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Local Brevities.

Herman Crohn, a native of Germany, was admitted to full citizenship yesterday in the county court.

Sheriff Linyille has filed his bond of \$15,000 as tax collector of Clatsop county. His sureties are Frank Patton and George H. George.

The county court adjourned yesterday until next Wednesday, when the session will be resumed. Several important matters will be brought up for consideration at that time.

County Surveyor Astbury has been instructed by the county court to prepare a comprehensive map of Clatsop county, showing all the roads, bridges, rivers and creeks, together with the general topography of the county. The map will cost \$110.

W. E. Johnston, supervisor of road district No. 12 has tendered his resignation, and Welter Kyzer has been appointed in his stead, with bonds of \$300. Yesterday the county court approved the bonds of D. R. Blount, of Astoria district; A. W. Duncan, of district No. 2; Michael Kenney, of district No. 3; Andrew Johnson, of district No. 4; and Oscar Nelson, of district No. 13.

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"Chop" Stockton, private secretary to President Curtis, of the Northwest Construction Company, came down yesterday from Bugby. The story went that he got too near a blast, which

had exploded and carried him skyward. The yarn was repeated all over the city and last Saturday night there was genuine mourning for the A. C. C. quarterback. Doubtless the story was started by some idiot with a unique sense of humor. Those of "Chop's" friends who heard the story, however were unable to see the humor of the situation.

In an effort to reach his hat, which was lifted from his head by a sudden gust of wind, N. D. Bain, fell from the platform of the Seaside train Wednesday evening into Youngs bay, and it seemed for a time he would surely drown. Fortunately a boat was handy, and into this the badly chilled man was dragged. The train had stopped at the draw, as is customary, and Mr. Bain, accompanied by some of the other passengers, stepped out on the platform of one of the coaches.

The Ilwaco harbor line dispute, which has been in progress for some years, or ever since the survey was made, is like to be settled in the near future. Yesterday E. I. Anderson, a state harbor engineer of Washington, went to Ilwaco for the purpose of making a re-survey. Mr. Anderson was accompanied by W. R. White, who will have immediate charge of the work to be done. It appears that two surveys were made, with the result that the correct lines have never clearly been defined.

Abercrombie and Stockton last night won the final games in the Commercial Club handball tournament and will receive the signet rings hung up for the contest. Yesterday afternoon the two men defeated Wright and Jones by scores of 21-6 and 21-7, and last evening Mills and Allen went down to defeat, the scores being 21-6, 21-14 and 21-6. The champions played five sets in all and were victorious each time. The tournament aroused much interest. Ilwaco and Cathlamet have made overtures for a match, but as yet nothing has been decided upon by the local club.

The Van Dusen Investment Company has petitioned the county court, asking that a road be laid out to John Day. The court has instructed Clerk Clinton to suggest to the company that it cause the necessary petition to be circulated and signed for the desired road, as is required in all such cases, and to thoroughly examine the proposed location and grades before reporting again to the court. The petition is about the same as was recently presented to the council, and concerning the merits of which Councilman Belland expressed himself rather vigorously. The street committee of the council has the matter under advisement.

John Ryttila, a Lewis and Clark rancher, had a narrow escape from death Wednesday afternoon, while coming down the river in a small boat. As he was rowing along he heard the crack of a rifle and an instant later was struck on the forehead by a bullet. The bullet came from the rifle which had been fired by another rancher named Junna, who was on the bank of the stream. The shooting was purely accidental and Junna was very much downcast when he learned of the incident. Ryttila came to the city yesterday for attendance. The ball struck him on the forehead and ranged upwards, coming out near the top of the head. The wound is trivial.

J. B. Lovell, of the Scow Bay Iron & Brass Works, has recently made extensive improvements in his plant, notably by adding three new furnaces, new platforms, store house, scales, increased moulding room, and improved patternmaking machinery. The foundry now has two furnaces, for iron and one for brass, the total capacity being about 15 tons of metal at a heat. Five tons of pig iron a week is now being used to make castings, and a large amount of brass is also used for railroad and steamboat work. Eight men are employed in the foundry and pattern shop. Mr. Lovell says he duplicates Portland prices and has lots of work on hand, casting twice a week regularly.

There is a noticeable improvement this week in the demand for all kinds of salmon, especially the lower grades, the stocks of which are now beginning to get very low and prices for which are moving upwards. It is stated in the best informed quarters that considerably better prices for chums and pinks are looked for ere long, and it is thought the present supply will not last until next season's goods are available. It is also understood there is considerable inquiry from all quarters for the best grades of salmon. The eastern markets show greater strength, and the situation is still further improved by the orders received on this side from English handlers of canned salmon. On the whole the out-

look is much more encouraging than has been anticipated.

John McClellan, a Nasel rancher, was before Justice Goodman yesterday on a charge of larceny of one dog. The animal is one of the Beasley hounds and is claimed by J. A. Gusten, a local druggist. It appears Gusten gave the dog to McClellan that the latter might train it, and the animal was not returned to the alleged rightful owner when he demanded it. The hound is now somewhere on the Nasel. Justice Goodman listened to the testimony, which was rather complicated, and took the case under advisement. He will probably render a decision today. The animal in dispute, which McClellan holds because of the refusal of Gusten to pay him for training it, is about 2 years old and quite valuable.

Chairman Nordstrom, of the council ways and means committee, yesterday announced his intention of offering an amendment to the appropriations ordinance presented at the last session of the council. The ordinance carries one item of \$35 monthly for the public library. This money is to be taken from the special half-mill levy recently fixed for library purposes. The levy will net \$850, and the balance of the fund is to be used for the establishment of a library in the new city hall "when erected." The special levy was made with a view to provide the public library with the funds necessary for its maintenance. Mr. Nordstrom is of the opinion that the new city hall is too remote a proposition for immediate provision, and that, even when it is built, there will be no particular need for a library. He believes one library will be sufficient, for the present, at least. His amendment will provide that the entire amount to be raised by taxation be turned over to the public library association.

The Astoria customs house entrance is stacked high with Chinese goods, which were brought over on the Indrasamba and landed at Portland. The consignment is billed to a local firm and consists of the usual outlandish stuff which is brought across the Pacific. There is in the consignment a large quantity of firecrackers and joss paper, as well as teas, tobacco, canned goods, wines, salted fish, dried vegetables, dried meats, artificial flowers, sugar cane and arrow root, all dear to the heart of the Chinese. There is one item of 700 or more bags of rice. The total value of the consignment is \$2600. The customs officials have on hand an exhibit of Japanese junk that carries with it odor of more than ordinary penetrating power. A visit to the customs house at the present time would have a tendency to demonstrate to any skeptically inclined person that the government officials are sadly cramped for space, and that the memorial for new buildings is timely.

"The story recently appearing in the Oregonian about the depth of water on the bar and the work of the Chinook was a boquet with a brick in it," said Captain J. C. Campbell, chairman of the pilot board, yesterday. "The Oregonian said the dredge had not increased the depth, but that the statement should not be taken as meaning that the work of the dredge was in any way being discredited. It occurs to me that the tug boat men, who keep their leads going every time they cross out of the bar, ought to know more than occasional visitors about conditions at the mouth of the river. I have often wondered if it was possible to get too much water on the bar!" the captain exclaimed, with a knowing twinkle in his eye. The article referred to by Captain Campbell appeared in last Sunday's Oregonian and caused much merriment among local shipping men, who were amused at the lame attempt of the writer to make plain the need for an immediate appropriation for extension of the jetty by discrediting the work of the Chinook, in which the pilots have the utmost confidence.

"A DAUGHTER OF ERIN."

Comedy Drama Pleased Big Crowd at Fishers' Last Night.

"A Daughter of Erin," the play at the opera house last night, was certainly a hit, if one may judge from the laughter and applause. It is delightfully unconventional, and, while the plot bears some resemblance to William Black's popular story, "A Princess of Thule," the characters are better drawn and there is a great deal of humor. The climaxes were all cleverly arranged and the unexpected was continually happening.

The stage manager deserves a word of praise for the settings, which were a decided improvement on any previous night, and the rapid fire manner in which things are kept moving is decidedly pleasing. Time will not permit of giving all of the characters their

need of praise and where all did so well it would perhaps be invidious to particularize. The specialties were excellent, the gentleman from the Klondike and his co-adjutor being perhaps the most amusing.

Tonight there will be an American play, a comedy drama of Washington life during the strenuous days of the Spanish war. It is said to be full of laughter. It was so successful last season that Miss Mathes bought it. As usual there will be a continuous performance and the specialties will be changed.

Petitions For Bankruptcy.
San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Messrs. Hooper and Jennings, Levi Strauss & Co., and Dunham, Carrigan and Hayden have petitioned Judge De Haven to declare the Coos Bay Mill & Lumber Company, of this city, bankrupt. No schedule of liabilities or assets has been filed.

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