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Local Brevities.

The work of installing cement sidewalks on Fifteenth street was begun yesterday.

The receipts of the recording department of the county clerk's office for the month of April were \$154.50.

Concomily tribe of Red Men will pay a fraternal visit to the Hammond lodge next Thursday evening. The lo-

cal lodge will go to the west side by steamer and will return late at night after a social time is spent.

A marriage license was yesterday issued to William Leed, of Wahkiakum county, Wash., and Margaret Alena Lanlon.

The members of the Young Men's Institute will entertain their friends with a social dance at St. Mary's hall this evening. A good time has been

planned by the young men and those who attend will be accorded a warm welcome.

Full papers of citizenship were yesterday granted to Mark Julius Johnson, a native of Sweden.

One of the finest displays of woollens in the piece can now be seen at C. H. Cooper's. Tuesday and Wednesday only.

The council last night paid H. McCormick \$425 for the team of horses recently bought for the fire department.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license to John Erickson, a well known Klondiker, and Miss Ida Warren, of Deep River.

Street lights for the month of April cost the city \$258.40. The payroll of the city surveyor was \$253, and that of the street superintendent \$152.50.

Gentlemen, come and see the new spring styles now on exhibition. We are showing a fine line of woollens in the piece. It will be worth your while to examine them whether you buy or not. You are welcome, at C. H. Cooper's.

The work of removing those portions of the court house which are in the way of the new structure that is to be erected was commenced yesterday by Contractor Lebeck. The sheriff's office has been put on stilts and soon the county court room will be moved.

Charles Corby, a well known salmon broker, is in the city. Mr. Corby is representing the Pacific Selling Company, a New York firm of salmon dealers. This firm was formerly that of Delafield, McGovern & Co. Mr. Corby is here looking into local conditions.

City Surveyor Tee has appointed John W. Welch inspector of the streets now under course of construction and has asked the council to confirm the appointment. The street committee will report upon the matter at the next session. A salary of \$3 a day is attached to the position.

The cargo of Ladysmith coal just discharged by the steamer Chico at Elmore's coal wharf is of the large lump variety, and is a free burning, small ash coal. It bears out the reputation of being the best family and steam coal ever brought to Astoria, equal to the famous Australian. It is delivered free by S. Elmore & Co.

Plans and specifications for the improvement of Franklin avenue from the west line of Adair's Astoria to Thirty-sixth street and for the improvement of that avenue from Seventeenth to Twelfth street have been prepared by City Surveyor Tee. The first named improvement will cost, according to Mr. Tee's estimate, \$5296.07, and the last-named \$8845.73.

A delightful farewell party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bartell by 40 members of the Florodora Club at their home last evening. An excellent time was passed by the friends playing games and indulging in other pleasant pastimes. Refreshments were served and at a late hour the club members bade the couple a last good-by and departed for their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Bartell will leave tomorrow for San Francisco, where they will make their future home.

It is reported that coal has been discovered on the tract known as Hustler's Astoria. According to the statement made yesterday, the discovery is an important one, several large pieces of fine coal having been uncovered by workmen. Several years ago an expert who made an examination of the property reported that the conditions were very favorable for coal and oil on this tract, and it has long been believed in Astoria that some day coal in paying quantities would be found there. It is understood the owners of the land will take steps to determine the extent of the deposit. Some of the chunks found are said to weigh from 60 to 70 pounds.

The carpenters' union has endorsed the candidacy of Charles G. Palmberg, the republican candidate for the legislature. Members of the union feel that he has always been a strong adherent of unionism and therefore en-

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to their support. They expect other unions to take similar action.

The county court will meet in regular session tomorrow.

Mr. Rolfe, the expert tailor of Chicago is now at C. H. Cooper's. Come and see a magnificent line of woollens in the piece.

The first Seaside excursion of the season was run down from Portland Sunday. The train was made up of six coaches and about 400 persons were aboard them. The weather was fine, but the crowd was hardly a profitable one for the Seaside beneficiaries.

The baseball game between the Warrenton and Eagles' teams, Sunday, resulted in the defeat of the Eagles. Up to the seventh inning a fairly good quality of ball was put up, but after that the visitors had things all their own way. The score was 14-7.

An ordinance granting to members of the fire department a leave of absence of 10 days a year was introduced at last night's meeting of the council. Once before an ordinance of this kind was offered, but it had overlooked the engineers. Mr. Leinenweber said the employees of the fire department had been talking of demanding more pay and that the committee on fire and water had offered them the leave of absence in lieu of increased salaries. Mr. Belland did not like the bill, particularly in view of the fact that the general tendency of the times was to reduction of wages. Mr. Leinenweber said the men worked 24 hours a day and believed they were entitled to an annual vacation at the expense of the taxpayers. The bill went over.

It is pretty generally agreed by persons who ought to know that there are fully 2000 voters in the city at the present time, but not one-half of that number has yet been registered. Not in years has there been such marked apathy. Voters who do not register before the books are closed on the night of May 16 are going to have lots of trouble on election day, for they will be required to swear in their votes twice—once for the county and state and once for the presidential election. As the formality of swearing in a vote will require much time, it is not easy to understand why voters do not register now, especially as it takes but a few minutes time. The registrations to date are as follows in the various city precincts: No. 1, 113; No. 2, 146; No. 3, 165; No. 4, 173; No. 5, 182; No. 6, 107; No. 7, 90.

A food thief visited the home of Charles Proske Sunday morning between the hours of 6 and 7 and carried off a loin of mutton intended to occupy a prominent place on the dinner table. The thief likewise helped himself to several other articles of food which had been left in a cupboard at the rear of the residence, 523 Exchange street, taking a dish filled with eggs, half a roll of butter, a large piece of cheese, a tin of cream and a linen cloth which had been hung on the line to dry. The cloth was probably used to wrap up the articles stolen. Before departing from the house the thief drank his fill from a milk can which had been filled a short time before. The case was reported to the police, but it is unlikely the thief will be caught. Some time ago numerous depredations of the kind were reported, but no arrests were made.

There is trouble brewing for the school board. Not long since the county notified the city to get its engine house off the court house block, and the city is going to move. When the engine house was built there the school board erected it, with the understanding that it would be permitted to use the brick engine house at Fourth and Astor streets for a school house, the rental to be \$1 a year. Now the city doesn't care to go to any expense in removing its engine house, but wants the school board to bear the cost. Mr. Hansen, chairman of the public property committee, has discovered that the school board has never paid the city the \$1 a year which the original lease called for and therefore has violated the terms of the agreement. So the committee has recommended to the council that the board be notified that it must provide a place for the engine house and bear the cost of removing it, or else the city will demand back the brick building. The auditor has been instructed to file notice on the board. The city owns some property suitable for an engine house site, but if private property is used the school board must bear the cost. The council believes it has the school district "dead to rights," and all because the board did not come through with that measely dollar a year.

If George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, does not return to this city the monu-

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ment of the pioneer McTavish which he carried off without permission, he may get into serious trouble. McTavish was an agent for the British about 100 years ago and when they took over Fort Astoria and renamed it Fort George McTavish was pretty nearly the whole thing. One day in 1818 he went out on the river with a party of men, and the boat capsized and six of the men were lost, including McTavish. Some of the bodies were recovered and buried ashore, that of McTavish first being interred on the north side of what is now Exchange street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth. Afterwards the body was removed to a burial ground on the lot now occupied by the home of August Danielson and still later was removed to Hillside cemetery. A monument marked

the grave until one day Mr. Himes came along and swiped it. The matter was discussed at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and last night President Welch asked the council to take such action as would insure the return of the monument and cause the punishment of the gully man who carried it off. The council referred the matter to the public property committee and the city attorney, and if Mr. Himes doesn't come in with the relic the strong arm of the law will reach out for him.

Hearst Faction Wins.

Chicago, May 2.—In the democratic primaries held today the followers of William R. Hearst scored a victory over the faction under Carter H. Harrison.