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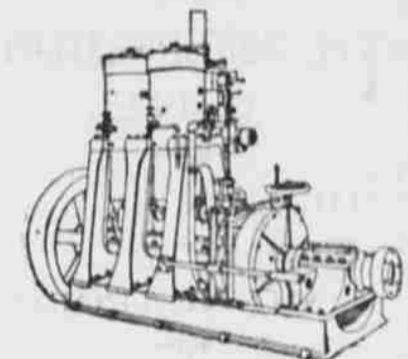
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A NEW SANITARY MEASURE OFFERED

Common Council Will Make It a Misdemeanor to Spit on the Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MATTERS

No Action Will Be Taken Till Next Meeting--Police Salaries Not to Be Reduced.

Last night's meeting of the common council was a very important one, several momentous measures being acted upon.

The fire department presented a petition asking that an allowance be made for rental of its apparatus, consisting of horses and harness, and also that the city supply lumber for a bell tower in West Astoria. Albert Hook and Lumber Company asked that the city settle its outstanding debts for fuel, etc., as the appropriation was not sufficient to run that department. Both petitions were referred to the fire and water committee.

The chamber of commerce presented a letter thanking the council for its action in reducing the running expenses of the city.

The police commissioner asked that the bond of the chief of police be reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The Astoria Firemen's Association gave notice that a piece of property had been secured for the bell tower of the West Astoria fire department.

The dispute with the county over road taxes collected in the city was settled by a compromise whereby the county is to pay to the city \$14,500 on 1896 collections 1895 taxes, and arrange with the sheriff to collect the 1896 taxes, amounting to \$5,280.97, for the city. Inasmuch as the county expended the greater part of the 1895 taxes collected in 1896 on roads within the limits of the city, it was deemed advisable to accept the compromise.

The report of the health and police committee on the ordinance to repeal the ordinance prohibiting animals from running at large, which recommended that the ordinance be not repealed, was adopted, although Welch made a strong and touching appeal for the poor widow whose only means of support was her cow. Cows must not run at large on certain streets.

Welch introduced an ordinance to fix the salary of the chief of police at \$70 and those of patrolmen at \$60. He moved to pass the ordinance under suspension of the rules, but Thompson and Steverton would not agree to this. An ordinance fixing the salary of the auditor and police judge at \$97.70 a month was read first and second times. This will reduce that officer's salary if it becomes a law.

Mr. Thompson introduced a measure fixing the salary of the chief of police at \$75 and those of patrolmen at \$75. It was read first and second times.

An ordinance reducing the salary of the surveyor from \$5 a day to \$4 a day, and those of his assistants at \$2.50, was introduced.

Then a fatherless spit ordinance was read. It was introduced by request. The ordinance provides that the act of expectorating on the streets or other thoroughfares shall be considered a misdemeanor, and that a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$10, or imprisonment for not more than five days, shall be imposed for every violation of the ordinance. It also provides that the police force shall see that the measure is not violated. After first and second readings, Welch moved to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its final passage. The motion did not prevail. Mr. Steverton voted no.

An ordinance for prohibiting public parades (not including funerals) on sidewalks, and fixing the fine for violation at not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment for not more than fifty days, was passed. Clinton, Reix, Trullinger and Thompson voting no. An ordinance limiting the pay of the workmen in the street department to \$2 a day was passed. Trullinger and Welch voting in the negative.

Thompson then moved a suspension of the rules for the passage of his ordinance fixing the salary of police officers. This measure also reduces the number of patrolmen by one. The vote on suspension was smooth until Welch's name, the last in order, was called. He hesitated for quite a while, and then voted against suspension. Having settled Mr. Thompson's measure for the night, at least, Welch then moved a suspension of the rules for the passage of his own ordinance, which was agreed to. Then a lengthy discussion took place on the merits and demerits of the bill. McGregor took the police commission to task for discharging the only republican on the force (Chief Loughery) and hinted at political dealings. Welch made a rather sensational speech for his measure. He would accept positions on the force for \$60 per month, and men who would not play cards in saloons, as he was told certain of the present force had done. He compared the citizens' administration to the present city government.

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HOW THE ROAD IS ADVANCING

Astoria & Columbia River Line Nearer Completion Than Is Supposed.

TWO-THIRDS OF THE GRADING

Is Now Finished and Ready for the Rails--Elevators to Be Built at Once.

More rapidly than the average Astorian knows, the millennium is coming. It is a fact that the railroad is to be completed, not only in 1897, but in time to handle the grain shipments this fall.

Mr. Glenn, one of the contractors, associated with Honeyman, De Hart & Co., while in the city yesterday, made a few positive statements, and gave some figures which are highly interesting to Astorians, and the Oregon public at large. There are very few people in this city, the railroad headquarters, who are aware of the extent of the work already done between this city and Goble on the railroad grade. Mr. Glenn says that sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 36, and 37 are all finished and ready for the piles and rails. This means that two-thirds of the mileage under contract by this firm has been completely graded, and that thirty-two out of the forty-eight miles above Tongue Point are ready for the laying of the steel roadway for the iron horse. Thus, it will be seen that the greater portion of the grading between Goble and the east end of the section built by Corey Bros. is now ready for the track-layers. There remains to be finished the sections containing the tunnels and heavy cuts. This is the hardest and most expensive work to be done on the line, but Mr. Glenn says that even with his present force of men he can complete this work by July or August. Orders have been issued, however, to so increase the force on March 1st as to insure the finishing of the work by June 1st. It is also noticeable that all the contracts let, while some of them originally read that the work should be completed by June 29, now call for the finishing of the work by June 1st. Two or three more contracts remain to be let for trussing and the remainder of the ties, for which bids have already been opened, and when those papers are signed the entire line will be under contract, except the rail-laying.

It is also stated that one or more elevators for the handling of grain will be constructed at once, and are to be finished simultaneously with the railroad, so that every facility will be offered, immediately upon the opening of the line, for the loading of grain vessels in Astoria. The elevators and collateral enterprises, shops, etc., necessary to the operation of the line, must be finished at the same time. Just when the elevators will be located, or where their construction will commence, is not known, but assurance is given that some fine morning, very soon, Astorians will awake and find a gang of men hard at work on the erection of these buildings.

Observers of events know that the railroad between Astoria and Seaside has practically been rebuilt, and together with the new line to Flavel and Astoria, with the new steel drawbridge across Young's bay, is in daily operation, that the road through the depot is ready for service, and the sidetracks and yards are now under construction, that the poles for the telegraph line, and the 75-pound steel rails for the road to Goble are piled up in the shop yards at Flavel; that 70,000 cross-ties have already been contracted for, and another 70,000 contract is being let.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC GENEROSITY.
San Francisco, February 19--The committee of the Indian relief fund announces that the privilege of free transportation for the food supplies with which to load the steamer provided by the United States government has been granted by the Southern Pacific for Pacific coast points, and for the donations from eastern contributors by the Central and Union Pacific railroads, in connection with the Rock Island, Burlington and Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads.

THE MARKETS.
San Francisco, February 19--Hops--9 and 16 for fair to choice, and 12 and 12 1/2 for fancy.
Liverpool, February 19--Wheat--Spot steady, demand moderate; No. 2 red spring, 4s 3d; No. 1 California, 6s 6d.
Portland, February 19--Wheat--Walla Walla, 7s and 80c; Valley, 81 and 82c.

NO CHARGE FOR BICYCLES.
San Francisco, February 19--The Southern Pacific company today ruled the legislative enactment regarding bicycles by directing that after tomorrow no charge shall be made for carrying bicycles. This order affects wheelmen in Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

TWENTY-SEVEN WERE UNSEATED

Benson House Has a Squabble and Then Passes the Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY

Senator Mitchell Writes a Letter--Gives Up the Fight--The House Did Not Adjourn Since Die.

Special to the Astorian.
Bacon, February 19--The Benson house tonight unseated twenty-seven members who refused to qualify. The house then adjourned until 11:30 Monday.

When the Benson house met this morning Crawford offered a resolution to declare vacant the seats of the twenty-seven members who had refused to qualify. After hours of discussion the resolution went over till 7:30 p. m., and the house adjourned to Thursday.

When the Benson house met at night Huntington, of Waco, moved an amendment to the original resolution by striking out that portion declaring vacant the seats of the absent members. This amendment took all the meat out of the resolution, and left a lot of where-ases which simply recited that the twenty-seven had failed to qualify, and provided that the governor be notified. After a heated discussion Crawford moved to adjourn till 11:30 Monday. Lost--Ayes, 8; nays, 18. Brown moved the previous question. Carried, 17 ayes and 9 nays. The Huntington amendment was lost by the following vote: Ayes--Conn, Crawford, David, Hope, Huntington, Mr. Speaker, 6; Nays--Bridges, Brown, Chapman, Gratke, Gurdane, Hogue, Jennings, Lake, Langell, Marsh, Merrill, Nossler, Palm, Rigby, Smith, Somers, Stanley, Thomas, Thompson, Veness, Wagner, 21. At this point Crawford and his followers made several motions to adjourn. In order to defer action on the main resolution. All motions were ruled out by Speaker Benson, who held that the house must first dispose of the previous question. The main resolution to unseat the members was then carried by the following vote: Yeas--Brown, Chapman, Gratke, Gurdane, Hogue, Jennings, Langell, Marsh, Merrill, Nossler, Rigby, Smith, Somers, Stanley, Thompson, Veness, 16; Nays--Bridges, Conn, Crawford, David, Hope, Huntington, Lake, Palm, Thomas, Wagner, Mr. Speaker, 11. Crawford voted against his own resolution because he said it was designed to be acted upon the last thing before final adjournment. He did not want it passed now. There were several motions to adjourn till tomorrow and Monday and a protracted squabble ensued. The house finally adjourned till 11:30 Monday--16 ayes, 11 nays.

In the senate this morning Selling moved that Adjournment be taken to Monday at 2:30 p. m. The vote was a tie on roll call and Carter changed from nay to yea, thus carrying the motion to adjourn until Monday by a vote of 16 to 14. The joint assembly met at noon, thirty-six being present. Adjournment was then taken till 10:30 p. m.

Special to the Astorian.
Salem, February 19--A letter from Senator Mitchell, addressed to Senator Hughes, chairman of the republican caucus, was read in the republican conference today, in which Senator Mitchell reviewed the facts of his subsequent refusal of the minority to qualify, and allowed the house to be organized, and closed by releasing his friends from further obligation. He says: "As I have repeatedly stated to each of you individually, during the last 20 days, I do not claim to control your judgment or assume any right to direct your votes. Therefore, whenever you see your way clear to choose a republican senator, other than myself, then you must not for one moment permit the fact of my candidacy, or my nomination to stand in the way. In other words, I am in your hands; you have made me your nominee--do with me as you please, and I will be content. Do your whole duty to the republican party, the state of Oregon, and the nation."

The joint convention met at 10:45 with thirty-six members present, and after a number of speeches, the convention adjourned until noon tomorrow.

THE CHRYSANTHEMUMS.
Foard & Stokes new hall was the scene of safety last evening, the occasion being the dance given to the Chrysanthemum Club. The society turned out in force, and handsome costumes were the rule. The grand march was led by Charles Stone and Miss Lemon. A large number of older people were present who enjoyed the evening as much as the young folks. The music was excellent and all had a good time.

The most unhealthy city in Europe is Barcelona, Spain. The number of deaths there at present exceeds the number of births.

THE NEW NAVY APPROPRIATIONS

Bill Carries \$3,000,000 More Than Current Year's Appropriations.

PUGET SOUND GETS A PLUM

Wharf for Naval Station, Marine Barracks and Parade Ground, and New Steam Tug.

Washington, D. C., February 19--The navy appropriation bill for the fiscal year has been practically completed by the house committee on naval affairs, and may be reported to the house by Chairman Boutelle tomorrow. The bill carries about \$3,000,000, which is about \$3,000,000 more than the appropriation for the current year. The committee decided to put in the new battleship recommended by the subcommittee. It is to cost, including hull, armor and machinery, not more than \$3,750,000.

The Puget Sound naval station gets \$60,000 for wharf, and \$10,000 for grading. The new appropriations for the marine barracks are the erection of building at Port Orchard, Wash., \$10,000; officers' quarters, \$5,000; and grading parade grounds, \$1,000. The appropriation for armor for vessels, authorized from 1890 to the present date, amounts to \$7,720,000, and for hulls, outfit and steam machinery, \$5,925,000. A new steam tug, to cost \$50,000, is provided for Puget Sound.

THE WEEK'S TRADE.
Encouraging Report Made by Dun & Co.--Steel Rail Market.
New York, February 19--R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: A large increase in the iron and steel business, on account of sales, covering eight to twelve months' production of largest works, a better demand for wooden goods and a slightly better demand for cotton; again, a better demand, which may prove lasting, in boots and shoes, slightly better prices for wheat, cotton, wool and iron, and a money market well adapted to encourage liberal purchases against future improvement in business, have rendered the past week more cheerful than any since early in November. The heavy excess of merchandise exports over imports in January, the continuance of exchange rates showing that Europe is still largely indebted to this country on current account, and the prospect that congress will adjourn without any disturbing action, all have their favorable influence on the money market and upon future undertakings. In nearly every branch the great iron and steel industry feels the upward impulse supplied by the purchases of steel rails, said to be half a million tons each from the Illinois Steel Co. and from the Carnegie Co., besides some from other companies, in part as low as \$15 per ton. About 100,000 have been sold to foreign purchasers at \$17 and \$18, but all recent sales have been made at \$20 at Eastern and \$21 at Western mills. Nearly all the great railroads of the country have seized the opportunity to supply themselves with rails for one or two years requirements.

The failures this week were \$93 in the United States against 280 last year and \$8 in Canada against 66 last year.

MR. ALLEN'S SLUCE BOX.
Mr. Editor--
In the name of a suffering community I demand to know how much longer the residents of the southwestern section of the city are to suffer the nuisance maintained for the benefit of A. V. Allen across the only highway accessible for teams destined to that section of the city? There certainly must be some more convenient way of accommodating Mr. Allen than to permit him to obstruct one of the city's main streets in the manner he is now doing. Not only is his ugly old sluice-box an obstacle to the use of the street by wagons, but it is a positive menace to the life and limb of a large number of women and children who are forced to travel this street each day. The drippings from the box have not only created a mud-puddle for a large distance on each side, but the small children and elderly persons who come along and dare not attempt to climb the slippery incline over the hideous trough, are compelled to make their way under the same, regardless of the showers of mud and water it sends down. I learn, too, that it is not enough that Mr. Allen is allowed to violate the city ordinance in this way, but he is making free use of water from our expensive water works to grade down and improve his fine lot, while we poor people have to pay a rate for the small quantity of water required to do our cooking, and keep us clean, which is almost prohibitive. Will you not take this up in your paper and compel Mr. Allen to abate his nuisance, or else make him pay for the vast

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SENATOR WOLCOTT VERY CONFIDENT

Thinks He Has Accomplished the Object of His Trip to Europe.

WAS AFTER THE GOLD MEN

Exact Objects of His Visit in the Interests of Bimetallism Cannot Yet Be Known.

Copyright, 1897, by Associated Press. London, February 19--Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who has been visiting London, Paris and Berlin, in the interests of bimetallism, returned here today from the latter city. In an interview he said: "I wish you to say to those interested in the United States that I return entirely encouraged with the result of my mission. I have good reason to believe that I will get some of the results hoped for. The objects for which I came over here have been largely misstated by the press of all countries, and their very nature made impossible any premature discussion which could only have thwarted the whole object of my trip. I am therefore unable to contradict them or issue a statement on the subject. I am satisfied to abide by the result where all will be known."

"I have everywhere been received with the utmost courtesy and kindness by officials and financiers. I have not seen many bimetallists, and could not give time to accept their hospitality, as to do so would be simply swarming round the circle and passing anew of resolutions which were passed for years. Gold men were those I was after, and I must say they received me with apparent desire to assist my plans so far as they could do so."

ANOTHER CABINET MEMBER.
Special to the Astorian.
Canton, February 19--This forenoon James A. Gary, who had been in consultation with the president-elect for several hours, gave the following statement to the Associated Press: "Governor McKinley has tendered me a portfolio in his cabinet, and while it is not yet definitely settled which one, I am assured it is one that I can accept."

James Albert Gary is a distinguished citizen of Maryland, and is about 63 years old. He has for many years been the head of the firm of James S. Gary & Son. In 1870 the republicans nominated him for congress in the fifth district, which was democratic at that time, and he was defeated. In 1879 the republicans nominated him for governor, but he was again failed for election, although he made a very active canvass. He has been a delegate to every national convention of his party since 1872, and from 1880 to 1896 he was represented Maryland upon the republican national committee.

THE NEW OFFICERS.
New York, February 19--The American Newspaper Publishers' Association, which has been in session for several days at the Hoffman house, held their annual election of officers today, the result being as follows: President, Charles W. Knapp, of the St. Louis Republic; vice-president, J. A. Butler, of the Buffalo News; secretary, W. C. Bryan, of the Brooklyn Times; treasurer, Herbert Gunnison, of the Brooklyn Eagle.

DISMISSED FROM ARMY.
Washington, February 19--The president has approved the sentence of the court martial in the case of First Lieutenant Frank Owen, Fourth Infantry, stationed on the Pacific coast, convicted of falsifying his accounts, and he will be dismissed from the army March 1.

EASILY SATISFIED.
London, February 19--Senator Wolcott returned today from the Continent. He says he is greatly encouraged over the result of his mission.



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