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the probable repairs needed. Adjournment was taken until Wednesday, when several contracts will be awarded.

The sermon topics at the Baptist church tomorrow will be: "The Baptism of Jesus," and "The Privilege of the Christian."

The handball tournament at the Commercial Club commences Monday night. The members are manifesting much interest, and expect soon to extend a challenge to the Ilwaco team.

The indications are that the charge of bigamy, recently lodged against Nelson Jones of this city, will be dropped. Mr. Jones returned from Portland last night, after having failed to receive any summons to appear in court.

The Astoria Eagle will make its bow to the Astoria public this evening, if the expectations of the publisher, Mr.

Don't fail to attend the matinee at the Columbia theater this afternoon commencing at 2:30.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday granted a marriage license to Oscar Johnson and Jessie Elliott, both of Westport, Clatsop county.

Final papers of citizenship were granted yesterday in the county court to Hjalmar Johnson, a native of Sweden.

A wood car was run off the track near the Astoria Box Company's office last night and for some hours cars could not be operated beyond the scene of the accident.

The county court yesterday received many reports from road supervisors throughout the county, as to the condition of the various highways and

Herman Wise, are fulfilled. Mr. Wise recently conceived the idea of publishing a paper for the enterprising order for which he is worthy president, and the paper is to go to press this afternoon. It will be of four five-column pages and will be full of matter interesting to local Eagles, including reviews of the work of the past year.

A special vaudeville matinee for the benefit of school children will be given at the Columbia theater at 2:30 this afternoon. The price of admission down stairs will be 20 cents; galleries 10 cents. The program will be of unusual merit, and a large crowd should be out.

Rehearsals for the library cantata are being held almost daily, and the ladies and gentlemen who are to take part are highly pleased with the work of Instructor Robinson. By all who have seen the rehearsals the cantata is pronounced completely successful, and that it will be the most interesting local event ever held is the opinion generally shared.

Since their late experience without the customary morning daily, the re-appearance of The Astorian as a morning publication has won from the citizens of the city universal expressions of hearty approval. That their appreciation of the present excellent news service is being shown by a rapidly increasing circulation is quite as it should be.

The storm which raged yesterday afternoon and last night was the worst the present winter season, the present winter the present winter. The wind blew a gale last evening, and the downpour was so heavy the streets were almost deserted. Early in the evening the gale made matters extremely disagreeable for pedestrians, but toward midnight the wind quieted down and the stars came out.

A Portland mill man estimates the daily output of Portland mills at 1,200,000 feet, and of that of the whole Columbia river at 1,500,000. If Portland mills are regarded by the gentleman as Columbia river institutions—a distinction usually given by Portland to her enterprises—the estimate is a wonderfully wild one. Doubtless the mill man means to place the Portland mills in a class by themselves.

The steamer Miller yesterday brought up from the wreck of the Italian bark Cavour two tons of copper sheeting, which was recovered from the bottom of the ill-fated vessel. The copper belongs to the Astoria Lumber Company which bought the wreck for a lump sum. A considerable portion of the lumber cargo of the wrecked vessel has also been recovered and used in the construction of the company's west end mill, which will soon be completed.

The Lee electric insects, which are sold by the Owl drug store exclusively and under guarantee for cure, are not 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.

The funeral of the late Clifton R. Thomson will be held this morning. Services are to be conducted at the residence at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. William Seymour Short, of Grace church. The body will be taken from the home to the railroad depot and shipped by train to Ocean View cemetery, where the interment will be held. The services at the residence will be public, but at the grave private services will be held. A committee from the bar association will officiate as pall bearers.

At yesterday's session of the county court an order was made levying a poll tax of \$3 on all men between the ages of 21 and 50. The contract for boarding county prisoners was awarded to the New Style restaurant, for 19 1-2 cents per meal, while the Daily News was given the contract for printing 2000 poll tax receipts. Clerk Clinton was instructed to communicate with the various county clerks of Oregon and Washington and determine the cost of maintaining the county poor in each.

Several sailing vessels en route to this port are making unusually long passages. Two of them are coming from Antwerp with cargo, and had they made average time should have reached the mouth of the river some time ago. The average passage from Antwerp is 140 days, but the French bark, La Fontaine sailed from there July 12. Hence she has been out 185 days, and still no advices have been received as to how close she is to her

destination. Only one week later the British bark Whistlebank sailed from Antwerp and consequently should have been here more than a month ago. It is generally believed that both vessels are experiencing stormy voyages, and for this reason they have been unavoidably delayed. They are supposed to be somewhere between Cape Horn and the mouth of the Columbia, and the recent heavy gales very likely proved an advantage to them by driving them up the coast at a very lively speed. The La Fontaine lost a good charter by not arriving before January 1.

Superintendent Gardner has a novel scheme for keeping runaway boys at the Boys' and Girls' home at Portland. It is nothing more or less than to dress the young fugitives in girls clothes. Last fall Osmond Heise was rigged up as a girl and dubbed "Daisy." This was humiliating to "Daisy," but it prevented him from running away. On one occasion he was almost adopted for a girl, but the mistake was discovered in time. Another runaway is now in female attire at the home and is known to the other boys as "Carrie." If Heise, the 13-year-old horse thief, is sent back to the home, he will be paired off with "Carrie," and "Daisy" will play with "Carrie."

"The morning paper is the journal that is read, and the paper which you are giving to the people of Astoria is by long odds the best ever published in the city, or any other city of 12,000 that I ever heard of. Its make-up is excellent, and from the general expression of Astorians I am satisfied that it is regarded as even more than could reasonably be expected. An advertisement in it is worth much more to me than an advertisement in an evening publication, indicating that the morning paper is popular with the people. Astoria should be proud of The Astorian, for it is truly a great newspaper."—Manager Selig, of Fabers', to an Astorian reporter.

The body of the late John Hauke was brought down from Westport last night and is now at the undertaking parlors of Coroner Pohl. Three brothers, Christ, Adolph, and Alfred Hauke, accompanied the body and they are now in the city. The funeral will be held some time Sunday and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery. Mr. Hauke was the nephew of Erick Hauke, the well-known merchant of the east end. Judging from report the dock at Westport is very dangerous after night, a shadow casting in such a way as to deceive distances. An accident occurred there yesterday that all but resulted fatally, a resident walking into the river under almost the same conditions that caused the death of Mr. Hauke. He was rescued after being in the water for a few moments.

The cost of operating the bar dredge Chinook is about \$400 daily, or \$12,000 per month, according to an authoritative statement. The salary of the master of the vessel is \$250, that of the chief engineer \$175, and other members of the crew are paid proportionately good wages. The sailors receive from \$40 to \$50. In all there are 99 men aboard the big vessel, and her daily expense for provisions is very heavy. All of the money is expended in Astoria. An officer of the Chinook expresses the opinion that her operations will play havoc with the crab supply. Every time the dredge takes up 4000 tons of sand from the bar large numbers of crabs and flounders are drawn up through the suction pumps. The crabs are of all sizes, ranging from the younger ones to large fellows weighing four or five pounds. The crew is thus bountifully supplied with shellfish and flounders.

H. E. Henderson, vice-president of the Eastern and Western Lumber Company, of Portland, believes a far eastern war would ruin the lumber trade of the Columbia. Discussing the matter Mr. Henderson said: "Such a war would put a stop to all lumber shipments from Portland to China and Japan and to Siberia, and as this trade forms a large portion of the exports, the lack of demand would cause a suspension in the manufacture of lumber to that extent. If Russia and Japan get to fighting, the war will probably be a long and bitter one. Japan has been underestimated and she would give Russia all that she could do at sea, and in fact all the Russian ports on the Pacific would be practically closed to commerce in a short time. Beside this, Japanese soldiers would destroy the Siberian railroad and thus prevent Russia from recruiting her Siberian forces from the St. Petersburg side. I believe that Japan could bring Russia to terms single-handed, and without the assistance of any of the other powers, but it would take time, and in the interim our Pacific coast lumber interests would suffer very much. We would feel it the more because the demand for lumber from

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