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George Barker and Prof. A. L. Clark have begun to export the books of Chief of Police Hallock and Auditor and Police Judge Anderson. The work in the auditor's department was begun last night.

Thomas Russel was arrested yesterday on complaint of William Wellman who charges that Russel used abusive language. The prisoner was released on \$10 bail, and failing to appear in court forfeited the amount.

A letter from William B. Dudley, L. L. Thorp and D. M. Rand, council committee of North Yakima, was received in the city yesterday. The committee is seeking information in regard to the conduct of electric light systems

and water plants, having been appointed by their town for the purpose of compiling a report on the same. The letter contained a long list of questions, bearing on every phase of the subject.

If you want something good go to A. V. Allen's and ask for Ponce de Leon genuine Porto Rico coffee without blend, quality unsurpassed, flavor delicious, will please the most fastidious taste.

At a meeting of the police commission yesterday organization was effected by the naming of S. S. Gordon as chairman. Officer Charles Gammal was appointed police captain, his bond being fixed at \$1000.

"There is no question but that The Astorian is the finest paper ever published in the city," said Thomas Trullinger to an Astorian man yesterday. "For my part I would cheerfully \$1 a month for the paper, as it is well

worth the money." Mr. Trullinger is one of the many. The people of Astoria have awakened to the fact that a good paper pays, and that it pays to pay for a good paper.

John Welck, who had been captain of the steamer El Hurd for several years past, has resigned to accept a position with the Cutting Packing Company as processor. Mr. Welck is regarded as one of the best processors on the river.

The union prayer meetings are continuing this week. Last night the Presbyterian church was well attended by worshippers. Rev. L. J. Trumbull of the Baptist church, leading. The meeting this evening will be held at the Methodist church.

At the McGregor mill yesterday some heavy 50-foot timbers were being cut for the Alaska cannery of the Columbia River Packers' Association. The timbers will be used in the construction of a scow, which will be framed here and sent north in sections.

Contractor Palmberg has a force of men engaged in providing new gallery exits at Fishers' theater. There will be one exit from each gallery, and at the close of performances the gallery crowd will not interfere with those who are leaving the main portion of the house.

The work of driving the foundation for the West Astoria saw mill of C. A. and A. V. Allen is progressing nicely. It is expected by Messrs. Allen that the mill will be ready to commence operations early in the spring. The mill will be an important industry for the west end.

At a meeting of the Cooks and Waiters' Union held yesterday afternoon following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: President, Mace DeLane; vice-president, Ralph Clark; secretary, Fred Bowers; treasurer, John Blatch. Routine matters occupied the rest of the time of the meeting.

Having received many inquiries Mr. Wise wishes to state that ticket holders do not have to be present at the distribution. The first four numbers drawn will be entitled to the World's Fair tickets, whether they are present or not. The numbers drawn and the lucky winners' names will be published in Friday's papers.

Messrs. George and Barker started yesterday for their Point Roberts cannery to attend the annual meeting and look over the plant. They will go to New Westminster, B. C., and then by way of the Fraser river to Lander's Landing, from which point they will drive seven and one half miles to the cannery. They will be absent from the city for 15 days or two weeks.

A matinee will be given at the Columbia theater this afternoon, beginning promptly at 2:30 o'clock. The program will be an entire change from that which has been in progress during the week. Price of admission to ladies and children, 10 and 20 cents. Last night there was a good attendance in spite of the stormy weather, and the audience evinced the same interest in the performance as on former occasions.

A telegram was received yesterday by Frank Spittle from George Warren who is traveling north with the body of the late C. R. Thomson. The wire stated that the body would reach Portland this evening, and it is believed that if connections can be made with the local train, will reach Astoria this evening. Mr. Warren stopped at Los Angeles en route from Mexico, and learning of Mr. Thomson's death, went at once to Mrs. Thomson's assistance.

Contractor Goodin reports that he will be unable to finish the improvement on Sixteenth street until good weather sets in. The original contract called for completion of the work on the 13th of this month, but after the differences of contending parties relative to the wisdom of the proposed improvement, the limit was removed. Sixteenth street, when the improvements are fully made, promises to be one of the finest thoroughfares in the city. The work being done is substantial and thorough in every respect.

Don't fail to be on hand at 9 o'clock this morning to reserve your seats for "Are You a Mason." For genuine flashes of wit, ludicrous complications and sidesplitting complications, "Are You a Mason?" to be presented at Fishers' opera house tomorrow night is facile princeps in the dramatic offerings of the year. The story recounts the experiences through which one, Amos Bloodgood, a rather gay old man, passes in his endeavor to deceive his wife into believing he has joined the Masons when in reality he has not.

His explanations of lodge methods are ingenious, and members of fraternal orders throughout the country take special delight in witnessing the difficulties through which he passes. Last season over 50 benefit performances were given, and arrangements have already been perfected for nearly 70 during the present tour, so don't fail to secure your seats.

Messrs. Fisher have, at the solicitation of Manager Selig, agreed to provide two fire doors. The double doors will be provided on the left-hand side of the building, just south of the box and will be so arranged that, in case of fire, they can be instantly swung open by merely pressing a button. The doors will be large enough and conveniently enough arranged to insure the safety of theatergoers. The Chicago horror had the effect of bringing home to opera house owners all over the the necessity of precautionary measures, and Messrs. Fisher are not slow to adopt Manager Selig's recommendations.

A 25-games tryout has been inaugurated at the Commercial club alleys beginning January 15 and ending January 30. The tryout will be held for the purpose of determining the bowling qualities of the men, and from the showings made handicaps will be fixed. Contrary to the usual rule, the Commercial bowlers are anxious to bowl with the smallest possible handicaps and it is expected that all the members will strive hard to finish around the coveted 40 mark. As soon as the tryout is over an interesting three-men team series will be commenced. A medal has been hung up for the tryout, and three medals will be offered to the team winning the next contest.

Whether or not the delegates to the convention now in session in Portland will come to Astoria is a question that cannot be answered. When the proposal was made to General Freight and Passenger Agent Mayo, of the A. & C., he offered to bring down the visitors at half rates, agreeing to run an excursion for \$500, whereas the regular charge for such service is \$1000. In view of the fact that the A. & C. has no particular connection with any of the transcontinentals, Mr. Mayo deems this offer a reasonable one. He returned yesterday from Portland and said to a newspaper man that the matter had not been settled as yet, no reply to his proposal having been received.

As yet no action has been taken by the barbers' union relative to the demand of the employers that the union's action in raising the price of hair-cutting to 35 cents be reconsidered. The employers are loud in their protest of the union's action, and one of the leading men in the business declares he will discharge his entire force of union men if the decision is not reconsidered. It appears that barbers' unions have always been granted the privilege of fixing prices for shaving hair-cutting and other service. Barbers are guaranteed a certain weekly salary—\$15 in Astoria for ordinary men—and 60 per cent of the weekly receipts in excess of \$25. By making the price of hair-cutting higher their wages would naturally be increased. It is probable no action will be taken until the next meeting of the union.

For the convenience of voters, who should not put off the important duty of registering for the county election the boundaries of the city precincts are published, as follows: Precinct No. 1, that portion of the city from Smith Point to Second street; No. 2, from Second to Seventh; No. 3, from Seventh to Tenth; No. 4, from Tenth to Fourteenth; No. 5, from Fourteenth to Twenty-first; No. 6, from Twenty-first to Thirty-fifth; No. 7, from Thirty-fifth to city limits. The city precinct No. 1 extends from Smith Point to the McClure claim line, the latter line being really the line of First street, for which no provision has ever been made. Voters living between the claim line and Second street, register in the first precinct, and not in the Second precinct, as in the city elections. Thus far only a few of the "sooners" have registered.

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