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CITY WARRANTS AND TAX LEVY

One Large Buyer Prefers to Await the Next Tax Levy.

IS ENTIRELY A LOCAL ISSUE

General Business Throughout the Country on a Sound Basis and the Tide of Fortune Turned.

That the condition of the times has nothing to do with local depression is well illustrated by the state of affairs in Astoria today. Complaints were made yesterday that the local banks had ceased buying city warrants, and that the employees of the different departments must go without their money for perhaps another month. Investigation made by an Astorian representative revealed the fact that one bank which in the past has been a large purchaser of Astoria warrants is out of the market for the time being, but that another bank is in the market. The first bank says that it has a large number of warrants on hand, and now prefers to await the results of the levy to be made for city taxes next month. It was found that the four-mill levy made last year was insufficient to meet all the requirements for the city government and other necessities, and it was estimated that an eight-mill levy will have to be made this coming January to make up the deficiency and meet the current expenses next year.

Just before the recent election county warrants were selling for 35 cents. Today they are selling for 95%. The levy for county taxes having been always kept at a proper figure. There was a time not long ago when city warrants were selling at a better price than county warrants, but today it is different. The issue is an entirely local one, and the matter rests entirely in the hands of the city council. The present council found the city badly in debt, and is not to blame for the present state of affairs but it certainly will be blamed if matters are not remedied. The general state of business throughout the country is well illustrated by the following short editorial in the last issue of the Bankers' Magazine: "Now that McKinley is elected and the gold standard established, the first great step toward re-establishing the finances of the country and restoring prosperity to the business community, has been taken. Confidence in the future intentions of the citizens and government of the United States has been restored. The result of the election is an overwhelming victory for the gold standard, for the preservation of the nation credit and in favor of a just and honest payment of public and private obligations. The result makes it entirely clear that the American people resent the idea of repudiation in whatever form it may be proposed. In addition it is a stern and emphatic rebuke to the companions of the repudiationists, the inciters of sectionalism, and the preachers of class hatred. It means that the unity of the country is to be preserved, and that the threat to debase the highest judicial tribunal of the land in the interest of rioters is not to succeed. Finally, it is a splendid vindication of the good sense of the American people and the soundness of public opinion upon questions of vital concern."

"The figures of the bureau of statistics show that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, the exports of American manufactures have amounted to \$228,489,893, and it is estimated from the returns received during July and August, 1896, that there will be still greater exportations during the present fiscal year, perhaps amounting to \$250,000,000. This is largely due to the great cut in prices and business depression in America. But whatever the reason, the reduction of stocks on hand must be very great on account of these foreign purchases. These stocks must be renewed, and with the re-commencement of active manufacturing operations, commerce and agriculture will experience a new impulse. The exportation of grain has also been stimulated by foreign demand to such an extent that prices will probably continue to rise."

A NEW ENTERPRISE. Cold Storage Plant Which Will Enhance the Shipping Business of Astoria. As an adjunct to the fishing business of Astoria a cold storage plant will be a necessity in the near future. It cannot fail to be a profitable investment if conducted on business principles. Perhaps few in the city are aware that today there are being conducted in Kalama, at a profit, two cold storage houses, one across the river at Gobha, besides several in Portland. The magnitude of the fresh fish business in Seattle is well known to every Astorian. At Kalama Mr. Trecoot operates his cold storage house by direct freezing process through the means of ammonia. The fish are first dipped in water and then slightly frozen, the water thus covering all the pores in the fish. The fish are then wrapped in paper, again bound about by cloth, and several more layers of paper and cloth perfectly pre-

CANNOT ASTORIA HAVE A MARKET

Other Coast Cities Now Establishing New Market Places.

MERCHANTS FAVOR SCHEME

Business Demands It, and Large Profits to the City Will Result—Time for the Council to Act.

Cannot Astoria have a general market place where Clatsop county farmers can freely offer their wares for sale, if the question being daily asked by merchants, housekeepers, citizens and farmers. The benefits to be derived from such a market place in Astoria have been fully dwelt upon in these columns. It is conceded by all that the establishment of such a market means dollars in the pockets of the farmers, citizens and the storekeepers. When a thousand people in the vicinity of Cathlamet and neighboring points as well as a large number of people in Pacific county, Washington, openly come out and urge the founding of a market in Astoria, and pledge their trade and support even the most skeptical must be convinced that there is something in it. It has been alleged by doubting Thomases in Astoria that the idea is old-fashioned, impracticable, and that a market cannot possibly benefit anyone in this community. The facts, however, are just to the contrary. Look at Seattle on the north of us. A few days ago in the face of considerable opposition, the council of that city passed an ordinance, and the mayor signed it, establishing a free market place. The question was recognized as an important factor in the community, and it is anticipated that the new market will add largely to the commerce of the city and benefit both producers and consumers. The daily Journal of Commerce, of San Francisco, under date of November 25, says: "Last night the beautiful new Union Square Market was opened to the public. In the center of the market on a raised platform, surrounded by palms and ferns, was the Park band, which rendered an excellent program. The market itself was beautifully and gracefully decorated with tropical and semi-tropical plants, while in all parts of the building the national colors greeted the eye and helped to enhance the display of California products with which the various stalls were stocked. Thousands of people took advantage of the management's liberal gifts of pretty souvenirs, and as they fitted in and about the handsome building under a glare of hundreds of electric lights, the scene presented gave the place a look as if a vast fair was in progress. The markets of San Francisco have long been a source of pride to the residents of this city and show places that have called forth the wonder and praise of visitors from afar. Almost anything and everything eatable can be found on the stalls in the proper season from the fruits of the earth, the birds of the air and the fishes of the sea, and the sea-wonders can be seen as strawberries at Christmas and oysters in July, and these extremes seem almost wonderful to visitors from the Eastern seaboard and the middle west." The possibilities to be accomplished by a general market place in Astoria are almost unlimited. The merchants favor it and the people demand it. When seen yesterday Messrs. Foard & Stokes, Ross, Higgins & Co., Webfoot Commission Co., and other prominent dealers, were unanimous in their opinion that Astoria must have a market. How can the market be secured, was the question asked by one interested gentleman. It would seem that the only possible way to establish a market is to adopt the plan pursued by Seattle—pass a city ordinance establishing a free market. The plan is a simple one, and the expense almost nothing compared with the immense benefits to be derived from it. It is not time for the Astoria city council to take in hand this measure which concerns every man, woman and child in the city as well as the farmers in Clatsop county and their brothers on the north side of the river? If they are waiting for a leader, doubtless one of the new councilmen who will take his seat under Republican auspices in a short time, will supply the bill if the matter is still in abeyance when he is qualified.

SHARKEY CONFIDENT.

San Francisco, December 1.—The interest in the fight between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey is increasing and the Mechanics' Pavilion will probably be crowded to witness the ten round contest. Sharkey is still confident of the decision, although the betting is all against him. The most favorable betting for him today is even money that he will not last six rounds. Wagers on the entire ten rounds are about three to one in favor of Fitzsimmons. When Fitzsimmons puts on the gloves he will weigh close to 175 pounds, and Sharkey will scale about the same figure. No referee has been agreed upon and if none is chosen by noon tomorrow, the National Club will select a referee without regard to the wishes of the contestants.

DEFEW DISGUSTED.

New York, December 1.—Chauncey M. Depew says he is astounded that so little interest is taken in the Armenian distress by the people of this city. He went this afternoon to Hoyt's Theatre where he was to preside at the sale of boxes for an entertainment to be given December 19 in aid of the destitute Armenians and found just thirteen people in the hall, most of whom were Armenians. It was then decided to postpone the advance sale of seats indefinitely.

THE NEW LIGHTSHIP.

Washington, D. C., December 1.—Admiral Walker has gone to Portland, Or., to arrange for the completion of Lightship No. 27, which was under construction by John E. Steffen, of Portland, at the time of his failure. Upon his investigation will depend the settlement of the question whether the vessel shall be completed by the bondsmen or the government.

HANNA AND MCKINLEY.

Cleveland, December 1.—Hon. M. A. Hanna and his wife went to Canton this morning and returned this evening. The day was quietly spent by Major McKinley and Mr. Hanna in conference.

Can Clatsop Produce PORK Sunday's Astorian contains a very interesting article on the above proposition. It depends on the number of hogs in the county; climatic conditions are favorable, but strange to say the people here are not hogish; they can-can salmon but we are not Chicagoed sufficiently to can pork. If we were hogish we would certainly not sell our underwear overcoats, mackintoshes, etc., at such liberal reductions and give Xmas presents and a dance to our customers besides. No, Clatsop can produce twins and other fish, but is not inclined to be porkish. HERMAN WISE The Reliable Clothier

MANCHESTER CANAL

Great Benefit to the Interior English Towns and Cities.

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The advance tariff sheets of the Manchester English ship canal, just received at the Astorian office give some slight idea of the immense benefit to the English nation of the building of this great canal. A careful study of the rate sheets shows that on all classes of freight destined to interior points in England, there is an absolute saving in money to shippers and consumers. Manager Marshall Stevens starts out under the best of auspices, and with the certainty of a large business. He is now arranging connections with all trans-Atlantic steamship lines and American railroads for the handling of through business from the United States to interior England. Special rates are made on cotton, wheat, machinery, oils, cheese and all classes of canned goods, which means among other things that Astoria canned salmon can reach the English market on much better terms than heretofore. If the building of this interior English canal at tremendous cost means so much to that nation and the other countries doing business with it, is it not apparent to every thinking man that the construction of the Nicaragua canal must mean to this nation millions of dollars where the Manchester canal returns thousands. A business man said yesterday that of all the great questions now before the American people, the one of prime importance to the masses, and the one which should be pushed through congress at the next session, is the Nicaragua canal bill. Astorians and Portland people of all other parts of the Pacific Coast are vitally interested in the Nicaragua canal bill, and should lead in the movement to secure its passage rather than follow others. Astoria has already selected its leader, and every business man here should see to it that A. B. Hammond takes up the cudgels in her interest for the Nicaragua bill. He is the man of all others who can push the matter to a successful issue, and he should be prevailed upon to lay aside personal interests for the good of the great republic.

WASHINGTON RECOVERING.

Mills Starting Up in South Bend.—Pacific County All Right.

Astoria was yesterday visited by Mayor Marion D. Egbert, of South Bend, Washington. Mayor Egbert was in the city on private business and left for Portland on the evening boat. He will return this way when through with his business in the metropolis. Mr. Egbert is now in his third term as mayor of South Bend, and has been particularly fortunate in the conduct of affairs of that growing city. When seen by an Astorian representative last night he said that South Bend people were glad that McKinley was elected, and that Pacific county was all right.

"Have you noticed any change in business in your city, Mr. Mayor, since the election?" "Since the recent election South Bend has felt a decided impulse for the better. Our two mills are now running on full time, and wages for the workmen have been increased. Harris's box factory has secured a large contract for tea boxes for the China trade, and every man in South Bend can secure work with wages at not less than \$1.50 per day. The fishing season was reasonably successful. The upper cannery put up about 10,000 cases, and I understand that McGowan packed double that number. Every branch of trade is successful and is doing a good business."

"While we regret that our state went for Bryan, we nevertheless feel that the state of Washington in general will be benefited by the Republican administration. We are at least banking on that theory. We expect two vessels in within the next few days to load lumber at the lower mill. That mill has orders ahead for six months, and is running day and night. A New York syndicate, which owns the upper mill, (and which is not now running) is buying up property in the vicinity, and in the spring will erect an immense plant. Yes, I think that Pacific county is all right, and we are going to trade with Astoria more than we have in the past."

ACCIDENT TO FITZSIMMONS.

From an incomplete telegram from San Francisco, received just as the wires went down last night, it appears that Pugilist Fitzsimmons met with some kind of an accident in San Francisco yesterday. The message indicates that Fitzsimmons became mixed up in a collision between a vehicle of some kind and a bicycle. Fitzsimmons apparently escaped uninjured, but the bicyclist was badly bruised, and two children badly hurt.

MARSHFIELD ELECTION.

Marshfield, Or., December 1.—The annual municipal election of the town of Marshfield was held today. The interest centered in the candidates for marshal and recorder. W. H. S. Hyde, who has served for town recorder for sixteen years, was re-elected, and W. F. Elrod was re-elected marshal. The following were the successful candidates for trustees: Thos. Howard, A. W. Neal, John Snyder, O. E. Smith.

Bulletins of the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight will be received tonight at Kopp's Beer Hall, Siefert & Wirkkala, proprietors.

COLORADO'S VOTE.

Denver, December 1.—The state board of canvassers today concluded the canvass of votes cast for the presidential electors. The Bryan and Sewall ticket received 158,870 votes; Bryan and Watson, 238; McKinley and Hobart 26,271.

Nearly all the retail liquor houses in the city are taking bulletins for the big Fitzsimmons-Sharkey fight in San Francisco tonight. Much interest is manifested in the result.

A NEW METHOD OF DEVELOPMENT

Clatsop Man Springs a New-Old Plan to Start Enterprises.

SURPASSES BOARDS OF TRADE

Promotion Company to Be Formed with the Sole Object of Helping Manufacturers.

Chadwell, November 30, 1896.—(Editor Astorian).—During the presidential campaign it was shown that payrolls, and not more coin, was the thing needed to make a prosperous community. Hammond said that was what was needed to build up Astoria. Where families can find work, so that they can live, there will families be; and they will want houses to live in, and lots to build on. They will not want houses or lots where they can not live. It is expected that the railroad will do much towards furnishing work; and so it will, and each family that is given steady employment will make work for others; but all that is only a beginning. A great many industries will come as a matter of course when the railroad is done; others will have to be helped to stand, at first, if they are to be started. How to help them is the question. Astorians can't be giving subsidies to every industry that is to be started, and I doubt if it would be wise to do it if it could. Anything that will not pay dividends after being well started, is not worth starting. If it will pay dividends it can be profitably started, and without any aid; the men that start it being gainers instead of losers, as by the subsidy plan. I will explain the method as well as I can, but that will be too poorly. The first thing to do is to form a company whose sole object is to promote industries. Each member of the company puts as much capital into the capital stock of the company as he feels able to do, and has a voice in the company according to his capital. They are then ready for business. Now, supposing a man comes to Astoria who wants to start some industry; we'll take, for example, the shoe business; the business consists as much in selling as in making them. The man wanting to start, if he is experienced, knows that he has to work up a trade, or in other words, create a demand for his goods, before returns will come in; so if his capital is limited, as it probably will be, he will feel diffident about starting in. This company of promoters make it a point to assist this kind of a man. The company becomes a partner in the business, and when the business is well under way and is known to be paying they sell out their share in it and have their capital to help start something else. The simple fact that the company of promoters stand ready to help a business is often sufficient to put it on its legs, without the advance of any capital. This plan of helping to start industries is not new, but has been a great success for the promoters, and all concerned for ages. By a plan like the foregoing more can be done in five years towards building up a city than fifty years will accomplish if things are left to the natural course of increase. The reason a company like this will accomplish what a board of trade, or a chamber of commerce can't, is because it has a selfish interest in its undertakings, while the objects of the former are mostly of an unselfish kind. Men will work harder for self and self's pocket than for the general welfare. D. F. S. TAFFORD.

ANOTHER SUICIDE.

Portland, Or., December 1.—William G. Hill, a well known printer and stationer, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. No motive is known for the deed, which was committed in a store in the Marquam building.

HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEAVENING POWER.—LATEST U. S. GOV'T REPORT.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE