

MILLINERY OPENING

We wish to announce to our clientele our Spring Millinery Opening commencing Wednesday, March 18th, continuing three days. We will show the most complete and up-to-date line of millinery ever shown in Astoria. Our stock is the most select. Our styles are the very latest. We guarantee our prices to be lower than any other store in town. Big line from \$2.00 to \$6.00.

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ASTORIA'S CHAMBER AT WORK

REGATTA DAYS OF 1908 FIXED FOR THE 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH OF AUGUST NEXT—OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Among the quite extraordinarily correspondence which the Chamber of Commerce has developed through its advertising system, may be mentioned a letter that was received yesterday from Hawera P. Taranaki, New Zealand. The writer is Mr. H. Tarratt. The writer will engage in farming and a full line of literature was sent him. Among the literature was a copy of a special edition of the Astorian which was recently issued.

The Executive Committee of the Regatta Association, Messrs. C. M. Cellar, H. F. Prael, Norris Staples and J. H. Whyte, held a meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of fixing the date for this year's Regatta. It was unanimously decided that Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 27th, 28th and 29th were the best days, all things considered, and these days were accordingly chosen. The following letter was then sent to the Secretary of the Navy at Washington:

"Astoria, Ore., Mar. 16, 1908.
"Hon. Victor H. Metcalf,
"Secretary of the Navy,
"Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:—The Astoria Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the citizens of Astoria, the largest port on the Columbia River, be allowed the honor and the privilege of entertaining such portion of the United States fleet now in the Pacific Ocean as you may assign to visit Astoria on August 27th, 28th and 29th, the occasion being the holding of our annual regatta.

"The citizens of the oldest and second largest city in Oregon will do all within their power to make the stay of both the officers and the privates a pleasant one. The Astoria regatta is an old institution held in the early autumn of each year and has become renowned throughout the entire Northwest. Some of the most aquatic sports have been held here in the past and national records have been made and broken here.

"Astoria is a thoroughly protected port only 10 miles from the open sea and there is ample room in it at one time for all the navies of the world. In fact, there is not a better port in the entire world than that of Astoria, the great Columbia River at this point being as much as 10 miles wide.
"Hoping to have the pleasure and

SPRING AND SUMMER Millinery Opening AT THE BEE HIVE

Beginning Wednesday, March 18, and Continuing to March 21st.

Greatest Line of Trimmed Hats we Have Ever Shown

COMMON COUNCIL IN SESSION

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FIVE TO INVESTIGATE ON GAMBLING—ROUTINE WORK MAYOR STILL ABSENT.

The common council met in regular session with all members present and Councilman Henderson in the chair in the absence of his honor, the mayor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the committee on alleged gambling is as follows:

Astoria, Ore., Mar. 16, 1908.
To the Honorable Mayor, and Common Council, of the City of Astoria.

Gentlemen:—Your special Committee to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit:

"Whereas, Many rumors have been circulated to the effect that open gambling has recently been allowed in the City of Astoria, and that private graft and black-mail has been levied upon those conducting the gambling games, and,

Whereas, At the present time the general public has been led to believe that the evils of gambling are being suppressed and prohibited, therefore be it,

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Astoria, that the Mayor appoint a Committee of five members of the Common Council, to investigate such rumors, and to employ a stenographer to take the testimony, and report the evidence to the Common Council."

Begs leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee has held four meetings for the purpose of taking testimony, the detailed minutes of said meetings being hereto attached.

Your Committee has employed Miss Lenora Benoit as stenographer, has summoned and sworn witnesses, a transcribed copy of their evidence being hereto attached. A summary of the evidence and conclusions deduced therefrom, is as follows:

In the City of Astoria, prior to August 13, 1907, gambling was controlled by the Police Department by a system of fines, the aggregate of such fines amounting approximately to the sum \$15,000.00 per annum. Under this system, gambling was confined very largely to Astor Street. The police had cognizance of and control of every game carried on in the City, and the City derived a revenue to the amount before mentioned, which amount went toward lessening the burdens of the taxpayers of the City.

On the date above mentioned, viz., August 13, 1907, there having been no conference between the officials controlling the City and those controlling the county, there emanated from the office and hand of the District Attorney of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, a peremptory order, directing the Deputy District Attorney, John C. Mc Cue, and the Sheriff, M. R. Pomeroy, to prohibit and suppress all gambling in the City of Astoria, as well as in other precincts of Clatsop County. On the promulgation of this order, the Police Department of the City of Astoria, deeming the Deputy District Attorney and the Sheriff of Clatsop County were superior officers, from that time refrained from any attempt to prohibit gambling in the City of Astoria by arresting and fining gamblers, but left the matter in the hands of the above named officials. The order from the District Attorney directing all gambling to be prohibited and suppressed in Clatsop County, has never been withdrawn or modified in any way, but is still in the hands of the officials to whom it was addressed, and presumably, so far as the District Attorney himself is concerned, he being non-resident in Clatsop County, his duty in this connection devolved upon the Deputy District Attorney.

We find that so far as the prohibition or suppression of gambling in the City of Astoria is concerned, that at the present time there is fully as much gambling in progress in the City, excepting slot machines and banking games, as at any previous time in its history. The order of the District Attorney and the laws governing the same, being flagrantly violated. That whereas formerly the major part of the gambling done in Astoria was confined to the classic precinct of Astor Street, it is now diffused through Commercial and Bond Streets, the retail and shopping streets of the City. The business

men on Astor Street, seem to have implicitly obeyed the mandate of the District Attorney, not only in so far as the suppression of gambling is concerned, but also in the matter of Sunday closing of saloons. The abject failure of the proper officials to carry out the orders of the District Attorney and the provisions of the laws of the State of Oregon, has resulted in a decided lowering of the moral tone of the community, as well as preventing the City from obtaining a revenue from these non-taxpaying gentry, thus increasing the burdens of the legitimate taxpayers to the amount approximately, of \$15,000.00 per annum.

This is a truly deplorable state of affairs existing in our City, and while it is perhaps not directly in the power of this Common Council to punish the one to whom it is blamable, yet your Committee after diligent inquiry and investigation of the laws of the State of Oregon, will endeavor to refer to sections of the law, and from those references each one may reach their own conclusions. As to the why of the matter, that is also left for the consideration of each citizen of this community.

Section 1277, of B. & C. Code, is as follows:

"The Grand Jury has power, and it is their duty, to inquire into all crimes committed or triable in the County, and present them to the Court, either by presentment or indictment as provided in this Chapter"

Section 1950, of B. & C. Code, is as follows: (Anti-gambling act.)

"It shall be the especial duty of each District Attorney, Sheriff, Constable, City or Town Marshal, and Police officer, to inform against and diligently prosecute any and all persons whom he shall have reasonable cause to believe guilty of a violation of the provisions of this act."

Section 1258, B. & C. Code.

"Hereafter it shall be lawful for the District Attorney of any Judicial District of this State, and it is hereby made his duty, to file in the proper Court, an information charging any person or persons with the commission of any crime defined and made punishable by any of the laws of this State, and which shall have been committed in the County where the information is filed."

Section 1261, B. & C. Code.

"Any person within this state, can be compelled by subpoena, to appear before a District Attorney to testify as a witness, in like manner as before a Grand Jury, concerning any crime inquired of by such District Attorney, and any District Attorney shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, and to compel them to testify."

In addition to the foregoing quotations from the statutes of the State of Oregon, your Committee propounded the following questions to that eminent jurist, Judge T. A. McBride, Judge of the fifth Judicial district, his answers following each question.

Question 1. What are the duties of a Grand Jury, relative to discovering crime?

Answer. To diligently inquire into all crimes brought to their notice.

Question 2. During the vacancy or non-existence of a grand jury proper, upon whom does the duties or functions of that body devolve?

Answer. The District Attorney.

Question 4. Is it the duty of a Sheriff of the State of Oregon, what officer is ex-officio the Grand Jury?

Answer. The District Attorney.

Question 4. Is it the duty of a Sheriff, to inquire into and investigate rumored violations of law, search out witnesses, and file complaint or informations before the District Attorney?

Answer. It is not the duty of the Sheriff to police the County nor town. It is the duty of the Sheriff to do as much of this as his other duties will permit, but no more so than Constable, Police officers and other peace officers. It is the duty of all peace and police officers to use such means as in their judgement is reasonable, to detect criminals and bring them to justice.

The foregoing quotations and answers to questions, certainly sufficiently cover the ground, to enable any fair minded man to arrive at a definite solution and answer to the inquiries implied in the resolution under which your Committee has been acting.

Sworn evidence, hereto attached, shows that on September 3, 1907, the Chief of Police of the City of Astoria, notified the Deputy District Attorney, that gambling was in progress in the City of Astoria, as well as saloons open on Sunday, in violation of the law and the orders of the District Attorney. This evidence was denied by the deputy district attorney

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when he was before your Committee, but the evidence of the Chief of Police was given to your Committee while that official was under oath, but the Deputy District Attorney refused to be sworn when giving his evidence. So far as is known, that information has never been acted upon by the Deputy District Attorney up to this date.

There is possibly a general impression that graft and black-mail has been collected by some one in connection with gambling in Astoria, but your Committee has been unable to elicit any direct evidence in confirmation of that rumor.

In every instance save one, your Committee met with perfect courtesy and respect from those who were asked to give evidence before it. Mr. Clark Lowry absolutely refused to give evidence, or even to appear before your committee when asked to do so, your Committee having been informed that he was in possession of evidence that would aid them in their efforts to arrive at a solution of the problems presented by the resolution under which it was acting.

Having performed the duty assigned to us, to the best of our ability, your Committee begs to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully signed,
H. L. HENDERSON,
FRED KARINEN,
J. H. HANSEN,
ROBINSON,
STANGLAND.

The report of the committee on the alleged gambling was accepted and the committee discharged. The proceedings of the committee at their four sessions was not read but anyone who wishes to peruse its 44 pages (Continued on page 6)

TEA

The way to buy tea is in packages; somebody is responsible for it.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Tea; we pay him

Spring Announcement.

The Ross Millinery will hold their spring opening on March 18th and 19th, which brief announcement is quite enough for those who know what this means.

NEW TO-DAY

When You Travel

Be sure that your ticket reads via the O. R. & N. and connections. It costs no more than via other lines. Through tickets to and from all principal points in the United States, Canada and Europe. G. W. Roberts, Agent, O. R. & N. Dock, Astoria.

"Modern" Delights.

When a man passes under the hands of a barber he wants the best skilled treatment to be had in that line. In Astoria, the man in search of such manipulation, goes direct to Petersen's "Modern" shop, at 572 Commercial, and gets it in any of the six chairs maintained.

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The Clean Man.
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For Good Wood
From the Tongue Point Lumber Company, 16-inch stove length. Call up Prael-Eigner Transfer Co., Phone 221.

The Palace Restaurant.
The ever-increasing popularity of the Palace Restaurant is evidence of the good management, and the service, at this popular dining room. For a long time the reputation of the house has been of the best and does not wane as time progresses. The system used, that of furnishing the finest the market affords, and all can be obtained, in season, is a plan that will always win, coupled as it is with the best of cooking and prompt service. A common saying nowadays is "Get the Palace habit."

New Grocery Store.
Try our own mixture of coffee—the J. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Badollet & Co., grocers. Phone Main 1281.

GO-CARTS THAT GO.

A mother's pride in her dainty baby finds expression in the folding go-cart in which the infant traverses its limited way in the world. The perfect thing in this line, at rational cost, is to be found at the Zapf Furniture & Hardware Company. They are prettily upholstered, rubber-tired and fold compactly. And best of all, they are selling like hot-cakes, at \$7.50. Look them up at once.

Kodak Supplies.
A full line of films, papers, cameras, kodaks, etc., just received at Hart's Drug Store.

The Commercial.
One of the coziest and most popular resorts in the city is the Commercial. A new billiard room, a pleasant sitting room and handsome fixtures all go to make an agreeable meeting place for gentlemen, there to discuss the topics of the day, play a game of billiards and enjoy the fine refreshments served there. The best of goods are only handled, and this fact being so well known, a large business is done at the Commercial, on Commercial street, near Eleventh.