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Commences January 2, 1903.

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For Rent—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, on ground floor. Enquire at Scully's hardware store, 431 Bond street.

A championship game of football will be played on New Year's day between the Columbias of Astoria and the Vancouver team. The game will be played at the A. F. C. park.

Johnson Bros' store will be closed all day tomorrow. Happy New Year.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a fine cash register. Apply at Astorian office.

Sweet cream 15 cents a pint. No charge for whipping. Tagg's candy store.

Gentleman wishing white kid gloves for the Elks' ball will find a large selection at C. H. Cooper's.

There will be New Year's day services at the German Lutheran, Zion's, church tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Young Japanese boy wishes situation to do cooking and house work. City or Country; 626 Commercial street.

We have tooth brushes for tender gums and dainty mouths. Tooth brushes that we guarantee. Will replace them if bristles come out. Chas. Rogers, druggist.

Watch-night services will be held at Grace Episcopal church beginning at 11:30 o'clock. Divine service on New Year's day (the Feast of the Circumcision) at 10 a. m.

J. V. Burns, the cigar manufacturer, of 44 Commercial street, has sold during the past year over \$90,000 cigars. These included the following brands, viz: La Belle, La Imperial and the Op- per Star.

Union watch-night services will be held tonight in the Baptist church, beginning at 9 o'clock. The first service of the evening will be a young people's rally, Rev. H. Marcotte presiding. A warm welcome for all.

The Margarita Fischer Co. will give a New Year's matinee, on Thursday, January 1, at 2:30 o'clock at Fishers' opera house. They will play the beautiful comedy drama "A Southern Romance." Admission, adults 25c; children, 15c.

Oranges are now coming in the market quite freely. We are receiving large shipments of the best brands every five days, direct from the best orange localities in California, and will continue to do so while the orange season lasts. By giving us your order for oranges you will procure the best the market affords. Johnson Bros.

Last night's down train was delayed an hour owing to a slide that occurred yesterday afternoon in the neighborhood of Rainier.

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Lost—Chatelaine bag, containing papers of value only to owner, and small sum of money. A reward of \$10 will be paid for return of same to this office.

Kelso, Wash., is reported to be a very prosperous town and gives promise of forging ahead. Besides three lumber mills, all operated advantageously, a large shingle mill has lately started up. This will give employment to a number of men, the payroll of the city will be increased and the general result will be that the outlook will be brighter than ever.

The Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches will unite in observing the week of prayer. The pastors representing these churches invite the cooperation of all Christians in these meetings. All others are also cordially invited to attend. The first meeting in this series will be held at the Methodist church Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

C. J. Carlson is confined to his home, 886 Grand avenue, with a serious attack of blood poison. Mr. Carlson was employed about a week ago in repairing the fence that encloses his lot, when a short board with which he was working in some way flew and struck him. A nail in the board pierced his left leg below the knee and the wound thus caused eventually developed into blood poison. Doctor Pilkington is attending the case.

A good house witnessed last night's performance of the society drama, "Queen of Wall Street," as played by the Margarita Fischer company at Fishers'. Miss Fischer won new laurels as Bessie Fairfax. This capable young actress is achieving a name for herself that will doubtless some day attain an eminence in her chosen profession. Last night Mr. McGrew as Stubbs brought a good hand for his rich comedy work. He is especially fitted for such a role and local theatergoers hope to see more of him. Tonight the company will put on "Hazel Kirk," the popular English domestic drama.

According to J. W. Reith there is not a resident on the Lewis and Clark who has been spoken to in regard to the matter, but who is heartily in favor of the proposed telephone line that will connect them with the outside world in a somewhat closer degree than is the case at the present time. The telephone company has not yet been spoken to in regard to the matter so whether or not any assistance will be given them from that quarter cannot, of course, be told. It is likely, though, when the sense of the residents is made clear there will be no opposition from that source. Every effort is being put forth by the interested parties to install the service at an early date.

Mrs. Katherine Feeley died yesterday morning at her residence on Exchange street from the effects of a stroke of paralysis sustained a year ago. Mrs. Feeley was 57 years of age and had lived in the United States for 36 years, coming from Ireland in 1876 and settling in New York city, where she was married. Later she and her husband moved west and for 21 years she had resided in this city. Deceased is survived by two sons and three daughters, Dan W. Feeley and Mrs. E. H. Willis of McMinnville and J. Morgan, Mary and Irene Feeley of this city. The funeral will take place from St. Mary's Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

The British ship County of Linnithgow is now at the quarantine station, having been towed there Monday morning. The work of discharging the ballast has not yet commenced and will not be for a few days. The smallpox case, only, has thus far been attended to and until every chance of the disease spreading is eliminated the hold will remain closed. The patient has been given a thorough bath, is now isolated and the living apartments of the vessel has been fumigated with sulphur. As the ballast is yet to be discharged and fumigated and new ballast taken on it is anticipated some time will elapse before the ship will be free to proceed on her course.

The pioneer blacksmith of the city, George A. Stinson, has been missing for four days and there are grave fears entertained as to his safety. Indeed there is little doubt but that he has either met with foul play or has fallen accidentally into the river and been drowned. The latter theory is generally conceded to be the more practicable of the two. The missing man was last seen Friday night at the foot of Ninth street. At the time he was somewhat under the influence of liquor and it would have been an easy matter for a man in his condition to have fallen into the river, as sober men have made a mistake in that dark locality. Mr. Stinson's relatives are naturally greatly exercised over his continued absence and will be grateful to anyone who will give any information as to his whereabouts.

The joyous melody of a babbling

brook can hardly create more satisfaction than the various elements found in a new three act farce comedy "The Irish Pawnbroker" that comes to Fishers' opera house next Monday evening. It is full of music and mirth that are refreshing to human nature and which serves as a "sweet restorer." The author introduced a simple easily discovered plot—an unusual element in a farce comedy—plenty of comical situations, jokes and other amusing features. The bunch of pretty girls in millinery dreams, the songs, dances and specialties form a bill long and good enough for a single evening. Sullivan and Mack and dainty Mable Trumbull stand at the head of the cast and keep up a "rapid fire" of fun while they are on the stage. Seat sale opens Saturday morning at Griffin's book store.

At yesterday's session of the circuit court the following orders were handed down: In the case of Robert Gibson vs. Mark S. Warren and Phineas Warren, judgment for defendants; John Fox vs. Ida J. Hanthorn, argued and submitted; John O'Brien vs. Nora Fitzpatrick and George Sanborn, dismissed. The court adjourned until the third Monday of February, or the 16th of the month. The first two cases to be argued in the February term will be the state of Oregon vs. Bernard Lindenberg and Samuel Schmidt. The cases were called yesterday and pleas of not guilty were entered and demurrers to the information were filed. Defendants are charged with violating the fishing laws of the state in having sturgeon in their possession out of season. The point at issue appears to be a contention contained in the demurrers that sufficient cause is not given to take action in the matter.

A fire occurred in the sleeping apartment of the milk depot last night about 9:30 o'clock that was fortunately extinguished before serious damage had been done. The odor of burning cloth attracted a neighbor and as soon as the cause was ascertained an alarm was turned in. The cause happened to be a burning bed. No one was in the room at the time, but the occupants had been not long before, and it is supposed that the remnants of a burning cigarette had started the blaze. J. H. Jeffers and his associate, William Johnson, were not far away and hurrying to the scene pitched the blazing bed into the street. Aside from some ruined clothing this was all the damage inflicted, so it was not necessary to make use of the fire department. There is a family residing on the upper floor of the building and the members became considerably wrought up over the affair, one young lady fainting away in her excitement.

A ripple of excitement was created among the hillside residents in the neighborhood of Grace church yesterday by the report getting abroad that a crazy man was at large and was prepared to do all sorts of diabolical deeds. Sheriff Linville was notified and after a careful search captured his man. The patient proved to be a young man by the name of Geddes and he lives in the vicinity of the Clatsop mill. It seems that Mr. Geddes received a paralytic stroke about a month ago and the attack has left his mind in a weakened condition. Yesterday afternoon he left his home and started down town. His wife protested to his going out, but without result, and so the distracted woman, accompanied him. When they reached Prael and Cook's stables the couple separated, Mrs. Geddes hurrying on to notify the proper authorities. The demented man did not give any evidence of being violent and was captured without particular difficulty. He is now lodged in the county jail and

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will undergo an examination as to his sanity some time today.

"If this old pump gun of mine doesn't beat that \$750 gun of Tallant's, I'll throw it in the bay," announced Sheriff Linville yesterday afternoon, as a little party of Rod and Gun club enthusiasts made its way to the can company's dock. Will Tallant's gun is a marvel of beautiful workmanship and has attracted much attention ever since he bought it. Yesterday it was agreed that Clark Loughery and Frank Cook should try out the Tallant gun, and the general sheriff, proud of his duck-slayer, went along for the test. On the way down Loughery and Billy Martin determined that the sheriff should be jobbed, so Martin, who attended to the targets, proceeded to fix things about right for Linville. The sheriff's gun is a crack-a-jack, and Loughery selected it for the first shot. Martin in the meantime reduced the size of the target that prepared for Linville's gun, so that the sheriff's pattern appeared also on Tallant's target. The trick was very neatly played, and twice the fake test was made, with the result that Linville's gun made a very poor showing. The sheriff did not "tumble" at the time, although the worried look on his face denoted the he suspected that something was wrong, and he shouldered his gun and took his way homeward, a very sad man. N. D. Bain, who was also with the party, had secured a cheap gun from A. G. Spexarth, and in firing No. 5 shot it made the best showing, greatly to the delight of Bain, whose handsome \$175 gun is in Portland.

THE WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT.

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