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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

F. J. Taylor Elected City Attorney.

Those who attended the meeting of the city council last evening noticed that there had been a transformation some going on since the city fathers had met within those legislative halls.

New matting was on the stairs, the lobby was redolent with the smell of paint, and a general freshening up was noted on the outer walls.

In the council chamber the old familiar land marks had disappeared. The discolored walls, the crack in the ceiling, the oil soaked floor, the bare windows had all undergone a rehabilitation.

The council board shone in all the glory of new varnish, the old bracket that held the ancient coal oil lamp was replaced by shining gas fixtures through the translucent globes of which gleamed the subdued shimmer of the gaslight.

Above was the fresco work, and on the walls was handsome gold paper, and a carpet was a costly carpet laid on softest piles of webbed paper and cotton.

The old legends of grades and curvatures, of cemetery lots and water fronts, of street subdivisions and waterways concerning the spitting of tobacco juice and the penalties consequent upon such profanation as smoking—all was in the deep bosom of the back closed buried, and all surroundings looked in keeping.

In the auditor's room the beauty of the carpet but enhanced the brilliancy of the glittering border and lent an added charm to the massive safe that is raised upon a dais to hold the city funds.

The street superintendent's room and the police court precincts were also in process of rejuvenation, but as the gas was not lighted there the beauties of the room all concealed last evening the effect of that mellow light can be imagined.

The council was called to order at half-past eight by his honor, Mayor Hays, the following committee answering to their names: Case, Cooper, Dealy, Stone and Trenchard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Councilman Cleveland took his seat.

By this time a large audience was present, comprising several ladies and clergymen.

The petition of H. B. Parker to be given a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquor, was granted.

Similar action was taken in reference to the petition of Aug. Danielson. The petition of Gabriel Karsons was referred to committee on health and police.

A petition was read signed by citizens and tax payers asking the council to refuse a license to any one whose past record was to pay the expenses of a salverve of good order." Referred.

The committee to whom was referred the application of W. D. Baker et al. reported in favor of granting the petition, which was to pay the expenses of a salverve of good order." Referred.

The report of the city sexton for March was referred to committee on public property.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James McCann, reported adversely.

An ordinance regarding the superintendent of streets regarding Chinese buildings, sewerage, etc., was adopted.

The report of police judge for March was referred to committee on police.

An ordinance declaring the probable cost of improving Cedar street from West Sixth street to West Ninth, was read first and second times and passed under suspension of the rules.

An ordinance declaring the probable cost of improving West Ninth street, between Water and Spruce streets, was read first and second times and was referred to street committee.

An ordinance granting a license to Geo. Hill to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors was read and being objected to was laid on the table.

An ordinance declaring the time and manner of improving West-ninth street on the north side of Cushing's Court street was read first and second times and referred to street committee.

Ordinances granting Aug. Danielson and H. B. Parker liquor licenses were passed under suspension of the rules.

The following resolution was passed: Resolved, That the Astoria City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to give due and legal notice that the Common Council propose to improve Jefferson street from Olney to Washington, Squemois from Olney to Washington, Lafayette from Jefferson to the water front, Washington from Jefferson to the water front, Main from Court to the water front, Olney from Court to the water front. Also that sewers will be ordered to be constructed on Main, Benton, Lafayette, Washington and Olney streets.

A resolution regarding the purchase of badges for the fire department was referred.

G. F. Parker was unanimously elected as city surveyor.

The name of J. Taylor was placed in nomination for the office of city attorney and confirmed by a vote of four to two.

After some complimentary remarks concerning the presence of the ladies which was as unusual as it was agreeable, the council adjourned.

C. W. Felton is the Na.

Situated as we are, at the mercy of a single railroad and raising products that must be shipped, nothing is more important than the opening of the Columbia river so that boats can come from its mouth to its headwaters. The claim that the locks cannot be built in ten years, in the babbling of the demagogues of "Commission Town" on Willamette. If money can be had locks can be built, and if we join with the people at the mouth of the Columbia, whose interest it is to have navigation opened on that river, we perhaps can send some man to congress who is not identified with those who are bound that we shall pay tribute to Portland for every ton of wheat we ship and every crate that comes upon its coast. If Astoria has a man let her trot him out.—Penton Tribune.

One Thousand Dollars Worth of County Orders wanted. Apply to Mosses Rogers.

A Smart American Boy Sixteen years old wants an opportunity to earn his living in city or country. Apply to ASTORIA OFFICE.

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Special Notice. Mr. N. Loeb has instructed me to dispose of his entire stock of Clothing, Furnishing goods, Boots and Shoes, etc., at cost, without reserve. C. P. MORRIS.

Use Dimmitt's Cough Balsam, at W. E. Dement & Co's.

"THE WORLD OWES ME A LIVING."

THE ASTORIAN receives several hundred letters yearly from different parts of the United States asking for information concerning the soil, products, people, civilization, land, markets, labor, and everything that intending immigrants are naturally interested in. We generally mail the inquirer a copy of the THE ASTORIAN or the Willamette Farmer, which is a good paper, though occasionally a letter that is filled with a long string of questions is thrown one side, as life is too short to waste it in sending newspapers gratis to men who allow their selfishness to crop out so plainly as do some of our correspondents.

Our candid advice when written to nine tenths of those who contemplate coming here, is to stay where they are, because they evidently have their heads filled with false notions concerning conditions which exist here, and which in a great many instances have been fostered by undue exaggerations and unwise newspaper articles concerning the ease of making a living and the rapidity with which one can grow rich.

A man can get rich in Oregon and Washington territory if he practices precisely the same rules he would practice in any other part of the Union: be industrious, prudent, on the square, and be blessed with the power of continuing. Good intentions don't amount to anything; sports count for nothing; "pitching in" one week and loafing the other three won't make any impression, and in the shortest way we can put it the whole thing amounts to just this—a man brings himself with him wherever he goes; what he is in Ohio, or Illinois, or Kansas, he will be in this country. Of course there are more opportunities here; there is a better chance; there exist more openings to be independent here than are found in thickly settled communities, and in this our superiority. No man need want, nor need be dependent—provided he has grit enough to see it through, but if he possesses that, he needn't travel far, wherever he may be, to find an opportunity to exercise his talents.

Then, a good deal depends upon what a man comes here for. If he is looking for "an easy life," a "soft snap," a "fat take," he will have a pain in his lap before he is here three days. Every one works hard here: some harder than others; and as it goes, the rule in the East is reversed, and the man that works the hardest has the most to show for it. The thing needed by a man that comes here with the idea of "trying it," and staying if it suits him, should not be dead broke. He should have at least enough to take him away if he didn't like it, even if it was rather an unceremonious departure. Sometime ago some youths to fame and fortune unknown, got here with the idea that they would revolutionize the whole existing system of things. They carried for a season, and finding that they were not of mental calibre heavy enough to carry out the idea they had formed in what they were doing, they returned to their homes. Another theory that people overlook is that this world is a good deal like a circus: if you want to see the animals and take in the show, you've got to have a ticket of admission. A man that comes here with the idea of "trying it," and staying if it suits him, should not be dead broke. He should have at least enough to take him away if he didn't like it, even if it was rather an unceremonious departure. Sometime ago some youths to fame and fortune unknown, got here with the idea that they would revolutionize the whole existing system of things. They carried for a season, and finding that they were not of mental calibre heavy enough to carry out the idea they had formed in what they were doing, they returned to their homes.

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WHAT OUR CONTEMPORARIES SAY.

In olden times when men and women became quarrelsome by opinion's sake, it was not strange to see sweet charity disguised in the robes of sectarianism, holding up her skirts and declaring "I am holier than thou." But in this enlightened age, when chained electricity annihilates space and the printing press makes all ideas the common property of civilization, it is at times amusing, at others humiliating, at others sorrowful to see an attempt made to make the Angel of Mercy don the garments of sectarian bigotry and thus rob, darken the door of what—Walls Walls Union.

In Oregon a partial failure of crops and the fall in Transcontinental stocks may have had something to do with the present "dullness of times," but these are local in their effects, and only intensify the general gloom that is blighting the business interests of the entire country from Maine to Oregon and from the lakes to the gulf. If congress would quit president-making and devote itself to the needed legislation, and instead of trying to adjust our fiscal affairs to suit Great Britain rather than America, this stagnation in commerce and manufacturing would stop, and give place to activity and prosperity.—Salem Statesman.

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