

**.. Social and Personal ..**

F. C. Baker, chairman of the republican state central committee came over from his Seaside home and witnessed the coronation exercises.

Miss Agnes Craft, queen of Albany's Street Fair and Carnival, will leave today for Astoria to attend the Regatta. All the queens of the Carnivals held in the different valley towns this summer have been invited to attend the regatta as the guest of the regatta queen and Queen Agnes will represent this city.—Albany Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hamilton of Salem arrived in the city yesterday and will remain during the regatta.

T. D. Woolley of Portland is taking in the regatta.

Miss Georgia Giltner of Portland is a guest of Mrs. O. West.

W. J. Homer, the rustling representative of the State Life Assurance Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., is in Astoria for a few days.

Messrs J. H. McKibben, J. E. Brallier and Capt. C. Nielson, prominent in Knights of Pythias tells the Astorian that it is more than likely that Seaside will be the place of baling the next year's Grand Lodge. That if selected as the place for the next year's meeting will prove quite an attraction. We are also informed that the particular features for the season are better than ever.

W. P. Sturgess of Pendleton, is taking in the regatta.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Bolton and daughter, Miss Vesta, of The Dalles, are enjoying the regatta.

Miss Myrtle Michell, of The Dalles, is visiting the beach and Astoria, taking a vacation and incidentally seeing the regatta sights.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Crowe, of The Dalles, are attending the regatta.

J. H. McKibben, representing the Pythian Journal, the Senator, is in the city.

J. E. Brallier, the "Nasby" of Seaside was in the city yesterday.

Capt. C. Nielson, of Portland, is a regatta visitor this week.

A purse was lost in the grandstand yesterday. The owner can get same by calling at the regatta committee headquarters and giving description.

Mrs. I. Lowenarth, Mrs. M. Fleischer and Mrs. Lee Lewis, of Portland,

but temporary residents of Seaside, attended the opening of the regatta yesterday.

Mrs. P. Wasserman is a guest of Mrs. I. Bergman.

Sig Sichel, of Portland, is attending regatta.

Mr. Leonard Logan and wife, of Boise, Idaho, were visitors in Astoria yesterday. They have been spending a few weeks at Seaside. Mr. Logan is prominent banker in Boise and Mrs. Logan is one of the school directors of Ida county, Idaho.

**IT HAS ARRIVED**

George Curtis Lee Snyder, (not Schneider), who bears the proud distinction of being the only printer with a first premium baritone voice and who can captivate more of the fair sex in one minute than the average young man can in a lifetime, is now numbered among the denizens of Astoria, that city down by the bar and jetties at the mouth of the famous Columbia. George C. will be a valuable addition to the City-by-the-sea in more ways than 50. That voice will be heard during the coming regatta, no doubt, and the queen and her retinue and all the visiting queens of the Willamette valley will have to acknowledge on bended knees that he is IT, and don't you fail to remember what is said here. Geo. C. L. isn't none of your summer-camp - air - board - fence - exhibit - soloists; when he opens his mouth and sets his vocal chords to vibrating everybody stops and takes in what he says; he can get more real genuine good music out of that throat of his than Madam Patti can from hers, if he is a few years younger and don't wear so many diamonds and take along so many dogs when he travels.—Salem Statesman.

**"MERELY MARY ANN"**

Israel Zangwill has plucked up courage to face the candor of an American audience again. He has written a play that he hopes will not bring protests from critics throughout the country and rouse the indignation of his

own people. It is named "Merely Mary Ann," and this is enough to indicate that it has been built around one of Zangwill's short stories.

"Merely Mary Ann" is one of those studies of character that will give Zangwill a permanent place in English literature. Mary Ann is one among tens of thousands of country girls working in London as servants. She is modest in speech and manner. Her face is not beautiful, but there is a quiet dignity and sympathy about it that attracts and holds the attention of men. Mary Ann is the kind of a girl about whom no man could imagine an evil thought. She is the kind of a girl men turn to when they are tired of flirts and think of "settling down." She was going happily about her duties one day when a young composer came to live in the house. He rented an apartment and spent most of his time with his piano. Mary Ann had to carry up his meals. For a week she passed in and out with her tray without a word. The composer, Lancelot had noticed her meanwhile, and one morning good-naturedly asked her name. "Mary Ann" she replied, her face red with embarrassment. He notices the poise of her head, the truth in her eyes, the natural grace in every movement, the neatness with which her servant's dress fits. He notices also that work has soiled the beauty of her hands and he tells her about it. The next time she carries in the breakfast tray her hands are covered with gloves, and Lancelot hurries out of the room and busies himself at his piano. Ordinarily it would have been ridiculous, but no one could laugh at the girl's intent. Impossible to, to tell her to show her red hands again, and so the tray comes and goes supported on white gloves.

It would be hard to find a more pleasing touch in the length of Dickens. There is a charm about this simple girl, with her red hands hidden from gaze, that appeals to tears in women and to chivalry in men. It is not known what changes Zangwill has made, but among others he has changed the end. In the story the couple were not married, but for stage purposes Zangwill has had everything come out as it should. He was criticised when the story first was published because he left the outcome in doubt. So it will delight the doubters to know that they have been brought together, that love has leveled station and given them hap-

piness. If Zangwill has written as ably in the play as he did in the story he may not fear to cross the Atlantic. If he has done Mary Ann justice all thought of "The Children of Ghetto" and his attack on the drama will be forgotten. But if he has not retained her simple self he had better stay in London.

**FATHER SUES FOR MORE**

**EFFORTS BEING MADE TO BREAK CONTRACT OF NEGRO RIDER JERRY HICKS—TERMS NOT SATISFACTORY**

New York, Aug. 19.—Jerry Hicks, the negro rider, under lease by a southern firm of horsemen who claims to hold a contract, to Ferry Belmont and John E. Madden, was arrested at midnight, according to special dispatches from Saratoga, upon an order of Judge Spencer of the Fulton county court.

He will be taken before the judge for trial of the suit by his father, a resident of Louisiana, to annul the boy's contract. Hick's father received \$11 per month under the present agreement which is to run three years. It is said he wants more and for that reason desires to break the contract.

**FUGITIVES WILL SURRENDER**

New York, August 19.—Persons interested in the case announce within a few days, Dr. John D. Woods and his wife, who are being sought in connection with the death of Colonel William J. Best at San Rafael, Cal., last April, will surrender to the prosecutor of Essex county, New Jersey, in Newark. It is declared that the Dr. will make a condition, that the indictment for larceny of Colonel Best's jewelry against Dr. Woods in San Rafael is not to be used as a subterfuge to get him to California and then bring forth an indictment for murder. Woods is said to be in hiding near Asbury park. He has been reported seen dozens of times since the search began. Only a few days ago a member of the Best family who had been actively pursuing the doctor stated that he had seen him on a train near Asbury park "but could not learn where his destination was." Interest in the case has gradually subsided.

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