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THE LAST MEETING OF 1884.

Proceedings of the City Council Yesterday Evening. The city council met in regular session last evening, Mayor Hume presiding, in attendance T. S. Jewett, auditor and clerk, C. W. Longbery, chief of police, and Geo. Noland, city attorney; present councilmen Cooper, Cleveland, Dealy, Smith and Trenchard; minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A petition from property owners asking that future ordinances regarding street improvements provide that a space of four feet be left at the end of the planking, had been read. The committee to whom it was referred, reported, recommending that where streets are planked on solid ground, a space of two feet should be left. Report adopted.

A report was read from Theo. Bronner asking for a temporary liquor license, and refused, the petitioner to be notified to take out a license forthwith. A petition from Mrs. Grant, O. Sway and E. O'Connor, regarding a sewer leaked a nuisance was referred to the chief of police.

The following report was read and adopted: We, your committee on health and police, to whom was referred the matter of complaint in regard to the present chief of police and other matters pertaining to this committee, report that at present we know of nothing to be done in the city as regards the chief of police, no written or preferred charges having been made, this committee has made no investigation, the committee, however, are of the opinion that the present chief of police is reflected some of his most important duties. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. TRENCHARD, Committee on Health and Police. C. A. COOPER, H. and P. O. S. JEWETT, C. W. LONGBERY, G. NOLAN, CHIEF OF POLICE. An ordinance for extending the time for improving Jefferson street was read first and second times and passed under suspension of the rules. Similar ordinance regarding Ferris, Squemogus, Main and Cedar streets.

An ordinance making an appropriation of \$37.10, out of the police fund to pay salaries of six officers, was passed under suspension of the rules. An ordinance making an appropriation to pay \$25 to pay claim of W. B. Rose, was similarly passed.

CLAIMS. The following claims were ordered paid: W. L. Eppinger, \$12.50; Carl Adler, \$25.00; V. A. Allen, \$25.00; H. L. Jeffries, \$25.00; C. E. Jenkins, \$25.00; Clayton May Co., \$22.25; Stipenent & Ferguson, \$15; W. B. Rose, \$20; Officers of election, \$25; telegrams, \$35.00.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the matter of revising the charter, etc., was adopted. The reports of street superintendent, city auditor and police judge for the month of November were received and report thereon adopted.

The following report was read: We, your committee to whom was referred verbal complaint against Thomas Logan, superintendent of streets, report that having no matter before us which we could examine, have to state that your committee find Mr. Logan attentive to his duties, and is always promptly at the service of the committee on streets. THOMAS DEALY, G. G. SMITH, Committee on Streets.

ASTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Report for Month Ending December 15, 1884. Mrs. F. E. Martin, Principal. Table with columns: Department, No. of Pupils, No. of Teachers, etc.

ROLL OF HONOR. Pupils neither tardy nor absent: FIRST GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT. Josie Bryoe, Sallie Jones, Bertha Powell, Lilla Strickland, Amy Powell.

SECOND GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT. Leonia Cronk, Anna Anderson, Belle Cleveland, Katie Logan, Agnes Stockton, Wm. Trullinger, Lemuel Howes, Richard Soanell.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT. Wilber Babbidge, Katie Dement, Minnie Hobson, Ida Kimball, James McGill, Nellie Moneth, Lerna Spellmoir, Maudie Veach.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT. Ed Brodie, Henry Snow, Alvin Hawthorn, Ada Koefler, Nannie Reed, Daisy Stookton.

FIRST PRIMARY. Chas. Heilhorn, Katie Kindred, Frank Vestoh, Willie Simons.

SECOND PRIMARY. Ed Babbidge, Annie Bronner, Ed Broeser, Leonard Stinson, Emma Johnson, Flora M. Day, MRS. C. E. MARTIN, Principal.

SOLE MORE WIND. UNITED STATES SIGNAL OFFICE, FOR CANTON, W. T., Dec. 22, 1884.

EDITOR ASTORIAN: I notice in your issue of the 21st inst, that the statement made by Mr. C. B. Allen concerning the wind storm or hurricane that visited the cape on the 19th, (Tuesday evening) is doubted. To prove the statement correct, if you will allow me the space I will give you a few facts taken from the official records of this office concerning that storm.

The wind storm struck the cape at 6:30 p. m., and continued for four hours. The total movement of wind from 6:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. (four hours), as recorded by Robinson's anemometer and self-registering attachment, both being in perfect working order, and being the most perfect wind recording instruments known, was 276 miles, or an average of 69 miles per hour for the four hours. Between 7 and 8 p. m. the instrument recorded 87 miles; during that hour in 15 consecutive minutes, 25 miles were recorded, and for the next 15 minutes, 21 miles. By computing according to the rules of arithmetic it is found that between 7 and 8 p. m. the wind traveled at the rate of 104 miles per hour.

The signal service wind-scale, which is the same as that given by Professor Loomis in his treatise on meteorology, is as follows: Air moving at the rate of 5 miles per hour; 6 to 14, fresh; 15 to 24, breeze; 25 to 33, night; 43 to 58, gale; 59 to 73, storm; 84 miles per hour and above is a hurricane. According to the scale it will be seen that a full fledged hurricane raged here for at least one hour.

The maximum onward movement of a tornado is 94 miles per hour; the maximum velocity of its gyratory movement has never been obtained. The highest wind ever recorded at Mount Washington was 180 miles per hour. The storm of the 19th blew down out-houses and a few trees a short distance from the signal building, tore off all the tin gutters and shook the building from side to side on its foundation. The tugs Astoria and Pioneer, which were anchored in the bay, were driven ashore, each dragging a 30 ft anchor and 30 fathoms of chain, but backed off without damage.

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SANTA CLAUS' WORK SHOP.

If You Find a Hint in This Act Or It. "Come in," said a cheery voice. A knock at the door marked "Private Office of Santa Claus," had elicited this hearty response. The visitor entered the room. Good old Santa Claus stood in his shirt sleeves mixing lather.

"Why, what are you going to do?" was the spontaneous query of the visitor. "Shave!" was the laconic reply. The direful consequences that would arise from such an act had not entered the mind of the good old saint, who would never be recognized as Santa Claus without his bushy hair and face full of whiskers.

"For mercy's sake, don't do it," pleaded the excited caller. You will lose your identity if you do. Think how many, many years you have presented just that little red nose to view. "I don't count years, but by Christmastides," replied Santa Claus; but I will spare the whiskers if you can think that my changed face would frighten the children on Christmas Eve. And a kind look that beamed from the little one came into his eyes.

"Do you want to interview me, eh?" chuckled Santa. "Just come into my store and see what I have for your people," he said, waving him into a vast room, which seemed to be all out-doors, so bright was it. An array of assistants were at work on their labor of love. "Excuse me, only a few days more," chirped Santa. And the assistants flew and the assistants and the assistants scattered sparks of gold. The steady-makers mended their wares into tempting shapes, and the doll-makers bent to their task of making 25,000 dolls in a twinkling. The work did not slack when Santa Claus went away, but his presence gave them new vigor, and the assistants of work they did was astounding. Presents for babies, for little girls and little boys, for children, for young men and women, for staid married folks, and for the childhood of old age, were stacked up in huge piles, covering acres of ground, seemingly in confusion, but they were not, as every eye was turned to the gleaming bands of the packers.

Then Santa escorted his visitor to his public office, where the clerks were discharging away at correspondences and filing up great books with the names of candidates and the description of presents. Every land and every tongue was represented, but it was noticed that the American department was the largest, and its clerks were the busiest of the lot. The telephone, which connected with the branch office, was ringing all this time. "Come and listen to the reports," said Santa to the visitor, as he grasped the transmitter and placed it to his ear, saying "Hello," as a very natural exclamation. "Hello! This is headquarters, yes, Santa."

This reply seemed to stagger the man at the other end, as the Santa rarely answered of the kind of direct telephonic "Hello." "Go ahead," resumed Santa, "give me a full report. What little Jimmy Green, has had been a bad boy, eh? Palled the head of the dust I give his sister in Christmas. Don't you know, I should be glad to see if he had forgotten his Christmas on account of it? Well, I should say not. Do you think I want to lose my reputation? I'd give him a toy pistol. Hold on a minute, I'm called at the Berlin telephone."

Hanging up the ear trumpet, Santa Claus tripped to the telephone marked "Berlin." "You must excuse me," said the kind old man to his caller, "but I am called up by influential men now and then, who are really my agents. Just before you came I had a nice chat with Emperor William of Germany, who asked me to take care of the German children in America."

The popular saint then resumed the telephone. The agent was telling him a long story which interested Santa very much, as his exclamations attested. After he had finished the listener turned to his guest and said: "My trusty man on the Pacific coast has been talking on a subject that pains me every year at this happy season. It is impossible for me to visit every child, and it grieves me to think of the many little worn stockings that are hung up in my name in wretched and shabby ways. Now, I cannot tend to everything, and really I wish when you get back to your office you would inform my able band of assistants that I shall depend on them to look out for many of the children in your city, even if they do not make time to fill them to the neck with goodies. Here is a list of persons to whom I allude."

This list contains the names of many rich men and women which if published would create a sensation, and many who have given in secret would gain a reputation far different from the one they now enjoy. "Why, Santa," exclaimed the visitor, "do you really mean that those persons are so delighted to please child life, and will be willing to assist you this Christmas?" "I assuredly do," replied the good old saint, with a tear of gratitude in his eye; "my pointing was entirely unobtrusive, and by them when they were young, and the only way in which they can revive the pleasant memories is through the grateful hearts of other children, made so by their benevolence." Just then the St. Peterburg telephone rang out loudly for Santa Claus, the London telephone joined in, and then, as if by a concerted signal all the bells in the room chimed merrily. In the midst of which music the visitor took his departure.

OREGON & CALIFORNIA R. R. MEETING.

The Directors Authorized to Take Every-thing Over to the C. P. R. E. Co. Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Oregon & California Railroad Company, at a meeting held November 14, 1884, a special meeting of the stockholders of that corporation was held yesterday in this city at the office of the manager, Mr. E. Koehler.

As set forth in the resolution, the meeting was held for the purpose of taking action in relation to the following business: To amend the by-laws of the company and increase the number of directors. To authorize the board of directors of the company, with the concurrence of a majority of the bondholders, to contract for the completion of the company's railroad, and in order to raise money for that purpose, and to provide funds for the settlement of the floating debt of the company, the board of directors be authorized to issue either their debentures, secured on a first and prior lien upon all the property of the company, real, personal and mixed, or bonds created by increasing the number and amount of bonds already issued, and secured by the existing first mortgage and the company by consolidating the existing first and second mortgages, or in such other manner as the board of directors may determine.

To authorize the board of directors to provide that at any and all meetings of stockholders held for the purpose of electing directors, the bondholders may participate in such election, and at such elections the holder of each one thousand-dollar bond shall have the right to cast as many votes (not exceeding ten) as shall be fixed by the board of directors. To authorize the increase of the preferred stock of the company from 150,000 shares, of the par value of \$10 each, to 500,000 shares of the par value of \$10 each, by issuing 350,000 additional shares of preferred stock.

To authorize the increase of the common stock of from 7,000 shares, of the par value of \$10 each, to 100,000 of the par value of \$10 each, by issuing 93,000 additional shares of common stock. To authorize the board of directors to negotiate the sale of all the property of the Oregon & California railroad company, real, personal and mixed, by lease or sale to the Central Pacific railroad company upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the board of directors may deem best for the interests of the company.

At the meeting yesterday, there was a good representation of the stock of the Oregon & California railroad company. A number of present represented over two-thirds of the entire stock. Each of the propositions given above was taken under careful consideration and duly discussed. The stockholders finally determined by resolution, to authorize a board of directors to take the necessary action in each case as designated in the call for the special meeting. With this authorization the board of directors will proceed to carry into effect the wishes of the majority of the stockholders.

On motion, the stockholders adjourned to meet again in one month.—Oregonian, 22.

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