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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER. A change in the time-table of the river steamers will be made in a short time.

Anyone finding a bunch of keys will please leave them at this office and be rewarded.

The Seattle papers give daily publication to the list of mortgages filed in the King county clerks office.

The wires were working badly early last evening between San Francisco and Portland, which made our dispatches come rather slowly for awhile.

E. W. Spencer has seen Captain W. H. Whitcomb to recover \$520 alleged damages to the steamer Salem, by breaking her nose and otherwise damaging her.

Painting and improving both houses and stores seem to be prevalent all over the city, which is certainly commendable, and is an example some others could follow.

Sunshine and rain have for several days been struggling for supremacy. The former appeared to have the advantage on Sunday, but yesterday the rain was rather in the lead.

There was no celebration of St. Patrick's day here yesterday, but large numbers of ladies and gentlemen wore green ribbons and ties as a quiet commemoration of the day.

The expenses of county and state are paid by taxes on property, and those who have not already paid their tax had better give sheriff Smith a call, with coin in hand, for delays are expensive.

A few telegraphic items strayed over to the Columbia office for its Sunday issue, but they were not missed from the mass of genuine California associated press report in the Sunday edition of THE DAILY MORNING ASTORIAN.

There was no meeting of the railroad directors last evening. It is stated on the authority of one of the finance committee that no negotiation of the bonds has yet been consummated, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE TACOMA GLOBE and THE MORNING ASTORIAN were the only two papers on this northwest coast that received and published entire the New York sensation about Gonid, last Sunday morning, simultaneously with the New York papers.

There were sixteen transfers of real estate filed for record yesterday, one of which was a gift deed from mother to daughter and one a bond for a debt, leaving the considerations named only \$9,131, though the property conveyed was worth very much more.

The Pioneer, in a dying spasm of another says: "It is well, rather. If the Pioneer would throw out two or three columns of dead ads, it would have room for a few stray items, itself."

The ball given last night by the drum corps was attended by numerous dancers; in fact, the boys had a full house. Liberty of dancing was granted. It is hoped they realized a sufficient sum to pay for the uniforms. The boys are energetic and deserve encouragement.

A transformation scene is going on in the theater and that draughty building will be made a little more comfortable. The expenditure of a couple of thousand dollars would make it comfortable and attractive, and bring handsome financial returns.

In justice May's court yesterday there was a civil suit brought by Dr. O. B. Estes against George Lovett for \$200 for professional services. The defendant urged a counter claim for \$200. The case went to the jury, who rendered a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$150.

Special order No. 13, issued by Col. Beebe, commander of the First regiment, O. N. G., dated at Portland, March 14, accepts the resignation of First Lieutenant H. Sherman and places the command of Company H. of this city, in the hands of Second Lieutenant H. J. Wherry.

In the southern states nearly every man is a colonel, but here in Astoria we want that, for every boy in our Amateur drum corps is a colonel, or at least wears the silver eagle on his shoulder straps, the badge of a colonel, save that there is but one row of embroidery instead of two.

If you propose to advertise your business and let people know that you're alive, why not advertise in the paper that everybody sees.—THE ASTORIAN. It is the only paper in Astoria that gives the news, and is the one that everybody instinctively turns to, to see what is going on.

Yesterday there arrived among our exchanges the Coast Mail, of Marshfield, of January 30 and February 6, and the Coast Bay News, of Marshfield, of January 23. These papers are evidently part of the mail from the blockaded Southern Pacific railroad piled up near Cow Creek canyon, and which is only now being sent through.

The Real Estate Review of Portland says: Astoria and Albany are practically locked in each other's embraces in anticipation of the completion of the Albany and Astoria railroad. These two will be very aptly the terms of each a line. Astoria is the key city of the Columbia while Albany is the most promising city of the entire upper Willamette valley.

Among our telegrams on the first page is one from San Francisco notifying the arrival there of the State of California in advance of the mail which left Portland by rail before she sailed. It will be a great blessing Oregon when she returns in Cow Creek

MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

An Exhibit of Astoria's City Expenses for Ten Years.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

The dusty records of the city's expenses, as contained in sundry huge piles of official paper, do not afford a very inviting field to the local archivist, but the aggregate totals, the result of considerable delving into dry documents, may be interesting to the readers of THE MORNING ASTORIAN. The following applies exclusively to expenses of the city for the last ten years.

The fire department in this city, cost, in 1880, \$2,980.14; in '81, \$2,983.67; in '82, \$2,779.75; in '83, \$6,046.60; in '84, \$7,752.66; in '85, \$6,242.72; in '86, \$4,699.99; in '87, \$7,910.51; in '88, \$6,574.47; '89, \$9,894.31; a total for the ten years of \$55,344.12.

It cost to light the streets of this city, in the year 1880, \$895.99; in '81, \$747.70; in '82, \$867.29; in '83, \$868.06; in '84, 2,469.29; in '85, \$2,432.03; in '86, \$2,778.50; in '87, \$2,894.30; in '88, \$3,733.88; in '89, \$5,524.70; a total in ten years of \$20,449.83.

Salaries. In 1880, the city paid for police protection a total of \$5,114.50; in '81, \$5,045.41; in '82, \$5,738.73; in '83, \$6,070.72; in '84, \$6,182.10; in '85, \$6,503.50; in '86, \$6,538.85; in '87, \$6,553.15; in '88, \$4,650.00; in '89, \$4,190. Total for ten years, \$54,802.36. Attention is directed to the fact that while the street lights for '89 cost over four times as much as for '80, the police force for '89 cost less than for '80.

Salaries of other officers. The salary roll of this municipality has always been a light one. The mayor and city council draw no salary, the honor of these positions being sufficient emolument to the respective incumbents. In 1880 the city salary roll amounted to \$2,805.31; in '81, \$2,933.70; in '82, \$2,485.67; in '83, \$2,539.64; in '84, \$3,260.74; in '85, \$3,382.04; in '86, \$3,211.54; in '87, \$3,949.48; in '88, \$3,386.48; in '89, \$3,974.78. Total for ten years, \$31,676.38.

Street improvements. In the year of our Lord 1880, the entire cost of the maintenance, construction and repair of the streets of this municipality was \$2,113.94. This included an item of \$45.21 for "repairs to public buildings." In 1881 the grand aggregate had reached the dizzy sum of \$9,451.38; in 1882 \$10,414.99 was similarly expended; in 1883 the municipality paid \$20,091.31 for streets; in 1884 was paid out \$28,472.92; in 1885, \$15,690.18; in 1886, \$4,450.62; in 1887, \$2,702.38; in 1888 the figures jumped to \$8,289.85; and in 1889 to \$50,480.86; this totals up for the ten years \$155,926.27.

Total city expenses. According to the statistics at command cost, altogether, in '80 \$36,563.60 to run this city government; and there was a balance on hand of \$2,466.72 at the close of that year; in '81 it cost \$32,102.26, with a balance on hand of \$3,549.01; in '82 it was paid out the sum of \$24,902.79; at the close of the year the account showed a balance on hand of \$12,014.39; in '83 the figures say that \$49,051.89 was paid out, and \$8,299.59 in the treasury January 1st, '84; in that year the columns of all municipal expenses foot up \$47,919.12, and a balance of \$9,336.43, as shown; in '85, was paid for aggregate city expenses, \$36,732.75, and was left a residual of \$2,525.53; in '86, \$23,617.15 represented the total outlay, and \$5,371.20 the annual remainder; it cost \$27,806.22 in '87 and there were left dollars to begin '88 to the amount of \$5,436.13; in '88 the city's entire expenses are represented by \$29,125.47 with a balance on hand at the close of that year of \$17,549.53; in '89 the totals of money paid for public purposes assumed the huge figures of \$76,053.75; on the first of January 1st, '90, in that year the columns of all municipal expenses foot up the sum of \$356,842.03.

The debt of the city of Astoria is of two kinds, temporary and bonded; the temporary debt is that amount represented by outstanding warrants drawn favor of certain parties in payment of claims not paid for lack of funds in the treasury, and drawing 8 per cent. per annum interest until paid. The bonded debt is regularly funded, is an outstanding debt, the payment of which is due at a certain period, four-fifths of it drawing 6 per cent. interest; the other fifth 8 per cent interest. At the close of 1880 the temporary debt of the city was \$5,937.82; bonded, \$15,147.50; total, \$21,085.32; in '81, temporary, \$7,401.31; bonded, \$12,500; total, \$19,901.31; in '82 temporary debt, \$22,500 bonded debt; in '83, \$1,950 temporary, \$27,500 bonded; total, \$29,450; in '84, \$1,594 temporary, \$27,500 bonded; total, \$29,094; in '85, \$2,000 temporary, \$27,500 bonded; total, \$29,500; a temporary debt of \$2,081.31 made a total of \$31,418.31; in '87 a similar debt of \$5,000 made a total of \$34,500; in '88 the temporary debt of \$12,162.82, aggregated with the bonded debt, \$39,662.82, and in '89, a temporary debt of \$15,168.88, and the regular bonded debt of \$27,500 made an aggregate of city indebtedness last New Year's day of \$42,218.88.

These figures have been compiled by auditor and police judge Jewett, and are available for information, reference and comparison.

One of Dempsey's Mistakes. The sports have the laugh on Jack Dempsey. He took the bait for Tacoma from this city yesterday morning, intending to catch the train there for Portland, at which city he was due for an exhibition last evening. By mistake he boarded the overland train and had gone several miles before discovering his mistake. He hired a handcar to take him back to Tacoma, only to find the Portland train gone, and he was obliged to hire a special train to take him to that city.—Seattle Press.

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A Talented Lecturer. Mrs. Dr. Orpha Baldwin, of Cleveland, Ohio, National Superintendent of Heredity and Hygiene, will lecture in this city on Friday evening, March 21st, at Rescue Club hall. This lady has a national reputation as a bright, entertaining speaker, and all who do not attend will miss a treat.

The value of Pleasant View property is becoming apparent. Pleasant View is a good property to buy, either for residence or investment.

The latest style of Gents' Boots and Shoes at P. J. GOODMAN'S.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, MARCH 17.

As Filed in the County Recorder's Office Yesterday.

Table listing real estate transfers including names like C. J. Hall and wife to Benj. F. Cox, Mary Ann Adair to Laura P. Adair, and various lot numbers and amounts.

MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

The British bark Kitty, is daily expected to arrive from Hong Kong. The English ships, the Archer and Glenbertie, in ballast, are daily expected from Victoria. The steamer Michigan on her way from Port Townsend to Portland with 350 tons of coal and a miscellaneous cargo, came in yesterday morning, and passed up the river. The steam schooner Augusta, which arrived here Saturday evening from Tillamook, with passengers and freight, is at the dock foot of Washington street, and will remain several days. The steamer Cascades of the United States engineering department, went up the river yesterday morning, with several barges in tow, and will bring them down in a day or two loaded with rock for the government jetty. The British ships Nerus and Paterdale, which cleared from the custom house several days ago, and had been at anchor inside the bar, sailed yesterday morning, the former for Dublin and the latter for Liverpool.

Oregon's Chances in Congress.

It is generally understood, says a Washington dispatch, that the river and harbor committee of the house will scale down the sums asked in the various bills to 40 per cent. of the estimates made by the engineers and secretary of war. This will not be the case in all appropriations, and some may get a larger amount while others will be lost in the general shuffle. Under this state of affairs Oregon will get nothing near what is necessary for her improvements. The following table shows the amount appropriated at the last session, the engineers' estimates and 40 per cent. of that estimate, the last column being an approximate estimate of what will probably be granted in the general river and harbor bill:

Table comparing Oregon's needs for river and harbor improvements with appropriations received, showing a significant deficit.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was once afflicted with Abcess of Lung, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine I have ever used."

ADVISE TO MOTHERS.

Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

COFFEE AND CAKE, HOT CREAM, AT THE CENTRAL RESTAURANT.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

What Was Done at Last Evening's Meeting.

At the regular meeting of the chamber of commerce questions recently before the chamber were answered by letters from Oregon's congressional delegation: The following from senator Dolph, about covers the ground. Washington, D. C., March 7, '90. E. C. Holden, secretary of Astoria chamber of commerce. I am just in receipt of your favor of the 27th ult., enclosing a report of the special committee of the board of trade of the estimated cost of removing obstructions from certain navigable streams in the vicinity of Astoria, and also a copy of the resolution of the board, favoring the passage of senator Chandler's bill, transferring the revenue marine service to the navy department. Senator Chandler's bill has already been reported favorably in both houses, is upon the two calendars, and will probably pass.

Yours truly J. N. DOLPH.

The committee on investigation of the recent detention of mails made verbal report and were discharged. The committee on statistics were given further time. A motion to make an effort to have the mail route between here and Seaside expedited, was carried.

A discussion relative to the finances of the company elicited the fact that there were but \$355 in the treasury by reason of recent necessary expenses. A motion to have a financial report prepared by the secretary and furnished at the next meeting prevailed, and the meeting adjourned.

OPENING OF THE Spring Campaign! 57 CASES OF New Goods! HERMAN WISE Parker & Hanson C. L. PARKER, DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE

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