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him as being a Coran-Chinese. The time for holding the funeral has not yet been announced but it is believed that the service will take place tomorrow afternoon. The deceased had no relatives in this city and, as far as is known, none in this country. He was destitute at the time of his death, having been obliged to depend upon the generosity of his friends for the necessities of life. Chief of Police Hallock, at the instance of those who had known the man for many years, is soliciting subscriptions to a fund designed to defray the burial expenses.

TODAY'S WEATHER.
 PORTLAND, July 12.—Oregon, Washington, Idaho, fair and warmer.

When you want a stylish new suit made cheap, call on A. KILJUNEN, 522 Commercial Street.

All contracts for advertising in the Astorian are made on a guarantee of circulation four times larger than that of any paper published or circulated in Clatsop county.

Senator and Mrs. Corbett were in the city yesterday on their way to their home in Portland from Long Beach.

AROUND TOWN.

Fresh buttermilk at the Parlor.
 Horses for sale at Gaston's stable.
 Ice cream 50c a quart at the Parlor.
 W. E. Joplin was in the city from Knappa yesterday.
 Don't miss the performance at Fisher's opera house tonight.
 Frank Morgan was in the city yesterday from Portland.
 J. F. Heckard was in from Lewis and Clark yesterday on business.
 Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial street.
 Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you.

Wherever you wander, wherever you roam, be it ever so humble, there is no place like "Home." The opera house tonight.

The run of fish yesterday was only fair. In some instances big catches were reported but they were few and far between.

Thomas McCusker, contracting agent for the Southern Pacific Company, was in Astoria yesterday in the interests of his road.

Cream Fure Bye, America's finest whisky. The only pure goods, guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson, sole agent.

The regatta committee will meet Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the city hall and all members are earnestly requested to be present.

The entertainment to be given at the opera house tonight should be generously supported. The public library will receive the benefit.

Exports of canned salmon for the eleven months ending May 31 were 26,693,706 pounds, against 23,774,341 pounds for the same period of 1899.

The lighthouse tender Manzanita will leave on a cruise to the north early next week. She is now taking on a supply of coal for the trip.

L. B. Gorham, commercial agent for the Rock Island road, was in Astoria yesterday in the interest of the Portland office of the company.

Remember we guarantee our tea cream to contain nothing but cream and sugar and flavor. It is fifteen cents per pint at the Parlor.

District Attorney Harrison Allen has announced the appointment of E. B. Tongue, son of Congressman Tongue, as his deputy in Columbia county.

Professor Arthur E. Breese, of the Portland High School, was in the city yesterday afternoon, coming up from Flavel, where he is spending the summer.

Will Davis, of Howe, Davis & Killam, the Portland publishers, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Davis left for North Beach, where he will remain for a few days.

Roslyn coal is the best and most economical coal for household use in Astoria. Try it once and you will have no other. George W. Sanborn, agent. Telephone 1311.

Public Library benefit tonight; performance of "Home" and a "Happy Pair." Reserved seats 75 cents; general admission, downstairs, 50 cents. Balcony, 25 cents.

T. A. Wood, the Portland capitalist, came down on the T. J. Potter last evening, on his way to Seaview, where he will spend several weeks. Mr. Wood is accompanied by his family.

To those who drink whiskey for pleasure: Harper's Whiskey adds zest to existence. To those who drink whiskey for health's sake, Harper's Whiskey makes life worth living. Sold by Foard & Stokes Co., Astoria.

The board of equalization met at the city hall yesterday forenoon to consider the assessment made on the improvement of Seventeenth street, between Franklin and Grand avenues. The total amount of the assessment is \$1764. No remonstrances were filed by the property holders interested and the board approved the assessment. A recommendation will accordingly be made to the council by the street committee for the confirmation, by ordinance, of the board's decision.

The Finnish Brotherhood will hold their annual picnic at Seaside this year on August 12. Extensive arrangements are being made for the occasion, including special train, good music and other requisites for a jolly good time.

John Corno will be tried before Justice Brower and a jury this forenoon on a charge of assault and battery preferred by one William Martin. Corno appeared for arraignment yesterday, when he pleaded not guilty and demanded a trial by jury.

The case against Jacob Kivari, who was arrested on a charge preferred by John Hendrickson for the alleged theft of a fish net, was dismissed in the justice's court yesterday, the parties having kissed and made up and Hendrickson putting up for the costs.

Captain Wicklund, of the Point Adams life-saving station, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Wicklund states that everything is running smoothly at the station and that the members of the crew are in the best of health.

One bid has at last been tendered the lighthouse board for the construction of a lighthouse tender for the Thirteenth district. It was from Moran Brothers, of Seattle, who offered to construct the vessel for \$122,000, or \$3,000 more than the limit of cost fixed by the government.

Three Astoria young men took the examination at Portland for the cadetship in the government military academy at West Point, New York. They were Charles G. Gray, Henry R. Adair and Ross W. Trullinger. As previously announced, A. B. Barber, of Portland, passed the best examination and secured the appointment.

The German ship Rigel crossed in yesterday morning and anchored in the lower harbor. She came from Nagasaki in ballast having had an uneventful trip of thirty-four days. State Health Officer Fulton visited the vessel shortly before noon, finding the vessel in possession of a clean bill of health and with no sickness on board. The Rigel will load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom.

There are many organizations being effected among the busy workers of Astoria, and this evening there will be a meeting of delegates from the different unions already organized to form a central body of labor which will become a member of the American Federated Trades Organization. The fishermen, barbers, cigar-makers and teamsters are already organized and many other trades are expected to form unions soon. The result will be the strengthening of industry and the establishment of steadiness among all lines of labor connected with the organization.

Thirteen Indians arrived in town from Grays harbor yesterday and attracted considerable attention on the streets. They were exceedingly dusky but quite intelligent. The crowd came over to collect the money due them from one of the cannery institutions, to which they had been delivering fish. Shortly after their arrival there were many new jackets in sight, of the colors that the immortal Joseph is said to have donned before the days of the salmon and the cannery business. To their credit it may be said that they behaved most admirably while in the city, evidently expending most of their earnings for clothing, provisions and other necessities of life.

The Columbia crossed out for San Francisco yesterday morning shortly before 10 o'clock. She carried a good cargo of merchandise but her passenger list was light. As a matter of fact, the steamers bound for San Francisco are carrying, by far, less passengers than are brought in from that port. The tide of immigration has been much in favor of the north for several months past. The consignments of freight from San Francisco to Astoria and Portland of late have necessarily been heavy owing to the great demand occasioned by the operation of the canneries. The export trade, however, is quite up to the standard and Oregon, when it comes to the "give and take" proposition in commerce, more than holds her own.

Charles Henry, better known as the "Jap," died yesterday afternoon from consumption after a protracted illness and the remains are now at Pohl's undertaking parlors awaiting burial. Henry had been suffering from the disease for several years but repeatedly rallied until the last relapse which resulted in his death. He had been a resident of Astoria since 1881, coming to this city from California where, at one time, he was engaged in the trucking business. He is said to have come to this country in 1862 in an American man-of-war from Chinese waters, having served on the vessel as a cook. He persistently represented himself as a native of Japan, although his appearance and features indicate

BODY OF RENTZ RECOVERED.

Third Victim of Explosion Rescued From the Wreck—Coroner's Inquest—Wild Dynamite Theories.

The members of the coroner's jury, which met yesterday to take testimony concerning the cause of the death of Maurice Moore and J. C. Shaw, victims of the oil factory explosion, will leave early this morning for the scene of the accident to investigate the premises.

Nothing of importance was developed at the inquest yesterday aside from the reports of the accident published in the Astorian on the morning after the explosion. Dr. Henderson, the city physician, and Mr. De Force, proprietor of the factory, were the principal witnesses. Dr. Henderson described the position of the bodies when found and explained in detail the injuries resulting in death.

Almost at the same hour at which the inquest was being held news was received that the body of Chris. Rentz, who was employed at the factory at the time and who had been missing since the explosion, had been found in the river. Later information developed that Rentz's body was discovered at the bottom of the river only a few feet from the point where he is supposed to have fallen from the scow in which he was working.

Deputy Coroner Max Pohl left immediately for the factory on the steam launch Claud B. Hawthorn and secured the body. The body had been secured to a pile with a rope which had been placed about the waist of the dead man by those who had discovered his body. The body was in a remarkably fine condition considering the length of time it had been in the water. Many wild theories have been floated about town as to the probable cause of the explosion, the widest of which is the suggestion that dynamite may have been used by someone having evil designs against Mr. De Force and his property.

City Physician Henderson, who was one of the first to visit the premises on the day of the disaster, states it is his opinion that the explosion was merely another case of "salt boiler." The water used in the boiler was taken from the river and heavy deposits of sulphur and iron necessarily accumulated. These deposits are invariably disastrous to boilers unless great precaution is taken to administer a thorough cleansing at brief intervals. Dr. Henderson has had, in former years, considerable experience with boilers and, possessing a knowledge of the peculiar properties contained in water and its effects upon boilers, he speaks as an authority.

The theory of foul play is scouted by all those who have visited the premises and is doubted even by Mr. De Force, who, aside from the loss of life, is the greatest sufferer from the disaster.

AFTER TAX-SHIRKERS.

Aggressive Measures to Be Adopted With the Poll-Tax Delinquents.

County Judge Gray is authority for the statement that unless those who are indebted to the county for poll tax are more prompt in paying the same, suits will be instituted against them individually for the amount due. Judge Gray expresses the opinion that many of those who should be among the first to pay the tax are endeavoring, by deliberate evasion, to escape payment of the small sum which, in many instances, represents the total sum of taxes paid by them in support of the county government.

Good reason has been given for the belief that certain individuals have been advising the male citizens not to pay their road poll tax as the law is unconstitutional, and, therefore, unconstitutional. Many of the best lawyers in the county have looked into the matter, as far as the legal status is concerned, and pronounce the action of the county commissioners in the matter to be perfectly tenable. It has also been stated by lawyers of prominence in the community that these attempts to cheat the county out of a legitimate source of revenue on unreasonably technical grounds, are purely of a malicious nature and designed for the purpose of cutting down the county's income for political purposes.

However, the law is sufficiently plain for all to understand. The paragraph from the codes bearing upon the subject is quoted:

"When a supervisor cannot find sufficient property of a delinquent out of which to make the amount of his road tax, or any part thereof, he must collect the same, or any part thereof remaining uncollected, by an action in his own name against the delinquent, in any court having jurisdiction thereof, and if judgment be given in such action against the defendant, it shall be enforced in the same manner as a judgment for a fine in a criminal action. All moneys paid to or collected by the supervisor for road taxes shall be expended by the supervisor in the improvement or repairs on the roads in his district as may be most needed or useful."

Road Supervisor Foster was asked yesterday afternoon concerning the refusal of persons to pay the tax.

"The collections are very slow," said he, "but it appears to be due to a lack of the funds as much as any other cause."

When asked if there was any indication on the part of citizens to dishonestly evade payment of the tax, Mr. Foster said that no particular instances had arisen thus far to his knowledge.

The tax was originally imposed for the purpose of equalizing, to a certain extent, the burdens incurred in the maintenance of the county government. Hundreds of men in Clatsop county own no taxable property yet receive the benefit of the protection and advantages of regulations maintained only by revenues derived from taxation. It is the purpose of the county court to see that as many of these as possible shall be compelled to contribute at least to the maintenance of the streets and roadways.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Sheriff Linville Arrests a Dissolute Woman on a Serious Charge.

Sheriff Linville last night arrested one Emma McElowney on a warrant issued at Hillsboro on a charge of having forged a note for \$200. The woman was arrested in the Bijou, where she had been engaged by the manager in the interest of the house to promote trade at the bar. The woman came to this city only a few days ago.

A story of dire depravity is developed through the arrest of the McElowney woman. The mother of the prisoner as well as a sister, are, at the present time, inmates of dives in the disreputable part of the city. A second sister, it is said, was here only a few days ago, but she recently departed for Portland.

The quartette are said to have started on the downward road only a few months ago. The husband of the mother of the prisoner was at one time an industrious man and for several years was in charge of the Ladd property at Portland. After long, faithful service he began drinking heavily and his home gradually was wrecked. Whether his dissipation was caused by domestic difficulties due to the conduct of his wife and daughters, or the trouble was due to his dissipation is not known here. Nevertheless, it is an established fact that the wife and three daughters have drifted into the lowest depths of sin and that one of the daughters is now a prisoner at the county jail, under a charge which may land her in the state penitentiary.

The complainant in this case is a resident of Hillsboro named Peterson. He cashed the bogus note to which the woman is said to have forged the name of another.

Sheriff Linville will leave for Hillsboro today to surrender the woman to the authorities in that city.

TRANSVAAL LOSS OF LIFE.

Moralists are discussing the terrible loss of life brought about by the Transvaal war. Yet here life is sacrificed for a purpose—for an honest principle. It were better to preach against the needless sacrifice of life. Thousands of people succumb to ailments which might easily have been checked off more people than are killed in war. The use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters would save many lives. Constipation may seem a little thing, but it invariably develops into something worse, and the longer it is allowed to run, the harder it is to cure. The Bitters cures indigestion, constipation, dyspepsia and biliousness, naturally and permanently, without shocking the system. It is good for everybody.

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