

NUISANCE ABATED

Disgusting Bill Boards Will Soon Be a Thing of Past in Astoria.

DEMAND UNANIMOUS

The Women of Astoria Pleased With the Policy of the Astorian and Commend the Actions of the Common Council.

Several communications have been received at the Astorian office commending the course of the paper and the actions of the common council relative to the bill board nuisance. In the communications instances are cited where accidents have occurred which have never been published. Several ladies have indorsed the actions of the common council in their efforts to remove the unsightly bill boards from off the public thoroughfares. Probably no class of people have been as much annoyed as the women, not only on account of the dirt and filth washed off the boards on the sidewalks, but the character of the advertisements that have been posted on them. The nude in art may be all right in art galleries, but when disgusting advertisements are displayed where they can be seen by children they are not calculated to inspire the rising generation with thoughts of morality and decency.

There is not a city in the United States where bill boards are allowed. Public sentiment in the east has been educated up against them, resulting in their removal. One of the principal objections against the bill board nuisance is the demoralizing advertisements that are posted on them. The concerns that send out this class of advertisements have no regard for the morals of the youth of the land, as long as they can sell their nostrums. The owners of bill board care little about the effect upon society, so long as they can reap a harvest from bill board advertising.

Many other objections are urged by the people of Astoria against the bill board nuisance, the principal one being that when the rain washes off the advertisements they lay all over the sidewalks making travel both dangerous and annoying. Ladies' skirts drag through the filth, and many times they are compelled to walk in the streets to avoid the nuisance. The common council is determined to eradicate the nuisance, and it is very probable that two ordinances will be introduced. One declaring all bill boards a nuisance and providing for their removal, and another raising the bill posters' license to \$50 per month. The latter method will probably be the most effective, as there can be no contest over what constitutes a nuisance and the law can become operative at once. This will do away with posting immoral advertisements, and in the mean time, the nuisance ordinance can be enforced and the boards removed from the public thoroughfares. In their efforts to eliminate this disgusting nuisance, the common council will have the hearty co-operation of everyone in Astoria, with the single exception of the owner of the bill boards.

CONDITIONS IN METAL.

Pig Iron Trade is Brisk This Month and Business Good.

Cleveland, Jan. 12.—The Iron Trade review this week says:

The usual January quietness of the iron market is substantially unbroken.

Inquiries for pig iron for pipe foundries are an exception to the rule, one company's option covering 30,000 tons, and round sales are expected this week.

The pig iron output of the United States Steel Corporation is now greater than at any time. Of all furnaces using Lake Superior ores and reporting to the Bessemer Big Iron Association, 56 per cent of the capacity was active on January 1, as against 78 per cent on December 1 and 45 per cent on January 1, 1904.

Railway buying has not been as large thus far as it was expected to be but the program of railroad financing has not developed for 1905, so that further time may elapse before mill schedules are affected.

Bridge work, it is believed, will be on a scale much larger than in 1904, if plans already well along are not interrupted.

The real business of the week has included 30,000 tons closed in the Chicago district, but the trade still waits for much of the large tonnage that was talked of two months ago as certain to be placed when the price for 1905 was announced.

Only a Tramp.

New York, Jan. 12.—The steamer reported ashore at Fire Island this morning is sugar laden tramp Indus with a crew of 25 men. She carried no passengers. Efforts were made all day to float her without success, and at midnight tonight, she is still fast on the bar with little prospect of being floated before high tide tomorrow.

MARINE NEWS.

Captain Samuel Coulson Dies in Portland.

Captain Samuel Coulson, who was recently stricken by paralysis while at the wheel of his vessel in the river, died in Portland yesterday. Captain Coulson was one of the best known of the captains on the river, having been here for nearly 40 years. For many years he was of the most trusted of the employees of the O. R. & N.

The steamer Geo. W. Elder left out at 12 o'clock yesterday for San Francisco. She leaves Frisco on her regular trip on the 17th.

terday afternoon with freight and passenger from San Francisco.

Captain Turner of the Columbia will be master of the new steamer Roanoke when she goes on the San Francisco run in opposition to the O. R. & N. fleet.

The schooner Bulah has cleared for San Francisco with a cargo of nearly 500,000 feet of lumber from the Hume mill.

The schooner Luzon arrived down the river yesterday with a cargo of lumber.

Placing the steam schooner Lakme on the drydock at Hunters Point has proved more disastrous for the coaster than all the bumping she experienced on the Humboldt bar. When the Sea River, which brought the Lakme in from sea, shoves her waterlogged charge inside the big basin the Lakme, although full of water, was sound of hull. So tight, in fact, were the coaster's seams that holes had to be bored through the planking, as the drydock slowly emptied, to release the water shipped at sea. Before the Lakme's hull was out of water the steam schooner, which had not been securely braced, toppled over and in the fall several of the keel blocks were driven through the Lakme's timbers. As a result of this fall the Lakme is a good deal of a wreck and the cost of repairing her will now be some thousands of dollars greater than it otherwise would have been.

The steamer Columbia left San Francisco yesterday for Astoria and Portland.

The name of only one vessel is at present on the overdue list at the Merchants' exchange. The solitary belated windjammer is the British bark Stork, now out 108 days from Hudson Bay for London. She is quoted at 75 per cent, and hope of her ever showing up is fast fading.

Because of a blunder made by the prosecution, Olof Anderson, master of the schooner Vine, escaped conviction yesterday in the United States district court in San Francisco, and was released. Captain Anderson was charged with beating and wounding his steward, John Sanders, on the high seas while the Vine was at the Caroline Islands last August. Sanders is a Japanese, and he failed to have the captain's coffee on time. The beating was proved by all the witnesses and it looked like a conviction until Judge de Haven exploded a thunderbolt in his charge to the jury. He said that among other things, before a conviction could be had, it was necessary that it should have been proved that the Vine was an American vessel. The jury might possibly remember, said the judge, that such testimony had been introduced, but the court did not. Upon this hint the jury acquitted Captain Anderson.

A libel has been filed in the United States district court at San Francisco by the owners of the tug Traveler against the steamer Redondo to recover salvage for saving the Redondo off Grays Harbor on November 24, 1904. They demand \$3200 from the defendants, which the defendants refused to pay. The Traveler is owned by G. H. Emerson of Hoquiam.

Coast Freezes Up.

Vancouver, Jan. 12.—For the first time in many years, the salt water in the inlets and bays along the British Columbia coast are frozen over.

Weekly Astorian.

Commencing January 13 the Semi-Weekly Astorian will be discontinued and the Weekly Astorian issued in place of it. This is made necessary on account of the question of legality of legal notices published and the refusal of the postoffice department to deliver semi-weekly and daily newspapers by carrier, which is prohibited by the postal regulations. The Weekly Astorian will contain the same matter as has been published in the semi-weekly, and will be the best weekly newspaper published in Clatsop county.

A BIG RUSH.

A large number of Bargain hunters have already crowded Herman Wise's Clothing Store; fortunately Mr. Wise's stock of fine overcoats and suits for Men and Boys is so large that a great many more smart buyers can get suited without trouble; this is certainly the greatest sale of fine goods in Oregon. Don't wait too long and be sorry later. NOW is the time to get special Bargains at Herman Wise's big Clothing shop. WISE knows how.

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SUITS.

\$10.00 SUITS FOR	\$ 8.00
\$12.50 SUITS FOR	10.00
\$15.00 SUITS FOR	12.00
\$17.50 SUITS FOR	14.00
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