

Report of Chief Engineer of Astoria Fire Department
The annual report of the Chief Engineer is before us and makes an excellent showing. The total number of fire alarms detailed in the report is twelve; the total loss estimated at \$10,000. Among Mr. Berry's recommendations are that a fire cistern be placed in the city cause and that three hydrants be located at the crossings on different streets and Arch streets, and that other cisterns be put in at different crossings as may be recommended by the chief engineer and committee on fire and water, or an extra hose cart for each company, as they can now take but 600 feet of hose on their carts, as often at low tide to reach a fire they need twice as much, and it entails serious delay to be obliged to return to the engine house and reel the hose. Recommendation is also made that more hose be purchased, so that each company may have an equal amount. As the water supply furnished by the house of Astoria Engine Company No. 1, is alleged to be uncertain, it is recommended that that company be furnished with a better supply, or allow them the amount of the water bills, they to have the matter in their own charge. Mr. Berry also suggests that the fire ordinance of the city be so amended that the chief engineer may have some authority to act as in his judgment he deems for the best interests of the city, and at the same time give the Council power to prosecute as per opinion of City Attorney. The attention of the Council is called to the bell tower, and its repair recommended, under the supervision of the proper committee.

Business Notice.
All accounts due this office prior to September 30, 1881, are payable to Mr. D. C. Ireland. By personal effort and desire to please, the undersigned hope to merit the same amount of business patronage as was liberally accorded to our predecessor. J. F. HALLORAN & Co.

Sunday Thought
Though it is neither our purpose nor our province to furnish the any homilies ASTORIAN with yet the recurrence of this day that suggestive of a few thoughts sour may not be amiss. The id of church going bells constantly recalls to the mind the utterances of the man-God which are as fresh in their utterance and as sublime in their teachings as when amid Judean hills they fell from His lips eighteen centuries ago. True religion, the religion of every day life, need not be confounded with the din and cant that sometimes tend to mar one's earthly peace. It has the same connection with the churches that the masonry of the aqueduct has with the water that flows refreshingly through it. The omission in our framework of republican doctrine of all mention of religion, is, of itself, the greatest proof of the high regard in which we Americans, as a people, hold true religion. Our framework of government recognizes its strength: that it needs no bolstering; no State recognition nor State aid; that it knows no geographical boundary, and that it is so intimate a part of our national life that liberty itself could not exist without it. Astronomers tell us that what we call "time," is but the smallest segment of a mighty circle: that all the ages are but one tick of God's pendulum; that these comparatively brief periods of duration may be divided into cycles. In this realm of thought we are at present passing through a cycle of weighing, doubting, proving, discarding assumption and tradition and demanding tangible facts. What men call a want of faith is oft-times the very opposite. It is a hunger for more, not less. The past is so narrow, the future grows broader and broader.

Marriages for Month of September.
John A. Carlson and Mary Carlson; Jacob Kandela and Mary Ruskin; O. A. Benson and Charlotta Gabriel; Virgil L. Davis and Ella May Beard, and James P. Miller and Anna C. Olsen.

The Lingards Coming.
On Monday evening, the 11th inst. the Alice Lingard Dramatic Combination will appear in this city in the new society emotional drama of "Frou-Frou." The company as strengthened and reinforced consists of twelve first-class artists, and to those who have ever seen the troupe praise would be superfluous, their best recommendation being the general verdict of popular favor.

Benjamin F. Ross Wanted.
The following letter has been handed to the Portland Standard for publication. Should it meet the eye of any one knowing the whereabouts of Mr. Ross, they will confer a favor by communicating the same to the Sheriff of Multnomah county:
CARMAGO, KY., July 3, 1881.
Mr. SHERIFF—Dear Sir:—My son, Benjamin F. Ross, left this State 23 years ago. He first went to Missouri, then from there to California, and from there to Oregon. If there is such a man in your midst, you will greatly oblige me by letting me know immediately. I haven't many days to live on this earth, and I would be glad to hear from him before I die. Yes I would be glad to hear from my long lost son. I have been married twice. I married Ross the first time, and Duncan the second time. I live five miles from Mt. Sterling, in a little village called Camargo. Please let me hear from you immediately. You will find enclosed a self addressed postal.
HARRIET DUNCAN.

WHEELS within wheels. This rumored that Senator Lapham, the newly-elected New York senator will be tendered a seat in Arthur's cabinet, and when Gov. Cornell calls a special session of the legislature to elect a successor, Conkling is to be quietly "run in."

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Adjust, Liquidate, Receipt.
D. C. Ireland, late editor of THE ASTORIAN may be found at the Mayor's office, in the City Hall, Astoria, prepared to adjust all accounts of THE ASTORIAN up to the end of September, 1881; liquidate all claims and demands, and receipt for all balances due Sept. 30th, 1881, for subscriptions, advertising, job printing, etc. All accounts must be settled by the first day of November, 1881. Bills for interior subscriptions, etc., will be forwarded to all immediately. Subscribers who have paid in advance will be furnished with the paper by my successors, until the expiration of the time paid for.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Occident Packing Company will be held at the office of the said company, in the city of Astoria, at 2 P. M., October 4, 1881. All stockholders are requested to be present. GEO. F. WHEELER, Secretary, Astoria, September 20, 1881.

Notice to Contractors.
SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Auditor and Clerk of the City of Astoria, until Wednesday, October 5th, 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the improvement and repair of Water street, in Sitka, Alaska, from the west end of said Water street to the east side of West 5th street, by removing all defective piles, stringers, caps, or other timbers, and substituting therefor new and sound piles, stringers, caps, or other timbers, similar to those used in the construction of the original roadway or street, and by the removal of all defective plank on said portion of said street and by the substituting thereof of new and sound plank of not less than three inches in thickness in accordance with ordinance 443 and 423. Bids must state the price for repairing in front of each lot separately. Each bid must also be accompanied with a guarantee signed by two responsible tax payers to the effect that if the contract be awarded to such bidder, that he will within forty-eight hours after notice of such award enter into contract therefor with good and sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of the work. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. By order of the Common Council. JOHN HAHY, A. G. SPEKARTH, W. M. HEADINGTON, Com. on Streets and Public Ways. Attest: F. C. NORRIS, Auditor and Clerk. 128-2td

NEW TO DAY. BAY VIEW FACTORY FOR SALE.

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