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Marriage License.—License to wed was granted yesterday to Alfred Robert Johnson and Miss Minnie Lenhart, both of Clatsop county.

New Citizens.—Final papers of citizenship were granted yesterday to Thomas Jones, a native of England, in the county court. O. C. O. Hagen, a native of Norway, declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

Funeral on West Side.—The funeral of the late John Thomas was held from the church at Warrenton yesterday afternoon, Rev. W. S. Short, of Grace church, officiating. The ser-

VICES were conducted under the auspices of the Masonic order, of which Mr. Thomas was an honored member. The interment was in Ocean View cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Hamilton.—The funeral of Mrs. Shelby Hamilton took place yesterday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. William Seymour Short, of Grace church. The interment was in Greenwood.

Sale of Timber Land.—B. F. Coffey has disposed of a valuable tract of timber land in this county. The tract consists of 160 acres and is situated in section 22, township 8 north of range 8 west. It was sold to Cornelius Hunt and brought \$2000.

Prosperous Rainier.—The prosperous little town of Rainier owed about \$400 on January 1, 1903, whereas there was a cash balance in the treasury January 1, 1904. The condition of trade there is all that could be desired, and the prospects for the town's future are bright. The mills are working full

time and the payroll of the town has been materially increased during the past year. The prediction is freely made that Rainier is to become the best town between Portland and Astoria. Shipments of lumber have averaged four carloads a day, not including the shipments by water.

Prayer Services Attract.—The prayer meeting for this evening will be held at the Presbyterian church and the leader will be Rev. L. J. Trumbull of the Baptist church. The attendance last night was good, and the interest was manifest.

W. C. T. U. Today.—After three weeks of adjournment the W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting at the usual hour and at the usual place today. The president hopes for a large attendance as there is much back work to be made up.

Suit For Divorce.—Winifred Irene Baker (nee Winton), of Portland, has commenced suit in Clackamas county for divorce from Joseph Baker. The couple were married in Astoria February 1, 1901, and the desertion is alleged to have taken place a year ago.

Scoggin Sick Again.—Arthur Scoggin is sick again at the county jail, and his condition is rather serious. Scoggin is the young man who is in jail awaiting trial on a charge of having thrown ammonia on "Printer Boy," a famous setter dog. He is troubled with stomach trouble, but this time complains that his lungs are bothering him. He has a large number of relatives, but they have been unable thus far to raise the \$250 necessary to secure his release.

Canneries May Use Oil.—The general use into which crude oil has come as fuel has given rise to the belief that the salmon canneries will soon begin burning oil instead of wood and coal. Indeed, it is said in Portland that several salmon packers now contemplate the use of oil, and that the Warren packing company has definitely arranged for a supply of this fuel. Whether or not any of the local packers seriously contemplate use of oil is a question but it would not be surprising if oil became popular here as a fuel.

Adelina Patti in Portland, Oregon.—The World's greatest singer, Adelina Patti, together with her excellent company of artists, will give a grand concert at the Armory building, Tenth and Couch streets, Portland, Or., Thursday evening January 14, 1904, at 8:15 o'clock. This will be the grandest musical and social event in the history of the state. Excursion rates will be made on all railroads leading into Portland. The advance sale of seats will open Monday morning January 11. Out of town money orders accompanied by check and addressed to Mr. Calvin S. Hellig, Marquam Grand theater will receive prompt attention.

Young People Married.—Mr. Alfred Johnson and Miss Minnie Lenhart were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Katie Lenhart, on Sixth street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Waters, of St. Mary's Catholic church. The bridesmaid was Miss Ida Lenhart, a sister of the bride, and Mr. Ludwig stood up with Mr. Johnson. The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception which was succeeded by a banquet. Mr. Johnson is of the well-known firm of Johnson Bros., and is one of the brightest young business men in the city. The couple left in the evening for California where they will travel for a month.

Rock for Jetty.—It is reported that the Northwest Construction Company will secure the greater part of the jetty rock hereafter needed from the Mayger quarry, and that the work at Bugby will be curtailed. The McLain quarry, recently secured at Mayger, will be operated at once, and 12 derricks will be installed. Mrs. McLain, owner of the quarry, will receive 2 cents a ton for the first 20,000 tons of rock removed, 1½ cents a ton for the next 20,000 tons and 1 cent a ton for all the rock taken after the first 40,000 tons have been removed. The rock is of excellent quality, suited to the needs of the government engineers, and is available in large quantities.

What Will the Council Do?—Having arranged for the purchase of the E. A. Taylor property at Sixteenth, Exchange and Duane streets, the council has yet to declare itself as to what it intends doing with the new city hall site. The purchase necessitated the expenditure of \$5000, and, as the financial condition of the city will not permit of any haphazard outlays, the councilmen who voted for the passage of the ordinance doubtless have some scheme in view, which will involve use of the land just acquired. As yet they have neglected to make any statement, and speculation is rife as to what the purchase really means. While it is pretty generally agreed that the

buy was a good one, there is decided public opposition to the city engaging in the real estate business. It is not clear, however, that the purchase was made with this end in view, as some of the members who supported the bill were very much opposed to the city taking any chance on the rise of realty values. However, the buy has merely been made without any explanation, and there has been much comment on the circumstance. It is believed some statement of the council's intention will be made public soon, because of the dissatisfaction which has resulted over the matter.

Install Officers.—At last night's meeting of the Foresters officers were installed for the ensuing year. Besides the installation exercises a banquet was served that was enjoyed by those present. Impromptu speeches were delivered, songs were sung, and altogether the evening was one of continuous gaiety. The Bragtons of the Unique theater were present and delighted the members of the lodge by their fine singing. Following are the officers installed: Chief ranger, Phil Haddin; sub-chief ranger, B. J. Pye; treasurer, R. R. Wallace; financial secretary, C. E. Foster; recording secretary, A. B. Daigity; senior woodward, A. Y. Anderson; junior woodward, T. A. Leahy; senior beadle, J. Damico; junior beadle, James Morrison; trustees, Edgar Gearhart and C. E. Johnson; lecturer, M. F. Hardesty; druggist, Frank Hart.

Didn't Do It.—"I didn't do it. Why do you suppose I'd commit myself to such a proposition?" said Councilman Nordstrom to a representative of The Astorian. "I want you to correct the statement, for I am anxious that responsibility for the matter shall rest where it belongs. Once again, I didn't do it." Mr. Nordstrom was talking about the report of a council committee in which purchase of a new engine house site was recommended. The report was presented, of course, by the committee on public property, but The Astorian said it had been presented by the ways and means committee, which latter committee belongs to Mr. Nordstrom. As the sage of the Third ward is forlorn purchases at this particular stage of the proceedings, he asks that the error be corrected, and the correction is gladly made.

Commendable Work.—At a general session of the Astoria Woman's Club held yesterday it was decided by the committee on civic improvement to again offer encouragement to the pupils of the public schools to accomplish the double purpose of pursuing the study of horticulture and of beautifying the school grounds. Last year the club gave first, second and third prizes to three of the grades of the McClure school for excellence in the results of their labors, and great interest was shown by the pupils in the enterprise, which resulted in a very pretty lawn during the summer. It is the intention of the committee to extend the scope of its efforts this year, so as to give all of the schools of the city an opportunity, and also to insist on the idea of permanency in the work done, rather than the mere planting of flowers which bloom but for a year.

Irish Secretary Resigns.—For a great many years past Mr. Frank J. Carney had been secretary of Astoria lodge of Elks. At the annual election he was the only man thought of for the position, and he always received the honor. The affairs of the lodge were carefully handled by Mr. Carney, and he was regarded as a permanent fixture. Eventually he came to be called the "Irish secretary," and by this title was known all over the western country. Not long since Mr. Carney purchased an interest in the Fisher Bros. Company and since then has been hard at work attending to his commercial affairs. He soon found that he would have to give up all other duties, and his resignation was handed in at the meeting of the lodge Tuesday evening. The loss of the old time secretary was keenly felt by members of the order, but there was no way out of it. Charles A. Stockton was elected to fill the vacancy.

New Tax Receipt.—Deputy Sheriff Binder has just designed a new tax receipt, which promises to be of great convenience to tax payers. The old tax receipt shows at the top the date of the issuance of the receipt, while in the body of the form, in small type appears the year for which the tax is paid. Many taxpayers have been deceived by the old blank on account of this arrangement of dates, thinking that the receipt was issued for taxes for the year shown at the top of the blank. In several instances several persons allowed their taxes to become delinquent because of the old arrangement of dates. Mr. Binder's new receipt is so arranged as to show in very large, red letters, the year for which the tax receipt is issued, so that there

will be no chance for future errors of the kind. The receipt will be somewhat larger than the old form, owing to the number of special road district levies that will be made under the new law. The form has been submitted to the county court and will probably be approved. Seven thousand of the receipts will be required.

In the County Court.—The regular monthly session of the county court was convened yesterday, and the time of Judge Trenchard and Commissioners Young and Clark was fully occupied. During the morning the court examined and allowed claims, and in the afternoon took up more important matters. Offers for making a fill on the Lewis and Clark road were received, as follows: Astoria Crushed Rock Company, \$230; W. A. Goodin, \$2.50 per lineal foot; P. A. & John Larson, 25 cents per cubic yard and \$18 for culvert; C. G. Palmberg, 48 cents per cubic yard and \$35 for culvert. The contract was awarded to the Astoria Crushed Rock Company. An order was made allowing H. Petis \$34 as witness against James Murphy, who was sent to the penitentiary for stealing Petis' grip. During the afternoon the matter of the boundaries of road districts was taken up, the lines being shown on a map presented to the court. This work has not yet been concluded.

FARM GOES TO CHURCH.

Famous Muldoon Ranch, Well Known To Athletes, Will Be Converted Into a Convent.

(Portland Telegram.)

"Billy" Muldoon, the famous wrestler has just presented his extensive and beautiful estate, known as "Muldoon's Farm," previously used as a training school of his art, to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church of Belfast, N. Y., to be converted into a convent. The entire property has been given to Bishop Colton, of Buffalo, who was formerly pastor of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church, in Twenty-eighth street, New York.

The "Muldoon Farm" is well known throughout the United States as the place where many famous athletes have been trained into condition for championship contests, and where, also, many business and professional men have studied physical culture. The only condition which the former owner has attached to the transfer of the buildings and grounds to Bishop Colton is that it should always remain the property of the church, and that the mansion should be used exclusively as a convent, while the other buildings should be utilized for educational and charitable purposes. Bishop Colton will set about at once to convert the buildings into the uses for which they were given by the generous donor.

"I desired to give my property," said Muldoon, "to some church or organization where it could be converted into worthy, charitable purposes and in looking over the field in New York I have finally decided to present it as a free gift to the Roman Catholic church, which, I feel confident, will carry out my wishes and desires."

It was at Muldoon Farm that John L. Sullivan, the famous pugilist of his day, was rehabilitated. Hundreds of influential men, including leading representatives of the American financial and social world, have been visitors and temporary residents of Muldoon Farm in years gone by, and gratefully admit that the unique treatment they then received, coupled with the compulsory participation in novel exercises in physical culture that were enforced under the roof of the farm, was the chief factor in regaining their health and happiness.

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