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TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN

Water Tax—Monday and Tuesday will be the last days to pay the water tax for October if the extra 25 cents is to be avoided.

Will Sing At Church—Mr. Dabney Carr, the bass singer with the "Four Musical Artists," will sing a solo tonight at the Presbyterian church. The company will leave for South Bend Monday morning.

Primary Election—Voters should not forget that the primary election is to be held tomorrow afternoon. In another column will be found the voting precincts and other information pertaining thereto.

Astor Street—The improvement on Astor street, Sixth to Eighth, was yesterday accepted by the city authorities. This improvement appears to be an excellent one. Wide concrete sidewalks have also been put in.

High School Dance—The young ladies of the High School gave a dance at Logan hall last night, somewhat in honor of the High School football team. Attendance was upon invitation, and the event passed off very pleasantly.

Moneys Received—Thomas Dealey, the city treasurer, has received the sum of \$6639.87 since the first of October on street improvements, and this, with \$106.78 also received as interest on deferred payments, makes a total of \$6746.65.

They Are Busy—The ladies of the Monday Club of the Presbyterian Church, are busy meeting several times a week, preparing for their annual bazaar, which will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, and of which due notice will be given later.

Will Relinquish—Announcement was made in this office last evening by the parties in interest, to the effect that Al Hager, would on Monday, relinquish all his right in the Star theatre building to E. M. Baker, the owner of the property and premises.

His Room Robbed—A thief robbed the room of W. L. Thorndyke some time on Friday, securing a ring, several pieces of jewelry and a few dollars in money. A boy by the name of Gilmore who had been rooming with young Thorndyke is suspected of the robbery, and yesterday the police were unable to find him. The ring, a diamond one, had been pawned and it was recovered by the police yesterday.

Files An Opinion—A written opinion was filed with the city auditor by the city attorney yesterday in relation to the question submitted to him by the committee on police of the common council, and referring to the application for a saloon license made by Charles Bertleson. The opinion states that the fact that there are wine rooms in the saloon does not constitute a "nuisance" or a "disorderly house" in the meaning of the charter provision. This probably means that Bertleson will get his license.

"SPOKANE TO ASTORIA" IN TWELVE HOURS

PLEASANT RUMINATIONS OF A HOPEFUL CITIZEN UPON RECENT VISIT OF HILL

The following cheerful communication is at hand, anent the visit of Mr. Hill and his railway colleagues, to Astoria, and giving, in a "nutshell," the cogent conclusions of one who thinks deeply and reasons safely. He has sounded the keynote of the Hill-party's trip, and it tallies closely with the findings of everyone who has devoted any thought to the matter.

Editor Astoria:—The celebration of the opening of the Spokane-Portland & Seattle road fittingly began at the Spokane terminal last Wednesday, with a luncheon to Mr. J. J. Hill and his distinguished party. The train then ran through directly to Astoria and the mouth of the Columbia river, the Oregon terminus of the road, where the party was entertained informally by the Chamber of Commerce. The next day, Friday, the special train, ran back to Portland where luncheon and banquet were given by the commercial bodies. Today the party will visit the Sound country.

"At present the S. P. S. road is not finished between Spokane and Pasco, and the road of the Northern Pacific is used. Regular traffic will not be fully opened nor through trains to Astoria started until the road shall be completed from Pasco to Spokane, about February or March, 1909. The run can then be made from Spokane to Astoria in eight to twelve hours.

"At Spokane Mr. Hill dwelt upon the importance of developing the agricultural interests of that section of the country; called attention to the richness of the soil and the fact that on much of the land other products than wheat could be grown with more profit; that soon the wheat raised in the district would go east; he congratulated the city on having field, forest and mine; stated that Spokane is a great distributing center and the railroads were more interested in building it up than in building the coast cities; predicted that in time it would be larger than any of the coast cities; he spoke a good word for the agricultural college, as soil is Spokane's "chief corner" stone.

"At Astoria and Portland he made no statement of the plans of his companies for future extensions or policies. "The trip is one of rejoicing over the completion of the new road over the Cascades by the way of the Columbia river to Astoria at the sea. Astoria at the ocean terminus is glad to join hands with Spokane at the inland terminus in celebration of the completion of this road. "FRIEND OF PROGRESS."

Threatens Suit—A letter was received by Mayor Wise in his mail yesterday afternoon from a man who signs himself R. F. Smith, and Mr. Smith threatens suit against the city because of what he designates as a wrongful arrest. Suit was taken from the Ross City by one of the police officers, on a charge of investigation. He was said to have been drinking and the officers also apparently desired to question him in relation to a small "chubby" that occurred here Friday night. The letter received by Mayor Wise stated that action would be instituted against the city at once. Little is known of Mr. Smith here. He appeared at the Chamber of Commerce a few days ago and told a hard luck story and wished for some aid in getting to San Francisco. He appeared to be a man of intelligence, who either was getting over a spree or had come played hardily by fate in some other way. Mr. Whyte generously provided steerage passage to San Francisco. It is presumed that his letter in relation to a false imprisonment is somewhat of a bluff.

Chamber of Commerce—The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 o'clock Monday night will have for a special order of business that consideration of the Chautauqua program. It is expected that there will be a written offer concerning the management of this proposition which may be of considerable interest. The initiative bill proposing a tax for promotion work has been filed with 291 names and the committee that had charge will report and there will probably be a full discussion at the meeting.

"New King Now"—One of Astoria's excellent Republicanesses has a Chinaman engaged to regularly clean up about her place, and on his last visit, on Wednesday, he was smiling broadly during the whole time spent on the premises. The lady was curious to know what pleased him so much and asked what it was. He replied: "All right now; new king him bin lectured. Good times now, you bet; plenty job for Chinaman new king him smart fellar, and heap fat." All of which is but another tribute to Bill Taft.

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ATTORNEY A. M. SMITH MAKES ANSWER

SHOWS TECHNICAL AUTHORITY OF COUNCIL IN MATTER OF SEAWALL WARRANTS.

The Morning Astorian, pursuant to its promise to publish any answer made to its recent strictures on the payment, by the city, of the \$383 alleged to be due to A. M. Smith, for drafting the seawall bill (\$350); and \$33 of John Nowlen, for circulating it, is in receipt of the subpoenaed answer, prepared by Attorney A. M. Smith, and publishes it, verbatim; and without further comment at this time, than to urge its careful reading by the public, in order that the analysis to be made later, showing its apparent and actual fallacies, may be the more readily understood.

Editor of Morning Astorian:—I have noticed the editorial in your paper of November 4th, criticizing the Common Council for having employed me to assist the city attorney and charter revision committee in preparing the proposed initiative bill providing for filling in the tide flats and constructing bulkheads, also condemning myself for having accepted the employment, and kindly offering either of us an opportunity to explain under what authority such action is justified.

"Page 407 of the Sessions laws of Oregon for 1907 provides that initiative bills to amend any charter may be proposed by the Common Council itself directly, the language being as follows: 'Amendments to any charter may be proposed and submitted to the people by the City Council, with or without an initiative petition, but the same shall be filed with the City Clerk for submission not less than 60 days before the election at which they are to be voted upon.'

"The Council thus having the power to propose amendments decided to give heed to the long urged demand that some steps be taken to submit to the voters a bill that would enable the city to fill in the tide and mud flats and streets of the city. On account of the extra amount of time and work required for such an undertaking, it was decided to employ special counsel to assist the city attorney just as has been the usual practice in important matters for the past 20 years, and as was done when Fulton Brothers were employed to assist the city attorney in the case of Wingate vs. Astoria; Noland and Smith in the case of Acme Grocery Company vs. Astoria and as G. C. Fulton is now employed to assist in the case of Anderson vs. Astoria.

"The city attorney is the lowest salaried officer of the city considering the time and skill required of him and for that reason the Council thought it fair and just that some one be employed to assist him. What my charges would be, was made known to the Council in advance, and an ordinance was passed authorizing my employment. I was not anxious for the job and after understanding it, I found, as anticipated, that I had to meet with the committee once a week for nearly six months and had to write and re-write nearly every section of the bill many times, so that the stenographic work, at the rate usually charged, amounted to about \$100 in preparing the bill and the \$350 allowed for my services including the stenographic work did not allow me more than \$5.00 per day for the time actually devoted to preparing the bill. I do not understand that the Morning Astorian denies that the compensation is reasonable. And as to the authority of the Council to employ an attorney to assist the city attorney, that has never before been questioned, and I am satisfied it is justified by Section 39 of the Charter which provides: 'A majority of the Council may pass any ordinance or make any by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the United States or of this State necessary or convenient for carrying such power and authority, or any part thereof, into effect, and as may be necessary to secure the peace and good order of the city and the health of its inhabitants.' The proposed bill to construct the bulkhead and fill in districts of the city is based upon the protection of the public health and must stand as a sanitary measure.

"I avail myself of making this answer more on account of the injustice of your criticism to the Common Council and city attorney than to myself and ask that you be fair enough to give it as much prominence as your attack. "Very respectfully, "A. M. SMITH."

Silver Wedding—Mr. and Mrs. Niels Jensen, celebrated their silver wedding at their home at Smith's Point last night. Many beautiful and costly presents befitting the occasion were received by the happy host and hostess and a very enjoyable time was indulged in.

Candidate For Street Superintendency I am a candidate for Superintendent of streets. The only objection raised against me, is that I am too old. I have lived in Astoria many years and have a thorough knowledge of the duties of the office, and I believe I am competent to do justice by everyone and give everyone a square deal. If I am nominated and elected, I will carry out this platform, guaranteeing to one and all, that while I hold the office every citizen and taxpayer will be treated alike. Very respectfully, FRED SHERMAN.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Coles, of New York, were in this city yesterday and registered at the Occident.

C. J. Butsch, of Portland, was among the tourist hosts in this city yesterday.

R. Austin, of the metropolis, came down to Astoria, for a few hours yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Herron went over to Skamokawa yesterday to attend the Book Club meeting at the home of Editor S. G. Williams, of Eagle fame.

Edward Emerson, of Deep River, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. James Carver, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. K. Warren, for the past three weeks, has returned to her home.

A Strong Candidate.

When a man is a candidate for public consideration as a nominee or a candidate for office, it is well that the public know of his claim upon its good will and the strength of his plea for preference. This is the case of H. E. Steffensen, who seeks the Republican nomination, tomorrow, at the primary polls, to the office of Street Superintendent of the City of Astoria. Mr. Steffensen is not only an honest and respected citizen and an honest and respected citizen and "book" here for all men to peruse, but he has the training and experience in the sort of work that will be required of him in the event of his election to this place of trust and responsibility he seeks. The strong candidate is the capable candidate, always. The man who knows how is the man who does the work acceptably, and who fulfills the mission and measure of work entrusted to him. Mr. Steffensen is equipped thoroughly in every way for this post and the man who votes for him tomorrow will have no cause to regret the endorsement given in this behalf.

SOCIETY NEWS.

High School Girls. Miss Wilma Young entertained nearly a score of her High School girl friends at her home on Duane street in Uppertown yesterday afternoon, and the occasion was a pleasant one. Miss Young was assisted by Miss Fannie Gregory, and also by Miss Elvith Smith of Portland, who is visiting with Miss Wilma Young. There were guessing games and other form of entertainment. The young ladies present were Hattie Kopp, Addie Abercrombie, Bessie Hess, Laura Jeffries, Alvia Reed, Bessie Huntamer, Annette Stinson, Betsy Woolen, Florence Foster, Nellie Salvon, Margaret Nielson, Josie Bangsund, Mary Kelly, Esther Nylund,

Mary Eakin, Maud Ross and Hazel Lowden. Miss Young expects to accompany her father to California shortly, where they will pass the winter.

Lecturer Coming.

Mrs. Sleeth, a W. C. T. U. lecturer and organizer, will give a lecture in the Methodist church Monday evening the 9th, and a recital on Tuesday evening the 10th in the same place. Mrs. Sleeth comes very highly recommended as a speaker and her recitals are of a very entertaining order, with some dialect selections. Everybody invited. No admission.

AEROPLANE TROPHY.

REIMS, France, Nov. 7.—A leading business house has given to the Aerial League a cup valued at \$10,000 to be contested for every six months by heavier than air machines. It becomes the property of the aviator winning it for three years. If, however, any aeroplaneist covers a distance of 1000 kilometers in less than five hours before three years or over, the cup will be awarded immediately to him.

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REALTY TRANSFERS

Columbia Harbor Land Co. to Agnes M. Anderson, lot 5, block 69, Warrenton Park; \$250.

New Location.

Steele & Ewart wish to announce that they have moved their electrical fixtures and wiring business from 428 Bond street to 441 Commercial (near Astorian office), where all business will be transacted in the future. Their new fixture show room, which is of latest design in every respect, will be completed about November 15th. See announcement later. "a"

New Meat Market.

Mr. Bradon, late manager of the F. L. Smith Meat Co., will open up a market with a full line of clean and wholesome meats at marked prices that will suit in the store lately occupied by the Automatic Theatre, 684 Commercial street, between 15th and 16th streets, on Monday, November 2nd.

PRICE LIST

- Chickens..... 16c and 18c per lb. Take your pick of spring and Hens 18c, for the choicest and 16c for the others. Tenderloin Steaks, buy all you want..... 10c per lb Sirloin Steaks, everybody can afford to buy..... 10c per lb Flat-bone Steaks..... 10c per lb Round Steaks..... 10c per lb Hamburg Steaks..... 10c per lb Small and Choice Porterhouse Steaks..... 12 1/2c per lb Extra Large and Fancy Porterhouse Steaks..... 15c per lb Prime Rib Roast Beef..... 10c and 12 1/2c per lb Sirloin Roast Beef, only..... 10c per lb Shoulder Roasts of Pork..... 10c and 12 1/2c per lb Choice Loin Roasts of Pork..... 16c per lb Roasts of Veal..... 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 10c per lb Veal Cutlets..... 12 1-2c per lb Roasts of Mutton..... 10c and 12 1-2c per lb Nice Mutton Chops..... 12 1-2c per lb Choice Boiling meat..... 6c and 6c per lb Choice Pot Roasts..... 6c, 7c and 8c per lb Smith's Pure Lard..... 5 lb, pail 60c Breakfast Bacon..... 17 1-2c per lb Creamery Butter..... 65c per square Eggs..... 3c per dozen

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