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Local Brevities.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tarina of 1875 Duane street.

J. S. Boyle, representative in the northwest for distillate, was in Astoria on business yesterday. It was readily noticed that he wore the smile that won't come off, and the reason was found in the fact that during the

time which has elapsed since his previous business trip to Astoria he has become the proud "dada" of a handsome girl baby.

Senator Fulton speaks tonight at Newburg, at Corvallis tomorrow evening, at The Dalles on the next night, at Oregon City on the 30th and at the county seat of Lane county on June 1.

The members of the fire department who have just been allowed ten days'

vacation per annum with full pay are setting about to prepare for pleasure trips. The work of a fireman is confining and the vacations will be most welcome to them.

The Push Club met in regular session last evening. It was expected the regatta finance committee would submit its report, but the committee was granted additional time. The club was assured that the committee was making excellent progress and that a most encouraging report would be presented.

Miss Nellie Thompson was arrested Tuesday night for asking a man to buy her a drink. The story goes that the request was made of a well known Astorian who happened to be in the company of a prominent man at the time, and who complained to the police. The arrest of the woman followed, but she did not appear for trial, instead forfeiting \$10 bail.

There has been no improvement in the run of salmon during the past few days, and all classes of fishing gear are making light hauls. The fish are small of size, and the cold-storage output is consequently light. Fishermen anticipate very poor runs until July, and figure that the season may prove a very unsatisfactory one on account of the high stage of the river.

On May 4 a man named Otto Smith was arrested by the police on a charge of vagrancy. He was brought before Judge Anderson and the evidence adduced at the trial was sufficient to convince the court that he (the vagrant) was entitled to the limit. A fine of \$100 was imposed, but it was agreed that sentence would be suspended if the man left the city. He promised to do so, but Tuesday reappeared. Thereupon the police picked him up again and he is now in the city jail to serve out the 50-day sentence that failure to pay a \$100 fine carries.

While Captain Graham has not yet made any definite announcement, it is probable that Charles Halderman will pitch Sunday's ball game. Dick Halderman will be over from Warrenton to catch his brother if the local end of the family is put in the box. Ross will throw the Memorial day game and Morfon will catch him. It is not unlikely that Morfon will find it impossible to catch Sunday. The team will be in better shape for the two games with the Vancouver soldiers than at any previous time during the present season and the exhibition will unquestionably be a god one on both days.

There is a very general sentiment that the Smith Point road should be improved to connect with the new Lewis and Clark bridge. Some of the gentlemen interested in the matter express the conviction that it would not be fair to ask the property owners to bear the entire cost of the improvement, because much of the land in the improvement district is not occupied. In view of the vast sum of money that the people of the city have contributed for improvements in the country, it is felt the people living in the valley of the Lewis and Clark should take the initiative in the matter and ask funds for improvement of the highway from the west end of Taylor avenue to the county bridge across Youngs bay. It is quite likely that the general desire for the road will result in some action on the part of the council.

F. R. Stokes returned yesterday from a business trip of a few days at Bucoda. He reports the lumber business much improved since his former visit. Business has a tendency toward a brighter existence and orders are coming in rapidly, so the lumber men at Bucoda and Centralia report. Mr. Stokes was an eye witness to the big Kelso fire, which destroyed the entire plant of the Metcalf Shingle Company together with a stock of 5,000,000 shingles and the warehouse of the Kellogg Transportation Company. The drykline of the Metcalf company was the largest in the state and the loss to the company is estimated at \$12,000 with an insurance of probably one-half of this amount. According to Mr. Stokes large forest fires are raging west of Little Falls where there is a comparatively large timber belt.

The oriental liner Niocomedia will depart on Saturday for the far east with one of the smallest cargoes ever sent away from the Columbia on a vessel bound from the Columbia for China and Japan. She will take less than 1500 tons of freight. In July, 1901, the Indravell took away 1200 tons. The cause of the present depression is the war. Heretofore much of the freight sent away from the Columbia went through Vladivostok, Port Arthur and Dalny, but each of these ports is now a storm center of hostilities, and the exporters are therefore shut out of

their usual territory. Until there is a material change in the war situation or the siege is raised at the principal ports exports will continue to be light, not only from the Columbia, but also from other coast ports. The Niocomedia cargo will include 500 tons of flour, a quantity of lumber and various other merchandise.

Two of Sanborn's fishermen had a narrow escape from drowning at the mouth of the river at an early hour yesterday morning. The men were Peter Odell and Otto Saari and they were fishing close to the bar. Their boat drifted into the breakers while the net was being picked up and the craft was soon overturned by the surf. The lookout at the Cape Disappointment noticed the predicament of the hapless fellows and hastened to the rescue, arriving in time to save the men and their boat and net. The men were clinging to the bottom of the boat when the life crew reached them.

The following review of the salmon situation from the Louisiana Grocer will doubtless appear quite silly to those Astorians who know a fish when they see one: "The salmon season has been opened on the Columbia river, where the salmon are reported to be running heavily. Everything points to a big pack there. One authority is quoted to have said that in view of this year being a short one for hunchbacks he would not be surprised if the shortage would reach 1,000,000 cases." It would interesting to know the name of the authority who has figured out this remarkable shortage of "hunchbacks"—a variety of fish doubtless known only to the man who finds it possible to calculate a shortage of 1,000,000 cases in a department of the industry which made a record pack of 629,400 cases (in 1884.)

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. A. Pettys of Monmouth is in Astoria.

A. Marxen of Olney was in Astoria yesterday.

E. P. Noonan of Chinook is in the city on business.

Fred Olson and wife of Olney were in the city yesterday.

Herman Wise made a business trip to Portland yesterday.

Editor Hibbert of the Observer is in the city from Chinook.

Vincent Girfina of Fresno, Cal., is in the city visiting friends.

Miss Grace Stokes returned home yesterday from California.

A. M. Simpson, a well known San Francisco millionaire, is in the city.

George Turrell of San Francisco was registered at the Occident yesterday.

Jacob Sture, a well known resident of Knappa, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Grace Moore, a Sanford graduate, is visiting with Mrs. J. E. Higgins.

W. A. Page, the popular commercial traveler, arrived from Portland last night.

Miss Julia Stubbs of Los Angeles is spending a few days in Astoria with friends.

J. A. Gaither of Frankfort spent yesterday in the city calling on his friends.

Walter Jackson of Portland, who has been in Astoria, returned to that city last night.

Miss Louise Cotter is down from the metropolis visiting her uncle, Chief of Police Hallock.

William Martin, a commercial traveler from Portland, will return to that city from Astoria this morning.

Paul Trullinger, who has graduated from a San Francisco dental college, returned home on the Elder yesterday. Dr. Trullinger will open offices in this city.

R. A. Marshall of the firm of Marshall Brothers, Portland's largest concrete paving firm, arrived in Astoria yesterday and will remain until this evening.

F. J. McGowan, the veteran canneryman, came over yesterday from the north shore. Mr. McGowan is an octogenarian, but is enjoying the best of health.

F. A. Hazeltine, editor of the South Bend Journal, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Hazeltine is preparing for a South American trip in the interests of a news syndicate.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Whitmore of Portland arrived in the city last night for a brief visit. Mr. Whitson Company, one of the largest printing houses in the northwest, and for a time was president of the club which conducted the affairs of the Portland baseball team.

Rodenbach Wins.

San Francisco, May 25.—William Rodenbach of New York, champion amateur heavyweight, was given the decision tonight over San Berger of this city in a four-round contest.

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