

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1908. ISSUED EVERY MORNING. P. W. PARKER, Publisher and Proprietor.

THE TAX ROLL REDUCED.

Assessments Cut Down Twenty-Five Per Cent all Around.

CORRECTIONS WERE DENIED.

The county court concluded the consideration of the tax roll yesterday and it was returned to the assessor for correction. The board refused to allow W. E. Warren a reduction of \$10,000 for debt and the same ruling was made in the application of the street railroad company which wanted its assessment reduced to a similar extent, also on account of indebtedness.

County Commissioner Nurnberg took the breath away from the assessor and the court by asking that his assessment be increased \$4,000, money and accounts. His request was complied with.

Mrs. W. W. Parker was allowed a credit of \$3,200 on a mortgage and Van Dusen & Co. were credited with \$1,300 on a mortgage.

Just after the roll had been turned over to the assessor, M. J. Kinney rushed breathlessly into the court and presented a statement asking a reduction of \$35,000 for indebtedness. He was told that the court refused to consider his application.

A bill of Assessor Lindell for \$670.50 was allowed and ordered paid. Dr. A. J. Fallon was appointed overseer of the county poor farm.

A proposition to allow each household an exemption of \$300 was discussed, but on advice of Senator Fulton, who urged that such action would be illegal, the matter was dropped.

Then the proposition to make a reduction of twenty-five per cent. all around on the tax roll, mention of which was made in THE ASTORIAN a few days ago, came up and after discussion was passed, and the clerk and assessor were instructed to carry the roll according to the allowances and corrections, and make copies for the state.

Court then adjourned to Monday, Nov. 3d.

THE WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

Nothing to Hinder It from Coming to This City.

Rev. G. W. Grannis having heard the statement that the ownership of the present college campus would be forfeited to the university if it was removed from Salem to any other place, wrote to Rev. C. C. Stratton for information, and the following is a copy of the letter he received in reply. It tells its own story, and no comment is necessary.

PORTLAND, Or., 7th, '90. DEAR BROTHER GRANNIS: I received your letter of enquiry relative to the nature of the title to the Willamette campus, and the conditions before leaving home, but could not then answer.

My reply now is that the original deed was conditional, but that the conditions have been removed by subsequent quiet claim deeds from all the heirs. These put the trustees into full control of all the real estate in Salem.

There is nothing in the charter or in the conditions of the different subscriptions, taxes, and the equivalent, if I cannot find any such limitations, others with fewer facilities will not be likely to which will bar the trustees from exercising their rights.

Go on with your effort and bring up the results and everybody shall have a fair show so far as I can influence the result. As ever sincerely, C. C. STRATTON.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Adolph Johnson of Upper Astoria is quite ill. A. R. Cyrus left on a visit to Albany last evening. J. G. Meyer of Albany signed at the Occident yesterday.

J. G. Mogler and wife of Brookfield were in the city yesterday. Rev. Dr. Short of Grace church was a passenger for Portland last evening. Prof. A. L. Francis and family left last evening to take up their residence in Portland.

George Bloomhardt, a South Bend real estate broker, signed at the Occident yesterday. B. McKinley of Philadelphia was among yesterday's arrivals on the steamer Telephone.

THE MICHELL CASE.

New And Sensational Developments Arise.

Charles Michell, the slayer of William Johnson, has not yet succeeded in securing bail, but should be able to obtain bondsman, which it is reported he will do by to-day, opposition to his release on the sum of \$3,000 will be made by the attorneys for the prosecution.

In this connection it is stated that new developments have been made in the case which the attorneys claim will show that Johnson was an innocent party to the ruin of Michell's daughter, and that in killing him the father of the girl cut down the wrong man.

The attorneys for the state, Messrs. Hardesty and Kanaga, are very reticent in regard to the matter, but enough has leaked out to show that when the case comes up for trial, evidence will be introduced to show that the Michell girl was betrayed by a well known prize fighter, who had a contest in the Athletic club rooms here a few months ago.

It is said that the night before the girl disappeared, she was with the shoulder litter and was not in the outdoor near the Court street school as she claimed. It is also said that on her trip up the river she was accompanied by the fighter.

No one doubts but that the girl named Johnson as her betrayer in making a confession to her father, but it is felt that she did that to shield the real culprit and the man she was enamored of.

SULLIVAN AND SCOTTY.

They Will Be Tried In Portland To-Day.

The cases of Larry Sullivan and William Scott will be tried in Portland to-day. A dispatch from THE ASTORIAN's correspondent received last evening says: Special to THE ASTORIAN, PORTLAND, Oct. 8. Larry Sullivan and William Scott, under arrest from Astoria for boarding the British vessel Kate F. Troop, without permit, were up before Judge Deady to-day. Their attorney filed a demurrer to this complaint, alleging insufficient grounds to constitute a crime, and that the vessel being a British craft, was not under the protection of the United States.

The court cited numerous authorities and overruled the demurrer. The trial has been set for to-morrow.

POINTS OF LAW INVOLVED.

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MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

A stiff breeze prevailed on the river yesterday, making the water choppy and sailing an exciting pleasure. The steam schooner Alliance, Capt. Peterson, arrived from Grays Harbor yesterday afternoon and left up the river.

The steamer Gen. Miles sailed for Shoalwater bay early yesterday morning, carrying a general freight and several passengers. The British ship Annesley, Capt. W. Ewart, which has lighted down sufficiently to expose most of her hull, will leave up the river for Portland to-day.

The steamship Oregon, Capt. E. Pohlmann, is due to arrive from Portland this morning and sail for San Francisco. She has a very heavy cargo to take on board here, as 2,500 cases of salmon and other freight left by the State of California will be taken by her.

The American ship Bellport completed the work of lightering cargo here yesterday and left up the river to-day. The afternoon she lightered 12,102 cases of tea and 124 rolls of matting, which is the greater part of the cargo she brought to this port, and she drew only seventeen feet at when she left.

The steamer Ordway went ashore Tuesday night last above Kalama. The R. E. Thompson was near at hand and put a line aboard the vessel, and for three-quarters of an hour tried to pull her off, but the line parted, and another vessel coming up, the Thompson left. The Ordway was subsequently hauled off, and was only slightly damaged.

Tobacco Dealers' Agreement.

We the undersigned, dealers in cigars and tobacco, do hereby stipulate and agree that on and after this date we will charge ten cents a package for all single packages of cigars, but in quantities will sell three packages for a quarter. Dated this 9th day of October 1908.

Gold Spectacles Lost.

Somewhere between Main street and Thompson & Ross, Oct. 1st, Finder please leave at Thompson & Ross' and be rewarded.

Weinhardt's Beer.

A fifteen ball Pool Table and all the leading newspapers are at the Sunnyside Saloon.

MAKING A NEW CHARTER.

The Joint Committee Began Its Labors Last Evening.

SOME OF THE MANY CHANGES.

Mayor Crosby, City Attorney Curtis and Senator Fulton, of the committee appointed to draft a new charter for the city, met in the council chamber last evening. The mayor was elected chairman and City Attorney Curtis clerk. A draft of a charter prepared by the city attorney was considered by the committee, its provisions being taken up serially. As nearly all the new matter was in the shape of amendments to the old charter, Senator Fulton suggested that it might be just as well to put the matter before the legislature in the shape of amendments. Mr. Curtis thought the best idea would be to repeal the old charter and enact a new one, and this course was decided upon.

The proposed new charter makes many changes. Among those were one providing for the office of police judge and assessor, and making the office of city clerk and auditor a separate one. It was decided to add the duties of assessor to that of the auditor and police judge, and if the duties become too laborious for that office, he can employ a deputy. The chapter providing for elections is unchanged. The powers of the City Council will, under the new charter, be increased. The Council will have the power to levy special taxes, etc.; to regulate for the purpose of preventing the introduction of contagious diseases; to abate nuisances and to define and declare what constitutes a nuisance; to provide for the construction and operation of city waterworks; to fix fire limits, regulate the repair and building of houses within the same; to regulate and fix the number of day and night police. In this connection Senator Fulton suggested that it might be well to have a police commission, but the matter was passed for further consideration.

Street matters and other affairs pertaining to the government were discussed, and the committee adjourned to resume the work at the call of the chairman.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Of District No. 9, for the Month Ending October 31, 1908.

Table with columns: Class, Chas., Middleman, Dickerson, Total. Rows: Per Cent. Absent, Counted Boys, Readings, Av. Attendance, Av. Pupilage, Girls Enrolled, Boys Enrolled, Days Absence, Days Attendance, Days Taught.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are those whose names are placed on the roll of honor as neither absent nor tardy during the month of September, and having 100 in department.

First and Second grades, Miss Helen W. Dickenson teacher.—Emil Peterson, Carl Holman, Frank Timmons, Clarence Norberg, Richard and Sidney Fines, Fleda Ringstead, Edith Mott, Katie Schroeder, Bertha Morton, Johanne Lundquist.

Third and Fourth grades, Miss Emma M. Holman teacher.—Aigal Amundson, Mattilda Enberg, Amy Holmes, Aina Haavon, Ida Ringstead, Mabel Young, Alvir Danio, Florence Goddard, Gussie Holmes, Ida Paisier, Charlie McEwan, Freddie Palmer.

Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades, A. L. Clark teacher.—Alfred Bell, Clark Bell, Winnie Bell, Eva Holmes, Andrew Holmes, Caroline Young, Sigford Young, Willie Young, Maggie Orlin, Grace Kyle, Fanny Kelly, Raymond Morton, Lucy Morton, Oscar Morton, Carl Knutson, Jacob Utzinger, Albert Utzinger, Logan McEwan, Alfred Haavon, George Pike, George Perry, Annie Ferry.

Passengers to Portland. The following is the list of passengers having rooms who went up the river last night on the steamer R. R. Thompson.

R. S. Anderson, Miss Barron, W. R. Smith, Dr. Baker, W. A. Brenne, J. Hitehook, Dr. Smith, Mrs. Garner, W. F. Geetes, P. A. Warren, M. Colburn, Mrs. C. Wheeler, Miss Boehling, Wm. McIntyre, Mrs. J. B. Morrison, Mrs. Miller, Miss Franklin, F. Carran, G. Flavel, Professor Francis, Rev. Dr. Short, J. Strauss, S. Carruthers, Capt. Bailey, A. F. Meigs, W. Bobb, R. A. Habersham, J. M. Lane, O. R. Graham, A. McDonald, A. Montgomery, J. A. Haskell, L. G. Higgins, George Francis, Capt. Price, J. B. Hower.

"A GROWL." Mr. Editor: Although my taxes are small, yet they are as burdensome to me as if I paid much more. And as a taxpayer, I feel that I have a right to criticize those extravagances that are factors in the creation of high taxes. I have in my mind the impetuous citizen become broken down and debilitated, then he rushes off to the hospital. Even persistent dyspepsia and constipation are getting to be excuses for admission. Hence, allow me space to enter my feeble protest against further continuance of this pernicious practice. It costs too many hard dollars for the smallest of these unfortunate, and it is high time that they should know that they can save the county that expense, by the judicious use of a few bottles of Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla, a remedy that within my observation is a sovereign cure for the common disorders, if they won't take it they ought to be compelled to by some law that would make the case. Under the circumstances a full hospital is unnecessary, hence this growl.

Wanted.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds filed or recorded October 8, 1908, as reported for THE MORNING ASTORIAN by the Astoria Abstract Title and Trust company:

- H. C. Thompson and wife to W. Lackman, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, blk 1, Laurel park, \$400. A. C. McFarlane to M. and W. McFarlane, the NW 1/4 of sec 13, T 7 N, R 6 W. Maxwell young and wife to M. Lindenberg, lot 52, blk 8, Young's, \$100. Alex. Marlock to Martin Baker, lot 28, blk 43, Astor, \$32. Same to same, lot 25, blk 39, Astor, \$33. M. Wise and wife to Mrs. Jennie H. Parker, lot 11, blk 149, Shively's, \$3,500. J. C. Adams and wife to M. M. Flynn, lot 4, blk 4, Riverside, \$60. M. J. Kinney and wife to Alfred Kinney, lots 10, 12, 14 and 16, blk 8, Gearhart Park, \$225. E. Warren to W. B. Headington, lots 7 and 8, blk 28, Alderbrook, \$1,050. H. Powell and wife to A. Becker, lots 1 and 2, blk 33, Powell's, \$100. M. J. Kinney and wife to Mrs. E. F. Willard, lot 16, blk 1, Gearhart Park, \$1.

Deeds filed, 11; total amount \$ 7,661. Previously reported this year 1,708,703. Total to date \$1,716,424.

AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS

A Letter Comes Back Through the Dead Letter Office.

WHERE DID IT LAY SO LONG.

Captain James Anderson, head light keeper at Fort Canby was in the city yesterday, and exhibited a letter that been returned to him through the dead letter office after twenty-one years. The missive was yellow with age and where it has been all the long years since it was deposited in the post office in this city, is a mystery which will probably never be solved.

The letter was addressed to Nils Anderson, a brother lightkeeper, in care of the Danish consul in New York City. Nils was, way back in 1869, preparing to join his brother here, and the letter contained directions for the brother to reach this coast. Whether the immigrant ever went to the consulate for the letter is not known, as Mr. Anderson has not seen him since the missive returned. The brothers are now both residents of Pacific county, Nils living at Oysterville and the other at the light station at Fort Canby. The letter has married twice since writing the letter and has grown up children. The brother, for whom the letter was intended, has also married twice and raised two families, and all during the time the letter was laying away in some mysterious place.

Just where the letter has been all this time is not known, but it is probable that it was in the consul's office until within a few months when it was put into the dead letter office and found its way back to the original sender.

The postmark on the envelope bears date of April 4, 1869, and it was returned here May 29th last. Up With the Times. Railroad is coming. Shaving 15c at Joe Giardina's. Finest Barber Shop in town at Joe Giardina's. Shaving 15c, 15c, 15c. The latest style of Gents' Boots and Shoes at P. J. Goodman & Co's.

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