

Now the fun begins. The problem is solved. Pledges are played out. Sun rises 7:08; sunsets, 4:24. The *Beda* crossed out yesterday. This has been a week of surprises. Name your candidate for assessor. Who is being talked of for treasurer?

Pick out your man for auditor and clerk. Who is your candidate for police judge? J. W. Welch has done the city a service. Who will run for superintendent of streets? The legislature will adjourn at noon to-day.

Has any one been mentioned for city attorney? Who are you going to vote for for chief of police? See notice of chief of police in another column. Any good man might be willing to be mayor now.

The Jeffreys-Lewis troupe will be here on the 27th and 28th. THE ASTORIAN will be pleased to make political announcements. The city surveyor's office is an elective one along with the rest. New music by the Cushing Post Cornet band at the rink to-night.

The recent storm was felt all over western Oregon and Washington. The *Oregon* is due from San Francisco this morning; the *State* sails. 146,686 cases of Columbia river salmon bound for England are still afloat. Mitchell will have a public reception in Portland to-night. It will be a rouser.

Mitchell is the first man that ever was re-elected to the United States senate from Oregon. Voters will have a chance now to pick out the man that they want to serve in any city capacity. Gov. Moody has signed the bill cutting off from the city limits the five acre tracts running south from Summit avenue to Young's river.

One man is as good as another man, on election day. Your vote is what decides who shall be in the city offices, and not the mayor or the council. Astorians have abundant reason for Thanksgiving next Thursday. John H. Mitchell is elected, and the people have the say as to who shall fill the city offices.

The commandery of Oregon of the military order of the *Loyal Legion* was organized in Portland last Wednesday. Capt. H. M. Gregory was among the companions elected. William Savage of Portland claims to be one of a party of stock men who each ate seven pounds of beef at a meal three times a day for four days. They had no other food during that time.

The bill confirming the issue of bonds by directors of school district No. 1, passed the senate yesterday. It was defeated in the house. A strong effort will be made to-day to reconsider it. In the legislature on Thursday a joint resolution was almost unanimously endorsed favoring an amendment to the state constitution changing the date of the general elections from June to November.

The British ship *Winnipeg*, 1,303, Berry master, 27 days from Shanghai, in ballast, arrived in yesterday afternoon. She has eight days yet remaining of six months since she sailed for China, coal-oil laden, from New York, got there, discharged, and crossed to the Columbia river. It is thought that the *Manzanilla*, the light house tender assigned to duty in this district, will report here about the 1st of next February, when the present crew of the *Shubrick* will transfer to that vessel. The *Shubrick* will then be for sale at a slight depreciation on first cost.

The patrons of the manly art of self defense will see a first-class exhibition at Liberty Hall to-night. Jack Dempsey, the champion middle weight of the world, Tom Cleary, Jack Keenan, Bill Davis, ex-champion of America, Joe Petty, Spud Murphy and other notables will appear. See advt.

The latest noticed fraud in the provision line is the neat looking rolls of what appears to be codfish, taken out of boxes packed in the east and bearing the inscription "Five pounds sea-locked blocks boneless fish prepared for family use." A good part of it is hake worth about three cents a pound, while codfish is worth three times as much. But as the inscription doesn't say "codfish," perhaps the elastic conscience of the packer will not be troubled.

The *Eureka*, Cal., *Standard* says that one of the crew of the schooner *Falcon* states that there are three vessels in that port now bound for Oregon, which shipped crews at San Francisco for \$20 per month, and further that there are four vessels there, engaged in the coast trade, which shipped their crews in San Francisco for \$25 per month and two vessels in that harbor that shipped Union men for \$25 per month in *Eureka*. These facts, it is claimed can be verified by responsible parties.

Girl Wanted. To do housework in a small family. Apply at this office.

W. Lusier of San Francisco has engaged in the photograph business with Crow the leading photographer.

Ready For Business. For a good steak, a delicious cup of coffee or a plate of fine oysters go to Frank Fabre's Coffee, Oyster and Chop House, opposite M. C. Crosby's.

A CHANGE.

Something That Astoria Has Long Needed. ALL THE CITY OFFICES AT THE COMING ELECTION TO BE ELECTIVE.

No More Appointments by the Mayor and Squabbling Over Offices in the Council.

Last Thursday Gov. Moody signed House Bill No. 9. The provision relative to the manner of selecting city officers is the best thing of the kind that has happened for this city in some time. Briefly, it is this: Sec. 8, of chapter II of the charter is changed so that in place of the mayor appointing the various city officers they are elected by the people. Sec. 16, of chapter III includes the city officers with the mayor to be elected "by the qualified voters of the city."

The result is that at the coming city election "the qualified voters of the city" will vote for and elect a mayor, two councilmen, treasurer, auditor, attorney, superintendent of streets, surveyor, police judge and chief of police. Responsibility will be placed where it properly belongs.

THE ASTORIAN congratulates the city of Astoria on the passage of this bill. It is a good thing, good in every way. It is what we have wanted and argued for four years. It will do away with a good deal of shenanigan and funny business. It will give a councilman some dignity. Instead of being pulled and hauled and badgered, he can go into his seat and deliberate for the best interests of the city. It will give the officers independence.

It is but a just recognition of good service to say that the credit of this is largely due to Jas. W. Welch. We have opposed that gentleman in several things when we believed he was wrong in his beliefs. It affords us, therefore, great pleasure to publicly express our opinion that the thanks of the people of Astoria are due to Mr. Welch for his action in this regard which cannot fail to have a good effect in this and future elections.

"But hold on," some one says, "you have not thought of the objections to this measure you so freely endorse." We have; thought of them for days at a time. There are plenty of objections. We could fill this column with objections to it, but the least of the benefits to be derived from it outweigh the whole lot. We believe in the rule of the people. We have sufficient faith in Astorians to believe that they can safely be trusted with the work of saying who shall be chief of police or city attorney or police judge or auditor or any other office in the gift of the people. We would rather any day leave it to a popular vote than to the notions of one man and the whims of six others. We believe that in city and county and state and national affairs the nearer you can get things to the people, the more power you give the people and the more the people have to say in a direct manner about public matters the better it is for all concerned. Who is it that does not know that if the people of this city, the men that work for a living, the men that pay taxes, the men that have to earn money to support themselves and families, the business men, had the say about affairs in this city during the last two years that things would have been different? Instead of damning the mayor and abusing the council the people have now got this thing in their own hands. It is for them to say who shall serve them and we again congratulate our citizens that such is the existing fact.

Last winter we opposed the passage of the amended charter containing the clause that made it necessary that a man should pay tax on \$500 for the reason that it looked unfair, and had too aristocratic an air about it to go down with us. It has been our fortune to be without a dollar more times than one, but we had just as much judgment and intelligence about how to cast our vote when dead broke as the more fortunate, or less venturesome, individual who had a good suit of clothes and \$500 in his pocket, or in a city lot.

But this measure puts things just where they ought to be and gives every man an equal voice in the government of the city. On the 9th of next month there will be a popular election in this city, and for the first time in the history of the city we can all walk up and put in our ballots as to who shall be next auditor, or attorney, or police judge, or chief of police, or the man that gets the most votes is the man that gets the place.

The one feature open to criticism is the fact that it looks a little like a "snap judgment" going to work and doing the thing without letting any of us down here know anything about it, but as the old proverb hath it, "it is not well to look a gift horse in the mouth." The thing is done and is now beyond recall.

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For Rent. The store next door to Empire Store. Apply to Carl Adler.

School Books 20 per cent less than any other place at Adler's.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—By a new act of the legislature, the police force of this city will hereafter be regulated by a board of three commissioners. Henry Halloway was to-day sentenced to the penitentiary for six years, for stealing a team of horses.

EARTHQUAKE WRATHIER. WASHINGTON, D. C.—The secretary of the treasury received warning to-day that a great earthquake was imminent. The tidal waves premonitory of earthquake at San Francisco yesterday were equal in size to those at the time of the great earthquake in Java a few years ago.

BUSINESS. NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The failures for the week are 249, against 223 the week previous. Small pox is reported to have broken out in this city.

AT MONTREAL. MONTREAL, Nov. 20.—An immense meeting was held here to-day, at which the government was severely denounced for Riel's death. Many prominent men participated. A committee appointed to examine Riel's body deny the report that his body was mutilated. They report no signs of mistreatment.

SERBIANS WORRIED. BELGRADE, Nov. 20.—The Serbians are greatly dispirited over their late crushing defeat, while, on the other hand, the Bulgarians are wild with enthusiasm. The brave action of Alexander has caused the spirit of bravery to prevail throughout the Bulgarian ranks. The Serbian loss yesterday was over 800. The Serbian army is now rapidly retreating, preparatory to another attack.

Gen. Govanvitch has been tried by a court martial and dismissed for failure to execute orders given at Stiviza.

MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE. There was a densely packed roomful in the second story of the court house last evening. The news that the charter amendments made all the city offices elective doubtless had as much to do with causing the crowd as anything else.

The meeting was called to order by Sam'l Arndt. On motion E. C. Holden was elected chairman and N. E. Goodell secretary. The chairman stated that rumors of an important change in the manner of choosing various city officers made it necessary to modify the manner of procedure contemplated at the time the meeting was called. In response to a call J. W. Welch stated the principal points in the amendment which make the city officers elective instead of appointive as at present. (The bill will appear in full in to-morrow's ASTORIAN.)

It was decided that the Republican ward committees in the First and Second wards be instructed to call a meeting in each ward of the voters of the ward for the purpose of electing delegates to a city convention which shall nominate a full city ticket, the ratio of representation to be one delegate to each twenty votes cast in each ward by the Republican party at the last presidential election.

It was decided that a committee of five be appointed to draft a resolution endorsing the action of our state senator and representative and the legislature in electing John H. Mitchell to the U. S. senate, which was done.

It was decided that a vote of thanks be tendered J. W. Welch and all who aided, for efforts in securing the amendment to the city charter making city offices elective. The meeting then adjourned.

PERSONAL. L. A. Loomis is in the city. Jas. W. Welch returned from Salem yesterday. D. A. McIntosh and wife arrived safely in New York city yesterday. Carl Adler and Capt. Allan Noyes are passengers on the incoming steamer. Postmaster Chance goes to Portland to-day, to congratulate John H. Mitchell. Jno. McCann goes to Salem this morning with a Russian Finn named Kintla, a resident of upper Astoria who was yesterday adjudged insane. Judge Taylor came down last Thursday afternoon on a hasty visit from Oregon City, and leaves this morning for The Dalles, where he will begin court next Monday. Perhaps no circuit court judge in the Union has a more extended jurisdiction than Judge Taylor.

She Was His Sister. Prize query, No. 1. An old blind beggar had a brother, who went to sea and was drowned. Now, the man who was drowned never had a brother; what relation was the old blind beggar to the man who was drowned? —*Tacoma News*, 18.

The hull of the British bark *Norcross* has been thoroughly surveyed and found to be in excellent condition. The vessel was not injured in the least by running on the bar in Australia. The cost of the examination was about \$2,000.—*News*.

A Run on a Drug Store. Never was such a rush made for any Drug Store as is now at W. E. Dement & Co's for a Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. All persons affected with Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs, can get a Trial Bottle of this great remedy free, by calling at above Drug Store. Regular size \$1.00.

A REPLY TO M. C. CROSBY.

ASTORIA, Nov. 18th. EDITOR ASTORIAN:

Mr. Crosby says: "The mayor was not yet installed, before there commenced a lively squabble for the spoils." Is this true Mr. Crosby? If my memory serves me, there was but one removal made when the mayor took his seat: An old man whose tottering limbs would scarcely bear him to your door was to be deposed for incompetency, and the man under whose administration he had served for some months was nominated in his stead. Mr. Hahn was Mayor Hume's first choice, C. H. Stockton his second. Mr. Hahn's nomination was rejected by a mixed vote, i. e. Republicans and Democrats. Mr. Stockton received the unanimous vote of the council. He then tendered his resignation, which was not accepted by 3 Democratic votes. Mr. Loughery, Republican, was elected unanimously, Mr. Jewett, Republican, Mr. Hustler, Republican, Mr. Wheeler, Republican, Mr. Parker, Republican and Mr. Logan, Democrat, all received the same vote. Mr. Winton was at that time city attorney. Mr. F. J. Taylor was wanted. I promised the mayor and Frank J. Taylor to support him if nominated. I did so, and Mr. Taylor, another Republican, was confirmed. Mr. Taylor was then elected judge at the state election in June and resigned as city attorney. Mr. McCormack, another Republican, was nominated and confirmed. He tendered his resignation, and again a Republican was nominated, F. D. Winton, and rejected by Republican votes, all the Democrats in the council voting aye, the Republicans, no. Then Mr. Noland, a Democrat, was elected. Now, Crosby, where was this squabble for office? Was it among the Democrats or Republicans. The poor lamp lighter tendered the lowest bid to light the city. He was not appointed by the council. Again, "the struggle to elect Mr. Sovey is to secure the reappointment of the police judge." While this is a Utopian idea, which no doubt strikes the fancy of the unthinking, its soundness as a practical principle must be seriously questioned, as the next mayor and not Mr. Sovey, will have the appointing power. "The office of recorder as represented by D. Hart, &c. &c."

You speak as "one having authority" in this matter. You know that D. Hart is very unpopular. There is no truth in it. This cry is only raised for election purposes; you know that the present administration has been a good one; you have better streets as a rule than the city ever had before. There is but little crime, in every respect an efficient police force. You have paid only a 7 1/2 mill tax per year for two years; and if the taxpayers will only stand by us and give us their moral support we will make those who have been in the habit of evading their just share of taxation pay up.

These are the results attained by following out the principles propounded by the query, "Is it absurd? Is it futile?" As you say, it is time for thinking people to examine more closely the capabilities, the motives of men seeking office. Had they done so last year, I might have had the honor of sitting with you in the common council. It is true that last year you resigned after being nominated because the Republican party appreciated Mr. Sherman's capabilities and motives more than yours? But the people's choice was Mr. Bergman for councilman, Mr. Bergman for county treasurer; second choice, A. W. Berry, and last choice, (and they had only three) M. C. Crosby.

This much I've dared. If my inequities have wronged these righteous times let others say. This let the world, which knows not how to spare. Yet rarely blames unjustly, now declare. I remain, respectfully yours, A. A. CLEVELAND.

Looking For Mr. Pratt. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—Calvin Pratt, until recently employed by the California and Nevada railroad as an engineer, is being hunted by local detectives. He disappeared on the 1st of the month. It is said he previously obtained some \$14,000 by forging checks in the name of the contractor of the railroad, and that he also forged checks on Oregon banks.

WHAT! Do You Think that "Jeb" of The Chop House Gives you a meal for nothing, and a glass of something to drink? "Not much" but he gives a better meal and more of it than any place in town for 25 cents. He buys by the wholesale and pays cash. "That settles it."

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"OH, WHY DID WE SELL AT EIGHTEEN."

ASTORIA, Nov. 18th. The stocks of every description of salmon—good, bad, and indifferent—are well-nigh exhausted, and to prevent the total collapse of deliveries from Liverpool, recourse has been had to the London market, where one or two fine parcels had been held for fancy prices, and which have now been readily paid for transportation to this market. The ruling prices show an advance of 3s to 4s per case, with a very brisk everyday demand, and in fact, the market has been practically depleted at the advance. The new salmon will, in every probability, be received with all the consideration it is said to deserve; and as there is no disposition on the part of the importers to offer this year's pack before it can be seen and approved of the salmon will be sold strictly upon its own merits, and in accordance with the requirements of the trade—a most healthy state of thing. It has been said, "Happy is the nation that has no history," but what shall be remarked of the market that has no salmon?—*Correspondence London Grocers' London Grocers' Gazette.*

The excitement in our market still continues, and there are no spot parcels now offering under 21s per case; all shipments of this season's Columbia river pack at 21s and under have now been cleared, and the prospects are now more favorable than ever for it seems possible by the time the first ship arrives that prices will have advanced to 24s per case.—*Correspondence London Grocers' Gazette.*

Salmon In Maine. The unusually successful fishery in Maine this year is not to be wondered at, the state fish commissioners have been for some time past restocking rivers, lakes and streams in a most liberal manner. In the past season 300,000 young salmon have been placed in the head waters of the Penobscot, 200,000 in the Kennebec, 200,000 in the Saco, and 400,000 in the Denny's river. 100,000 land-locked salmon fry have been put into Moosehead lake, and 50,000 into Bangley lakes, while black bass have been widely distributed. Salmon are really more plentiful in the Penobscot to-day than for fifty years, and sportsmen need have no fear of their ever becoming scarce as long as the present restocking policy is pursued.—*New England Grocer.*

To Be Built. TACOMA, W. T., Nov. 19.—A private dispatch was received to-day by Mr. J. M. Buckley, assistant general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad at Tacoma, from New York, to the effect that the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railroad has passed resolutions to-day authorizing the placing under contract of the remaining work on the Cascade division, including the big tunnel, for which ample means are provided. The engineer's estimate on this work, which includes the building of seventy-five and a half miles of road, with a tunnel 9,850 feet long under the summit, is \$4,000,000. A special to the *Ledger* from New York states that work is ordered to begin at once on the tunnel.

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