

Taylor, Young & Co. write a letter to the Oregonian in reference to some figures in a recent issue of THE ASTORIAN regarding charges on commerce at Portland and at Astoria. They do not controvert THE ASTORIAN'S statements, which are true; nor do they deny their correctness. The Oregonian characteristically heads the communication "a crushing answer to false and silly statements."

The answer is the reverse of "crushing," being more in the nature of confession and avoidance. The statements themselves, were neither "false" nor "silly," as, of course, the Oregonian well knows, the whole thing being precisely as stated. Could any flaw be picked in THE ASTORIAN'S statements the Oregonian would take a fierce joy in doing so, but it can't, and it knows it.

THE ASTORIAN is in receipt of a remonstrance against the publication of such "filth as appeared in this morning's issue," referring doubtless to the publication of the sworn testimony before the coroner's inquest in the Livingstone case.

We might be flippant, and say that we are not above reporting in this paper anything that Divine Providence permits to occur.

When Dr. Sam'l Johnson finished his great work, a dictionary of the English language, and it was published, he was met at dinner one day by a lady who prudishly said, "Oh, Doctor, how unawful you are; you put all the nastiest words in your book."

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The seal fishing season is now at hand. Captain Nixon, of the A. P. Hoteling Co., states that there will be six or seven seal schooners sent off from Seattle this season. Already captain Nixon has started one of his, the Allie I. Alger, which left last Saturday. The Venture is now undergoing repairs and taking on supplies preparatory for starting Friday.

The captain thinks the prospect for the season's catch is very flattering. The reports are that the weather is finer than ever known before at this season, and altogether the outlook is favorable. The Alger and Venture will return about the 1st of October.

A Woman's Discovery. "Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Herrick & Co., of Shelbyville, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug Store.

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CHARTER COMMITTEE

Report Regarding Amendments. And Draft of Bill For Some Changes.

At a meeting of the chamber of commerce last evening the following report was read: To the President and Members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee to whom was referred the draft of a new charter for the city of Astoria, known as house bill No. 107, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, that we find many changes from the old charter, and some of them of a very important nature, so much so that they cannot be properly and maturely considered in time for this term of the legislature.

Inasmuch as there is insufficient time to consider a new charter as a whole in time for this legislature, we recommend that our delegation in the legislature be requested to prevent the passage of said house bill No. 107, and we herewith present a bill for amending the charter in a few important particulars, and recommend that it be forwarded to our delegation in the legislature, and that they be requested to use their endeavors to have the same substituted for house bill No. 107 and passed.

We recommend that a committee on charter be appointed to collect necessary material and data for new charter, provided that such a new charter is desirable in the near future.

I. W. CASE, FRANK J. TAYLOR, C. H. PAGE, ISAAC BERGHEIM, M. C. CHERRY. February 7th, 1889.

For an act to amend sections one, two, twenty-eight, 31, 32, 33, 53 and 61, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Astoria, in Clatsop county, Oregon."

Section 1. The city of Astoria is bounded as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of the donation land claim of J. M. Shively, and Susan J. Shively, his wife, in Clatsop county, Oregon, as established and designated by the surveys and plats of the United States, running thence south on the said claim line, to the southeast corner of the town of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, in said county, and state, thence southwesterly along the southern limit of said town to Salmon street; thence westerly, along the southern limit of said town, to the claim line on the west of said donation land claim; thence north on the north line of the John McClure donation land claim, to a point one hundred feet south of the southwest corner of block No. 122 of the town of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure, in said county, and state, thence north on the west line of the extension of the said town of Astoria to its intersection with Squemoqua street; thence west on Squemoqua street extended to the west line of said McClure's land claim; thence north along said west line to the state boundary line of the state of Oregon; thence easterly along the said state line to a point north of the northeast corner of the said J. M. Shively and Susan J. Shively donation land claim, and thence south to the place of beginning.

Section 2. That section 2 of said act be amended so as to read as follows: Section 2. The inhabitants of the city of Astoria are hereby constituted, and declared to be a municipal corporation by the name and style of the "City of Astoria," and by such name shall have perpetual succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice, and in all actions, suits or proceedings whatever; may purchase, hold and receive property, both real and personal, within the city, for public buildings, public works, and city improvements; may acquire, take, hold and control the real estate when sold for city taxes, or for any improvement ordered by the council, but the purchase price in such case shall not be less than the full amount of such delinquent taxes and assessments, together with the costs and expenses accruing thereon; may rent, lease, or dispose of the same for the benefit of the city; may purchase, hold and receive property, both real and personal, beyond the city limits for city parks and burial purposes, for the establishment and maintenance of a hospital or hospitals for the reception of persons affected with contagious or other diseases, for work houses and houses of correction; also for the erection of water works to supply the city with water, and may control, lease, sell or dispose of such property for the benefit of the city. All property, both real and personal, belonging to and vested in the town of Astoria, shall, on the passage of this act, become the property and be vested in the City of Astoria, and it may control, lease, sell or dispose of the same for the benefit of the city. It shall have and use a common seal and may alter and break the same, or make a new one, at pleasure.

Section 28. A vacancy in any office, caused by a failure of the person elected to qualify thereon, or by his death, in section 21, or made by or consequent upon the judgment of any court, or in any of the cases specified in section 27, must be filled by appointment, by a majority of the remaining acting qualified members of the council, to continue until the next regular election thereon, when his successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Section 31. The mayor is ex-officio president of the council and shall preside over its deliberations when in session. He is not entitled to vote except in case of a tie, when in all cases except upon the questions of the appointment or removal of an officer, he shall have the casting vote. He has authority to preserve order, enforce the rules of the council, and determine the order of business subject to such rules, and to an appeal to the council. If the mayor should be absent at any meeting of the council, the council must appoint one of their own number president, to serve during the absence or until the mayor attends.

Section 36. A majority of the whole number constituting the council, as then provided by law, is a majority of the council or members thereof, within the meaning of this act; provided, that in case of a vacancy or vacancies in such council, a majority of the remaining members shall be a sufficient majority to fill such vacancy or vacancies. The concurrence of a majority of a quorum is a sufficient majority to determine any question or matter, other than the final

passage of an ordinance or the appointment or removal of an officer. Sixth. That section 39 of said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 39. The power and authority given to the city, and to the council, by this act shall be enforced or exercised by ordinance unless otherwise provided; and a majority of the council may pass any ordinance or make any by-law, not repugnant to the laws of the United States or this state, necessary or convenient for carrying such power and authority, or any part thereof, into effect, or as may be necessary to secure the peace and good order of the city, or the health of its inhabitants.

Section 53. The assessment of property shall be made in the manner prescribed by law for the assessment of property for state and county taxes except that no indebtedness shall be allowed or deducted from the assessed valuation of property. But the form of the assessment roll, and the rule for ascertaining the ownership of property, and in whose name it may be assessed, may be prescribed by ordinance, and the time of making such assessment and the return thereof, and of applying to the council for a revision thereof, must be prescribed by ordinance.

Section 61. That section 61 of said act be amended to read as follows: Section 61. He must issue all licenses authorized by city ordinance, upon delivery to him of the receipt of the treasurer, for the amount of money required for such license, and the filing of any bond or undertaking required to be filed by any law or any ordinance of the city. The report of the committee was adopted.

The proposed bill was then passed on by sections. Sec. 1, was amended to insert after words "claim line," "commencing at south line of Shively's Astoria at Tulip street, thence on Tulip street to Broadway, thence south on Broadway to Berry, thence on Berry to W. 5th street; thence south on W. 5th street to south boundary line of city as laid out by J. M. Shively; thence west on said boundary line to the claim line on the west."

Section 31, was on motion, laid on the table. Section 53 was debated at great length; was finally amended so as to insert after the word "that," in the 5th line, the words "no credits or mortgages shall be assessed for purposes of taxation and."

The rest of the sections were passed; Adjourned.

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NEW TO-DAY. Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have been appointed administrator of the estate of Nell Livingstone, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same duly verified, to me, at the office of the C. E. P. U., in Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, within six months from this date. ALEX. HALMAN, Astoria, Or., Feb. 8th, 1889.

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