

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:  
FRIDAY.....SEPTEMBER 27, 1890.  
COUNCIL MEETINGS.

With all due allowance for different points of view and differences of private opinion, we kindly refer to the usual character of the city council meetings as not in any way calculated to add to the dignity of the city, and as often opposed to the city's material interests.

The writer of this article has been present at nearly every council meeting for the past eight years, and has many times noted with regret that councilmen carry their private animosities and ancient grudges into the council room.

They ignore their character, their position as councilmen, and remember only that they have financial and other differences with each other in their private capacity and act accordingly.

A great part of each session is worse than wasted in an attempt to belittle opposition by calling each other liars and sons of darkness. While this may make the thoughtless laugh, it makes the judicious grieve.

The meeting of the council every two weeks is inevitably the occasion for a wrangle, and the interest of the city always suffers.

Were it not so serious in its results it would be amusing to see seven men sit down to transact city business and in twenty minutes have two or three of the seven roaring and jumping.

"How not to do it," seems to be the rule.

There is more idiotic fooling in the city council over streets; more backing and filling and doing and undoing; more conflict of interest, of authority and of opinion than in any similar body that ever came under our observation.

"The roadway," "West 6th street," and kindred street topics, come up every meeting night, and what is done one night is undone the next night, and the result is nothing but vexation.

Then the council will be seized with a spasm of economy, a virtuous but momentary tremor of retrenchment, and will save fifteen or twenty cents, and the next moment fool away a large number of dollars.

This is a plain, direct statement, susceptible of proof by the records and if denied, can be substantiated.

It always has been this way, and always will be till councilmen realize that business and not folly is the fit subject for legislative deliberation.

Fun would be all right, but there is no wholesome genuine fun about it; if there was, it wouldn't be so bad. We have never yet seen the city council break up or adjourn in good humor. There is always a growl or a kick or a savage argument and a post mortem after the meeting is over.

This shows that the council themselves are not satisfied.

The people certainly are not. Is it not ridiculous? The council will gravely ask the city attorney's opinion; next meeting he gives it, carefully and in line with the unanimous opinion of his predecessors, and then the council by a two-thirds vote will deliberately pass an ordinance directly opposed to it.

In this they are either right or wrong. But if the law is right, in what position does the city council place itself in overriding or overruling the law?

THE ASTORIAN, which rarely goes into the advice business, gives this bit of advice to the city council—act for the city as you individually act for your own interests.

As individuals you are prudent, careful, and law abiding, looking out for your individual prosperity; you don't cut up monkey shins, nor act silly; you are economical, successful business men.

Now, as councilmen, can you not be for the city, for an hour every two weeks, what you are for yourselves, the rest of the time?

The office of councilman is a thankless one; there is no money in it; very little honor, and considerable trouble. But when a man is elected and takes the oath of office, and accepts the seat he should have pride in his position and strive to make a record for himself.

There is an excellent opportunity for some one or more to rise superior to all the petty squabbles, bickerings, crimonations and reerimonations, and leaving personalities aside act with lofty devotion to the city's interests.

If a councilman doesn't want to do that there is no law to stop him from resigning.

If he does want to make a brilliant record, the opportunity is always open for him to be a curiosity.

**STREET WORK.**

As time passes one changes his mind on a good many subjects, experience and observation having their effect. So, one's ideas as to free trade, prohibition, woman suffrage, courtesy from contemporaries, etc., change as the years pass.

For many years THE ASTORIAN has held that street work should be done at the expense of the adjacent property owners.

But while the idea is a good one in the abstract, practical observation and continued experience shows that in and out of the Astoria city council it is a failure, and an expensive failure.

A good deal of the fooling in the city council is made possible by reason of chapter VIII of the charter of the city of Astoria, which makes street improvement a lien on the property adjacent.

This causes nineteen-twentieths of the obstruction and delay, and is a fertile source of trouble to those who want to advance, and of power to those who want to hold back.

THE ASTORIAN is now of the opinion that the expense of street improvement should be borne by general municipal taxation, and shall work to have the charter so amended that that shall be the legal procedure.

Such change will be in a line with the hopes and the progress of the future: it will be more equitable in its operation; it will do away with considerable nonsense in the street department by rendering it impossible; it will aid in the work of developing and building the city, and will in reality, cost less than the present slow, expensive, and unsatisfactory style of work in this city where a mulish or miserly property owner can stop all street work in his vicinity for an entire summer.

So long as Astoria is at the mercy of such narrow minded creatures, so long this city will be held in bondage, from assuming the dignity of size and supremacy which is hers by right of situation.

To radically change our charter in this regard will gradually aid in the advancement of the city's material interests.

THOMAS A. EDISON, in a recent talk about his phonograph said: "For seven months I worked from eighteen to twenty hours a day upon the single sound 'specia.' I would say to the instrument 'specia,' and it would always say 'pecnia,' and I couldn't make it say anything else. It was enough to make me crazy. But I stuck to it until I succeeded, and now you can read a thousand words of a newspaper at the rate of 150 words a minute, and the instrument will repeat them to you without an omission. You can imagine the difficulty of the task that I accomplished when I tell you that the impressions made upon the cylinder are not more than one-millionth part of an inch in depth and are completely invisible even with the aid of a microscope."

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