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Since most season is drawing near, in fact, is here. Anticipating the wants of our many customers, that make their choice most early, we have already laid in a supply of fine boiled cider.

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The Morning Astorian

TELEPHONE 661.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21.—Oregon, Washington and Idaho, generally fair, variable winds.

AROUND TOWN.

New goods every day at the rummage sale.

Coal to burn! Elmore & Co., phone 661.

White Ash Coal, best for family use. Phone, Main 661.

Patronize home industry and buy your feed at Gaston's mill.

Good clothes, clean and in good order, at the rummage sale.

Call main 661 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled.

See 15-cent meals—Hilling Sun restaurant, 612 Commercial street.

Take a look at those swell robes and covers at Gaston's harness shop.

House for rent near Alderbrook school house. Inquire at Johnson Bros. store.

Call at the Occident barber shop for up-to-date work. Three first-class barbers.

Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at the Yokohama Bazaar, 426 Commercial street.

Come, just to see what the ladies have for sale at the rummage sale—471-2 Commercial St.

Now is the time to order your winter's supply of coal. Call up phone 661—Elmore & Co.

For rent—Three or four furnished rooms for housekeeping; also single rooms. 165 Third St.

For rent—Two rooms, centrally located in a quiet street, price reasonable. Inquire at this office.

Family orders for the Take Point oysters will be promptly filled at the Take Point oyster house, phone 2341.

If you want box wood, slab wood or other dressed telephone Kelly, the transfer man, phone 2311 black.

Cream pure rye, America's finest; whiskey. The only pure goods guaranteed rich and delicious. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent.

A large assortment of men's suits, shirts, shoes, overcoats, neckties and hats in very good condition at the rummage sale—471-2 Commercial St.

John A. Montgomery has opened a shop at 421 Bond street and is prepared to do all classes of plumbing and tin-work at lowest possible rates.

Hotly coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimneys than any other. George W. Sanborn, agent; telephone 1871.

Baths for ladies at the Palace Bathing. Private entrance on side of building. Shop open on Sunday mornings for shoes and baths. Davis & Corbett, proprietors.

For the Portland carnival and exposition the A. & C. R. R. has named a special round-trip rate of \$3 from Astoria to Portland and return, including two admissions to the exposition. Tickets on sale September 25, October 2, 9 and 16, limited good for return passage six days from date of sale.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL: RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

THE LATEST!

Flexible and Indestructible

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Unsurpassed for public buildings, offices, elevators, theaters, street cars, churches, dwellings, steamers, bars and hotels. Call and inspect them and you will buy. For sale only at

Fisher Bros.

The steamship *Sutherland* cleared yesterday for the Orient. She took on at Portland the following cargo: 1,491, 256 feet of lumber, valued at \$17,345; 1991 bundles of logs, valued at \$44,284; 4000 feet of pine, valued at \$4,555; 9555 barrels of flour, valued at \$24,555. At Astoria she took on 187,581 feet of piling, valued at \$396.

Contractor Houston expects to finish the work at the government building some time during the present week. The gutters have been remodeled in some places, but with fine weather rapid progress will be made. The improvement has greatly added to the appearance of the grounds, which now compare favorably with those in other cities.

Dr. Estes' skill as an artist would doubtless be envied by many a professional. The doctor is just putting the finishing touches on a handsome painting, "Venus Asleep," in his office, that is a picture from every point of view. He has also recently painted several scenes of Oregon's mountains and rivers, which were presented to his mother, Mrs. E. E. Estes, who returned to her home in Livermore, Cal., a few days ago, from an extended visit here. The doctor takes great pleasure in the work, to which he devotes his leisure moments.

The new steamer *C. L. Spencer* arrived down the river Sunday, to secure a raft of Lewis and Clarke river logs. The *Spencer* has just been built and this is her maiden trip. She was constructed especially for towing purposes and is a boat of very great power. She is equipped with the latest towing gear, and her master, Captain John Brown, says she is a great success. The *Spencer* is made up largely of whistles, of great range, and when proper effort is made she can make the river tremble. The *Spencer* will be engaged in towing log rafts to Portland.

A peculiar case will be aired in the justice's court today. Two fishermen, who live at River bay, are the principals. Both are well along in years. Yesterday one visited the home of the other and stole a chicken, secreting the fowl under his coat. The rightful owner put in an opportune appearance and charged the other with the theft. Commission of the crime was denied until circumstantial evidence was pulled from under the second party's coat. The injured man considered the matter of sufficient gravity to justify an action at law and the case has been set for hearing at 10 o'clock this morning.

It is reported from Fort Stevens that a workman there recently unearthed 25 old slugs of the 16th denomination. Discovery is said to have been within the fortifications. Whether the slugs were in a box or lying loose was not learned. Similar discoveries of gold have been made at Fort Columbia by workmen, who have found a number of obsolete 16 pieces. Captain Scarborough, after whom the head was named, is said to have accepted his wealth in the ground, and the slugs found on the north shore are believed to have been buried by him. Presumably some of the early soldiers buried those said to have been found at Fort Stevens.

John L. Carlson, of the Tokyo Packing Company, is expected to arrive from the north in a few days accompanied by the fishermen and white employees in the company. His son, William Carlson, arrived here yesterday and says the company had picked 24,000 cases when he left and would run up about 2800 more before the season's close. The Chinamen employed in the company are on their way here from Seattle and will arrive today. They were met at the latter city by the Chinese boss, who will accompany them to this city and pay them off. He says the company and men are well satisfied with the work done the past season.

The steamer *Alliance* returned to port Sunday, short of fuel. The steamer usually coals at Cape May, taking on enough fuel to last the round trip. She left out on Saturday, but when 100 miles or more down the coast ran into a stiff southerly and was unable to make material headway. Seeing that the coal supply would not hold out until Cape May was reached, Captain Hartwig decided to return to Astoria, and the steamer reached her dock at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. She had about 40 passengers, who displayed more than ordinary self-possession during the rather trying experience. The steamer departed yesterday for San Francisco and way ports, after having replenished her coal supply.

Fish Warden Van Dusen has returned to the city from a visit to the Upper Clackamas and Sandy River hatcheries. He reports that the government hatchery is making a record on the Clackamas, and that more than 8,000,000 eggs have already been taken. For some years past this plant had fared poorly and at the beginning of the present season Superintendent Carter was somewhat anxious about the prospects. In order to insure a supply, he made arrangements to get the state's site on the Silver and contracted for 5,000,000 eggs. But the Clackamas proved equal to Mr. Carter's needs, and he is getting more fish than he really needs. The fish are caught at night and spawned in the morning, and eggs are being secured at the rate of 250,000 daily. If the present fine weather continues, the hatchery will take several million additional eggs. Already the number taken there breaks all records for hatchery work in this state. The fish are of the fall chinook variety. In a few days Mr. Van Dusen expects to visit the Little White Salmon hatchery to view the progress of the work there.

Annie McFadden came in from her country residence Saturday night and promptly proceeded to break the law. Annie had not been in for some time and the city looked so good to her that she felt in duty bound to acquire a tag. She was taken to the city jail, and was fined \$5 yesterday by Judge Nelson, who suspended the fine on condition that she leave the city and return to her home. If Annie paid all the fines which have been imposed on her in the police court, the entire municipal debt would be abolished. Before departing for home last evening, she promised to again come to town during the next county election and use her influence to "elect all the old citizens." Politically, Annie is a cross between a Democrat and a Republican, but has thus far failed to wield her influence in support of the Prohibition ticket.

As was to have been expected, President Mellon, of the Northern Pacific, denied the reported offer of \$3,500,000 for the Astoria road. The manner in which the denial was made, however, seems to indicate that Mellon was sincere. He evidently meant to ridicule the idea as one absurd in every particular. The Astorian insists, however, that the rumor was reported by a gentleman who keeps in close touch with happenings in the railroad world. The alleged offer did not by any means constitute the feature of the article in question, which set forth that utilization of the Columbia water-level route was contemplated. Only continuance of the community-of-interest system will prevent this. It is noticeable that while Hill, of the Great Northern, and Mellon, of the Northern Pacific, have been so quick to make denials, the leaders of the other combination are keeping rather quiet.

While excavating under the Music Hall, at the corner of Astor and Eighth streets, yesterday, William Beasley and John Minard made a gruesome discovery. Three or four feet under a pile of rubbish they came across a human skull. The skull was not buried, but had been covered by trash thrown, presumably, from the backdoor of a Chinese establishment just back of the Music Hall. The skull was taken to the office of Dr. Estes. The doctor says it is that of a Flathead Indian, and he is satisfied that the Indian had been dead for 50 or 60 years. The man was past middle age. The skull is in a bad state of preservation, part of it having crumbled away. It had the appearance of having been trampled in, but Dr. Estes says its appearance in this respect is due to the ravages of time. The skull was either washed there or placed on the spot in years long gone by. It is remarkable that it was never discovered, as it was merely covered up by the rubbish.

An incident which demonstrates the wholesome nature of the American people occurred at last night's meeting of the council. Alderman Fred Wright, of the Third ward, stated at the conclusion of the business session that the cow of one of his constituents had been impounded. The animal, he said, was very docile, and the poundmaster seemed to have been bent on impounding the animal whenever possible. He said that when the cow was recently impounded the people living near the home of the owner advised the necessary \$5 to secure its release. The owner of the animal is Jacob Jackson, a very deserving, though most unfortunate man. Mrs. Jackson has been ill with cancer for a number of years and her husband's efforts to restore her to health have rendered him penniless. The woman is now at the point of death, and, as the husband must remain at home to care for her, the family is dependent upon the neighbors for food. Some of the people had asked Mr. Wright if there was not some way of returning the money. Mayor Bergman said Mr. Wright there was no legal manner of getting the amount, but he suggested that the difficulty could be overcome in another way. When the hat was passed every person at the meeting contributed 50 cents, and \$8 was raised. The money was turned over to Mr. Wright and will doubtless prove a welcome surprise to the unfortunate family.

With rare hardihood, Councilman Brix has undertaken to solve the cow question, and at last night's meeting of the council introduced a new treaty on the subject. The ordinance defines the new pound limits, which shall, under its terms, extend from the harbor line to Harrison avenue and from the west line of McClure's Astoria—First street to Thirty-eighth street. The selection of the poundmaster is vested in the chief of police, who, when an animal is impounded, is required to give notice in the official organ of the city for a period of five days. At the expiration of the time proper complaint shall be filed with an auditor, who shall order the animal sold at public auction, two days' notice of sale being required. From the amount derived from such sale \$5 is to be deducted, and \$1 for each day the animal was in the custody of the municipality, the balance remaining to be turned over to the original owner of the animal. It is provided that animals shall not wear bells within the limits named, while any bull that runs at large will be guilty of high treason and its owner punished by a fine of from \$5 to \$20. Any lady or gentleman who takes cattle from the pound will be liable to a similar fine. The ordinance went over until the next meeting. In view of the fact that goats are included in the list of animals legislated against, successful operation of the bill was doubted, as few goats are worth \$5 at public auction. Anyway, if an animal thus sold doesn't bring \$5 or more, the chief of police might experience some difficulty in holding out the amount named.

WAITING TO GET FIGURES.

Sawmill Committee Will Have Proposition in Hand Tonight.

Some time today the sawmill committee will make a reply to the proposal submitted to the people of Astoria by A. B. Hammond and his associates. The committee wishes first to secure definite offers from the owners of the sites, and also to acquaint itself with the extent of the two tracts and their probable value. With this information at hand, it will be possible to determine whether or not the concessions asked are reasonable.

Yesterday two meetings were held by the committee. At the morning meeting the situation was thoroughly discussed. During the morning the owners of the Tongue Point site held a meeting, all the owners being present with the exception of M. J. Kinney. It was decided at this meeting that a proposal should be submitted to the sawmill committee, pending confirmation by Mr. Kinney.

D. K. Warren, representing the Columbia Land & Investment Company, appeared before the committee and submitted the offer. The syndicate agreed to sell the property for \$42,500. Another proposal was also made. The company offers a tract of 196 acres for \$2,000. The land for which \$42,500 is asked is that which Mr. Hammond desires to acquire.

The proposition from the company had a tendency to take away the breath of the committeemen, though all recognized that Mr. Warren was stating facts when he said the site was extensive enough for a dozen big mills. The proposal was submitted subject to modification, however, and it is possible another offer may be tendered today, Mr. Kinney having arrived in the city last evening.

The committee will secure from the Taylors a definite proposition for purchase of the fouring mill site asked by Hammond. This site is also very extensive, being 1200 feet frontage and extending from the harbor line south to Taylor avenue. It was reported about town yesterday that \$24,000 would be asked for the tract, though this rumor was not an authentic one. Judge Taylor was in Portland yesterday, so the committee was compelled to suspend negotiations until today.

When the two proposals are received by the committee in writing, they will be formally considered. If it is the opinion that the bonus asked is reasonable, the committee will proceed with the work of getting the land and the necessary stock subscription. Doubtless a mass meeting of citizens will be called, at which the committee will thoroughly explain the situation and submit a recommendation as to whether or not Mr. Hammond's offer should be accepted.

It was reported yesterday that Mr. Hammond would be in the city on Friday, but it was impossible to determine positively that the report was correct.

GOVERNMENT GETS LEASE.

Council Grants Request for Site for Proposed Storm-Warning Tower.

At the regular meeting of the council last evening the street committee was authorized to execute to the government a lease to a site for the storm-warning tower to be erected at the foot of Tenth street. The lease extends over a period of ten years. Chairman Utzinger, of the street committee, quoted Weather Observer Johnson as saying that material for the construction of the tower had already been shipped, and immediate passage of the ordinance was asked. Accordingly the bill went through under suspension of the rules.

Councilman Cook's ordinance providing for the extension of Astor street was passed. Under the terms of the measure, the necessary survey will be made at once. Ordinances accepting the Commercial and Sixth street improvements were introduced. Judge Bosley reintroduced against acceptance of the Sixth street improvement, but the street committee did not report favorably on the remonstrance. It appeared from statements of members of the committee that it was at first intended to install a bulkhead, but property owners objected to this, and the work had proceeded under the provisions of the specifications. When the sidewalks were completed it was felt that the improvement was slightly defective, as pointed out in the remonstrance, but the necessary repairs were made.

Councilman Utzinger's resolution for the improvement of Commercial street between Tenth and Fourteenth was adopted. This improvement will be a very costly one, but it is absolutely essential, as the street is in bad shape. It appears that, under the terms of a franchise granted the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company by the council, the company was required to pay an annual license fee of \$100 for the privileges granted. The company has thus far neglected to settle, and is three or four years behind. Councilman Scherneckau, chairman of the ways and means committee, who must do most of the worrying about city finances, is anxious to acquire the amount due from the company, and last night introduced a resolution instructing the city attorney to take steps to collect the money. The resolution was adopted. Doubtless the amount will be paid, as the validity of the franchise hinges upon payment.

Reporting on the report of City Attorney Smith as to the status of city litigation, the ways and means committee recommended that special counsel be not engaged at present to represent the city in the Young's day improve-



A GREAT MAN'S IDEA.

GENIUS, as Ruskin defines it, is simply a superior power of seeing. Have you the genius to see how important an element in the success of your house-keeping is the use of Ivory Soap? Judged by the work it does Ivory is the cheapest soap in America to-day. It is harmless. Embroideries, laces and delicate stuffs should be washed only with Ivory Soap.

ment matter. The compromise proposition of George Noland and James K. Kelly on back tax matters were accepted, and one from John W. Welch concerning an unjust assessment for a sewer on West Seventh street was referred to the committee for consideration.

Property owners asked that electric lights be established at the corner of Lexington avenue and Eighth streets and at Niagara avenue and Seventh. The street committee will attend to the matter.

Liquor licenses will be granted to Harry Jones and Carlson Bros. at the next meeting of the council.

No action was taken on the recommendation that cement sidewalks be constructed around the government building. Collector Fox' communication being filed.

Claims were allowed as follows: Prad & Cook Transfer Co., \$18.75; O. Peterson, \$4.50; Astoria Woolyard Company, \$5.90; Charles Johnson, \$2.31; Mrs. H. H. Scheel, \$15.54; Clatsop Mills Company, \$73.21; Astoria Box Company, \$51.44; Ford & Stokes Company, \$9.25; Astoria Asphalt & Roofing Co., \$24.10; Astoria Electric Company, \$5; White Collar Line, \$60.50; A. C. Pinnell, \$50.50; A. G. Long, \$37.75; Charles Rogers, \$1; M. Brunold, \$1; James Jamerson, \$21; C. A. Leinenweber, \$4.50; Fisher Bros., \$70.42; F. E. Bralder, \$16.1; Henry Larson, \$11.

CITY WATER FINANCES.

Report of Commission Shows Substantial Balance in Treasury.

The quarterly report of the Astoria water commission was presented to the council last evening. It shows that the financial condition of that department of the city government is in first-class shape, there being a balance in the general fund of \$17,545.33. A summary of the report follows:

Receipts—	
Water rates for July	\$2,445.60
Revised from sinking fund for four bonds transferred from general fund	4,875.60
Accrued interest on above bonds	120.00
Water rates for August	2,472.00
Water rates for September	2,360.55
Balance in general fund, as per July report	10,219.04
Total	\$22,584.09
Total disbursements	5,038.71
Balance in general fund—	\$17,545.38

Included in the disbursements is \$243.13 which was transferred from the general fund to the sinking fund, the balance of the disbursements being required for the maintenance of the department and repairs to mains, etc.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. L. Sisler is down from Portland. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dayton, of Salem, are in the city.

Hon. Benjamin Young has returned from an extended visit to Utah and Colorado.

Mrs. Fred Wickman returned last night from Nome.

C. H. Riddle, of Riddle, Oregon, is visiting in Astoria.

E. M. Rosenthal, a Portland traveling man, is in the city.

George K. Burton, of San Francisco, was in the city yesterday.

D. W. Lewis, of Portland, was among the passengers down on last night's train.

W. G. Gosselin and C. A. Poplow, who have been in Portland, returned to the city last evening.

Mrs. O. B. Estes is at McMinville, visiting her daughters, who are students at the college there.

John Stephenson, of this city, has arrived at Seattle from Nome, and will return home in a few days.

Among the Easterners in the city are A. F. Brenner, of New York; W. B. Shively, of Philadelphia, and W. P. Hays, of St. Louis.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of letters remaining unmailed for in the postoffice at Astoria, Oregon:

Abrams, A. A. Kimball, W. B.
Anderson, James Kolestrand, D. A.
Arnold, B. D. Larson, August
Aster Packing Co. Lamson, E. K.
Bail, W. S. Lindstrom, Aron
Brosch, G. E. Ioungstout, Emma
Baker, G. L. Martin, Fred
Brakke, Mrs. Cora Miller, W. H.
Building & Loan Association, Mrs. Nels V.
Company, Norman, Miss Pearl
Casey, Miss Adella Nymen, Hjelm
Carlson, Christina Olson, John
Curry, M. T. Owens, W. S.
Claver, S. J. Powell, Harry
Davis, R. G. Reed, Miss Lottie
Douglass, Cora Redstrom, Chas.
Dyer, J. H. Richardson, Mrs. L.
Dunham, George Richards, Mrs. Nell
Edridge, John Russell, Miss Kitty
George, M. A. Silverman, S. L.
Grant, Mrs. Edna Standard Land Co.
Hauser, George Svenson, Victor
Henderson, Miss Sybil, Hulda M.
Hudson, Andrew Wilson, Mrs.
Iverson, Sybert Wright, H.
Johnson, K. A.

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