

What People Are Doing

The local Elks club will give a dance in its hall next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thornton of Kelso are visiting in Aberdeen this week.

The Sixty club gave one of its enjoyable dances Wednesday evening in Eagles hall.

Albert Evenson came down from Elma the other day on a business trip to this city.

J. T. Nelson was in Portland last week on business, registered at the Hotel Benson.

A Yama Yama party will be given by the Au Falt club of Cosmopolis this evening.

The Friends in Council club will hold its meeting next Tuesday with Mrs. F. R. Archer.

J. J. Leonard of the Kaufman-Leonard company, made a business trip to Raymond last week.

The Remembrance club will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Carrie Browning at her home.

Mrs. George Acret at her home, 511 First avenue, was hostess Tuesday to the Young Mothers' club.

Miss M. Harkins made a trip to Portland the first of the week, stopping at the Hotel Benson.

At the home of Mrs. J. R. Douglas this evening St. Andrews guild will hold an informal musical.

Mrs. Peter Creech at her home, 503 West Sixth street, was hostess Tuesday to the Talitha Cumi club.

John J. Carney went to Everett last Saturday to attend the meeting of the Democratic state central committee.

The Pan-Hellenic club will hold its meeting tomorrow in Hoquiam at the home of Mrs. Miller, 711 Bluff avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haynes, pioneer Aberdeen residents, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in April.

A. H. Hofer of Olympia had business that brought him the other day to Aberdeen. He was a guest at the Washington.

The millinery department at Kaufman Bros. drygoods store has been visited by painters and carpenters, with very pleasing results.

J. L. Stannard, prominent engineer of Portland, was in the city this week to give City Engineer L. D. Kelsey advice on the Wishkah water project.

Ontario division entertained yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Canadian club, held at the home of Mrs. I. L. Ilton, 1003 West Wishkah street.

An Hawaiian party will be given by Fourth Division, Naval Militia, next Friday evening, March 3, at the armory. Hawaiian music and other features will be used.

G. L. Marquard and S. C. Ruck of Victoria, B. C., were visitors here this week, stopping at the Hotel Washington. They are interested in the Bay City whaling station.

Many Aberdeen Rebekahs visited the Hoquiam Rebekah lodge Wednesday evening, the occasion being an entertainment in honor of the anniversary of the Hoquiam lodge's founding.

The South Aberdeen W. C. T. U. held its meeting Tuesday with Mrs. B. E. Loomis at her home, 513 Curtis street, a Willard memorial program being presented.

In recognition of assistance in many programs at entertainments given by Hoquiam Elks, Charles Hartwell of this city, who is a member of the local Elks lodge, has been presented with a beautiful Elks ring.

Mrs. Frederick Green, after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wood, returned last Saturday to her Portland home. Mrs. Henry Wessinger, another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wood and also a resident of the Rose City, will not return home until the end of this week.

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Edgar Peterson came up from Raymond Monday night and is a guest at the Hotel Washington.

For Sale—Sawing and packing job in Mutual Mill at Marysville. Address P. O. box 416, at Marysville.

A. E. Davies went to Seattle early in the week on a business trip that kept him several days on the Sound.

After visiting two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bendlin, and sister, Mrs. H. J. Frazer, Mrs. K. M. Oliver departed Monday for her home in Seattle.

Mrs. J. D. Walker's health is much improved, according to word from her recently, following an operation performed in Portland. Mrs. Walker now is visiting relatives in British Columbia.

B. B. Williams, deputy from the secretary of state's office, was in the city this week jogging the memories of local automobile owners about their licenses this year. Mr. Williams was a guest at the Hotel Washington.

At the Grant Hotel there registered during the week, A. Buckman, J. R. Jones of Seattle, A. B. Johnson of Portland, R. E. Gray of Medford, L. H. Beele, F. H. Pettit, E. B. Garrow of Tacoma, R. Ray of Aloha, M. G. Crisp of Elma.

Organization of a company, it is expected, will be perfected soon to back Victor Street, former secretary of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, in exploiting several woodworking inventions which, in the opinion of all who have seen them, possess utility that will make them readily saleable.

Eugene France made a business trip to Raymond the end of last week.

Catholic church women will give a card party and dance in the Eagles hall Wednesday evening, March 1. The committee in charge is composed of Mrs. C. Foelkner, Mrs. F. Hastert, Mrs. J. W. Young, Mrs. P. Hastert and Mrs. H. Schafer.

The register of Hotel Washington shows a big increase in business the last week. Among the guests were J. W. Kiger, Tillamook; R. A. Borst, Geo. Farnsworth, N. S. Gordon, of Seattle; L. Oldfield, New York; E. Hofer, Salem; E. Mowry, San Francisco; J. R. Zelfiff, Buffalo, N. Y.; L. E. McKenzie, Detroit; Captain G. LeMarquard, the new manager of the whaling station, and General Manager S. C. Ruck of Victoria, B. C.

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OBITUARY

The body of Eric Soronen was found February 21, floating in the Wishkah river near the Heron street bridge. Soronen, a Finn fisherman, had been missing since December 23. His friends suspect foul play.

N. S. Arnold, formerly a resident of this city, but for the past ten years living in Olympia, died Feb. 16 at that city. Mr. Arnold was aged 83 years. The funeral was held here last Friday, his body being interred at Fern Hill cemetery beside that of his wife.

Arthur L. Young, who visited last year in Aberdeen, died recently in Portland, according to word received here.

GOOD PROGRAM GIVEN

Many gathered last Tuesday. Washington's birthday, at Odd Fellows hall for the Washington and Lincoln dinner served by the Women's Relief Corps. The G. A. R. post, G. A. R. club and families were guests and an interesting program was given, those taking part being Rev. Charles McDermoth, Catherine Pratsch, Geo. B. Miller, Mayor J. M. Phillips and his two little daughters.

INCOME TAXES DUE

Income taxes are due next Wednesday, March 1. Notices from Internal Revenue Collector D. J. Williams, Tacoma, warn citizens that failure to make returns by that date will subject individuals to penalty of \$1,000 and corporations, \$10,000.

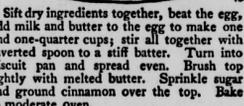
German Coffee Cake

Made Without Yeast
By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine.

There is no warm bread quite as appropriate for Sunday morning breakfast as German Coffee Cake, yet it is seldom made by housewives who do not bake their own bread. If K C double raise Baking Powder is used it will be just as good as if raised with yeast and it will have the further advantage of being fresh and warm. Save this recipe and try it next Sunday.

K C German Coffee Cake

Two and one-fourth cups sifted flour;
3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder;
1 level teaspoonful salt; 2
tablespoonful melted butter;
2 tablespoonfuls sugar;
1 egg; milk.



Sift dry ingredients together, beat the egg, add milk and butter to the egg to make one and one-quarter cups; stir all together with inverted spoon to a stiff batter. Turn into biscuit pan and spread even. Brush top lightly with melted butter. Sprinkle sugar and ground cinnamon over the top. Bake in moderate oven.

Dutch Apple Cake or Prune Kuchen can be made with this same batter by covering the top with pared and sliced apples, or cooked prunes with the pits removed, skin sides down. Dredge with sugar and cinnamon the same as for Coffee Cake.

"The Cook's Book" contains 90 just such delicious recipes. You can secure a copy free by sending the colored certificate packed in 25-cent cans of K C Baking Powder to the Jacques Mig. Co., Chicago, being sure to write your name and address plainly.



BOWLING NEWS

At Shafer's Bowling Alleys

The Shafer Bowling Alleys continue to grow in popularity. Aberdeen is developing some first class players and we can put up a team that will come out on top in the State tournaments.

The ladies are showing much interest and improvement.

HOUSE LEAGUE

Bankers—			
Baker	167	175	169—511
Fuller	137	116	165—417
Knight	169	188	171—528
Hoonan	139	181	176—495
Nyere	148	198	147—493
Total	760	858	827—2445
Knights of Columbus—			
P. Hastert	170	136	133—439
Young	132	151	122—405
King	211		211
Donovan	115	166	281
Delaney	135	133	142—410
F. Hastert	174	201	155—530
Total	822	736	718—2276

Schafer's Big Five—			
Eaton	178	201	191—570
Zan	117		117
Berggren	161	201	362
Wilcox	150	177	226—553
Connors	176	191	155—522
Flanagan	179	225	186—590
Total	800	955	959—2714
Hoquiam All-Stars—			
Benner	172	188	167—527
Glozensky	185	163	175—523
Brown	177	203	174—554
Hunter	136	154	182—472
Katula	186	146	168—500
Total	856	854	868—2578

Elks—			
Miller	142	161	160—463
G. Hulbert	149	93	153—395
Johnson	125		125
Wilcox	193		193
Eaton	159	155	314
E. Hulbert	156	149	305
Phillips	213	151	198—562
Total	822	720	815—2357

Knights of Pythias—			
Findelsen	198	164	157—519
Phelps	146	173	190—509
Hornbrook	235	145	153—533
Brown	171	169	137—477
Nelson	148	162	198—508
Total	898	813	835—2546
Grays Harbor Ry. & Light Co.—			
Liveland	146	141	127—414
Rogers	155	167	141—463
Mendenhall	137	137	149—423
Nelson	143	158	164—465
Phillips	149	129	159—437
Total	730	732	740—2202

Lawyers and Doctors—			
Cook	159	208	135—492
Hulbert	155	165	145—465
Bowly	128	127	137—392
Bartlett	133	158	131—422
Hunter	192	140	154—486
Total	767	798	702—2267



All the happenings of the week are...

Personal Prattle

By John J. Carney
Contributing Editor

Decide, Efficiency or Waste

On Monday, next, the voters of Aberdeen will be called upon to determine whether we shall continue with the system of municipal government that is being rapidly discarded in the progressive cities in 37 states of the Union, or adopt the Commission plan and join the procession that is making for economy and efficiency in every city in which it has been given a fair trial.

In rendering this decision, the advocates of the change appeal only to common sense, not to prejudice or politics. All will admit that city government is purely a business proposition, that each of us are stockholders in the corporation of Aberdeen and that according to the assessed valuation we have a capital stock of about \$15,000,000. It is as stockholders in this corporation we should decide the issue before us Monday, with the assurance that the decision will be followed by financial results. Whether beneficial or otherwise depends upon the result of the election.

The Two Plans Compared

Since the inception of this movement, these columns have given the experience of every city in this state operating under the Allen law, the statute under which Aberdeen will act. These cities are, according to them in position to know, in better condition as regards efficiency of service and lower cost than was possible to attain under the ward-councilmanic system. Most assuredly, the citizen honestly seeking what is best for the city—and incidentally best for himself—will not ignore this fact upon a mere denial of an opposition that has more or less interest in the continuance of the present form, especially with his tax statement for last year now at hand. It is a question of dollars and cents, and if those who pay for municipal mistakes will be to their duty next Monday, there is small room for doubt as to the result. I do not claim that no mistakes will be made under the new plan, but I do claim that those who make such cannot dodge the responsibility, each commissioner being directly responsible for his department.

The opponents of the change allege that we have had splendid progress under the city council system and that no change is demanded, but I contend that Aberdeen's progress had been in spite of a system of management that would wreck the strongest business concern on Grays Harbor in less than two years. A system that makes it humanly impossible for the managers to become familiar with the details of the business they manage. The administration is scarcely to be blamed. The mayor and 12 councilmen are neither paid nor expected to devote the time to the city necessary for its proper management. The move-

ment for a change is not a fault-finding movement. It is making no charges against the present or past city administrations, realizing that the average is and has been as good as we can secure under this system.

Vexatious Red Tape the Rule

Besides the money waste of the present system, the vexatious delays in the transaction of public business is a common grievance. A well known citizen informed the writer recently of his experience. When the recent snow went off, his basement was flooded, putting his heating plant out of commission, owing to a clogged storm sewer. He spent a week getting three members of the street committee together, only to be informed that he should have seen the engineer. Finding the engineer upon the return of the latter from the water project, he was told to see the street commissioner, who told him he would have to have authority from the council. He had been two weeks engaged in the effort to secure relief when talking to the writer, and is probably at it yet.

Let this be considered an extreme case, I quote from the records of a meeting of the council, October 25, 1911: Councilman Chas. Larkin had been for months engaged in trying to have Randall street improved at the petition of the property owners, when, losing patience, he said: "You fellows make me tired about this delaying of street work—and I move the work be put off until next spring. Last July or August those people petitioned for this improvement and it has been juggled and referred until now winter is coming and nothing done."

Some Instances of Waste

The statement of the opposition to the Commission form, that there is no record councilmanic of graft may be very true, but there is no doubt that there has been enormous waste, and to the taxpayer the financial result is the same. To give the complete list of recorded wasteful mistakes would fill a page of this paper, but I shall name a few of the leading ones which are easiest recalled. An examination of the records will show that water mains across the Chehalis river have cost Aberdeen approximately \$75,000, and the last one put across leaks so badly that the north side cannot use the Charley creek supply in times of shortage. Who's fault? The system.

When the last North Aberdeen bridge was built, the city was in a turmoil for more than a year, and the city paid \$15,950 for a bridge costing complete \$9,000, a waste of over 77 per cent, and at that, the council refused to so place it as to give street car service to the cemetery. Here are the items of waste. Ferry 14 months, \$5,250; swing easement, neglected until bridge was built, \$1,200.

loss of time by ferry, 14 months, (low estimate—\$500, total waste, \$6,950.

One of the councilmanic blunders that stands out like a sore thumb and cost the city more than \$200,000 in a labor pay roll, was the unnecessary paving of East Heron street. An improvement that worked a hardship upon the largest industrial plant in the city at a time when the concern could ill afford it, and was absolutely unnecessary. This paving caused the Slade mill to shut down several months while the work was done and permanently closed one side of the big mill for more than a year before it shut down last.

The addition of an automobile and police matron to the police force, and a costly lathe for the water department, are a couple of recent mistakes, which you are finding in your tax statements right now, the expense of which was wholly unjustified when the financial condition of the city is considered, and partially accounts for the demand this year for \$11.15 per \$1000 for city taxes as against \$6.50 per \$1000 valuation last year.

The premature sale of \$400,000 of bonds for a water system, drawing 5 1/2 per cent interest, before a location of the plant is determined, and from six months to a year before it will be required, does resemble the act of a sane man of business. Nor did the activity of the members of the council in the election upon those bonds appeal to the public. Nor may the council wonder under the circumstances that rumor has it that the purchase of the West bridge was made dependent upon South Aberdeen votes for the bonds.

Right or wrong, this rumor has received such credence that in most wards, the present candidates for councilmen who display unwonted activity in the elections next Monday, will be marked for slaughter should the Commission plan fail.

Taken as a whole, it is an undisputable fact that the Allen law affords an opportunity for a better government of the city for less money than does the present plan, and it is insultingly idle to assert that Aberdeen does not contain citizens who will serve as commissioners, who are qualified to hold the trust. Aberdeen does have within her borders as good an average citizenship as any other city in the state, yet is the only city of her population or greater that has retained the ward-councilmanic system.

DYKING DISTRICT ELECTION

Date for the dyking district election for the district west of the Hoquiam river near Grays Harbor City has been set by the county commissioners as March 22.

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GLEN R. SNIDER

Candidate for Police Judge

Republican

Subject to the Primaries, March 7.

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E. B. CRARY

Candidate for City Treasurer

Republican

Subject to the Primaries, March 7, 1916.

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P. F. CLARK

Candidate for City Clerk

Subject to the Primaries, March 7.

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C. T. BELL

Candidate for Councilman Sixth Ward

Republican

Subject to the Primaries March 7, 1916.

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T. H. HILL

Candidate for City Treasurer

Republican

Subject to the Primaries, March 7.

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JAMES McMASTER

Candidate for Councilman, Sixth Ward

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