

The city directory of Portland for 1887, contains 11,420 individual names, an increase of 1,764 over last year, and indicating 37,500 population.

Three of the councilmen, the clerk, city attorney, chief of police, janitor, Astorian reporter, and three spectators met by chance at the council rooms at the regular hour for the regular council meeting last night and adjourned to meet next Tuesday at "the usual hour," half-past eight, or thereabouts.

The first consignment of Columbia river smelt of '87 was received in the city yesterday afternoon, and the little fish were eagerly snapped up at fifteen cents a pound. They were unusually late in arriving this spring, and for a time it was feared that the old boss smelt had put a pocket veto on the annual appropriation for traveling purposes.

Good authority reports that the depth of water in the channel at the mouth of the river by the official survey of last September, is a good twenty-two feet at mean lower low water, pilots and masters reporting a continuation of this depth since September. The distance between the inner and outer four-fathom low water curves is about half a mile. The location and direction of the bar channel is such that it is partly protected by the middle sands from the heavy swells, so that at times of the heaviest sea vessels in crossing roll rather than pitch. Greater draught can, therefore, be carried over than in a channel of the same depth, but less protected.

DR FLINT'S HEART REMEDY has saved more lives by timely use, and has kept from suicide or the insane asylum more victims of nervous disorders, than all the physicians with their pet methods of treatment. At druggists, \$1.50. Descriptive treatise with each bottle; or address J. J. Mack & Co., S. F.

School Meeting District No. 5.

The school meeting at the upper Astoria school house last Monday evening was numerously attended. The meeting was called to order by Fred Wright, chairman of the board, and the notice of the call of the meeting read by Mr. W. B. Adair, the clerk. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. The clerk's annual report was read and placed on file.

The following resolution was offered by A. T. Bracke: Resolved, That, WHEREAS, this district has, during the last five and a half months, had in the person of M. H. Parker, a faithful, efficient, able and kind teacher, therefore it is declared to be the sense of the legal voters of this meeting that the board of directors of this district be recommended to re-engage Mr. M. H. Parker as principal of the school at the expiration of his present term at a reasonable salary.

The resolution was adopted. It was moved and seconded that it is the sense of the meeting that the directors be requested to continue to employ a male teacher as principal.

It was, on motion, resolved that the board of directors be authorized to call immediately for estimates and plans for the building of a proper addition to the present school house at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, and to ascertain at what rate money could be borrowed for the purpose, and that a special school meeting be called to consider the subject of the motion, the meeting to be held within thirty days from date.

It was decided that a three mill tax be levied for school purposes, and a three mill tax for general purposes for the ensuing year.

On motion the clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the meeting for Fred Wright for school director and Wm. B. Adair for school clerk, which was done, and the meeting adjourned.

Indigestion or Constipation. A few HAMBURG FIGS are all that is necessary for the cure of the severest cases of indigestion or constipation, and one taken occasionally will prevent the development of these affections. 25 cents. At all druggists. J. J. Mack & Co., proprietors, S. F.

Syrup of Figs. Manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Co. San Francisco, Cal. is Nature's Own True Laxative. This pleasant liquid fruit remedy may be had of W. E. Deмент & Co., at fifty cents or one dollar per bottle. It is the most pleasant, prompt and effective remedy known, to cleanse the system; to act on the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels gently yet thoroughly; to dispel Headaches, Colds and Fevers; to cure Constipation, Indigestion and kindred ills.

We will show you in a few days the largest assortment of children's ear-rings ever brought to Astoria; to be sold at manufacturers' prices. GRIFFIN & REED.

Our assortment of fishing tackle, rods, reels, flies, lines, etc., will be immense, and offered at eastern prices. GRIFFIN & REED.

Child Wanted. To Board and be given the comforts of a home. Must be over two years old. Apply to Mrs. Thos. Larsen.

Telephone Lodging House. Best Beds in town. Rooms per night 25 and 35 cts., per week \$1.50. New and clean. Private entrance.

Private Rooms. At Frank Fabre's for suppers, parties, etc. The best cooked to order.

Try Fabre's celebrated pan roast. Go to Thompson & Ross for fresh Apple Butter and Cider Jelly, in jars or pails.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Death of Henry Ward Beecher—A Disastrous Fire at Walla Walla.

BROOKLYN, Mar. 8.—Henry Ward Beecher died at 9:30 this morning. He was in a stupor throughout and began to sink slowly at midnight. He died in a sleep and never roused to consciousness from the moment of the first attack. The most of the members of Mr. Beecher's family were present when he died, besides several other intimate friends. He passed away without the least suffering. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral.

Mrs. Beecher bore up with wonderful courage. There is no crape on the door, as he always objected to gloomy emblems. Instead, a beautiful wreath of flowers is being left at the side of the doorway. The artist took a cast of the face to be used for a statue, provided for in the will of H. W. Sage, a member of Beecher's congregation. There will be no examination of Beecher's brain or other organs.

The news of his death spread rapidly over Brooklyn. Flags on all the public buildings were put at half-mast; the city hall bell was tolled and people of all opinions expressed regret at his death. Brooklyn may appropriately be called a city of mourning.

FIRE AT WALLA WALLA. WALLA WALLA, March 8.—There was an incendiary fire here last night, being one of the heaviest ever known here. For some time it was feared that the whole business portion of the town would go, and it was only by the greatest efforts of the fire department and citizens that saved it.

The burned district is from Third to Fourth streets and from Alder to Rose street. The fire crossed Main street and burned the buildings on both sides. Nothing but the greatest exertions saved the Union office. The loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars; small insurance. In the list of burned buildings are included eleven saloons; with two exceptions all the structures burned were wooden buildings.

Enjoy Life. What a truly beautiful world we live in! Nature gives us grandeur of mountains, glens and oceans, and thousands of means of enjoyment. We can desire no better when in perfect health; but how often do the majority of people feel like giving it up disheartened, discouraged and worn out with disease, when there is no occasion for this feeling, as every sufferer can easily obtain satisfactory proof that *Green's August Flower*, will make them free from disease, as when born. Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint are the direct causes of seventy-five per cent. of such maladies as Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Nervous Prostration, Dizziness of the Head, Palpitation of the Heart, and other distressing symptoms. Three doses of *August Flower* will prove its wonderful effect. Sample bottles, 10 cents. Try it.

To the Public. Parties owning lots in the City Cemetery can have them kept clean for a small sum. Tombstones cleaned also, as good as new, by a new process, no matter how black or rusty. Fences repaired and painted by the sexton. Opposite cemetery. M. L. SMITH.

California Out Hay. Dry Fir Wood; in large quantities and at lowest prices at J. H. D. Gray's dock.

Lowest Cash Price. Coal Oil at \$2.35 a case, at D. L. BECK & SONS.

Ten cents for a cup of Fabre's nice coffee.

The best oysters in any style at Fabre's.

Gambrian Beer. And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

For The Most Beautiful. And enduring photographs, charming tones, the most scientific retouching and fine polish go to N. S. Shuster, the pioneer leading photographer. See new samples at his new gallery on the road-way.

J. O. Borth has just been appointed resident agent for the Imperial Fire Insurance Company of England. This company, organized in 1863, has a paid up capital of \$3,500,000 and cash assets of \$10,000,000, every dollar of which is liable for fire losses alone. The company doing no life, accident or marine business.

All the different books used in the public school you can get at the Crystal Palace at reduced rates.

A New And Enlarged Stock of Choice Brands of Cigars. Imported Key West and domestic. All tastes can be satisfied and all pockets suited as to price. Tansill's Lunch and Junior's in full supply as usual at D. L. BECK & SONS.

Go to Jeff's Restaurant to-night and take home a peace maker (Oyster Loaf).

What! Do You Think. Jeff of the U. S. gives you a meal for nothing and a glass of something to drink? Not much; but he gives the best meal and more of it than any other restaurant in town. 25 cents.

Eastern oysters fresh every steamer at Jeff's restaurant.

Thompson & Ross have a number one article of Mackerel, Holland Herring, etc.

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LAST EVENING'S MEETING.

Several Speeches Made and Some Resolutions Passed.

The meeting at the court house last evening to express the sentiments of the people, was called to order by C. W. Fulton, who, on motion, was made chairman of the meeting. After a few prefatory remarks, a resolution was offered that a committee of three be appointed to draft a series of resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting. State senator Gray spoke in support of the motion, saying that it was not Astoria, but the entire northwest, and in fact the entire nation was affected thereby, and that, in a dignified way, this community should express its emphatic disapproval of president Cleveland's action in the matter of the river and harbor bill.

Geo. Noland being called upon, said he didn't feel at all indignant and thought the president might have very good reasons for refusing to sign the river and harbor bill.

State senator Gray made a few additional remarks saying that as a citizen, apart from any political feeling, he thought that the cowardly position assumed by the president in refusing to sign so necessary a measure, called for severe censure on the part of every true citizen, or every well wisher of his country's good, be he Republican or Democrat.

The motion was then put and carried. The chair appointed J. H. D. Gray, P. A. Stokes and Robt. Caruthers as such committee. On motion the chairman was added to the committee, and N. Clinton was elected as chairman during the conference of the committee.

Sheriff Ross was called upon for a few remarks and said that till both sides were heard, he preferred to defer his decision, and believed there were a good many other people the same way.

An Oregonian man called on Capt. Charles F. Powell, U. S. engineers, yesterday, to inquire the amount in his hands still unexpended. Capt. Powell did not have exact figures at hand, but gave from memory the following statement, which is approximately correct:

Month of Columbia river, about \$180,000  
Yaquina bay, a little less than... 70,000  
Coos bay... 125,000  
Coquille river... 10,000  
Cascades canal... 130,000  
Total... \$525,000

There remains unexpended, of the appropriation of 1886, for rivers and harbors of the northwest, about \$400,000, and it is reasonably certain that no future appropriations will be available in time to begin work before the spring of 1889. So the amount now on hand will have to be spread over the next two years, and it will necessarily be very thin.

The office of Major W. A. Jones was visited for the purpose of learning what amount remained for the lower Columbia and Willamette, upper Willamette, but that officer was not in. It is understood, however, that the appropriations of 1886 are nearly exhausted, and that there remains barely enough to protect the work, pay watchmen, etc., for the next two years.

PAST APPROPRIATIONS. Following is a statement of the total sums appropriated by the government for the improvement of rivers and harbors in Oregon and Washington, up to and including 1886:

Month of the Columbia... \$ 287,500  
Cascades of the Columbia, 1876, \$90,000; 1878, \$150,000; 1879, \$100,000; 1880, \$100,000; 1881, \$100,000; 1882, \$200,000; 1884, \$150,000; 1886, \$187,500  
Yaquina bay, 1880, \$40,000; 1881, \$10,000; 1882, \$60,000; 1884, \$50,000; 1885, \$75,000  
Lower Willamette and Columbia bay... 235,000  
Coos bay... 680,925  
Coquille river... 20,000  
Upper Willamette... 155,500  
Upper Columbia and Snake... 226,000  
Umpqua river... 4,000  
Chualar river... 8,000  
Gowitz river... 8,000  
Skagit, Stellaquamish, Noot sask, Snohomish and Snoqualmie rivers... 42,500  
Total... \$3,003,115

Yesterdays Oregonian. The Face. The care of the complexion has become an accomplishment that no lady of refined tastes can afford to ignore, and in leading society circles it claims as much thought as do the fashions. It is an acknowledged fact that the variations of our climate are very severe on the complexion, noticeable by a roughness and dryness of the skin, and to counteract this effect it becomes necessary to call in the aid of art. In the selection of this agent too much care cannot be exercised. It is well known to the chemist that many of the so-called "blooms," "balms," "creams," etc., contain lead and other poisonous substances, the long-continued use of which is dangerous. Wisdom's Robotine is guaranteed under a forfeiture of \$1,000, to be absolutely free from poisonous substances. If you have not yet tried it, do so at once, and be one of the hundreds who pronounce it the most delightful toilet article ever produced. Wisdom's Robotine is sold at fifty cents per bottle.

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thought of; it was a matter of national importance; of interest to the whole country; as for partisanship the proposition was an idle one; this was an occasion that called for the exercise of the attributes of an American citizen, and not be so timid as to fear that an honest expression of opinion would possibly hurt the political future of any citizen.

J. E. LaFolce, J. H. D. Gray and others made further remarks, and Geo. Johnson moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the meeting to senators Dolph and Mitchell, and congressman Hermann for their earnest and praiseworthy efforts to promote our best interests and the material benefit of the northwest. This was done, and the meeting adjourned.

OF ALLSAD WORDS OF TONGUE ORPEN. The Saddest Are These: "It Might Have Been."

If president Cleveland had not pocketed the river and harbor bill, there would have been appropriated for improvements in Oregon and Washington the following sums:

Month of the Columbia... \$225,000  
Cascades... 125,000  
Yaquina bay... 70,000  
Lower Willamette and Columbia rivers... 50,000  
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Coquille river... 12,500  
Upper Willamette... 7,500  
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P. S. WITTLINGER, Leechburg, Pa. Reference: FRANK T. WRAY, Druggist, Apollo, Pa.

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CHOKING CATARRH. Have you awakened from a disturbed sleep with all the horrible sensations of an assassin clutching your throat and pressing the life-breath from your tightened chest? Have you noticed the languor and debility that succeed the effort to clear your throat and head of this catarrhal matter? What a depressing influence it exerts upon the mind, clouding the memory and filling the head with pains and strange noises! How difficult it is to rid the nasal passages, throat and lungs of this poisonous mucus all can testify who are afflicted with catarrh. How difficult to protect the system against its further progress towards the lungs, liver and kidneys, all physicians will admit. It is a terrible disease, and cries out for relief and cure.

The remarkable curative powers, when all other remedies utterly fail, of SASTRON'S LAXATIVE CURE, are attested by thousands who gratefully recommend it to fellow-sufferers. No statement is made regarding it that cannot be substantiated by the most respectable and reliable references.

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STRAW HATS! FELT Trunks and Valises.

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