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The Astorian guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia River.

The case of Alexander Sigurdson, a young man residing at Warrenton, should receive more than ordinary attention. Mr. Sigurdson is but 19 years of age and is in the employ of the A. & C. R. R. as a painter. Upon the complaint of the father of Matilda Costa, aged 8 years, he was arrested and brought before the justice of the peace, charged with an attempt to commit a crime, which, if guilty, should have sent him to prison for a long term of years.

The examination showed conclusively that there was not the remotest foundation for the charge, and the deputy prosecuting attorney very justly made a motion to dismiss the case.

The father of this little girl was entirely too hasty in prosecuting. If reports are true, Mr. Sigurdson bears an excellent reputation and it was gross injustice to have him dragged into court under such a charge. If the parents had carefully investigated the trouble he would have doubtless learned enough to have caused anxiety as to the conduct of the little girl.

The whole affair is to be regretted, but it should serve as a lesson to parents to be sure they are right, or that foundation for prosecution exists, before taking steps involving the character of a worthy young man and which end in a serious reflection upon the parent and child prosecuting.

The game of inter-collegiate football may be a little strenuous, but so is life in general. No man or woman amounts to anything who cannot meet life bravely and take the hard knocks cheerfully. Football is a game that inculcates better habits, for no athlete can dissipate. It brings forward the manly qualities and makes a young man self-reliant, teaches him to hold his temper, and, all in all, is the best American game of the day. Don't keep your boy out of the game if he wants to play. If he has pluck enough to get into practice games and win a place on a team, he will have energy enough to get out into the business world and succeed. This is good interest on a few bruises.

Our old friends, the porch climbers, are with us again, says the San Francisco Call. The advent of winter has brought them to us like a visitation of fleas, and it is well for the householders to know that the knights of the jimmy and skeleton keys have neither sought an introduction nor a welcome from the police. It may not be amiss either to know that the guardians of our streets have shown no particular desire to renew old acquaintenceship.

Reports have it that the great oil wells of Pennsylvania and other eastern states, from which the finer illuminating oils are produced, are fast giving out. This brings the country face to face with a serious problem. Texas has little oil that can be refined at a profit and California produces none better than the fuel grade. An immediate advance in price may be expected.

Astoria needs more business buildings of commodious size. Every day one can hear merchants complain of cramped quarters. Building sites in the business section seem to be in evidence, but for some reason those owning property do not see their way clear to build. In order to have Astoria take the place where she belongs, Astoria people will have to take the initiative.

The paragrapher of yesterday's Astorian joked the little republic of Panama, but it now seems that the new government is no "josh," but a sound reality. The president has recognized it as a de facto government and it appears that it will be firmly established without bloodshed. Success to it, but one cannot help believing that the canal scheme is behind it.

It is said that a suit will soon be insituted against Charles H. Schwab, the unscrupulous manager of the shipbuilding trust, to recover $20,000,000 which it is claimed he acquired unlawfully.

It is the same old story. Ohio is for Mark Hanna, and Mark Hanna is for success of the republican party in 1904 and it will succeed with Mark as chairman of the National executive committee, says the Eugene Register.

Delaware republicans are still struggling withAddicksitis. That state ought to have scratching posts as well as whipping posts, suggests the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

William R. Hearst has decided that there is no more formidable candidate in the democratic party for president than William R. Hearst.

The Portland burglar who took a chance at robbing W .F. Burrell's residence did not look up the record of the household on surpressing burglary.

Hawaii votes republicans into office this year, with a few exceptions. The home rulers are making charges of fraud.

Governor Chamberlain has found that Oregon is not being advertised in the east. The governor is very correct.

A newspaper is the best evidence of the business enterprise of the town in which it is published.

Bill Devery says he is out of politics. Bill need not mention it.

Mr. Heinze does not seem to be very popular up in Montana.

The American minister to Sweden is given credit for being the best shot in that country.

Most everybody respects old age, except when it comes to beefsteak and chicken.

EDUCATE YOURSELF AT HOME

The Opportunity to Do So Is In Reach of All.

Young men and women who are ambitious to rise and unable to attend college or a technical school should investigate the advantages offered by the International Correspondence schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania. These schools which were organized in 1891 now have over 600,000 students; and during the brief period of twelve years have helped thousands of people to better paying positions. Their curriculum embraces one hundred and sixty-five different courses of study, an immense variety to select from, and all of them are of the practical salary raising class of instruction. The schools do not aim to deal with the sort of education which merely adorns. They say to a young man: where does your greatest practical aptitude lie? Tell us what you crave and if you are willing to study we can gratify your ambition.

They have unlimited endorsements from all classes of successful men and from prominent officials of the U. S. Government. The Secretary of the Navy, the labor commissioner, military instructors at West Point and members of congress have endorsed and warmly praised their system of education. To come nearer home they have 225 students in Astoria. See some of those and get their opinions on the subject. Then write to the schools for some literature. J. C. Sanner their local agent is generally in town at room 5 Oriel house, 660 Commercial st from the 10th to the 17th of each month and can always be seen there from 8 to 10 P. M.

Lessons are sent to students in pamphlet form and these schools furnish additionally a reference library of bound volumes with most of their courses. They teach French, German and Spanish with the aid of the Phonograph. Scholarships can be paid for, either cash down or in monthly installments. tf

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD.

LEAVE	PORTLAND	ARRIVE
8:00 a m 7:00 p m	Portland Union Depot for Astoria and Way Points	11:10 a m 9:40 p m
	ASTORIA	
7:45 a m 6:10 p m	For Portland and Way Points	11:30 a m 10:30 p m
	SEASIDE DIVISION	
*8:15 a m 11:35 a m 5:50 p m	Astoria for Warenton, Flavel Fort Stevens, Hammond and Seaside	7:40 a m 4:00 p m *10:45 a m
6:15 a m *9:30 a m 2:30 p m	Seaside for Warrenton, Flavel, Hammond, Fort Stevens & Astoria	12:50 p m 7:20 p m *9:25 a m

*Sunday only

All trains make close connections at Goble with all Northern Pacific trains to and from the East and Sound points.

J. C. Mayo,
General Freight and Pass. Agent.

Depart.	TIME SCHEDULES From Portland.	Arrive.
Chicago Portland Special 9:20 a. viaHuntington.	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	4:30 p.m.
Atlantic Express 8:15 p.m. viaHuntington.	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City St. Louis, Chicago and East.	10:30 a.m.
St. Paul FastMail 6 p. m. via. Spokane	Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East	7:35 p. m.

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE.
—From Astoria—

7 a. m.	All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco every five days.	
Daily except Sunday	Columbia River to Portland and Way Landings.	4: a. m., Daily except Mon

Steamer Nahcotta leaves Astoria on tide daily except Sunday for Ilwaco, connecting there with trains for Long Beach, Tigoa and North Beach points. Returning arrives at Astoria same evening.

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Astoria.