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The penitentiary sentences imposed on Joshua S. Smith and Charles R. Lane by Judge McBride yesterday brings to a close one of the most unique cases on record in the criminal annals of Clatsop county, and incidentally ends the career for a term of years at least of two of the most brazen criminals that have ever operated in Astoria.

The arrest of these men and the subsequent conviction of Smith after a trial lasting three days, followed by a plea of guilty voluntarily entered by Lane, was only made possible by the dint of hard work on the part of District Attorney Harrison Allen, Sheriff Linville and City Attorney A. M. Smith peace officers of the county of Clatsop and the city of Astoria respectively.

We measure the work of our public officials not so much by what they save us in dollars and cents as by the protection they afford the community by preserving the peace and ridding it of lawlessness. In this case, however, the diligent efforts of our public servants saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars in actual cash and also secured the conviction of two men, one adjudged guilty of perjury by a jury and the other a self confessed perjurer and thief. These men have long practiced their criminal operations in other cities, including Seattle and San Francisco, where they secured large sums of money for injuries alleged to have been sustained by Bock having fallen on defective sidewalks. They baffled the best legal talent of those cities, and secured a judgment against the city of Astoria for \$2,500, which would have been satisfied on a compromise had not information reached the peace officers that there was crookedness in the case. Then it was that the effective work was done, and in the trial just ended the defendant Smith became tangled in a gill net set for him by District Attorney Allen and his able colleague on the case that resulted in securing a conviction at the hands of the jury. Sheriff Linville aided in accumulating the evidence of guilt against the men, and it was due to his influence with Lane, alias Bock, that a plea of guilty was entered. These men will now discard their civilian clothes for the striped garments of convicts, and will change their names to numbers.

The people of Clatsop county and the city of Astoria are fortunate in having such able officers in their service. It is to be hoped that their successful efforts in this case will result in bringing the public to a better understanding and appreciation of the difficulties under which they are often compelled to labor, and that a renewed determination will make itself manifest among all classes of citizens to support our local authorities in the performance of their sworn duty without fear or favor.

POPE Leo XIII is dead! The world weeps with the children of the Roman Catholic church, because the world knows the worth of a good man. For weeks he has battled with the dread angel, the vital spark being kept alive

long after the seal of approaching dissolution had made itself manifest in his tired, feeble body. He leaves behind him an impress on the whole civilized world that will endure long after the sepulchre in which his body will recline has crumbled to dust, and his good works outside the province of the church of which he was the visible head on earth assure him a place of honor in the history of the world. His works are his monument, and time cannot destroy the record that he has left behind him. There remains but to elect his successor, and the world looks to the conclave of cardinals to elect a successor to the papal throne who will command the love and respect of nations in the same measure as did the dead pontiff. Pope Leo set a splendid example for succeeding generations of the Roman church to follow. He established a high standard of loyalty to the church, statesmanship in the conduct of its affairs, and his personal life was fashioned after the Master's life on earth.

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THE prospect for getting new manufacturers for Astoria is just as good as for any other city with inducements to offer. The advantages of this city for manufacturing and shipping are unsurpassed, and the more that they are understood abroad the greater will be the influx of manufacturers to Astoria. Every citizen with the interests of the city at heart should become a member of the Chamber of Commerce and lend his efforts to that body in attracting new industries to the city. We need them.

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