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Flags At Half Mast

At one or more of the public schools yesterday the flags were placed at half mast, as a token of respect to the memory of Captain Howes.

Citizenship

Declaration of intention to take out his citizenship papers was filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday by Kristian Andersen Lyster, native of Norway.

New Foundation

Martin Franciscovich has given a contract to L. Lebeck to place a new foundation under his home on Thirty-third street.

Junior Class

Mr. Van Riper, the physical director of the Athletic Club, wishes to meet all the young girls who desire to join the junior class this afternoon between 4 and 6 o'clock.

Star Course

Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, will lecture next Monday night in the Star course. He is recognized as an able and very interesting orator and lecturer, and the cost of securing his lecture here is over \$200.

Parents' Day

Superintendent Clark of the city schools has designated next Friday afternoon as visiting day for parents, and a general invitation is extended to all who are interested in the schools to visit them then. It is proposed to have at least two days in the year when special invitations will be extended to all parents.

Had Erysipelas

The city health officer, Dr. Reames, was appealed to yesterday by the police to make examination of a man who was quite ill in a room over a saloon on Bond street. Some had thought he might have smallpox. Dr. Reames found him to be suffering from a bad attack of erysipelas and to be in need of medical attention.

Fish Chairmanship

Representative Leinenweber of Astoria has been named as chairman of the Fishery Committee of the lower house at Salem, a position of much importance. Mr. Leinenweber may well be pleased that he was selected for this place, and doubtless he will do much for the interests of the fishermen of the lower Columbia river if any opportunity presents. Just what fish legislation is being planned has not yet been made known.

The Pall Bearers

At a meeting of the Elks last night the following were appointed to act as pall bearers at the Captain Howes funeral: H. A. Matthews, H. W. Christensen, I. J. Bergman, Charles Richardson, Nelson Troyer, J. W. Johnston. The Bar Pilots' Association named the following as the honorary pall bearers: James Tatton, G. W. Wood, A. E. Cann, C. S. Gundersen, M. D. Staples, D. J. McVicar, V. Boelling, R. Swanson. The Elks will conduct the services at the grave.

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Captain Howes' Funeral

The funeral of Captain Howes will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church. Interment will be in Greenwood.

Musical Treat in Store

The good people of the Memorial Lutheran church of this city intend to furnish forth one of the rarest musical treats of the season, in the shape of a piano recital by Dr. Emil Enna, of Portland, on Wednesday, February 3rd, and he will be assisted by George Street, the noted baritone singer, of Portland. Details of the affair will be given later, but it is well worth preparing for just on this mention.

Police On New Beats

Acting Chief of Police Oberg yesterday made out a new list of beats for the seven members of the force, and as a result there are one or two decided changes. The complete list is as follows: Officer Thompson, Fourth street to west end; Officer Houghton, Fourth to Ninth streets; Officer Linville, Ninth to Twelfth streets; Officer Wilson, city at large; Officer Rinn, clerk at headquarters and subject to calls. The first five officers are detailed from 7 o'clock in the evening to 5 in the morning. Officer Wilson is on from 5 in the morning to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Officer Rinn will be on duty from 8 to 5. By this shifting Officer Linville, who has long been in the district from Fourth to Ninth, goes to Ninth to Twelfth. Officer Houghton will take the redlight district vacated by Linville. Officer Thompson, who has long been on duty in the central part of the city, goes to the west end of town. Officer Debeus takes the beat from Twelfth street to the depot; Officer Hansen from the depot east to Alderbrook.

AMUSEMENTS

"SHORE ACRES"

Archie Boyd, who is playing the part of Nathaniel Berry in James A. Herne's great play, "Shore Acres," has been identified with the stage as a leading character actor for several years. He has been conspicuous in many of the great productions of the country and has a reputation second to none as an artist of unusual versatility. Mr. Boyd like most of the old-time actors as he sometimes styles himself, began at the bottom of the ladder and worked up. He will be seen here in the great play "Shore Acres" at the Astoria Theatre next Saturday. He began his histrionic career in De Bar's stock company in St. Louis, in which city he was born. It was during the Civil War when he went upon the stage. St. Louis at that time, was one of the storm centers of the great civil strife. At that time the Ben De Bar theatre in St. Louis was one of the most prominent play houses in the United States. Before being assigned a part he was call-boy in the theatre. Mr. De Bar was one of the great actor managers of his time, coming to this country from England when in middle life. Young Boyd was ambitious to become an actor and much to his surprise, the opportunity came to him much sooner than he expected. De Bar was an observing manager. He knew the relative value of every member of his company. He thought he saw in the boy the making of a character actor, which was not exactly any part of the youth's ambition at that time. The youthful member of the company was inclined to protest, saying he couldn't play character parts but De Bar insisted that he could and that was his beginning as a character actor, from which line he has never departed.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my gratitude to Hon. W. F. McGregor for the use of his messhouse; to the K. of P. for the use of its dishes; to the members of the Dorcas Society for their table linen, and to the ladies who assisted with the cooking; also to the people who took part in the program, as well as to the many friends who assisted in making the recent silver wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Enberg so successful.

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WON'T CANCEL THE OLD LIENS AND TAXES

IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE REACHED BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the ways and means committee of the common council yesterday afternoon several matters of striking importance were acted upon, notably in relation to the many thousands of dollars still unpaid to the city in the form of back taxes and street assessments. While there has been a disposition manifest among some of the members of the old council to strike these unsettled claims off from the city books as worthless assets, the new ways and means committee yesterday took a decided stand and announces that these numerous claims shall still stand as unpaid claims due and payable to the city, and the liens existing against the property therefor shall be continued in force. The surprisingly large amount of nearly \$83,000 is involved in the matter.

Messrs. Prael, Curtis and Belland are the members of the ways and means committee. These gentlemen met at the city hall at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and discussed the subjects suggested by the claims on the city books.

From the years 1877 to 1888 street assessments to the amount of \$72,320.36 remain unpaid. The city has liens against the properties on which the assessments were made, and at various times efforts have been made by the property holders to have the liens released, and in some individual cases this has been done when asked for by people interested. Recently it was suggested to the council that the whole list of liens should be cancelled. Naturally these liens constitute a cloud on the titles, and the property can hardly be sold or placed in the market to any advantage. Perhaps, during this long lapse of time, many of the lots involved have passed into the hands of purchasers, and if so of course they hold their purchases subject to the liens of the city. No statute of limitations runs against the liens, apparently.

In the year 1892 there was left unpaid the sum of \$10,683.44 in taxes, due and payable to the city. At that time the city taxes were collected by the city. These outstanding taxes also constitute liens against the property affected.

The question now arose for consideration by the council as a result of a petition entered by William Bell, who owns property in Uppertown and asked for a rebate on his assessment on various grounds. This precipitated the whole question and first in the committee decided as above told in relation to the old claims. In regard to the petition made by Mr. Bell, the committee made this entry on his petition, and this also announce a new policy:

"We, your committee, herewith report that we have carefully examined the within report and deem it a bad precedent to establish by allowing rebates in street assessments; and recommend that hereafter no rebates be allowed, and that this petition be not allowed."

This entry on the back of the petition is signed by the three members, Prael, Curtis and Belland. While theirs is only a recommended to the council, yet it is safe to prognosticate that the council will endorse the attitude of the ways and means committee, and if this is done it will mean that in the future no rebates will be granted in any circumstances in street assessments, and moreover that the liens and back taxes are not to be permitted to go by the board simply because they are old.

It is admitted that it may be difficult to collect these old claims, but on the other hand as long as they are just claims there seems no apparent reason why they should be thrown away, and at the same time it is quite probable that many will yet pay, thus giving the city some of the money that is owing.

It is said the committee were unanimous in their opinion upon these two subjects. At the city hall yesterday it was recalled that Councilman Belland has consistently favored the enforcement of the liens and the refusal of granting rebates on street assessments. It was also recalled that Councilman Burns, a number of years ago, took the same stand.

How the council may legally take upon itself the right of granting rebates is another question that may not have been considered in all its ramifications. The laws provide for the manner of assessments, and for a time and manner of making remonstrances before the proper board of

equalization; while by granting rebates the council would apparently be taking upon itself the duties of a board of equalization, and when a rebate is granted other property holders must naturally make up for the rebate—which thus brings about a method of assessment not contemplated by the laws and might in an extreme case render absolutely nugatory the work of a proper board of equalization.

Of course if the rebate was made up out of the general fund it would be plainly and absolutely illegal. If no new assessment is made it is not very clear how the amount can be made up.

The fact that this committee was hard at work in the city hall yesterday speaks much for the "business administration" that many confidently expect from the new councilmen.

THREE MEN MAY HAVE BEEN DROWNED

HAVEN'T RETURNED FOR THEIR FISHING BOAT SINCE LAST SUNDAY.

According to a statement that was brought to town by "Billy" Davis yesterday morning there is a possibility that some grave mishap may have befallen three men from this city who went hunting Sundry on the Columbia river up near Fern Hill.

Three men were observed to arrive up the river Sunday in one of the ordinary Columbia river fishing boats, and because of their somewhat peculiar actions were observed quite closely by the children of the Davis family who reside on the Oregon side of the river there. After a short time the men anchored their fishing boat and put off in a light skiff in the direction of McGregor's Island. The river was very rough at the time and nothing more was seen of any of the party by the members of the Davis family, though a watch was kept for their return.

Their fishing boat still remains uncalled for. Mr. Davis yesterday discussed the matter with Mr. Mack, the fish warden, and from the license number on the boat it was ascertained that it belonged to Charles S. Schultz of Uppertown. Whether Mr. Schultz was in the party or not is not yet known.

If the members of the party are all right it seems odd that they should have left their boat in the river, at the mercy of the ice packs and storms, while on the other hand the light skiff in which they put off for McGregor's Island may have easily been overturned in the rough river and the three men lost.

REALTY TRANSFERS

George Hibbert of the Chinook Observer, was in the city yesterday on matters of business.

R. S. Lawson of Portland was doing business in this city yesterday and was sojourning at the Occident.

John V. Burns of San Francisco was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Mrs. George Winship of Ilwaco spent the day in this city yesterday, being registered at the Occident.

D. Weingarfer of Portland was among the crowd of people alighting from the noon train from the metropolis yesterday.

J. T. Segrist of Seattle was in the city yesterday afternoon on business, returning homeward on the evening train. He was registered at the Merwyn.

K. F. Sandstrom of Tacoma spent the day here yesterday and was domiciled at the Northern Hotel.

G. B. Entwistle of Buffalo, N. Y., was one of the host of business visitors in Astoria yesterday.

J. D. Lindstrom of Hammond was in the city yesterday for a few hours.

D. H. Lyon of Brookfield spent the day in this city yesterday.

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BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS PASS RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SYLVESTER FARRELL.

The Oregon Board of Pilot Commissioners (consisting now of A. V. Pendleton and F. J. Taylor) met in this city yesterday in adjourned session, and one of the first things that went to the records in the hands of Secretary Ross, was the following resolution of respect in memoriam of the late Sylvester Farrell, deceased, until his death a valued member of the board. It reads as follows:

"Whereas, it is with regret that this board has learned of the death, since its last regular meeting of Mr. S. Farrell, one of its members, resolved, that we hereby express our sorrow at his sudden and unexpected death that this board fully realizes that, in his death, it has lost a wise and useful member and its members have lost a genial and whole-souled friend and companion, and, Resolved, that we hereby extend to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy in their bereavement and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this board and a copy sent to the family of the deceased."

The board then turned its attention to the routine matters that had gathered during its five weeks of recess and dispatched everything in the usual careful manner, and adjourned until the meeting in course.

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Union Fishermen's Co-Operative Packing Company, will be held according to the by-laws of said corporation, and at the hall of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, in Astoria, Oregon, on Monday, January 25, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m.

CHARLES WILSON, President.

Attest: FRANS KANKKONEN, Secretary.

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