

The Daily Astorian.

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THE CITY CHARTER AT SALEM.

The latest phase of the effort to have the city charter amended is that there are two bills at Salem. Harmony and a desire to appear well would suggest that whatever was not acceptable should have been so arranged that one bill bearing the endorsement of those competent to say, could be presented for affirmative legislative action.

When the chamber of commerce bill went to Salem it was sent in duplicate, Senator Reed getting one copy, Representative Leinenweber another. Reed introduced his in the senate immediately, where it was passed. Leinenweber introduced his in the house and then withdrew it.

The city council act which creates an entire new charter went to Salem yesterday and it is thought will be presented to-morrow. The main point made in the charter drafted by the city attorney and approved by the city council is that it gives the council power to enforce certain ordinances now on the city's statute books but which cannot be enforced by reason of lack of power on the part of the council.

A communication signed by the mayor and all the members of the city council except Councilman Dealey, who is absent, accompanied the bill. This communication sets forth that the principal intent of the bill is to make such provision for the enforcement of ordinances as will result in good to the community; it also states that the bill sent up by the chamber of commerce was not submitted to the people nor their representatives, and is not satisfactory in some respects.

There are provisions in both bills that we would be glad to see made a part of the city's organic law. There is no lack of good intent on the part of the framers of both bills, the mutual desire being for the common good, the difference being in the means employed to insure the result. That the present charter is defective is something on which all are agreed. Just how the present tangle will straighten out is not clear, but it is our belief that that clause in the chamber of commerce bill that makes a man pay taxes on \$500 before he can vote is a pill that a good many Astorians will refuse to swallow.

That there should be a wholesome restriction on the present loose style of voting is conceded by all, but such a sweeping measure as the one proposed is sure to make future trouble. It may pass the legislature, but the first time a city election comes up will test its legal right to existence. There may be communities where such a plan could be made work, but a little sober reflection will convince a man that whatever the idea may be in theory it cannot be made effective in actual practice. This is what THE ASTORIAN thinks about it. In this it is either right or wrong, and our duty to the public impels this utterance.

The papers throughout the state are discussing the question of a constitutional convention. On this subject the Salem Statesman says: "We can see no valid reason for taking steps toward a new constitution, although the governor, in his message, favors the proposition, at least of calling a convention. The constitution we now live under was formed by and with the counsel of some of the ablest minds of the state—both in the legal profession and out of it, and is a model of terseness, brevity and clearness. And, on the score of economy, where can its equal be found? Under its provisions we have grown and prospered as a people for a quarter of a century, and it appears to have vitality enough to last us as long in the future. In it there is no place for jobbery, and it is conspicuously wanting in high salaries. There's the rub. The complaint has been heretofore that the salaries of the various state officers have been "ruinously low," so low, in fact, that competent men could not be found to take the positions. However this may be, there has been no dearth of ability and learning in all the state offices—legislative, judicial, and gubernatorial—since our existence as a state, and to maintain the contrary would be a reflection upon the present incumbents of those offices, and upon those who have filled them in past years."

The Empire state has elected a statesman to the United States senate in the person of Wm. M. Everts.

WHEN people get to disputing whether times are hard or not, it would seem reasonable to suppose that times cannot be extremely bad. The year opens with the optimists and pessimists hard at it, each side armed with arguments of a cogent nature; but the optimists are likely to win in the long run, as the American people, now fifty million strong, in the richest country on earth, must sooner or later grow tired of being depressed. By this time the bad symptoms are well known, and it is natural that the signs of healthy growth and development should receive attention. It appears that, in spite of shutting down, half-time, slack trade and the like, the number of operatives out of employment is less than 350,000. This cannot be regarded as abnormal in the depth of winter, out of a population of 50,000,000, and as the percentage in New England is only 7 per cent., while in Minnesota it reaches 40 per cent., it is evident that manufacturers are not by any means in their last gasp, but are holding their own with firmness. A recent canvass of trade all over the land shows, too, that stocks are unusually light, and inquiries for spring delivery are numerous. Things do not long remain at the point where men starve because bread is so cheap, and where they cannot clothe themselves and possess comfortable homes because garments and furniture cost so little.

The secretary of the treasury has decided a question pending for some time, involving duties on tin plates. The law puts the duty at one cent per pound on the article commercially known as tin plate. It was urged by American manufacturers that sheet iron, which to some extent comes in competition with larger sizes of tin plate, is restricted to certain sizes and thickness, and that the larger sizes ought to pass under a much higher duty. The secretary, however, decides that all sheets of iron, coated purely with tin, comes within the class of tin plates, dutiable at one cent per pound, without distinction as to size or thickness.

A WASHINGTON special says: A near friend of President-elect Cleveland, and who holds an important office under Cleveland's commission, said: "There is but one thing about Cleveland's cabinet that has been definitely settled—the entire number will be selected from those states that cast their electoral votes for him. I know this because he has said as much to me."

The sum of \$2,000,000 was appropriated by Indiana for a new capitol edifice, which is now near completion, and the prospect is that the cost will be \$136,000 less than the appropriation. We believe this instance of a public building being erected for less than the amount appropriated is unprecedented in this country.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL DRUM is said to agree with Gen. O. O. Howard in the opinion that deserters from the army ought to be branded. He says that during the last five years 10,000 soldiers have deserted from the regular army—or nearly every other man.

CHILI is suffering from the large quantities of paper money issued during the war with Peru, and now irredeemable. There are many openings for capital, whether in mining, commerce or agriculture, but the worthless currency makes capitalists shy.

The population of New York city is about 1,300,000, and of this number only 12,216, or fewer than one in 1,000, return personal property for taxation—and this although the city is the great receptacle for personal wealth of the country.

BORN. In Astoria, Jan. 22, to the wife of C. W. Shively, a son.

FOR YAQUINA, AND COOS BAY. The New and Fast-Sailing Steamer, "COOS BAY," LAWLESS, Commander. Will sail for Yaquina Bay, Coos Bay, way ports and San Francisco, leaving ASTORIA On Friday, January 23, at noon. WATSON, WRIGHT & CO.

THERE WILL BE A Ten-Mile Race, At the Skating Rink, next Saturday Evening, January 24. The First Prize to be Fifty Dollars. The Second, Twenty-five Dollars. In which the following persons will enter: J. R. Clinton, H. W. Sherman, L. I. Levings, F. A. Crosby, F. A. Hall, W. C. Logan, J. R. Hall, F. W. Prael, R. V. Mouteth, Jr., and M. H. Higgins. Skating from 7 to 9. Race begins promptly at nine o'clock. Prices of Admission, as usual: Ladies with or without Skates, 25 cents. G. W. and A. E. ROSS, Managers.

1885. INTEREST Will be allowed On Time Deposits. Drafts on all the Leading Cities. Wm. T. Coleman & Co. S. ELMORE, Manager Banking Department, Astoria, Oregon.

Important Notice! Oregon Improvement Co. Great Reduction in Price of Coal. On and after December 1st until further notice the price at the bunkers will be as follows for SEATTLE COAL. Clean Domestic per ton, 2240 lbs. \$7.00 Average Steam " " " " 6.00 Screenings " " " " 4.00 On hand a constant supply, at market rates, of first-class CUMBERLAND. E. A. NOYES, Agent.

The Northern Pacific Express Co. FURNISHES The Shortest, Quickest and most Reliable Route between ASTORIA AND ALL POINTS. If you have Anything to Send by Express, Send it by the Northern Pacific Express Co. Order your Express packages sent to you by the NORTHERN PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. Prompt Delivery, Low Rates, Satisfaction guaranteed. S. ELMORE, Astoria Agent.

For Sale. The Beautiful and Favorably Located BAY VIEW RESTAURANT Is for sale at a bargain, on account of the proprietor's desire to go east to see her parents. Inquire at the restaurant or at this office. Wheeler & Kipp, PRACTICAL Plumbers Gas and Steam Fitters. All work warranted and estimates given. Full stock Iron and Lead Pipe, Bath Tubs, Water Closets and Gas Fixtures, Chimney Pipe, cheaper than Brick. Jobbing promptly attended to. Corner Squemoqua and Hamilton Streets, Astoria, Oregon.

For Sale. TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY ACRES on Gray's River: fine timber and bottom land; three miles from steamboat landing. Fifty acres improved: stables, outhouses, etc.; fruit. A splendid chance for a man with a little money. Apply to FREDRICK HANSEL on the premises.

Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned will apply to the Common Council of the city of Astoria, at its next regular meeting for a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors, in less quantities than one quart, for a period of one year, in the building situated on Lot No. 5, Block No. 10, in the city of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure. DELIA GRAEHART, Astoria, January 20th, 1885.

Notice. THE PROGRESSIVE LAND AND Building Association will hold its regular annual meeting on the second Saturday, the 14th day of February, 1885, at 7 o'clock P. M., in Liberty Hall. W. L. MEWAN, Secretary. Astoria, Clatsop Co., Oregon, January 19th, 1885.

T. G. RAWLINGS, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Tropical, Domestic, Green and Dried FRUITS. NUTS, CANDIES, DRIED MEATS, ETC. Fine Cigars and Tobacco. Next door to J. J. Arnold's, Squemoqua St. Astoria, Clatsop Co., Oregon, January 19th, 1885.

FOR SALE. One E. W. BLISS, Latest Improved HOWE SOLDERING MACHINE, With West's Crimper attached. This Machine is Nearly New and is Sold for Want of Use. Address GEO. W. DUNBAR'S SONS, New Orleans, La.

Notice to Water Consumers. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that all persons having their water pipes repaired have them fixed properly so they will not freeze and burst, as I will make no deduction on rates in the future, on account of burst or frozen pipes. Any information in regard to the manner of fixing pipes will be cheerfully given by request. JAS. W. WELCH, Sup't.

House to Rent. NINE ROOMS: GOOD LOCATION. Inquire of W. R. HEADINGTON.

CUNARD STEAMSHIP LINE. WE BEG LEAVE TO ANNOUNCE A great reduction in rates over the above well known line. Parties desiring to go to Europe, or wishing to send for friends in the old country will find it to their advantage to purchase tickets over the Cunard line. Tickets issued by us good from any part of Europe to Astoria. ROZORTH & JOHNS, Agents.

For Rent. A LARGE, FINE STORE ROOM; ALSO the second and third floors in the corner building on Olney and Squemoqua streets. Inquire of RUDOLPH BARTH.

Carpets! Carpets! Carpets. We beg to call the attention of the public to our latest importation, direct from Eastern manufacturers, of the largest invoice of CARPETS ever offered for sale in this city, comprising all grades, from the

FINEST BODY BRUSSELS In the Newest Tints and Shades, To the lowest priced article in this line. We are determined to dispose of our stock of Carpets within the next four weeks, and to that end offer special inducements, precluding the possibility of Being Undersold by any of our Competitors. —IN THE— Furniture and House Furnishing Line

We can show you the very BEST GOODS at BOTTOM FIGURES, and shall be pleased to receive a call for inspection whether you purchase or not. CHAS. HEILBORN. New Establishment! NEW PRICES!! FURNITURE, FURNISHING GOODS, Carpets, Matting, Pictures, Mirrors, PICTURE FRAMES MOULDINGS, ETC., ETC. At Greatly Reduced Prices, ASTORIA FURNITURE CO., Cor. Chenamus and Hamilton Sts. H. DU BUISSON, Manager.

Students! Of either sex admitted to the PORTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE. On any week-day of the year. The College Journal, containing information of the course of study, rates of tuition, board, examination, etc., and cuts of plain and ornamental penmanship, free. Address, A. P. ARMSTRONG, Lock Box 104, PORTLAND, OR. In writing, please mention this paper. LOEB & CO. JOBBERS IN WINES, LIQUORS, AND CIGARS. AGENTS FOR THE Best San Francisco Houses and Eastern Distilleries. Tumblers Decanters, and All Kinds of Saloon Supplies. All goods sold at San Francisco Prices, MAIN STREET, Opposite Parker House, Astoria, Oregon.

Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned will apply to the Common Council of the City of Astoria, at its next regular meeting for a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors, in less quantities than one quart, for a period of one year in the building known as the Anchor Saloon situated on Benton street, between Benton and Lafayette streets on Lot No. 23, Block No. 10, in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure. B. GIBSON, Astoria, January 19th, 1885.

Notice. HAVING BEEN APPOINTED BY THE County Court of Clatsop County, Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of Thos. Goodwin, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will present them duly verified and with proper vouchers to the undersigned at her residence on Clatsop Place, Clatsop County, Oregon, within six months from this date, Dec. 5, 1884. MARIETTA GOODWIN, Executor.

CAUTION. ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED against purchasing a note and mortgage on personal property, given by Mr. Alexander Corneo to Ed. Taylor for \$200, as the same will be contested on the ground of fraud, or misrepresentation in obtaining the same, otherwise want of consideration. ALEX. CORNEO, Astoria, Oregon, Nov. 18th, 1884. SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL, ASTORIA, - - - OREGON. THIS INSTITUTION, UNDER CARE OF THE Sisters of Charity, is now ready for the reception of patients. Private rooms for the accommodation of any desiring them. Patients admitted at all hours, day or night. No physician has exclusive right, every patient is free to and has the privilege of employing any physician they prefer.

United States Marine. Seamen who pay Hospital Dues, are entitled to Free care and attendance at this Hospital during sickness. Permits must be obtained for United States Marines at the Custom House. SISTERS OF CHARITY. School Tax Notice. SCHOOL TAXES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 9, are now due and payable to J. E. Higgins, at office of Badollet & Co. MRS. MARY LEINENWEBER, School Clerk District No. 9, Upper Astoria, Dec. 17, 1884.

Assignee's Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Charles Wallman, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate must present the same, duly verified, to her at her home, in the city of Astoria, Oregon, within six months from this date. EVA WALLMAN, November 8th, 1884.

Assignee's Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Wm. Houseman, insolvent, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at his place of business, in Astoria, Oregon, duly verified as required by law, within three months from the first publishing of this notice. ISAAC BERGMAN, Assignee of the estate of Wm. Houseman. Astoria, Or., Dec. 18, 1884.

Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned intends to apply to the common council of the city of Astoria at its next regular meeting, for a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one quart, for a period of one year, in the building fronting on Chenamus street and situated on Lot No. 6, Block No. 56, in the city of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure. R. L. JEFFERY.

Assignee's Notice. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for Clatsop County, in the matter of the assignment of Wm. Houseman, insolvent: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of said Wm. Houseman, an insolvent person, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at his place of business, in Astoria, Oregon, duly verified as required by law, within three months from the first publishing of this notice.

Notice. THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE year 1884 is now in my hands for collection. All who are delinquent on said roll will save sheriff's costs by calling at my office in Cathlamet and settling the same, or sending by registered letter. R. F. ALBERT, Sheriff of Wahkiakum Co., W. T. Dated at Cathlamet, Jan. 10th, 1885.

Notice to the Public. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, JOHN DOUGLAS. Astoria Dec. 21st, 1884.

YOU CAN GET —THE FINEST— Family Groceries, Provisions and Freshest Vegetables. —AT— FRANK L. PARKER'S —ALL AT— Low Down Prices!! Corner Benton and Chenamus Streets, Opposite Custom House Square.

STEAMER CLARA PARKER Eben P. Parker, Master. For TOWING, FREIGHT or CHARTER apply to the Captain, or to H. B. PARKER.

THE NEW MODEL RANGE CAN BE HAD IN ASTORIA ONLY OF E. R. HAWES, AGENT. CALL AND EXAMINE IT, YOU WILL BE PLEASSED. E. R. HAWES is also agent for the Buck patent Cooking Stove. And other first-class Stoves. Furnace Work Steam Fittings, etc., a specialty. A FULL STOCK ALWAYS ON HAND.

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