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THE CITY.

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BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT.

Prof. A. L. Francis of Portland, will be in the city a few days at the Occident hotel. Those wishing to purchase musical instruments, or having pianos and organs to tune or repair, will do well to call on him as he has had long experience in the business, and has the best of facilities for purchasing at low rates. He is located near Portland and will make regular trips to Astoria.

Colds are very numerous about Astoria.

Fresh California butter just received and for sale by J. Strauss.

The bark Rival sailed from San Francisco for this port, on the 4th inst.

Best Salem flour is sold in this city at \$5.50 per barrel by Warren & McGuire.

The British ship Frankfort Hall, hence from this port, arrived at Queenstown on the 3d inst.

Warren & McGuire have the early rose potatoes for seed. Farmers, please remember this.

The British ship City of Glasgow, wheat laden from this port, arrived at Sunderland February 20th.

The tide was unusually high yesterday. A great deal of wood along the beach was washed away.

Onion sets, sugar corn and garden seeds, at J. W. Gearharts. Also, best Salem flour sold at \$5.50 per barrel.

The brig Hazard, of Geo. W. Hume's packet line, arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu on the 3d inst.

The British ship Oberon arrived at Fleetwood Feb. 21st, wheat laden from this port. On her arrival at her destination she grounded, some plates being cracked, which were temporarily repaired.

In consequence of the fact that Mr. Carl Adler must go below, in about fifteen days, and must have money, he has marked his goods down and is selling at reduced rates to make room for new goods. Persons in want of Blank Books, Stationery, Brackets, frames, toys, baby-carriages, or anything in his line, are invited to call around.

Chromos.

A new and elegant lot by G. W. Elder for Chas. Stevens & Son, City Book store, Astoria.

Peremptory Notice.

State and county taxes must be paid on or before March 15th, 1879, on the assessment of 1878, otherwise costs will be made. W. H. TWILIGHT, Sheriff of Clatsop County.

NOTICE.

The closing out sale of Ladies Underwear and Embroidery, on Chenamus street, next to Dement's drug store, will only be open until Tuesday, the 11th inst. New goods opened for this week which will be sold at low prices. Respectfully, MAURICE H. BLACK.

Important to the Ladies of Astoria.

Mrs. A. Ginder, in David Ingalls building, corner of Cass and Jefferson streets, takes pleasure in informing the ladies of Astoria and vicinity that she has just opened a well selected stock of Ladies' underwear, and Children's and Infants' goods, to which she invites the attention of purchasers.

Lodging House—Persons requiring furnished or unfurnished rooms can be accommodated at reasonable rates at Mrs. Munson's Chenamus st., Astoria.

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.

Report of Fishermen's Committee.

ASTORIA, March 5, 1879.

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the fishermen's meeting held at Metropolitan hall, on the evening of March the 4th, the committee appointed by said meeting met at the room of the Chamber of Commerce in the city of Astoria.

Present—J. G. Robeson, J. Williams, T. Dealey, W. J. Weber and Doc Cleveland.

Meeting called to order by J. G. Robeson, who was unanimously elected chairman of the committee.

It was regularly moved and seconded that W. J. Weber act as secretary of the committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Robeson be elected treasurer of this committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the treasurer receive and hold all moneys coming into his hands for the purposes of carrying out the interest of this meeting; subject to the action of the committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Weber and Mr. Cleveland be appointed a committee of two to visit the different stations along the river, and distribute circulars and pass-books to some responsible fishermen at each station for the purpose of collecting a contribution for carrying out the interest of this meeting, and for procuring the legal opinion of some competent attorney in regards to the constitutionality of the license law. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the committee of two be empowered to draw on the treasurer for the legitimate expenses of carrying out the wishes of this meeting. Carried.

The committee then proceeded to take into consideration the act to create the office of Fish Commissioner for the Columbia river to license the taking of salmon in the Columbia and its tributaries, and to encourage the establishment of hatching houses on the waters of the Columbia river for the propagation of salmon. And, resolved as follows:

Whereas, The said act is going to work a hardship to the parties interested in the canning and curing of salmon on Columbia river and its tributaries in the following particulars, to-wit:

Section 2 of said act imposes a license of five dollars on each fisherman taking salmon with a gill net, and such license is untransferable, and only good for the said fisherman, and as experience has shown in years past, that fishermen from several causes, such as sickness, sore hands, and other disabilities incident to the life of said fishermen, deprives him of regularly working at his avocation; and,

Whereas, The said fishermen cannot send, as has been done for years past, his boat-puller to fish his net during such sickness, &c., that said proprietor will be forced to discharge said fisherman, or leave his gear idle until such time as a fisherman can be procured to fill the vacancy, and under these circumstances will work to the detriment of the people interested, and that such an act does not appear to be right, just, or reasonable, and

Whereas, There is no precedent within our knowledge where the privilege of a man laboring for his daily bread is taxed, and on the contrary we think that when labor is taxed, as in this section provided, it will work to the detriment of this branch of industry in the State of Oregon, and

Whereas, Other parties who are equally benefitted by the said industry of canning and curing salmon, are exempt from said tax, which is intended for the propagation of salmon in the Columbia and its tributaries, the last class of men, or persons, are Chinese laborers, it has been advanced that this class of labor cannot be taxed. Why, then, do any class of men or legislators say it is right or just to tax a fisherman, and whereas, a great many of our fellow-citizens have all their worldly means invested in a boat and net, and it is not reasonable or just to tax said citizen in the sum of fifteen dollars for the privilege of the same for the purposes for which it was intended, and the same property having already been assessed under the laws of the State. This is a tax on the laboring industry of the Columbia river, and while one man in said boat is taxed, the other man is not, and consequently carries injustice with it, and

Whereas, An act regulating fishing in said Columbia river and its tributaries, regulates and describes the size of the meshes which are to be used in the seines, will also work a hardship in the following particulars: Seines are made of cotton twine, and will last three years, and many of these seines were made in 1878 and are now useless, and deprives a class of this community the money invested in said seines, as the meshes now lawful to be used are one inch larger. This is also an injustice, as the seines of 1878 should be allowed to be worn out, and all made after the year 1878 could be made to comply with the requirements of the law.

The class of our fellow citizens in possession of this property are all law abiding, and it seems to be an injustice to deprive them of their property without any compensation whatever. There is no compulsion in connection with the seine to make the owner or

any particular licensed fisherman fish with said seine while it does require it in the case of the gill nets; and,

Whereas, We do not oppose the law as regards the propagation of salmon on the Columbia river or its tributaries, if properly constructed and justly carried out, except where the restriction prevents the citizens of this state from the use of fish for home consumption during the months of March and August, and consequently is partial to the interests of manufacturers of the said article, and deprives citizens of the privilege of taking fish from said river or tributaries to the benefit of a monopoly; and,

Whereas, The nets used in taking salmon during the month of March, are old and of little value, and said nets are a benefit and ought to be encouraged, as the sturgeon, seal and other fish who destroy the salmon and their spawn, are by them caught and by the fishermen destroyed, and thereby protect the salmon and their spawn instead of injuring them.

Therefore be it resolved, that we are opposed to a tax of any kind whatever on the fishermen on the Columbia river or its tributaries, as we deem it just as reasonable to tax the farming industry or any other branch of industry in the state of Oregon, and that a tax of this kind is contrary to the freedom and liberty of the citizens of the republic, and contrary to the fundamental principles of the constitution of the United States and the declaration of independence, and we would respectfully ask the workingmen throughout this state, where will this thing end if the fishermen are to be taxed for the privilege of laboring for their daily bread? Have you who are laborers and mechanics any assurance that you will not be taxed for the privilege of keeping your wife and little ones from suffering the pangs of want and misery, if the workingmen are taxed for the privilege of laboring? If you have not the money to pay your tax, you will be arrested and imprisoned as a vagrant, what then is to become of the boat, where a man is willing to toil? Why did your forefathers fight and bleed, if it was not to do away with unjust taxation? Help us to oppose this law, and all will be benefited.

The preamble and resolutions as read, were unanimously adopted.

Moved and seconded that a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be published in THE DAILY and WEEKLY ASTORIAN, carried.

Moved and seconded that the proceedings of this meeting be printed in the form of a circular, to the amount of 400, carried.

Moved and seconded that this meeting do now adjourn, subject to the call of the president, carried.

J. G. ROBESON, Pres.

W. J. WEBER, Sec.

Card From Wm. G. Ross.

ASTORIA, March 6, 1879.

To the People of Astoria: Sometime in the month of January, 1879, charges were preferred against W. J. Barry, the present chief of police of your city. The charges accused him of receiving and collecting money from Chinamen, who were proprietors of Chinese gambling houses, in consideration of which the chief was not to molest the gambling houses. When the common council was examining the accusations against W. J. Barry he rose and made a statement in his own defense, in which statement he accused me of ordering him to collect money in the year 1877 from Chinese gambling houses, and accused Clark Laughery, esq., and myself, both of going with him to the Chinese gambling houses to assist him in collecting the black mail money, and of afterwards dividing the sums of money so got between us. The assertions of Mr. Barry being entirely false in every particular, Mr. Laughery and myself requested of the common council an investigation of the charges against us; and that Mr. Barry be required to produce his witnesses in support of the same. Our request was granted and the following testimony, which we herewith submit to the public, without any comment upon our part, was taken and upon that testimony a report was based exonerating us from any wrong charged against us by Mr. Barry.

INVESTIGATIONS, FEBRUARY 20, 1879. Wm. G. Ross swore: Wm. G. Ross, was chief of police of this city in 1877. In January 1878, my term of office expired. I have not received any money from Chinamen or any other persons, while acting as my official capacity to influence my official conduct, or to shield them from prosecution. I never did instruct Mr. Barry, or any one else to collect money from any one to shield them from any prosecutions. I never received any money from Mr. Barry, purporting to be collected from Chinamen, to keep me from informing on them for any violation of law. I was not aware of any money having been collected for the purpose of shielding any one from prosecution.

C. W. Laughery, sworn and testified: Was police officer of the city of Astoria, in 1877, Wm. G. Ross, was chief at that time. I know Mr. Barry; he was police officer at that time. I never received any money with Mr. Barry, for the purpose of shielding any one from any violation of any law, or from any other person. I never received any money from any one, or received any money myself, for the purpose of suppressing evidence for any gambling or violating any law. I never received any instructions from Mr. Ross to receive money from any one, for the purpose of suppressing evidence against any one, for any violation of any law, and did not know of any money being so received by any one.

W. J. Barry, present chief of police was sworn: Was police officer in 1877. Question: Do you know of yourself,

whether or not Mr. Ross and Mr. Laughery, while acting as policemen of the city of Astoria received any money, or things of value from Chinamen or any other persons, for the purpose of suppressing evidence of gambling, or any other illegal acts? Answer: Will refuse to answer or swear to anything. Lim Sam sworn: Yes I know Mr. Ross; yes, I knew him when he was chief of police. I never paid Mr. Ross any money. He never asked me for any money. I know Mr. Laughery; yes, I knew him when he was police officer. I never paid him any money. I know of no Chinamen ever paying him any money. I never paid any policeman money but Mr. Barry.

Mr. Ross recalled: I never did go in (meaning Chinese gambling houses) for the purpose of collecting any money, from any Chinamen, for the purpose of allowing them to gamble; nor I never authorized any one to go in an collect from Chinamen, for the purpose of allowing them to gamble.

All of which I herewith respectfully submit to the consideration of the people of Astoria. W. G. Ross.

AROUND THE CITY.

I. C. Johnson may be found at the Occident in Astoria every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening, ready to attend to messenger duty in Portland or to points along the river in a satisfactory manner.

Oysters served in every style at the Walla Walla Restaurant.

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

A new lot of full bound blank, and receipt books, specially for use in canneries, at the City Book store.

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

Nick Squivalence has concluded that there is no millions in shipping sailors, and he has given up that business, and is attending closely to keeping a hotel. Call at the Chicago House and see for yourself.

Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeers'. See advertisement.

A small house to let in a desirable locality for residence. Inquire at this office.

Parties in want of good Cedar Shingles will do well to apply to H. C. Comegys, Kalama, W. T.

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

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

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A RARE CHANCE.

I WILL SELL ANY OR ALL OF THE following described property, to-wit: 160 Acres, Sec. 22, T. 6, N. of R. 9 west, southeast quarter.

Also, in Olney's Astoria Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, in Block 79; Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, in Block 160; Lots 2 and 3, in Block 120; and Lot 8, in Block 123; North half of Block 8, - 2 1-2 acres. DAVID INGALLS, Astoria, Oregon, Dec 4 1878. 85-6m

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THOMAS CURRY, (Late of Tacoma). BEGS LEAVE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC that he is now prepared to make all kinds of clothing to order, or to renovate or repair clothing.

Having had an experience of 25 years, I defy competition in the art of making old clothes look like new. My system is known only to myself, by which I can lengthen pantaloons without piecing, etc. For particulars see small cards. THOMAS CURRY, Tailor, steam-scourer and Repairer.

THE ASTORIA BREWERY DEPOT. RUDOLPH BARTH & MICHAEL MEYER, PROPRIETORS. Corner of Olney and Water streets, ASTORIA, OREGON.

Best quality of LAGER BEER 5 cts. per glass. Choice Wines, Liquors, and Cigars always on hand. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. Orders for Lager or Bottled Beer in any quantity promptly filled. The best lunch the season will afford furnished day and night FREE.

T. S. JEWETT. B. S. KIMBALL. Draying & Trucking.

ASTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO., Squemoque st., between Cass and Main. Contracts for draying made and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the Occident Hotel or received by mail promptly filled. JEWETT & KIMBALL.

BUSINESS CARDS.

DR. F. CRANG, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, ASTORIA, OREGON. Office—Room no. 7 over C. L. Parker's store, Opposite Dement's drug store.

DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. OFFICE.—In Shuster's Degerrean building. Entrance—Second floor above that of the DAILY ASTORIAN, Cass street. Residence on Jefferson street, corner of Main.

DOCTOR HATCH, Successfully treats all Chronic Diseases, AND DISEASES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Cancer cured by a new and painless method. Office—Chenamus street, corner of Main street, Astoria.

J. W. ROBB. C. W. FULTON. ROBB & FULTON, Attorneys-at-Law, Collecting and Real Estate Agents. Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Dr. Welch's new building, Squemoque street, Astoria.

O. F. BELL. A. MEACHEX. BELL & MEACHEX, Attorneys at Law and Notaries Public. Commissioner of Deeds for California and Washington Territory. Astoria, Oregon.

OFFICE—Corner of Squemoque and Cass streets, up stairs, over E. S. Larsen's store.

H. F. DENNISON. F. J. TAYLOR. DENNISON & TAYLOR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, ASTORIA, OREGON. OFFICE—Up stairs in Parker's building, corner Chenamus and Benton streets.

F. D. WINTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in City Hall Building, ASTORIA, OREGON.

OTTO DUFNER, WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER. HAS REMOVED TO Main street, Parker's building, ASTORIA, OREGON.

J. STEWART, Stone and Marble Cutter, ASTORIA, OREGON. All kinds of building work, and monumental work attended to promptly and to order. Satisfaction guaranteed.

MISS L. L. ALLEN, (Late of California). Offers her services to the people of Astoria and vicinity as a teacher of Instrumental and Vocal Music.

Miss Allen may be found at Mrs. M. Rogers boarding house, Cass street.

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Houses built to order, and satisfaction guaranteed. Shop on Squemoque street, next door to the Episcopal church.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

PARKER HOUSE, ASTORIA, OREGON. H. B. PARKER, Proprietor.

THIS HOTEL is the largest, most comfortable and best kept hotel in the city. Is supplied with the best of spring water, hot and cold baths, barber shop, and a first-class saloon with best of liquors and cigars, and fine billiard table. Free coach to and from the house; charges reasonable, \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day, according to room occupied.

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THIS IS A NEW HOTEL BUILDING, newly furnished, is conveniently situated for business, and will be conducted so as to make it a first class stopping place for the public generally, and will be open from this day.

TURPIN HOUSE. D. L. TURPIN - PROPRIETOR, MAIN STREET. Between Squemoque and Jefferson, ASTORIA, OREGON.

Board and lodging per week... \$2.00. Board per day... 1.00. Single Meal... 25. The table will be supplied at all times with the best the market affords.

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