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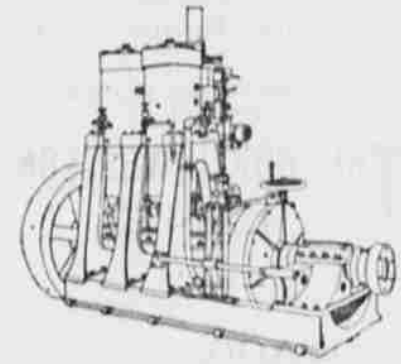
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RETRENCHMENT THE RIGHT THING

When Times Are Hard Curtail Expenses and Keep Down Taxes.

WHAT THEY THINK OF IT

City's Affairs Need the Same Care and Attention as One's Private Business Matters.

During the past two weeks there has been more or less criticism of the recent action of the city council in cutting down expenses and inaugurating a retrenchment in the conduct of the business of the city in keeping with the dull times and the means of the taxpayers with which to meet their taxes. There were those who believed in still more sweeping reductions being made; and there were others who questioned the motives of the councilmen and the necessity of the action, though admitting that the general dull times and largely increased bonded and floating indebtedness of the city within the past five years had made a corresponding increase in annual fixed charges to be met, to say nothing of the principal; again, there were still others who believed that caution should be used and that there is a limit even to retrenchment and economy, beyond which a municipality cannot go without taking a step backward and injuring its credit abroad. To learn the real sentiment of the taxpayers, an Astorian representative yesterday called upon a number of prominent citizens, and the views of some of them are given below:

J. Q. A. BOWLBY.

"The city council is on the right track in curtailing expenses. In matters of detail, as to what items should be cut out entirely and which reduced, I am not informed; but as to the general proposition, I agree with the members that the strictest economy should be practiced. It has been a necessity and adopted in private business for three years. If the same rule should not prevail in public affairs, so as to reduce taxes, still further retrenchment will have to be made in private business, wages of employees cut will more, and the numbers reduced, and employees go into bankruptcy. Legislation is not complete yet, and many are fortifying. Prolonged and increased burdens of taxation mean ruin to many who, under a wise and economic policy in all public affairs, may preserve their property and business."

CAPT. GEORGE FLAVEL.

"The city council and police commission are composed of good men who are trying to do the square thing with the city. I am satisfied. The present dull times justify economy."

JUDGE C. H. PAGE.

"I believe in economy, but not in parsimony and niggardliness. If the members of the present council do not suit the people they can elect others when the time comes. Taxes at present almost cripple all enterprises."

S. S. GORDON.

"We have to economize now because we lost so much money in the past. The burden of taxes is so heavy the people cannot stand it, as times are now. When there is an improvement we can make a change to correspond with increased necessities."

JV. L. ROBB.

"Retrenchment is the order of the day. The people should stand by the council, which is doing just the right thing as times are now, and as other cities are doing. When business is better we can safely increase expenses."

G. WINGATE.

"The members of the city council were elected to serve the people and if they can get the city work done for less than it has been costing, they should do so. There is no question of politics or sympathy in this matter--it is simply a business proposition. The councilmen should look after the business of the people with the same care and judgment that they would look after their own interests. But most men, when elected to office, forget the business interests of the people."

W. H. BARKER.

"I am not thoroughly familiar with the recent trend of affairs here, having been absent for some time, but I believe in economy and retrenchment these times. We have perhaps been a little too swift in the past and now must pull up a bit. All other cities are doing the same thing. Times will improve and then we can have all the streets, lights, etc., that we need."

FRANK STOKES.

"The council has good men in it who know their business. I don't know much about the details of the city's business and am willing to leave it to the men who were elected to look after it."

W. G. HOWELL.

"The councilmen should look after the business of the people the same as they would after their own. That is what they were put there for. I am satisfied with their course."

D. H. WELCH.

"The time has come to cut expenses.

Other cities are doing it. I consider that as times are now the council is only doing its duty.

THE TEACHERS

Visit Fort Stevens on a Special Trip of the Dwyer.

One of the pleasant features of the Teachers' Institute, now being held in this city, was the excursion to Fort Stevens and way points yesterday afternoon.

At 1:30 the steamer Dwyer left her dock with a comfortable crowd of about sixty teachers and their friends. The weather was exceptionally pleasant, and all enjoyed thoroughly the beautiful scenery of the lower river as the Washington shore stood out before their gaze, brightened as it was by the afternoon sun. Proceeding first to Fort Stevens, a pleasant two hours were passed in strolling around the fortifications, watching the busy cars and other machinery in the work of erecting the new stone fort, while others walked along the beach or rambled through the woods. At 4 o'clock the return trip was made, the boat stopping for a while at Flavel to allow the excursionists to visit the new and spacious hotel at that place. The new furniture and fixtures are all in place now, and with a little painting and other work to be done, this immense structure will be in readiness for the season.

To Professors Wright and Thornton and Superintendent Lyman, who had charge of the entire affair, are due the credit for the successful excursion. Among those in the party were State Superintendent Irwin, President Campbell of Eugene, and President Chapman of Monmouth, Misses Warren, Badollet, Powell, Fossitt, Young, Dealey, Josie Dealey, Garner, Andrews, McCue, Sayre, Nickerson, Nellie Nickerson, Wood, Hanson, Trenchard, Fox, De Yo, Anderson, Gray, Anemus, McCabe, Yoas, Lehey, Anstad, Gronnell, Blinn, Myrtle Blinn, Lammers, Freeman, Hamlin, Dickerson; Prof. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. K. Ross, Mrs. Chipman, Mrs. Crager, Messrs. Anderson, Thornton, Williams, Barnes, Benj. Young, McCormac, Shields, Clancy, Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Sloop, Rev. Mr. Marvotte, Supt. Lyman, and others.

HOME INDUSTRIES

Patronize Your Neighbors and They Will Help You in Turn.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of that spirit of patronizing home industries which has for some time agitated California, and is now so successfully in operation in many of its cities. It is that patriotism which has made many eastern and western cities the great marts of trade which they are. Astoria, Clatsop county and Oregon need first of all people--people who will put brains, muscle and money into the state and city. That city which has natural advantages to offer, and whose people show a willingness to do any and everything to develop them; who tell their friends at home and abroad what their home city or county is and is good for; who make reasonable inducements for the stranger to locate with them; who shout for their town in season and out, will not be long in getting into their midst all that is good, graceful--"brains, muscle and money."

In conversation with Mr. W. H. Barker, yesterday, who has just returned from a month's tour in California, that gentleman said to an Astorian representative that he found the business men of San Francisco much encouraged.

"Business is reviving there and good crops are expected everywhere in the state. The storm has nearly passed over. At Los Angeles I found that one of the secrets of the success of that city and the principal reason that it was the only city on the coast not affected by hard times, was that they believe in, and practice, the principles of 'Patronize Home Industries.' Everybody in the city was shouting for Los Angeles. You heard the story in the hotel lobbies, on the street, in the cars, at the theater, in church, on the house-top and in the cellars (wine cellars). Bootblacks, draymen, carriers, conductors, hackmen, waiters, business men, lawyers, bankers and real estate men all had something to say to the stranger about beautiful Los Angeles. When they write to their friends they always manage to put in a good word for their town, or inclose a small card or pamphlet descriptive of it. That is the sort of thing that makes a town go. That is what built Chicago, Spokane and Seattle after they had been swept off the face of the earth by fire. 'Let us do a little shouting for Astoria.'"

A CONTRACT SECURED.

A contract has been secured for the appearance in Astoria of Herr Carl Walther, the famous violinist, and Effie Elaine Hext, the eminent Shakespearean scholar and entertainer. This result is quite flattering for the Amusement company, which is limited to one hundred and four engagements, and they sail from San Francisco early in the spring for an Australian tour, which has already been announced in the papers of that country.

A list was circulated yesterday and there was 200 signers, who will get the benefit of reserved seat sale.

SUSPENSION DAYS HAVE ARRIVED

House Celebrates by Passing International Money Conference Bill.

PICTURES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Of Prize Fights Cannot Be Sent by Newspapers in the Mails, Was the Sensation of the Day.

Washington, February 26.--The last six days of the session are suspension days. All ordinary rules are suspended and bills can be passed and resolutions adopted by a two-thirds vote of the house. Today was the first of these six days and the house celebrated it by passing the senate international monetary conference bill. Despite the seeming divergence of views on the money question, the bill was passed, after a lively debate of two hours, by a vote of 279 to 2.

AGAINST THE FIGHT.

Preliminary newspaper reports of the coming Corbett-Pittsminns prizefight were brought to the attention of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today, by the Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, with a request for a speedy and radical action by the committee. Crafts is secretary of the National Reform League, and has been instrumental in securing congressional action against prizefighting and against lotteries. He presented to the committee the following:

Section 1--That no picture or description of prizefights or encounter of pugilists, under whatever name or proposal, or record of betting on the same, shall be transmitted in the mails of the United States, or by interstate commerce, whether in newspaper or other periodical, or telegram, or in any other form.

Section 2--That any person sending such matter, or knowingly receiving such matter for transmission by mail, or interstate commerce, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years at the discretion of the court, or by fine not exceeding \$1,000.

IN THE SENATE.

Washington, February 26.--After the dramatic Cuban debate in the senate yesterday the discussion today was comparatively spiritless. The galleries were packed, however, in expectation of interesting developments, but there were no incidents during the day that awakened more than passing interest.

The Indian appropriation bill was considered up to 1 p. m., when for four hours a general discussion on the Sangre de Cristo case, and of the pardon conferred by Frye said at the outset that the Sangre de Cristo case should be retired. Morgan asked the adoption of another resolution, calling for information as to the imprisonment of George Washington Aguirre. He also reviewed the Sangre de Cristo case, declaring that the action of the senate yesterday had warned Spain against collision with the United States, and had moved the queen to the unusual expedient of pardon by cable. The senator severely criticized the president and secretary of state for alleged inaction in this case.

FLAX GROWING.

The Question is Agitating All Parts of the State of Oregon.

Interest is rapidly growing in all parts of the state of Oregon in the culture of flax and the manufacture of linen threads and twine. Some highly interesting experiments will be made this season, the outcome of which will be most important to Astoria. The following two letters, which crossed each other in the mails, speak volumes:

Astoria, February 19, 1897.

Hon. H. B. Miller, Director of Experiment Station, Corvallis, Oregon:

Dear Sir--We are in receipt of your bulletin No. 43, for which we are much obliged. You undoubtedly know that we are trying to interest the farmers in this section in the growing of flax. We are agents of Robert Stewart & Sons, Lisburn, Ireland, manufacturers of linen threads and linen goods, who employ 2,000 hands.

Mr. F. J. Porter, head manager of this firm, while paying us an official visit last fall, remarked that he thought the Oregon climate very well adapted to the culture of flax. At this time we did not know of any experiment having been made in Oregon before. We suggested to him to send some seed and an extra experiment would be made. This Mr. Porter is also in a line of sailing vessels, which ply irregularly between Liverpool and Astoria, Oregon, and promised to send a supply of seed at the first opportunity, with instructions, etc. We have received the instruction blanks, but a very limited number, and are looking toward the coming of the seed, which is of necessity uncertain to arrive in time for sowing. Under any circumstances we shall be glad to furnish you with some, if you wish.

Should you have some seed on hand for distribution, we shall be very thankful for some, as in all probability we can make a more thorough experiment

in our country. Would also like about one dozen bulletin No. 43, flax culture, for distribution. We shall only be too glad to report to you whatever showing can be made next fall.

This particular branch of agriculture--flax growing--is of greater importance to the residents of our state than one imagines at first thought. Astoria alone is the trading center of about 125,000 pounds of flax twine yearly, which is used in salmon gill nets, besides the flax used in linens, shoe threads, etc., at an average price of \$1 per pound. Astoria's consumption alone would enrich our state \$125,000 yearly, if the flax could all be grown in regon.

This is no unimportant matter, especially when we consider that most of this money goes to European countries now.

We shall be very much obliged to receive your monthly bulletins, as, besides flax-growing, we are very much interested in the development of the dairy industry in this section.

Respectfully yours,

FOARD & STOKES CO.

Corvallis, Or., February 24, 1897.

Messrs. Foard & Stokes, Astoria, Oregon--Dear Sirs: Dr. Thornton of Westfordale, Wash., writes us that you are endeavoring to grow flax for fiber, or have seed which you expect to have tested in this way. We are going to experiment along this line this season, and would like very much to try the seed you have. If you will forward to us a sample of seed, one-half bushel, we will test it along beside other varieties, some ten or twelve, which we shall grow this season.

Yours Truly,

H. T. FRENCH,

Prof. Agr. State Agr. College.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Business Improving All Along the Lines of Trade.

New York, February 26.--R. G. Dun and Company's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

A genuine improvement in business does not come like the breaking of a great dam--with a rush. The business growth for some weeks has been encouraging, because in nearly all lines it has been gradual and moderate. The rupture of the steel rail and other combinations in the iron business has brought out a vast quantity of trade which had been held back, and has set many thousands of men at work, while the slow but steady gain in other industries has given employment to many thousands more, but the full effects will not appear until the increased purchases by all of these people swell the distribution of goods. Meanwhile it was a substantial ground for confidence that the months which were regarded by many with serious apprehensions have passed without disturbance and with a steady gain in the position of the country and of the treasury.

The breaking up of the bonds which have restricted many branches of the iron industry has been followed by an enormous increase in demand and in the orders looked, and by the starting of many works.

The failures for the week have been 236 in the United States against 258 last year and 50 in Canada against 58 last year.

BUTLER EXTRADITED.

San Francisco, February 26.--Frank Butler, alias Asbe, alias Newman, the Australian murderer, was this afternoon held for extradition, on the charge of murdering Captain Lee Weller and Arthur Preston, by Commissioner Hancock, before whom the extradition proceedings have been held. Butler's counsel did not resist the request for extradition made by the British government, but objected to the representations of Consul General Warburton, of Great Britain's diplomatic service, that Butler was fleeing from Australia when arrested. He maintained that Butler came here in the course of his ordinary vocation. The case will now go to Washington for review, and if commissioner's findings are approved, Butler will be sent to Australia on the next outgoing steamer.

THE MILLS HAVE STARTED.

New York, February 26.--Bradstreet's

tomorrow will say: The placing of orders for nearly 1,500,000 tons of steel rails within the past three weeks is the most important influence for improvement in general trade since the election. Contracts for steel rails taken since the break in price, together with the expenditures necessary to lay the rails, means the placing in circulation of no less than \$3,000,000. The consumption of Bessemer pig iron is in excess of the production and the wire mill mills are running full time. Many woolen mills in New England have started up. Manufacturers are buying in expectation of a duty being placed on raw wool.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Boise, Idaho, February 26.--The house of representatives today appointed a committee to investigate the charges made by Representative Jones that he was bribed to vote for Henry Hatfield for United States senator.

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EXTRA SESSION NOT TO BE CALLED

Governor Lord Says It Has Not Entered His Calculations Thus Far.

CRYING NEEDS OF THE STATE

Were Well Known, and to Call the Legislature Together for Some Time Would Be Useless.

Salem, Or., February 26.--Neither house had a quorum today, and adjournment was taken until tomorrow. Governor Lord was asked today whether he would call a special session of the legislature in the event of the failure of the house to secure an organization. He said:

"Your inquiry touches a point that I have not reached in my calculations. I have been anxious that the legislature should effect an organization and proceed to matters of legislation and I have been ready, when officially notified, to co-operate with the legislature in giving the people remedial legislation. The organization of the legislature is a matter that rests with the members of the legislature, and not with the executive department. If the legislature should fail to organize under existing circumstances, when the crying needs of the state are so well understood and demanded in the interests of public good, it would be due to the existence of causes that would seem to make it useless to call the legislature together for some time, or at all."

CLINE'S BILL DEFEATED.

By a Trick of the Opposition--I. R. & N. Co. Gets a Privilege.

Olympia, February 26.--The opponents to the Cline dispensary bill are rejoicing tonight over what they term a defeat of that measure without the senate being aware of what was taking place. Before the report of the public morals committee was made in the senate, as agreed to last night, by which a majority was to recommend indefinite postponement, and Chairman Van Patton was to offer a minority report favoring the passing of the bill, Plummer, representing the opponents of the measure, met Van Patton and prevailed upon him to compromise with the majority of the committee by submitting a report recommending the adoption of a substitute bill, favoring the submission of the question of the dispensary law to the people to be voted upon at the next general election. When this was agreed to all members of the committee signed the new report and it was presented to the senate. As a substitute bill was not ready, Plummer offered a motion that the Cline bill be laid on the table until a substitute bill was up for consideration. The motion was adopted without opposition and the bill went to the table. The friends of the Cline bill were surprised to find, later in the day, that it was all a preconcerted plan and that an effort is now to be made to prevent the bill being taken from the table for consideration. Plummer claims the bill is already beyond recovery and that it will be impossible to get it up for consideration. That a strong effort will be made to have the bill properly considered is apparent from the attitude of Cline's friends.

The only other matter of importance in the senate was the passing of a bill granting to the Ilwaco Railway Company the right to purchase a tract of tide land in front of the town of Ilwaco for the purpose of maintaining a wharf.

In the house an attempt was made to reconsider the vote by which Judge Turner's railway commission bill was defeated, but the attempt resulted disastrously. Way's bill for voting on the legislative amendment to exempt certain factories locating in the state from taxation passed.

A delegation from the Trans-Mississippi congress met with the house this evening to urge an appropriation for the exposition.

The Nicaragua canal has not been dug, but a grave for the bill has.

