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SOME FACTS ABOUT THE WATER RATES.

Under existing conditions, there is but one way of escape for the water consumers of Astoria from the oppresive rates they are now paying, and that is the election next December of a mayor and council who will consent to have the city pay its fair equivalent for the service it is receiving, like any other consumer. The water system of Astoria was built, and is intended, under the wise method provided for its management, to be mantained and operated as independent of the municipality as if it were the property of a private corporation. It constitutes the best and only really modern feature of Astoria's whole scheme of government. It is calculated to give the people the benefit of a strictly business administration, entirely removed from the danger of political influence or manipulation, and is designed to leave in the pockets of consumers the profits which might accrue through equally economical operation, under the plan of private ownership adopted in other cities. It is very doubtful if any corresponding community elsewhere in the country has the advantage of so fine a system, or one more prudently and economically managed.

But it is a fact that the rates charged for water are too high—when compared with those charged in other cities. That this is not due to any fault of the commission, nor to the excessive initial cost of the system, will be apparent to any citizen who will give the subject a fair investigation and consideration. The difficulty is, first, in the capacity of the works, as compared with the present consuming population; and second, in the refusal of the city authorities to contribute anything in return for the water supplied by the commission for public purposes. The present works were constructed on a scale sufficient for a town many times the size of Astoria, and owing to peculiar conditions, not necessary to here enumerate, their maintenance is expensive. So far as the cost of construction is concerned, while the works are larger than necessary, they were justified by the future prospects of the city, and, according to experts who followed the history of their construction, they cost less than any works of the same grade and magnitude ever constructed in the west.

The commission now receives an income of about $24,000 per year. The annual interest charge on the bonds outstanding is $18,000; which leaves but $6,000, or $500 per month, available for the expense of conducting the commission, and for the thousand and one items of repairs and incidentals which are absolutely essential to the maintenance of the works, and the insurance of a regular and adequate service to the people. It can thus be seen that any reduction in the present rates, without some compensating increase in the income, is impracticable and utterly impossible. It should be remembered that the property-owners and tax-payers of the city have not and will not be called upon for one cent of contribution to the cost of the plant, or to the cost of its operation; the whole burden of providing for the redemption of the bonds, and paying for the operation and maintenance of the works, falling upon the consumers of water, a majority of whom live in rented premises. The result is that those who own property in the city are enabled to get an increased rent in consequence of the construction of the works, and stand to realize an enhancement in the value of their property through the advantage of the present magnificent system, and the ultimate extinguishment of the debt against it by the contributions levied and collected from the casual renter, or other consumer of water. When it is considered that the primary benefits and ultimate advantages of the possession of such a fine and expensive system will be realized exclusively by those who are so fortunate as to own property, it does not look just nor fair that they should totally escape the payment of the expense attached to it.

Through its fire hydrants and otherwise the city of Astoria is a large consumer of the water thus provided by its transient and non-property holding citizens, and it should be treated exactly like any individual consumer and compelled to pay its proportionate rate along with him. This is the rule in every city where the water system is owned and operated independent of the city government, and there is no reason why it should be different in Astoria. As the water consumers constitute by far the largest voting element of the population, the remedy for the excessive rates of which they are now complaining is in their own hands. Let them see that the next mayor and common council are pledged before their election to the principle of compelling the city to pay its just debt and obligation in this regard, and the water commission will doubtless take pleasure in reducing their burdens commensurate with the increase thus added to its income.

A card on the outside of office door says: "Gone to lunch. Be back in ten minutes." And, the man will be there on time. That is, for some days, weeks, or even months, he will. Then he will be at home occasionally for a day. He'll tell you he had a headache—a turn of cholera morbus, or maybe he'll say he had a lump in his stomach and felt too miserable to move. The lump was probably two or three ten-minute lunches condensed.

The man who "bolts" his lunches will find Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets the best friend he ever met.

There is no case of biliousness, constipation, indigestion, "heart-burn," or any of the rest of the night-mare breeding brood, that these little "Pellets" will not cure. They cure permanently. Send 21 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1008-page "Common Sense Medical Adviser," profusely illustrated.

Eileen Rowena Victoria Diamond Jubilee Vagg and Queen Victoria Williams are the names to which two little English girls are condemned until marriage on account of the recent celebration in England.

Good whiskey is both doctor and tonic. Better looking than many doctors, better tasting than all medicines. For general family use, nothing equals whiskey and HARPER Whiskey is pre-eminently the family whiskey. Sold by Foard & Stokes, Co., Astoria, Oregon.

Whenever you are in trouble people are always ready to prate of misfortunes never coming singly, but you rarely hear them chirping in prophecy regarding your being swamped in prosperity when you have one visitation from good luck.

Mr. N. N. Osburn, well known at Woodstock, Mich., was troubled with a lame back. He was persuaded to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It gave him relief in one night. This remedy is also famous for its cures of rheumatism. For sale by Estes-Conn Drug Company.

Emperor William has begun at Berlin the practice of keeping the Lutheran churches of the city open throughout the day on week days. Until now only the Roman Catholic churches have been left thus open to stray worshippers on week days.

Whenever Mr. Gladstone catches cold he at once goes to bed. This has been his rule for fifteen years. It is an interesting fact not generally known that he wrote his election address announcing the dissolution of parliament in 1874 in bed.

J. C. Berry, one of the best known citizens of Spencer, Mo., testifies that he cured himself of the worst kind of piles by using a few boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He had been troubled with piles for over thirty years and had used many different kinds of so-called cures; the work and he will verify this statebut DeWitt's was the only one that did ment if any one wishes to write to him. Chas. Rogers.

The "Stars and Stripes Forever" may be peculiarly martial, but to the sensitive ear there is something wonderfully plaintive in some of the strains.

It is rather a knock-out blow to our idea of the high type of maternal love when we read of a mother who was quite willing to trade her ten-months-old baby for a Shanghai rooster.

The only armless editor in the world, according to the Boston Transcript, lives at Mt. Pleasant, Tex., and presides over the destinies of the Times-Review, published at that place. "Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith."

A Southern newspaper reports 97 cases of lynching in the United States since January 1, and the list is by no means complete. Of these 80 were negroes, and but 22 of them were lynched for crimes against women.

A SYNDICATE TO PURCHASE KLONDYKE CLAIMS.

Late advices from London confirm rumors that have heretofore reached this side of the Atlantic that a financially powerful syndicate is in process of formation in England, France and Germany to buy all the paying claims of miners in the Klondyke region. Of course this lead to a vast amount of speculative valuation, but there is a claim in the Klondyke, as elsewhere, which it is impossible to underestimate, and that is the claim of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters to the foremost place among American remedies for liver complaint. The bilious and constipated derive prompt relief from this genial alterative, which remedies nausea, yellowness of the skin and eyeballs, fur upon the tongue, and unpleasant odor of the breath that characterize biliousness. It also remedies and prevents malarial and rheumatic ailments, kidney trouble, lack of stamina, dyspepsia and nervousness. Like all standard remedies that have established themselves in popular favor, it deserves a fair and persistent trial.

In London the omnibus horse is worn out in five years, the tram horse in four, the post office horse in six and the brewers' in from six to seven, while the vestry horses last eight years.

The November number of the Hypnotic Magazine contains a lengthy communication from an inmate of the state asylum at Austin, Texas, who claims to have discovered and developed a force within himself which he names Electro-Telepathy. Because of his declaration of belief in this discovery, he asserts that he was convicted of insanity by a "rural jury" and imprisoned in the insane asylum. The editor cautiously remarks that there may be another side to the story, but calls attention to the lucidity of the communication, and to the fact that the opinions set forths are identical with those expressed by a number of people who are still at large.

"Thanks to the liberality of the age," is the editorial comment, "we may think four neighbor a fool without wishing to see him burned with fire, hanged by the neck, or shut up in an asylum, merely because his opinions and ours are at variance." Clinical reports of work done at the different schools of suggestive therapeutics, at Chicago, Kingston and St. Louis, with original articles upon "Suggestion in the Walking State," the "Value of Hypnotic Suggestion in Obstetrics," "Character Building by Suggestion," and a fund of information and experiences in the inquiry department, complete the contents of this number.

MARINE NEWS.

DATE	HIGH WATER A. M.	HIGH WATER P. M.	LOW WATER A. M.	LOW WATER P. M.
	h.m ft.	h.m ft.	h.m ft.	h.m ft.
Friday..... 1	4 20 6.2	5 05 8.4	9 45 2.9	11 00 0.2
Saturday.. 2	5 25 5.7	6 07 7.9	10 41 3.3	—
SUNDAY. 3	6 25 5.7	6 07 7.4	0 20 0.5	12 18 4.0
Monday... 4	8 25 6.0	7 58 7.1	1 38 0.7	2 00 4.0
Tuesday... 5	9 28 6.5	9 07 7.1	2 52 0.8	3 22 3.5
Wednesd'y. 6	10 16 7.1	10 14 7.4	3 51 0.8	4 24 2.9
Thursday.. 7	10 57 7.6	11 08 7.5	4 45 0.8	5 16 2.7
Friday..... 8	11 37 7.8	11 35 7.8	5 28 1.0	5 54 2.1
Saturday... 9	12 10 8.1	—	6 08 1.1	6 29 1.7
SUNDAY. 10	0 34 7.8	12 42 8.3	6 47 1.3	7 11 0.4
Monday... 11	1 15 7.8	1 12 8.2	7 16 2.0	7 49 0.3
Tuesday... 12	1 52 7.3	1 40 8.1	7 46 2.6	8 18 0.1
Wednesd'y. 13	2 29 7.0	2 06 7.9	8 12 3.2	8 50 0.0
Thursday.. 14	3 06 6.6	2 37 7.7	8 36 3.8	9 22 0.7
Friday..... 15	3 39 6.3	3 06 7.4	9 01 4.3	9 56 0.8
Saturday... 16	4 18 6.0	3 41 7.1	9 41 4.7	10 40 1.1
SUNDAY. 17	5 15 5.8	4 30 6.7	11 00 4.4	11 35 1.5
Monday... 18	6 24 5.7	5 42 6.2	12 22 4.3	—
Tuesday... 19	7 30 6.0	7 17 6.0	0 40 1.5	1 30 4.4
Wednesd'y. 20	8 38 6.5	8 30 6.7	1 56 1.7	2 56 3.1
Thursday. 21	9 20 7.1	9 10 6.7	2 51 1.8	3 44 2.7
Friday..... 22	10 0 7.4	10 45 7.1	3 30 1.7	4 23 1.8
Saturday. 23	10 50 8.0	11 25 7.7	4 21 1.7	5 11 0.9
SUNDAY. 24	11 30 8.5	—	5 20 1.7	5 50 0.1
Monday... 25	0 14 7.9	12 16 8.3	6 10 1.9	6 42 0.5
Tuesday... 26	1 00 7.8	12 50 8.2	6 52 2.1	7 26 0.9
Wednesd'y. 27	1 37 7.7	1 28 8.3	7 31 2.4	8 14 1.0
Thursday. 28	2 24 7.4	2 09 8.2	8 12 2.8	9 02 0.8
Friday..... 29	3 20 7.0	2 32 8.0	8 58 3.1	9 45 0.5
Saturday... 30	4 15 6.8	3 41 8.4	9 52 3.5	10 30 0.1
SUNDAY. 31	5 12 6.6	4 40 7.7	11 02 3.7	11 20 0.7

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER FROM

Vessel.	Tons	Rate	Dys
NEW YORK.			
Henry Villard, Am sh	1452	33A11	30
BALTIMORE.			
George Stetson, Am sh	1710	28A11	80
ACAPULCO.			
Haddon Hall, Br bk	1332	*A81	40
Miltonpark, Br sh	1392	100A1	—
ANTWERP.			
Linlithgowshire, Br sh	1357	10 A1	97
Calcutta.			
Glenbank, Br bk	1339	100A1	—
CAPE TOWN.			
Glenclova, Br sh	2216	100A1	42
Springburn, Br sh	2000	100A1	34
CARDIFF.			
Aunesley, Br sh	1591	100A1	180
Dunedin.			
Oamaru, Br sh	1306	100A1	19
FREEMANTLE, AUS.			
Anamba, Br bk	1005	100A1	80
HIOGO.			
Foyledale, Br sh	1666	100A1	51
Hongkong.			
Sierra Nevada, Br sh	1400	100A1	58
Flintshire, Br str	2476	100A1	44
Dagnescliu, Br bk	1245	32A11	35
Mogul, Br str	2254	100A1	14
HONOLULU.			
J. C. Pfluger, Ger bk	860	100A1	—
LIVERPOOL.			
Dovenby Hall, Br sh	1898	100A1	—
Majunda.			
Jacques, Fr bk	1460	100A1	—
Melbourne.			
Miltiades, Br sh	1432	*A81	15
NAGASAKI.			
Carradale, Br sh	1982	100A1	38
Napier.			
Brussels, Br bk	991	*A A1	37
NEWCASTLE, A.			
Province, Br sh	1096	100A1	44
Oberon, Br bkt	1654	100A1	24
PANAMA.			
Principality, Br bk	1565	100A1	43
Ophelia, Nor bk	1117	AA1	—
Port Natal.			
Hoppet, Russ sh	1365	100A1	43
Rio de Janeiro.			
Glenpark, Br sh	1799	100A1	62
SHANGHAI.			
Elginshire, Br sh	2038	100A1	28
Cumbrian King, Br sh	1638	100A1	—
Bardowie, Br sh	2011	100A1	31
SWANSEA.			
Drumburton, Br sh	1773	100A1	114
TABLE BAY.			
Galgorm Castle, Br sh	1307	100A1	61
Poltalloch, Br sh	2139	100A1	--
Durbridge, Br sh	2121	100A1	45
Tientsin.			
Florida, Nor str	2302	100A1	—
Valparaiso. Wallaroo.			
Verbena, Br sh	1719	100A1	--
YOKOHAMA.			
Cromartyshire, Br sh	1462	100A1	32
Tenkio Maru, Jap bk	1148		77
Glenericht, Br sh	2216	100A1	--
Selkirkshire, br brk	1122	100A1	—

MARINE NOTES.

The Manzanita left out yesterday.

The new Oriental liner Braemar will arrive down today.

The British ship Dacca proceeded up the river yesterday morning.

A three-masted schooner was reported outside yesterday afternoon.

The Columbine arrived in yesterday and docked at the Main street dock.

The barkentine Omega, lumber laden for Peru, will leave out this morning in tow of the Relief.

The Lady Wentworth and Halewood, wheat laden for Europe, crossed out at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The British ship Mashona, 2259 tons, Captain Jones, in ballast, October 14, left up the river yesterday.

The schooner Ida Schnauer, Captain Nelson, from San Francisco, in ballast, arrived in late Thursday night.

The British bark Anambra, Captain Harder, from Freemantle, in ballast, August 5, arrived in yesterday morning.

The four-masted British ship Carradale and the British ship William Tell arrived in yesterday and anchored abreast of the city.

Los Angeles capital is interested in a scheme to buy 300,000 tons of Comstock tailings, which went through the Gould & Curry mill in the sixties. Including quicksilver, it is figured that the deposit is worth $2,000,000.

FOUND.

FOUND—A scarf pin. Call at Astorian office, describe property and pay for this notice.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT.—Furnished front room, with fire, only two blocks from principal business streets. 414 Exchange street, near Ninth.

LOST.

LOST.—October 16, a pair of gold-rimmed eyeglasses. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at the Astorian office.