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**WEATHER.**

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**IMPRESS OF A DAY.**

There are always days in each year's calendar that stand out in bold relief from their fellows, as days whose record, or impressions, are of notable value to the community, and Monday's record in Astoria was ample to justify its being placed in such a category.

It was the first official business day of the year in many respects, and from these sources there came certain indicia that marks the day as one full of suggestive promise for the city and county. This was peculiarly apparent in the annual messages of Hon. Herman Wise, Mayor, to the Common Council; and the annual reports of President J. W. Welch, and Secretary John H. Whyte, to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. These three documents were formulated by men who are in the forefront of civic life here, each and all responsible and honorable citizens, whose conclusions are founded upon fact ascertained through constant and intimate touch with the real needs and actual work of the city and amenable to strict and reliable interpretation.

A careful review of the papers alluded to will compensate any citizen who wants to know what has been done, what is doing, and what is requisite to be done, for the good of Astoria; and the tone of each is replete with records of accomplishment, both practical and theoretical, as well as charged with wise suggestion for the future, and all distinctively sanguine of still larger attainments in the near future. And this cheerful strain is not offered upon mere hypothetical bases, but of tangible and feasible predicates, that have only to be used with our inherent strength and resourcefulness to blossom into potent realities of infinite value to the whole people. There is nothing dismal nor ambiguous and forbidding in the conclusions of any of these gentlemen; their entire thesis are alive with hopefulness and promise that may be easily made good by public and private enterprise and a spirit of unity.

All Astoria needs to clinch her new and immediate good fortune is a trifle more of that unified sentiment and collaboration along all progressive lines. Once she has taken over the goal of concert and harmony, in thought and action, her run for success will be sure and illimitable. And among the pleasant impressions of the day spoken of, is that this sense of inter-reliance and coalition is rapidly gaining ground and application in this man's town and this is worth more than can be easily calculated, except upon the demonstration of its certain results.

**IMPEDES PROSECUTION.**

The ruling made by the supreme court of the United States, on Monday last, in the case of the appeal of ex-Representative J. N. Williamson, charged with fraud in land dealings in this state, that lands may be acquired even under a pending contract for subsequent sale; that they may be actually disposed of before final proof is submitted and formally made, is a direct blow at all pending prosecutions, since this is among the plainest, and perhaps, the most universal of the allegations upon which all suits are founded. Coming from any other source one might be pardoned for passing thought that the finding was inspired; but that, of course, would be rank "lese majeste" if directed at the seat and source of all demonstrable power in these United States. At all events it intervenes at a moment when it is,

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to say the least, singularly inopportune for the government, and immensely advantageous for the various defendants; yet if it be of the quality of exact justice, no American may disparage now contest it.

In but one case do we mightily deplore the ruling, and that is the new action against S. A. D. Puter; even this arch-rascal may plead it successfully and remain free.

**BRYAN AS A CRITIC.**

William Jennings Bryan, in his Omaha speech, poses as a critic of Mr. Roosevelt's administration and charges him with having made some serious mistakes, but glosses his animadversions with a few sops as to the President's "heart being right," etc., etc. It strikes us that the Nebraskan will be in better business if he shall lend his energies to convincing the people that he, himself, can make no mistakes and that he has something to offer us greater than that Mr. Roosevelt has given. Theodore Roosevelt occupies a place of fixed value in the trinity of really great American presidents, Washington, Lincoln, and Roosevelt; and while we accord much to Mr. Bryan, we are prone to hold our estimates in reserve until he has broken the rectangle to a square by the introduction of a Bryan line of ineffaceable value. The "gentleman from Lincoln" has yet to "get a line" on the Presidency before he can make any other historical marks that shall not fade; and criticism of the man whose pace and place he must fill is not calculated to give him the popular "go" that is essential.

The poem for the Whittier centenary was written by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, born one day later than Queen Victoria. Dr. Osler should turn his attention to the treatment of juvenile backwardness.

An official of the Indian Department states that the Utes have gone to farming and are thus "taken out of the category of curios." Is the white man prepared to prove that a person who won't work is a curio?

**Don't Take the Risk.**

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The United States will be represented in the Tokio world's fair a few years hence; but not by American stewards in the restaurants. But then the show will have an honorable court of cherry blossoms instead of a pike, warpath or midway.

**Fever Sores.**

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Most of the Russian officers and soldiers are defending General Stoessel in his present trial for needlessly surrendering a position he was powerless to hold. There are occasions when discretion has the edge on valor, and the incident at Port Arthur was one of them.

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**COFFEE**  
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**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**J. H. Whyte, Secretary of Chamber Commerce Reviews Year.**

**HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH**

**Some Things That Have Been Done—Astoria Should be Port of Entry—All Citizens Requested to Lend Co-operation to Chamber.**

The Astorian has pleasure in presenting the full text of the annual report of Manager John H. Whyte, of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, for the year 1907, as it deals with railroads of the past year and the fine prospects for the current year. It is entitled to the deepest interest of all:

A better esprit de corps without doubt has been established among the citizens of Astoria within the past year than has ever existed before. We now have a union of citizens working towards a common end and without doubt can accomplish more than has ever been accomplished.

A very important principle that the Chamber of Commerce is seeking upon all possible occasions to establish, is that it is a clearing house for all ideas of importance that have a bearing on public matters. If any member has an idea that he believes will better the city or assist in its growth if it were worked out, such a citizen should understand that it is his duty to communicate same to the Chamber and explain how he thinks it can best be executed. The Chamber now has the necessary machinery to execute any feasible plan that citizens may suggest, and it often occurs that the citizen, who judged from the standpoint of his more successful neighbor in business, has not yet accomplished very much in the business world, makes the most valuable suggestion for a community.

**Some Things That Have Been Done**

In the month of April we wrote to 39 foreign ship-owners whose vessels come to the Columbia River, asking if they would not come here, all things being equal, and charter their ships to and from Astoria rather than Portland at the same rates as they are chartered for from Puget Sound points. We received replies in almost every instance and they were nearly all favorable. These letters cannot help but substantiate the belief that foreign ship-owners would be more than glad to come to Astoria if we were prepared to receive them.

An exposition is to be held in Seattle during the next year (1909) and one hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated by the State of Oregon to participate in same. The Chamber of Commerce has kept in close touch with Mr. Henry E. Reid, Director of Publicity of this Exposition, and Clatsop County will doubtless find it to its advantage to be well represented in all of her various lines of products, at this fair, all indications being that it will be most successful.

A matter that must be considered early this year is whether or not Astoria will participate in the Annual Rose Fiesta to be given at Portland. The Rose Carnival last year was made a success by the citizens of Portland and they have determined that in future it shall be a permanent institution and every city in the state is cordially requested to cooperate.

During the past year Astoria has become a member of the National River & Harbor Congress and at the next meeting of that organization will be entitled to five delegates.

While we did not have an exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition which opened June 29 during the past year, we had a representative there, the Rev. Gustaf Rydquist, who distributed a large number of pieces of our literature.

The newspapers of Astoria and Portland have done a great deal during the past year to further my work; in fact, I have never had more persistent cooperation from local newspapers than I have received from those published in Astoria. Their columns have practically been open in an unlimited way for the Chamber of Commerce, and the Portland papers have likewise assisted us in our work on the ground that whatever benefits Astoria must benefit the entire state.

On July 15 Vice President Fairbanks, of the United States, visited Astoria and was tendered a banquet by the members of the Chamber of Commerce. That event has now become a matter of agree-

able history, and we hope during the coming year that we may entertain some man of equally great renown.

The completion of the North Bank line of the Northern Pacific Great Northern System, and the consolidation with it of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, under the same officers, is without doubt, the most significant event in the commercial history of Astoria within the last year. The combination of these events has been the cause more than anything else of the assertion from some of our most careful observers that the next eighteen months would in all probability be the most important and most significant so far in the history of Astoria.

Of great importance also in the commercial history of Astoria during the past year is the construction of the Harriman-Lytle Railroad route into Astoria and the declaration that this road will be completed at the earliest possible date.

These two railroads, both of which already own terminal grounds of large area in Astoria, have it within their power to make Astoria of greater importance a new years hence than it ever has been.

So far as a port of entry is concerned, at this time Astoria receives no revenue. It is largely up to the citizens of Astoria to take advantage of the facilities of the North Bank line which is now open, and of those of the Harriman-Lytle line which we may confidently expect to be completed within a very reasonable period, to make this a port of entry and an exporting port second to none in Oregon.

During the past year the Chamber of Commerce has pushed to the front, with WHITES REPORT Gale No TWO... the assistance of County Judge Trenchard and his brother Commissioners of the County Court, the matter of building good roads, with which the County Commissioners have long since been engaged.

Friday July 28 President Lewis Russell, of the Portland Automobile Club addressed our Chamber of Commerce on the subject of an Automobile road from Portland to Astoria and Seaside, and on Thursday August 15 a committee from this Chamber, visited St. Helens and consulted with County Judge R. S. Hattin in the interest of this automobile road. On Thursday October 24, the Committee visited Seaside in compliance with a resolution of this Chamber introduced by President Welch to investigate the building of this bridge feasible, and this body sent at the request of the Committee, a petition to the Honorable County Court asking that it investigate the cost of the construction of this proposed bridge. This investigation has been made and the report of the County Court is that it will cost about \$20,000 per running foot to build the bridge over the Necanicum as the committee proposes.

So far it does not seem that the Portland Automobile Club has been able to do as much in the furthering of this enterprises as they had expected to do, but they are still hard at work and we may yet receive most substantial assistance from that club. In the meantime, the Chamber of Commerce through its Good Roads Committee, is doing all it can with the assistance of the County Court, to complete a good road along Clatsop Beach a distance of 18 miles.

We have had prepared and official emblem in the shape of a key (key to the situation), being made of gold and enamel, which many of our members are wearing and which all of them may have.

Wednesday night, September 25th a permanent Regatta Association was organized and arrangements being made with the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce, satisfactory to them, whereby the clerical work of this permanent association was to be conducted by this office, the association to furnish an additional stenographer and under this arrangement this plan is being carried. Your executive committee considered that the arrangement which had been made with the permanent Regatta Association was of mutual advantage to both bodies, it being assumed that the people of Astoria shall always desire an annual Regatta.


Commander Werlich, of this Light-house District, at the request of the Chamber of Commerce, has made several experiments with gas buoys at the mouth of the Columbia River for the purpose of affording us better range light facilities. While Mr. Werlich has not seen fit to keep in close touch with this organization upon this important matter, and while nothing definite is yet known as to what he has accomplished, it is expected of him that he will make the mouth of the Columbia River as accessible to ships by night as any other port on the Pacific Coast.

Through the good offices of Mr. Wm. Hardner, general agent of the Great Northern Railroad Co., at Portland, and Mr. A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of that line, 5000 pieces of our literature have been distributed on which the advertisement of the Great Northern was printed, our literature going out as an advertisement of the road itself.

Under the direction of Mr. C. S. Dow, Clatsop county was ably represented at the State Fair at Salem during the month of September, and we took the fifth prize of \$100. This State Fair exhibit was due to the co-operation of the honorable county court which appro-

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