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ASTORIA HAS AN OPPORTUNITY

Now is the Time to Arrange Permanent Street Grades for a Large City.

HOW INVESTORS SEE MATTERS

City's Ready a Simple One—Incorporate Under General Law—Capitalists Will Come to Columbia, but Haven't May Get the Best of It.

Every business man is familiar with the great insurance and trust companies of the East, and their methods of making investments. The New England Life Insurance Company, the Massachusetts Life, the New York Life, the New York Mutual, the Equitable Trust Company, the Fidelity, and the Philadelphia Trust Company, of Philadelphia, are household words. These great corporations have in their possession the savings of millions of workmen and the estates of deceased people which they manage in trust, besides the deposits made for safe keeping, and the funds received from premiums on insurance policies, which some day must be paid out when their policy matures. These companies act as executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, receivers, or committees in the handling of all sorts of trust funds and the execution of wills and the administration of estates. From the very nature of their business, they are invested in many earning securities which are absolutely safe. To this end these companies have in their possession a large force of high-salaried officials, legal advisers and special agents who devote their entire time to these special departments and not only add to the benefit of their own living enterprises, but they utilize the experience for ages past in the same line of business conducted by European institutions.

FOUR INVESTMENTS

Twenty years ago the eastern trust and insurance companies invested their funds, both in real estate and in securities, in railway stocks and bonds. The building of the great steel highways across the continent, the profitable earnings made by these transportation companies when their lines were good and when railroads were permitted to make a profit, found the field a safe and paying one. But of recent years the high-salaried officials, legal advisers and special agents who devote their entire time to these special departments and not only add to the benefit of their own living enterprises, but they utilize the experience for ages past in the same line of business conducted by European institutions.

PRESENT METHODS

Consequently, and in keeping with the great trusts placed in them by myriads of people, insurance companies and trust institutions, in seeking for other and safer fields for investment at home, have within the past few years been placing large sums of money into realty. Even a cursory investigation made in the principal cities of the middle west and the Pacific slope will evidence this fact to the most skeptical. In Kansas City, a twelve-story, brown-stone front business block in the heart of the city, belongs to the New York Life Insurance Company. In Omaha a similar structure, erected about the same time on Harney street, is a monument to the foresight and business judgment of the officers of that same insurance company. In St. Paul that company also owns one of the magnificent modern office palaces. The New England Life Insurance Company owns several similar structures in Missouri river cities. Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma, are largely built upon capital furnished by these great trust companies. In Portland, Oregon, they have large sums invested in beautiful business blocks. The magnificent Oregonian building and the Hamilton block, both built upon money loaned by these companies.

The business of insurance companies against companies is not a speculative one. The funds at their command are trust funds in the highest sense, representing in many cases the maintenance and living of the widow and the orphan. These funds must be invested in safe securities where they will bring only a fair interest upon the principal. Safety is the watchword of such and all. Before investing even a comparatively small amount in any community, the special agents and legal advisers of these companies first make a right examination not only as to the titles of property, but the climate, natural resources, general character and character of all these affairs are not found to be in first-class shape, or any laws, however slight appearing on the surface, are discovered which might depreciate the value of the securities upon which loans or investments are demanded, whatever the inducements of present gain, all such applications are declined with thanks.

Where the insurance and trust companies invest, others follow.

ASTORIA'S ATTRACTIONS.

Astoria is a city peculiarly situated. Peculiar, because of its unequalled situation commercially, the picturesque beauty of its surroundings, the unrivaled beauty of the great river ceaselessly flowing past its doors; peculiar because of the wonderful property lying in the near future for its citizens, and of its abundant resources, and of its local legislation. It might also be said to be peculiar because it is situated partly on land and partly on water. It has been rightly called the Venice of America.

Astoria, as has been frequently said, in these columns, is about to see the development of its great resources, and the bringing into use of the wonderful natural products of the territory surrounding it. But can she hope to ever become a city in the true sense of the word so long as some of the present methods of business obtain? What trust company or wealthy individual

would loan a dollar to be used in the erection of a ten-story business block in this city when he can obtain no assurance that a grade of a single street to the city would be maintained for five minutes after the completion of his building? There is no general plan or city ordinance establishing street grades in Astoria. Each street is separate and independent of its fellow. Without consideration yet the incorporation of one street to another or to the whole, the owners of property, from caprice or otherwise, can through the action of their courts, just as often as they raise or lower the grade of any street on which their property abuts, as it is to be supposed that the New York Life Insurance Company or the Fidelity, of Philadelphia would honor the application of a property owner in this city for money to improve that property, when such a condition exists.

UNION HOSE COMPANY.

Cart and Material Formally Turned Over Yesterday Afternoon.

The deep tones of the fire bell yesterday afternoon gathered a large crowd at the corner of Eleventh and Commercial streets. The cart and material were formally turned over to Union Hose Company No. 4 the cart and material—1000 feet of hose—apportioned by the common council.

There were about 1000 people present, and the members of the new company, about 20 strong, marched up from West Astoria, headed by the mayor, to the company was greeted at the Rescue Engine Company house by the city officials and many members of the other fire companies of the city, and the occasion was not soon to be forgotten.

Mayor Taylor, from the veranda of No. 7 engine house, addressed the members of the new company, briefly stating the object of the gathering, and sketching the history of the department from the time Astoria was a mere village till now, when Astoria has the honor of having the best volunteer department on the Pacific coast. The mayor set forth the reasons for the changes which are being made, the new water system having been completed.

City Attorney C. J. Curtis followed Mayor Taylor, and welcomed the new company into the department. After Mr. Curtis had concluded, five or six members of the Astoria fire department drew the cart forth from the engine house and presented it to the new company, Messrs. J. Kaak and Gus Stang, who are the marshals, formally receiving it. Then, the band playing gaily, the cart was hauled to its new home in West Astoria, where the stalwart members of Union Hose Company No. 4 will protect the property of that portion of the city.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Suggestions Made by the Wharves and Waterfrontage Body.

The following report was made to the council Wednesday by Messrs. Scherack and Bergman, composing the committee on wharves and waterfrontage. The communication from Columbia Harbor No. 22 was published in the Astorian some time ago.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Astoria: Gentlemen: We, your committee on wharves and waterfrontage, to whom was referred the communication from Columbia Harbor No. 22, A. A. of M. and P. of S. V., would respectfully report as follows: The wharves do not approach such serious results as set forth in the communication of Harbor No. 22, from the present contemplated improvements out to the harbor line, we recommend, nevertheless, that all driving of piles on the waterfront be done only under the supervision of your committee on wharves and waterfrontage, and with the understanding that all piling is to be removed by the owners thereof if found detrimental to the shipping interests of the harbor.

The former committee on wharves and waterfrontage of the council has recommended that the petition of Fisher Bros., filed April 14, 1896, be granted, which report was adopted by the council May 15, 1896. We would further recommend that the city attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance allowing them to drive the piling requested in the petition, under restrictions as above set forth.

A freight train of eight flats, bearing the remainder of the iron bridge to be erected over Young's Bay, on the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad, arrived in Portland yesterday over the Great Northern Railway. It will be remembered that the first section of this train consisting of nine cars, arrived about ten days ago. The total weight of the metal work brought in in the two trains, will aggregate 220 tons.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleansing the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitutions impaired by disease. Chas. Rogers.

MR. HILL'S DAY IN THE SENATE

New York Legislator Arraigned the Populists in a Merciless Manner for Their Lack of Principle.

BOND ISSUE INVESTIGATION

Was the Subject Under Discussion, and Hill Vigorously Defended Carlisle—Read a Letter Which Boomed Himself for President.

Washington, April 16.—The resolution for an investigation of the recent bond issues was taken up in the senate today, and Hill made a sensational and dramatic speech in opposition. The New York senator defended Secretary Carlisle and his administration of the treasury against the show insinuations of irregularity, and allowed the prevalence of charges of this character by presenting and reading in full the charges made by Senator Chandler against McKinley, that the levy of money was being made on protected industries in behalf of McKinley's candidacy for the presidency.

As further evidence of the prevalence of such charges, Mr. Hill spoke of the solar investigation, where he said one senator, referring to Quay, had frankly admitted that he had bought sugar stock and had a right to buy it, and today that senator was a favorite son of a leading Republican state as a candidate for the presidency. In the course of his speech Hill disclaimed that he had any intention to speak for the administration in opposition to this investigation.

The farmers of the senate—the senators from Kansas (Peffer); from Nebraska (Allen); and from South Carolina (Tillman)—these farmers had asserted that the farmers denied the authority to issue bonds. He insisted the senate should not go into the private affairs of bond holders and the public transactions were already known.

"What senator dare rise in his place," asked Hill, "to defend the slander that the secretary of the treasury or some of his subordinates have received compensation, some reward? There is no answer to this question, contemptible insinuation, not a direct charge."

Hill arraigned the Populist senators in scathing terms. He described them as "Tailors of Toole Street," who got together and solemnly said, "We, the people of England." He characterized them as "deserters" from the old parties "who had pooled their resources, had they had offered their votes for sale, or rather, for exchange, on the tariff question when it came here. They are men of no fixed ideas, said he. They are advocates of disorder and scandal. The Populist party thrives on scandal. Their main purpose is to throw mud at the Democratic and Republican parties. He said, "It has come," declared Hill, "for the old parties to make a common cause against these men."

RECIPROCITY PLAN.

Washington, April 16.—In response to an invitation, Hon. Edward Farver, one of the leaders of the Liberal party in Canada, has submitted to the house committee on ways and means on reciprocity, a long statement, giving the Liberal view of the reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Canada. Touching the treaty negotiated by Blaine in 1890, to bring about reciprocity between the United States and Newfoundland, which was pigeon-holed by Lord Salisbury, he alleges, because of the jealousy of dominion authorities, Farver holds that it is controllable, principles upon which the treaty might now be framed that would be acceptable to the Liberals in Canada, seeking, as they do, to secure the commercial independence of the dominion, and the necessity of consulting England in treaty making, and of hampering the requirement of conceding to England the best terms offered to any foreign country.

CUBAN INTERVENTION.

Rumor of Decisive Action on Cleveland's Part Soon.

Washington, April 16.—It now transpires that since the senate resolutions have reached the White House, Mr. Cleveland and his secretary of state, Mr. Olney, have had several very earnest and protracted conferences. It is alleged that the omission of last week's cabinet meeting was not due to the fact that the president's children had been attacked by the measles, but because Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney wanted to spend the day in the preparation of some important paper, presumably with regard to Cuba. The general gossip is now to the effect that the president and his secretary of state have finally decided upon a policy with regard to Cuba, but that it is not likely to be put in force for some time yet, or at least until more definite information is secured from Cuba. It is reported that the president, through his secretary of state, has addressed a communication to the Spanish minister, expressing a desire that there be a speedy termination of hostilities in Cuba, on terms that will be honorable to all parties concerned. No absolute confirmation can be had of this rumor, which goes still further and states that the president has offered to mediate between the two parties, and hopes to effect a settlement by instituting certain political reforms in Cuba, which will relieve that island largely of the oppressive taxation to which Spain has subjected it, and

which will make the Cubans, while still subject to Spain, enjoy the benefits of local self-government. It is further stated that if these propositions be rejected, then the president will go even further than the course indicated in the senate resolutions, and will intervene in the affairs of the islands with arms if necessary, in order to put an end to the war. As has already been stated in previous Washington dispatches, the members of the foreign affairs committee of the house have received information that leads many of them to believe that this radical course will be adopted if the beginning of the rainy season does not see a settlement of the disturbances in the island.

HEY, THERE! PLAY BALL!

Opening Games of the Season Witnessed by Enormous Crowds.

Cincinnati, April 16.—Gray's error and Rhine's weakness in the fifth and seventh innings lost the game for Cincinnati today. The attendance was 14,000. Score—Cincinnati, 1; Pittsburgh, 2.

AT LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, April 16.—The largest crowd ever at League Park saw Chicago down the home team in a brilliantly played game today. The attendance was 10,000. Score—Louisville, 2; Chicago, 4.

LEGISLATORS SAW THE GAME.

Washington, April 16.—A quorum of either house probably might have been obtained with more readiness at the National Baseball Park today than at the capitol. Many others in official circles were present. The attendance was 5,000. Score—Washington, 6; New York, 1.

AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, April 16.—Fifteen thousand people passed through the stiles at Sportsmen's Park today to witness the opening game of the National League season. This was the largest crowd that ever attended an opening game here. The score was: St. Louis, 5; Cleveland, 2.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, April 16.—Over 23,000 people were on the grounds when the game began, and the crush outside was so great that the doors had to be closed and locked, and thousands turned away. The score was: Boston, 7; Philadelphia, 1.

AT BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, April 16.—The season was opened here today before a crowd of about 11,000 people. Score—Baltimore, 5; Brooklyn, 4.

AN EXCELLENT SHOWING.

England's Finances Are in a Splendid Condition, According to Report.

London, April 16.—In the house of commons today Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Michael Hicks-Beach made a budget statement. He said that the surplus for 1895-96 was £120,000, and he estimated the expenditure for the current year at £100,467,000. The chancellor of the exchequer said that this had been a wonderful year and one of unexampled revenue, in the course of the fact that the expenditure had been the largest since the great war. The surplus was the largest ever known, and a larger sum was devoted to the reduction of the national debt than ever before known.

The condition of the working classes, he continued, judging from the consumption of tea, tobacco and sugar, had materially improved, and it was a remarkable fact that, while the decrease in exports of tea, tobacco and sugar for the second half year amounted to £23,200,000, tea, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach remarked, was driving coffee out of the market.

POPE LEO ON ARBITRATION.

He Addresses the London Daily Chronicle on the Subject.

London, April 16.—The pope, through Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, has addressed to the Daily Chronicle a letter, of which the following is a translation: "Among the most precious gifts the Holy Father bestows upon the world was that of peace, and no better desire can exist than that peace should reign on earth. Justly, therefore, the sovereign pontiff, as vicar of the eternal Prince of Peace, desires and co-operates with every effort toward the maintenance of concord and a union of hearts among the nations. On this account his holiness, being informed by me of the earnestness with which you are promoting the institution of a permanent tribunal for the purpose of declining international controversies and safeguarding the people from the perils of war, cannot but show his satisfaction and express the wish that God will happily crown your unceasingly efforts with success. (Signed) "RAMPOLLA."

THE DEPOT SITE.

The Committee of Ten Worked Hard Yesterday, Achieving Some Results.

The special committee having in charge the raising of the fund for the completion of the Sow Bay depot site, put in a hard day's work yesterday, and report that they were able to accomplish almost enough to guarantee the success of the movement within the next few days. Collections were made of subscriptions already given, and the chairman of the committee is confident that the balance of the amount needed will be subscribed within a day or two.

Mr. Hammond is still in Portland, but just when he will come to Astoria is not known. Whenever the committee succeeds in finally closing affairs, and has the money in hand, Mr. Hammond will no doubt be in Astoria and make arrangements for pushing active work on the depot.

MILITARY ACTIVITY AT MALTA.

Paris, April 16.—Le Journal says that the English are erecting barracks at Malta capable of accommodating 30,000 men. This increase of capacity, the paper says, is being made in anticipation of events in the Mediterranean affecting English interests.

HE IS AGAINST FREE COINAGE

McKercher, Prohibitionist Candidate for Congress in Second District, Declares Himself.

HE WILL NOT BE ELECTED

Says a Man is a Fool to Expect to Be Successful on the Prohibitionist Ticket—Is a Dye-in-the-Wool Republican—For Tariff.

Portland, April 16.—F. McKercher, the Prohibition candidate for congress in the Second District, today consented to give his views on the political issues of the day. He said: "I am a dyed-in-the-wool Republican, and a Prohibitionist from religious principle. I am a sound money man, and do not believe in the free coinage of silver, at 16 to 1, without an international agreement. The free coinage of silver on that basis would, I think, at once carry us to a single silver standard. We are now, it seems to me, using as much silver as we can and yet maintaining its parity with gold. I wish to be understood, though as favoring the use of both metals.

"On the tariff question, I stand for a high protective tariff as opposed to free trade. I am a politician from religious convictions, with radical Republican antecedents, and I have not the slightest idea of going to congress. I accepted the nomination to please my friends, but I think a man would be a fool in these days to accept the Prohibition nomination with the expectation of being elected."

PORTLAND DEMOCRATS.

Pennyfer Heads the City Ticket for the Office of Mayor.

Portland, April 16.—The Democrats today nominated full city and county tickets, with ex-Governor Pennyfer as the head of the ticket for mayor. Gov. Pennyfer is now the candidate of the Democrats, Populists and Taxpayers' League, while there are two Republican candidates in the field for mayor, W. S. Matis and D. Solis Cohen. The following nominations were made: Senators—R. D. Inman, C. E. S. Wood, Paul Westinger, S. E. Ripgen. Representatives—Chas. E. Ladd, R. C. Johnson, A. E. Reames, J. W. Shattuck, R. S. Holmes, C. H. Bauer, F. A. Watts, A. Donnerberg, A. F. Plesglo. Municipal judge, Alexander Serock; auditor, V. K. Strode; assessor, G. W. Holcomb; surveyor, F. L. Gilliam; superintendent of streets, John McQuinn; treasurer, N. J. Bergman.

THAT YOUTHFUL CRIMINAL.

Eugene, Or., April 16.—The preliminary examination of Oral Foidzaker, the 15-year-old boy charged with attempting to poison the Smith family, near Harrisburg, commenced today. The case proved to be somewhat complicated and is exciting great public interest.

McMINNVILLE FUSIONIST.

McMinnville, Or., April 16.—Preliminary for the union ticket to be nominated Saturday were held today and full delegations elected to the Democratic convention from Men grown gray in the service of the old parties attended. Free silver was the rallying cry.

ALLI FORNINIST SILVER.

Maine, New Jersey and Kentucky Republicans So Declare.

Special to the Astorian. Portland, Me., April 16.—The Republican state convention today endorsed Thomas B. Reed for president, and declared against the free and unlimited coinage of silver, except by international agreement.

IN NEW JERSEY.

Trenton, N. J., April 16.—The Republicans today in convention declared against the free and unlimited coinage of silver, the delegates being almost unanimous in the declaration.

IN KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., April 16.—The Republican state convention today declared against the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

NEW JERSEY REPUBLICANS.

Strongly in Favor of Garrett A. Hobart for the Vice-Presidency.

Trenton, N. J., April 16.—The Republicans of New Jersey, in convention this afternoon, elected national delegates. The delegates were not instructed regarding the presidential nomination, but the platform contained a strong recommendation of Garrett A. Hobart as an available man for the vice-presidency. Some friends of Mr. Hobart, led by Congressman McKewen, endeavored to secure the adoption of a specific endorsement of McKinley, but the leaders regarded such hampering as impolitic and the proposition was ruled out of order.

HE STAYED EIGHT ROUNDS.

Choynski Fightfully Punished Sharkey, but the Latter Won.

San Francisco, April 16.—Tom Sharkey managed to last eight rounds with Choynski, and was given the decision. He was fightfully punished by Choynski. In the first round Sharkey fouled Joe and the police stopped the fight for twenty minutes. At the end of that time Choynski went on with the contest.

President Cleveland shook hands with 1,200 people at his last reception.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder. ABSOLUTELY PURE