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A lady well known in this city yesterday stated that she would institute divorce proceedings against her husband at this time of court. Later in the evening the husband called and requested that nothing be said about it. Accordingly, nothing is said about it.

Senator Dolph's bill for a light ship at the mouth of the Columbia river was favorably reported by the house committee on commerce last Saturday. Mr. Dolph also introduced an amendment to the sundry civil bill for an appropriation to carry out the provisions of the bill.

The new store now being erected at Frankfort was used last Saturday evening for a dance, visitors being present from this city, from Knappa and the surrounding country. At four o'clock yesterday morning, the steamer *Edgemoor* came over here, bringing home those who had gone from Astoria.

A Finland paper mentions a curious stone in the northern part of that country, which serves the people instead of a barometer. This stone, which they call "ilmakivi," turns black or blackish-gray when foul weather is approaching; that weather has the effect of turning it almost white.

The *Pacific Journal* is informed that the mail from Hawaii to Seattle after the first of July will be carried by wagon road, the contractor having taken the job so low from Astoria, that the railroad company could not carry it for less than double the whole amount paid for carrying it the entire distance.

Immediately following the Fourth of July celebration will be the session of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., which convenes here July 26, and continues for five days. It will bring from 250 to 300 visitors. There will be a parade, reception, banquet and ball, full particulars of which will be announced in due time.

The officers of the engineer corps in the department of the Columbia have been engaged for some time past upon a map of Astoria, which is now well under way. As is well known, there is not a great deal known about the geography of this vast region, and the map, in consequence, will prove of great value.

The exact price paid by the Union Pacific company for the Tacoma & Lake City Railway and Navigation company has not been made public, but it is not well known to be between \$100,000 and \$150,000, in addition to the assumption of all indebtedness and contracts made by the Lake City company.

It will be of an interest to a man, but women married women will be glad to hear that a very ingenious electrical device has lately been patented by a certain inventor, which is made to complete an electric circuit connected with the kitchen stove so that the fire is started when the given hour arrives.

Wreckers intend shortly to begin work upon the wreck of the steamer *Idaho*, which came to grief near Race neck, last year, and now lies in Port Townsend bay. It is supposed that her boilers and something else—it is not known what—are still clinging to her, as a clumsy weight which, if her bottom prevents her floating in less than ten fathoms of water.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. A Sensible Conclusion on the Water Question. AN ADVERSE REPORT ON THE PURCHASE OF HORSES.

The city council held an adjourned meeting as a committee of the whole in the office of City Attorney Curtis yesterday afternoon. The subjects under consideration were the ordinance which was read first time at last Tuesday's council meeting, proposing to grant the Columbia Water Co. a thirty year's franchise.

On this the committee will report as follows, at to-morrow evening's council meeting: ASTORIA, Oregon, June 24th, 1890. To the Hon. the Mayor and Common Council, City of Astoria:

We, your committee on Fire and Water of the Common Council, to whom was referred the ordinance granting to the Columbia Water company a franchise for thirty years to supply the city of Astoria with water as set forth in said ordinance, beg leave to submit the following report.

We have carefully examined the ordinance and its provisions. We are of the opinion that the expense to the city in complying with the provisions of the ordinance would be a burden to the taxpayers of the city, as the expense for fire purposes would be \$8,000 per annum. That sum would be an interest on sufficient bonds, issued by the city to construct and own its own water system.

We believe it will be for the best interests of the city to own, maintain and operate its own water system, and to that end we favor an amendment to the city charter, granting power to the city to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing a water system to be under the control and owned by the city. By so doing the city can furnish water for all city and fire purposes at a very little cost, and can supply consumers at one third the present rates charged by the Columbia Water company.

We would, therefore, recommend that the ordinance do not pass, and that the charter be so amended as to give the city power to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing a system of water works in the city, to be owned and controlled by the city. Respectfully submitted, F. WICKMAN, JOHN FOX.

Regarding the ordinance authorizing the purchase of a team for No. One's fire engine, we would recommend that the ordinance be so amended as to give the city power to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing a system of water works in the city, to be owned and controlled by the city. Respectfully submitted, F. WICKMAN, JOHN FOX.

Committee on Fire and Water. The communication regarding the appointment of an engineer for No. Two's was referred back without action, in the matter of the question being more on the foreman of the company than for the council to decide.

PERSONAL MENTION. C. W. Loughery returned yesterday from a trip to South Bend. Miss L. Pinchower goes to Portland on a short visit this evening. Miss Lelia Hughes, daughter of E. C. Hughes, is visiting in the city. Mrs. Rabbidge, wife of Capt. J. W. Rabbidge, was taken seriously ill yesterday morning.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Synopsis of a Sermon Yesterday Morning. Rev. Dr. Campbell preached a sermon in the Presbyterian church yesterday morning which has a local application. It was from Numbers vii: 11, and was intended to urge the importance of sustaining our churches. This would be more than provided for, if we would all pay our tithes; and though this may seem burdensome it will all come back to us. Churches cost something but they pay. "Godliness is profitable." This often appears in individual cases, but when we take a wide view it is confirmed beyond dispute. Wickedness is expensive. It costs many a man more to support his vices than it does to support his family.

Several cases were mentioned where countries have grown great and prosperous by their religion, where the material resources have been poor. What would Scotland be without her bibles and Sabbaths, and the houses of God? Go to the Scandinavian countries: they are poor in natural resources, but they cling to the bible, and to the church, and have grown great. Dr. Campbell mentioned Henry Lind, the unrivaled songstress, and Ole Bull, who gave the world a new revelation of the possibilities of violin music and Thorsen, the great sculptor, and above all Gustavus Adolphus who brought to a successful issue the Thirty Years war.

Churches are much needed for our city Astoria had better do without railroads than without churches. Every property owner in this place is greatly indebted to the churches, and every such man ought to do his part toward church support. Every man in this place that has any regard for decency and good order ought himself to be in some church, at least as an attendant, every Sabbath day.

We raised here in a short time nearly two hundred thousand dollars for a railroad. We have collected raise five hundred thousand than lose our churches, or let them drag and starve. These institutions well cared for, will soon be able to take care of themselves. They will build slightly edifices of brick and stone, which will crown all these heights and look out in the harbor. Strangers entering the place will look upon them with admiration, and God will command his blessing upon a people who thus honor him and sustain his cause.

After the close of the able address, a statement was made that the church was in debt the sum of \$225, and that it was desired to have it paid at once, instead of remaining. The members favored the suggestion of the pastor, and in a few minutes the entire sum was raised with ease. This prompt action of the members shows they appreciate their pastor, and practically endorsed his sermon.

MARINE NEWS. The barkentine *North Bend*, Capt. Wallace, is at Knappa, loading with lumber from the Columbia Mills. The steamer *Dolphin*, Capt. Neill, arrived yesterday from Shoalwater bay, and went up the river in the afternoon. The steamer *Alarm*, Capt. Killman, sailed yesterday for Gray's harbor, where she will be employed by her owners.

The barkentine *Eureka*, Capt. Jacob Peterson, sailed yesterday morning with a load of lumber for Redondo Beach, California. The four-masted schooner *Novelty*, Capt. Ben Lewis, arrived at Knappa, this morning, from San Francisco, and will return to that city with a cargo of lumber from the Columbia Mills, as soon as it can be loaded. She will take about 750,000 feet, and can carry as much as 800,000.

Passengers to Portland. The following is the list of passengers having rooms, who went up the river last night on the steamer *Telephone*: Mrs. F. D. Winton and daughters, E. A. Taylor and wife, Mrs. C. E. Bain, J. W. Feilding, H. Sampson, D. O. Taylor, J. Moore, Gus Wilson, H. Wilson, M. McGowan, M. Keith, J. W. Harrison, J. W. Lamson, J. H. Smart, H. Bell, A. C. Astbury, J. Lewis, D. Lesly, J. H. Johnson, George Conn, Mrs. H. Hendrickson, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Carr, P. Smith, Mrs. Gustavson, G. W. Hodges, Mrs. D. Morgan, A. G. Hardesty, H. Garness.

HE WAS ASHAMED. To Ask Again, but His Frank Letter Got It for Him. A few months ago one of the unfortunate inmates in the San Francisco Alms house was asked to make a sensational statement in the newspapers with the belief that Joe's Vegetable Sanaparilla would help him. But without money, how to get it was the question. Finally he wrote to the Edwin W. Joy Co., appealing to their generosity, and it was not, for the steamer *State of California* came very near running him down as she was going at full speed, coming down the river. The roll of the waves from her propeller washed his boat up on the low bank and capsized it. It was fortunate for him that he was so near shore, or he would have had a cold bath, and possibly been drowned.

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SHE WON THE GLOVES. How a Pretty Widow Convinced a Naughty Man of His Error. In one of St. Paul's palatial apartment-houses lives a young widow—one of those willowy beauties with big eyes warranted to kill at 100 yards. The next time she has occasion to appear in full dress she will probably wear a pair of gloves which she won from a well-known gentleman who has apartments on the same floor. This is how it happened: The gentleman came home one afternoon, and as he passed along the hall to his rooms he saw through the half-open door of the fair one's room a sight that caused him to stop and exclaim: "What on earth are you doing?" The lady stepped back and explained that a new dress had just been sent home and that she had placed her mirror down on the floor so that she could see how the dress looked as she walked past.

"Looks all right," said he. "That's all you know about it," said the widow. "In the first place it doesn't hang well behind; there is a certain satisfaction and peace of mind to a woman who knows that her dress hangs well behind that the comforts of religion do not give. But the greatest fault with it is that it is so short that I am almost ashamed to wear it."

"That's so, it is awfully short," he said, looking down at the widow's graceful ankles as she moved around behind a chair. "But I always did admire those embroidered lisle threads."

"You don't know what you are talking about; they're not lisle thread, and you have nothing to base an opinion upon except your too-fertile imagination."

"Well, I never worked in a dry goods store, but I'll just bet you a pair of gloves that I'm right and that they are lisle thread."

"and you won't ever tell a living soul if I show you that you are wrong?" "Never upon my honor."

"Well, come in and close the door, but remember I trust you to be honest in this and never breathe a word about it. And if I satisfy you that you are wrong, I am to have a pair of eight-button white gloves."

"Yes, yes, that's all right," he answered, impatiently, thinking it would be a good bet if he lost.

Walking demurely to a dressing case she opened the upper drawer and said: "I bought three pairs yesterday; here are the other two, and you see they are silk, not lisle thread, and they hang down a little line up the side instead of embroidery."

"But I thought you were going to..." "Sir! There are some subjects upon which you have no right to think. Never mind what you thought," she continued, as she held the door open for her caller's exit. Just utilize your thinker in remembering that you owe me a pair of gloves." St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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