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So many books were found in the telegraph line that the operators did not finish their work yesterday, and no dispatches could be had last night, so there are no telegrams in this issue. It is expected that the line will be in working order some time to-day.

The fan brigade and the members of the "Y" will meet at Mrs. A. L. Felt's at 2 1/2 o'clock.

Yesterday, in the office of the county recorder, there were seven mortgages, amounting to \$1,200, filed for record.

It is a very gratifying fact that new subscribers are coming in rapidly for THE ASTORIAN, without any solicitation whatever.

The easiest way to keep clean and feel good is to patronize the Astoria Baths, kept by L. E. Gillet, Third street, near Cass.

The practice for the Mikado, tea will be at the residence of Mrs. John Demont's, over Griffin & Reed's, at 7:30 sharp this evening.

The new piece of furniture placed in the Y. M. C. A. dining room, and so much appreciated, is the gift of W. S. Sampson, and was devised by E. H. Hanson.

Christmas cards yesterday made over 1,000 pounds of savings, which will be all used up in one day. Astoria is not populated by Germans exclusively, however.

Astoria sporting men will be numerous at the Sullivan-Campbell contest in Portland this evening, a large number having gone out last night on the steamer R. H. Thompson.

The Finnish Brotherhood had a social dance last night at Liberty hall, which was attended by a large number of the members of the order and their friends and ladies.

Yesterday the rain had ceased and the sun was shining brightly, making it a lovely day. In the afternoon the air was clear and cool, giving promise of clear, cold weather for a while at least.

Stockholders of the Astoria & South Coast railroad went last evening in the office of the president, to interview William Reid, the president of the road, and the English engineer who was with him, and whose coming has so long been expected. They were accorded an interview in the hotel parlor.

A musical and literary entertainment and Christmas tree was given at the Scandinavian Methodist church in Uppeurton last evening. The affair was a grand success. The church was crowded to overflowing, and the program, to say nothing in reference to the presents on the tree, was first-class and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

The removal of Officers Bessley and Larsen by the city council last evening as an executive measure, is all right, but as a matter of public policy it appears to be a mistake. No new officers were appointed in the place of the men removed, and from all that can be learned no charges against either man have ever been preferred and their record is clean. It is predicted that the reduction of the police force will attract to this city a gang of sneak thieves that can operate with impunity. Last night six suspicious characters were housed at the city prison and were to be shipped away on this morning's boat. The saving to the city by reducing the number of policemen will be \$150 a month, but the two officers were more to be chanted as closing unlocked doors and lodging suspicious characters in the city prison than their salary would amount to this fall. Three police officers for a city of 10,000 and 20,000 people seem to be hardly sufficient, and suggests the question, could not the desired economy be attained in some way without sacrificing needed attention to life and property.

The Sullivan-Campbell Contest.

In reference to the contest to take place in Portland this evening, between Larry Sullivan, of this city, and Dave Campbell, of Portland, the *Oregonian* of yesterday had the following:

The contest to-morrow night promises to be a warm one. The backers of both contestants are well-known sporting men, and neither can afford to lend his name to a fake fight. Campbell is in the pink of condition, but he has reduced himself in weight considerably and looks a little thin. He stated yesterday that he never was better trained in his life, and this is quite a compliment to his trainer, Charlie Gleason.

Fresh Clatsop—10 cents per dozen at Thompson & Ross.

"HACKMETACK" a fast and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by Th. Olsen.

Fruits, Nuts, Popcorn and sweet cider for the Holidays at W. G. HOWELL & CO'S.

Candy and Nuts At Holmes, 610 Third street.

For Rent. The Store lately occupied by Thrall & Sherman. Apply to C. S. GUNDELSON.

Knacke-Brod ork-Norsk-Sill low Parker & Hanson.

Notice. You can save money by using Mr. Gilbert's Zinfandel wine instead of coffee or tea. It is much healthier and costs only 60 cents per gallon. It is three years old. He has also peach and apricot brandy. Don't forget his French Cognac and French Wine. ALEX. GILBERT.

THE ONLY RESTAURANT—JEFF'S

APPAIRS OF THE CITY
Important Business Before the Council Last Night.

THE CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS.
 Mayor Crosby Sends a Message of Warning—the "Columbian's" Bill Rejected—Notes.

Last night's session of the city council was the last that will be held during the present year, and considerable business was crowded into a short space of time. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining a quorum, and it was necessary to send an officer after a tardy member. The mayor, Councilman Bergman, Welch and Parker showed up promptly on time, and then came a wait for another member. Councilman Wickman was the only available one, Mr. Fox having gone to Portland and Mr. Elton being at home ill. As he would wait the members impatient. First City Attorney Curtis and then Councilman Welch started after the absent member, but were unsuccessful, and it was not until Officer Bessley armed with a search warrant, went out that Mr. Wickman was found. Then he did not want to remain, but finally consented and the council at 10 o'clock proceeded with business.

Liquor licenses were granted to Wright & Harris and John Stephens. Ordinances were introduced and read the first time as follows:

Prohibiting officers of the city, and also officers of the fire department, from contracting any bills in the name of the city. The ordinance provides that when supplies for any department of the city are ordered, application shall be made to the committee in charge, and the committee shall report the same to the city council for approval. If the report is accepted, the chairman of the committee shall purchase the supplies, provided that no supplies shall be purchased except by an order signed by the auditor and approved by the mayor. When any of the steam fire engines shall need repairs, the committee authorized to clean or repair any street within the city limits at a cost not to exceed \$100. On motion laid over until next meeting.

An ordinance amending the one now in force regarding the licenses on livery stables, was laid over.

An ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer on West 8th street was read for a third time and passed.

The ordinance establishing the grade of West 7th street which has been pending for some time was called up by Councilman Welch, placed on its third reading and passed.

City Attorney Curtis reported adversely on the ordinance providing for the collection of sewer assessments on West 6th. Some of the property owners assessed claimed that their property is situated so as to render it impossible for them to connect with the sewer. In this report Mr. Curtis says: "In making assessments for constructing sewers, the city officers should examine all property that will not be benefited by the sewer so that a correct estimate of the cost can be made, otherwise the city has to pay for the constructing of sewers along property not liable for assessments."

The city attorney also reported on the claim of Worsley & Carruthers for work on the West Seventh street sewer. The report recommended that the claim be paid, provided, all the property owners pay their assessments and the contractors give a bond to complete the remaining portion of the sewer. No action was taken.

A message from the mayor was read as follows:

To the Honorable City Council:
 Ordinance No. — entitled "An ordinance making an appropriation out of the general fund for the benefit of W. F. Bowers & Co."
 Ordinance No. — entitled "An ordinance authorizing the committee on fire and water to purchase four Babcock fire extinguishers for the hook and ladder truck and a heater for Columbia Engine Company."
 These ordinances, which passed your body on the 9th inst., are herewith returned without my signature. The general fund warrants outstanding against it for \$1,500 more than is now in the fund. There will also be a shortage in the police fund of several hundred dollars by the end of this month. Your attention is again called to the condition of the city's finances and to the fact that you are violating the city charter and the law of the land by creating further indebtedness. The limit has been reached.

MAYOR CROSBY, Mayor.

The veto message of the mayor caused some discussion and the veto so far as the claim of Bowers & Co. was sustained, but the ordinance in reference to the purchase of the fire extinguishers and heaters was passed over the veto.

In reference to the claim of City Engineer H. B. Thielsen for \$248.25, the committee on streets and public works reported as follows:

"We your committee would recommend that this bill be paid provided that no more bills will be audited by the committee on streets and public works are contrary to the ordinance governing such work. The city did by resolution authorize the survey to lay the prices for setting monuments and other work which has not been done."

The report was adopted.

The committee on ways and means reported in reference to the bill of the *Columbian* for city printing, \$102.70, as follows:

We, your committee, find that the bill of the *Columbian* is not made out according to the contract existing between the city of Astoria and the Columbia Publishing Company, and would ask for a new bill itemized and according to contract. H. B. PARKER, Chairman on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Bergman the report was endorsed without a dissenting vote.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Welch and adopted:

WHEREAS, the expenses of the city are beyond the receipts and that the general fund is overdrawn to the amount of \$1,500. Therefore, be it resolved, that W. J. Barry, chief of police, be and he is hereby instructed to discharge Wm. Bessley, policeman from the first ward and Carl Larson, policeman from the second ward.

Councilman Parker next came to the front with a resolution declaring the office of the city assessor vacant. This was carried and was supplemented by a motion electing Phil Cook city assessor, which was carried.

The ordinance prescribing the duties of the city assessor which has

THE RAILROAD SITUATION.
President Reid and the Long Expected Engineer Have Arrived.

THE VIEWS OF THE ENGINEER
 Railroad men and capitalists are numerous here now. Last evening Wm. Reid, president of the Astoria & South Coast railroad, J. B. McNaught, the London engineer, E. P. Thompson, of Salem, F. E. Drake and H. M. Johnson of Chicago, came down on the steamer and registered at the Occident hotel.

This morning Mr. Reid and the engineer go down to Tanzy Point on the *Gen. Canby*, and thence to Warrenton, where they will be joined by the other three gentlemen and several of the board of directors of this city, who are going down this morning on the *Bleeker*.

Last evening the engineer was taken up on the high hills south of the city where he had a fine view of the city and harbor, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the prospects of the river and harbor, for he sees clearly the immense natural advantages, and the great need of a railroad to connect with the shipping interest which would then make their Port of discharge and reload for foreign ports.

The other end of the road which has been visited by Dr. McNaught, is well pleased with, and finds the natural resources of the back country, tributary to this city, are extensive and important, and seem to justify the construction of a railroad which shall be able to transport them to the river and the harbor. The idea is conveyed, however, that if his employers take the bonds, they will require a year's interest guaranteed.

There will be plenty of rumors, but nothing definite can be known until the engineer has seen the whole line, and made his report to the syndicate who sent him here, and who will base their action on his report. An interview was held with Mr. Reid and Mr. McNaught in the parlor of the hotel by a number of the directors and stockholders of the road, and the latter gentlemen seem to feel pleased at the result of the interview with the two gentlemen.

PERSONAL MENTION.
 E. J. Leddisson is spending the holidays at Oregon City.
 J. T. Ross left last night for Portland.
 Charles Spelmire, of St. Louis, is in the city on a visit to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Spelmire.
 John B. Denny returned last evening from Seattle, where he has been for several weeks, and will remain awhile in this city.
 J. Strauss and wife went up to Portland last evening, where the former will attend to business and the latter will visit friends for a week, prior to returning.

Miss Lawrence, perceptress of Wasco sealery, came down on the boat yesterday morning, and is the guest of Miss Taylor. Her many friends give her a cordial welcome.

Major Thomas H. Handbury, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., who had been down here on an official visit to the jetty, went up to Portland on the regular steamer last evening.

Wine and Beer.
 A fifteen ball Pool table and all the leading newspapers on file at the Sunside Saloon.

We are all free American citizens enjoying our personal liberty; but most of us are in physical slavery, suffering from rheumatism, salt rheum or other form of impure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great blood purifier which gives physical liberty.

Notice to Upper Astoria Residents.
 The numbers for houses in Upper Astoria having arrived, residents desiring their houses numbered for the Free Mail Delivery to commence January 2nd, 1911, are requested to call and leave orders at the office of the Abstract, Title and Trust Company's office. E. Z. FERGUSON, Secretary.

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Among the incorporators of the new company are Franklin Babcock, Edward G. Fish and David H. Wilson, all of Chicago. The capital stock is \$500,000, but there is much more money behind the scheme.

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