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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.

OVER A MILLION NOW!

We do not believe there are ten men in the hundred in this city who are aware of the stupendous fact that the property wealth of this municipality is already chargeable with, practically, \$800,000 of public indebtedness; and interest charges at 5 and 6 per cent; that there is imperative necessity for increasing this fearful load by over \$325,000 during the coming year to perfect and maintain the public agencies already established here; and that Astoria stands irrevocably, the sponsor for it all.

No city in all this land, of her size and population, is burdened to any such extent as this; and this fact alone is enough to refute the insult offered this public in the open letter of A. M. Smith in Tuesday's Budget, that the "mossbacks" of Astoria are responsible for her lack of development. Such a bill of costs as this tells of no "mossbackism" in Astoria; but rather proclaims her a city willing to spend its money like water for improvement, even to the very verge of shattering her public credit.

These figures are but approximate, for the time being, and they will be given with exactitude in the course of a few days and in tabulated form, so there will be no chance for misunderstanding the gravest problem that ever confronted this people. We are not eager to publish these things to the outside world, but the immediate safety of the city forces our hand, and we do not usually hold back when there is need for candor and honest expression.

The trouble has been that there was not enough of popular interest to inquire into this growing evil in time to check the outrageous accumulation, but, thank Heaven, there is time enough and votes enough, to put the iron pressure of business retrenchment at work, and it going to be done.

ESTABLISH YOUR PORT!

The decision of the Supreme Court of Oregon confirming the validity of the Port of Portland bonds is the signal for Astoria to put herself in organic and positive shape as a port under the law, as embodied in the terms of the Port of Astoria bill now before the people here.

It must be done to fix her legal status and give her a standing in court for the civic prosecution of any right that may be invaded here in the course of the operation of the Portland bill. There can be no stronger demand made upon Astoria in this behalf than is presented

in the decision just handed down and her people must see to it that no affirmative vote is lost on the 9th of December.

Every man in this city knows the expediency of such an establishment here; the necessity for a port commission, a harbor master, for port boundaries, and a legal supervision of the marine interests belonging here; no man may argue successfully against the taking over of this indisputable right and there should be a unanimous vote for the measure when the time comes.

It is merely a matter of setting up the condition; there need be no funds appropriated nor spent until the exigencies shall demand it. It is not a question of expending a dollar; it is simply assuming an advantageous position and hedging against a dangerous invasion from outside agencies that must be inimical to any marine prestige claimed for this port.

We should be in a position to receive, handle, dispose of, and aid, our own commerce, and build a name abroad for the safe, convenient and logical control of one of the natural departments of Astoria's commercial class and status. And we will be, if the people shall unite for it next month.

COURTS NOT OPEN.

Let every man in this city remember, when the hour comes for casting his vote against the million-dollar seawall bill, foisted on this community by A. M. Smith and the council charter commission, that his negative vote is justified on the simple, and dangerous hypothesis that the courts of the land are closed to the people who pay for this wall, but are wide open to the commission that might be appointed to carry it through. Every clause and provision of the measure now under consideration, sets this fact up in unequivocal terms, and the scheme is to prevent interference by the people after the work shall have started. It is on a par with every other line of action the present administration has pursued in the arbitrary course of piling up the public debt of this city and the sooner it is understood the better.

When the day comes for the building of a seawall along the waterfront of Astoria (as come it will), it will be done upon an ascertained and understandable basis, as to route, quality, cost, grades, districts, and all the facts precedent to its construction, before the people are committed to hundreds of thousands of dollars of bonds and assessments.

Remember, you Astorians who will have to pay for this thing, that once you commit yourself to the huge proposition, you have no recourse in law against the operations of the men in charge of the work.

and that all promises made now as to what they will do to conserve your rights in the ugly premise, are as pie-crust, to be broken, ab libitum, when the time comes.

It probably will not snow until the 9th of December. The political forecast indicates a slide of unusual proportions about that time.

A million-dollar blanket debt is about all this lively little city can contemplate with equanimity; the second million may wait on the adjustment of the first.

It is amusing to watch the calm deliberation with which the man who has disposed of all his realty in Astoria views the abnormal increase of her public obligations, and devises means for still further expanding the encumbrance!

It would be an admirable and highly approved system if we could but pay our debts, public and private, with other peoples' money!

There needs to be a Port of Astoria to meet the Port of Portland when the latter comes down the river on its errand of absorption. Don't shies, that is, is Astoria!

We believe there will be a more genuine Thanksgiving day on the 10th of December than today furnishes, that is, is Astoria!

The Astoria seawall has lost tone, and Tone will lose the seawall!

Can anyone give us the current quotations on steam-street-rollers this fall? We know what they were sometime ago!

Isn't it a bit early in the year the fire department appropriation to peter out?

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ATHLETE ARRESTED.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 25.—James A. Ten Eyck, stroke of the Syracuse University eight-oared crew, was arrested here today for the Chicago police. He is charged with being a party to pool game in Chicago in which Chris Hansen was fleeced out of \$1350.

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CRUELTY OF JAPANESE UNSPEAKABLE

SO ASSERTS A RETURNED TRAVELER FROM HERMIT KINGDOM.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 25.—W. S. Holloway of London, who for five years had charge of the British concessions in Korea, and is returning after a short absence is now in this city.

Mr. Holloway said that if privileged to talk he could tell a tale of cruelty of the Koreans which would make every member of the white race get up in arms against the mil-kado's people. "I am returning to Korea and not leaving," said Mr. Holloway, "or I would talk."

"It would be one of the most startling stories ever published if a competent newspaper man was sent to Korea and the real conditions of Japanese oppression told to the world. It would make every white man revolt and turn against the Japanese. I wish I could talk, but I cannot."

"I could tell of how the Japanese surrounded the Korean emperor's palace with maxim guns after they had secured what they wanted in the way of abdication, and no life was spared. Neither the government of the United States nor England know of the dishonesty and lack of principle of the Japanese."

After a few days in this city Mr. Holloway will leave for San Francisco and then sail for Korea.

AMUSEMENTS

NOTHING BUT MONEY.

This phrase has grown quite common in this vicinity recently, attractive posters with the above catch line being lavishly displayed on fences, ash-boxes, bill boards and windows. The line is used by that very progressive young manager, Elmer Walters, in gaining publicity and incidentally dollars, for his newest attraction, "A Millionaire Tramp." In this production Mr. Walters has made a long stride to the front, for in this play he succeeded in retaining all the elements of quick action and



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HIP! HIP! HOORAY!

A distinguished cast supports Rice and Cady, the two comedy stars in "Hip Hip Hooray" which comes direct to the Astoria Theatre for one night on Sunday Nov. 29, after a year's run at Weber's Broadway Music Hall. Belle Dale last season played a leading role in Geo. M. Cohan's "Talk of New York." May Phelps, the Prima Donna, starred in "Bob White," and was featured in "The Gingerbread Man." Josephine Magee is pronounced by Anna Held to be the prettiest show girl in the world; Mazie Trumbull has danced all over America; Harry Shunk has a negro role and has been for years the leading comedian with Al G. Fields' Minstrels; Edward Lynch, the baritone, is from Fritz Scheff's company; Wellington Ross, juvenile, was featured in the "Top of the World" and several of Geo. M. Cohan's productions. The company of 40 people includes one of the prettiest choruses ever sent on the road and a powerful cast in general. In staging "Hip Hip Hooray" no expense was spared. All the gowns were made in Paris. The production comes here just as it was seen at Weber's Music Hall. The scenes are laid at a famous University and are crowded with color; numerous song hits are scattered through the place, and the show goes with a dash that makes it irresistible.

The Morning Astorian contains all the local and Associated Press reports.



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