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CONTRACTOR WON'T GO AHEAD WITH JOB

MR. LEBECK IS SAID TO HAVE PALKED ON 46TH STREET PUBLIC WHARF MATTER.

It begins to look as if the plan to construct a public wharf at the river front on Forty-sixth street may never be carried to a consummation. After the Mayor had vetoed the ordinance and the Common Council had passed the ordinance over this executive negation, a contract was entered into with L. Lebeck, the contractor, to perform the work on the improvement. That is, bids were advertised for and Mr. Lebeck's was accepted as being the lowest.

The informal announcement was made yesterday at the city hall that Mr. Lebeck had refused to sign up on his contract, and still refuse to do so, on the ground that he doesn't want to run into a "law suit." In presenting his bid, Mr. Lebeck bound himself to faithfully perform the details of the contract if awarded to him, and gave sureties to the same effect. Hence he is apparently bound to go ahead with the work, but it is understood that he will not do so, and moreover, there is no disposition thus far evinced to try to compel him to take up the contract.

It has been well known for several weeks that the moment the work was commenced one or more of the property owners in the assessment district were prepared to bring injunction proceedings. Mr. Lebeck evidently knew of the threatened litigation.

Connellman Belland was the only man who opposed the measure in the Council chamber. In open meeting he called for an explanation of the whole proceeding. The gist of the matter seems to be that the wharf is to be a public one, in the fullest sense of the word, just as the city hall is a public utility, and yet a few private property owners who do not want the wharf, are called upon to pay the whole cost.

It seems to be well understood that the wharf was needed more for the brick plant than for anything else, which made it seem all the more strange that a few property owners should be called upon to pay for something that they did not want, and which was in itself a public utility. It is said that the courts have uniformly held that public wharfs at the end of streets cannot be treated as a continuation of a street and charged to private property owners.

With Mr. Lebeck refusing to continue with the contract, the next step can only be conjectured.

By Way of Amendment—

In the Astorian's account of the St. Aldemar Commandery installation in yesterday's issue, several errors crept in through inadvertence and mis-information, that this paper is desirous of correcting forthwith, as follows: Captain George Wood was installed as Sword Bearer for the new commandery, instead of Dr. W. C. Logan; and R. M. Foster as Standard Bearer, in place of Gerald Bagnall, as reported; the name of W. E. Grace, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery was left out of the roster reported, by inadvertence. And it has since developed that the new commandery maintains the office of Armourer, which is filled by O. F. Heilborn. This, it is believed, cures the discrepancies that unintentionally appeared yesterday.

Deadlock Still On—

The dead lock between George Kaboth and Dr. Logan, both of whom wish to run for the Common Council from the Second ward for the four-year term, has not been broken. Yesterday Dr. Logan filed his petition for the place, filing as a Democrat. Mr. Kaboth, however, refuses to enter the race as a Democrat, thinking that politics should cut little figure in the local election, and he will go before the Citizens' convention tomorrow night as a non-partisan. He had registered as a non-partisan, also. Both of these gentlemen have many warm friends and it will probably be a pretty race between them.

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TRAIN LOAD OF GREAT NORTHERN OFFICIALS

ASTORIA VISITED BY SOME OF MR. HILL'S NOTABLE LIEUTENANTS.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon there rolled into the A. & C. yards in this city, a Great Northern Railway train of four private coaches, hauled by one of the huge mountain-climbing engines of that service, and these cars were filled with leading officials of that line, most of them hailing from the headquarter city of St. Paul.

Among the group of prominent railway people were: J. M. Gruber, general manager of the Great Northern; E. L. Brown, general superintendent W. W. Broughton, general traffic manager; W. P. Kenney, assistant general traffic manager; A. H. Hogeland, chief engineer; Alec Stewart, assistant chief engineer, with headquarters at Seattle; M. J. Costello, assistant traffic manager; and William Harder, the company's general agent at Seattle. Mrs. Gruber and Mrs. Brown accompanied their husbands on the trip.

President Francis B. Clark, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, the "North Bank" system, was of the party, as was H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent of that line; and the train was in the capable hands of Superintendent John McGuire, of the A. & C. Railway.

Only a momentary stop was made in this city; a fresh engine being hitched to it, and then it sped on to Seaside, where it was immediately reversed and left up for Portland and Seattle ahead of the evening express out of here at 6:10 o'clock.

Mayor Herman Wise was at the depot when the special arrived and met the entire party with a courteous invitation to stay over and ascertain some pleasant facts about Astoria, but the exigencies of the trip forbade this, though the gentlemen severally expressed their regrets at the enforced haste under which they were traveling, and which prevented their acceptance of the mayor's polite bidding.

Messrs. Kenney and Harder remained in this city until the coast run was made, and then joined the party for the up-trip. Mr. Kenney said that this was his first visit to Astoria, and from the looks of things he believed he wanted to come back and stay awhile, which, in all likelihood he would before the winter had passed. Asked if there was a possibility that the common-point rate on grain would be established for Astoria in the near future, Mr. Kenney confessed that he had heard a conversation lately which bore upon this important problem, but just how it had eventuated, or whether it had been conclusive of any determinate opinion he had really forgotten, all of which is on a par with the sum of specific information given out by railway magnates when they are out on the road. He had some very pleasant things to say about Astoria, however, and his interlocutor let him off with this, and passed to converse on general themes, upon which he was much franker and certainly more interesting.

Clothes Absolute Free.

In order to thoroughly advertise his "Monster clothing and hat sale" which begins TUESDAY morning, Herman Wise has adopted a clever plan introduced by a Chicago firm. Before the beginning of the sale, a date is written on two slips of paper, the slips sealed inside of two envelopes and one deposited with each of the two daily papers. At the end of the sale three responsible men break the seals, the date is made known and all customers who hold sales slips for that date presents their sales checks at Herman Wise's Clothing Store and get the money back for all clothes bought on that date, whether the slips calls for \$1 or \$100—so no matter what you buy on that day costs you nothing; but whatever day of the SALE you buy clothes at Herman Wise's store you get big bargains and on one day you get clothes FREE.

Football Team—
 The Astoria High School football team will leave for Portland tomorrow to play the Portland Academy team there, and later in the week the boys will meet the Eugene High School team.

Free Concert—
 A graphophone concert in the Astoria Furniture Company's store last

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Yesterday we fitted a customer in one of our new Red Cross models. As she left she said, "Wrap up my old ones. I'll wear these instead."

The Red Cross Shoe is comfortable the moment you put it on!

Its sole, made of specially tanned leather, is flexible. It doesn't bind, cramp or "draw" the foot. It fits like a glove and bends with your foot, just as your glove moves with your hand. This fall



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night proved quite popular, and many stopped into the store to listen to the music. Some of the records were very fine. This was the second Saturday night that a concert has been given in the store and each has demonstrated that people like to sit down for a while and listen to good music.

will be held from the family residence on Fourth street this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. W. S. Gilbert. The Teamsters' Union, of which the unfortunate young man was a member, will attend in a body.

Upholstering.

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Funeral Today—
 The funeral of George Knudsen

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Glee Club—
 The officers of the new organized Glee Club, formed of members of the First company, are as follows: President, Harry Ystad; director, Karl Knobloch; and secretary, Guy Osborne.

Hunters' Licenses—
 There have been 704 hunters' licenses issued at the office of the county clerk the past year. They all run out at the end of the year, but this is the season that many are after them and many have been issued the past two months. They cost \$1 each for residents of the state.

Committee Named For December—
 Astoria Lodge, No. 180, B. P. O. E., has named its Memorial Committee for the year 1908, and these gentlemen will have charge of the beautiful ritualistic services on the first Sunday in the month of December next, to wit: Messrs. Frank J. Carney, John C. McCue, F. C. Fox, C. Le Blanc and Howard L. Knight.

New Company Coming—
 First Lieutenant Behr came upon from Fort Columbia yesterday and spent the afternoon with his Astoria friends. Lieutenant Behr says that the 160th company, coast artillery is due to arrive at Fort Stevens on the 3rd of next month, election day, and that it is a newly recruited company. He reports everything progressing favorably at his north shore post.

A Morning Blaze—
 At 10:50 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was sent out calling the department to the residence of Earl A. Clark, in the flats of Miss Alice Woods, at 663 Irving avenue. The fire caught in a wood-box in the kitchen, and was not subdued until it had wrought at least \$100 worth of damage. The department responded swiftly and a bad fire was averted on the hills where fire is hard to reach, in point of time.

Surgeon Removes Steel—
 John Marquardt, employed in the Warren & Lester logging camp, suffered an accident recently whereby a piece of steel entered the front part of one of his legs, and finally it worked almost through the limb. Marquardt came to the city and Dr. Henderson performed an operation, successfully removing the foreign substance. John Olson, an employee of the Pacific Logging Company, was another logger who met with a bad accident. On Wednesday he cut deep into his foot with an axe, cutting clear into the bone. He came into town for treatment at the hospital, and was attended by Dr. Henderson. Olson is getting along nicely and will return home today.

On Saturday Night—
 The Woman's Relief Corps fair, to be held next Saturday afternoon and evening, October 31st, in the sample rooms of the Northern Hotel, Duane and Eleventh streets, promises to be the big event of the season. Fancy articles for the Christmas gifts, aprons, doll hats, dresses and home-made candies will be the attractions. The ladies will also serve coffee and cake.

Allen Building—
 The Allen building, in which the athletic club will be housed, is nearing completion and yesterday the structure itself was declared completed. All the carpenter work is done. The painting will not be finished for a week or so yet, and when that is finished the building will be in readiness for occupancy. A heating plant is being installed, and the entire place will be heated with steam from top to bottom. The basement will be finished in pure white enamel, including the swimming tank, the dressing rooms, and the like. The building will wear a handsome exterior appearance, also.

The Fair Season—
 The fair season is upon Astoria. The season when all men are called on to manifest the good will that is in them toward those that are not so fortunate as themselves, and which they invariably meet with the proper spirit. The next to engage their interest is that of the Woman's Relief Corps, the "good angels" of the soldiers and war veterans of the country, and their cause will be presented on next Saturday in the Read building on Duane street, in the sample room of the Northern Hotel. Don't allow this to slip your mind under any circumstances.

Change Of Service—
 Earl A. Clark, long and favorably known in this city as chief salesman at the popular clothing house of Judd Brothers on Commercial street yesterday severed his connection with the Messrs. Judd, and will at once enter the service of the Columbia Trust Company, of Portland, as its Astoria representative of that concern, of which his brother, Frank L. Clark, is president. Edward H. Streumeyer, equally well known in this city, will take the place vacated by Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark has a host of friends in this city who will wish him immediate and abundant success in his new relation.

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