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### A New Charter Needed.

The regular meeting of the City Council last evening developed the fact that a "Constitutional Convention" should be improvised at Astoria as early as possible, that the city charter be amended in many essential points. Work under the present instrument is very much like that of the army, with the old and bungle-some army wagons which the laws of the past century and the proverbial red tape still fastens to the service. Preliminary to taking rank as a first class city it is indispensably necessary that the present charter be modified, amended or extended, or entirely repealed and a new one enacted; by the approaching assembly. The most important works of improvement are hampered for want of some latitude for liberal expansion of progressive ideas, and we submit these remarks with a view of attracting attention to the importance of the subject. It will be necessary for the voters of Clatsop county to send to the assembly a man whose motives may be pure, and whose mind may be qualified to grasp the idea correctly, to represent these matters for us, and it will devolve upon the citizens of Astoria to suitably prepare an instrument meeting the wants of the growing community, before many substantial or very important public works and enterprises are inaugurated here, and successfully carried on to completion.

A suggestion offered itself to us last evening as we listened to the reading of the report of proceedings of the police court to members of the Common Council. The names of offenders on that list were never readers of newspapers to our knowledge, unless they borrowed the paper from some one else. What a commentary on human life. Intelligence is the basis of society, and ought to be a qualification for the legal rights of suffrage.

Sixty-one new names were entered upon the books of the DAILY ASTORIAN from last evening up to nine o'clock this forenoon. About 300 copies will be taken by fishermen on the river. This is suggestive of the fact that the fishermen of the Columbia river are a reading class of citizens. It should also suggest to advertisers the idea that the columns of this paper is a good medium through which to reach patronage that pays.

Sheridan Corbyn arrived by the Oriflamme to-day with a first class troupe the "Merry Makers," with which to delight Oregon audiences for a brief season. The "Merry Makers" will appear in Astoria on or about the 12th or 19th inst.

Geo. Oakchiah was in town early this morning, and relates an incident which he met with in an encounter with an ugly panther on Sunday. The wild brute gave him and his dogs a lively tussle, but George hung his skin out to dry yesterday.

## STEAMSHIP PASSENGERS.

—Following is a list of passengers from San Francisco by the steamship Oriflamme, Capt. Fred Bolles, which arrived this morning.

Lieut. W. Everet and family, J. E. Taylor, M. Kimball, Nat Ross, Mrs. A. L. Davis, W. T. Gray, J. D. Daily, J. B. Lee, B. W. Mathewson, J. B. Titus, B. Von Ammon, J. H. Ramsdell, G. H. Bennett, G. Edwards, T. Kirchoff, H. W. Corbyn, Geo. S. Knight, F. Kimball, Sheridan Corbyn, W. Watson, Rev. Bishop of Sitka, M. Witislosky, D. H. Smith, H. C. Leonard, A. J. Zekind, C. F. Fuller, Mrs. L. Hepburn, C. E. Likins and family, F. W. Sonz, H. Krebs, E. W. Reuling, B. B. Miller and son, John Ewing and family, Wm. Grant, H. Ewart, John Tate and family, Mrs. Irene Worrell, George Richards, Mrs. H. Strauss and 4 children, Mrs. Sophie Worrell, Frank Jones, Louis Bodecker.

### May Day Pleasures.

Yesterday was just such a day as the pleasure seeker could wish for in search of out-door recreation. Two excursions left the city, one for Knappa in the forenoon, and one for Youngs river in the evening. At the latter all who participated speak in glowing terms in praise of the management that afforded them such joyous amusement as was had. Of the former one who participated says:

The children's picnic yesterday was a most enjoyable affair. The party arrived at Knappa at 11½ o'clock and started for home at 2. A bountiful lunch was spread on the open prairie under the sheltering branches of a wide spread oak or something else. This ceremony occupied about half an hour, then came a ramble to see the sights, then a foot race, then the excursionists prospected around in search of drinking water but finally had to go to the river to assuage their thirst, then all joined in a game of Ruth and Jacob, and played until they were tired, then all started for the steamer and proceeded homeward, well satisfied with the pleasures of the day.

The Young Men's Social Club of Astoria gave a party at Spiritual Hall which was a perfect success, and so ended the Centennial May Day at Astoria.

—The Oriflamme arrived here from sea to-day with 550 tons of freight, drawing 14 feet of water; discharged 50 tons and proceeded on her way without taking in more freight, drawing 14.6. Can the commercial reporters of the Portland press explain that apparently singular feature in ship notes.

The Swedish and Norwegian Consulate at Steilacoom, Washington Territory, is desirous of obtaining information as to the whereabouts of Carl Fredrik Kindgren, a native of Sweden.

—The Worrell Sisters and the renowned composer Burdecker, were registered at the Occident this morning from San Francisco, and they made music come from that grand piano of Megler & Wright.

—C. M. Stark, of Deep river, is building a boat shop on Grays Bay, 32 by 70 feet in size. He will launch his first boat, for Wm. Strong on Friday next.

—Thomas Logan began excavating at the head of Cass street, on Court street, yesterday. What a fine field will be developed there some day soon for searchers after antediluvian relics.

—Astoria is about free of rats, thanks to the terrier dogs. By the way why not exempt useful dogs from taxation?

—Repair your faulty flues and pipes before the semi-annual visit of the warder, this month, if you would save costs.

## Value of Pork Products to Oregon.

We commend the articles Mr. Thomas Cross is now writing on the breeding and fattening of swine, and the manufacture of pork products, as worthy of special attention says the Salem Farmer. His experience in this line is doubtless worth more to us than that of any living man. His success in making superior products has been unqualified and remarkable, and only hindered by the fact that Oregon farmers have failed to raise the pork for him to manufacture.

Mr. Cross is writing on a subject we have always presented to our readers as of the greatest importance, for you will bear us witness that the Farmer has persistently urged the necessity and advantage to Oregon of raising here all the pork that can be used on this side the continent. We are not inexperienced in this matter, for nearly twenty years ago when farming near this city, we successfully fattened twenty head of hogs on sheaf wheat, penned and fed as Mr. Cross advises, and sold them to him. He shows how pigs can be best bred, raised and fattened to suit our market, and we sincerely trust that our readers will be impressed with his views and profit by the result of his experience so generously and disinterestedly given, when he has no business ends to advance by it.

There is a general feeling that we are to encounter a year of rather hard times for Oregon. Wheat will probably be low and the wheat crop will not be large, as the acreage has been restricted by the long continuance of rains. If we depend on wheat alone there is a constant liability of failure and disappointment, and the farmer who carefully breeds his pigs, cares for them, and produces such feed as they can use, has a secure means of aiding his resources and realizing a fair price for all his products they can consume. In fact the time has come when Oregon farmers have need to pursue a diversified system of agriculture so as to be more independent than they can be when placing all their hopes in a wheat crop.

The case of C. H. Hale and others against D. B. Finch, tried before the District Court at Olympia, last week, was decided on Friday by a verdict for the defendant, under the instruction of the court. The suit was brought for a breach of covenant, on the part of defendant, in permitting the steamer New World to be run in California waters. Appeal was taken on Saturday says the Courier, to the Supreme Court of the Territory. Messrs. Dennison, Strong and Clark for plaintiffs, and Mr. Brooks of San Francisco, and Allen Brothers for defendant.

—Three new houses are in process of construction on Concomly street, to-day.

—Mr. Kofoed has started the foundation for a new building corner of West-eighth and Water streets.

—We understand that Mr. J. B. Knapp, founder of Knappton, is preparing to go into the salmon canning business next season, and has thus early made some important moves in preparation.

—Dr. Welch finding that it would not be possible for him to quit Astoria at the advertised time accepts the situation like a good dentist (as he is), and still remains at No. 10, Occident Hotel.

—Any person inquiring for a fine quality of liquor, and can appreciate the same, can find the genuine J. H. Cutter Whiskey and Millers extra Old Bourbon, at the "Columbia Bar" saloon Astoria, with Geo. Usherwood late of Portland to cater to their tastes. Gentlemen will please give us a call. Cigars of a fine quality also on hand. JAS. M. LYCHE, Prop.

## Telegraphic News.

### Synopsis of Press Dispatches.

Heavy Gold Shipments to Europe.

Commodore Vanderbilt Dying.

Credit Mobilier in Court.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company not for Peace.

Truth Beginning to Dawn Upon the Black Hills Fraud.

Boss Tweed in Paris.

Cold Weather and Snow Storms on the Atlantic Side.

No more Private Speculations at the Mints.

The Chinese Question in Senate.

The Oregon Military Wagon Road Grab in Congress.

Postal Matters about Home.

Probable Adjournment of Congress.

Heavy failures in Europe.

Inhabitants of Alsace and Lorraine restored to the Rights of Suffrage.

The P. M. S. Co.'s Troubles.

Mongolians Removed from Places of Work.

—Specie shipments from New York on the 29th, to Europe aggregated \$170,000, of which \$240,000 was gold coin and the remainder silver.

Commodore Vanderbilt is sinking fast. His physical constitution is rapidly going to pieces. He has suffered from hemorrhage half his life, but the real causes are more deeply seated. He has disease of the bladder, and henia it is feared of the bladder, is ultimate and not distant. Vanderbilt, being noted for his caution in all business affairs for years, has been prepared to resign his post and so complete are his arrangements in this respect that it is believed that, notwithstanding his great influence in the railroad business of the country, his death would have but little effect in the stock market. The stock which he holds in the New York Central and Harlem railroads would not, it is said, be thrown on the market within one year after his death, if at all.

—In the suit of Nelson against the executors of the late James Brooks the plaintiff testifies that the hundred and fifty shares of the Credit Mobilier stock in Brooks' hands when he died belonged to plaintiff, having been deposited simply as collateral for money loaned. The loan being now repaid, plaintiff seeks to recover the shares.

—Vice President Huntington de-

nies that the C. P. R. R. Co. is engaged in efforts to make peace between the Pacific mail and Panama railroad.

—James McCune, formerly of Ohio arrived in Quincy, Illinois, on Saturday from the Black Hills and was interviewed by a Whig reporter. McCune is disgusted with the Hills and says hundreds were leaving and many more were without means to leave. He does not believe gold ever was found there in paying quantities. There were plenty of rumors of rich lodes, but he only saw one or two who had been lucky enough to find anything of value. He had paid as high as \$20 for one hundred pounds of flour, 50 cents per pound for sugar, and other things in proportion.

—Governor Flynn, of Wyoming, arrived at Omaha on Saturday last to confer with Gen. Crook relative to military protection to be afforded to the Black Hills stage line. He wanted some of the stations on the route thoroughly protected, especially Red canyon and Hot Creek. The former is very deep, and travel has to pass through it. Indians crowd up its sides and shoot down or throw rocks upon the travelers. The General has promised all the protection possible, and an order has been issued to that effect.

—The New York Herald's cable report says that Tweed was lately seen in Paris.

—The weather is extremely cold in the vicinity of New York. It was snowing all day at Quebec and also along the line of the New York Central Railroad, on Saturday.

—A Washington dispatch says the general appropriation bill, as passed by the House on Saturday, contains a provision that assays for private parties shall be made by the mints at prices to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and that the fee shall be turned over to the government. This was inserted on motion of Patterson, of Colorado, who stated that U. S. assayers all over the country now charge what they please and pocket the proceeds.

—Sargent's speech on the Chinese question will be delivered early next week. He is sanguine that by the thorough presentation of the subject which he proposes to make to the Senate important action as party of the treaty-making power can be secured to accomplish to desired result.

—Representatives Lane and Luttrell appeared before the Senate committee on Saturday to urge a favorable report to the House bill concerning the Klamath Reservation and Oreron Wagon Road Co. The bill makes slow progress, there being a strong disinclination to authorize the issue of more land scrip.

—The Post-office has been discontinued at Stonesburg, Lane county. Post-masters appointed, John Chitwood, Damascus, Clackamas county, Oregon; J. M. Stark, Bruceport, Pacific county; Mrs. Dora F. Stump, Wallulu; Sarah A. Graham, Toledo, Benton county Oregon.

—The Herald's Washington special says the passage of the legislative appropriation bill shows that the House means to expedite business, and hope to adjourn the second week in June. The question, however, is complicated with the impeachment trial. If however, it is delayed longer, a recess is probable, to enable members to attend the political conventions.

—London and Manchester, England, dispatches report heavy business failures with liabilities amounting to £71,100. Gillard, Longan & Co., and Ward Bros. & Co.

—An impartial decree is published at Berlin on Saturday, restoring the right of suffrage to those inhabitants of Alsace and Lorraine, who while electing to retain French nationality are domiciled in those provinces.

—The Pacific Mail steamship City of Panama sailed at noon on Saturday for Victoria, the attachment on her stores having been released.

—It was reported Saturday evening that the stores of the Pacific Mail steamer City of Sydney had been attached at the instance of the Panama R. R. Co.