy Fox Hearing**—Yesterday afternoon District Attorney J. A. Eakin desired to bring the matter of the preliminary hearing of C. Roy Fox before Justice P. J. Goodman, but the absence of Sheriff Pomeroy up the river on official business, coupled with the desire of Fox to first hear from his family in the matter of his defense and the employment of his attorney, precluded the hearing yesterday. Attorney G. C. Fulton was seen by a reporter of the Astorian yesterday, and that gentleman said that he had simply been written to by the father of young Fox asking him to take charge of the boy's case and to name his fee in the premise, to which he had sent an affirmative answer as to taking the case and naming a fee in relation thereto, after consulting with the prisoner, and that he had, as yet, received no answer accepting his terms. The matter stands thus, but is likely to eventuate definitely today or tomorrow, at farthest.

**Conundrum of the Hour!**—How did it come about that Hon. Martin Board, prize-judge at the masquerade ball given by the Sons of Hermann on Saturday night last, get the "Goddess of Liberty" mixed up with the "mother of her country," Martha Washington? Of course the hour was, approximately, late for him, and the hospitality of the German clansmen abundant and very refreshing, but that does not account for the mix-up and explanations are due an anxious public almost on the verge of hysteria by reason of the unfathomable mistake.

**Orders in Probate**—Judge Trenchard presiding in probate court yesterday, made the following orders: In the matter of the guardianship of the person and estate of Frederick C. Thomas, a minor, permitting C. S. Brown, guardian, to sell certain realty belonging to the estate. In the matter of the estate of Martin Poulsen, deceased, the semi-annual account of Ludwig Larson, administrator, was approved and ordered to the record.

**Query, and Answer**—"Editor Astorian: Kindly, through your paper, settle a dispute: Does the Southern Pacific control the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railway, also?" No, it neither controls, nor affiliates with either of the Northern roads, save on a basis of interchange of business. The two northern lines are amalgamated under the control of James J. Hill; the Southern Pacific is the principal factor of the E. H. Harriman system of railways in the West.

**Your last chance at the old stand**—goods that are left will simply be sacrificed or given away, as we must move what is left the end of this week. C. H. Cooper's Great Retiring Sale...4t

**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Go to A. D. Craig** for your tents, awnings and all kinds of canvas work 12th and Exchange. If

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

**Money Received**—City Treasurer Thomas Dealey received \$400 yesterday from liquor licenses and \$60 in installments on Commercial street improvements.

**Special Nurse for Laxell**—Miss H. Engleheart came down from Portland yesterday to act as special nurse for Henry Laxell, critically ill at St. Mary's hospital, with appendicitis.

**Marriage Performed**—Mr. W. H. McFarland, of Portland, and Miss Sophia Whitford, of Gray's River, were married on Saturday evening last at 7:30 o'clock at the manse of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Wm. S. Gilbert officiating.

**Make Good Use of It**—There is an "odd and end" sale on just now at the popular shoe house of Chas. V. Brown. Don't fall to avail yourself of the unusual opportunity for bargains in footwear. It's up to you!

**Below Zero**—That's where you will be if you don't check that cold and cure that cough with Hart's Compound Syrup Tar and Wild Cherry. Sure thing. At Hart's drug store, corner 14th and Commercial streets.

**Police Court**—Only one fine was administered by Police Judge Olof Anderson yesterday. A young fellow found roaming the streets after the hour prescribed as lawful, was fined \$5. Two gamblers forfeited bail of \$25 each.

We are going to move into the Spexarth Building, Commercial street, between 8th and 9th, the end of this week. Stock much be reduced in that time; in order to do so, will positively almost give goods away. Don't wait, come at once, or you will regret this opportunity. C. H. Cooper's Great Retiring Sale. 4t

Do you feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon? Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy and too hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light, appetizing wholesome things? You'll save money, too. 4t

**Orkwitz covers umbrellas.**

Dell B. Scully, Notary Public at Scully's Cigar Store. Any old hour!

For a Swell Ladies' Back Comb or Belt Buckle, go to E. J. Donnerberg's, 119 11th street.

Don't Forget—The Liberty Bell social and dance at Logan's Hall on Saturday night next, February 9. If


**Taken to Hospital**—W. Laforque, employed in a local butcher shop, was taken to St. Mary's hospital yesterday, suffering from a slight indisposition. He will doubtless be at work again in a few days.

**Meet Tonight**—A regular communication of Temple Lodge No. 7, A. E. & A. M., will be held at Masonic Hall on this, Tuesday, evening, February 5, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock. By order of W. M. Attest: M. E. Masterson, Secretary. Work in E. A. degree.

**Membership Social**—A membership social will be given by the First Methodist church Thursday evening in honor of several of the congregation who are leaving the city. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Julien, Mrs. S. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoock, Mrs. Lars Bergsvik. The social will be an informal affair.

**Students to Entertain**—The student body of the Astoria High school is to give an interesting social and dance on Thursday evening next, February 7, at the A. O. U. W. hall. There will be a fine program of music, followed by dancing and refreshments. Come out and bring your wife, your sweetheart and your mother and mother-in-law, and all else who want to come with you. Admission, 25 cents. 3t

**Booty Recovered**—Half of the twelve bolts of cloth stolen Friday night from the tailoring shop of A. Klijunen, on Bond street, were found floating in a gunny sack near the Waldorf dance hall, by an old rag man named Robinson. The cloths were little damaged by their prolonged soak. Evidently the thief or thieves met some one while fleeing with the loot and dropped it to avoid suspicion, or else threw it away because they despaired of selling it.

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**AN ASTORIAN ABROAD.**  
 Hon. H. B. Parker at Eureka, En Route to Mexico.

The Astorian yesterday received a letter from H. B. Parker, from Eureka, and now on his way to Southern California and Mexico. He does not say anything about being seasick on the Roanoke, but that is another story. Mr. Parker says, among other things: "We arrived here at 9:30 a. m. I find this a much finer, better, larger and more important city than I expected. I want the street committee of Astoria to come to Eureka, and see good streets, and some of the public buildings, before they build any more in Astoria. This city is about the same size as Astoria. They claim 15,000 here. I will tell you more about this place, some other time."

**CLATSOP COUNTY CASH.**  
 January Receipts and Disbursements Reported by Treasurer.

County Treasurer Will A. Sherman reports the receipts and disbursements of Clatsop county for the month of January, 1907, at the following figures, to-wit:  
 Receipts—Delinquent taxes, \$386.29; penalties and interest, \$185.22; fees, clerk, \$254.05; fees, sheriff, \$16.40; sale lumber, \$11.30; fines, \$20; total, \$873.26.  
 Disbursements—Special road warrants, \$1,733.65; school districts, \$1, \$11.71; Astoria road poll tax, \$100.25; court house, \$20.00; general fund, \$2,20; city of Astoria, \$1,231.05; assistant public library, \$57.11; assistant city hall, \$199.74; assistant city park, \$7.11; town of West Seaside, 9.94; county school fund, \$199.95; county library fund, \$35.36; total, \$6,058.07.

**Over-Sunday Visitors**—State Senator and Mrs. W. T. Scholfield were in this city over Sunday, taking a day off from the capital, and they enjoyed their stay immensely. Senator Scholfield reports his father, who was badly shaken up and bruised about the head and face in the S. P. wreck near McCoy, last week, as getting along famously and going about his daily affairs cheerfully, though carefully bandaged. Senator and Mrs. Scholfield left for Salem on the night express yesterday and he will not return again until the session closes. Mr. Scholfield is hopeful of the milling out of some useful legislation during the next twenty days and vows he will contribute in all ways to the realization.

**TO PERMIT APPEAL.**

**New Law Will Allow Government the Right in Certain Cases.**  
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Senate today occupied the first two hours of the session in perfecting a House bill permitting the government to take an appeal on points of law in certain criminal cases. The bill is intended to

5 pairs of Sox, good woolen and cotton Sox, regular price 25c to 35c for \$1.00 at Wise's removal sale.

**HATS**, formerly \$2 to \$4 now 55 cents at Wise's removal sale.

All new Neckwear and Suspenders worth from 50 to 75 cents now 35 cents at Wise's removal sale.

Boys' Suits reduced from 75c to \$2.00 at Wise's removal sale.

25c caps for 15c at Wise's removal sale.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Umbrellas reduced to 85c at Wise's removal sale.

Men's Suits reduced from \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50 at Wise's removal sale.

Winter Overcoats as well as top coats reduced almost one-half at Wise's removal sale.

reach similar cases to that against the meat packers. The bill was laid aside to permit further discussion of Carter's resolution, aimed at the recent order of the secretary of the interior preventing the issuance of land patents to entrymen until after the examination of the ground by a special agent. Heyburn continued the remark he began several days ago and Newlands followed in defense of the secretary. Bacon made a brief statement intended to show Beveridge had been in error regarding the operation of the child labor law in Georgia. Beveridge had said that there had been three thousand applications for child labor in Fulton county under the new state law and all had been granted. Bacon said he had ascertained that but ten applications had been granted.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Hon. J. C. McCue, of the Clatsop legislative delegation, spent Sunday and yesterday in this city, returning to his post on the 6:10 express last evening.

E. Tobin, the paper man, was in the city yesterday, doing business generally, and thoroughly, as usual.

J. N. Griffin, the ex-book and stationery merchant of this city, came up from Southern California on Sunday and is attending to some personal business affairs of moment here.

George Nelson, the marine agent for most of the lumber schooners of the coast, doing business out of this port, left for the Bay City on last night's express.

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