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## Local Brevities.

Do not miss reading The Astorian's want columns.

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Step into Johnson Bros. store today and try a free sample plate of delicious cakes made from the celebrated Olympic Pancake Flour. Nothing nicer. At A. V. Allen's, Thursday and Friday.

There are now but three cases of contagious disease in the city. Of the three, two are of measles and the other of scarlet fever. Within a short time all of the afflicted homes will be out of quarantine.

Mayor Suprenant yesterday attached his signature to the ordinance preventing the obstruction of streets and sidewalks. The mayor had the bill under consideration for a week, and the belief prevailed he would veto it. He said yesterday he did not like the measure in its present form, because it put too much work on the street superintendent.

The superintendent is required under the terms of the measure to give written notice to all property owners to remove obstructions from streets or sidewalks. However, this matter can be rectified later on, so the mayor signed the bill. It is sweeping in its terms.

Thomas Thompson, the A. & C. Co. man who was injured Monday by being whirled through the air on a revolving shaft, is not so badly hurt as was at first believed, and yesterday it was reported that he had an excellent chance of recovery. It was believed the man had been internally injured, but this proved not to have been the case.

In the justice's court yesterday afternoon Ira Hammond, an employe of the Sherman Transfer Company, was fined \$50 and costs for throwing sawdust into the river. The complaint was issued at the instigation of Fish Warden Van Dusen and Hammond entered a plea of guilty. The throwing of sawdust into the river constitutes violation of a very important state law.

At the picture guessing contest Miss Nellie F. Bussey won the prize, a handsomely bound volume of the "Prince of the House of David."

The afternoon tea given yesterday by the ladies of the Methodist church at the parsonage was enjoyed by a large number of guests. A short, but delightful, program was rendered, refreshments were served and games were

Secretary of State Dunbar has sent to County Clerk Clinton a large number of copies of the direct primary law and local option law, and persons interested in the measures may secure copies by calling at Mr. Clinton's office. Both propositions will be submitted to the voters at the coming June election.

The local branch of the Alaska Fishermen's Union has deferred action on the matter of prices until March 28, because of the small attendance at Monday night's meeting. The San Francisco union has compromised with the Alaska Packers and it is now up to the local branch to determine whether or not the San Francisco scale is satisfactory.

The funeral of the late B. C. Kindred will be held this morning at the Hammond Methodist church. The services will take place at 10:30 and Rev. W. Seymour Short will officiate. The interment will be in old Pioneer's cemetery. For the convenience of Astoria friends who desire to attend the funeral the steamer Miller will leave the foot of Fourteenth street at 9:30 a. m.

The county court was in session yesterday and several matters affecting road districts were attended to. During the course of the session the court instructed District Attorney Allen to notify the railroad company that it would have to keep the railroad crossing in repair at the point where the track intersects the county road at Svensen, and that, if the company declined to do so, the district attorney proceed against it.

Invitations are out for a social dance to be given by the ladies of the Florodora Club at Knappton tomorrow evening. The steamer Jordan will leave the city at 8 p. m. and return at midnight. The dance is being arranged by the following ladies: Mesdames Gus Bartell, Gus Stewerts and Gus Fricke; Misses Ella Messinger, May Thompson, Emma Sheild, Eva Messinger and Stella Yacht.

The session of Pacific lodge, Degree of Honor, Monday night, was an interesting event socially, and the members greatly enjoyed themselves. After the business of the lodge had been attended to the members sat down to an appetizing lunch provided by Mrs. Henry Spellmier. On Monday Mrs. Spellmier celebrated the 50th anniversary of her birth, and as a token of esteem the lodge presented her with a handsome sofa cushion.

The taking of the testimony offered by the defense in the case of Charlotte Grimberg vs. the Columbia River Packers' Association was finished yesterday, and adjournment was taken by the court until 9:30 this morning, when arguments will be presented. It is probable the case will go to the jury this afternoon. The case of Reid, Murdock & Co. vs. the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, a suit for damages, was set for yesterday, but as the Grimberg case was not concluded, the Reid, Murdock case went over. It will be tried as soon as the present case is out of the way.

The Portland primary election takes place today. Both the Simon and Mitchell factions have made every preparation for the battle of ballots and the contest promises to be the warmest ever waged there. For days past all of the papers have been full of political advertising matter, which has cost the politicians a pretty penny—something like \$100 a column. Both sides express confidence, but it is almost a certainty the Mitchellites will win out. During the past few days several Simon men have been down from the metropolis, and all conceded that the Simon faction's chance of success was rather a slim one. Several residents of Multnomah county who were in the city yesterday returned home for the express purpose of voting.

There was a bonnet of authority yesterday between the justice's court officials and the police court, but the tangle was straightened out during the afternoon. The conflict resulted from the trouble between J. H. Anson, proprietor of the Nehalem house, and Joe Marida, the logger, who had attacked Anson with a knife. Anson swore to a warrant in the police court and Marida was arrested by the police, but released upon depositing \$20 bail. Yesterday morning Anson swore to a second complaint before Justice Goodman. When the two principals were got together in the justice's court it was suggested that they amicably adjust their differences and it was agreed be-

tween them that Marida should pay for the damage he had done to the furniture at the house. The sum was to be fixed by a gentleman named by both the contestants. The arbiter decided that \$7.50 would cover the matter and Marida was taxed the costs, an equal sum. Meantime, however, the police court warrant stood against him, and for a time it seemed Marida would be compelled to appear before Judge Anderson. However, when the police judge learned of the justice's court settlement, he turned Marida loose. The police court, while a city institution, has equally as great functions as the justice's court, and could try cases which might more properly come before the justice's court.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday acted with vigor regarding the hung-up improvement of the lower Columbia river and the bar, and through Secretary Daniel Connell the following telegram was sent to Senators Mitchell and Fulton at the national capital: "In view of the important necessity of commerce in regard to the lower river and bar, the suggestion is made that you see that an appropriation is provided for in the emergency bill."

The time for payment of taxes under the 3 per cent rebate arrangement expired at 5 last night, and while the roll will still be open to taxpayers until the date on which taxes will become delinquent, property owners will not be entitled to the rebate. The amount collected to date is relatively below that collected up to March 15 last year. This circumstance has been due to the failure of timber land owners to make the usual prompt settlement.

That the grand jury now sitting will shortly return indictments by the wholesale against those conducting gambling houses in Portland is the conviction of those who profess to have gained knowledge of the plans of that body. Not only will the gamblers be arrested and brought before the courts of justice on charges of violating the law, but it is said the scope of the grand jury's power will encompass those who own property upon which Portland's numerous gambling resorts are operated. Whispers of what the grand jury is doing are heard upon every side, and the fact that during the last week a number of anti-gambling men were summoned before the grand jury for the evident purpose of being examined upon this subject has served to lend color to the story.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROGRAM.

Numbers to be Rendered at St. Mary's Hall Tomorrow Night.

The St. Patrick's day entertainment to be given tomorrow evening at St. Mary's hall promises to be a most interesting event. Yesterday Father Lane received word from Hon. Frank Davey, who is to deliver the address of the evening, saying he would surely be in Astoria to fill the engagement. Mr. Davey's address will be of peculiar historical interest, and during the evening an excellent program will be rendered, as follows.

- Piano solo ..... Irish airs.
- Miss Gertrude Kearney
- "Killarney" ..... Mr. John C. McCue
- Violin and piano "Come Back to Erin"
- Mises Esther Seltenreich and Gertrude Kearney.
- "Kathleen Mavourneen".....
- .....Miss Kathryn Shively
- Oration....."The Faith of St. Patrick and Modern Civilization".....
- .....Hon. Frank Davey
- Vocal Selection .....Miss Madge Sovey
- "Rose McNally".....Mr. F. Deveney

A son was born last evening to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis.

The Clatsop Mill Company's box factory is being worked overtime on account of a press of business.

A. D. Rockafellow, who was brought up from Seaside to serve a county jail sentence for beating a boy, was before the sanity board yesterday. The man was under scrutiny for a long time, and during his interview with the commissioners showed unmistakable signs of insanity. He told the board he was a military expert of rare genius and that he was in close touch with the war department. He related that he was particularly well posted as to the progress of events at Fort Stevens, and that he warned the officers prior to the time the recent attempt was made to de-

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- Wire Hair Pins .....1c pkg
- Ladies' Handkerchiefs .....5c each
- Toilet Pins .....1c each
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stroy the fort. After the offender had been detected, Rockafellow said, he had warned the officers against putting him in a certain guardhouse, from which he would escape, and his prediction was fulfilled. After the erring soldier escaped, Rockafellow, according to his dream, followed him up the railroad line and notified the war department of his whereabouts. The man is 50 years old. His case was postponed until this morning, when Mrs. Rockafellow will be called to testify.

The donor specified that total pins should determine the winner, and a team may win but one of the four games and still capture the silver pin. The locals had little practice before going to Portland, but intend getting in shape for the next match.

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