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Collections of taxes to date aggregate about \$132,000. The number of tax receipts issued is 4203.

Fredrik Forstrom and Tom Thomson, natives of Norway, yesterday declared their intention of becoming citizens.

Amateur night at the Unique theater attracted a large crowd and the turns of the novices proved quite a success.

The fact that the steamer Alliance did not go as far as San Francisco on her last trip is taken at Portland to mean that the strike of the marine engineers has not been settled. However, it is not clear that there is any very good ground for this belief. The man-

ifest of the steamer showed that she had no freight or San Francisco, and that there was no reason why she should have gone farther south than Coos bay. The Portland agents of the coasting steamers seem to think the strike has not been settled and that the Alliance is dodging San Francisco for fear of being tied up.

The senior rhetorical exercises, the last before commencement, will take place at the high school this afternoon, commencing at 1:15. The program will consist of orations and musical numbers.

The following was handed in last evening for publication: "Yesterday Miss Maggie Zeen entertained a few of her friends at her home on Irving avenue in honor of her 14th birthday. Games were played until 10 o'clock, when a dainty luncheon was served. The guests were: Misses Anna Versary, Sarah Nade, Mary Ment, Ella Fant, Jennie Ology, Carrie Cature,

Polly Tielan, Cara Van, Emma Grant, May Sonie, Etta Mology, Hallie Luyah, Sue Brett, Allie Gory, Miss Cellanous, and Messrs. Jack Daw, Otto Mobile, Matt Rimony, Ed U. Cator, Joe Cose, John Quill, Rob O. Link, Frank Incense, Al Legiance and Dick Shonary."

March lived up to the proverb and went out like a lamb. Yesterday was a genuine spring day and the sun shone gloriously. It was the first real fine day that Astorians have enjoyed for a long time, and as a result of the change in the weather the streets were crowded.

Frank Kankonan, who left with his family for a European trip last fall, is expected to arrive home this week to resume his duties as superintendent of the Co-operative cannery. Mr. Kankonan is pastor of the Finnish church. While away he traveled through Norway, Sweden and Finland.

License to wed was yesterday issued by County Clerk Clinton to W. W. Newman and Miss Bertha M. Foster, well known residents of the Nehalem valley. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Justice of the Peace Foster, of Jewell. The wedding will take place at the Foster residence on Sunday.

The Idun society held a regular session last evening and an excellent program was rendered. This society is making rapid progress and its membership list has been greatly increased of late. The society has adopted an attractive button as its insignia. The button is of white, with American and Norwegian flags engraved.

The Finnish society of the city held a dance at Suomi hall Wednesday evening. The attendance was large and the function proved unusually enjoyable. An entertainment will be given at the hall next week for the benefit of the Finnish band, which will furnish the music for the occasion. A more definite announcement will appear in these columns.

The steamer Despatch was due at Port Orford yesterday to make an attempt to save the machinery and rigging of the wrecked steamer Fulton. The vessel was pounded badly on the rocks, and, while there is no hope of saving the hull, it is believed no difficulty will be experienced in removing the machinery. The Despatch will arrive at Astoria today or tomorrow.

The highly commendable industry, thrift and public spirit shown by the citizens of West Astoria is a matter of much remark. A larger number of neat homes have been built in that portion of the city during the last few years than in any other. Seen from the decks of vessels coming up the harbor the west end presents a very creditable appearance, indicating a prosperous and progressive citizenship.

After next Monday all property on which taxes have not been paid will become delinquent. The penalty thereafter will be 10 per cent of the amount of the taxes assessed against each parcel of land and interest at the rate of 1 per cent until settlement is made. The amount of the penalty on the possessions of the remonstrating timbermen will be more than \$800.

A THOUGHTFUL MAN.
M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c at Charles Rogers' drug store.

March established another record in the matter of police court fines and forfeitures and sundry license receipts. The police court receipts aggregated \$910, which was far in excess of the receipts for the same month of any other year in the history of the department. Last year the receipts were \$719, while for the previous year they totaled \$495. The police made 55 arrests during the month. Chief Hallock was unable yesterday to give the sundry license receipts, but said they would surpass those of any other first quarter in the history of the city.

The cost of travel between Astoria and Portland has been increased. At a meeting of the river lines held at Portland the increase in fares was deter-

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mined upon, to go into effect today. The agreement between the various lines was the outcome of a conference held with the O. R. & N. officials. It was decided to abolish the round-trip rate on river and rail lines. The parties to the agreement were primarily the O. R. & N. Co. and the Vancouver Transportation Company, but all of the independent lines have agreed to maintain the new rates. Heretofore the single way rate by river has been \$1.50, while the round trip rate has been \$2.50. The rail rate one way has been \$2 and the round trip rate \$3. Hereafter it will cost \$3 to make the round trip by water and \$4 by rail. It is said the local advance is merely the forerunner of a general advance on all Oregon rivers.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident is related by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at Charles Rogers', druggist.

Mrs. W. L. McEwan, an Oregon pioneer, died last night at the family residence on Franklin avenue between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, at the advanced age of 74. For the past five months Mrs. McEwan had been a sufferer with dropsy and her death was not unexpected. The funeral arrangements will be announced later. Mrs. McEwan was a native of Manitoba and with her husband crossed the plains in 1848. Her husband died in this city about 15 years ago. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Jessie Fray and Miss Minnie McEwan, of Chicago; Mrs. Mary La Plantz, of Orcas Island, Wash.; Mrs. Maggie Thomas, of Stevenson county, Wash.; William McEwan, of Alaska; Logan McEwan, of Knappa, and Chas. McEwan, of Astoria. To all of the pioneer residents of the city Mrs. McEwan was well known and her death will be generally mourned.

Sheriff Linville again had it out with dissatisfied owners of timber land yesterday. Six of the timber land companies are opposed to paying their taxes this year, alleging that they are excessively taxed, and yesterday their attorney tendered Sheriff Linville approximately 60 per cent of the amount of the taxes. The amounts tendered on behalf of the various firms were as follows: C. H. Wheeler, \$555.75; O. A. Ritan, \$482.77; George L. Burrows and others, \$678.57; the Whitney Company, \$1471.80; Blodgett & Co., \$2009.62; J. E. DuBois, \$2415.65. The attorney appeared at the sheriff's office with a sackful of shining \$20 gold pieces, but the officials of the county were not to be tempted in this manner. The county court was in session during the afternoon and the attorney presented his claims. He wanted the court to reduce the assessments, but this the court declined to do. After making formal tender of the amount, the attorney gave up the attempt and left for Portland. From his course it was evident legal action of some kind is contemplated by the remonstrating timber land owners.

District Attorney Allen, who is home from Hillsboro, where he attended the session of the circuit court, says that he recently discovered the champion liar. The man in question was tried at Hillsboro on a charge of burglary. He was not aware of the fact that Mr. Allen was a resident of Astoria, and his defense was therefore all the more interesting. He said he had been all over the northwest looking for employment and in the course of his wanderings had stopped at Astoria. "But I could find no work anywhere," the fellow said. "In Astoria industry is paralyzed; all the factories are shut down and fully 5000 men are out of work there. I visited all the mills and other concerns, but there were hundreds of men for every job. I tell you, it's a fright! Ever been at Astoria?" "Yes; I've been there," said Mr. Allen; "that's my home." The fellow opened his eyes in astonishment and for a few moments regarded the district attorney with some misgivings; but he soon regained his erstwhile composure, and, having been "strung" by the state's legal representative, insisted that his narrative was correct in every detail. He will receive his mail at the penitentiary for the next four years, exclusive of the time allowance for good conduct.

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