

ASTOR STREET IS BEING IMPROVED

Will Have the Highest Crown of Any of Astoria's Thoroughfares

The beautiful weather of the past few weeks has been highly favorable to the progress of the various improvements about the city and much has been accomplished by the contractors. If the good weather continues for a few weeks longer it is said the contractors then should be in fairly good shape with much of the work on hand.

Work on the Astor street improvement, from the west line of Sixth street to the east line of Eighth, has been in progress for a week or more. This street promises to be one of the very best in the city of Astoria, and many will be disposed to observe its construction and subsequent life with interest. Contractor E. A. Gerding has the job. This Astor street improvement is the first in this city with an 18-inch crown. No other crown has been actually anywhere as high as this, in Astoria, though several have been pretty high according to the specifications. Some are already complaining that the 18-inch crown will prove too high. Others point out that the experiment should prove an interesting and valuable one.

"For years I've been talking high crowns," said Mr. Kearney, the street superintendent, yesterday, "and I think this Astor street improvement promises to be just what the city requires for its streets. We must have high crowns."

For the past several weeks a representative of The Astorian has carefully observed virtually all the new streets in the city, and in all parts of the city, and probably if it were possible to present the actual facts and figures in regard to the crowns on most of the streets, measured with great nicety, there would be some little surprise manifested. Some of the streets indicate no crowns at all. They are simply flat. In very many places the streets are either quite flat or comparatively flat, and it is impossible for the surface waters on them to run into the gutters. During the summer rains it was noticed that on many of the streets the waters ran along the middle of the thoroughfares with practically no waters in the gutters. In some places the streets at the point of contact with the gutters are lower than the gutters. There seem to be various reasons for this condition of the streets. First of all the improvements have commonly called for crowns of only six, eight or nine inches. The use of the heavy steam roller has apparently had a great tendency to flatten the streets out, leaving little or no crowns. When the roller moves along the center there is a natural tendency to crush the loose rock out towards the sides. And especially the driving of the steam roller along the streets after they have been accepted and are in daily use, as the roller is moved about from one place to another, has had this flattening tendency, it is said. Again, there being comparatively low crowns, the waters move more or less along the center of the streets and soon wash away more or less of the crown; besides, the ordinary use of the streets by wagons soon wears much of the crown away.

At all events, an inspection of the streets will show that generally speaking the crowns are quite low, even when the specifications called for crowns of certain heights, and in many particular places the streets are quite flat. The question is, of course, not one of praise or blame; it is merely one of expediency. Of course if the street roller, as it passes from one place to another, and the ordinary use of the streets by vehicles, and the washing away of the crowns by the rains, soon leaves many of the thoroughfares with practically no crowns—that is another question which probably demands some study to provide a condition of permanency for the comparatively low crowns established in the beginning. For with the conditions here, it seems not sufficient to first provide a crown of a certain height. Plans must be made to keep the crown at the specified height. The Astor street crown will probably be a good object lesson in the utility—or the reverse—of a high crown. Astor street is 60 feet wide, with eight-foot sidewalks, and 10 feet taken off of each side, leaving 40 feet for the street proper. For a 40-foot street an 18-inch crown is admittedly as high as used anywhere, and perhaps it may seem too high to many here who are accustomed to flat streets or comparatively low crowns.

Very fine cement sidewalks are being constructed on the Astor street improvement. They may prove about the finest in the city, and to some it may appear unfortunate that all this fine work is not being done in some other and more prominent portion of the city. But with the use of high crowns and deep gutters, another question arises of no little practical importance. As one steps from the sidewalk into the gutters in passing over street crossings the drop of 10, 12 or 18 inches is too great for comfort or safety. The usual plan is to have gutters as deep as the crown is high. The trouble is already apparent on the Astor street improvement, and it is usually obviated by one of several plans. Everyone knows that to suddenly drop from the sidewalk into the gutter, from 6 to 12 or 15 inches, especially in the dark, is a highly unpleasant thing. In cities that take much care with their streets the usual plan is not to permit any sudden drops at all at crossings.

AMUSEMENTS

BOSTONIAN MINSTREL MAIDS IS ANNOUNCED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT.

Owing to the constant demand of the public for something new and original in the musical line, we beg to offer the BOSTONIAN MINSTREL MAIDS, an organization composed of young ladies of refinement, endowed with beauty, wit and vocal talent, whose training has been in the hands of Prof. E. A. Wolf and Mrs. E. Lang (of the famous Juvenile Bostonian Opera Co.), which fact is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the company. Each performance consists of a refined minstrel "First Part," followed by a one-act minstrel comedy, which is teeming with laughable situations, beautiful solo numbers, catchy duets, quintettes and brilliant dances.

Manager Hanlin announces this excellent company for the Astoria Theatre for one performance only, Friday, September 25th. The company has a well established reputation for effective work and are highly praised by both the press and public of all the cities they have visited. Indications already point to a large attendance and the opera house will no doubt be well filled to witness the dainty little people next Friday evening.

JEWELL THEATRE.

On next Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Jewell Theatre will show the finest animated picture ever shown in Astoria entitled "The Redman and the Child." This picture was shown "by request" for 50 consecutive nights, in the largest picture theatre in Chicago. Words can not

NORTH SIDE NEWS

Miss I. M. Williamson, of Ilwaco, is the accredited representative of The Astorian and will take care of all items of news, orders for subscriptions and all kinds of printing.

ILWACO.

Mrs. J. W. De Pries, who has been visiting her parents here for about a week, left Monday for Portland to join her husband there.

Mrs. L. D. Williams left the latter part of last week for Portland to see her son, Walter, who is under medical treatment in that city.

One of the young men, from the Wireless Station at North Head, who was a member in the fishing and hunting party that left last week for Bear River, had a rather dangerous, but nevertheless, ludicrous accident, which resulted in a hurried return to Ilwaco. He left his clothing too near the camp fire, and as there was some ammunition in the pockets quite an explosion followed, but luckily there was no one hurt.

Miss Mabel Hughes left the first of the week for Southern Oregon for a visit with her father, Frank Hughes. She was accompanied as far as Astoria by her friend, Miss Williamson, who returned the following day.

Mrs. J. D. McGowan returned Monday after a week's visit with friends in Portland.

Pete Williamson returned the first of the week from a business trip to Cathlamet.

J. W. Howerton of Portland arrived Monday to visit his father Jones Howerton, who is a chronic sufferer from rheumatism.

A very pretty and quiet wedding took place Monday morning in Astoria, when Mr. Bert Sprague of Nacotta and Mrs. Matt Markham of Ilwaco were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. They returned the day following the wedding and for the present will make their home in Chinook. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague have the congratulations and best wishes of their many Ilwaco friends.

W. B. Hawkins left Monday for a business trip to Portland.

Charles F. Rogers, manager of the Ilwaco Mill & Lumber Company, was a business visitor to Ilwaco Monday.

W. R. Hamer, manager of the Aberdeen Store at Long Beach, during the past summer, left Monday for Portland for a couple of weeks, and

from there will visit his parents at Forest Grove, Or.

Mrs. Jack Simmons left the first of the week for Portland, where she expects to meet her mother, Mrs. Inman, who will visit her for a short time in Ilwaco.

Mr. Gulliford returned Monday to his home in Pendleton after a visit of several days with his wife and family here.

Mr. Fred Jacobson returned to his home at Long Beach Tuesday after a short vacation.

A. G. Kennedy, assistant engineer on the Ilwaco Railroad left Monday for a business trip to Portland.

Dave Hood, salesman for Mason, Ehrman & Co., left Monday for Chinook after a busy day in Ilwaco.

Mrs. T. L. Fraser left Monday for a short stay in Portland.

Geo. L. Colwell returned to his home in Astoria Monday after a day or two spent in Ilwaco. He was accompanied by his foreman, W. A. Fowler.

Sam Maxwell, of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Co., was a visitor to Astoria the first of the week.

Alice Lovering and sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Lovering, of South Bend are making their many friends at Long Beach a short visit.

Rev. William McWaters of Ilwaco left last week for the Methodist conference, which met in Tacoma. He was accompanied by Rev. Temple of South Bend.

C. D. Critchfield, who has been managing the ranch of Mrs. Hart, at the head of the bay, for some time, will leave very soon for Eastern Oregon, on account of his health. C. L. Hart succeeds him on the ranch.

Mr. C. O. Dunson and Miss Avis Hall, both of South Bend, were united in marriage last week at the home of the bride's parents on Nob Hill in South Bend. Miss Hall was well known and highly esteemed among the Ilwaco people and they send the young couple an abundance of good wishes for their continued happiness.

Mr. Hoffman of South Bend has joined his wife in Ilwaco and will stay for a few days before returning home.

HOTEL GUESTS ROBBED.

Manager of Hotel is Arrested on Suspicion of Thefts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—John M. Parker, who arrived in this city a few months ago with credentials from Louisville, Kansas City and St. Louis endorsing him as a hotel man and who has since been manager of the Hotel Balboa, was arrested last night as he was about to leave the city and is detained on suspicion of an attempt to defraud two guests of money and other valuables amounting in value to \$2300. It was after Parker's discharge as manager, it is alleged, that Miss Annie Buckley and Miss Adele Gould, recent arrivals from Seattle and guests at the hotel, discovered that their money and letters of credit were not in the hotel safe, where Parker was supposed to have placed them. When arrested Parker had over \$800 in his possession.

LONG WIRELESS MESSAGE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Information was received at the signal office that the officials of the corps had succeeded in establishing wireless communication between Circle City and Nome, Alaska, by way of Fort Gibbons, a distance of about 1200 miles. The city of Fairbanks also has been put into wireless communication with Nome, about 900 miles away. Notice is given that Circle City is now ready for commercial business and word has been given to the regular telegraph companies to that effect. Wireless service will be very valuable in event of interruption to land wires.

FEAR NIGHT RIDERS.

PARAGOULD, Ark., Sept. 23.—A resolution urging cotton buyers and sellers to cease business at once, as a precaution against the possibility of night riders in this section of the state, was adopted at a meeting yesterday of the members of the local Farmers' Union at Marmaduke. The union cites the recent appearance of night riders in Kentucky as a reason for the resolution. The letter warns farmers and buyers to profit by the trouble in Kentucky.

explain the emotional features of the picture. Do not miss this great treat.

ASTORIA THEATRE.

Manager Hanlin announces America's foremost comedians, Kolb and Dill for a one night engagement at the Astoria theatre next Sunday evening, September 27th. These well known players will be seen in their latest New York production, "Lonesome Town." The play will be seen in all its eastern splendor with special scenery and a large cast, including the famous Kolb and Dill chorus. The show is at Portland all of this week and the papers of that city are all speaking very highly of their performance.

A SOCIAL CROOK.

Son of a Prominent California Family is Said to Have Confessed

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—Charles Boyle, a former student of Stanford University, son of Henry Boyle, a millionaire property holder of Seattle and Oakland and member of a family conspicuous in the most exclusive society circles of San Rafael, is alleged to have made confession of a number of crimes committed in Marin county last spring. According to Sheriff W. P. Taylor who interviewed young Boyle in jail at Salinas, the prisoner admitted that he had held up 15 men in the National Hotel bar at San Rafael and seriously wounded a constable; that he had attacked a young woman with a club and pursued another and was guilty of other offenses, which for a time terrified a quiet community. The sheriff is at a loss to supply a motive for the young man's supposed participation in the crimes.

His Society.

The west side woman observed an old dork in violent altercation with the driver of a cart. "What is the matter?" she asked. "I done tell 'im he can't 'buse dat hawse," said uncle excitedly, "an' he say it none o' my business an' I done tell 'im I se a member ob de human 'bein' society."—New York Press.

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BRICKS FROM THE CLAYS OF OLD CLATSOP

FIRST KILN BURNED WAS UNCOVERED YESTERDAY—PROVED FINE SUCCESS.

The Astoria Clay Products Company has uncovered its first kiln of brick and the results are very gratifying to the members of the concern as well as to Manager Ogan.

From a burning of 10,000 bricks, 8,000 have come to the open market in fine shape, and those that lacked the range of heat to bring them to a satisfactory condition of color and stamina, were lost by reason of those odds and ends of initial try-out inseparable from the first attempts in such an undertaking.

The results of the first burning were so conspicuous and completely satisfactory that a kiln of 35,000 was immediately ordered built and burned, and the force at the plant has already begun the new layout and will nourish it to a point of supreme excellence; because as all say who have technical knowledge of the resources of the company there is the clay and the skill essential in the development of a first-class and successful venture in this line.

Manager Ogan will construct, at once, a circular, down-draught kiln and make some of the star samples of the works just to show beyond all possible doubt the intrinsic merits of the Clatsop clays, and upon the standard samples thus achieved, the business of the company will be prosecuted from this time forth. But it will be a difficult matter to surpass the smooth, exact and beautiful bricks taken from yesterday's kiln.

There is no doubt felt anywhere herabout of the ultimate and generous success of this venture, and all Astoria will greet it with hearty good will, because of the patient determination of its sponsors to make it a genuine and paying industry.

FLOATING THE COLORADO.

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—A heavy list to port developed when the deck was being filled, and caused considerable difficulty in floating the cruiser Colorado, just repaired after going aground at Liplip Point yesterday afternoon. Fifteen feet of water was taken into the dock shortly before 3 o'clock. A close examination of the hull was made to ascertain whether or not any of the newly adjusted plates leaked. The examination led the officers to believe that everything was satisfactory and water was allowed to come into the dock. As the ship lifted from the keel block she sank on her port side. The water was shut off and an attempt was made to tell where the trouble was.

At 8 o'clock the ship was still in a dangerous position and the tide had begun to run out. With the vessel off the keel blocks it was necessary to get the ship out at once or serious injury to the hull or the dock might have occurred with the dropping of the tide. A line was passed to the yard tug Pawtucket and the cruiser, careening from side to side, was towed into deep water. As the ship did not right herself, when in deep water, she was moored at pier six. A diver will be sent down early tomorrow morning to examine the hull. It is thought that one of the new plates on the port side leaks.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE GRAND THEATRE

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Astoria Theatre

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