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Local Brevities.

Mayor Supersent yesterday attached his signature to all of the ordinances passed by the council at its last meeting on Friday night.

Full papers of citizenship were granted yesterday to Victor Hendrickson, a native of Norway, and first papers were issued to Duncan Thomson, a native of Great Britain.

The local series of Eagles will hold forth in special high jinks at the meeting this afternoon. A good social time is assured the members, and a large attendance is figured on.

The electric lights will not be a shinny tonight and possibly not tomorrow night. The shut down at the power house will be occasioned by some necessary work on one of the engines.

Astoria Central Labor Council has elected the following new officers:

The Astoria Herald says: The Astorian has reappeared as a morning pa-

per and is enlarged to a six-column quarto. It contains full telegraphic dispatches, all the local happenings, and is a credit to the city. Astorians can only maintain a morning paper by giving it the patronage it deserves and it is to be hoped that it will be appreciated.

Rich and Harris' funny farce, "Are You a Mason?" from the German of "Laufe und Kratz," will be the attraction at Fishers' opera house next Friday evening. During the performance you laugh, and laugh, and laugh, and when you are through laughing you laugh at what you have been laughing at." Advertisements will appear in the next issue.

Yesterday's sad advice from Los Angeles, where C. R. Thomson had gone for the benefit of his health, were anything but encouraging. Mrs. Thomson wired that her husband was very low and that little hope was entertained for his recovery. His brain has been affected and it is feared he will be unable to pull through. The news was received with many expressions of sorrow.

Just what will be done toward making the necessary repairs to the public landing at the foot of Fourteenth street has not been decided, but the council will doubtless take some action at its next meeting. Friday night the committee on wharves and waterfront houses asked to be allowed to spend \$60 for repairs, but the report was filed. Mr. Smith called attention to the fact that the city would be liable in case of accident at the foot of any of the streets and suggested that steps be taken to fence them off.

Charles V. Brown yesterday received a dispatch from Seattle announcing that an aunt, Mrs. Scullins, of Crofton, B. C., and her three children had gone down on the ill-fated ship Clellam. Mr. Scullins was also aboard, but was rescued. Mr. Scullins is a brother of Mr. Brown's mother. A young man named Creed, who is a passenger on the steamer Alliance for southern Oregon, also received a dispatch telling him of the loss of his mother, Mrs. Lenora Richards, who was on the Clellam at the time of the wreck.

The books of the several county officials are to be experted by the accountants, Clark and Buchanan, who have done this work for the county for several years past. The contract was awarded at yesterday's session of the county court. The Budget and Herald were named as the papers in which the proceedings of the court be published, the price for the work to be the same as last year. The court granted to A. Nutberg permission to run a logging road across county road No. 86. Adjournment was taken until Monday, when the circuit court jury list will be completed.

A. T. Wheel, the negro who was arrested while trying to effect entrance to the home of Alec Glenn, was up before Police Judge Anderson yesterday. He had been booked on a charge of trespass, which was the only charge upon which he could be held. The law provides a maximum penalty for this offense of \$50 fine and this was imposed by the court. Judge Anderson informed Wheel that his presence in the city was not desirable, and agreed to suspend sentence on condition of his leaving town. If Wheel should fail to go, he would be required to spend 25 days in jail. He has thus far failed to decide upon his future course and is still locked up in jail.

A. Howard, chairman of the bowling committee of the Portland Commercial Club, writes that it will be impossible for his team to visit Astoria Commercial during the present month because the men are all pretty busy. However, the trip will be made in February. The local team has not decided yet when it will go to Portland to try for the Feildenheimer trophy but it is the intention to fix the date this afternoon or evening. Tonight the first and second teams will again try conclusions, the object being to give the first team some badly needed practice. The second team's former victory has filled the men with confidence and they expect to lower the colors of the first aggregation again tonight.

The ordinance introduced at Friday night's meeting of the council casts some light on the probable future course of the council with reference to the city hall proposal. The bill which was offered by Mr. Hansen authorizes the mayor and auditor to execute a deed to the property at present occupied upon the presentation of an offer of not less than \$15,000. If the property can be disposed of for this amount, the council will proceed with the erection of the new building on the land recently purchased from E. A. Taylor. The matter of improving the present building was not brought up, and it is believed the

council will not make any repairs until the effort to sell the present site is abandoned.

The ladies of the Woman's Club are at work this winter on their traveling library plan, and Mrs. H. L. Henderson, chairman of the committee having the matter in charge, reports that excellent progress is being made. By means of these libraries the club is enabled to supply the people of the small towns in this vicinity with choice reading matter, and the service is greatly appreciated by those country residents who find it difficult to pass the long winter evenings. Many books have been donated to the club for the purpose, and the ladies will gladly accept such other donations of books, magazines and periodicals as may be made. The next session of the club will be a purely social function and the members are looking forward to it with pleasure.

A dispatch to the Portland Journal from Independence, Or., says: "The Independence Enterprise, the only paper in Independence, was sold today to Walter Lyon, who was formerly private secretary to Governor Geer, and who is a valuable addition to the city, being a man of sterling business ability and a good organizer for any city. Clarence Waggoner, who has edited the paper for the last year, will remain here and will edit the paper until Mr. Lyon can get hold of the business in proper shape. The paper is a combination of two papers, the Enterprise having absorbed the West Side, which was the pioneer paper in this section of the county. Mr. Lyon has disposed of his Astoria property and will devote his time to the upbuilding of Independence and Polk county."

The funeral of the little child of Mr and Mrs. John Blasich, who died of scarlet fever, was held yesterday from the family residence. City Physician Pliskington would not permit of the holding of a public funeral, but extended to Father Waters the privilege of reading funeral services at the house. As a preventative measure, the city physician provided Father Waters with his antiseptic suit, and the priest wore it at the home of the parents. The suit is of specially prepared material, which is soaked in a strong solution of bichloride of mercury, and is of one piece, covering the entire body and nearly all of the head. The services were brief and at their conclusion the body of the child was taken to Greenwood for interment. Dr. Pliskington reports that but three homes are now under scarlet quarantine, and the regulations will be raised immediately on two of these. But two deaths have occurred from scarlet fever this winter.

A. T. Brakke, aged 55 years, died last evening at 8 o'clock at his home in East Astoria. Cancer of the throat was the cause of death. Mr. Brakke was stricken with the disease about a year ago and since has consulted many specialists, including a Chinese doctor. Two months ago his case was pronounced hopeless and he returned home from Portland where he had been receiving medical treatment. Disease is survived by Mrs. Brakke, three sons and one daughter, the latter Mrs. H. F. H. F. Kamp, resides in Portland, Kamp, being a resident of Portland. He came to Astoria from Minnesota in 1877 and for many years was an accountant for the Fishermen's Packing Company, afterwards being interested with Cross Timmons in the canning business. He was also local agent for William T. Coleman & Co. of San Francisco, and of late years has been the agent of the Alaska Packers' Association in the north. Mr. Brakke was once justice of the peace of the east end precinct. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias under the auspices of which order the funeral will be held Monday afternoon. He carries \$1500 insurance in the Knights and Ladies of Security. Deceased was well known in Astoria and during his long residence here made hosts of friends, to whom the announcement of his passing will be sorrowful news.

Vanderbilt Spoken Of.
New York, Jan. 9.—Cornelius Vanderbilt will probably be chosen the next republican candidate for congress from the Thirteenth district for next fall's election. The district leaders have decided to offer him the nomination and all that now remains to make Mr. Vanderbilt the candidate is his acceptance when the nomination is tendered.

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