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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.

The ladies of the First Lutheran church will meet tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. A. E. Minard.

Girl wanted—Girl wanted to go to Skagway, Alaska, to work in private family; good wages. Inquire of Mrs. E. Z. Ferguson, 839 Grand avenue.

The circuit court will be reconvened in session today, when the case of the state against Anton Kuljus will be

heard. Kuljus is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

The officers of the bar dredge Chinook have succeeded without difficulty in replacing the 41 men who left the ship last week, and the vessel is again provided with a full complement of men.

Michael Sharp, a half brother of the late Captain J. G. Hustler, died Sunday night of kidney disease. Deceased was a native of New York, 65 years of age and unmarried. He fought in the civil war in the Eighty-second New York volunteers and was wounded during an engagement. He was well known in this city, where he had resided for many years.

Captain Hobson, of the steamer Lotte, picked up two hapless fishermen in the middle of the river Sunday afternoon. The men were clinging to their overturned boat and were seen by Captain Hobson, who was not long in going to their aid. The men had exper-

lenced a sudden squall and their boat capsized. When picked up they were chilled through and almost exhausted.

The Chinese New Year celebration comes to a close tomorrow night at 12 o'clock, when there will be one grand pyrotechnic display. Yesterday the Chinese were whooping it up to beat the band, and scores of sightseers thronged the Chinese quarters during the afternoon and night. The celebration is proving of special interest to strangers in the city, to many of whom it is a rare sight.

A social will be held at the Norwegian church by the Ladle's Aid Society next Sunday evening. There will be good program rendered and refreshments will be served. Among the numbers on the program will be several selections by Miss Larson, daughter of the pastor. Miss Larson plays classic selections on the violin in a masterly style and her friends are confident that she will win fame on the instrument.

M. B. Bozarth, who is in the city from Portland, reports that everything is well with him and the mines in which he is interested. The properties in Josephine county are now being operated, and Mr. Bozarth and his associates are satisfied with the results so far. He is now interested in two companies, the Southern Oregon Mining and Developing Company and the Wolf Creek Mining and Developing Co.

Captain Goodale, constructing quartermaster, U. S. A., expects any day to receive authorization from Washington to advertise for bids for the contemplated post exchange building at Fort Stevens. The matter was referred to the department some time ago and Captain Goodale expects shortly to be informed of the decision reached regarding the matter. The material for sinking the wells at Fort Stevens was due at Portland yesterday for Contractor Palmberg, but whether or not it reached the metropolis was not learned.

Next Saturday evening at Fishers' opera house the great comedy-drama, "Slaves of the Mine," will be the attraction. The company interpreting the play has been selected to fit each character and is first class in every respect. The company carry their own special scenery. The explosion of the mine is exactly such an incident as recently occurred near Johnstown, and gives one a vivid idea of the perils which surround the heroic miner. A Pittsburg paper said this was so realistic one could breathe the odors of the coal. Seat sale opens Friday morning at Griffin's book store.

Rev. W. S. Grim, pastor of the First Methodist church, received a call a few days ago to take the pastorate of the Methodist church in Mendota, Ill. Mr. Grim's prompt reply was that the "coast is good enough for me." He acted entirely independently in the matter, not referring the call to the church board for action. He is delighted with Astoria and its surroundings, and said yesterday that he could not entertain the thought for a moment of leaving here for the east, where the extremes of heat and cold are in such marked contrast to the ideal local climate.

The council, at its meeting tomorrow night, will take final action on the matter of the library appropriation. At the last meeting the appropriation was provided for in the appropriations bill. There has been some talk of a determination on the part of the members of the council to split up the money at the next meeting and the ladies of the library were somewhat anxious in consequence. However, there need be no fear on this score. An Astorian man yesterday talked with several members and all said they would stay with the amendment agreed upon at the last meeting. Just how the story started was not learned.

J. C. Swope has sold his paint shop on Duane street to Earl Hansen, who will conduct the business in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Swope will locate in Oakland, their intention being to remove there in a few days. They are not positive now that they will permanently reside in the California city, but it is certain that their home will be there for an indefinite period. Mr. Hansen, who succeeds in Mr. Swope's business, is a well known Astoria young man, and he has followed the sign painting and house decorating business for a number of years. Sign painting is his specialty, being thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the work. That he will succeed in his trade independently is believed by all who know him and are at all acquainted with his ability.

If reports are to be relied upon, the Third ward is to get a fair shake on the matter of the improvement of

Franklin avenue. In the east end, Mayor Suprenant has vetoed the ordinance providing for the improvement, and since the filing of his veto there has been widespread discussion of the proposal. It appears now that members who were favorable at first to the mayor's action have now determined to vote against the veto at tomorrow night's meeting of the council, and thus give the Third ward a chance to show just how much money the city will be called upon to contribute toward the street. There seems to be a determination all around to permit the improvement of the street if this is possible, and members of the Third ward delegation now feel that the outlook is not nearly so hopeless as was the case a week ago.

One of the prominent merchants of the city, whose representatives yesterday had occasion to pay a visit to the dredge Chinook, came away from the vessel with the belief that she would lie at Astoria every night if dockage facilities were provided. To moor the vessel at Fort Stevens during the night is a source of endless annoyance to officers and men, who are deprived of much of their liberty and who find it inconvenient to come to the city. The circumstance necessitates the transportation of provisions there by small boat. It is also pointed out that there would be less trouble in keeping men on the ship if she laid at an Astoria boat during the night. The hope was expressed that the matter would be taken up and a dock secured for the big ship. It is believed the Chamber of Commerce can easily arrange the matter. The advantage of the vessel lying at the city during the night is obvious.

The first games in the three-men team tournament at the Commercial alleys were bowled last night. Jones' Japs finished best of the four teams bowling, and starts off with three games to its credit, having defeated Mathena's aggregation. Stupp's team and Ralston's bunch broke even, each team taking two games. The scores by games in the battle between the Japs and Mathena's men were: Japs—138, 157, 135 and 121; total, 551. Mathena's team—143, 109, 96 and 119; total, 467. The scores by games in the Stupp-Ralston contest were: Stupp's team—97, 104, 133 and 164; total, 498. Ralston's team—124, 115, 130 and 140; total 509. The last game between Stupp's and Ralston's teams was very exciting. Stupp's aggregation scoring 164, or more than 55 average per man. Peterson's 62 was the best game of the night, while Jones' 193 was the best four-game total. There is great interest in the tournament and the alleys were crowded last night.

Captain Dunwoodie and the officers of the revenue cutter Perry yesterday entertained members of the Irving Club aboard the cutter. The visitors went out in the Perry's launch about 3 o'clock and remained until 6, leaving the vessel just as the sunset gun was fired. Because of the fact that Captain Dunwoodie attempted to put to sea to the assistance of the crew of the wrecked schooner Howe, the attendance was not as large at the reception as otherwise would have been the case, and the Perry's unexpected trip to the mouth of the river interfered somewhat with arrangements. However, the party boarded the cutter after her return from the bar and was royally entertained. The afternoon was passed in a purely informal manner. Anecdotes were related, some excellent vocal music was listened to, and the gentlemen enjoyed themselves immensely. An elaborate lunch was served during the afternoon. Among the Irving Club members present were: G. C. Fulton, George W. Sanborn, B. Van Dusen, Captain Goodale, W. L. Robb, H. D. Thing, Harrison Allen, D. A. McLean, W. H. Barker, George A. Nelson, E. Z. Ferguson, Dr. Finch, O. F. Heilborn, and Wilson A. Stine.

E. A. Abbott, representing the steamer Aurelia, owned by Russell & Rogers, San Francisco agents for the Portland Lumber Company, was in the city. Mr. Abbott is making an active bid for business and was here to talk with Astoria merchants. On the present trip of the Aurelia she has taken a grain cargo, largely in the nature of an experiment. The steamer has been on the coast run for a year and her owners expect to keep her here permanently. She will make regular trips every two weeks. An effort is now being made to secure business for her between San Francisco and Astoria and Portland. A \$3 rate has been quoted on miscellaneous freight, and passenger fares of \$8 and \$12 have been announced. The Aurelia is giving good service and between San Francisco and Astoria on her last trip was but 52 hours. She makes no stops on the way. She was originally intended as a competitor for the Alliance, but

this intention was abandoned, because the Aurelia's passenger accommodations were not as great as those of an active competitor should be. Russell & Rogers have lately launched at Eureka the steamer Kilbourne, a 900-ton, 18-knot vessel, to be operated in connection with the company's electric road from San Francisco to Rogers' landing, a new watering place near Monterey.

Considering the very bad weather last evening, there was a good attendance at the Catholic hall on Grand avenue, the occasion being the Washington day entertainment. G. C. Fulton was speaker for the evening and his hearers were delighted with his address. He opened his remarks by dwelling upon the Maryland colony of Catholics and the ideas of civil and religious liberty those early venturesome home seekers promulgated. These principles, Mr. Fulton pointed out, were later carried into Virginia where, 100 years later, George Washington was born. The address served to amuse and instruct by turns, and the audience was sorry when Mr. Fulton sat down. The entertainment was attend-

ed by the members of Cushing post, G. A. R., in a body, and the old veterans evinced much interest in the progress of the program. The first number on the program was the song, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," sung by a chorus of children's voices. This was followed by a violin solo, "Heimweh," by Dr. Friedrich, accompanied by Miss Madge Sovey. Then Frank Cernahan sang the baritone song, "Ship Ho," which was accompanied by Miss Kelly. Washington's reply to the congratulatory letter of the Catholics written by Bishop Carroll, was read by Miss Hilda Brunold. Miss Kathryn Shively delighted the audience by reciting "The Ride of Jennie McNeil." Father Waters introduced Mr. Fulton to the audience with a few fitting remarks. The evening closed with the singing of America. Mrs. M. Brooks accompanied the choruses.

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