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Firemen's Notice.

Alert Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 will meet in their hall in full uniform for parade, this Thursday, at 1:30 P. M., sharp. By order of F. J. TAYLOR, Foreman.

Firemen's Notice.

Astoria Engine Company No. 1 will meet at their engine room in full uniform at 1:30 P. M., sharp, to-day (June 19th, 1879), for parade. A full attendance is requested. By order of JOHN W. WELCH, Foreman. FERD A. FISHER, Secretary.

The Oregon left 160 tons of her cargo at Astoria.

The old steamer Idaho has been turned out to grass in Mission bay.

Finest cabinets \$3 00 per half dozen; \$5 00 per dozen, at Shusters.

Mr. Abraham, of Oakland, has just returned home from a visit to Mr. John Hobson of this city.

The Elder yesterday carried away 3949 cases of salmon, 100 beef hides, 4 bbls. calf skins and 4 bbls. pelts from Astoria.

Stated convocation of Saints John chapter No. 14, R. A. M., this evening, at half past seven o'clock. Visiting sojourners in good standing are cordially invited.

The next steamer to leave here for San Francisco will be the Oregon, on the 23d. The next to leave San Francisco for Astoria will be the State of California, on the 21st.

The cargo of the Stillman B. Allen, cleared yesterday, consists of 1868 bbls flour, from Portland, valued at \$8,206, and 17,500 cases of salmon from Astoria, valued at \$78,749.

The North Bend, five and one half days from Columbia river; Tam O'Shanter eight days from Seattle, and Trustee four days from Shoalwater bay, arrived at San Francisco on the 14th.

Yesterday morning Mr. Thomas Logan showed us a flounder that weighed seven pounds. It measured seventeen inches across, and was twenty-five inches in length. It was caught in a net.

The Chinese who had their baggage attached by Sheriff Norden, in Portland, for refusing to pay poll tax, are about to bring suit for damages to the amount of \$100,000. The baggage is worth about \$25 altogether. The sheriff will see that the poll tax is paid.

We understand that Mr. Jerome has tendered his resignation as keeper at the buoy depot, and Mr. A. E. Withers has been selected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Jerome is about to engage in the more active pursuits of life, on his own account. Mr. Withers is a good selection as his successor.

The Walla Walla Watchman tells of an old German friend who recently burned his wife, and was telling a sympathizing neighbor of her sad decease. His friend inquired if the late lamented was resigned to her fate. "Resigned!" exclaimed the honest Teuton, "Mine Gott, she had to resign! She couldn't help it!"

Build the harbor of refuge at Port Orford, says the Coos bay Argus, and what good will it do! All the masters of vessels say that it is only a little bite in the beach, and if they are caught in a storm and should steer for that harbor and miss it by ten rods they would be driven on the reef at Cape Blanco. There would be no help for it.

An Heir Apparent.

A correspondent at Riverside, Columbia county, says that John Wallace, of that place, a settler and man of family who has been there some six years, is a step-son of the late John Burke of Clatsop. Mr. Wallace will probably meet with no difficulty in establishing his claim to the property as he is the next of kin to Mr. Burke.

Business Along the Wharves.

The Garibaldi has about completed loading at the Farmer's wharf for Europe.

The Stillman B. Allen has completed cargo at Geo. W. Humes wharf, for Europe.

The Hertfordshire, McNear, and other vessels in the stream, are nearly ready for sea.

The Easter Hill will come in to the dock to-morrow to discharge ballast and load for Europe.

The Loch Fergus has finished ballast, and is fast receiving cargo at Huester's wharf for Europe.

The steamships arriving and departing every fifth day in the San Francisco trade makes the Oregon Steam Navigation company's wharf a lively place.

Considerable activity prevails along the city front at Astoria, which may be taken as the beginning of an active season. At the docks of the several transportation companies an unusual amount of business of every description is noted, employing in the handling and carriage a larger number of laborers and stevedores than ever before.

Anniversary of No. 2.

This being the anniversary of the organization of Rescue Engine Company No. 2, Astoria Fire Department, with true hospitality the boys of that company have invited all the other companies of the city to join them in a social reunion and parade. There is no doubt but that the day will be a memorable one, as arrangements have been made for making it very agreeable to all invited guests.

Highway Robbery.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning, a daring attempt was made at highway robbery in one of the most public streets of Astoria by two desperate characters named Jo. Murphy and D. J. O'Brien. The victim Gust. Lindahl, resisted the attempt and brought officer Riley and Ginder to the spot, when O'Brien was pursued in one direction and Murphy in another. Mr. Riley caught his man O'Brien on the corner of Squemoque and Lafayette street and officer Steen captured Murphy yesterday. It was a bold attempt, and will make a sure case in the conviction.

The Coming Engine.

When the new steam fire engine was ordered for the company No. 1, it was done by the telegraph, and everything indicated dispatch. We fully expected that the engine would arrive here within six weeks at the farthest. Now we hear that it may be three months before the engine can reach here. This will not do; and urgent request will be made to countermand the order unless the engine can be assured at a reasonably early date. An engine is needed for service in this community in the summer. During the fall and winter months Jupiter Plusvius supplies our wants, and the engines are then more for ornament than use.

The Recent Festival.

EDITOR ASTORIAN: It is not my province, as a general thing, to puff societies and festivals, but in this instance I gladly diverge from my usual way. It was a brilliant assemblage that gathered at Metropolitan hall Saturday evening to partake in the festivities. The hall has seldom, if ever, presented such an attractive appearance. The doors were thrown open at an early hour, and the house soon filled. The centre table was very pretty, with its decoration of flags and evergreens; upon it was displayed the work of the Young Ladies' society, organized last winter, and by the patronage it received, they feel well repaid for their endeavors. The proceeds were donated towards the pastors salary. Our people should not criticize too closely, but appreciate substantially the efforts of the girls. The other tables were bright and fragrant with flowers and vines, especially the floral stand, which elicited much admiration. Later in the evening many sought the little artistic well, with its patriotic canopy, and quenched their thirst with the cooling draughts. The guess pole, erected by Capt. Thatcher, was an interesting feature for the display of our natural talent, but Prof. Curtis rather proved the Yankee, and carried the quilt home in triumph. Mr. H. Thompson was very accurate in his judgment of Miss Dolly's age, 26 exactly. Beware, young ladies, how you put on the Bon Ton when he is around. A generous response was made by the ladies of Astoria to the appeal for help in furnishing the tables, and their skill and taste were manifest in the superb arrangements, also a beautiful supply of flowers was freely given, two beautiful bouquets were sent from Fort Canby by Miss Wizby. We hope so enjoyable an occasion will prove a financial success to the church. MARK.

Boat sponges, wholesale and retail at Dements drug store, Astoria. Five thousand just received.

Common Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session June 17th, Mayor W. W. Parker presiding. Councilmen present—Gray, Hahn, McGuire, Rube and Shively. Absent—McCann.

Officers Present—R. H. Cardwell, auditor and clerk and W. J. Barry, chief of police. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

PETITIONS.

From Rescue Engine company No. 2, asking the council to pay certain bills was read, and on motion referred to committee on fire and water.

From G. W. Parkef and C. L. Cherry in regard to the improvement of West-8th street was read, and on motion referred to committee on streets and public ways.

REMONSTRANCE.

From property owners on Astor street against the proposed improvement on said street was read and on motion referred to committee on streets and public ways.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of committee on fire and water, on the matter of contracting for steam fire engine for Astoria Engine company No. 1, was read and on motion adopted. Report of committee on health and police, on the matter of building a sewer along Spruce street, was read and on motion referred to committee on streets and public ways.

Report of the committee on ways and means, asking for further time to complete the assessment roll for 1879, was read and further time granted.

ORDINANCES.

An ordinance making appropriation out of the cemetery fund of \$25, was read the first and second time, and on motion referred to committee on ways and means.

An ordinance making appropriation out of the general fund for pay of assessor, was read the first and second time and on motion referred to committee on ways and means.

An ordinance authorizing the issuing of bonds to meet the outstanding indebtedness of the city and providing for the time and manner of paying the same, was read the third time and passed.

An ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving West-6th street, was read the third time and passed.

An ordinance declaring the probable cost of improving West-6th street, was read the third time and passed.

The mayor returned, not approved, an ordinance making an appropriation out of the general fund, to pay the expense of litigation, which ordinance was passed over the mayors veto.

Following is the mayor's veto message: To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Astoria:

Gentlemen:—I have examined and fully considered the bill for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance making an appropriation out of the general fund for the expense of litigation," which was read third time and passed your body on the third inst.

This bill purports to appropriate two hundred dollars out of the general fund of the city treasury for the purpose of paying the expense of any litigation that the city may have contracted for, payable to Robb & Fulton.

Upon a thorough examination of the records of the city, on file and deposited in the office of the auditor and clerk of the city, I cannot find that the city is liable for any such expense as named in the bill, to Robb & Fulton, or to any one else except to the regularly appointed city officers,—the City Attorney, Chief of Police, Police Judge and other officers of the city.

Appropriations have heretofore been made for the salaries and emoluments of those officers. Therefore there does not appear to be any necessity for, or propriety in, making this appropriation; or justice in paying the two hundred dollars to Robb & Fulton, who as far as I can find, have performed no services for the city, and have no legal claim against the city.

There is on file in the auditor's and clerk's office what purports to be a contract between J. H. D. Gray and C. A. McGuire, a committee, and Robb & Fulton, by which it appears that said Gray and McGuire committee for the city of Astoria, did that day, January 11, 1879, employ said Robb & Fulton to defend a certain suit wherein J. M. Shively et al. are plaintiffs and the city of Astoria defendant, and agreed to pay them one hundred and fifty dollars, certain, one half the 1st day of May 1879 and the remainder when the suit is finally determined, and a certain contingent fee in the event the suit is determined in favor of the city; and Robb and Fulton agree to employ an attorney to assist them (in the defense of the suit, it is presumed, though that is not stated, nor do they by the contract engage to do anything except to employ an attorney to assist them).

But it does not appear that said Gray and McGuire had any authority for employing said Robb and Fulton in that manner, for the city of Astoria.

Two and a half months after the date and signing of that contract, to wit: On the 24th of March the common council then constituted passed an ordinance, No. 321, constituting J. H. D. Gray, C. A. McGuire and John Hahn special agents on the part of the city, to make a written contract with Robb and Fulton to undertake and conduct the defense of the said suit of J. M. Shively et al. vs. the city of Astoria, at an expense for their fees not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, and a further contingent fee, etc.

There is no reference or allusion in the ordinance to the contract of January 11, 1879, which had been made more than two months before the passage of the ordinance.

In the contract Gray and McGuire are called a committee, and in the ordinance Gray, McGuire and Hahn are called special agents.

The ordinance does not in any manner purport to legalize the contract made over two months before the passage of the ordinance.

I presume no one will claim that the ordinance legalizes the contract made on the 11th of January, before its passage.

Hence from the papers on file in the Auditor's office,—the so-called contract and the ordinance, there does not appear to be any thing due to Robb & Fulton from the city of Astoria, not even one hundred and fifty dollars, much less two hundred dollars.

If the bill under consideration shall be passed, I understand it is the intention of some of the councilmen to have

the other fifty dollars paid also to Robb and Fulton for pretended services in behalf of the city in the so-called impeachment trial of the Mayor in January 1879, a proceeding so thoroughly scandalous and unwarranted both in law and from the facts in the case, and so plainly unauthorized by the laws and constitution of Oregon and the charter of the city, that it is not believed another law firm in Oregon, besides the one named in this bill, would have counseled or countenanced the proceeding; but from the success of some of them heretofore, with a former city council, in getting the Olney bequest away from the city of Astoria, it is presumed they felt competent for, and equal to any emergency.

But the Hon. Circuit court of the state of Oregon cut short their career in that direction, notwithstanding the decision of Judge Deady, if such he has ever made, that one person could hold the lucrative offices of State Senator and City Attorney of the city of Astoria at the same time.

If it was by the advice of this law firm, and for their volunteered services in the trial, as is believed by many people knowing of the circumstances, that the common council was induced to take the action it did in that affair, then instead of being paid fifty dollars for their services to the city, they should be made to pay more than ten times the amount to the city, for the scandal and disgrace brought upon the fair name of the city by their advice and action in the matter.

But furthermore and independent of all the foregoing considerations, the city charter, which is the rule and limit of the city government,—guiding and controlling the legal actions of all city officers, the common council, all committees and special agents of the city,—provides Section 53 as follows: "The City Attorney must attend to all actions, suits or proceedings in which the city is legally interested, and attend to the prosecution of all persons charged with the violation of a city ordinance," &c.

The city has such an officer, duly appointed and qualified, ready, willing, prepared and competent, to undertake, conduct, prosecute or defend all actions, suits or proceedings in which the city has been, is, or may be legally interested during his term of office.

He has asked no assistance, no assistance has been offered to him, or employed for him. For these reasons I return the proposed ordinance without my approval. W. W. PARKER, Mayor.

Astoria, June 12, 1879.

Communication from W. J. Barry, chief of police, calling the attention of the council to the actions of officers Sherry and Coffinbury in creating dissensions and conspiring against other members of the force, was read and on motion referred to committee on health and police.

Charges preferred against Chief Barry and Officer Riley were laid over until Friday next for investigation.

Councilman C. A. McGuire tendered his resignation as a member of the board which was not accepted, and leave of absence for six months was granted to him.

Warrants were ordered in payment of claims against the city as follows:

- R. R. Spedden.....\$ 5 50 B. S. Worsley.....124 00 Geo. W. Hume.....66 12 C. J. Trenehard.....31 16 F. Ferrell, estate.....90 00 Max Wagner, Wm. Devine, Peter Nox and Frank Neil, witness fees \$1 70 each.

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Excursion to Puget Sound.

A great excursion from Portland to Seattle, W. T. and back, will come off June 24. Astorians and all others in this vicinity who wish to join this party, will meet them at Kalkama at 11 o'clock of that day, and take the Northern Pacific railroad train for New Tacoma, thence to Seattle by the Pacific Coast Steamship Navigation Co.'s boats. A grand reception at Yester's hall will greet the party in the evening. This is one of the most favorable opportunities of visiting Puget Sound ever offered to our people. From Seattle parties can visit every place on the Sound. The excursion is under the auspices of the M. E. church, and superintended by Rev. Isaac Dillon. Tickets from Kalkama to Seattle and return, only \$5 50. Children under twelve, half price. Tickets good till July 15th.

AROUND THE CITY

It is strange how Cody can give such a nice dish of Strawberries and cream for 12 1/2 cents.

Adler has received a fine lot of baby carriages, which will be sold at bottom prices.

Moved, seconded, and carried, that Carl Adler's Variety Store is the cheapest store in the city.

Mr. J. Cody, on the roadway, is in daily receipt of choice fresh fruits from San Francisco and interior gardens, direct. Call and test them and buy some.

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

M. C. Crosby is prepared to do all kinds of jobbing in the plumbing and steam fitting line; also, bath tubs, and water backs for stoves and ranges furnished on shortest notice.

The proprietor of the Chicago house, whom everybody knows as a popular caterer, has fixed his hotel up in splendid style. It is all newly painted and furnished, and is one of the most attractive places on Main street. Call around; every luxury of the season at the Chicago house.

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.

Fishermen can get a square meal at any time, at Pike's restaurant, Unity, for fish. References: Fishermen who have eaten there.

Lee Cream Candy, a la Paris, at Adler's per Elder; also, a large assortment of other choice candies.

Now that building is reviving in Astoria, bear in mind the fact that Peter Runey is well supplied with all kinds of building materials which he is prepared to dispose of to all at very lowest rates.

When you are looking for a place to amuse yourself, drop in at Max Wagner's, Great Eastern saloon, and listen to the organ and take a glass of his fine San Francisco beer.

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

Now is the time for cleaning up our houses, and ornamenting them. For this purpose you can find nothing that will add to the appearance of your parlors so much as a pair of those beautiful chromos at the City Book store, sold for nearly one-half the usual cost of such pictures. Call and see for yourselves.

Fresh California fruit can be had at C. A. May's on the arrival of every steamer.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

Rooms to let, by the day, week, or month, at Mrs. W. H. Twilight's.

Oysters served in every style at the Walla Walla Restaurant.

Refresh yourself at the Soda fountain of Schneers confectionery.

Notions, candies and fruits of the best quality, at C. A. Mays.

Persons wishing to prepare for fishing on the Sound, or for small fish will find a quantity of suitable twine at J. H. D. Gray's. It is just the thing for trout and herring nets.

Mr. G. Hansen watchmaker and jeweler of long experience, has permanently established himself in business in Caulfield's drug store, Chenamus street, Astoria. Watches and Jewelry cleaned and repaired. Gems re-set. Engraving a specialty. All work guaranteed. Give him a trial and be your own judge of his workmanship. He will soon add to his stock a well selected invoice of Watches, Jewelry, Silver and plated ware, which he will be able to sell at very low prices.

Magnus C. Crosby is sole agent for the Medallion Range in the Astoria market, which is unquestionably the best range on the Pacific slope. Call and examine.

The boss knight of the shining Sheffield blade and a first-class hair cutter, can be found at the Parker House. Prices, 25 cents each for hair cutting, shaving, dyeing, shampooing, and bath.

A full assortment of counter and grocers scales can be found at M. C. Crosby's, at bottom prices.

Ice cream, and fresh fruits of all kinds at Schneers, opposite the bell tower. Also fresh oysters, in every style.

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

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