

A HUMILIATING SPECTACLE AND A WAY OUT

The City Council Wednesday night turned the Fourth of July celebration over to the Moose. The history of the past two weeks' worrying over the Splash is: Briefly stated, it was proposed that we hold a celebration on or around July 4th. A committee was appointed, and after considering the matter in a more or less hurried manner, reported "nothing doing." They gave as their reasons that Aberdeen could not celebrate under the existing conditions.

Stripped of verbiage and hypothetical excuses this means, that this City and the surrounding country is so sodden and sunk in iniquity that unless we "open 'er up" it is useless to try to do anything. It means that unless whisky is sold, gambling rampant, and prostitution shamelessly indulged in, that nothing can be accomplished here. By the pink-toed prophet, we believe that this is a lie, also we believe that it is the nastiest slap in the face decent people of this town ever had handed to them. With the changed conditions of affairs in this city, the make-up of the committee was top-heavy and unfortunate, and did not represent by a very large and growing majority the sentiment of our people. A large and representative committee can easily be formed which can carry a celebration to a successful finish. Why not have this kind on the committee: Tom Blyth, A. C. Gaillac, P. A. Bertrand, W. C. Mumaw, J. S. Waugh, Geo. J. Wolff, E. A. Morck, W. J. Patterson, S. W. Johnston, M. R. Jones, R. E. Edwards, C. T. Scurry, Mayor Phillips, C. Holmer, and a host of others whose names do not occur to us at this writing? There's a happy medium in all things. This could be maintained; there's no use in being so nice that one becomes positively nasty, nor need we walk so straight up that we fall over backwards. People in the front of affairs are supposed to be blessed with a reasonable amount of common sense, but for any man or number of men to say that a successful celebration can not be accomplished without this fair city wallowing in the slime and muck of positive and wilful wrongdoing is in our opinion blatant humbug, and quite probably a deliberate twisting of facts to accomplish certain nefarious ends, and throw discredit on a saloonless city. Leaders of Aberdeen, get together and let us have a royal good and decent time; one that will be a credit to the city and the thousands of people who will visit us.

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PROSPERITY IS HERE FOR KEEPS NOW

Lumber Journals of Seattle and Minneapolis Find Common Ground in Commenting on Conditions

GOOD TIMES ARE NOT PASSING FLURRY

Shortage of Freight Equipment of Railways Means Placing of Large Orders for Cars, Largely Wooden

A period of prosperity is being entered upon, and it is to last four or five years for the lumber industry, according to such standard publications as the West Coast Lumberman of Seattle and the Mississippi Valley Lumberman of Minneapolis, Minn. In their current issues each deals editorially with the question.

Gall Marine, sales manager of the Schwager-Nettleton mills, Seattle, says the West Coast Lumberman, "has just returned from a five weeks' trip to the Middle West. Mr. Marine went as far as Chicago, and visited Kansas City and St. Louis and other points in that territory, as well as many others between there and the Coast."

"Mr. Marine on his return said that he never saw such good conditions on the whole as prevail in the Middle West territory, in which Pacific Coast lumber finds its best demands. For instance, he found that in such territory as Colorado and Wyoming, where much depends upon sheep raising, the sheep men are obtaining record breaking prices. Mr. Marine found a very optimistic feeling everywhere; in fact, he said he didn't find anybody who was not an optimist."

No Mere Flurry. "Another feature of the situation back there, he said, is that most business people do not consider the present prosperity a mere flurry, but believe that it will last for four or five years. Mr. Marine made the interesting statement that owing to the great demand for steel and other products needed in car construction, big car factories are working very short time, but that the shortage and high prices of steel and the inability to obtain deliveries for many months, are causing car manufacturers to look once more with favor upon wood. He said that it would not surprise him at all if a very large number of the cars built during the next year or so will have a much greater percentage of wood than would be the case if conditions were normal."

5 NEW TEACHERS IN SCHOOL HERE

Board Accepts Resignations of Six Instructors.

New teachers were appointed by the Aberdeen board of education, at Tuesday night's meeting, as follows: Miss Kath Pearson and Miss Calla Van Kleeve, both of Cosmopolis; Miss Annabelle Noble, of Centralia; Miss Margaret Kress, of Lewiston, Idaho; and Miss Lydia Bush, of Sparta, Wisconsin. Miss Bush will have charge of the high school Latin department while the others will hold grade positions. They will take the places of those instructors who have resigned: Miss Mollie Burnett, of the high school; Miss Hulda Anderson, Miss Blanch Kleebe and Miss Florence Semmens, of the Franklin school; Miss Mable Luby, of the Stevens school; and Miss Carol Berkey, of the Samuel Benn school.

says: "The immense and growing railway traffic of the country coupled with a shortage of freight cars due to the inactivity of the railways in car building during recent years has developed such a shortage of equipment that there is at present a rush to provide for both the present and the future."

Railways Must Use Lumber. "While there has been a tendency of late to turn more to the use of steel for the construction of both freight and passenger cars, the high price of steel products has determined the railways to use a larger proportion of lumber, especially in the building of freight cars, and the lumber manufacturers of the country are reaping something of a harvest. They need it, for the demand for lumber from this, the greatest source of trade for them, has been woefully lacking for several years."

"One day last week a southern railroad made contracts for more than three thousand cars which will require over fourteen million feet of lumber in their construction. During the past four weeks contracts have been placed with western mills for seventy-five million feet of lumber, one-third of which is high priced car material. The Great Northern railway has placed an order with a Portland company for the construction of five hundred freight cars which will require about three million feet of lumber; and a number of other roads are, or soon will be, in the market for equipment of this character."

"This is the cream of the trade for the lumber manufacturers. It calls for a high grade of material and it can be manufactured and sold in large quantities. Ordinarily, in normal times the railroads take as much as, or more lumber than any other single industry. But times have been far from normal in recent years, and the lumbermen have had to depend almost altogether on the yard trade for business. With the railways back in the market, their chief troubles will be over."

Census of Schools Here Is as High as 1915; Maybe Higher

A school census for Aberdeen as high as, and possibly higher than, last year's is confidently expected by E. B. Crary, secretary of the local board of education. The South Aberdeen census shows a gain, 554 this year against 510 in 1915. It is requested that notification be sent the school board by anyone who knows of families overlooked by the census enumerators, as the name of each child of school age, 5 to 21 years, means about \$10 in state funds for this school district.

A seventh grade will be placed in the Stevens school, South Aberdeen, to relieve crowded conditions at the Franklin school. Rules adopted for the awarding of the Weatherwax scholarship prize of \$100 provide that contesting student must have been three years a pupil at the local high school. Phipps & Watson, Tom Bogle and Kelly Bros. each were given wood contracts.



—DeMar in Philadelphia Record.

TO START ON POSTOFFICE IN FEW DAYS

Contractor Hendrickson Here to Arrange for Work

John Hendrickson of Hendrickson & Co., Seattle, who have the contract for constructing Aberdeen's new postoffice, says work will start on the structure in a week or ten days. Hendrickson was in the city this week. By the contract, the postoffice must be completed by July 15, 1917.

The first story will be of granite, the upper half of the building will be faced with red brick, and lobby floor and base boards will be of marble. Whether brick manufactured near Chehalis or coming from California shall be used depends upon price.

A Seattle firm has secured the subcontract for wiring and a Tacoma firm for plumbing. Postmaster John J. Carney has taken up with Hendrickson the matter of changing the specifications to allow of installing a circular door on the west front of the building instead of swinging doors, which would be hit in winter by full force of southwest and northwest gales, to the discomfort of postoffice employees and public alike, and Hendrickson believes the federal authorities will permit the change to be made.

For the quarter ending March 31 of this year, local postoffice receipts show increase of nearly 50 per cent over the same quarter in 1915—\$8,186.10 against 5,547.82, or a gain of \$2,638.28. A revival in business conditions is clearly indicated by the figures.

28 MILLION FEET OF LUMBER SENT BY SEA IN APRIL

A total of 28,760,000 feet of lumber made the sea shipments from Grays Harbor in April, the best record since June of last year. It still, however, is way below the mark that would be reached were it not for the European war and scarcity of vessels. There should be 40,000,000 feet of lumber going out monthly by water, now.

ARSENIC AS BAD AS STRYCHNINE IN LAST RESULT

STATE HEALTH BOARD USES FIGURE FOR DEADLY COMPARISON

Man Intelligently Fights Off Tuberculosis Only to Fall Victim to Typhoid

If we found a man who very rigidly avoided eating or drinking anything that contained strychnine, but who was careless with regard to material containing arsenic, and who deliberately ate material that he knew contained arsenic and died therefrom, we would say he was crazy, and yet, says a press bulletin of the Washington state board of health, it would seem that he occasionally, at least, find people who take a similar course with regard to the protection of their health.

An illustration in this very line has recently been brought home to us. A young man had carefully read and studied the question of prevention of tuberculosis. Some of his family had had this disease in years gone by, although he showed no evidence of it. However, as a matter of precaution, he bought a small ranch, a neat cottage with a sleeping porch, and religiously occupied this open air sleeping apartment, realizing that such precautions would, in all probability, protect him from developing tuberculosis.

He provided for his house a good well. In providing this well he probably considered the esthetic side of the question more than the health side, for during the last winter his well pump became frozen, and without considering for a moment the dangers to which he was exposing himself and family, he proceeded to secure his water for domestic purposes from a small stream on the banks of which he knew were many sources of contamination. He also knew that at a point one-fourth of a mile above his residence a small sewer emptied into this stream.

As a result of such negligence (taking arsenic and avoiding strychnine, as it were), he contracted typhoid fever and die, and yet we do not say that he was insane.

"KATTI-KORNER"

The Northwest Supply Company has moved to more commodious quarters diagonally across the street from their old location.

NEW SCALES AT DEPOT TO AID SHIPPER

Lumber Now Won't Soak Up Weight Before Weighing

Aberdeen's platform scales were placed in commission last Saturday at the Union depot, after thorough examination by State Scale Inspector G. H. Kaiser. They will weigh 300,000 pounds of freight. The installation of the scales will prove a boon to local shippers, particularly of lumber. Cars previously had been weighed at Centralia, and quite a bit of moisture can be picked up by the lumber in the run between the two cities.

The scales put in at the Aberdeen Union depot will be used jointly by the O.-W., Northern Pacific and Milwaukee lines. Hoquiam too, now has track scales, the Northern Pacific having moved its scales from Aberdeen Junction for the use jointly of the three lines. The scales at Cosmopolis are retained by the three railways, but they, like the Aberdeen Junction apparatus, have proved too far from the general Grays Harbor shipping points, to be of much use.

Reason Is Unhinged By Brooding Over European Conflict

Ased Tahen, his reason overturned by brooding over the European war and by more personal troubles connected with business affairs, was adjudged insane Wednesday, after appearance in the superior court at Montesano. Relatives of the unfortunate man have arranged for his care at a private sanitarium. Tahen is a brother-in-law of C. A. Bitar, Hoquiam merchant.

NORTON IS BACK

Joe Norton, brought back Monday by Sheriff Schelle Matthews from Oklahoma City, Okla., will be tried on a jail breaking charge instead of for robbing the Northern Pacific depot at Montesano.

HOT DEBATE OVER PAVING OF STREETS

Property Owners and Residents of Second Street Mix in City Council Chambers Over Improvement

SCHMIDT RETAINED AS CHIEF OF POLICE

John Lowery Gets Fear's Job as Street Superintendent, and A. J. Grant Is President of Council

Resolution providing for the paving of West Second street was held up by the council, at Wednesday night's session, for another week, following protests against the improvement and warm arguments in favor of it, set forth by property owners and residents of that thoroughfare. A petition asking for paving of West Hume street from Washington to Garfield street, a stretch of three blocks, was returned to petitioners with recommendation that they include all the way to K street in the improvement.

The Splash celebration was turned over to the local lodge of Moose.

Mayor J. M. Phillips retained R. J. Schmidt as chief of police; appointed John Lowery, driver of the street sprinkler for some years, as street superintendent, vice J. E. Fear; and held up the water superintendent appointment another week.

A. J. Grant was declared elected as president of the council, City Attorney A. E. Cross rendering opinion that the mayor had the right to decide the tie between Grant and A. S. Brecht.

Long Debate Over Street

These were important points covered in a three hours' session of the council this week. The debate over the West Second street improvement consumed half of the session. Attorney F. W. Loomis presented the case for 28 protestors, while P. A. Powell, Andrew Reid and others represented resident owners who wanted the improvement put through. Estimate of City Engineer L. D. Kelsey gave \$320 as cost to each 50x150 foot lot, for asphalt and \$280 for concrete. Assessed valuation of property affected is \$18,550.

Warehousing of lumber and other supplies for the Wishkah water project was brought up by the city engineer, who favored leasing a site 100

124 YEARS SINCE GRAY SAILED HIS SHIP TO HARBOR

Last Sunday was the 124th anniversary of the sailing into Grays Harbor of Capt. Robert Gray. On May 7, 1792, he christened it Bullfinch Bay—the name subsequently being changed in honor of the discover—but did not land here, so far as all records show. Five years ago a tablet of bronze was placed by Grays Harbor people at Lone Tree, by which point the navigator is supposed to have steered into the Harbor.

NO NEED OF GUARDS

An armed guard which has been kept at the Aberdeen armory for several months, has been discontinued by orders of Capt. H. A. Comeau, Co. G, 2nd Reg., N. G. W., due, it is believed, to a clearing of the long impending trouble with Germany.

LISTER TO BE GUEST

Governor Ernest Lister will be the guest of the evening and the main speaker, Monday, May 22, at a banquet to be given by the Brotherhood of the First Methodist church. An interesting program is being prepared for the occasion.

feet west of M and River streets, cost of building to be \$500, and rent \$50 a year.

Warrants were ordered drawn for following of A. R. Eichler's first contract on the West bridge, all repair work, totalling \$4,548.91. The contract has been assigned to the Hayes & Hayes Bank. There still is due the contractor \$14,000 on the second contract, construction work, and \$4,500 on force account. The total cost of the bridge, including \$25,000 paid to A. J. West for the old toll structure will be \$57,110.

Bids for Wishkah Road

Bids on the Wishkah road construction, over the route dedicated by Mrs. Jean B. Stewart, were received from the Standard Transfer company, Carl Gylling and August Wallin. Bids were referred a week to the street committee.

W. H. Johnson was granted privilege of living in the house owned by the city near the Charley creek intake of the water system, Johnson being requiring in return to take care of the dam.

In accepting the Moose lodge's offer to handle the 1916 Splash, Mayor Phillips made it clear to Secretary O. T. Hermans that that order that any carnival company brought to the city will be required to conform to all ordinances governing games of chance and general conduct of amusements. The police committee, on motion of Pista, will have supervision over the Moose plans.

Other appointments to city offices announced by the mayor included the retention of Dr. J. B. Kinne as health officer, and of the incumbent library board: P. A. Bertrand, W. O. McCaw, Mrs. W. B. Mack, Mrs. Jessie Irvine and A. J. Morley; and of the incumbent park board: C. E. Troutman, Mrs. L. G. Humbarger and W. Irvine.

MELBOURNE GETS PIONEERS' PICNIC

Annual Gathering of Old Timers Will Be Held July 4

The annual picnic and meeting of the Grays Harbor County Pioneers' association will be held at Melbourne July 4. The trustees of the association decided Monday to accept the invitation of Melbourne people who will serve the hot coffee and some other adjuncts to the spread.

At the July gathering, too, pioneers will be asked to confirm new membership rules adopted by the trustees, allowing membership to all who came to Washington before it became a state. There will be four classes of members: the first, those who settled here between 1850 and 1860; second, between 1860 and 1870, and so on. The officers of the association have endorsed this plan. The program for the July 5 picnic will be announced later.

Don't worry—read The Herald; it costs you only \$1.50 a year.