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REVISE THE CHARTER.

In the gloom of an unparalleled business depression, hanging like a pall over all portions of the country, the people of Astoria made a record in the year 1894 which was unequalled for courage and enterprise perhaps by any other town in the country.

To the accomplishment of these two objects, leading public spirited citizens gave ungrudgingly of their time, besides much valuable property, and the people generally voluntarily voted upon themselves a tax burden of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

To the best and quickest realization on this investment, however, there yet remains at least one other important matter deserving public interest and attention; the necessity, as suggested in yesterday's Astorian, for a thorough revision of the charter and ordinances of the city.

While it is true that a committee composed of some of the most efficient members of the council is now engaged in formulating certain amendments looking to an increase in the city's bond issuing power, this committee, it is understood, is not authorized to consider any plan of revising the charter, and it may be doubted, with all deference to its skill and wisdom, whether the committee possesses the requisite ability, even if it were authorized to do so.

The advantage of having a code of laws fully up to the modern requirements of a growing and progressive city is so obvious that no argument is necessary to explain it, and considering the business the legislature has to do, and the limited time it can remain in session, the revision of the charter should not only receive attention at once, but it ought to be made by men whose legal attainments will command the influence and respect necessary to pass it without a contest at the legislature.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The most successful plan ever devised for making street improvements without unreasonable hardship to the property owners may be briefly explained as follows:

Whenever the city council deems it expedient to improve a certain street, a resolution describing in general terms the improvement proposed, the material to be used, and the blocks and lots affected, is passed and published for a certain space of time in a daily paper.

At the next meeting of the council thereafter, unless a remonstrance signed by a majority of the owners of the property to be changed with the improvement has been previously filed, an ordinance containing a full description of the improvement with formal specifications as to the work to be done, and the materials to be used, prepared by the city engineer, is passed and published in the official paper.

Under the provisions of the ordinance each property owner may file within a fixed limit of time, his objection to do the work himself, or to have it done by private contract, subject to the inspection and approval of a special commission appointed by the council on that day.

council proceeds to advertise for bids to do all the work not undertaken by the property owners themselves.

After the work is completed and accepted, the city engineer computes the cost to each piece of property in proportion to the number of feet fronting or abutting on the line of the improvement, and the clerk or auditor makes out and certifies a special tax bill, in three or five annual or biennial installments, at the option of the property owner. The tax bills are delivered to the contractor, and the city's connection with the improvement there ends. These tax bills bear a low rate of interest, and are a lien on the property against which they are issued.

The contractor may assign or negotiate them as readily as a promissory note, and he or his assigns can sue on them in his or their name, but the city is not liable for any of the costs of collection. Of course there is a provision in the ordinance under which can be let at public contract any work undertaken by the property owner which is not completed according to standard, or within the time limited for the whole improvement.

The advantages of this plan are (1) the property owner may avail himself of his own labor or use his own material; (2) he can make his own terms with the contractor; (3) it lets in a class of small competitors, who may lack the means or credit necessary to the whole work, but who can undertake one or more portions of it; (4) the property owner gets the benefit of increased competition; (5) any worthy home mechanic can get all the money needed to enable him to bid for and do the work, on a discount and assignment of his prospective tax bills, and the disturbances for city improvements can thus be kept at home; (6) the general tax payers assume no liability for any special improvement, and the city is out nothing but the salaries of its necessary agents or officers.

It may be added that this plan of municipal improvements has been tested in the highest courts, and has received the commendation of being the fairest, the least burdensome and simplest that could be adopted.

No formality whatever should be required to authorize the repairing of sidewalks and the assessment of costs therefor, but the proper officer or street committee should without notice make repairs at any time, keeping account of the cost and reporting the same to the council for assessment. Each lot abutting on the repaired sidewalk should be liable for all repairs made immediately in front of it, and the council should be empowered to impose a suitable penalty for a failure to pay such special assessments within a given time.

The city should be divided into convenient sewer districts, and public main sewers should be located, to be hereafter built by general taxation, with as many laterals as the council may deem necessary, to be constructed by assessments levied on the property within the districts.

The mayor and members of the city council ought to be paid a fair salary, and no person should be eligible to election to these offices who is not a tax payer on at least \$1,000 of property.

Mr. Welch's sea wall proposition is worthy of consideration.

CURE FOR HEADACHE.

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ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been duly appointed the assignee of I. W. Case, and that he has qualified as such assignee by filing with the clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clatsop County, his bond as required by law. All persons having claims against said I. W. Case are notified to present the same to the undersigned, duly verified, at the office of the Astoria National Bank, in the city of Astoria, in said county, within three months from this date.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 15th day of November, 1894. D. K. WARREN, Assignee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Esther Taylor, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same to me, duly verified, within six months from the date of this notice, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to pay the amount of such indebtedness to me.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 15th day of December, 1894. E. A. TAYLOR.

NOTICE.

Astoria, Oregon, November 28, 1894. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of James P. Metz, deceased, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Clatsop County, my final account as such administrator, and the same has been by said court set for hearing Wednesday, January 9th, 1895, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at court house at Astoria, Or. All persons interested therein are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause if any why the said account be not allowed, and the administrator discharged.

JAMES W. HARE, Administrator.

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Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 15th day of December, 1894. E. A. TAYLOR.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, as administrator of the estate of John W. White, deceased, have filed my final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Clatsop County, and that Wednesday, the 6th day of February, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., is the time appointed for the hearing of objections to, and the final settlement of said account.

FRANK J. TAYLOR.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of M. West, deceased, are requested to present them duly verified, to the undersigned executor of the said will and testament of the deceased, within six months from this date, at Westport, Oregon.

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PROPOSAL FOR \$200,000 WATER BONDS OF ASTORIA, OREGON.

Office of the Water Commission of the City of Astoria, Oregon.

December 4th, 1894. Sealed proposals addressed to the Clerk of the Water Commission of the City of Astoria, Oregon, will be received at this office until January 10th, 1895, at Two (2) o'clock p. m., for two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars of the bonds of this city in denominations of one thousand (1,000) dollars each, dated January 1st, 1895, payable thirty (30) years after date bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum payable on the first days of January and July of each year. Principal and interest are to be made payable in U. S. gold coin at New York City, N. Y. Said bonds are to be paid for and delivered to the purchaser on the following dates, and in the following amounts:

April 1st, 1895, \$75,000.00; July 1st, 1895, \$25,000.00; October 1st, 1895, \$25,000.00. The bidder to pay the accrued interest from January 1st, 1895, to the date of delivery, in addition to the prices bid. These bonds are to be issued under authority of the act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon passed Feb. 18th, 1891. The proceeds are to be used for the construction of water works, and will be delivered with coupons attached for interest from January 1st, 1895.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit within forty-eight (48) hours after the award of the contract an approved certified check for five (5) per cent of the par value of the bonds, payable at Astoria, Oregon, to the order of the Clerk of the Water Commission of the City of Astoria, Oregon, as liquidated damages in case the bidder should fail or neglect to take and pay for the bonds according to the terms of the proposal, advertisement and conditions annexed thereto.

The Water Commission reserve the right to reject any or all bids. The sealed envelopes on all proposals should be marked "Proposals for Purchase of Water Bonds."

By order of the Water Commission of the City of Astoria, Oregon, H. G. VAN DUSEN, Clerk of the Water Commission.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals addressed to H. G. VanDusen, clerk, and endorsed "Proposals for construction of Astoria water works," with names of party submitting bid, will be received by the Water Commission of the City of Astoria, Oregon, until two o'clock p. m. of the 10th day of January, 1895, for the supplying of labor and materials for the construction of a complete system of waterworks involving the following items: Diverging works, cast-iron gravity conduit consisting of 7-1/2 miles of 18-inch wood stave pipe; 3 miles of 16-inch and one 1/4 mile of 14-inch steel riveted pipe; a 1,000,000 gal. reservoir; masonry line tunnel 900 feet in length; and a distributing system requiring 25,000 feet of pipe, 26,000 feet of pipe laying, 21 hydrants; gates and all appurtenances necessary to make a complete system. Plans are on file in the office of the Water Commission, and specifications and form for proposals can be obtained by application to the clerk.

W. W. PARKER, Chairman. H. G. VAN DUSEN, Clerk.

A. L. Adams and R. C. Gemmill, Engineers. Astoria, Oregon, December 4th, 1894.

THIRTY-FIFTH STREET GRADE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon, propose to establish the grade of Thirty-fifth street in the town (now city) of Astoria, Oregon, as laid out and recorded by John Adair, from and inclusive of the crossing thereof at the intersection of Franklin avenue, at heights above the base of grades for the Thirty-fifth street, as established by Ordinance No. 71, entitled, "An ordinance establishing the base of grades for the streets of the city of Astoria," as follows, to-wit:

At the intersection or crossing of 35th and Duane streets, 38.6 feet. At the intersection or crossing of 35th street and Franklin avenue, 87.4 feet. Said crossings to be level, and said street between crossings to be on a straight or even slope of equal heights throughout the width thereof; and that the grade of said part of said street will be established as above mentioned unless within ten days from the final publication of this notice, to-wit: On Monday, January 28, 1895; owners of three-fourths of the property adjacent to said part of said street shall make and file with the auditor and police judge their written remonstrance setting such proposed grade, the Common Council will establish said grade. By order of the Common Council. (Attest) K. OSBURN, Auditor and Police Judge, Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 2, 1895.

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