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The officers elected at the last meeting of the Elks were installed last evening. Charles V. Brown is the new exalted ruler.

Twenty men were signed at the customs house yesterday for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company. The men will go north on the ship Berlin.

County Judge Trenchard received word from Superintendent Calbreath, of the insane asylum, yesterday, that Adella Leroy, who was committed from this county June 27, 1902, had died on April 3.

A pathetic incident occurred in Portland last night, when Mrs. A. F. Crane arrived from Seattle to meet her sister, Stella Roberts, who was returning from Colorado to end her days at the home of her sister. Miss Roberts was a sufferer from consumption, and, being be-

yond the aid of medical men, came west. She reached Portland yesterday morning and a few hours later died at the Union depot. Her sister arrived in the metropolis last night to meet her.

Mayor Surprenant busied himself yesterday to the extent of writing his name almost 100 times. He signed all the measures passed by the council the previous evening, as well as the warrants for claims allowed.

The increasing demand for the Morning Astorian has made it necessary to extend the city carrier service around Smith's point, so that all the residents of the west end of the city and those living on Young's bay may now have their morning paper on time and with regularity.

The Multnomah county grand jury yesterday returned indictments against all of the gamblers of the metropolis. Seven of those indicted are Chinese and the others are white gamblers. Mayor Williams appeared before the jury and

made a plea that the owners of property on which gambling houses and lewd places are conducted be not indicted, and the jury agreed to this. But for the mayor's intervention the jury would have indicted the owners of the property.

In the probate court yesterday J. E. Pantaja was appointed administrator of the estate of Niles Mattson, deceased. Mattson died December 20, 1903. The estate is valued at \$750 and the heirs are Kreetta Routlo, a sister, and Mikka W. Mattson, a brother, both of whom reside in Finland.

The Portland Ministerial Association is now formulating plans for the abolition of the girl traffic. As yet the ministers have not made a definite announcement of the manner in which they expect to accomplish the end sought to be attained, but will probably decide during the week.

The ladies of the Maccabees gave an enjoyable entertainment last evening at A. O. U. W. hall. A program of literary and musical numbers was carried out, dancing and card playing were indulged in, and lunch was served. The attendance was very large and the evening proved an exceptionally pleasant one.

Superintendent Coolidge, of the A. E. Co., has commenced the work of building a sidetrack at the power house. The siding will be 600 feet in length and will be used for the transportation of fuel. The A. E. Co. is expending considerable money in improving its plant, and the new work will entail an outlay of fully \$20,000.

Organizer Rosenberg, of the International Seamen's Union, says he believes both the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union and the Alaska Fishermen's Union will merge with the national bodies. Mr. Rosenberg has been in the city in the interests of amalgamation and finds sentiment generally favorable to such action. A committee from the Columbia river fishermen's union is now preparing a report upon the matter for presentation at the next meeting.

Capt Hardwick, First Officer Kelly and Second Officer Olsen, of the steamer Alliance, have been notified to appear in court at San Francisco as witnesses in the case of the United States against Davis, charged with criminal assault on the high seas. Davis was a waiter on the Alliance and Mrs. Ames, a passenger, charges that he drugged water which he brought to her and assaulted her. Davis skipped after the alleged crime, but was arrested at San Francisco. He has not yet been indicted, but is to be given a sort of preliminary hearing in the United States court.

The 4-year-old daughter of L. Knapp, of Knapp, was brought to the city Monday night for surgical attendance. The little one was attacked by a savage dog and the ear, neck and right arm were terribly lacerated by the teeth of the animal. Whether or not serious complications will follow Dr. Estes, the attending physician, is unable as yet to state, and it is hoped the child will recover. Mailcarrier Dalgity is also suffering from wounds inflicted by a vicious dog. The animal belongs to G. W. Lounsbury and the mailcarrier was attacked while delivering mail at the residence. No serious consequences are anticipated.

Jane K. Smith and son, A. M. Smith, yesterday filed suit against the O. R. & N. Co., and D. H. Welch for the purpose of having the circuit court decide upon the right of the plaintiffs to title to that tract of property upon which piling is now being driven by the defendants, who purpose building a wharf near the O. R. & N. dock. The complaint recites that the plaintiffs are the rightful owners of the property, which is about 50x300 feet; that the defendants are unlawfully taking possession of the land. The court is asked to restrain the defendants from continuing with the work of driving piling, and to grant full title to the property to the plaintiffs.

The gentlemen interested in the formation of a company to carry on the business of condensing milk at this city have met with even more success than was anticipated. Yesterday the stock

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The city attorney and street committee have not yet taken any action with reference to the instructions of the council that they investigate and report upon the status of Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets north of Commercial. It seems that many years ago the city made an order permitting the O. R. & N. Co. to use the foot of the two streets. The grant extended for a period of 20 years and has expired. Now, unless the council takes action soon, the statute of limitations will deprive the city of its right to the property. The committee must determine whether or not the company will recognize the title of the city to the property without the formality of a suit; what rental the company will be willing to pay for the continued use of the property, and whether or not the company will extend Fifteenth street from Commercial to its dock. If the two streets are extended, the south side of that portion of the dock lying west of Sixteenth street will be rendered useless, as vessels could not enter. The council evidently thinks the city is entitled to rental for the property.

Frank Kankkanan, superintendent of the Co-operative cannery, who, with his family, recently returned from a visit of some months in Europe, speaks, interestingly of the conditions he found there. The chief object of Mr. Kankkanan going abroad was to get in closer touch with foreign market for salmon, and he reports that the Columbia river brand is greatly in vogue in the countries he visited. He spent most of his time while away traveling, going first to Germany and from there to Finland, his native country. He also visited Norway and Sweden. The people in Finland are kept in absolute subjugation by dominant Russia and are greatly dissatisfied with the laws they are compelled to obey. The system of education and all the rules of life are regulated by Russia. Russian spies abound, so that a man is never free to express his views, even in his own home. Immigration is restricted, guards being placed along the frontier to prevent anyone from leaving the country. Just now the men are being recruited for the army to fight for Russia in the oriental war, and this circumstance causes great unrest as the people are not in sympathy with Japan's enemy and would doubtless be highly pleased in the event of the final triumph of the land of the rising sun. Mr. Kankkanan is satisfied with the result of his trip, finding little difficulty in introducing the product of his cannery in the European markets. The value of the royal chinook as a canned or pickled article over that of the Baltic sea salmon is beginning to be more and more appreciated, and in a few years will doubtless take its place entirely.

At Monday night's meeting of the council the committee on wharves and water frontage reported on the letter of the committee of ten relative to the sea wall proposal. The committee of ten sent in the following request: "We would like an expression of your honorable body as to the position you would take regarding filling in the streets mentioned. If a large majority of the property owners arrange for the sea wall and fill of their individual property, would you order all the streets in the district filled to grade? The assessment of the cost of such streets filled to go against all the property in such proportion as you may decide." The wharves and water frontage committee reported as follows: "We, your committee on wharves and water frontage, to whom was referred the communication similar to the one hereto attached, most respectfully report that, in case the property owners of the city contract for filling in that portion of the city usually covered by high tide, we would recommend the streets be filled in at the same time, either by the assessment plan or at public expense. We are inclined to the opinion that it would be better to do all this at the expense of the property by the special assessment plan, provided that unreasonable charge for the work be guarded against. Should the property owners desire the lots and streets filled, we would recommend such favorable action as will secure the filling of the streets." This is about all the council is able to do to further the sea wall proposal, and the committee of ten is quite well satisfied with the council's action.

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