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THE TIDES

Table with tide information for July 1903, showing high and low water times for various days of the week.

Local Brevities

WEATHER FORECAST—Western Oregon—Friday, fair and warmer in the south, partly cloudy with showers in the north portion.

LOSES HIS NET—C. A. Anderson, a north shore fisherman, came to the city yesterday to report the loss of his net. The net became untied from his boat and drifted with the tide.

SAYS BUSINESS IS GOOD—K. Osburn, the wholesale commission dealer, is about as close to the business men of Astoria as any other man, and he says that the city is enjoying splendid business prosperity. He gauges the business of the city by the business he himself does, as he sells to the retailers. The hotel-men are enjoying good business too, and the restaurants are keeping busy. This is Astoria's busy season.

EAGLES ATTEND IN A BODY—This is Eagles' night at the Unique theater. Manager Al Hager will receive the aerial in style and the minstrels will give their entertaining show with a platter of frills and trimmings on the side not included in the regular program. The Eagles take this opportunity to reciprocate a favor advanced them by the manager and company in connection with their social session last Sunday afternoon.

UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC TODAY—The first union Sunday school picnic ever held in Astoria will occur today, when pupils, teachers and resident ministers of every protestant Sunday school in the city will join in an excursion to Seaside, leaving here at 8:35 and returning at 5 o'clock in the evening. Seven coaches will be attached to the train for the use of the excursionists. All that is required to insure a delightful time is plenty of sunshine.

IN THE COUNTY COURT—Judge Tremchard yesterday appointed R. L. Humphreys administrator of the estate of Mrs. R. L. Humphreys, who was committed to the state asylum for the insane from this county. His bonds were fixed at \$2,000. J. Q. A. Bowley was appointed administrator of the estate of Charles C. Sackett, who died last February. His bonds are in the sum of \$1,500. Max Young, O. T. Morton, and B. Van Dusen were appointed appraisers.

ASTORIANS PAY TRIBUTE—A large congregation was attracted to St. Mary's church yesterday morning to be present at the solemn requiem high mass which was sung for the repose of the soul of the late pontiff. Rev. Father Waters pronounced a fitting eulogy on the great spiritual ruler whose body now lies in state at Rome, in which he referred to the brilliant career of the late pope as well as his humble life. The church will remain in mourning indefinitely.

MEASUREMENTS OF NEW BOAT—John McCue yesterday completed the official measurement of the new boats at Leather's ship yard. These boats represent an expenditure of at least \$25,000 and though comparatively small boats are models of perfect construction. Except for the machinery, they are the product of Astoria, and one of them will be equipped with boiler and engines installed by the Astoria Iron Works. The official measurement of each follows: United States custom launch; length, 53.95; beam, 12.8; depth, 5.8. Capt. Reid's gasoline launch; length, 52.2; beam, 11.6; depth, 4.7. Tongue Point Lumber Co's launch Aurora; length, 69.65; beam, 18.8; depth, 6.8. The boat for the Tongue Point Lumber Co. represents an outlay of about \$12,000, and the custom launch was contracted for at \$10,000.

MRS. BAKER'S HEART PARTY—The home of Mrs. E. M. Baker on the occasion of her heart party Wednesday afternoon, was transformed into a bower of loveliness by a profusion of red roses, carnations and other cut flowers. There were 25 invited guests present to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Baker who proved herself an entertaining hostess. The decorations were particularly elaborate. The parlor was dressed in red carnations and roses. The back parlor was beautiful in white while the hall in a garb of yellow and a pink dining room added rare beauty to the scene. Delicate refreshments were served after the games. The ladies who won at hearts were Mrs. Schimpf, Mrs. Richardson, and Mrs. Habersham. One of the features of the afternoon was a vocal solo by Mrs. Frank Spittle. The guests were: Mesdames Kuetner, Coolidge, Maddock, A. M. Smith, H. C. Smith, Callaway, E. Z. Ferguson, Sharpstein, James Fox, Howes, Troyer, McFarland, Bergman, Stanyan, West, Miller, Ridehalgh, Spittle, Schimpf, Richardson, Habersham, Reed, Pilkington, Sutherland and Misses Stanyan and Biles.

NEW FENCING ON ELEVENTH—Slowly but surely the defective portions of the city's thoroughfares are being weeded out and the defective parts renewed with new planking or fencing. A noticeable improvement in this regard is the new fencing along Eleventh, which when completed the length of the street, particularly between Exchange and Franklin streets will be appreciated by parents. Many little children make this their daily rendezvous and in its present condition the fencing between these streets is unsafe.

"HUCKLEBERRY" HUBBARD—The little boy of Henry Hubbard strayed away from home yesterday afternoon, and a rumor spread that he had fallen into the river and been drowned. The excited father got a boat and began grappling for the body, and Max Pohl, deputy coroner, was summoned to the scene. After about an hour's search, to say nothing of the nervous strain to which his parents were subjected, the little fellow came over the hill with a pail of berries that he had pecked in the woods. He was clasped in the arms of his delighted parents who scooped and caressed him in the same breath.

REPAIRING FLAVEL'S DOCK—The contribution of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co. to the regatta committee is one that is greatly appreciated by the members, because it also represents a permanent improvement to the city. The company has a force of men at work repairing Flavel's dock at the foot of Eleventh street, driving new piles and renewing the planking. The dock will be ready in ample time for the committee to place an order for the construction of a grand stand there for the regatta. The street is also being repaired leading to the dock, so that the entire improvement will be substantial.

WHAT THE CITY OWNS—While Census Enumerator Kuykendall was in the city recently, Mayor Suprenant and Auditor Anderson made an inventory of the city's possessions in buildings, property and apparatus for his convenience. The result shows that the city has in dead assets a total valuation of \$80,000, which itemized is: city hall and buildings, \$20,000; furniture and property, \$1,200. Police department—Appliances and other property, \$2,000. Fire department—land and (brick) building, \$28,200; appliances and other property, \$10,000. Parks and gardens—land and buildings, \$3,000; other property, \$5,000. City hospital (pest house)—land and building, \$500. Cemetery, \$12,000.

ERRATIC TIDES PREVAIL—Fishermen report erratic tides yesterday, and very little fish were brought in. There was some talk on the street that representatives of all the canneries and cold storage plants on the river had held a meeting in Astoria and come to an agreement on a flat price for fresh fish for the remainder of the season. Inquiry at the office of the largest canneries and cold storage plants elicited a denial of this. While it may be true that a few of the smaller companies have made some such arrangement, it is known positively that no concerted action has been taken. Prices have not changed at all, though a leveling of prices would be greatly appreciated by the canners and cold storage people.

ASTORIA WOMAN HONORED—At the election of officers of the grand lodge Degree of Honor, held at Portland on Wednesday, Mrs. Sarah Festabend, of this city, was honored by election to the office of Grand Lady of Honor. Reports from the convention city state that there was little rivalry among the members for the various positions, but the proceedings were strictly harmonious. A little incident in connection with Mrs. Festabend's election to the second highest office in the order in the state of Oregon is in connection with her name, which is German and translated means "Holiday evening" the word "fest" meaning holiday and "abend" evening. Wednesday certainly was a holiday evening in one sense for that gracious lady.

TRIP TO ALASKA—The lighthouse tender Columbine, Capt. Charles Richardson, reached port last night from Portland, and will put to sea today for a trip to Alaska. At Port Townsend she will take on a pilot, proceeding thence to southeastern Alaska, making a stop at Juneau and from there going west to Sitka. Before leaving here she will load coal and take on a large fishing boat for one of the northern stations. Supplies and lighthouse material will be taken on at the Tongue Point buoy station. Six mechanics boarded the Columbine at Portland. Capt. Richardson stated last night that he expected to be back in Astoria in time to entertain the queen of the regatta. "We did not expect to have a long trip," he said, "but if the weather is good you'll find us all on shore when the royal procession goes by. This is one of the things to make us hasten home, because we are all looking forward to it." While up north considerable renovating and repair work will be done by the mechanics on board the Columbine at the different stations visited, and "aids to navigation" will be placed wherever they will do good.

GAME OF THE SEASON—When the Astoria and North Pacific brewery baseball teams meet on the sporting diamond on Sunday it will be to contest the star game of the season. Both teams have been hard at work practicing all week, and every man has had the services of all the way from one to half a dozen coaches at his disposal. As the boys say, "it will be for blood" and the odds are about even on the game. The baseball season is rapidly nearing a close, and there will only be a few more games ere the pennant chasers will box up their equipment and step down from the pedestal of fame. It is understood that next season an effort will be made to organize a minor league in the state. If this is done Astoria will be found at the top.

DISTURB PEACE OF SEASIDE—Complaints have been received from Seaside, and published in the Portland papers, that the peace of that aristocratic little watering place has been disturbed by certain parties, said to be from Idaho, who have taken up residence here for the season. The offense charged against these people is that the men folks persist in tying up their horses on the sidewalk, ride up and down the sidewalk to the great damage of the planking and also to the inconvenience of pedestrians, especially ladies and children. They are also accused of resenting any interference by remarking that "it is a private sidewalk" despite the fact that it is on the street dedicated to the public. It is rumored that the men of Seaside are about to rise up in their wrath and teach the "mountain loafers" a lesson in politeness.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY—Charles Matson undertook to resent a remark that he imagined he heard A. E. Kuhlman make concerning him, and the method he adopted was so forceful as to compel Mr. Kuhlman to invoke the law's protection. It is said that Mr. Matson pushed Mr. Kuhlman in a violent manner, pulling his coat, and was laid off a few days ago. He was also paid up, but spent his money before his landlady got her share of it, so the story goes. Then the landlady wanted to hold Kuhlman responsible for the bill, from which the argument developed into a warrant for arrest as stated.

NO ACTION BY A. O. U. W.—A telegram received from Portland last night states that the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. has indefinitely postponed action on the proposition submitted by the supreme lodge at its session held in St. Paul last June to wipe out the deficit of \$29,999 \$45.00 which now exists in the order. The method proposed was to increase the rate of assessment of members above the age of 50 years. The Oregon grand lodge is in fine shape, having 11,000 members and a balance in its treasury. The adoption of the proposition outlined would effect about 2,500 members in the state. The failure of the Oregon grand lodge to place itself on record in the matter precludes the possibility of any action until the next meeting of the grand lodge, which will be held in July 1904. The order is now working under the old classified assessment plan adopted in 1897.

CORONER POHL A CANDIDATE—The great council of the Improved Order of Red Men of the Oregon reservation will meet at Oregon City next Tuesday, and Coroner William Pohl, great chief of records, will be a candidate for the honor of representing the Oregon reservation at the great council of the United States, which meets at Atlantic City in September. This is Mr. Pohl's sixth year as great chief of records and he will relinquish that office at the end of his term, becoming past grand sachem of the order. He will have the solid support of the Clatsop county tribes behind him in his candidacy for election as representative to the great council. The delegates from the several county lodges who have been chosen to attend the great council of the state reservation follow: Concomly tribe, No. 7, Astoria: Andrew Birch, J. H. Hansen, C. E. Foster, T. B. Loughrey, Charles Dahlstrom, Mr. Pohl and Dr. Henderson, G. J. S., will also attend. Necarine tribe, No. 12, Hammond: George Flatman, L. A. Van Fleet, Wickiup tribe, No. 21, Svensen: James Vinson, Roland Masten, Roy Wherry, great guard of the wigwam, will also attend from Hammond. Black Hawk tribe, No. 25, Clifton: T. S. Weddell, Thomas Ihunde, Clatsop tribe, No. 28, Seaside, A. E. Miller.

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