

THE LIBRARY RULES.

It seems there has been some dissatisfaction regarding a change in the regulations of the Astoria Public Library...

We learned from these letters that there are three distinct kinds of public library, viz: First—A public subscription library...

From San Francisco library: "The public do not get to our bookshelves. The books are railed off. All books are drawn at one counter, except those in the reference room."

From Pasadena, Cal., library: "We have a fine stone building for our public library and reading room. The east side of the room is the library. This space is kept intact by a counter running from wall to wall. No one but the managers of the library are allowed among the books."

From Omaha public library: "Our shelves are not open to the public. The receiving and delivery desk and a low rail exclude all who are not employees."

Minneapolis public library: "As regards access to our shelves, this library has always favored a free policy—that is, I give 'permits' to all mature persons having serious literary purposes. The holders of such 'permits' go among the shelves, but books once taken down must remain on the desk until put back by the attendants."

Chicago public library: "In reply would say, our reading room and circulating library are in separate rooms. Readers are not allowed access to the shelves. To obtain a book requires a library card, which is issued on a guarantee blank, signed by some citizen taxpayer."

The Chicago "Armour Library," established by the private endowment of Mr. Armour, states that they allow their subscribers access to their bookshelves. This library is only about two years old.

Brooklyn, N. Y., library: "Our library is a subscription library. Our circulating library is entirely separate from our reading room, and our members do not go to the shelves. The books are brought to them from the shelves by the attendants."

Boston, Mass., public library: "Our library is a subscription library, in the widest sense. There are no privileged classes. Our alcoves are so situated that the public has no access to them. In fact, the trustees are decidedly opposed to permitting such access, even were it possible."

The Philadelphia public library: "In this city the circulating libraries have been managed on both systems. This library has only been opened a short time. The purpose of the directors is to make it the principal public library of this city, and therefore no privileges can be allowed now, which in the near future might have to be withdrawn. It is therefore decided to open from the first with closed shelves, and our work is progressing finely. One large library in this city of nearly 50 years' standing, adopted free shelves, and about ten years ago had to close them, owing to an almost fabulous number of lost volumes. In one year enough of books were stolen to form a respectable library. The change was unpopular for a time, but necessary. But our directors would not run such risks, and began as they propose to go on."

These, then, are the answers to our inquiries from libraries, so far as heard from. As you see, with scarcely an exception, the verdict is for closed shelves. We have purposely made our inquiries of the large cities, rather than the little country towns, because we felt our Astoria library was building for the future, and we wished to receive the results of the oldest and wisest experience.

In conclusion, let us say the trustees of the Astoria library have only the best interests of the library in view. They make no arbitrary rules. If at any time it could be proven to them that giving the public access to the bookshelves would be for the best interests of the library, they will gladly go back to the old rule. But until some better way of preserving the books can be shown them, they would be recreant to their trust if they did so.

The trustees have cheerfully given of their own time, labor and money to build up and maintain this library. They are deeply grateful to the public, not only for its generous donations of books and money, and constantly increasing subscriptions to the circulating library, but also for the kind words they have spoken for the library and its management. And we earnestly hope this financial and moral support will be so greatly increased that in the near

future the Astoria Public Library and Reading Room will be one of the crowning glories of our city.

TRUSTEES ASTORIA P. L.

LIVELY TIMES.

Times were lively early yesterday morning up on Concomly street, and for a while it looked as though some of the toughs didn't care whether they were pulled in or not, which they weren't.

An Italian started the row, and it was helped along by Tom Ryan and a man called Scotty. In a short space of time almost every man who was awake at that hour, and in the vicinity, was in the middle of the street and taking part in the trouble, and showing no favors.

One of the participants came to the conclusion he would go where the ammunition was the thickest, so he ran into the saloon of Erikson & Wirkkila and hid in the liquor store-room, but he was trailed by the balance of the gang, who, finding the door locked, kicked in the panels before the barkeeper could recover from his astonishment and put them out.

No arrests. By this time the blonde darlings in the neighborhood donned their "muddy hubbards" and began to skate from one side of the street to the other, discussing the morals of the community and what the big bleached blonde, with a suggestion of whiskers on her face, had said about the little runt blonde who sings "Rock-a-bye-baby" and "Won't you come out and play," when they, too, got into a row, and such a scratching and mixing as there was between them hasn't been equaled for some months back. The Maundines and Soap-lines and Pearlines were all in it, and some of the boys who were going home about that time say it was a great show and worth any man's money, but it came to an end when an officer hove in sight.

Arrests this time. The police records show that two females named Lou and Josie were fined \$10 each yesterday, and up in Swilltown curfew rings just the same.

REV. J. G. SCHMID.

We publish the following communication at the request of a number of citizens: Astoria, April 27, 1894.

To the Editor of The Astorian: As there seems to be some difference of opinion in regard to who would be a proper candidate for superintendent of schools, I would, with your permission, also mention the name of Rev. J. G. Schmid, of Astoria. He is a man of a broad education, having been connected with educational interests both in Europe and America, and I have no doubt that he would have as such the hearty support of our fellow-citizens of foreign birth, as well as the good will of all native Americans who have had the pleasure of making an acquaintance with that gentleman. He being a Swiss by birth, and as such, we might say, a native Republican, he had the privilege of the educational advantages of the country which stands foremost on the European continent in this respect, and yet thoroughly identified with American interests, having lived in the United States nearly 25 years. Though engaged at present in missionary work among the Germans on this Coast, the general education and elevation of the masses has been his aim. As a Christian you find him well disposed toward all creeds, and as a citizen tolerant with all honest men and views. His motto seems to be, "All of one Maker, and all for one country."

Some may object because Mr. Schmid is not generally well known, but to this I would say, were not some of the best men at one time unknown? And some of the very best had to be taken out of their obscurity and put to their proper positions, think of Cinclunatus, who was taken from the plow to command an army, think of Washington, Lincoln and Garfield. Let us as Republicans have Republican principles. Yours very truly, A REPUBLICAN.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop.—In the matter of the estate of James P. Metz, deceased.—Citation:

To John L. Metz, Jess E. Metz, Mrs. Prudence Weekly, Mrs. Sarah Kearns, Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Mrs. J. Metz, and Mrs. T. E. Jackson, greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, at the court room thereof, at Astoria, in the County of Clatsop, on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1894, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made of the following real estate, to-wit: Lots Nos. 8 and 9, in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section No. 14, township No. 7, north of range No. 9 west of the Will. Mer., in Clatsop County, Oregon.

Witness, the Hon. C. A. McGuire, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, with the seal of said court affixed, this 23 day of April, A. D. 1894.

Attest: C. J. TRENCHARD.

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