

TO READERS.—The "Daily Astorian" contains twice as much reading matter as any other paper published in Astoria. It is the only paper that presents its readers with a daily telegraphic report.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The "Daily Astorian" has more than twice as many readers as any other paper published in Astoria. It is therefore more than twice as valuable as an advertising medium.

TODAY'S WEATHER.
Stationary temperature.

AROUND TOWN.
Fresh Salmon at the Pat Market.

Gentlemen—Keep your eye on "B. L." Sweet cream in any amount at the Parlor.

Cold lunch, pickled pigs feet, oysters, sheep's tongue, etc., at the National Cafe.

Do you know Snodgrass makes Stamp Photos? Call and see them they are all the go.

A large invoice of Lowney's famous chocolates just received at the Spa Candy Factory.

The county court adjourned yesterday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gearhart.

Captain Nick Webber is building a handsome addition to his thirty-first street residence.

The work of raising the Occident hotel building to a level with the sidewalk was commenced yesterday by Contractor Lebeck.

One hundred boxes of fancy Ashland peaches, direct from the orchard, at Johnson Bros. today.

John Peterson, a native of Sweden, was made a citizen in the probate court before Judge Gray yesterday.

Wanted—A competent girl for general house work. To good cook, first-class wages. Apply Astoria office.

For rent—Furnished rooms with first-class table board. Apply Mrs. E. C. Holden's corner Ninth and Duane Streets.

When you get our ice cream and confectionery, you know you have the best. There is none better. The Spa Candy Factory.

Boquet De Cuba and Key West Gams are the finest five cent cigars that ever came to this market. Henry Roe, opposite brewery.

Wanted—10 men to break rock at Mt. Coffin, Wash., wages \$2.00. Board \$4.00. No dudes or boys wanted. Columbia Stone & C. Company.

The clatsop mill switch which for many months past has suffered for want of repairs, has been rebuilt and is now in first class condition.

The junior league of the M. E. church will give a social at the home of Mrs. Pendleton, on Duane street, Friday evening from 7:30 to 10 o'clock.

Erick Johnson will leave for Skamokawa with the launch Hattie today, where he will engage in fish traffic for the Booth Packing Company this fall.

The steamer Mayflower in charge of Captain Pickernell, is now open for business, except on Saturday and Tuesdays, when she will be engaged on her regular runs. Apply at Fisher's dock.

Water consumers should remember the charge of 25 cents in addition to the regular rates which must be made on all water rentals delinquent after the 10th instant.

The funeral of Mrs. Gearhart was held from Clatsop church and was largely attended. Rev. Henry Marcotte conducted the services. The interment was at Clatsop cemetery.

Messrs. W. J. McCann and C. W. Rich were engaged in painting the hull and deck of the launch Ethel yesterday. When finished, it promises to rival in

appearance any of the handsome small craft on the river.

The Oriental liner Lennox is due to arrive in Astoria from Hongkong via Yokohama and Honolulu on September 25. Besides the usual Oriental freight she has on board 25 Japanese and 28 Chinese passengers.

Richard Welcome, a resident of Skamokawa, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Welcome reports the potato output as scarce in his vicinity, although such as have been raised are of an excellent quality.

"The Girl from Chile" company which was advertised to appear at Fisher's opera house on Tuesday evening have changed the date of their appearance to Monday night next. The reserved seat sale will open Saturday morning at Griffin & Reed's.

Thomas Russell, engineer attached to the ocean tug Escort, returned yesterday from San Francisco, where he went some days ago in charge of the engine room of the government transport Elder. Mr. Russell will go to Portland today and bring the Escort down.

Chief of Police Hallock is in receipt of a letter from the regatta committee which, quite rightfully, attributes to him the principal credit for the success of the great carnival. The communication terminates in words to this effect: "We found you the right man for the right place."

Contractor Palmberg will commence work on the new engine house which is being erected by the directors of school district No. 1. Mr. Palmberg has several other contracts on hand, one of them being the building a residence for Captain Weber. He will commence work on it today.

At the county convention of the W. C. T. U. held in the Presbyterian church yesterday, the following officers of the Clatsop county union were elected to serve for one year: President, Mrs. L. J. Trumbull; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Lieneweber; recording secretary, Mrs. Kate Halferty; treasurer, Mrs. Rhoda Haynes.

At Bethania Lutheran church in Upper Town, special "Foreign Mission" meetings will be conducted by Rev. E. H. Tou, for four days, beginning Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, August 9th. Rev. Mr. Tou has been a missionary at Madagascar for about 10 years. All are welcome to come and hear him speak of his experiences among the wild tribes of Madagascar.

The State of California arrived in yesterday morning from San Francisco. After entering the river the strong ebb tide set her aground on Clatsop spit where she remained a short time. She got off without being injured and after discharging local freight proceeded up to Portland. Among the State's passengers were a number of returning Idaho volunteers.

"I didn't sleep much with my sore finger last night," said little Harvey Allen, when he greeted the reporter yesterday. "I don't suppose, though, that's important enough to go in the Astorian. But if I was an editor, I'd go for the other papers for the way they reported that accident. As it looked to me, they must have thought I put my hand between the cogs on purpose. If I ever get big enough, I am going to write them up for that."

The steamer State of California came in yesterday with all on board in a happy frame of mind. While the big craft poked her nose in the mud, and was delayed two or three hours in the fog down the river, this mishap was overlooked in the fact that the vessel had a sapphire sky and a mill-pond sea on all her journey to the mouth of the Columbia. One hundred and forty-five first and second class passengers were listed on the purser's rolls. About sixty tons of freight were discharged for the local merchants.

Charity Lodge, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., gave an entertainment in Prythian hall last night. A number of

friends and members of the order were present and the evening was passed very pleasantly. A cake walk was a feature of the entertainment and created much amusement to the spectators. The couples participating in the cake walk were C. H. Stockton and daughter, Miss Gertrude Stockton, J. A. Pastabend and Mrs. William Kelly, Victor Guardia and Miss Elsie Parker. The judges awarded the cake to Mr. Stockton and Miss Stockton. Refreshments were served in plenty during the evening. After the cake walk, dancing commenced and was continued until midnight.

A large delegation of small boys, captained by a big boy known as Hawsey, went swimming in Young's river yesterday. Frolic ran riot with the little fellows, who splashed and tumbled in the water with great glee, knowing that Hawsey had pledged to stand vigil over the sacred garments left ashore. It was a late hour when the youngsters concluded to dress. The discovery was then made that Hawsey had fled, leaving stockings, shoe strings, waists and underwear tied in to such inextricable knots that crying and pulling and ripping with teeth brought little avail. Mothers were looking for lost ones when a reporter heard the story last night. One simple little urchin walked home in a kag.

A large number of residences are being constructed in Astoria at present and contractors as a result are kept very busy. The Astoria Box Company has orders on hand for lumber for the erection of seven buildings in West Astoria and work will be commenced as soon as the lumber is on the ground. Ten buildings in all are about to be built in that vicinity. These buildings are being put up by Fisher's. The mill is crowded with orders for building material and box wood and is running until 9 o'clock at night. The rush has been going on for over two months. The mills of Astoria have a large number of orders on hand and can scarcely meet the demand. The Astoria Box Company is also busy on box material and is filling a number of orders from California towns for this material.

John McCann, of the firm of Board & Stokes, whose bicycle was stolen from the sidewalk in front of the store several nights ago, has as yet been unable to run down the thief. Nat Tallent, who checked his wheel from Seaside to Astoria less than a month ago, still mourns his loss, although every effort possible has been made to identify the pilferer. Jack Allen, son of A. V. Allen, the grocer, left his "tired steed" at the mercy of slichers Tuesday evening, and wore an ominous look in his face when the bike was reported gone yesterday morning. In Jack's case, however, he was not so unfortunate. A happy thought struck him about noon-time that a policeman had cribbed it. His surmise was correct, as the two-wheeled conveyance was found awaiting him at the city lock-up.

It is difficult to understand why Astoria should have a curfew ordinance clearly at variance with the curfew regulations of almost every other city in the United States. The customary enactment for both winter and summer, and in all parts of the country is, that any child up to and including the age of 15 shall be within doors by nine o'clock p. m., unless accompanied by parents or guardians. The Astoria edict provides that any minor—which contemplates every young man up to the age of 21—shall be amenable to the restriction. The limitation is too severe, if the opinions expressed by several gentlemen are to be entertained. "I think the promoter of that ordinance must have had personal interests to consider," said an uptown man last night. "My boys seldom get their evening home chores finished until nearly eight o'clock, and then, if I have an errand down town for them, they are too frightened to attend to it, for they live in mortal dread of a policeman. Nine o'clock should be the regulation curfew hour here as it is in all other quarters of the Union." Chief Hallock was asked concerning the question. "I know the good boys and

girls of this city," he said. "I think too, they all know me. I can tell if there are any that need police attention."

The Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company finished paying off its fishermen yesterday. Secretary Nordstrom says the men averaged \$350 each. The boys were well satisfied with their season's work in Alaska and many of them made application to the company to go north again next year. They were paid inside of 48 hours after they landed from the Morse and everything necessary for their support was supplied by the company during the interim. The men wandered around the city yesterday and spent a large part of their season's earnings. The saloons they patronized especially did a large business, but a number who reside in the vicinity of Astoria left for their homes yesterday evening. The Chinese contractor will be paid by the company tomorrow. There were 73 Chinese engaged at work in the cannery during the season. More than half of these were inexperienced hands engaged at San Francisco, while the remainder were formerly employed in the cannery in this city. The Morse will discharge all her salmon cargo at the A. & C. warehouse where she is now docked. Arrangements have been made with the O. R. & N. to take all consignments shipped over that line to eastern points without extra charge by the A. & C. railroad for storage in its warehouse.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Charlie Burns, a Cook at the Palace Restaurant, is Believed to Have Met Foul Play.

Charlie Burns, the popular second cook of the Palace restaurant, and who has many friends in and about Astoria, has mysteriously disappeared. The last seen of him was on Monday evening, when, in company with Harry Miller, head cook of the Palace, he strolled to the Telephone Dock. Shortly after the Portland steamer departed, the men separated, Miller going to his room and Burns to vanish from sight as utterly as though the earth or water had opened to swallow him.

A reporter called on Proprietor Whipple at the Palace last night to glean such further particulars as might have a bearing on the case. Mr. Whipple said:

"I paid Charlie \$12.00 late in the afternoon last Monday. This was but a part of the salary then due him. Since that time, in so far as I can learn, he has not been seen. Inasmuch as he has been working for me a number of weeks, and has always been punctual to the minute, I fear that he has either been drowned or made the victim of some underhand plot. This belief is strengthened from the fact that friends of the man have ascertained that he left on none of the out-going trains or steamers, and second, that there was no reason he should not have quit regularly, had he so desired, and drawn the balance of the salary due him."

When asked concerning the man's general character, Mr. Whipple added: "Charlie was not, particularly, a drinking man, and I am quite certain that he was not addicted to a sporting life, because he invariably occupied the room I supplied him at night. However, a strange woman called yesterday, and while she made no demand for the pay which is still his, she asked for his clothes and stated that Burns held jewelry and other valuables belonging to her, and insisted that the key to his room be delivered into her keeping. She was informed that the proposition could not be entertained." According to Mr. Whipple, Mr. Burns was of slight build, and about 30 years of age. He was an unmarried man and worked last at the Hotel Flavel before coming to Astoria.

THE SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST.

An Army of Boys and Girls Have Their Eyes on the Astorian's Prizes.

Yesterday dawned with an azure sky and a beaming sun which flung its beauty in a shower of golden beams the livelong day. It was just such a day as suited the children, particularly the agile little army which is just now busying itself in a furious campaign for Astorian subscribers. How they did work like beavers and with what success! There was hardly a moment when some little boy or girl, if not at the counter, was at the telephone asking for information concerning the contest. And so the big battle waxes merrily.

Here are the rules and regulations to be considered by the judges:

CONDITIONS.

Prize 1.—The boy or girl under 16 years of age sending in the largest number of monthly or yearly subscribers to the Daily Astorian during the months of September and October will be entitled to a choice of the best grade of 40 Rambler bicycles. This prize is contributed by the Columbia Electrical & Repair Company.

Prize 2.—The boy or girl under 16 years of age sending in the second largest number of monthly or yearly subscribers to the Daily Astorian during September and October will be entitled to a \$10 suit, if a boy, or its equivalent in cash, if a girl. This prize is given by Mr. Danziger of the popular San Francisco Store.

Prize 3.—The boy or girl under 15 years of age sending in the third largest number of monthly or yearly subscribers to the Daily Astorian during September and October, will be entitled to a beautiful sterling silver watch, American movement, guaran-

NOTIONS

At Prices that Ought to Put You in the Notion of Buying Here

Aluminum thimble.....1c	Large bottle mucilage.....5c
Wire hair pins, per pkg.....1c	1 cake best tar soap.....5c
Safety pins per doz.....1c	1 vest pocket comb.....5c
Tape per roll.....1c	1 book of 5 papers sewing needles.....5c
Corset laces each.....1c	1 pair corset steels.....5c
Knitting needles each.....1c	1 cake ironing wax.....5c
Bone hair pins each.....1c	1 good leather purse.....5c
Silk baby ribbon per yd.....1c	1 pkg best hairpins.....5c
Lead pencils each.....1c	1 pair boys suspenders.....5c
Mohair shoe laces each.....1c	1 silk hair net.....5c
6-inch tape measure each.....1c	3 paper good pins.....5c
Drapery pins 2 for.....1c	1 yard shelf oil cloth.....5c
Hooks and eyes 2 doz.....1c	1 yard of good apron gingham.....5c
Darning cotton per card.....1c	1 yard best quality calico.....5c
1 Pig wire tacks.....1c	1 pair ladies fast black cotton hose.....5c
1 yard lace.....1c	1 pair children's fast black cotton hose.....10c
1 doz buttons.....1c	1 box best toilet soap (3 cakes).....10c
6 collar buttons.....1c	1 horn comb with steel back.....10c
5 china dolls.....1c	1 yard silk fancy garter elastic.....10c
1 memorandum book.....1c	1 pair Wizard cuff holder best made 10c
1 spool embroidery silk.....1c	1 large sized looking glass nickel frame.....10c
4 oz bottle machine oil.....5c	1 good electric wire hair brush.....10c
1 large bottle vasaline.....5c	1 large bottle of best quality shoe dressing.....10c
1 lamp chimney.....5c	Gold wire beauty pins, 1 doz.....10c
1 large curling iron.....5c	Good strong leather shaping bars.....25c
1 box best shoe blacking.....5c	For the best kid glove wear the "Maaco" the best on earth.
1 doz best bone collar buttons.....5c	
1 doz bone hair pins.....5c	
3 cakes soap.....5c	
2 pkgs envelopes.....5c	
Large can Laleum powder.....5c	
Large can tooth powder.....5c	
Large bottle ink.....5c	

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