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Local Brevities.

The Talbot Reception.—A reception was tendered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Talbot yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. W. B. Talbot. The residence was handsomely decorated. The many guests were served with light refreshments.

Women's Club Today.—For the first time since the beginning of the holidays the Women's Club will meet today. The session will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall at 2:30 p. m. Roll call will be fitting response to the theme, "What can we do for Astoria in 1904." The paper of the day will be read by Miss Emma Warren on civil government.

The City Printing.—Just before the council adjourned last night Councilman Nordstrom called attention to the status of the city printing contract, and asked City Attorney Smith for an opinion. There appears to be some doubt as to the legality or regularity

of the contract now in effect. The attorney will report at the next meeting of the council.

Will They Fight?—The people of the country are interested in the coming conflict between Japan and Russia, but the people of Astoria are more interested in a place where they can get pure, fresh drugs in their prescriptions at moderate prices. Frank Hart, chemist and graduate in pharmacy, does things right. Oposite Ford & Stokes is the place.

Observes the Law.—The attention of parents is called to a notice appearing elsewhere in this issue with reference to the health laws and the determination of the authorities to enforce them. People have been pleading ignorance of the law as an excuse, but the important features of the law are to be printed in all the papers and prosecutions instituted for all violations.

Sculling Match.—The sculling match

for the championship of the Pacific coast will be held in the near future at Lake Merritt, Oakland. The contest will be between A. W. Page and E. W. Ayres. The contest was to have taken place the morning of the third of this month, but owing to Page being attacked with rheumatism, it was called off for the time being. Both men are well known at Astoria, having taken part in local regattas.

Baby Dies.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blaisie died yesterday morning of scarlet fever. The child had been ill for only two days. The attack was thought at first to be a mild one, and its fatal termination came suddenly and unexpectedly. The funeral will be held today, and the services will be privately conducted. A sad feature of the case is that four members of the same family succumbed to the same malady last winter.

Mr. Thomson Vary Ill.—A telegram was received in the city yesterday from Mrs. C. E. Thomson, who is at Los Angeles, with her husband, stating that he had been taken suddenly worse the previous night and that his condition yesterday morning was not reassuring. No further reports were received during the day, and from this circumstance it is taken that Mr. Thomson's condition improved somewhat during the afternoon.

Taken to Salem.—Anna Sivanius, wife of Karl Sivanius, a resident of West Astoria, was yesterday committed to the insane asylum. She is 44 years of age and has been mentally unbalanced for the past two years. At times she became violent and abusive, especially to her children, and her condition was growing worse. The sanity commissioners were unable to determine the cause of the woman's plight. She was taken to Salem last night by Sheriff Lindville.

Oregon's Daughters.—At the last meeting of Natty Welch Cabin No. 4, Native Daughters of Oregon, officers were installed. They were: Past president, Mrs. James W. Welch; president, Mrs. George W. Wood; first vice-president, Mrs. A. M. Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. G. C. Fulton; secretary, Mrs. G. Thayer; financial secretary, Mrs. L. T. Ball; treasurer, Mrs. H. P. Frazer; marshal, Mrs. Albert Dunbar. Arrangements were made to hold the annual ball Monday, February 21.

Health Report.—The report of City Physician Pilkington submitted to the city council last evening, showed that there are six homes in the city at the present time quarantined for scarlet fever. In all there have been 25 cases houses in quarantine. Twenty-four have been discharged as cured, leaving nine still under surveillance of the health officer. Two deaths have resulted. With measles there have been a total of 79 cases reported, or 33 houses. Forty-seven cases have been discharged, leaving 32 or 33 of the malady this winter, or 13 houses in quarantine.

Will Better the Records.—At last night's meeting of the council the matter of the purchase of a Fischer typewriter was brought up. The machine is in use at the court house, and has proved of great benefit. It enables the clerk to record instruments in the books provided for that purpose. The county has two machines and will probably sell one to the city. At present ordinances are merely posted in large books and not only present an untidy appearance, but are anything but safe. The Fischer lettering can not be effaced or even blurred with water. The auditor is to determine the cost of the county's extra machine and report at the next meeting.

Needs the Money.—Chief of Police Hallock expresses the conviction that but one burglar is operating in the city. He bases this belief on the means employed by the man to break open the desk of the librarian at the public library and the trunk at the Lorins wharf. Presumably both tricks were turned by the same man. The trunk had been carefully examined by the Chief, who had not carried off any of the contents. At the library he had searched the desk, but taken nothing. "I guess the fellow needs the money and wants nothing else," commented the chief yesterday. The police have no clue upon which they can work.

Mr. Frye Re-elected.—Bond Master John Frye was re-elected at yesterday's session of the county court. E. M. Houghton, of Seaside, presented an application asking for the appointment, but Mr. Frye's election was unanimous. He has given complete satisfaction and the court believed he should be continued in office. The application of C. N. Best and others for a bridge and road repairs was laid over for further consideration. The bond of W. R. Chisholm, in the sum of \$1900,

was approved by the court. Mr. Chisholm has been recalled to run a logging road across a county highway and the bond insures the county against damage. The petition of James Irwin and others for repairs to the road at Seaside was referred to the road master and Commissioner Clark for report. The court will again be in session today.

The Tax Levy.—The county court will not make the levy of taxes until after January 15, nor will the road districts be readjusted or entered as a matter of official record until after that date, although the districts have been altered. The several road districts have until January 25 to make their special levies and until all have reported the court will be unable to make the general levies. Some time after January 15 new road supervisors will be appointed for the several districts. Under the old road law supervisors were elected, but the new law provides for appointments. The law has had the effect of legislating the supervisors out of office six months ahead of time, as they were chosen by the voters at the same time other officers were elected. There are 17 supervisors to appoint in Clatsop outside of those for towns and cities. The county court must, during the present term, draw 140 names at circuit court jurors.

New Theater Open.—The Columbia Theater, that has been recently renovated and equipped so that it is now the finest place of its kind in the city, will be thrown open to the public next Monday evening. A high-class vaudeville company, now showing at Seattle, has been secured for a two weeks' engagement. The members of this troupe are all reputed to be first-class in their several lines. The chief aim of Dr. Rosenbry and his associates is that nothing of an objectionable nature shall ever occur at the new theater. Everything that takes place upon the stage is to be of a wholesome character. After the two weeks' stand of the vaudeville company, it is possible that a drama will be secured. The conveniences and elegant appointments of the house could hardly be improved upon. The decorations are a work of art, a California artist of high standing having been specially engaged to do the work. A more attractive arrangement of details and resultant effects could not be imagined.

NEGRO MARAUDER ARRESTED

Found Trying to Break into Residence on Bond Street.

Just what particular article Mister A. T. Wheel (colored) desired to secure in the home of Alice Glenn, of 216 Bond street, does not appear from the brief statement made to the police at an early hour this morning by the colored gentleman in question. When Police Officer Stark arrested Wheel the latter was striving to raise a window of the residence, and he was booked on a charge of attempted burglary, which is just about as bad as the real thing. The night was dark, but even the darkness could not cover up the person of the Ethiopian, and the officer had little difficulty in arresting him.

Mr. Glenn is a musician and his business keeps him out of night. Last evening Mrs. Glenn, who was alone in the house, heard some one about the place. Doors and windows were tried several times before midnight, but the visitor was unable to gain entrance to the house. Mrs. Glenn phoned for her husband, who went home with Officer Stark and made a thorough search of the premises. No one was to be seen there, and the two men came to the conclusion that the burglar had dismissed the idea of breaking into the place. However, Officer Stark thought it best to keep an eye on the house, and on his second visit to the place caught Wheel in the act of breaking into the house. The man was at a window, which he sought to pry open. The officer called upon him to submit to arrest and he made no resistance.

At the police station Wheel had little to say. He did state, however, that he had come to the city December 26, and that he had secured employment around restaurants. Whether or not cohabery was his motive was not ascertained, and it is the belief of Mr. Glenn that the man had some other and more serious object in view. Wheel is a long, slender negro, and it is just possible he has been doing the robbing reported lately to police headquarters. He will be given an opportunity to explain matters in court today.

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