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Local Brevities.

Tonight at Suomi hall prayer service will be held for the safety of the fishermen during the coming season.

The county court will meet in adjourned session tomorrow, when several road matters will be attended to.

A lot of stuff from the defunct Columbia theater was sold by the sheriff

yesterday to satisfy a judgment of \$154 in the case of A. Kiljunen vs. Dr. Rosenberg. The plaintiff bought in the stuff at the price sued for.

The tea and sale of fancy articles to be given by the Ladies' Guild of Grace church, will be held Saturday afternoon in the Sunday school room.

Major Langfitt has awarded to J. A. Pastabend the contract for repairing the government dock at Tongue

Point. Three bids were presented for the work, as follows: J. A. Pastabend, \$2,700; L. Lebeck, \$2,750; N. Clinton, \$3,000.

The socialist convention will be held today at the court house. A ticket is to be placed in the field for the coming election.

There will be a meeting of the Civic Improvement League at the office of Dr. Henderson Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A good attendance is urged by the officers.

The ladies of the Library Association invite all those that took part in the performance of "Queen Esther" to assist in the forthcoming production of "Belshazzar." Professor Robinson is expected to arrive in the city next Monday and the first rehearsal will take place that evening. The hour and place will be announced later.

The office of County Clerk Clinton will be open tonight between the hours of 7 to 9 for the convenience of those voters who find it impossible to register during the day. All persons who have not registered are urged to do so at once, for there is going to be even more of a rush this year than has formerly been the case.

A social was given at Suomi hall last night by the members of the Finnish church to raise funds to send to Rauma, Finland, to the parents of Miss Santra Villen, who was accidentally killed by Willie Cook. The Finnish band was out and assisted in entertaining the crowd. More than \$100 was raised and the money will be forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Villen.

Hayes Morgan, one of Sherman's drivers, had a narrow escape from injury yesterday afternoon. As he was climbing onto the seat of his wagon the team started and the driver fell onto the shafts. The horses became frightened and started to run, but were pulled in toward the sidewalk, where they stopped. For a time it seemed the driver would fall beneath the wheels of the wagon.

Last evening the athletes who are to participate in the Commercial Club indoor entertainment held a rehearsal that insured the success of tomorrow night's event. All of the participants are well up in their work, and the entertainment will doubtless be the most interesting ever held in a local gymnasium. The program has been prepared so as to be of interest to ladies and gentlemen, and it is expected there will be a large attendance.

G. O. Moen was out yesterday to enjoy the sunshine. Mr. Moen's case has been a puzzle to physicians, who have been unable to tell him just exactly the cause of his suffering. For a time he was at Portland, but almost died there. His lungs give him much trouble, but he is not, physicians state, suffering with tubercular ailment. He has improved decidedly during the past 10 days and looks better than for some months.

The statement was made yesterday by a gentleman who came down from Clifton that fishing operations have been in progress in Blind slough for the past week. This man said many boats went out each night, but did not state what was done with the fish caught. Fish Warden Van Dusen and one of the Washington deputies have been at Portland to look into the retail market situation, but no arrests have thus far been made.

Among the new books received recently at the public library are the following popular works: "Five Nations," by Kipling; "Sir Mortimer," by Mary Johnson; "When Patty Went to College," by Jean Webster; "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," by Kate Douglas Wiggin; "Fishin' Jimmy," by Annie Trumbull Slosson; "The Traitor," by Phillips Oppenheim; "Cherry," by Tarkington; "The Deliverance," by dows," by Laura E. Richards.

Miss Bothilde Henningsen, the 16-year-old daughter of Thor Henningsen, died at the home of Rev. Mr. Holden at 6 o'clock last evening after an illness of some months of pleurisy. The parents of Miss Henningsen live on the old Hayseth place on the Youngs river. Their daughter was brought to

the city five months ago to receive medical treatment, but nothing could be done to save her and she grew steadily weaker until death came as a relief to her sufferings. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from the residence of Rev. Holden and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

The congressional republican convention will be held at Portland today. Congressman Williamson will be renominated. Tomorrow the state convention will be held. F. A. Moore will be renamed for supreme judge, but there will be a warm contest for the nomination for food and dairy commissioner. C. W. Carnahan of this city is one of the aspirants for the nomination. It is expected Harrison Allen will be secretary of the state convention. He is secretary of the state committee.

The ship Sargent, under charter to the Alaska-Portland Packers' Association, is now about ready to start north. She may get away Saturday, when the Morse and Berlin will depart. Yesterday 28 men were signed on at the customs house for the Sargent, 35 others having been engaged at Portland. The remainder of the men will be signed today. The cannery tender, North King, which will go north for the Alaska-Portland concern, has taken nine men from Portland and two from Astoria. Today others will be signed in this city. As the three sailing vessels will leave about the same time, they will have an exciting race to the entrance of Bristol bay.

Secretary Lornsten of the fishermen's unions, said yesterday he believed the trouble between the longshoremen and the Alaska Fishermen's Union would be adjusted. "Laboring men should always be careful not to bring upon themselves the displeasure of the general public," said Mr. Lornsten. "Labor's hope lies in reasonable conduct. When the unions become unreasonable, they lose their standing, and their usefulness comes to an end. The carpenters conducted their strike in an excellent manner and had the support of the public at all times. When laboring men make unreasonable demands they not only hurt themselves, but as well injure all other union men. It's a common cause and we should always be careful not to take an improper stand."

George B. McLeod, the well-known timber dealer, was in the city yesterday. Recently Mr. McLeod sent to Deputy Assessor George Gardiner a box of fine cigars in return for Mr. Gardiner's assistance in looking up land titles. Mr. Gardiner was at that time assisting the sheriff's clerks in the collection of taxes, and, with characteristic generosity, brought in the cigars for Deputies Binder and Anderson to enjoy. One of the deputy sheriffs wrote on the wrapper in which the box came the expression, "For the sheriff's office," and Sheriff Linville, mentally thanking some friend for the present, proceeded to help himself. The campaign was coming on and the cigars disappeared with unusual rapidity, until, in a very short time, they were all gone. When Mr. Gardiner looked for a smoke one afternoon he found an empty box, and hereafter will keep presents of the kind in the assessor's office.

W. A. Goodin says there is no truth in the statement recently published in The Astorian that he withdrew from the race for sheriff the night before the convention. The statement was published on the authority of several delegates to the convention. Mr. Goodin says he did not determine to pull off the ticket until the noon hour on Saturday, when he learned he could not figure on support which he had previously regarded as certain. He went at once to Mr. Linville and told him of his determination. Mr. Goodin says party leaders tried to persuade him to withdraw on Friday, but that he refused to do so. Asked whether or not he would stay in the race for the legislature, Mr. Goodin said he had not definitely determined. "Just at present I believe I will not run," he said. "However, I may conclude to stay on the ticket, and, as I have until May 5 to make up my mind, I will not announce positively what I intend doing."

Hoboes of the genuine stamp have been making their appearance in the city during the past week, and the police have been kept busy rounding them up. Several of the men have been found around the railroad yards, and only a night or two ago two tramps were discovered on one of the engines. Others asked the railroad men where they might find the sandhouse, indicating that they are professionals of long experience. When the train

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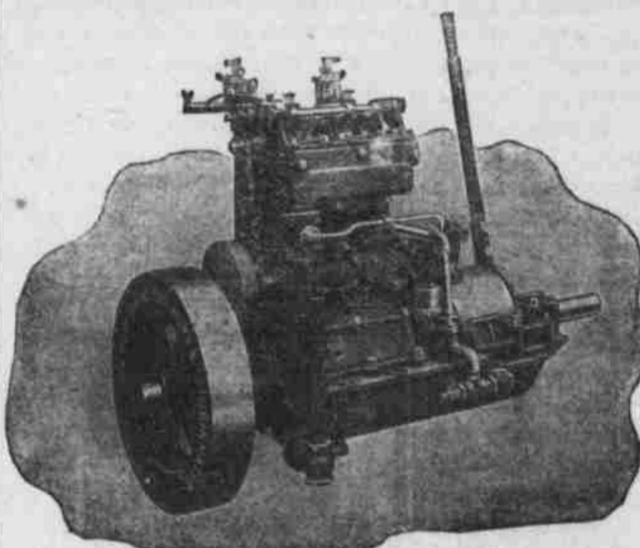
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got in Monday night the police rounded up a hobo who gave the very respectable name of William Mann. He said he was bound for the rock quarry, but was informed by Police Judge Anderson that he had come too far. He was fined \$50, or 25 days in jail, but will leave town this morning by agreement with the court. Yesterday Superintendent McGuire informed Police Captain Gammal that he had instructed his men hereafter to immediately notify the police when hoboes made their appearance at the yards, as he does not care to take any chances with the men, some of whom are hard characters.

Looking for Apostle.

Corvallis, Or., April 12.—Sheriff Burnett was given a clue yesterday that promised for a time to throw some light on the whereabouts of the missing Holy Roller Apostle Creffield.

A mile west of town stands an old carding mill that for many years has not been used. Some one has recently been about the place, and two men were seen going to the mill one evening this week. Full of hope that the mystery of Creffield's disappearance might be solved, Sheriff Burnett sent a deputy to the vicinity last night. The latter stole quietly to a vantage point

near the old mill and patiently awaited the coming or going of the missing high priest. But the dew fell and the stars blinked and winked and still no sound, no sight of human being was given the patient deputy. At a late hour the watcher returned to town, thoroughly satisfied that Creffield was not lodging in the deserted and weird building.

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