

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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AN INTERESTING QUESTION.

ASTORIA is never without a question of some kind on which there is a difference of opinion. Ever since the city was unwisely divided into two school districts as the only way seen to get rid of an unpopular school teacher, there is confusion and trouble and "questions" of great and pressing importance at the time, and presently forgotten in the greater and more pressing importance of the question that is sure to come up the week or month after.

The present question is regarding the vote in the matter of placing O. Sovey in the city council. Of five councilmen he received the affirmative votes of three. The mayor gave it as his decision that Mr. Sovey was not elected; that the election of a councilman by the council was something that required a majority vote of the entire council. Public opinion is divided—as usual.

The case is an interesting one, in the abstract. On a former occasion when Mr. Gilbert was given three votes for councilman, the mayor declared him elected. A question arose as to the legality of his election. One of the foremost lawyers in the state and a man who is to-day the most prominent candidate at Salem for U. S. senator, was consulted about this matter. His opinion is alleged to have been substantially as follows: that a councilman elected in Astoria by three votes of councilmen could serve—provided no one raised any objection to the legality of any ordinance passed or defeated by his vote; that any objection to such vote on the part of any voter in Astoria would render any action of such elected councilman of no effect.

Of more recent date is the similar election of F. J. Taylor, by three votes of the city council to fill an existing vacancy. When the estate of Peter Grant brought suit against the then city council for alleged negligence, and when the case was being argued before Judge Bennett holding court in this city, Mr. Taylor pleaded, as a defense against any individual responsibility in the matter, the fact that he was elected in such a manner and argued that that should be sufficient grounds for his being omitted from the list of defendants. Judge Bennett held in substance that as Mr. Taylor had qualified before the auditor and clerk, had taken the oath of office, and had taken part in the regular deliberations of the council that his argument constituted insufficient defense, and refused to allow the plea.

At the close of the vote last Thursday evening the mayor decided that Mr. Sovey was not elected. On a similar occasion prior, the mayor decided that Mr. Gilbert was elected. When eminent jurists at home and abroad differ in their opinions; when able lawyers reach exactly opposite conclusions; when the chief municipal officers of a city, at different times make decisions diametrically opposed to each other it tends to bewilder the average mind. If Mr. Sovey or anybody else is entitled to the honorable position of a seat in the Astoria city council he should have it. No man should be deprived of any rights, personal or acquired that of right belong to him. If the legal opinion referred to above be correctly reported it would appear that in case Mr. Sovey were to be admitted to the council and took part in its transactions that any vote of his would be subject to objection on the part of whosoever desired, thus raising the question of the validity of such municipal action. It is to be regretted that there was not one more vote either in the affirmative or the negative so as to avoid all this dispute, but as we seem bound to have a quarrel of some kind on hand all

the time, perhaps this is as good a question as any. If it wasn't this it would be something else.

It is surprising that so sensible a journal as the *Oregonian* should endorse by publication in its editorial column the silly talk of eastern papers concerning a possibility of the Chinese government making our government "pay roundly for every queue that is lifted in Washington territory." Those who never feel satisfied unless they have a small stock of worries on hand, can not add this to their supply. In no case, whatever lengths the violence may assume, can or will our government be held responsible. The United States government wouldn't nor needn't pay England if English, or Irish, or Scotch, or Welsh, were killed in this country, nor Germany if Germans were killed; nor France, if French were killed. Our government should, and doubtless will, try the marauders in the U. S. courts, and if found guilty, punish them. That is all.

THE ASTORIAN thinks just the way it did last month and last year and the year before, that the Chinese are a nuisance and a menace; that they should not be here; that their presence is a blight, and that the only way to make them go is to refuse to employ them. As long as we give them reason they will stay. Whenever we make it unprofitable for them to remain they will go.

"CATTLE have increased more than three-fold in the United States during the past ten years," says the *Shoe and Leather Reporter*, which adds: "Ours is the greatest cattle producing region on the globe. On farms there are now about forty-two million; on ranch and range property west of the Mississippi about ten million cattle graze."

THE speech of United States Senator George in Mississippi a few days ago, is attracting much attention from southern Democratic newspapers. His position was that the south must stand solidly by the Democratic party, if it expects to exert a controlling influence in the government of the country in the future.

THE importance and value of the tobacco crop in Virginia is very clearly shown in the statement of the Lynchburg *Advance* that Lynchburg pays more revenue into the United States treasury, on the single article of tobacco, than any one of the New England states pays on everything it produces.

WASHINGTON telegrams indicate that snivel service reform is meeting with disaster, and that first-class offices are rapidly passing into the hands of the Democracy. The mugwumps and the truly good see very little to be thankful for at the coming Thanksgiving day.

The newspapers of the state utter an almost unanimous endorsement of John H. Mitchell for U. S. senator. Should he be elected Clatsop county would have a friend at Washington.

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Mrs. NATHALIA MELNE, Administratrix.

Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 17th, 1885.

Administrator's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed administrator of the estate of John Amundsen, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate shall present the same with proper vouchers, within six months from this date, at the office of F. D. Winton in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon.

OLUF W. PEDERSON, Administrator.

October 17th, 1885.

Copartnership Notice.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between F. E. Shute and M. H. Partridge under the firm name of Shute & Partridge is this day dissolved by mutual consent. M. H. Partridge retiring from the firm. The business will be hereafter conducted under the name of Shute & Co., who will pay all bills and collect all indebtedness of the old firm.

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