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Isaac Hanson, who was committed to the insane asylum from this county March 28, 1894, died there March 25.

The street cleaning department was at work yesterday—"a powerful argument for the sea wall," as an observing Astorian expressed it.

In the probate court yesterday the final account of August Adolph, administrator of the estate of Anna L. Adolph, deceased, was approved.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Griffitha, who died Saturday of peritonitis, was held yesterday. The interment was in Greenwood. The woman was 24 years of age and a native of Washington.

The case of the state against Tony Bench, charged with adultery, was to

have been heard in the justice's court yesterday, but was deferred until today because of the inability of Mrs. Slavich, wife of Bench's accuser, to be present. The woman wired from Portland that she could not be down until today.

The French bark La Fontaine, after being floated yesterday, was removed to anchorage off Smith Point. The master of the vessel says she is not insured and that the expense resulting from the stranding will have to be borne by the owners. The captain says the cost of floating the vessel will be fully \$2000.

Captain Goodale yesterday opened bids for the construction, plumbing, heating and wiring of the frame post-exchange building which is to be constructed at Fort Stevens. The bids were as follows: C. G. Palmberg—Construction, \$7956; plumbing, \$910; heating, \$1000; wiring, \$300; total, \$11,196. Erb & Van Patton, Salem—Construction, \$9270; plumbing, \$625;

heating, \$841; wiring, \$320; total, \$11,756. J. A. Faastabend—Construction, \$7570; plumbing, \$75; heating, \$955; wiring, \$290; total, \$8990. The bids will be forwarded to Washington by Captain Goodale without recommendation, as they are regarded as excessive.

The Eagles are preparing for their Easter social, which promises to be the most entertaining affair of the kind ever given in the city. The full orchestra will be out for the occasion and some excellent sacred music is on the program.

If persons who have changed their residence or place of business since being interviewed by the directory solicitor will call at the office of the company in The Astorian building and make known the fact, they will help to make the forthcoming city directory accurate and complete and avoid confusion during the next year or two in regard to their locations.

H. Saarki was arrested yesterday by Constable Utzinger on a charge of assault preferred by Fred Enquist. The latter accuses the former of having hit him over the head, and exhibit A, a blood-soaked towel, is in the justice's court, where the trial will take place tomorrow. Meantime Saarki is enjoying his liberty, having deposited \$25 as a guaranty of his appearance.

Grant Mays, secretary of the Oregon Cattle-growers' Association, has sent out the following notice: "A convention of the cattle-growers of Oregon will be held at Portland April 16, beginning at 10 a. m. and continuing in the evening. The people interested in this great industry are earnestly requested to be present, as subjects will be discussed of the greatest importance to all cattlemen. The meeting will be held at the Auditorium, between Taylor and Salmon on Third street."

At last night's meeting of the chamber the matter of a government dock for the use of the government fleet at Astoria was taken up and discussed. At the present time there is no dock at which the bar dredge Chinook may remain over night. As a result this large vessel must find moorings in the lower harbor, to the inconvenience of the men and to the loss of the merchants. The matter is really one for the merchants to attend to, but the chamber has referred it to the committee on commerce and navigation, for investigation and report at the next meeting.

A woman giving the name Mrs. Louise Hill, and claiming relationship to David Bennett Hill, a New Yorker who has attained more or less political prominence, was run out of town yesterday by the police, despite her enthusiastic statements as to her connections. She came down from Portland and her fondness for liquor resulted in her arrest. To the police she said her husband, who was D. B. Hill's brother, was easily the biggest contractor in America. The woman had a return trip ticket to Portland and the police made it their business to see that she used it.

The forger who secured for himself the sum of \$23.10 from various persons with an inclination to cash checks is still enjoying his liberty, and there is little prospect that he will ever be captured. By the time the police received notification of the forger's coup he had departed from Astoria. Cashier Patton, of the Astoria Savings bank, said yesterday one additional souvenir had come in at the bank, and it is believed other victims are holding out their worthless checks rather than confess that they were taken in. The visit of the forger will render forgery unprofitable for about four or five months to come.

An interesting meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last evening, at which the navigation committee reported upon the proposal for the establishment of a government cable to connect Tillamook rock lighthouse with the mainland. The committee has taken up the matter with the department and pointed out the necessity for the establishment of this cable. In substantiation of its statement the committee called attention to the recent disasters to the steamers Queen and Grace Dollar, both of which could easily have been rendered assistance were the rock connected by cable with

the mainland. Mr. Dyer reported that he had communicated with the Gray line of steamers with reference to the suggestion that Astoria be made a port of call. The head office has replied to Mr. Dyer's letter, saying the matter would be given careful consideration. The chamber adopted a resolution asking Mr. Hammond to extend a spur into Oceanview cemetery.

W. F. Grondahl, an assistant of Architect Lazarus, arrived in the city yesterday and began the work of testing the ground upon which Clatsop's new court house is to stand. The work will require a few days' time. Mr. Grondahl will submit his report to the architect and the character of the preliminary improvement will then be determined upon. Judge Trenchard said yesterday the court would consider itself fortunate if the work of building the court house could be begun by the 1st of June. However, there is to be no unnecessary delay, and if the start can be made any sooner the court will be correspondingly happy.

This being holy week, there will be daily morning and evening prayer at Grace church, at 9:30 and 7:30 respectively, and on Thursday evening, at Holy Innocents' chapel, East Astoria, at 7:30. On Good Friday, in addition to these services, the three hours' passion will be commemorated from 12 to 3, with meditations on the seven words from the cross. Rev. Mr. Short, the pastor, says that the community is welcome at any or all of these services and adds that persons not able to stay through all the three hours' service on Good Friday are requested to enter or retire during the hymns, and not during the prayers or addresses.

What is believed to be the preliminary steps toward the improvement and rehabilitation of Fort Canby is an order just received from department headquarters at Vancouver Barracks, directing the transfer of the thirty-third coast artillery from Fort Columbia. While the ostensible reason for the transfer is that better facilities for the annual rifle target practice are to be had at Fort Canby, an unusual stir in army circles leads to the conclusion that something out of the ordinary is contemplated by the department. The removal of the company will take place within the next few weeks, and 109 privates and 12 commissioned officers will be included in the transfer. A corporal guard will remain at Fort Columbia, but it is expected that another company will be assigned to the fortress, after the Thirty-third vacates.

The committee on wharves and waterfrontage of the council, by its chairman, Councilman Lebeck, yesterday filed a most important report for presentation at the next meeting of the council. The committee was given the letter of the committee of ten for consideration and report, and Mr. Lebeck has recommended that the council order the streets in the sea wall district filled, the city to pay one-third of the cost of the work. The only proviso is that the other interested property owners join in the movement. The report is equivalent to a declaration that the city bear the cost of filling in the street crossings. Several members of the council were seen and said Mr. Lebeck's report met with their approval. From the sentiment expressed to a reporter yesterday by councilmen it is evident the municipal guardians will give their approval to the proposal on foot for the betterment of the city's front. Chairman Parker, of the committee of ten, said the report filed by Councilman Lebeck, if adopted by the council, would be the most important assistance to the sea wall project that had yet materialized.

Five boys were yesterday arrested on complaint of Wing Loi, a Chinese vegetable vender, for assault, and the justice's court trial was listened to with much interest by a large delegation of sympathetic boys and indignant Mongolians. The boys arrested were Will Morton, Andrew Malagamba, Chester Gustin, Axel Olsen and Frank Murcurrio. It appears that the Gustin and Olsen boys were to blame for the trouble, the former having begun the assault on the Chinese by throwing sticks at him. The Gustin lad hurled one stick that struck the Chinaman on the face and badly hurt him. The other boys intervened when the Celestial took after an innocent little fellow who had been watching the fun. The boys were unusually manly about the matter and freely acknowledged their complicity in the affair. Justice Goodman found them guilty, but suspended sentence during good behavior. Both Justice Goodman and Deputy District Attorney Eakin lectured the lads on the impropriety of assaulting Chinese, and assured them the authorities would deal severely with them the next time they were arrested.

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