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A DIRTY RECORD.

Mr. C. J. Curtis declaiming from a public platform the other evening, with a gall that would shock the sensibilities of any decent man, made one remark that was true when he said:

"Everybody here knows who and what I am."

Indeed everybody does. The very name of the man brings up visions of forged liquor license petitions, of kidnapping plots, of a record full of blots and stains, of incompetency, official bugging, delinquency or less dirty, and much else.

Mr. Curtis has indignantly declared that there is nothing against his political record. His political record has not one clean act about it. He has killed the credit of the city. He, and he alone, is responsible for the major part of our present burden of indebtedness. His bungling work, done at a time when he made people believe he was an attorney, cost Astoria fifty thousand dollars and every piece of legislation passed during several months when he was the legal advisor of the council, has been declared by the highest courts in the land to be rotten, illegal, and unable to stand any kind of a test.

Everybody remembers the Court Street case, which the city took up to the supreme court in order to compel several taxpayers to pay their assessments. Mr. Curtis says that he protested against this case going to the courts. He tells a deliberate untruth. It was he that advised the city council to prosecute the Court Street case. His recommendations are on file today in the city offices. He sent in, not one recommendation in favor of this matter, but a dozen. And, when the test case went to the supreme court, it was instantly thrown out. Not one of the city's allegations was tenable for a moment. Not one of them would stand a writ of review issued by the judge. That was the reason that the citizens of Astoria were out of pocket \$1,000 for legal fees and court expenses; that was the reason why in the tax levied by C. J. Curtis for that year alone there was a deficit of twenty thousand dollars, and a deficit that never has, and never can be collected.

In the Genevieve and West Eighth street cases the same thing happened. Not a cent of those assessments was ever secured by the city, and in the two years that Mr. Curtis was "rummaging" his department he cost the city, at a conservative estimate, fifty thousand dollars. Not a single ordinance that Curtis drew while in the office of city attorney ever stood the test of law. Outside of the \$100,000 bonded indebtedness the city now has, bonded warrants for an additional \$75,000. Of this latter amount about \$30,000 will come back to the city on valid tax returns from ordinances drawn up in an honest and legal manner by later city attorneys. The balance—a deficit of \$45,000, represents the amount lost to the city by the bungling incompetency of C. J. Curtis, whose careless, shiftless and abominable methods have been a curse to Astoria and Clatsop county for many years.

"Everybody knows my record," says Mr. Curtis.

He tells the truth for once. That record is too nauseating and too vile for anybody to overlook or forget it. Tomorrow night when the votes are counted the truth of the words will come home to him. An era of prosperity is upon us. New streets will be opened up right and left, new contracts will be entered into and new and intricate questions will come up for settlement. Imagine this man with his glaring incompetency, his shiftless and unmanly character in the office of city attorney during these coming years! Instead of \$50,000 he would lose \$200,000 for the city, and by his methods and acts would swamp every taxpayer in a sea of litigation that it would take years of hard work to overcome.

Mr. Kibber Osborn wandered into Astoria a few months ago from Ilwaco on a carpet bagging expedition. The tidal wave of the first "Citizens' movement" washed him into the office of city auditor, and he has been there ever since with a double hawser and three sheet anchors thrown out to keep him in position. He is now engaged in building a mansion at the top of the hill. He owns lots of property, and altogether he has that sleek and self-satisfied appearance which tell emphatically that the carpet bagging days are over.

But city warrants are worth 75 cents on the dollar, with no buyers.

It is gratifying intelligence which is conveyed in a dispatch from Washington this morning that rigid economy in public expenditures is to be the Republican program in congress, and that the securing of this end will be the speaker's governing motive in making up some of the important committees, like those on appropriations and rivers and harbors. But while economy is to be insisted on, it is not to be insisted on by the Republican leaders generally, but in the mind of the speaker, Mr. Collier, do you enjoy as good an appetite as you have in years past? To which he replied: "Oh, dear young lady, if I lose the appetite I have I hope to see man will die."

gent unnecessarily. It will not be a cheeseparing policy; the country had enough of that when it became a byword and a hissing under the name of Holmanism. The people will be glad to see any tendency to extravagance repressed, while wisely liberal expenditures are made for important public works and for public buildings that are really necessary.

A PITIFUL DOWNFALL.

Mayor Kinney talks vehemently about "a second letter." The Astorian knows nothing about that. The letter he wrote to Mr. Stanton is in our possession. It is published again on the fourth page of this paper, so that every voter in the city can see what manner of man it is who comes before them a second time and asks them to elect him mayor. He acknowledges he wrote the letter. In it he violates the trust reposed in him, asks for ten thousand dollars for services rendered by himself, and the return of his two little lots. While chairman of a committee appointed to get a railroad to Astoria on the best possible terms, pledged to do his utmost and bound by EVERY TIE OF HONOR to work for that object, he tried to enter into an infamous bargain, tried to deceive his fellow citizens, and his fellow citizens, and tried to betray the city of Astoria for ten thousand dollars. Mayor Kinney can "explain," and can pile untruth on untruth in his effort to shake off this shameful fact. But, as long as men have principles of honor and common sense, he can never rid himself and his name of so contemptible, so pitiful, and so deplorable an action.

Voters will do well to study carefully for a few minutes at least the new law under which Astoria will hold her city election next Wednesday. Heretofore at elections in this city it has been law and custom to scratch off or draw a pencil mark through the names of all the candidates for whom the voter did not wish to vote. The new law which is now in effect requires that the voter shall make a cross or something similar in front of the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote. The designating cross must be made to the left of the name of the candidate voted for, between the number and the name.

In face of the loud protestations of Mr. Curtis and Mr. Osborn that they don't know one another and have no combination of any kind, they might have the decency to find some other place for their secret conferences than in front of the Astorian office. On Sunday night their heads were glued together for an hour beneath our bulletin board. Then they moved along a few steps and stood in the doorway of an undertaker's establishment. They might have gone in while they were so close and arranged for their political funerals.

There is a candidate of the Citizens' party, a perpetual office seeker, who is after the position of surveyor. If Mr. Harry tried to write about what he didn't know of his profession he would not have time for politics. Besides, people that are accustomed to drawing two different profiles of the same street may be expected draughtsmen, but are rather unavailable for municipal purposes.

Tomorrow night, when the votes are counted, Astoria will have proved to the state of Oregon that her decent citizens are in the majority, that henceforth their city is to be governed by business men on business principles, and that we have begun a new era—a era of cleanliness and decency in public life.

Dr. Alfred S. Kinney has run out of explanations. He has been "explaining" ever since 7 o'clock Sunday morning and has no new material to draw on. He is now prepared to pay \$250 apiece for any new explanations that might be forwarded to him for use.

If Mr. Osborn is a wise man he will apply that \$900 to completing his new house, and not to pay out for votes which he will never get. In the house he will have something substantial to show for the money, but ballots are mighty uncertain things.

When Dr. Kinney tried to perform that \$10,000 operation on J. C. Stanton he evidently thought he had the old gentleman from New York under the influence of either. But he hadn't.

Mayor Kinney shaved his upper lip for action when he saw Sunday's Astorian. But that letter was like Astoria's rain. You can't explain it away.

The Republican candidate for city attorney is about to publish a new book, "What I Know About Forgeries on Liquor License Petitions."

Those politicians who are blackguardly in the Astorian seem to forget one thing. The Astorian is not a candidate for office. They are.

No wonder George Gould wouldn't come. He didn't want to run up against anything like that letter.

The E. Curtis Osborn combination. Watch it.

Oh, Alfred! Alfred! how could you do it?

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

A FALL.

(Detroit Tribune.)

The sun shone warmly.

"Oh, Li take a fall out of you," he exclaimed, addressing the month of October, November and the first few days of December.

A first-class carpenter in Geneva receives from \$3.00 to \$5 per week for steady employment.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The Rev. Robert Collyer, while at the breakfast table of one of his friends in the country near Boston, was asked by one of the family: "Mr. Collyer, do you enjoy as good an appetite as you have in years past?" To which he replied: "Oh, dear young lady, if I lose the appetite I have I hope to see man will die."

THE RAIN COACH.

Some little drops of water.

Whose horns was in the sea.

To receive upon journals to be.

Once happened to agree.

A cloud they had for a carriage.

And over land and country.

They rode awhile at ease.

But all they were so many.

At last the carriage broke.

And to the ground came tumbling.

Those frightened little folk.

And through the moss and grasses.

They were compelled to roam.

Until a brooklet found them.

And carried them all home.

—Northwestern Journal of Education.

Fles of people have piles, but DeWitt's

Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. When promptly applied it cures scales and turns without the slightest pain. Chas. Rogers' drug store.

Unskilled laborers in the Swiss iron works consider themselves fortunate if they make 25 cents a day. Skilled workmen receive from 75 cents to \$1, according to dexterity and length of employment.

THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

Mr. G. Callouette, druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store, I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it. Get a free trial at Chas. Rogers' drug store."

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General Machinists and Boiler Makers

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Short Notice.

John Fox, President and Superintendent

A. L. Fox, Vice President

O. B. Frazer, Secretary

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of December, 1896, a general election will be held in the city of Astoria, Oregon, by the city officers, namely:

MAYOR.

TREASURER.

AUDITOR AND POLICE JUDGE.

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

HARBOR MASTER.

SURVEYOR.

ONE POLICE COMMISSIONER.

ONE COUNCILMAN FROM EACH WARD.

There is hereby set off and established for the purpose of the general city election, to be held on the said

11th day of DECEMBER, 1896.

The following election precincts, to-wit:

WARD NUMBERED ONE.

PRECINCT NUMBERED ONE, shall embrace all of the City of Astoria lying west of Seventh street, as laid out and recorded by J. McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney, and as laid out and recorded by Hunter and Aiken.

PRECINCT NUMBERED TWO, all of the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively from the south line of Grand avenue to the north line of Irving avenue, so that a grade of said portion of said street, when re-established will be at heights above the base of grades for said city as established by Ordinance No. 71, to-wit:

At the crossing of said 17th street with the south line of Irving avenue, 12 feet.

At the crossing of said 17th street with the north line of Irving avenue, 12 feet.

Said portion of said street to be on a straight or even slope between said designated points.

At any time within ten days from the final publication of this notice, to-wit: within ten days from the 21st day of December, 1896, remonstrance can be made against said proposed alteration of grade and if within said time a written remonstrance against the same shall be made and filed with the Auditor and Police Judge by the owners of three-fourths of the property adjacent to said portion of said street, such proposed alteration of grade shall not be made in any event.

By order of the Common Council.

(Attest) K. OSBURN,

Auditor and Police Judge, Astoria, Oregon, December 5th, 1896.

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE COUNCIL TO RE-ESTABLISH THE GRADE OF 17TH STREET.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, have determined and intend to re-establish the grade on 17th street, in that part of the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively from the south line of Grand avenue to the north line of Irving avenue, so that a grade of said portion of said street, when re-established will be at heights above the base of grades for said city as established by Ordinance No. 71, to-wit:

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NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE COUNCIL TO RE-ESTABLISH THE GRADE OF COMMERCIAL STREET.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, have determined and intend to re-establish the grade on Commercial street, in Adair's Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, from the west line of 25th street to the east line of 5th street, so that a grade of said portion of said street when re-established will be at heights above the base of grades for said city as established by Ordinance No. 71, to-wit:

At the intersection of said Commercial street with 25th street, 22.5 feet.

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