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OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

The Lurline laid here at her dock for 24 hours rather than face the gale which raged all of night before last and yesterday. Captain Johnson declared yesterday, that had as he wanted to make time the safety of the vessel and her people were infinitely more to him than any schedule that was ever devised, a sentiment which any rational man will confirm, especially in matters that have to do with ships and steamers and storms. She got away last evening shortly after 5 o'clock with good business above and below stairs.

The steamer Alliance entered port yesterday, from Coos waters, with a good line of business in the freight and passenger departments, and after a brief stay at the Callender dock, went on up the river. It is reported that the Alliance is to be equipped with an up-to-date wireless service as soon as it can be done; a departure that will materially assist her in her short coast circuit, and benefit everybody in touch with her.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore, with her hold chock full of general merchandise and her cabins full of eager passengers, is yet in port awaiting a subsidence of the strong nor'easter that has prevailed here since Tuesday morning. It is the intention of Captain Schroeder to depart for Tillamook at 6 o'clock this morning if there is any chance in the world to do so with safety.

The Callender steamers, Vanguard, Jordan and Mayflower were taken over into Young's Bay yesterday and moored there until the nor'east gale goes down and they can lie at their berths without hammering themselves to flinders.

The big and handsome steamer T. J. Potter of the O. R. & N. fleet is doing good service in place of the Hassalo on the Astoria-Portland run, while the latter is undergoing re-shafting up at Portland. She is one of the standing favorites on the Columbia.

The steamer Eureka arrived in yesterday from Eureka, Cal., well laden with general cargo and stopped at the Callender dock to unload a big lot of it, and then proceeded up stream with the balance.

The steamer Homer is due down from up river points today, outward bound. She is loaded this trip for Port Costa, at the head of San Francisco Bay.

The steamer Thomas L. Wand cleared from this port yesterday for San Francisco, with 675,000 feet of good Oregon lumber taken on at Rainier.

The big liner Numantia, under the pilotage of Captain Pease, arrived down yesterday, deeply laden for the Orient, and will leave out this morning on her long voyage.

The schooner Endeavor is due down the river today, lumber laden for San Pedro, Cal.

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A "TEAPOT TEMPEST" OVER NOTHING

AN ANGRY CITIZEN ARRAYS THE ASTORIAN IN ITS OWN COLUMNS UNNECESSARILY.

We are publishing the following tirade out of sheer respect for W. P. O'Brien, and not from any conviction that he has a grievance against this paper, nor that we have transgressed any rule of decent journalism or the ethics of good-will and courtesy.

In singling out the paragraph from the report, we did so because of its peculiar pertinence at this time as showing an existing condition of affairs at once unusual, and challenging the interest of every taxpayer. The mere fact that an important record of the city was in such hopeless state as to baffle so shrewd a bookkeeper as Mr. O'Brien, left no rational mind free of the correlative assumption that the blundering had been perpetrated to a certain extent and should be looked after.

The editorial in question assailed neither the examiners nor the officers now in charge of the records of Astoria; it simply laid a predicate for the further expediting of the books and quoted from a report upon an analogous proceeding, as we had a perfect right to do; and the lengthy and heated explanation entered into by Mr. O'Brien does not relieve the ambiguity suggested one little bit. The fact remains that the city ledger, covering a certain period of time, was so blunderingly handled as to leave unusually clever men non-plussed upon their own straight and ample confession. And their admission was selected as a fundamental plea for the re-experting of this, and all other records.

We are not quarreling with W. P. O'Brien nor anyone else over this matter; the council may, and will, do as it pleases in this important premise; and while we regret to have excited our good friend out Alderbrook-way, we have no apologies to make, nothing to retract, and no "unfairness" to make good.

If our claim that the books should be experted by an "outsider" is taken by the gentleman as a discriminating allusion to his capacity for the work, that is his own silly conclusion and he may make the most of the disagreeable assumption, as we waive all responsibility of such crass and unreasonable determination on his part. We do insist upon the work going to the hands of a man who is not bound by intimate, social, political and business relations with half the people in the city, and unhampered by his "friends' friends." This demand is made in the public interest, no matter whose feelings may be hurt. This paper is not here to mince matters upon any personal basis whatever; we are endeavoring to bring about a result that will set at rest all doubts as to exact financial condition of this city in the way prescribed for all large communities, the way invariably followed elsewhere. A good bookkeeper is one thing, and an expert accountant is another. Astoria's books have never been exhaustively experted that anyone knows of.

Mr. O'Brien's article reads as follows:

"Astoria, Or., Jan. 5, 1909.
Editor The Astorian:
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Facts', the Morning Astorian of the 5th inst. produces an editorial which, for unfairness, would scarcely have been expected if we were in the throes of a political campaign when everything except facts is taken into consideration.

"You quote from the report submitted to the City Council on the 15th of February, 1908, and you quote it correctly until you come to 'for this reason.' Why didn't you give the reason? Why stop in the middle of the report? What was there obnoxious about the balance of it that you did not publish it? Was space so valuable that you were compelled to misrepresent the officials of the city for the past six years by suppressing the important portion of the report and then continue 'Upon such a predicate alone, the council will be amply justified in launching a searching and crucial examination of the books of the city for at least a period of six years, and at the hands of an outside expert who can give the time necessary to the widest possible range of scrutiny and who, from the standpoint of professional engagement, may not leave such an eccentric condition unsolved?' I have not the least desire to question the fact that 'an outside expert' should be employed to do such simple work as checking the books of the City of Astoria. All good (?) goods, with the single exception of newspapers, come from the 'outside.' What I do question is the suppression of the principal part of the report. Controversialists would denounce such tactics as 'garbling quotations.'

"At one time when Father Yorke and Rev. Dr. Wendt were disputing over some matter it was necessary for Dr. Wendt, to back up his argument, to omit a portion of the most important evidence. Fr. Yorke, having detected the omission, replied that it was difficult for him to deal with such a person and that he knew of no way to properly characterize such method except to designate it as a literary crime or equal in malodor to the in time of war.

"The portion of the report necessary to a full and clear understanding of the matter is as follows:

"Reverting to the accounts of the auditor and police judge as compared with statement submitted to you at conduct of soldiers who poison wells the end of 1907, we consider that if the present ledger was turned over to any accountant, no matter how competent he might be, unless he knows the history of the charges against certain streets and was familiar with the amendments recently made to the city charter, or had the auditor explain both, it would practically impossible for him to make an intelligent report from the face of said ledger. Your auditor cannot, without instructions from you, make it any more intelligible, for this reason:

"Your books show balances against the following streets, for improvements made at once time:

Fifth street, Adairs.....	\$ 3,150.67
Cedar street.....	17,710.89
Chenamus street.....	10,161.97
Court street.....	3,793.78
Genieve street.....	9,085.42
Hemlock street.....	16,626.10
LaFayette street sewer.....	548.30
LaFayette street.....	2,367.73
Main street.....	3,388.90
West Eighth street.....	5,135.50
West Ninth street.....	351.19

Total.....\$72,320.36

"One would expect these balances to be counted in as resources with other unpaid street assessments, but the auditor considers these accounts worthless, and properly omits them in making his reports. The old lien docket shows lien against some of the property assessed for the improvement of these streets, and it also shows some of the assessments cancelled by ordinance. If the amounts shown above can be collected, the property should be advertised and sold, as have some lots for more recent improvements. If it cannot be collected, it should be taken off the books. As a warning for the future, it could be charged to an account headed, 'Official incompetency' or 'Political carelessness.' These accounts have been running for several years, the streets mentioned having been built between the years 1877 and 1889.

"But for the respect I have for the intelligence of the people of Astoria I might attempt an explanation of the above extract from the report. As they have no motive in seeing 'a glaring ambiguity' in its contents they will have no desire to misinterpret its meaning.

"What in the name of common sense has this report to do with the past 'six years?' Were not some of the streets mentioned improved about the time some of the present officers were born?

"The city officials during the past six years have had no more to do with the building of any of the streets

THE PORT OF ASTORIA OFFICERS ELECTED

COMMISSION ORGANIZES AND ELECTS MR. WINGATE AS ITS PRESIDENT.

The Port of Astoria commission was duly organized yesterday at a meeting of the members in the offices of Finlayson & Ward.

The meeting was called to order by G. Wingate, who has been one of the prime movers in the creation of the commission, and all the commissioners were present except Mr. Fisher. Those present were Messrs. Wingate, Gordon, Ball, Callander, Wilson and Finlayson.

J. T. Eaken was elected secretary pro tem.

On motion of Commissioner Gordon and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Wingate was nominated for the presidency, and Commissioner Callender for the vice-presidency. These nominations were put to a motion and unanimously carried.

It was then moved and seconded that Commissioner Gordon be made treasurer, and on vote this was duly carried. Mr. Eaken was then elected secretary of the commission.

It was also moved that the president and secretary endeavor to make arrangements if possible for a meeting place of the Astoria commission in the city hall.

Commissioners Callender and Finlayson were appointed a committee to draw up rules and regulations for the use and control of the harbor, to report the same at the next meeting, which will be at the call of the president. The appointment of a harbor master was put over until the next meeting. Commissioners Ball and Wilson are to look up a hydrographic engineer, whose services are required to make a survey of the harbor.

Thus the Port of Astoria commission now stands organized, and all prepared to go ahead to take control of the Port of Astoria.

The commission has very wide powers, and its organization under the initiative charter amendment, adopted at the recent election may mean much for the future of Astoria. The charter amendment also provides that the commission shall have the power to raise a certain amount of money by taxation, but it is understood in a general way that it is not planned to spend much money for at least a time.

In his message to the Common Council, Mayor Smith adverted to the Port of Astoria amendment to the charter and stated that there may be some question as to its validity, and suggested that before any steps be taken it might be best to test its validity by some friendly suit in the courts. Apparently, however, the commission has little fear of this matter.

It is known that before the election Mayor Smith and others interested in the fate of the three amendments then before the people were much afraid that even if they did become a part of the city charter they might not be legal; on the grounds that the provisions of the charter had not been strictly followed in relation to their being advertised. It was said that the advertisement of the three proposed amendments was not commenced until several days after the proper time. No fault was laid to anybody's door. If this be true then it may also be true that the present law may be invalidated, if ever brought into the courts.

On the other hand, as far as is known, no exact study of the question has yet been given the matter and it may turn out that all is well with the Port of Astoria amendment.

mentioned than they did with the building of the Egyptian pyramids.

"Mr. Editor, there is on advantage in having the city books checked over by an 'outside expert'. He usually makes a report recommending new books and strange forms. These books and forms have to be printed somewhere. Your humble servant drew up the above reports and stands responsible for it and this letter.

"Yours truly,
"W. P. O'BRIEN."

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