

MONDAY

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Local Brevities.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
All property owners of the city of Astoria are urgently requested to assemble at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night, February 23, at the hour of 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the matter of the construction of a sea wall along the city front. This matter is of the utmost importance and the fullest possible expression is desired from property owners.

J. W. WELCH, Pres.

Tomorrow being the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, all the public offices and banks will be closed.

John Edstrom and John Kock, natives of Finland, yesterday declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States.

The registrations for the June elections number 392 to date. Of these 261 are in the city precincts and 141

in the country precincts. Seaside leads with 62.

A gold breast pin was lost yesterday afternoon on Franklin avenue between Eighth and Sixteenth streets. Finder please return same to this office.

H. J. Lango, representing The Astorian in the subscription department, is confined at St. Mary's hospital, his indisposition being occasioned by exposure to the inclement weather.

Six or eight initiations will take place at today's session of the Eagles, and the event will be made the occasion of an unusual good time. There will be a fine spread, as well as an entertaining program.

The missionary society of the Presbyterian church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. G. Wherry. An interesting program was rendered after which refreshments were served. The ladies spent an enjoyable time to-

gether, the meeting generally proving to be a profitable one.

Postmaster Reed announces that there will be but one mail delivery on Monday, and that the office will be open from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m.

The dance given last night by the Florodora Club was largely attended. Prizes were won by Miss Lizzie Lidwell and Thomas Rosser. Miss Lidwell received a handsome handkerchief fan and Mr. Rosser a shaving set.

In all four blasts have been made at Bugby during the preparatory work recently commenced, and all have been successful. The blasts thus far exploded are small ones, but have brought down large quantities of rock.

Sheriff Linville left last night for Salem with Tommy Howard, who was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for assault with intent to rob, and Matt Mattson, an insane man. The sheriff took along as guards Major Smith and E. A. Taylor.

The three-men team bowling tournament commences at the Commercial alleys tomorrow night. Eight teams have been entered. Much interest is being taken and the contest for the silver rings promises to be an exciting one.

Christian Martin Kruger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kruger, of Alderbrook, died yesterday of consumption. He had been ill many years. Deceased was 22 years of age. The funeral will take place at 1 o'clock today and the interment will be in Greenwood.

About 700 tax receipts were issued from the sheriff's office up to the close of business last night. Many inquiries are being received from owners of timber lands, who do not understand how their taxes could have been so greatly increased this year. The Astorian was in error in stating yesterday that 5663 receipts had been issued. The number should have been 563.

George Clark, who was experting the books of Clatsop county, yesterday received a telegraphic message from George Buchanan, his business associate, at Canyon City, Grant county, stating that Zach Martin, treasurer of the county, had committed suicide, and urging Mr. Clark's presence there immediately. Mr. Buchanan was experting the Grant county's books at the time of the suicide.

It is understood that Brigadier-General Funston and a party of other army officers are to come to Astoria on Tuesday for the purpose of viewing the work of the bar dredge Chinook. The party will make the trip in a special train and will proceed to the mouth of the river perhaps on one of the light-house tenders. Whether or not General Funston will remain in Astoria to meet prominent citizens here has not been learned.

Matt Mattson was yesterday surrendered to Sheriff Linville by his brother and the man was taken to Salem last night to be treated at the asylum for the insane. Mattson was arrested on a charge of insanity some days ago and adjudged insane. His brother expressed a desire to care for him for a time, at least, and the commissioners granted the request. The man's condition did not improve and he was turned over to the sheriff yesterday. He is a religious lunatic.

It is stated elsewhere in The Astorian this morning, in a San Francisco dispatch, that the transport Buford will not come to the Columbia, but that she will be held at San Francisco. The Telegram gives another story regarding this vessel. According to the Portland paper, the Buford left San Francisco yesterday morning for the Columbia and is due to arrive tomorrow. It is added that she will take on 600 marines, who have been sent out from eastern recruiting stations. The Buford is also to take a partial cargo of lumber. This statement contradicts the San Francisco dispatch appearing in the marine column.

Washington's birthday will be generally observed in this city tomorrow. All the school children will enjoy a vacation, which doubtless makes them doubly grateful that there ever was such a man as George Washington, and the grocery stores will not do business in the afternoon. Up until 12 o'clock, noon, however, business as usual will be transacted. Then the doors will be closed and for the rest of the day nothing will be sold. This arrangement is in accordance with an agreement reached by the Retail Grocers' Association, and will be strictly adhered to. No especial plan has been adopted by other lines of business, but it is assumed that the action of the

grocerymen will be generally followed.

The report of the experts who have been at work on the books of the county, have been filed, but will not be made public until the county court meets again. The report is said to speak in flattering terms of the county officers here, who are said to employ a system that is not excelled in the west. The sheriff's office is said to come in for especial praise. The report shows that there has been a difference of but 71 cents in the sheriff's office out of a collection of more than \$130,000. The report covers the work of the county officials for the year 1893 and the experts, who work in all of the northwestern states, are regarded as the most competent judges of the systems employed in the several counties.

Judge McBride yesterday handed down two decisions in damage suits. In the case of William Martin against Captain John Reid, for \$5000 damages for alleged alienation of the plaintiff's wife's affections, the court granted the motion of the defendant's attorney requiring the plaintiff to strike out portions of the complaint. An amended complaint has been filed and the defendant given until Friday to answer. In the case of Charlotte Grimberg vs. the Columbia River Packers' Association the motion filed for a more definite complaint was overruled. The motion was intended to require the plaintiff to state the name of that portion of the rigging of the ship St. Nicholas from which her husband fell to his death while on a trip down from Alaska.

The members of the city council and other officials are particularly requested by President J. W. Welch to be present at the special meeting to be held in the Chamber of Commerce room on next Tuesday evening, to consider the sea wall proposition. All property owners are expected to attend, as the project is of vital interest to them. It is proposed to construct a restraining wall or bulk head on or near the harbor line in front of the city and to fill in the flats with earth from the hills, thereby enhancing the value and appearance of both the higher and lower portions of the city and making both more permanent.

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James McCabe was up before Police Judge Anderson yesterday for disorderly conduct. Ladies residing in the vicinity of the McClure school phoned to police headquarters that a man was annoying them and Police Captain Gammal went to investigate. He rounded up McCabe. The ladies complained that the man had been in the neighborhood for several days and that he had greatly frightened them, as well as little children. Of course Mr. McCabe said it was a case of mistaken identity. He denied having visited the neighborhood previously to the visit on which he was arrested; said he had been employed on the Chinook and had a good job in sight, and that he was an honest, hard-working man, who would not for the world be guilty of infraction of the law. He wanted a chance to get back to work. Judge Anderson fined him \$40, but agreed to suspend sentence on condition that he leave the city. For this kindness he tendered the most profuse thanks.

Another mail carrier is needed in the east end and a petition will be circulated among the interested residents this week praying for the desired relief. The petition will be filed with Postmaster Reed, who in turn will submit the proposal with the department at Washington. There is little doubt that another carrier will be appointed. At the present time there is but one carrier covering the district from Scholfield's store to the eastern limit, and residents along the line are greatly annoyed by the service rendered. The complaint is occasioned solely by the fact that the work is too much for one man. Mail is often delayed in delivery for 48 hours, according to statements made yesterday by one of the residents of the Alderbrook suburb. "New people are constantly moving in, building is going on and the section generally is gaining in importance," he said. "One carrier can not cover the ground, and there is no reason why another should not be appointed. The post-office people will doubtless look at the matter as we do, and as soon as the department is communicated with by Mr. Reed we expect to get the desired service."

NO TROUBLE FROM CHINESE.

Lots of 'Em, But Wheeler Says They Lack Leadership.

New York, Feb. 20.—Major-General Joseph Wheeler, after reviewing a squadron of the state guard at their armory here, has delivered a brief address on his views of the war between Russia and Japan. He compared the

strength of their armies and their resources and reached the conclusion that Russia is likely to win in the long run. "I believe that the Chinese, organized and under good officers, would make," he said, "as good soldiers as any in the world. They are brave and enduring and seem to enjoy a fight. There are 400,000,000 of them and a tremendous army could be raised there. Those people could make a march and occupy any part of Europe that they chose. However, we need not worry about that just yet."

Stock Activity Subsides.

New York, Feb. 20.—The stock market has been in a state of suspended animation during the week. New developments have been rather adverse to values but the pressure to sell has been insignificant. Efforts of traders to put prices up have demonstrated the narrow limits of the market in either direction. The war, the railroad competition over grain rates, decrease in railroad earnings, imminence of the Northern Securities decision and a number of minor influences overhang the stock market and repress all speculative activity.

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