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BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT.

Valentines, all kinds, C. A. May's Service at the Baptist Church today will be held at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday School at 2 o'clock. Parties in want of good Cedar Shingles will do well to apply to H. C. Comegys, Kalama, W. T. Newspapers, Periodicals, Stationery, Notions, Cigars, and Tobacco, at Hamburger's Variety Store. If you want anything in the line of Cigars, Tobacco, Notions, Fruits, etc., call at Fosters, on the Roadway. Rev. Prof. L. J. Powell will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational Church this evening. Subject: "Education." Photographic Back-grounds, Park and Parlor scenes, the cheapest and best Pictures in Oregon, at H. S. Shuster's new Art Gallery, Astoria. Sabbath-school at the Presbyterian hall to-day, at 12 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The usual Church service is omitted to-day, on account of the absence of the pastor. The calendars sent to this office by "Himes, the Printer," for 1879, display taste and skill. They are complete in every particular. His pride in, and application to his business is discernible in all his work. Don't kill any grouse now until July 1st. Mr. M. J. Kinney arrived in this city on Friday. Ice-cream Candy a la Paris, at 12 M. Monday, at Adler's. In looking over THE ASTORIAN to-day do not omit to note the new advertisements. Prof. Powell will remain in the city several days. He is a guest at the Turpin house. A large and beautiful stock of Valentines, will be opened at Adler's book store this week. The Oregon city flouring mills have purchased the steamer McCully, and will use her in connection with the mills. Backensto's Tonsorial rooms present a handsome appearance since being refitted, and is the place for a good shave. The weather yesterday was, for the most of the day, splendid. Barometer indicates an unfavorable change. The engines on the steamer Onward have been sold to go into a new boat for local traffic between The Dalles and Cascades. Mr. King has taken charge as superintendent of the work on the canal at the Cascades. There is not a celestial employed on the job. Cannerymen and business men in general will do well to examine Adler's new stock of Blank-books and Stationery which he bought in the East and offers at less than Portland prices. Raleigh Stott esq., of Portland, a prominent member of the bar, arrived in the city last evening and has taken rooms at the Occident during the term of the Circuit court. Purser Ed. Noyes arrived in the city yesterday on leave of absence for a brief time. His steamer is still ice bound at Celilo, where they have ice gorges piled up mountain high. The schooner Adelaide, Capt. Black, arrived night before last with a cargo of wood from Youngs river. A portion of this cargo is the wood previously referred to as having been cut and prepared by a woman.

Shall we Build a School-house?

We need one that is unquestionable, but do we need it so much that we can not get along without it? If we need any, we need a good one; one that will give more room than the four rooms now occupied. Less than this would not help us any. How much would it take to build such building as we need? Not less than twenty thousand dollars, we feel certain.

Now how are we financially? The city is nearly twenty thousand dollars in debt, the corporation have a number of lawsuits on hand, which will be somewhat expensive. The school district, which is the city under another organization, is somewhat in debt, a thousand or two dollars we believe. In addition, for the coming year it will be necessary to pay the interest on the present debt to raise money to carry on the ordinary expenses of the city, and to raise funds sufficient to support a school.

Our taxes are now between four and five per cent. Act as economically as we can they will inevitably be higher the coming year. Insurance on much of the property of the town is not less than four per cent.

Let us look at some of the consequences of high taxation. Money will not be readily invested, and unless money is invested employment and business, with it will decrease, men will try more and more to escape taxation by pleading indebtedness.

The increase of taxes will make it hard to collect bills. It is not very easy now. But when every man has to raise a higher tax, to prevent the cost of sheriff's sales, it will be still harder. If merchants cannot collect bills business will receive a check, lawsuits, foreclosures, garnishees, attachments, will be the order of the day, and none will be benefited, except those who revel in public calamities. As taxes rise on real estate, rents will have to rise, to make some return to the owners of buildings. As rents rise and business fails, and employments decrease, men will move away. When a merchant goes his stock goes with him; there is less property to tax; when laborers go houses become vacant. Rents fall but taxes still go on and with the addition of insurance consume all the rents. Real estate will fall in value, and when it has sunk one-half, the rate of taxation will be doubled. We shall be in the condition of a man that builds a fine house and has nothing to put in it. We will have a fine building but will not be able to support a good school.

Let us pause, let us go slow, let us say we will not build at present, that we will try first to get somewhat out of debt, to make the conditions such that money may be invested here, that capital may increase, that labor may find employment, and at last build such a school house as we all desire, and supply it with everything needed within, as well as without. Fifteen million feet of saw logs are under attachment at different logging camps on Puget-sound. It raised a hue and cry at Seattle, and other places, when it became known that the steamship City of Chester would not take any freight for San Francisco from Puget-sound ports. Rev Mr. Parker returned from Portland on Friday, and will officiate at Grace (Episcopal) church at the usual hours for service to-day. Bishop Morris will not officiate as previously announced, in consequence of duty calling him in another direction. Chief Engineer Trenchard has ordered from the factory, duplicate connections for the pump on Rescue Engine No. 2. This may prove to be a very important matter to the city, in case that an accident was to occur to the engine. The duplicates will probably arrive at Astoria within three weeks from this time. The Salem Statesman is referred to its own files, of August 24th, 1877, for proofs in support of THE ASTORIAN comments upon that "Oasis in the desert" of corruption and fraud (quoting from the smelling committee report), Prof. L. L. Powell. After you have hunted up the results of that meeting of the Institute call upon us, if you please, Bro. Odell, for further facts.

The City Council.

Our reporter rushed into the office in breathless haste last evening and said there was going to be a d-1 of a row at the Council Chamber! We tried to stop him long enough to get an inkling of what was expected, but he shot out of the door and disappeared around the china house corner answering: "The Mayor's going to take his seat, and the President's a-going to try and snatch it; and the Chief's going to be there, armed with a posse! O, it'll be lively, you bet!" As the young man has not returned we are left without particulars, but if anything extraordinary occurred we will publish an extra this forenoon.

P. S.—Since the above was placed in type our reporter has returned. The Mayor claimed his seat, but the President held it without any difficulty. The report of the examiner of city's accounts, etc., was referred, and a resolution adopted to prevent spooks from prying into books and papers in the office of the Auditor and Clerk.

An Outlook for Oysters.

ASTORIA, Jan. 23, 1879. EDITOR ASTORIAN: The general depression of the oyster business of Shoalwater bay, caused by competition from other oyster producing localities in the San Francisco market, has compelled those parties in Shoalwater bay who have formed companies, and other persons engaged in the business, to look for some other manner of shipping their oysters, than by schooners in large quantities to be "bedded out" in San Francisco at considerable expense, to be finally placed in the market in poor condition. The principal competitors now are the Olympia oysters, not from any superiority of oyster, but from the fact of being able to place them in the market fresh from their natural beds at reduced rates. Since the completion of the Olympia and Tenino railroad, oysters have been delivered in San Francisco from Olympia in from four to five days time. And in order to protect and dispose of the vast amount of oyster property lying valueless before them, the people of Shoalwater bay must secure some means of sending their oysters to market at cheaper rates and with more dispatch, which Mr. L. H. Rhodes, myself, and others think can be accomplished by a small and almost insignificant outlay, in comparison with the benefits that will accrue to every inhabitant of Shoalwater bay, and to the merchants of Astoria, and that is by the construction of a wooden tram-way or horse railway, from Ilwaco to the head of Shoalwater bay, a distance of about five and a half miles. The following is an estimate of the cost of constructing six miles of road, and equipping the same: Cost of 40,000 ft lumber at \$10 per M. \$4,000 00 Cost of 8,125 lbs spikes and nails at 4 cts per lb. 325 00 Cost of labor. 2,000 00 Cost of equipping with three cars and horses. 800 00 Total cost. \$7,125 00 And the following estimate of the earnings and expense of operating the road per year, if near correct, shows that it will be a good investment: 25000 sacks or boxes oysters for San Francisco, at 12 1/2 cts each. \$3,125 00 2000 sks or bxs oysters for Portland, at 12 1/2 cts each. 250 00 600 sks or bxs oysters, at 12 1/2 cts. 75 00 300 tons flour, feed, etc., to Shoalwater bay, at \$2 00. 600 00 180 tons gen'l m'dse (estimated 15 ton per month), at \$3 00. 540 00 2000 passengers, at 50 cts. 1,000 00 Total earnings. \$5,590 00 Estimated running expense of road. 3,500 00 Net profit per year. \$2,090 00 There is hardly a doubt, if this road is built, but that oyster freights will be reduced between Ilwaco and Astoria one-half the present rates, as the increased amount of freight would justify a material reduction. I would suggest that a meeting of parties interested in this enterprise be held in Oysterville early in February, or as soon as the proper notice can be given. J. H. D. GRAY.

State Circuit Court Rules.

On Tuesday morning the Circuit Court for Clatsop county, Hon. C. B. Bellinger Judge, will convene in this city. We shall at that time publish the State Circuit court rules, and the callender in full, for the benefit of attorneys and litigants. There is another case of sickness reported from eating canned fish in London. We should like to have the Columbia river cannerymen investigate this matter. Unless cases of this character are investigated, our fishing interests are liable to suffer from what we consider unjust discrimination. It is a little strange that these cases occur so far away from home. Good advertisers find that it pays to keep a full stock.

Board of Delegates, A. F. D.

HALL OF RESCUE ENGINE CO. No. 2, ASTORIA, Jan. 24th, 1879. The board met at 8 o'clock P. M., James W. Welch, president, in the chair. Present—J. W. Welch, P. Wilhelm, L. W. Poole, J. W. Gearhart, I. M. Severn, and S. B. Smith. Absent—A. W. Berry and J. H. D. Gray.

Mr. L. D. Coffman, having been re-elected delegate from Rescue Engine Co. No. 2, and his credentials and oath having been duly presented and filed, took his seat as a member of the board.

The minutes of the fourth regular meeting were approved and read. Mr. Berry arrived and took his seat. Mr. Poole gave legal excuse for absence from last meeting.

The report of the Chief Engineer, stating that he had not yet been able to fill the vacancy of Second Assistant Engineer, and requesting further time, was read and placed on file.

On motion, further time was granted the Chief Engineer in which to make his appointment.

The report of the Finance committee, stating that they had procured from the city council the repeal of section 21 of ordinance No. 212, and the payment of the bill of \$49 65 by warrant on the city treasury for clerical aid, was read.

On motion the report was received and filed. A motion that the matter of procuring a monthly allowance of money from the city for department expenses be referred from the finance committee to the judiciary committee, was lost.

On motion the secretary was instructed to draw a warrant on the treasurer in favor of E. D. Curtis, for clerical services, \$21 00.

The Chief Engineer being present, called up the matter of the department ball on the 22d of February next, and the committee was requested to proceed according to instructions given last meeting.

Mr. Coffman brought up the matter of certificates of Rescue Engine company No. 2, the names of some members having been spelled wrong, others omitted, etc. To which the secretary replied that he had received no communication from the secretary of said company concerning errors in filling out certificates.

On motion the board adjourned. E. D. CURTIS, Secretary A. F. D.

Fire Department Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Foremen of the Astoria fire department, at the hall of Astoria Engine company No. 1, on Tuesday evening, Jan 28, 1879, at 7 o'clock. C. J. TRENCHARD, Chief Engineer A. F. D.

It is a fact long since established, says the Helena Herald, that the merchant who liberally patronizes the advertising columns of the press, sells his wares cheaper than the one whose name is seldom or ever seen. The reason is patent, for by thus advertising, his sales are tripled and a less proportionate profit makes him the greatest gainer.

We desire it to be distinctly understood that those who send us advertisements from abroad, must send the cash with the advertisements, if they would have them appear. We have numbers of advertisements sent us from strangers saying, "Please insert and send bill." This we cannot do; the cash must accompany any thecopy and the order.

Why are advertisers able to sell at the lowest prices? Is it not because they obtain the largest custom, by the most reasonable expenditure, and are really able to buy lower than their neighbors. Many people imagine that the effect of advertising is only to enable a merchant to sell. The reactive effect on his power to buy well is often lost sight of.

A contemporary says: A newspaper and a newspaper editor that people don't talk about and sometimes abuse are rather poor concerns. The men and business that an editor sometimes feels it a duty to defend at a risk of making enemies of another class, are often the very first to show ingratitude. The editor who expects to receive much charity or gratitude will soon find out his mistake; but he should go ahead and say and do what he conscientiously thinks right without regard to frowns or smiles.

The free lands of the west are being taken up and settled this year to a degree most gratifying, in the face of the over-crowded mechanical departments of metropolitan life. Several millions more acres of homesteads have been entered for settlement at the various land offices this year than in 1876 and 1877, and still the western movement continues in force. And this is the only solution of the labor troubles. Let the unemployed come and become producers instead of consumers.

The time has long since passed when mechanical trades provided our sons with a living. Labor-saving machinery, patent tools and steam have robbed the trade of the future it offered to our boys in the days of the indentured apprentice system. The idlers and do-nothings of our metropolitan cities are composed largely of tradesmen and professional men, and merchandising is a failure, if the number of bankrupt merchants who had to succumb to the pressure of the times can be taken as a criterion. What the country needs is producers, and the waste fields of uncultivated land offers an opportunity to place the rising generation in the way of making homes for themselves and better times for posterity.

AROUND THE CITY.

Astoria Lodge No. 40, I. O. of G. T., will give an entertainment and sociable at their hall on Friday evening, January 31st inst. Full particulars will appear soon.

Mr. G. Neimeyer, the prince of merchant tailors in Oregon, arrived at Astoria yesterday, and will remain for a few days to take orders for suits of clothing. As Mr. Neimeyer's work recommends itself, it is not necessary for us to speak with respect to the quality. He may be seen at the Occident.

Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeers'. See advertisement. Your complexion is sallow, and skin yellow, your liver is affected. Obtain from your druggist a bottle of Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

The City Book Store stock is elegantly stocked with a superb lot of goods purchased by Capt. B. F. Stevens while in San Francisco. Call and see these goods.

Keep your blood pure and your health must be good, the great purifier is Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier. All Astoria druggists have it now.

Mr. A. H. Sale authorizes us to offer a reward of \$50 00 for evidence which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who took his boat "Josephine" from the old mill landing on Youngs bay and left it on the tide land above Richardson's place. The act was committed on or about January 11th, or 12th, 1879.

Peter Runey is still in the market with all kinds of building materials in his line. Has just received 100,000 lath, 2,000 bushels of sand, and a large stock of first quality of brick at his warehouse foot of Benton street.

P. J. Goodimm, on Main street, has just received the latest and most fashionable style of gent and ladies boots, shoes, etc.

Wood of all kinds, and a splendid lot of pitch wood, at Gray's wharf, for sale in lots to suit purchasers.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

Get your baskets filled for a little money at Bailey's.

Mr. J. Stewart, stone and marble cutter of Astoria will guarantee satisfaction to all ordering work of him, and will do a better job for less money than any outside workman. His work in the cemetery here should be sufficient recommendation. Before you let your contracts for work of this kind it would be well to call upon Mr. Stewart.

New invoice of those Medallion Ranges at Magnus C. Crosby's.

Call at Mrs. Derby's when you wish any article in the millinery line. Trimmed hats selling at cost.

Fresh oysters in every style and at all hours at the Pioneer restaurant.

Shipmasters wishing to secure seamen can have their wants supplied by calling at the Chicago house, Main street.

Foreign Exports.

Since the last report of clearances from the Astoria custom house was made for publication in THE ASTORIAN, the following vessels have cleared for European ports with cargoes and values as specified. Shipments from Portland are noted as they occur:

Table with columns: Destination, Quantity, Value. Includes entries for Queenstown, Liverpool, and other ports.

Dress Cutting and Fitting.

Miss E. C. Benedict begs respectfully to inform the ladies of Astoria and vicinity that she may be found at the residence of Mrs. T. S. Jewett, corner of Astor and Cass streets, opposite the Congregational church, prepared to teach Mrs. E. K. Renker's system of dress cutting and fitting, which is considered by judges to be the best system known, as by it the skirt as well as the waist is made perfectly fitting.

LONGING HOUSE—Persons requiring furnished or unfurnished rooms can be accommodated at reasonable rates at Mrs. Munson's Chambers st., Astoria.

It is funny that when you ask a man to advertise he generally declines with the statement that nobody will see it. But if you advise him some little paper of his in the news columns gratis, he gets indignant over the certainty that every one will see it.

Fish Commissioners Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, having been duly appointed deputy for Clatsop county, by C. Liepeweyer, Fish Commissioner, under the laws of the State of Oregon, will be in readiness from and after this date, to issue licenses, at his office up stairs, corner of Cass and Queen's streets, Astoria, Oregon. H. B. FERGUSON, Deputy Fish Commissioner, January 24, 1879.