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COMMITTEE IN LINE FOR THURSDAY

BIG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING TO BE HELD AT ASTORIA THEATRE INSTEAD OF LOGAN'S HALL.

The Committee of Fifteen, in charge of the great St. Valentine's Day commercial meeting in this city, was in session again last night, taking cognizance of the details that are to make that meeting effective and successful. Chairman Gratke and all his colleagues were in attendance and a careful review of circumstances, men and objects in relation to Thursday's demonstration was had, and among the results was the decision to change the place of meeting from Logan's hall to the Astoria theatre. This was entailed by reason of the huge crowd that is destined to be out that night to take part in the new scheme of re-organization of the Chamber of Commerce, besides giving better scope to the speakers and the committees.

There was any amount of enthusiasm last night and the hope is bright for one of the liveliest conventions seen in this city for many a day. It was determined to do everything that might give color and snap to the occasion; and to this end, the program was arranged, in part, as follows:

The reception committee will meet the distinguished visitors at the noon train and escort them to the Hotel Occident, where they will be lunched and given a chance to rest and take a look at the city they have come to assist. In the evening after they have dined, there will be a parade, inaugurated at the Occident, passing thence with brass band, police patrol, the committee of fifteen, speakers in auto's and carriages, the line of march being taken up thence to Ninth street, south to Commercial, east to the O. R. & N. gangway, debouching thence to the opera house, arriving there in season to greet the crowd at 8 o'clock sharp.

There is every indication to warrant the heartiest expectations from this gathering and no citizen can do his whole duty on the night of the 14th and stay at home.

With the Contractors—E. A. Gerding has a gang of men engaged in gathering logs off Sand Island, and another busy with the sluicing on East Grand avenue, preparatory to the projected extension of that thoroughfare. Contractor Lebeck is still busy with the piling work on the Warren Packing Company's improvements. The side track trestle is now completed, as to piling; the work closing on Saturday night last. Yesterday he began driving for the wharf, gangway and net-racks.

March 20th, Now—A reliable and well known citizen of Astoria came down from Portland on the noon train yesterday and brings the cheerful assurance that on the 20th of next month, the Hill interests will pay the final sum due in the negotiations whereby the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad shall pass to the Hill forces. He alleges he got from sources alleged to have a "straight" tip on matters of this sort.

Trial This Morning—A. Kiljunin, the well known Bond street tailor, was arrested yesterday upon the complaint of one, George Reinjohn, charged with making threats. It is said a six-shooter figured in the matter somewhat. Mr. Kiljunin readily gave bond and will appear for trial in Justice Goodman's court at 10 o'clock this morning.

Off for Alaska—William Kauppl, the well known cigar and tobacco merchant, at 1361 Franklin street, sold out to a near-by fellow-merchant, and left last evening for Fairbanks, Alaska, where he will join an uncle in some new and promising ventures. He leaves many friends here who will be glad to hear of his success.

Chinese New Years—Chinese New Year's started at twilight last night and the Oriental population of Astoria hung out decorative lanterns and fired firecrackers to celebrate the advent of the holiday, which will last out the week.

Church Conference—The Columbia conference of the Evangelical Lutheran church will convene Wednesday, February 13, at Spokane. A number of prominent Lutherans of this city expect to be present.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month.

THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

Astoria & Columbia People Hard at Work on Belt Line.

Chief Engineer R. P. Habbersham, with a gang of nine men, is busily at work casting preliminary lines of the new belt-route from Warrenton to Seaside. Yesterday they were in back of the Brallier place, near Warrenton.

The line will run southwesterly out of Warrenton and skirt along the southerly line of the city cemetery and across Smith's Lake to a point practically one-half mile from the beach-line, and then swings south along the sand-beach, en route to Seaside, and east of the Necoxie. Of course, the final route will be selected from a possible half-dozen preliminary surveys and time alone will demonstrate its permanent location.

New Rooming Quarters—That Mrs. Captain M. Nolan has taken charge of the rooming privileges of the Copeland building, over the "Bee Hive," on Commercial street, is a certain guaranty of the excellence of the service to be given there hence forward. The place will be made manifestly the best of its kind in Astoria and every patron will be made as comfortable as excellent equipment and conscientious management can attain to.

About Completed—J. Vernon has just about completed the new telephone service line in and out of the city of Chinook, across the bay, and will soon make the final connection, putting that place in "long-distance" touch with Astoria and the world. There are twelve phones on the new line and the work has been done in accordance with the best standards. The work will be finished this week.

Passed Away at Oysterville—Catherine E. Stoner died at Oysterville on Sunday of ailments arising from old age. The deceased was born in Michigan and was aged 83 years. Funeral services will be held today at that place, with interment in the nearby cemetery.

Illness Fatal—Elsie Pernu, a native of Finland, aged 20 years, died at St. Mary's hospital Sunday afternoon. The funeral will occur today at 1:30 o'clock from Pohl's undertaking parlors. Interment will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Moves Residence—Captain Al Betts, whose house-boat home has hitherto occupied the position which will be used by the new engine house, has removed his quarters to the corner of Eighteenth and Exchange streets.

Uppertown Death—Mary Lampl, died in Uppertown Sunday after a brief illness. The deceased was a native of Finland, aged 32 years. The funeral will take place Wednesday.

Call For Warrants—City Treasurer Thomas Dealey has issued a call for warrants to the extent of \$3,000 drawn on the general fund and endorsed during the month of December, 1905.

Leaves Hospital—Captain Jones who has been ill at St. Mary's hospital for some time with an attack of pleurisy, is now convalescent and left the hospital yesterday.

New Automobile—P. A. Stokes has purchased an Oldsmobile and expects to have it in this city in the near future. It is reported to be of the latest and most expensive model.

5 pairs of Sox, good woolen to cotton Sox, regular price 25c to 3 for \$1.00 at Wise's removal sale 5 pairs for \$1.00.

HATS, formerly \$2 to \$4 now 55 cents at Wise's removal sale.

All new Neckwear and Suspenders worth from 50 to 75 cents now 35 cents at Wise's removal sale.

Boys' Suits reduced from 75c to \$2.00 at Wise's removal sale.

25c caps for 15c at Wise's removal sale.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Umbrellas reduced to 85c at Wise's removal sale.

Men's Suits reduced from \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50 at Wise's removal sale.

Winter Overcoats as well as top coats reduced almost one-half at Wise's removal sale.

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The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

Astor Temple No. 25, Rathbone Sisters, will give another popular social dance at Logan's Hall Monday, Feb. 11. Admission, 50 cents.

That's the Place! Where? No. 598 Commercial street. You can get any kind of a Valentine at prices to suit you. Sentimental, comic and post cards. Come early and avoid the rush at Hart's Drug Store.

Make Good Use of It—There is an "odd and end" sale on just now at the popular shoe house of Chas. V. Brown. Don't fail to avail yourself of the unequal opportunity for bargains in footwear. It's up to you!

Re-Opens Irving Hotel—William Reischman, formerly of Portland but lately of Chinook, has leased the Irving hotel and will open it up. He will conduct a first class hostelry for the accommodation of the public.

We are going to move into the Spexarth Building, Commercial street, between 8th and 9th, the end of this week. Stock much be reduced in that time; in order to do so, will positively almost give goods away. Don't wait, come at once, or you will regret this opportunity. C. H. Cooper's Great Retiring Sale.

Off for California—Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Smith, who have been the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. E. A. Demirr at Warrenton, for some time past, left for San Francisco on the Columbia, on Sunday morning last, where they will make their future home. Mr. Smith will be well remembered as A. & C. agent at Warrenton, prior to the incumbency of Mr. Prior, now in charge there.

Do you feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon? Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy and too hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light, appetizing wholesome things? You'll save money, too.

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Dell B. Scully, Notary Public, at Scully's Cigar Store. Any old hour!

J. A. Gilbaugh & Company, Undertakers, 549 Duane street, corner of Twelfth.

Special Sale—We are clearing out our stock of odds and ends in broken sets of dining chairs at one-half price while they last. Chas. Hellborn & Co.

From Far Ypsilanti—Mr. and Mrs. Warren West, of Ypsilanti, Mich., have arrived in the city and are welcome guests at the Uppertown home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Starr.

Embryo Citizen—Kristian Anderson, a native of Norway, yesterday filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen of America, with County Clerk J. C. Clinton.

Another Little Stranger—At 11:15 yesterday morning a little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Higgins, at their Harrison Avenue home.

Have Sold the Timber—Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy and his brother, Robert Pomeroy, acting for their mother and five other heirs of the Pomeroy estate, yesterday sold the standing timber on the old homestead of 200 acres, on the Scappoose, back of Rainier, for a good round figure, with the stipulation that it must all be off the place at the end of ten years.

Carp Are Bountiful—A couple of Astorians took a flyer down the A. & C. line yesterday and in their peregrinations about the bends of the Necoxie, west of Morrison's, they found the clear shallows literally alive with big round carp, basking near the surface and evidently enjoying the warm February sunshine. The Astorians were at first puzzled as to what the carp were living on, to keep them in such plump condition, when they noticed that the grass and other vegetation along the creek banks was all closely cropped off right down to the water's edge. Then they knew all about it.

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