

AFLOAT AND ASHORE COUNCIL MEETING

French Ship Laennec Arrives from Antwerp.

Busy Session of Astoria City Fathers Last Night.

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NEW STEAM ROLLER BOUGHT

Alumna Sails in to Knappton—Caterina Accame's Crew Deserts—Big Fleet of Vessels Comes in—Harvest Queen's Big Tow—Notes.

Council, After Long Argument, Approve Street Committee's Action in Purchasing \$3500 Steam Roller Will Tax the Theatres.

Captain Gunderson, in command of the State schooner San Jose was compelled to leave the Columbia bar yesterday with the craft, and put her in the shelter of the bay, owing to the snapping of her foremast-head. The stick has only been in service for four years, and as there was no sea on to strain her in any way, the accident is hard to account for, except upon the hypothesis of poor material or workmanship. Owing to this mishap, rush orders were telegraphed to the drydock people at St. John's to put the Pulitzer through in the quickest time possible. If these orders are carried out the bar boat will be down in a few days.

The fine, large schooner Alumna, Captain Genberg, sailed in over the Columbia bar yesterday, and proceeded up the north channel to a point just below Knappton, under her own canvass, and made a pretty picture from this side of the river, with her white harness against the vivid green of the Washington hills. Thousands watched her from all over the city, until the night and the wind fell, simultaneously, with her sails. She was towed to her berth at Knappton yesterday morning, and will load lumber outward for San Francisco, whence she came, this trip.

The Harvest Queen, one of the best tow boats on the coast, yesterday did one of her big stunts at towing, leaving up from this port with the following fleet of schooners on her hawsers. The A. S. Coats, the Sequoia, the Virginia and the Joseph Pulitzer. The Pulitzer goes to the drydock at St. John's; the Sequoia to Vancouver, and the Coats and Virginia to Portland. Captain M. B. Staples went up in charge of bar pilot schooner Pulitzer.

The steamer Redondo arrived in port or Sunday morning last, from San Francisco, under command of Captain Bendegard. She is now the property of the Simpson Lumber Company, of Knappton, they having purchased her outright for the sum of \$125,000. She is rated as one of the best steamers of her class on the coast, being of double steel hull, and with all up-to-date appliances for handling cargo, and in carrying capacity.

The handsome steamer Asuncion was among the Sunday arrivals here from San Francisco. She went on to Portland, loaded deeply with an immense cargo of fuel oil. She will be followed today by the old ship Fullerton in tow of the sea tug Sea King, from San Francisco.

The Telegraph came down on time yesterday with a fair list of people and went back to the metropolis with the biggest crowd she has ever taken out of Astoria, aside from excursion work.

The much talked of purchase of the new steam roller by the street committee of the city council without the permission of the council by ordinance, was settled last night when the council passed the ordinance authorizing the purchase of the roller, and another specifying that the sum paid should be \$3500. This last ordinance was passed with the express understanding that the company from whom the steam roller was purchased, should buy the old roller from the city council for the sum of \$250, which amount should be deducted from the price of the new steam roller. On this condition an ordinance was introduced and read the first and second times authorizing the committee on public property to sell the roller for a sum not less than \$250. It would undoubtedly have passed on a suspension of the rules, except for the objection of Kaboth, who opposed the entire transaction as being over-expensive.

Councilman Kaboth spoke vigorously before the passage of the ordinance against the city's paying so much money for a roller. "We have pretty nearly reached the limit of our expenditures," said he. "The taxpayers of this city are entitled to some consideration. I believe that if the committee had used proper discretion in the matter it could have bought one much cheaper. For these and several other reasons I oppose this measure."

Councilman Stangland in reply to Kaboth and in support of the street committee's action said that the committee had used the utmost care and consideration in the transaction and that Kaboth's objection was made at a late time. It should have been made according to him when the matter of buying a roller first came up, and not after the roller was already on the ground. "The committee is in a serious position," he continued, "and the council ought to stand behind our action."

At the conclusion of Stangland's remarks, Kaboth arose and reiterated his position and at the same time asked the city attorney whether or not the committee's action in buying the roller without informing the council of the price, was legal. To this Attorney Smith answered that it was not, in a strict sense of the term, and that under the charter could not be so construed.

Robinson, a member of the street committee, stated that he believed that the council should not go back on the committee, which had acted in good faith all through.

Councilman Hansen, chairman of the street committee, followed his colleague Robinson, and devoted some time in attempting to justify the committee's action, showing that a number of cities in the state had purchased the same roller for the price as Astoria. He thought that the press had misrepresented the facts in some degree, and said



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that it had been intimated that there was some kind of a "graft" in the transaction. This he strenuously denied. He affirmed that he did not seek for "newspaper notoriety."

A vote was then taken on the question of the roller's purchase which was passed by a vote of seven to one, Kaboth voting no.

An ordinance authorizing the leasing of the roller at \$15 a day and the appointment of an assistant engineer to operate the machine at a salary of \$70 a month, was laid over until next meeting for further consideration.

After the reading of the minutes the following petitions for liquor licenses were read and later granted: A. B. Papadopedo, Victor Carlson, P. A. Peterson, and J. A. Borchard.

A petition from the regatta committee asking permission for the use of the city streets during the regatta, was referred to the street committee, street superintendent, and the chief of the fire department.

A petition for the construction of a sewer on Thirty-seventh street from Duane to Commercial was referred to the street committee and the city surveyor.

A petition from H. Spielmier to build a sidewalk on Twelfth street from Franklin a certain distance was granted.

A petition from Henry Humble asking that the dog pound be removed from its present location back to the city hall was referred to the committee on health and police.

A petition from the property owners on Bond street to make a fill between Sixth and Seventh street with dirt instead of concrete as at present ordered by the council was referred to the committee on streets and the city attorney.

A petition asking that the grade be re-established on Fourteenth from Jerome to Lexington avenues was referred to the street committee.

A petition for the extension of a sewer from the east side of Fourteenth to Lexington avenue, was referred to the street committee.

A petition from property owners on Grand avenue between Eleventh and Seventh streets asking that the council allow John Leahy to inspect the improvement of that street was left to the discretion of the city surveyor.

The petition presented at the last meeting by Karl Knobloch and 139 others, asking for an additional ward to be created, was indefinitely postponed, or in Councilman Lebeck's words, who made the motion "put off forever."

A petition asking for the repair of a sidewalk on Bond street was ordered placed on file.

A petition from D. H. Welch asking to be reimbursed for over-assessment was referred to the committee on ways and means, and the city attorney.

The committee on ways and means reported on the bill of Ferguson & Huston for \$5 which was ordered paid.

The following bills from the committee on health and police were reported on and ordered paid: Portland Seal & Stamp Works, \$3.25; J. H. O'Neil, \$30; H. Humble, \$3.00; C. C. Utzinger, \$18; L. H. Henningson, 75 cents; F. C. Berg, 50 cents.

Bills from the committee on streets were allowed as follows: Superintendent of streets (pay roll), \$145; city surveyor, \$277.50; Foard & Stokes, \$7.90; Astoria Lumber Co., \$2.25; Astoria Electric Co., \$376.92; City Lumber & Box Co., \$54.22; Uppertown Transfer Co., \$5.75.

The committee on fire and water reported the following bills which were ordered paid: Uppertown Transfer Co., \$13.25; Foard & Stokes, 25 cents; Pacific Iron Works, \$1.00; Johnson Bros., \$3.65; S. Williams, \$18; W. Mudge, \$18; C. W. Holmes, \$27.

Bills from the committee on public property were reported on and allowed as follows: A. S. Tee, \$7.50; Foard & Stokes, 30 cents; A. V. Allen, 65 cents; Astoria Electric Co., \$23.45. The bill of Charles Verschuen for \$27 for painting the engine house was referred back to the committee on Hansen's objection that such work as this should have been advertised for and bid upon. The bill was signed only by Councilman Kaboth, the other members of the committee being ignorant of the transaction.

The report of the auditor and police judge showing that the sum of \$1690 had been turned over to him from chief of Police Gammal was filed.

The report of the city surveyor and street superintendent in regard to the condition of certain streets was referred to the street committee.

A. S. Tee reported that the bell tower on the chemical engine house was in bad and unsafe condition and that the stalls for the horses in the building be moved forward in order to give the men more adequate quarters. The report was ordered filed.

The city surveyor submitted a prior assessment of Irving avenue property at \$2365, which was filed.

Quite a discussion again ensued when the bids for experting the city books were read. There were three bids as follows: Victor Hayn and A. F. Finell, \$175; A. Leberman and W. P. O'Brien, \$170; A. L. Clark and A. C. Ross, \$170. Lebeck asked permission to introduce another bid of \$170 in place of Hayn and Finell's bid of \$175. This he thought was fair, and his expressions were strenuously objected to by Councilman Linenweber. The matter was argued at length until both Lebeck and Linenweber grew rather warm under the collar. Robinson finally settled the question by amending a motion of Stangland's that the Leberman-O'Brien bid be accepted, so that the whole matter was postponed until next new year day.

An ordinance providing for extending the time for the completion of the Bond street improvement from Sixth street to McClure's Astoria was passed on suspension of the rules.

An ordinance introduced for the first time, providing for the extension of time in the improvement of Bond street from Sixth to Ninth streets, was passed on suspension of the rules.

An ordinance accepting the Eighteenth street sewer improvement was also passed on suspension of the rules.

An ordinance prohibiting the erection or maintenance of oil tanks and other means of storage, for petroleum and its products in greater quantities than 5000

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gallons within the city limits, and giving 90 days from the passage of the ordinance, in which to remove all such tanks, was read the first and second time.

An ordinance extending the time to complete the improvement of Alameda avenue from Columbia to Ilwaco avenue was passed on the suspension of the rules.

An ordinance accepting the improvement of Tenth street from Commercial to Duane was passed on suspension of the rules.

An ordinance appropriating \$817 for the improvement of Tenth street from Commercial to Exchange for the benefit of E. A. Gerding was read the first and second time.

An ordinance appropriating \$640 for the construction of a sewer on Eighteenth street was read the first time and second time.

An ordinance appropriating various sums for the return of liquor licenses to the following persons was read the first and second times: Frank Lindstrom, Axel Jacobsen, Matt Sandstrom, and Charles Niemi.

An ordinance providing for an extension of time in the improvement of Duane from Tenth to Sixth streets was passed on a suspension of the rules.

An ordinance appropriating \$450 for the construction of a drain on Melbourne avenue was passed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

To repair sidewalk on Bond from west end of Bond street; to establish grade on Columbia avenue from Lincoln to Melbourne; to repair Bond street from Forty-second to Forth-fourth streets, by replanking; to repair Commercial from Ninth to Fourteenth by replanking; to re-establish the grade on Harrison avenue from Ninth to west line of Shiveley's Astoria; to establish grade on Franklin from Fourth to Third; to establish the grade on Grand from Third to west line of McClure's Astoria; to make assessment for Eighteenth street sewer, surveyor's estimate of cost, \$735; to accept bids of E. A. Gerding for improvement of Fourteenth from Franklin to Grand at \$1365, for improvement of Niagara

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