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### Local Brevities.

John Simola, a native of Finland, yesterday declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

It is expected that the body of the late C. R. Thomson will be brought to Astoria Friday evening. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

D. R. Blount has been appointed road master for Astoria district. His term of office begins immediately. The appointment was made by the county court yesterday.

The work of repairing the slide at Hugby has been completed and yesterday's trains got in almost on time. It is expected that there will be little more trouble there this winter.

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will learn where you can place \$4000 for a term of years on first-class security.

About midnight a heavy storm came up and the wind howled along at an unusual high rate of speed. The glass dropped suddenly last night and it was evident a storm would break this morning.

The Push Club will meet in regular session tonight at 7:30, at the council chambers in the city hall. Several matters of importance are to be acted upon and a full attendance of members has been requested.

George Barker and A. L. Clark have been named by the ways and means committee of the council to expert the books of the auditor, treasurer and chief of police. The work will be undertaken as soon as the lighting system has been repaired.

The county court has placed a value of \$75 on the old Fisher typewriter

in the office of Clerk Clinton. The city is anxious to buy the machine so that its records may be properly kept up. It is likely the purchase will be authorized at the next meeting.

The trial balance of Auditor Anderson shows a balance remaining in the street repair fund January 1 of \$1,523.12. The council appropriated \$4,000 for this fund at the first meeting of the year, which will make available a total of \$5123.12. The amount expended for street repair in 1903 was \$4101.64.

The county court yesterday adjourned until Friday, when the matter of appointment of road supervisors will be taken up. It is probable that the tax matter will also be considered at that time, although it is not likely that the court will do more than to decide upon the tax for general county purposes. It is hoped the levy will be reduced about 4 mills this year.

"The Astorian is certainly a great paper," said Police Commissioner Barker yesterday. "It is so much ahead of any other paper ever published in Astoria that there could be no comparison. The manner in which the news local and general, is served to readers reflects great credit on the management, and if the people don't support that paper I guess they won't support any. It is the best paper I ever saw in a city the size of Astoria."

In the probate court yesterday D. Falangos was appointed administrator of the estate of George Kutchos deceased. Kutchos left an estate valued at about \$700. He died on the island of Andrew, Greece, and left no will. His mother, two sisters and a brother are living in Greece, while another brother resides at Clifton. Falangos is one of the creditors of the estate. His bonds were furnished by Samuel Elmore in the sum of \$1400.

There may be trouble between the local barbers' union and the employers over the action of the former in raising the price of hair cutting from 25 to 35 cents. The action of the union was taken at a meeting held Wednesday night and when the employers were acquainted with the matter yesterday they were indignant. They regard 25 cents a fair price and all have agreed to ask the union to reconsider their action. Should this not be done, the employers will resist the effort to increase the price of the service.

A remonstrance signed by 41 persons was filed yesterday with Auditor Anderson protesting against the removal of the street light from the corner of Fifteenth and Commercial to Fifteenth and Duane. The remonstrance will probably have the effect of inducing the street committee to provide for a new light at Fifteenth and Duane, the entrance to St. Mary's hospital, and permitting the present light to remain where it is. The remonstrance sets forth that the removal of the light would work a serious inconvenience on the business interests of that part of Commercial street, as there is no other light between Twelfth and Seventeenth.

Nothing more enjoyable of a comedy nature has been presented here this season more likely to produce genuine humor than "Are You a Mason?" which comes to Fishers' opera house Friday evening. Its record is international, for besides having been presented in London, Paris and Berlin, it played nearly an entire season in New York, 20 weeks in Chicago, 14 weeks in Philadelphia and 12 weeks in Boston. The theme of the play is unlimited in fun making possibilities and through its reference to Masonic doings, it fairly bubbles with humorous situations, which keep one in a constant roar of laughter. The cast is made up of the leading farce comedy players culled from the cream of the profession. Seat sale opens tomorrow morning at Griffin's book store.

Suit was instituted in the circuit court yesterday by Charlotte Grimberg, administratrix of the estate of her husband, Emanuel Grimberg, against the Columbia River Packers' Association. She seeks to recover \$5000 damages for the death of Grimberg. Suit was previously instituted by Messrs. Noland and Winton for Mrs. Grimberg, but before hearing of the cause had been concluded the attorneys asked for a non-suit, which was granted. Their object was to reinstitute proceedings. Grimberg was employed by the association to go north to an Alaskan cannery. During the return trip on the St. Nicholas he fell from the mizen rigging to his death. It is contended by the plaintiff that the rigging was defective and that the association was responsible for his death in neglecting to provide safe appliances.

The Clatsop County Bar Association met yesterday afternoon and appointed

committees to attend to the final arrangements for the burial of the late C. R. Thomson. The following gentlemen will accompany the remains from Portland to this city: George Noland, G. C. Fulton, C. H. Page, A. M. Smith, and Frank Spittle. The funeral arrangements will be in the hands of F. J. Taylor, J. A. Eakin, C. H. Abercrombie, Sidney Dell, J. M. Hughes and Harrison Allen, while the committee appointed to prepare and report a series of resolutions to be submitted at the opening of the next session of the circuit court consists of J. Q. A. Bowley, F. D. Winton, J. F. Hamilton, J. H. Smith and S. P. Wilson. The association will attend the funeral in a body. The Commercial Club, of which Mr. Thomson was an active member has passed resolutions deploring his taking off.

The proposal of Clatsop county for purchase of the Wingate place from the state is off, the property having been sold yesterday at Salem to another bidder, J. P. Rogers. The county wanted the land for a poor farm and first offered the state the full amount of the irreducible school fund claim against it, together with interests and costs. This amount was \$5179. The state land board then notified the county court that \$6000 had been offered for the place, and the county raised its offer to \$6100. Further notification came back that a still better offer had been made, where upon the court declined to increase its bid, feeling that the state board should have given the county the preference. News of the sale of the land was received yesterday by Judge Trenchard, in the following telegram from State Land Agent Oswald West: "Receiving higher bid, the state land board sold the Wingate place to J. P. Rogers. Board could not show any preference in the matter." Judge Trenchard said he was opposed to investing more than \$6000 in the farm, and added that there were many other available tracts which could be secured reasonably.

The vaudeville artists drew another good house at the Columbia theater last night. The performance opened with Bibs and Bibs in "Troubles in an Up Town Flat," a roaring one act farce comedy that took the audience by storm. There were four characters in the brief drama, but they were as good as a dozen. In his act, which followed the farce, Slims, the tramp cartoonist, made a decided hit. He is certainly strong on crayon. His cartoon work was preceded with a topical song that was favorably received, and his lightning-like sketches produced roars of laughter. A tomato can, that gave every appearance of being the original tramp "growler," was transformed by a few hasty marks into a countenance delightfully ugly. An innocent-looking hatchet was changed into an impossible-looking face that was pronounced to be Carrie Nation's. The act was concluded by producing a black cat emitting volumes of music from a back yard fence. A comedy sketch, Heart and Heart, Hillebrand, the strong man and the novelty sketch artists and rag-time piano players, Hays and Winchell, were the other features of the performance. Hillebrand is particularly good, his wonderful feats of strength being seldom equaled. Beginning with today the ticket office will be open from 1 o'clock in the afternoon until the night's performance.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

N. H. Webber was in the city from Eagle Cliff yesterday.

Pilot Commissioner Farrell was down from Portland yesterday.

Fred Bowen, representing Northup & Sturgis, Portland, is in the city.

Mrs. P. A. Stokes will arrive home on the next steamer from California.

Charles Bartholemew, of the firm of Jourgesson & Co., Portland, is in the city.

Mannie Meyer, on the road for Blumauer & Hoch, a Portland firm, is in Astoria.

A. A. Cook, representing F. Zimmerman, is in Astoria. He came down yesterday.

Rutherford Rau, representing Rothchild Bros., of Portland, arrived in the city yesterday. He will be here during the week.

Mrs. M. I. Gillette, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Portland, is visiting in the city with her brother, D. H. Welch.

#### Reward for Murderer.

Salem, Jan. 12.—The county court today has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of L. B. Saunders, found dead at Butteville, Oregon, November 19th, with a bullet wound in his head. Although the coroner's jury found a verdict of murder at the time, the impression prevailed that it was a case of suicide. Mysterious circumstances surrounding the case lead people to believe that foul play is connected with it.

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