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There has been no little anxiety felt in this port over the experience of the Elmore motor schooner Gerald C. which left out from the Nehalem on Friday last at 2:30 o'clock p. m. for this place, laden, as usual, with a full cargo of cheese. Word reached the morning house here of her departure from the lower coast the night of Friday, and that was the night the heavy sou'wester set in. Her failure to arrive here on Saturday accentuated the uneasiness, and Sunday and yesterday were days of genuine worry for all concerned. Captain Tabel and his crew of three (including the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mudd, of the Lewis & Clark) had the time of their lives for the 73 hours they had to face and ride the heavy seas, and some of her cargo had to be jettisoned in order to relieve her and give her a chance to stand up against the stress. She was sighted yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by the steamship Watson, bound for Seattle, 15 miles north of Cape Disappointment, making good weather, but with the seas running much over her. The Watson at once got in touch with the United Wire-

The French bark Armen, Captain Revel, 168 days from Hobart's Town, arrived in on Sunday last and will go on to the metropolis this morning on the lines of the Harvest Queen. She had a long but uneventful passage, save that she experienced some very heavy gales off this coast, and shipped some seas on the bar.

The steamer Lurline went up last evening with plenty of people and business, and among her passengers were the following: G. B. Woods, T. A. Barthmes, C. R. Hart and J. H. Shone.

The steamer Tamalpais, from San Francisco, on her first run to this port and Portland, crossed in on Sunday morning last and after discharging 80 tons of freight at the Callender dock, went on to Kalama, to load out for the return voyage.

Operator "Fuzzy" Ferland, of the United Wireless station on Smith's Point, last night at 9 o'clock, picked up the oil steamer W. S. Porter, 90 miles off the Rogue River, making good time to San Francisco, from Juneau, with all well on board.

The Standard Oil steamers Atlas and Asuncion, both deeply laden with fuel oil, from the California coast, came in over the bar together yesterday afternoon, and proceeded directly on to the metropolis.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder did not come down the river until Sunday after her "day in dock" at St. John's. She went to sea, direct, after a short stop at the Callender.

The schooner H. K. Hall, with 1,400,000 feet of lumber from the Columbia mills at Knappton, went to sea yesterday, bound for Sydney, Australia.

The steamer Nome City, lumber laden for San Francisco, arrived down yesterday morning, and went over the Columbia bar in the afternoon, if all things were passable down there.

The steamer Cascades, arrived down very early this morning, lumber laden, and en route to the Bay City.

The steamer Jim Butler did not get out from the lower harbor until 2:15 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

The Breakwater was not in from the Coos country at 9 o'clock last evening; but it is thought she has the Callender hull "Myrtle" on her hawsers, and if she has, she is not likely to be in until this morning.

The steamer Argo, from Eureka, was among the Sunday arrivals from Eureka, with Captain Bob. Jones in command, and Chief Engineer Dunham in the engineering. She docked at the Callender pier at about 5 o'clock, and shortly afterward went on to Portland, to take on freight for her initial Portland-Astoria-and-Tillamook run.



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THEIR LAST REGULAR MEETING

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS LEAVE ELECTION OF CLERK TO THEIR SUCCESSORS.

At the regular meeting of the water commission last night the question of electing a clerk was touched upon, but the sense of the gentlemen present seemed to be that this is a matter that should naturally be left for the new commission. The new commission will include only two of the present members. All of the commissioners were present last night except Judge Trenchard, who is out of the city on business.

The report of the auditing expert, J. J. Chamberau, of Portland, whose services had been secured to audit the accounts of the clerk, Mr. Lounsberry, was read and placed on file. The report placed that Mr. Lounsberry's accounts were "absolutely correct and that all moneys had been turned over to the treasurer." It also stated that the accounts of the treasurer, Mr. Patton, were all in fine shape and that all moneys in the special and general funds were safely on hand.

The annual transfer of \$3000 from the general fund to the sinking fund was ordered. Payment of \$8000 interest on January 1 was authorized. A communication was received from Fire Chief Foster asking that the commission place a hydrant either at Ilwaco or Hull street on Taylor. This was referred to Superintendent Johnson for a report. The offer of the Portland Wire & Iron Works to sell and erect a fence around the grounds of the little reservoir was accepted. The price is \$65.

The question of the eligibility of citizens to the water commission, relating to the charter provision which demands that every person to be eligible to the office must pay at least \$25 in taxes "to the city," was referred to the city attorney for an opinion.

The clerk's report for the month of November showed a total business of \$3997.48, and total cash collections of \$3935.08. The treasurer's statement for November showed a balance on hand in the general fund on November 1 of \$42,805.05. The regular pay roll for November was \$815.75. Bills for the month were \$134.81. The meeting adjourned until 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of December 21, when bids for the pipe line will be opened.

The steamer Alliance made her customary get-away at 9 o'clock on Sunday last; with Captain Parsons on the bridge and her ex-captain, Ben W. Olsen, going out as a passenger.

The Roanoke had not been reported at a late hour last evening; but she will probably come in this morning from her California ports of call.

The steamship Rose City was on her schedule in from the Bay City yesterday, and went on to Portland at 11 o'clock.

The steamer Marshfield, from the Bay City for Rainier, for lumber, arrived in yesterday morning, and went on to the up-river destination at once.

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AMUSEMENTS

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An attraction of more than ordinary merit will hold the boards at the Astoria Theatre next Sunday when Manager Hanlin will offer H. E. Pierce & Company's typically western comedy drama, "In Wyoming," with a cast of well known players, including Cecil Kirke, Frank Patton, Nelson Leavitt, Herbert Rawlinson, Dean Selah, Burt Crowell, Harriet Dunsmore, Anna Gardiner, Marie Bonsall, and others. "In Wyoming" is a strong, well-written drama of western life, without the usual gun play and melodramatic features. Every character and scene in the piece breathes the life of the great western cattle country. The dramatic incident of the capture of the cattle thief, Steve Gordon, in the fourth act and the marvelously realistic western sunset, add an element of realism to the play which has rarely been equaled in the history of the American stage.

COMMON COUNCIL THE SOLE JUDGE

LOCAL ATTORNEY TALKS ON PROSPECTIVE KARINEN-SCHMIDT CONTEST.

While examining the city charter, several days ago, in relation to matters pertaining to the city election, Judge Anderson ran across this section, which is of much interest now because of the expected contest in at least one ward:

"The Common Council is the final judge of the qualifications and elections of its own members, and in case of a contest between two persons claiming to be elected thereto, must determine the same."

This section of the charter, presuming that it has never been modified or repealed, very plainly makes the common council the tribunal to hear and finally determine any contests between two or more persons who claim election to the council. In the present instance, Mr. Karinen, who states that he will contest the right of Mr. Carney to take his seat in the council from the First ward, will have to bring his proceedings up before the council.

Said a lawyer yesterday: "The rule is well established that a provision of this nature in a city charter is valid and of full effect. The only question of interest in the provision is as whether it gives the council full and exclusive jurisdiction, to the exclusion of the courts, and in the case of the provision in the Astoria charter, I am of the opinion that it does. That is, the action of the council in the matter is not subject to any supervision by the courts. This may appear a little bit strange, but the rule seems plain. Where the charter section states that the council shall

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR NEXT YEAR

PRESIDENT SCHOLFIELD TO APPOINT IMPORTANT COMMITTEE OF FIVE.

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night the president, Mr. Scholfield, was empowered to appoint a committee of five to carefully look into the question of continuing the work of publicity for the coming year. The committee will be appointed by President Scholfield in a few days, and it will also be authorized to prepare a report on the question of nominees for the various offices of the association for the coming year. New officers are to be elected very soon.

The appointment and work of this committee of five may be deemed of no little importance, as the future policy of the Chamber will doubtless depend largely on its findings. In other words, the question of financing the work for the next year or two, is again under consideration. The term of Mr. Whyte, manager, will also expire in a few months. The expense of carrying on the work of the Chamber has proven quite expensive. Many have contributed generously in money for the past two years, and a small body of men have given generously both of their money and time. It is hoped that the merchants and others will again come "to the front" so that the work carried on so actively by Mr. Whyte since he has been here may be continued.

Various matters of interest arose last night. The memorial to congress in relation to the deepening of the mouth of the Columbia was read. Copies of it have been sent to many senators and members of the house of representatives and answers from a dozen or more were read last night by Manager Whyte, all promising support. A letter from Senator Fulton was read in which he indicated his full belief that the dredge Chinook would be procured for this work, and that is the thing the Chamber is aiming at.

It was also stated at the meeting that the bill recently introduced by Senator Fulton for the appropriation of \$500,000 for a public building in Astoria has at least a chance of passing. Mr. Wingate again brought up the question of an excursion to Spokane. Brenham Van Dusen also spoke on this point, and urged the necessity of Astoria awakening to a realization of her opportunities in this respect. He suggested that such an excursion be held and that perhaps it might also be a wise plan to tender a banquet to some of the prominent men of the north bank railway, and to prominent men throughout the state. This seemed to meet with favor. Mr. Wingate was appointed a committee to examine into the matter of the excursion, and to report as to the best time, etc. Several letters have been received in relation to the clearing off of stump lands.

have the 'sole' or 'exclusive' or 'final' determination of such a contest, no appeal may be taken to the courts from the determination reached by the council. But in all those cases where the provision merely recites that the common council shall be the judge of such a contest, and must determine the same, without the use of any words of word clearly excluding the courts, then the courts are not only given a supervisory jurisdiction, but have original and concurrent jurisdiction. It is the word 'final' in the Astoria provision which apparently gives the common council the full right to absolutely determine the case, with no right of appeal to any court. The rule was first established in this state in the case of the State of Oregon vs. McKennon, in the 8th Oregon Reports. Appeal was allowed in that case.

"I am only taking from memory," said this attorney, "and a cursory examination of the question, but I guess there is little doubt that if the Karinen-Kaboth contest case comes up the council will have the sole right to settle it."

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