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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER. Circuit court meets to-morrow.

The case of the state vs. James Petty for gambling has been continued till to-morrow at two o'clock.

Notices are up on Sand Island for building all trespassing there by order of the commanding officer at Fort Canby.

Rev. F. O. Weeks will preach in the "I X L" cannery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All in the neighborhood are invited.

The steamer U. A. brought about twenty barrels of tar into the Wall-out river last Friday, for fishermen in that vicinity.

A gasket in one of the hand hole plates in the electric works blew out last evening, which caused the 12 o'clock circuit some delay.

Gas Smith, who was allowed to go on \$5 bail for assaulting Jno. Doe, failed to appear yesterday at the police court and so forfeited his bail.

The plat filed yesterday with the county clerk is called the Washington addition. It is in the old H. B. Parker claim, southwest of Tongue Point.

The fame of the town is spreading far and wide. Yesterday a real estate dealer received a letter from a place named "Hole-in-the-ground" in Texas, asking about the chances for investment here.

Last Thursday W. L. Graham's 13 year old girl, Aileen, was severely punished in the upper Astoria school by Prof. Brower. The parents yesterday swore out a warrant for a for his arrest.

It is a good plan where ever the land is below the sidewalk to erect a railing. This has been done in one place between Main and Benton streets, where before several people have accidentally stepped off. There are localities that need a like improvement.

It is amusing to listen to these real estate boomers of towns over in Washington. Some of them do not own a acre in their own names, talk of buying this and that property for ten or twenty thousand dollars, and try to give the impression that without their aid the town will be no good.

Since the recent bear story published in the ASTORIAN, relating the experience of Mr. S. M. Henry, like tales have been numerous among those who are out prospecting so much. Were these all to be published, people would be indeed surprised to find how many mighty Ninrods we have among us.

Several gentlemen, who have recently come to town and who have friends among the numerous surveyors and timber locators, have just been taking their first experience in the brush. They do not think it quite so comfortable as a hotel but evidently enjoy it enough so that they are ready to go again.

"Can I ease up these elk horns in the back room?" asked Chas. Davis of Fred Grosbarn in the latter's saloon yesterday. "Cert," said Fred, "go ahead." He went to the bar and the branching elk horns nicely boxed up, and found he couldn't get the case through any of the doors. He had to uncase the antlers, and says next time he'll hire Liberty hall.

E. G. Stephens has brought suit against his wife Isabella Stephens for divorce. They were married in Oakland, California. Of late Mrs. Stephens has refused to live or have anything to do with Mr. Stephens. He claims that he has always treated her kindly and that she has no cause for such action. As she still maintains this position he sues for divorce.

Max Wagner has been sued by V. A. Cook for failure to pay money lent him by the latter. The plaintiff claims that on August 6, 1886, the defendant gave him a promissory note to pay \$100 within six months from date, for value received. This he has never done. He, the plaintiff, also lent Wagner \$10 which has not been paid. The plaintiff therefore sues for \$110 with interest and costs.

The success of the party Friday night proves one thing. If a vigorous movement is made, headed by two or three hustling young men, a successful ball can be given. It isn't just the right thing, however, for so many to hold back and let a few only put the matter through. There are enough young people in town to sustain a party every month at least. No one who attended the other night can fail to appreciate the enjoyment and benefit of these occasions.

PERSONAL MENTION. W. B. Adair is gone on a visit to the Willapa.

Chas. Carlson and wife, of Portland, are in the city.

Mrs. De. Fulton is to start on a trip to Osnah to-day.

W. F. McGregor is now school clerk in school district number 9.

K. Osborn's family have moved from Ilwaco to this city.

Frank E. Hall and Miss Bertha Ohler were married by Rev. Dr. Garner yesterday.

A. J. Mogler and wife start for San Francisco this morning on the Santa Rosa, for the benefit of his health.

Uniform Bank N. of P. SRE KNIGHTS, ATTENTION:—You will meet at your armory on Sunday, February 16th, 1891, at 3 o'clock p. m. sharp, in obedience to orders from regimental headquarters Nos. 1 and 2. By order Sir Knight Captain.

Attend: A. A. CLEVELAND, Sir Knight Recorder. Penalties must be strictly enforced for disobedience to regimental orders.

Remember the Austin house at the Seaside is open the year round. Coffee and cake, ten cents, at the Central Restaurant.

TALKED TWO HOURS.

The Net Result of Last Night's Railroad Meeting.

IT WAS TO FACILITATE EXPRESS

A Vote of Confidence in the Present Board of Directors of the Astoria and South Coast Railway Co.

The call for last night's meeting of the stockholders of the Astoria and South Coast Railway Co., designated the company's office as the place of meeting. But as it was manifest that that was too small, it was sought to have the meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms. Some, however, expostulated on the merits, though they expect to rate as gentlemen, and the officers of the chamber of commerce declined to give up the use of the rooms to those who might be disposed to smoke and chew while deliberating on the weighty affairs that were to come before the meeting.

Secretary Holden secured the use of Liberty hall at 3 p. m., and the consequence was that at 7 o'clock last evening about 250 men went through the slush to that ancient hall, where a red hot stove at the entrance made it very warm for a distance of twelve feet each way and intensified by comparison the cold in the rest of the house.

At 7:30 second vice-president Page rapped on the desk and called the meeting to order. He asked the directors to come forward, and then stated that he had been asked by president Reid, who sat at his right hand, to act as chairman of the meeting.

He considered that it was a meeting of the stockholders exclusively; that president Reid had a proposition to place before the meeting. The assemblage was purely of an advisory nature and was intended to discuss the rejection or approval of the matters proposed. With the directors by any formal action, but they would, doubtless, be influenced by the action of the present meeting. He wanted the utmost freedom of speech.

Mayor Crosby rose and demanded that all present, not stockholders who had paid up in full, be expelled, and asked that the chair appoint a committee of two to see that none but stockholders remained. The motion was seconded and carried. A. G. Spexarth wanted to know did that include proxies. The chair said proxies must go and appointed Messrs. Holden and Spexarth to separate the sheep from the goats. C. W. Fulton thought that proxies should be allowed to vote. Judge Taylor thought that just because a stockholder hadn't fully paid up he shouldn't be deprived of the privilege of expressing his opinion; but certainly had some voice in the matter. The chair ruled that any stockholder present had a right to remain whether the stock he had subscribed for were fully paid up or not. M. C. Crosby then wanted to know who were entitled to vote. The chair repeated his ruling. M. C. Crosby objected. He still thought that only those who had fully paid up should have any say, and moved that none but paid up stock be allowed a voice in the matter. The chair ruled that the whole thing was only advisory, that there was no actual binding business to be transacted, but simply a council, that every stockholder, paid up or not, should be allowed a voice. Then the chair referred to section 29 of the by-laws, which said proxies could vote. So that was settled.

Then John A. Devlin moved to adjourn to Monday night; M. C. Crosby seconded the motion. The idea being to give delinquents time to pay up. Three or four jumped up but J. H. D. Gray caught the speaker's eye; he thought that a motion to adjourn was debatable; he saw only objection in extending the time; all stock subscribers were able to pay up; there were matters of importance to be discussed and he was opposed to adjournment.

The chair said Messrs. Reid and Smith lived in Portland; others were here from a distance; he opposed adjournment. On the question of adjournment about one-fourth voted aye; the remaining three-fourths shouted "no" with an intensity that shook the curtain on the stage and woke up a friend and brother who had fallen asleep in the only warm corner in the house. Then M. C. Crosby wanted the proposition read; the chair stated that everything would be out of order but the reading of propositions.

Secretary Holden then read the proposition that appeared in full in yesterday's MORNING ASTORIAN. Jno. A. Devlin asked with some warmth if a majority had expressed themselves in favor of such contract as so stated in the proposition. He asked why Reid didn't fill his present contract or quit. J. Q. A. Bowley rose to a point of order. There was no question before the house. The chair asked secretary Holden to read a communication signed by I. W. Case and C. H. Page, of the finance committee, hearing date of October 31, 1888, addressed to E. P. Thompson, president of the Pacific Construction company, to give all the company's assets and property to the Construction company as a bonus to build the road and relieve the directors of the Astoria and South Coast road of all responsibilities on the subject of finance.

To that communication, the chair stated, no response had ever been received, but Huntington's present proposition was based on that letter and was partly in accordance with its suggestions.

THE WHOLE THING BOILED DOWN. The chair continued, and said that the proposition was to turn over the stock to the trustees to be held till the road was completed; then to turn over the property to the company; it was virtually a bonus to secure the building of the road; no stockholder could be compelled to surrender his stock; but the directors of the company would sign over all the property as a bonus. He asked president Reid if

that was correctly stated; the latter said it was.

J. Q. A. Bowley said that he didn't understand that any corporate matter was to be acted upon at the present meeting; that he believed that Huntington wanted everything harmonious and satisfactory.

Jno. A. Devlin said that he had seen a letter that said Huntington was to arrive here. He didn't believe that; he asked if the proposition was signed by Huntington; he said there was nothing before the meeting with Huntington's signature attached; there was nothing absolute or positive; he demanded some evidence that Huntington was actually connected with the matter.

J. H. D. Gray thought the last speaker's remarks unparliamentary and un-called for. The chair said he had a letter from the first vice president that \$60,000 had been deposited in Portland in R. P. Koehler's hands direct from C. P. Huntington, for immediate use.

S. S. Gordon brought forward a communication which the secretary read. It was a draft of a proposition from C. P. Huntington, as published in THE MORNING ASTORIAN of January 20th, 1890.

John A. Devlin called attention to the fact that the form of proposal bore no signature. D. K. Warren said he had that day seen a letter from C. P. Huntington relative to Astoria and South Coast railway matters. John A. Devlin asked that letter. D. K. Warren said that was private.

Those who had overcoats drew the collars up around their ears, and many stamped on the floor and blew on their fingers to warm themselves. M. C. Crosby didn't think a proposition without a signature worth listening to; he didn't want to talk; he wanted to do business.

C. W. Fulton said that Huntington had sent that proposition and that it was his bona fide, and he knew it. While in Portland last week he (Fulton) had seen Koehler. Koehler then told him that he had in his possession Huntington's proposition with Huntington's name signed to it, and \$20,000 to give to the Pacific construction company.

M. C. Crosby said that Huntington's name had been used very freely; there was no use in talking; Huntington wasn't afraid of his own signature, and what does all this signify? If Huntington had a proposition to offer it would be entertained, but not otherwise.

C. A. Hanson wanted to know who or what is the Pacific Construction company? The chair said it was a corporation duly authorized and with a contract to build a railroad from Astoria to the Willamette Valley, for which they were to get \$22,000 and \$10,000 in paid up stock per mile.

C. R. Thomson thought there was too much feeling displayed and it was not enough cool, calm deliberation; it was solely a business proposition. The proposition read was only a draft of a proposed contract to be subsequently signed by Huntington; someone we can trust should say yes or no positively as to whether that was or was not directly emanating from Huntington.

PRESIDENT REID'S SUGGESTION. At this juncture Wm. Reid roused up. He had been sitting to the right of the chairman's desk, his head resting on his hand, and apparently unconcerned, but evidently noting the war of words which had been waging for about an hour. He gently suggested in a low voice that he thought it might be a good idea for the meeting to appoint a committee of three in whom the stockholders had confidence and on whose word they could rely; that committee to go to Portland, examine the whole thing, see if what was stated was so; then they could see Huntington's signature; that there was no use in discussing the lack of signatures, etc.; he thought that after such committee were appointed, the meeting should adjourn till the return of the committee, after they had seen and satisfied themselves.

pointed trustee; that Wm. Reid transfer all the company assets except the bonds to I. W. Case, for him to hold in trust; that Wm. Ben and all others interested in the Pacific Construction Co. retire from the board of directors of the Astoria and South Coast Railway Co., and the Pacific Construction Co., go on with the building of the road according to contract. Signed by A. G. Spexarth for self and other stockholders.

F. L. Parker moved to adopt the resolution: seconded; no vote taken. J. Q. A. Bowley then came to the secretary's desk and read a proposition in the nature of an individual contract, that in consideration of the sum of \$1, the stockholder set over in trust to C. P. Huntington all assets on full compliance with requirements to have the road completed to Hillsboro by April 30th, 1891, he to provide funds for building; that ten miles of the road be built from the Junction on the Lewis and Clarke's by September 30th, 1890, and the rest of the road to transcontinental connection at Hillsboro by September 30th, 1891, and that each share of stock retain in the holder's hands the right to vote till all the conditions were completed; any failure to comply with any of the conditions to work a forfeiture of the contract.

The chair ruled that proposition out of order, but subsequently admitted it to the list of propositions. Then a solemn protest from Wm. S. Ladd was read, against the sale of the franchise or assets, or any transfer of any nature to the Pacific construction company, or any one else; put on record.

C. W. Fulton then suggested that the roll be called and the sense of the stockholders be taken on the different propositions. There were several motions to adjourn made and seconded, but no vote taken thereon.

C. W. Fulton favored J. Q. A. Bowley's proposition with some change as to forfeiture clause, and some limit as to time. He had heard that there was considerable money in town to be paid out, and that ought to have been paid out first. He suggested a vote on the resolutions.

G. C. Fulton moved to amend by having the sense of the meeting taken on the question of having the board of directors select in their judgment any one of the several propositions; seconded by H. C. Thompson.

M. C. Crosby then came to the secretary's desk and read the proposition signed by A. G. Spexarth and suggested sundry amendments. P. Goodman moved to having Huntington's proposition taken up. F. J. Taylor moved to amend the previous proposition by adding that the Pacific Construction company's contract be annulled in the event of the company's obtaining real estate assets, and that I. W. Case be sole arbitrator in the matter.

C. W. Fulton moved that the whole matter be referred to the board of directors. The Bergman said that talk amounted to nothing; there were too many opinions. He thought it best to leave it to the directors. When he had a little fool steer that wouldn't go he latched a yoke of oxen to the forehead and it had to go.

J. H. D. Gray said he acquiesced; he suggested that there was too much monkey business; that Messrs. Flavel, Bowley and Grimes be selected as a committee of three to decide upon the matter. The question then came up: Shall the whole matter be referred to the board of directors of the Astoria and South Coast Railway Co., for them to do as seems best to them, and accept any one or reject all the propositions? It was carried by an almost unanimous vote.

The chair stated that inasmuch as the board of directors who had been named considerably though they had tried to do right, they must not be the objects of further uncharitable criticism, and in case none of the propositions were accepted they would take steps to clear themselves of all existing obligations.

After some further desultory discussion of a cursory nature the meeting adjourned, after a session of two hours of talk.

Young's Silver Items. The annals of jurisprudence in Young's river have been embellished this week by a case that has attracted attention.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, FEB. 15.

Table listing real estate transfers with columns for names, locations, and amounts. Includes entries for L. O. Nurnberg to Thomas Doig, G. Wingate to Charles Huntgate, George McFarland to Perry Wiley, etc.

A Difference in Our Favor.

There is one strong difference between the cities and towns of Oregon and Washington and those in the states of the central west. When the latter are established they are generally laid out on a perfectly level prairie. There is one wide main street, up and down which a cowboy ride most of the time. All of the buildings have a conventional appearance. It seems as if two uprights had been erected and then boards nailed over them to make the house or store have a city look. Everything strikes one as quite stiff. But in our section there is a strong difference. Rougher country breaks the monotony of the same level; the majority of the citizens are of a business spirit and do not lead an adventurous life. Most towns begin substantial buildings at once and soon assume a metropolitan air.

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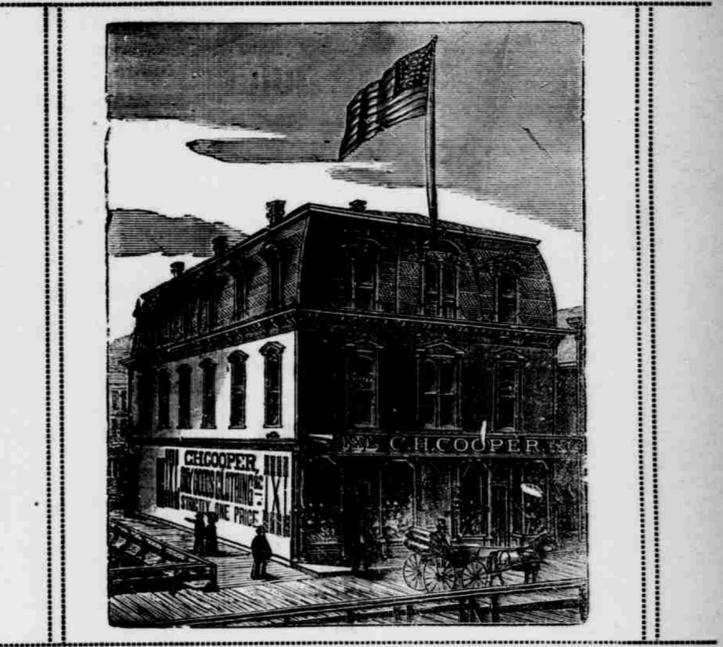
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