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TODAY'S WEATHER.

Occasional rain.

AROUND TOWN.

Sweet cream at The Spa candy factory.

The most delicious ice cream and ice cream soda at the Parlor.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 612 Commercial street.

Crushed strawberries and pineapple at The Spa candy factory today.

The Columbia left out yesterday morning with supplies for Tillamook rock.

Best California wine 20 cents per gallon. Alex Gilbert, sole agent for Astoria, Telephone 82.

Sweet cream received twice a day and no charge made for whipping or delivering cream at the Parlor.

The "Pat" market has received a quantity of first-class fish, which will be sold for a time at \$13.50 per ton.

Dr. Ball has removed his dental office into the Mansell building, over the Eastern Tea Company's store.

Leave orders for box kindling wood and general transfer business to any part of the city at Zapf's furniture store, telephone 224, Pacific Express Company.

Ramoler and Ideal bicycles for sale or rent. Repairs and sundries at lowest rates. Call at cyclety, 523 Bond street, Columbia Electric and Repair Company.

The new Creamery Restaurant, Bond street, near the alley between 11th and 12th streets, serves the best 25-cent meal ever set out in Astoria. Everything is new, neat and clean, and absolute satisfaction is guaranteed all patrons.

W. A. Gaines' private stock whiskey, handled exclusively in Astoria by John L. Carlson, is one of the most popular beverages sold. Its purity and quality are guaranteed, and it is especially recommended for family use. It is sold in any quantity at the corner of Twelfth and Bond streets.

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Admission 25 cents.

The Southern Pacific schedule has been changed, and trains now leave Portland for San Francisco at 7 p. m., arriving at 5 a. m. By this arrangement mail for Astoria reaches its destination the same day that San Francisco mail reaches Portland. A through pouch is made up in San Francisco for Astoria and is placed on the local train when the Southern arrives.

Collector of Customs Fox has completed a report of the list of vessels documented at the customs house at the close of the last fiscal year, in accordance with instructions from the marine department at Washington. The list of steamers registered at the customs house under 20 tons is given at 11. The number of sailing craft documented is given at about twice this number.

The bids for the construction of the Fulton-Dement building at the corner of Fourteenth and Commercial were opened yesterday evening. About six bids in all were received and the contract will not be awarded until tomorrow. The building will be two stories high and 200 feet square. Its location is diagonally across from the Page building, and its completion will materially add to the metropolitan appearance of Commercial street. The erection of the building will occupy about three months.

Captain P. L. Larsen arrived from San Francisco yesterday on the steamer Columbia. Captain Larsen is the owner of the little steamer Jalisco, which was brought down from Portland to Astoria last fall on her way to Guaymas, Mexico. The Jalisco, being a diminutive craft, was decided at the time to wait for more favorable weather before attempting such a hazardous voyage. Captain Larsen believes the voyage can be made with less danger and intends to go to sea with the Jalisco Tuesday morning.

H. P. Anderson, a native of Germany, aged 82 years, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Henry Teller, in East Astoria, last evening about 6 o'clock. Mr. Anderson lived for many years at Gray's river, where he was well and favorably known as a citizen. He has been a confirmed invalid, confined to his bed for four years. On the first of last January he was brought to Astoria and has since been cared for by the family of Mr. Teller. The funeral will probably take place tomorrow, but the hour has not yet been fixed. The remains will be taken to Gray's river for interment.

Fish Commissioner Reed, who arrived in the city from Portland Friday night, yesterday appointed C. W. Loughery as his deputy for the Columbia river and its tributaries near its mouth. Mr. Loughery succeeds C. P. Cathart, who was appointed by the late H. D. McGuire. The appointment of Mr. Loughery is especially important because he will be a general assistant for the place. For several years he was chief of police of Astoria and his experience while in that office will be of valuable assistance to him in enforcing the fishing laws. Mr. Loughery will immediately assume the duties of the office.

The fishing season opened yesterday at noon and many boats went out. But few had returned last night, and the men reported slight catches. It was expected all along that there was already a heavy run of salmon in the river, but the fishermen were disappointed yesterday. The early run which was predicted did not materialize. For the present the canneries' consolidation will operate but three canneries—Elmore's and George & Barkers, in Astoria, and Cook's at Clifton. Kinney's, Hawthorn's and Seaborg's, the latter in East Astoria, will be opened later.

The visit of Mr. Hammond to San Francisco and the assurance from that city that an opposition steamship line will be established is raising the people of Portland much concern. The Evening Telegram is especially worked up over the matter and publishes false interviews every day ridiculing the scheme. The Telegram, fearing that Mr. Hammond will commit financial suicide, offers the advice that he had better abandon the plan, for the reason that there isn't business enough from Astoria to support the line; that Hammond cannot possibly

secure any transcontinental business for his road, and that it will be impossible to successfully compete with the O. R. & N. Every San Francisco steamer brings hundreds of tons of freight from San Francisco for Astoria and Portland, and this business alone would well support the new line. Then, again, tons of salmon, sugar and other products are shipped on every steamer to San Francisco, so that, with the undivided support of the merchants of this city, which was readily granted when asked, better steamers than the antiquated hulks of the O. R. & N. can be operated at a handsome profit. Apart from this, however, it is to be presumed that the members of the Wholesalers' Association and Hammond know their business, and that the advice of the Telegram, while greatly appreciated by the representatives of the millions of capital behind the new steamship line, was entirely unsolicited.

The American bark Harry Morse will leave today for Bristol bay, Alaska, weather permitting. The Morse is chartered by the Alaska Packers' Packing Company of this city, and is loaded with cannery supplies and provisions. Part of her cargo consists of material and machinery for the cannery which will be erected after her arrival at Bristol bay. The company is an Astoria concern, organized by some of the most prominent residents of the city, the stock being nearly all owned by Astorians, and the principal office is also located here. The company is sanguine of a prosperous season in the cannery business in Alaskan waters. The pack will be brought to Astoria after the close of the season and shipped to market. Ludwig Larsen, formerly street superintendent, will act as first officer of the Morse, and Sam Abraham, of Knappa, will act as third officer. John Carlson, of Seattle, Ole H. Olson and C. Lundstrom will leave on the Morse as managers of the new cannery, the first as superintendent. Sixty white men, employees of the company, will take passage on the Morse. The company has 72 machines for work in the cannery. The Jensen cannery machine will be used in the new cannery, the company having won its suit recently against the Alaska Packers' Association for its right to use these machines.

NEED OF RETRENCHMENT IS PLAINLY APPARENT.

Comments of Frank J. Taylor on the Indebtedness of the City and County Governments.

ASTORIA, April 15.—Editor Astorian: There has been a disposition, in some quarters, to question the accuracy of my statements made in my communication of the 8th inst., regarding our indebtedness, in which I placed the total indebtedness at \$200,000. I did not pretend, in that communication, to give exact figures, but to give about the indebtedness, in which I placed the total of all municipal corporations mentioned, and to draw the attention of taxpayers to the enormous burden under which they are staggering notwithstanding the heavy tax levies made in this county.

According to the city auditor's report, of December 31, 1928, the city's indebtedness at that time, including general bonds, general warrants, street bonds and street warrants, was \$28,920.40. According to the report of the county clerk for the six months ending December 31, 1928, the outstanding county warrants amounted to \$20,886.40, the estimated accrued interest was \$5,000 and the amount claimed by the state in account of taxes of 1921 and 1922 was \$2,200.00, making a total county indebtedness of \$56,806.80. The report of the school clerk showed the total indebtedness of the district to be, on January 30, 1928, over and above cash on hand, \$51,300.00, of this amount \$13,000 was bonded debt and \$38,300 was floating debt. The water bonds amount to \$30,000.00. These figures put up a total of \$149,286.80.

As against the above indebtedness the city officials' reports showed cash on hand \$15,294.14, but they made no estimate of accrued interest, nor of indebtedness which warrants had not been received. Both county and city claim, as offsets to the above indebtedness, large amounts of delinquent taxes, for the most of which the county has purchased the land and the city street assessments. These are assets, but are not available with which to pay indebtedness. They must be collected, and it is uncertain when the county and city may be able to realize on them but, in the meantime, taxes go on.

The report of the school clerk showed that of the last year's tax levy 8 per cent of that levied by the county, and 10 per cent of the district levy, were not collected. This is a bad showing, and it is probable that the county is carrying a large percentage of taxable property in its name, having purchased it in account of delinquent taxes, thereby taking it out of the list of revenue producing properties.

A large amount of taxes has just been collected, and the application of the proceeds to the above indebtedness may have reduced it to some extent; but when it is remembered that the levies were made upon estimates of expenses for the ensuing year, it will be seen that the indebtedness will have risen to the above figures at the end of the present year. The school law provides that in ten years from the date of issue of school bonds, 10 per cent of the amount of the face of the bonds must be annually deposited in a sinking fund, to be used in the redemption of the bonds, at maturity. Some of the school bonds are now six years old, and all but \$119,000 are five years old. It will be seen, therefore, that the school district will be called upon to make an additional levy before many years, to meet the above requirements of the law.

In your editorial of the 11th inst., referring to my communication published in your issue of that date you said: "There may be differences of opinion as to the propriety of the levy, but there can be no dissent as to the importance of the utmost economy possible in all the departments of the city and county governments." Undoubtedly a majority of the taxpayers realize that economy should be practiced; but, unfortunately, there are so many different opinions as to HOW it should be practiced that nothing is accomplished, and while the doctors are quarreling over the remedy the patient is dying. Some oppose a reduction of lights, because they prefer light to darkness; others object to reducing the police force, because they are self-supporting, and they ought to have all they can collect and each department believes that all extravagance is in other departments of the public institutions. One writer suggests that the way to reduce taxes is to reduce the valuation of property on the assessment roll. He must have heard of the man who lifted his foot off the fence by the boot straps. Unfortunately, the remedy advocated by said writer was applied here for a number of years, and is the source of much of our present embarrassment. We undertook to increase our wealth by increasing the values of our property on the assessment roll, and succeeded, but at a time in being content in the belief that we were, in reality, richer, and

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lived accordingly. In three years the city's taxes amounted to over \$100,000, all of which was cheerfully expended, together with the receipts from licenses and other sources, amounting to several thousand dollars more, and still the city ran behind. We are now paying the penalty for these excesses, and, although we regret being compelled to reform, our resources are about exhausted and our credit is impaired.

The argument is being used, by some, that while the tax levy is much higher than it was a few years ago, the amount of taxes paid is but little more than it formerly was. Persons who make these arguments seem to forget that real property has depreciated from \$0.90 per cent during those years, according to the location and nature of the property, and one who now pays the same taxes upon property that he did a few years ago, pays, in reality, from two to five times greater proportionate tax upon his property, because he is paying the same amount of taxes upon property of much less valuation than formerly.

This question presents itself, what are we going to do about it? We would a sensible individual do, under the circumstances? Economize, of course, and that is what the public should do. To accomplish much good a saving of not less than \$2,000 to \$3,000 must be made annually.

Who is responsible for this condition of affairs? No one, in particular, and all of us, generally. The whole community is responsible. We are in no position to criticize each other, and it would be a waste of time to do so, even if we were. We have been induced with the so-called idea that what is done by the state or the city or the county costs us nothing, that a government can have unlimited money at command, and that the people have a right to look to them for aid, whenever aid is required or desired. As long as such ideas prevail, we shall continue to go behind, as we have been doing for so many years, and as taxes increase, in the same proportion will real estate values decrease.

FRANK J. TAYLOR.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. James W. Welch is visiting in Portland.

A. B. Anderson left for a few days visit to Portland yesterday.

W. J. Howell returned yesterday from a short visit in Portland.

Contractor Normie, who has been in Portland for some time past, returned home yesterday.

Tom Peterson, a stock-raiser of Larson's station, on the A. & C. road, is visiting in the city for a few days.

Charles Swope was a passenger yesterday evening on the train from Portland. He will return tomorrow.

Sam Miller, a prosperous farmer of Crooked creek, Washkukum county, Wash., was in the city yesterday.

W. L. Page, who has been in San Francisco for the past month, returned yesterday on the steamship Columbia.

Dr. J. R. Wilson, of the Portland academy, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit of a few days with his family.

Mrs. P. Heffling, of Portland, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. John L. Carlson.

Charles Ring returned to Astoria last night, after an absence of about a year. A large number of his friends met him at the depot and extended to him a cordial reception.

John Carlson will arrive from Seattle today to take passage on the American bark Harry Morse as superintendent of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company's cannery at Bristol bay, Alaska.

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JOHN L. WILL BE HERE.

The following telegraphic correspondence is self-explanatory:
Portland, April 15.—L. E. Selig, Astoria.—If that Frenchman, Sylvester, is in Astoria, cancel my engagement.

SULLIVAN.
Astoria, April 15.—John L. Sullivan, Portland.—Have no fear, Sylvester has left the country.
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