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Local Brevities.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license to Eli Nort, of Pacific county, Wash., and Alma Widlund, of Clatsop county.

The planing department at the Hume mill has been almost completed and operations will be commenced there very soon. It is possible the planers may be started up today.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Copeland, late of the Bee Hive store have purchased a home in Portland and arranged to open a millinery and suit store next to Heller's, on Washington street. Mrs. Copeland has already gone east to purchase stock for the establishment.

Report reached the city last night that John Hauke, a young resident of Westport, met his death by drowning earlier in the evening. The brief mes-

sage that contained the information of the death, merely stated that the young man had walked off the dock. The body was recovered soon after the accident. Mr. Hauke was 25 years of age.

The list of officers of the Epworth League for the ensuing year has been completed by the election of Mark Wolf as president. The officers-elect will be installed with special services at the regular devotional meeting at the M. E. church next Sunday evening at 8:30.

A deed was filed for record yesterday under the terms of which David West and wife transfer to the Blinn-Waldo Mill Company all the tideland fronting on the donation land claim of John West in section 36, township 6 west, except that portion heretofore transferred to Robert Sultor. The consideration is given at \$10.

Deputy Sheriff Binder yesterday closed up his account of the delinquent

tax roll for 1903. The amount of the roll was \$2934.98; the ten per cent penalty, \$181.57; interest charges, \$157.87; advertising charges, \$201.75, a total of \$3476.17. The amount of collections was \$1718.09; the proceeds of the tax sale, \$629.83, errors and double assessments, \$315.31; proceeds from sales to county, \$809.94.

The launch Fox, Captain John Reid, beginning with next Sunday, will make two trips to the dredge Chinook for the benefit of the public. Round trip tickets 50 cents. The launch will leave the city from Ross, Higgins & Company's slip at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Visitors have permission to board the dredge, and many have expressed their wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Tonight the much-talked-of and laughable farce, "Are You a Mason?" will be presented at Fishers' opera house, and from appearances the theater will be crowded. It is without doubt the comedy hit of the year. Go and have a good laugh and spend a pleasant evening. It will do you good and make you feel better for going. Seats now selling at Griffin's bookstore. Secure them early, or go 'way back and stand up.

The singers for the cantata *Ether* are making excellent progress in their work. The rehearsal last night was well attended, a number of additions to each part having been obtained. Professor Robinson, the trainer, has met with signal success wherever he has put on the popular cantata. It is full of pure melody, and the fantastic and beautiful costumes that adorn the 70 or more singers present a striking sight, one well worth going far to see.

The Lee electric insoles, which are sold by the Owl drug store exclusively and under guarantee for cure, are previously charged with electricity, but accomplish their wonderful cures by the natural current generated by the acid fluids of the body, acting on the positive and negative poles of the battery formed by the zinc plate in one heel and the copper plate in the other. See them in the window. Ask for a descriptive booklet telling of the marvelous cures of rheumatism.

Were the various improvements now in progress or recently completed within the limits of the city all concentrated in a small area the impression that the city is enjoying a building boom would speedily get abroad. Numerous new residences have been erected, substantial improvements have been and are being made on water front property and many lots graded for building. Astoria is enjoying a steady and very healthy growth in buildings, as well as population.

The body of the late C. R. Thomson reached the city last night accompanied by Mrs. Thomson and Messrs. George Noland, J. F. Taylor and Frank Spittle, members of the local bar association who went to Portland for the purpose of meeting the remains. A large delegation of friends and associates in business was at the depot when the train drew into the yard. The funeral will be held sometime Saturday, but the exact hour and all other details will be arranged later.

The county court will today resume its session. The court will undertake the work of appointing supervisors for all the road districts of the county, and when this work is finished will determine upon tax levies. It is unlikely that the levies will be fixed, as only about one third the school districts have reported to Clerk Clinton the levies due. The districts thus far reporting are Nos. 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, and the city of Astoria and Astoria school district.

Articles of incorporation of the Altoona Packing Company have been filed at Cathlamet. The stockholders have elected the following officers: W. T. Scholfield, president; Samuel Schmidt, vice-president; Sofus Jensen secretary; Hans Peterson, treasurer; board of directors, Samuel Schmidt, Sofus Jensen, W. F. McGregor, Nans Peterson, W. T. Scholfield, John Hasbloom and William Gorman. The company is to operate a cannery at Altoona, Wash.

The first and second Commercial Club teams bowled a match contest last night, all of the members of the first team being together for the first time. The bowling was of poor quality all around, Laws alone of the 12 men, making a good total. He finished with 190. The second team bowlers were likewise off, and Ralston's 166 was the best total for them. The first team won the first three games and lost the final game by the narrow margin of five pins. The first team secured grand total of 955 pins, while the second team's grand total was 840. An-

other match will be bowled Sunday evening. The men will practice faithfully from now to January 30, on the night of which date they will contest with Portland Commercial for the Feldenhalm trophy. The date for the match at Portland was fixed last night. Chairman Howard, of the Portland Commercial committee, writes that Multnomah has again challenged for the trophy, and that team will be taken on before the visit of the Astorians. A 25-gauge tryout is about to begin at the local alleys to secure a team to go to Portland. The team will be made up of six men finishing with the best averages.

City Physician Pilkington reports one new case of scarlet fever which developed yesterday in Alderbrook the east end suburb. The patient is Ivor Enberg, the 4-year-old son of Anton Enberg, janitor at the customs house. There are four other children in the family. The case is well developed, but the city physician believes the child will pull through. The house has been placed under the usual quarantine, and every precaution will be taken to prevent spread of the disease in the east end.

The magnificent elk head recently bagged by Sheriff Linville (and, if the sheriff's brother, Frank, can be relied upon for it, his little nephew) in the wilds of the Nasel has been sold to Representative M. Both, of Columbia county. The consideration was \$250, and after making the sale the sheriff would have paid an additional \$20 to get back the lovely head. Mr. Both will send the curio to a friend in Germany. It is without exception the finest elk head ever secured in this part of the county, and the purchase price was considered low.

The work of moving a large pile-driver from Eighth and Astor streets to Commercial and Eighth attracted the attention of a large crowd yesterday. Eighth street is of the crushed rock variety, and, as the driver was an immense affair, considerable difficulty was experienced in moving it. Manager Eigner, of the Prael & Cook company, had eight of his best horses hitched to the driver, which was got almost to Commercial street, where it stuck fast. The driver is to be taken to the Booth cannery, and, once it is got on the plank street, will be drawn along without trouble.

The barbers' union has decided to reconsider its decision to increase the price of hair-cutting to the hair-raising figure of 35 cents, and at a meeting held last night called off its former declaration. When the matter was called up for discussion members said the announcement of the union had struck an unpopular chord, and it was generally agreed that only dire consequences could follow the proposed increase. Some of the members were not disposed at all to reconsider, and the action of the union as a body resulted in the resignation of the president, who, it appears, was extremely anxious for the raise. The action of the union last night vanishes the 25-cent bugaboo.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

G. L. Hill, of Svensen, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. W. E. Dement went to Portland yesterday morning.

A. A. Cook returned yesterday from a day's business visit at Chinook.

Rutherford Rau, representing Rothchild Bros., left for up-river points yesterday.

N. A. Marrs is in Oregon City, where he was called by the critical illness of his mother.

Mrs. N. Burkholder, who has been in the city for a few days, will return today to Cathlamet.

Mrs. Sam Maddack is in Portland to attend the concert to be given at the Armory by Adeline Patti.

Councilman John Nordstrom is confined to his room with a severe cold and an attack of the gout.

Robert Westdant, assistant bookkeeper at the Hume mill, is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

For Washington Building.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—Giant timbers for the Washington state building reached the world's fair grounds today. There are four timbers, two of them 22x100, and the other two 22x100. They are to be set on end in the Washington pavilion in the form of a pyramid, so they will meet in an apex some 90 feet from the ground.

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