

TEAM MAY GO TO THE FAIR

Local Hose Aggregation Planning to Represent the State at the St. Louis Exposition.

WILL MEET THIS EVENING

Five Tournaments to Be Participated in by Local Men Before Journey to the East is Undertaken.

It is now quite probable that the Astoria hose team, the champion of Oregon, will go to St. Louis to represent the state in the tournament to be held at the world's fair. The matter has already been taken up and the members of the team are manifesting considerable enthusiasm. A meeting has been called for tonight, and definite arrangements will be made for the trip.

The gentlemen in charge of the tournament feature of the fair decided to have each state represented by one team. The proposal for the participation of an Oregon team was advanced some months ago, and it was the general verdict that the Astoria team be asked to represent the state, in view of the fact that it had won all of the tournament events at the local tournament last year. Fred Brown, manager of the team, was enthusiastic regarding the matter, and for some time has been in correspondence with the gentlemen interested at St. Louis. It is believed that the matter has now assumed definite form and that the trip will be arranged for.

Yesterday Herbert O'Connor, traveling passenger agent of the Rock Island system, was down from Portland to confer with Mr. Brown about the contemplated trip. Mr. Brown wants to take the team east over his line and says he will be able to make a rate which will prove satisfactory. He offers the suggestion that the team go in a special car, which would leave Astoria and land the visitors in the exposition without change of car. Mr. O'Connor says the trip could be made for \$1200 or \$1500, according to the number of men who might make the journey. He will try and arrange for a special car and expects to have no difficulty in doing so.

"It is my idea that we ought to try for the large prizes which have been offered at St. Louis," said Mr. Brown last evening. Our team is unquestionably a fast one and would make a respectable showing for the state. Tonight the men will be got together and the proposition will be submitted to them for a decision. We have five tournaments to participate in before the St. Louis trip would be made, and if we are as successful as we hope to be in these events our winnings will go far toward defraying the expense of the visit to the fair. We have no doubt of our ability to secure by popular subscription as much additional money as might be required."

Growler Gang Is Broken Up

Police Round Up Unique Bunch of Hobos and They Are Run Out of the City.

Police Judge Anderson yesterday put the "growler gang" completely out of business by ordering out of the city the leading spirits of the gang. The lineup of humanity that graced the dock was about the hardest-looking

bunch that the police ever picked up, and the court did not waste any sympathy upon the offenders.

The growler gang was something new. It first became troublesome a week ago, when complaints came in to police headquarters that a number of men of the hobo stripe were "chasing the duck" from the Kinney dock. It was said of them that they were a decided nuisance. Captain Gammal and Officer Thompson went down and ordered the gang to disperse, but the can-rushers merely changed locations, taking up a location a short distance east of the Kinney dock. They were again chased out, but with no better success than on the first occasion. Gradually they worked their way east until they wound up at the foot of Fourteenth street, where they were rounded up yesterday forenoon. Two of the men got away, but three were brought before Judge Anderson during the afternoon.

Together with two locals the three members of the growler gang occupied unenviable seats in the dock. A tough-looking individual named A. Anderson and a hardened sinner named J. Soderberg were the end men, while the third member of the gang, J. Swanson, to whom the experience seemed not new, occupied a central position with the locals. All of the growler gang pleaded not guilty to the charge of vagrancy which had been filed against them. Swanson said he had come from Tacoma and that he was willing to work. However, if rushing the can was an abomination in the sight of the law, he supposed he was up against it, but would not plead guilty so long as his old college chums were holding out. Anderson and Soderberg explained that they had been working on the city waterworks, but that they had fallen off the water wagon. Anderson said he was to have continued work yesterday morning, but that he was sick in the head as the result of the previous night and therefore unable to perform any manual labor. Swanson had been working on the Chinook, had come ashore with \$25, and had spent the entire sum for the exhilarating beverage which his soul craved.

"I am of the opinion that this city can manage to struggle along without your presence," said Judge Anderson, in concluding the performance. "This thing of rushing the growler is not so very great an offense per se, but your general demeanor is not calculated to lift up the morals of the community. Therefore, you will leave the city as soon as possible. I will withhold sentence, and if you are caught again in these parts I will undertake to demonstrate to you just how strong the arm of the law really is." The men were shipped out on the night train, at the expense of the city, the police being fearful that they might commit some crime along the way if they were made to walk it.

A 19-year-old lad named Oscar Johnson was fined \$10, which means 20 days in jail, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was a sight to behold. Charles Korpela was taxed, \$10 for drunkenness, and will spend five days in jail.

ROBBED THE BANK.

Bold Crime Perpetrated by Lone Robber in California.

Auburn, Cal., May 26.—A man wearing a false beard entered the Placer County bank today and presented a written demand for all the cash on hand. A pistol gave emphasis to the demand. Assistant Cashier McFayden, who was alone, tried to temporize, hoping some person would enter the bank. The stranger sprang over the counter and fired a shot at McFayden, but the bullet went wild. The robber seized all of the gold in the money tray, emptied it into a canvas sack and started to depart. At the door he encountered Cashier Smith, waved him aside with the revolver, sprang into a nearby cart and escaped. The bank officials decline to state how much gold was taken.

COUNTRY IS NOT SELFISH

Lewis and Clark Residents Contribute Liberally for Building of Their Highway.

EXAMPLE FOR WEST SIDERS

If They Want County Road Connection They Should Take Steps to Have the Necessary Funds.

A day or two ago one of the farmers residing in the Lewis and Clark valley requested The Astorian to secure and publish a statement showing the amount of money subscribed for the Lewis and Clark road and the cost of that highway. From W. E. Dement, who acted as treasurer of the committee which had charge of the improvement, the following statement was secured:

City subscriptions\$1117 25
Lewis and Clark subscriptions	3742 45
Total\$4859 70
Expenditures—	
Building dike across tideland from Youngs bay bridge to highland\$1800 00
Grading and planking 3059 70
Total\$4859 70

It will be seen from this statement that the people of the Lewis and Clark valley contributed more than \$3000 for their road, and it is pointed out that their example might well be emulated by those residents of the west side who want the road extended from the west end of the Lewis and Clark bridge to Clatsop and Warrenton. It is further stated that the former county court refused to take any steps towards ordering the improvement of the Lewis and Clark road in question, which extends from the south end of the Youngs bay bridge to the W. J. Ingalls place, until the people of the valley had guaranteed the construction of the dike, at a cost of \$1800.

So far as the people of the Lewis and Clark district are concerned they are quite anxious that the road should be extended to Warrenton and likewise hopeful that the Smith Point improvement be undertaken. But they insist that the west side residents ought to display as much enterprise as has been shown by those living on the Lewis and Clark. They point out that contributions from the west side for the road extension have amounted to only \$70 or \$80, as compared with more than \$3000 subscribed by the people of the Lewis and Clark.

Unless a better grade than that of Eighth street can be secured, however, the extensive improvements to the south of the city will not be of very much benefit. In some places the grade is as great as 32 per cent, which renders travel impracticable at any season of the year. The Smith Point route is regarded as the only one available, and improvement of this highway is believed to be absolutely necessary. The road would cost a large sum of money and it would be palpably unjust to ask the property owners in the district to bear the entire cost because the valuation of the land would not justify it. If the road around the point is to be improved to afford a better grade to the Youngs bay bridge the city must help and the good roads enthusiasts must come to the front as they have done before.

SENSATION AT BUTTE.

Prominent Physician Accuses Girl of Blackmail.

Butte, Mont., May 26.—Dr. O. B. Whitford, a millionaire and one of the most prominent physicians in Butte, yesterday caused the arrest, at Los Angeles, Cal., of Miss Bessie Driscoll, for an alleged attempt to wring blackmail money from him.

Miss Driscoll is a pretty but illiterate young woman of about 26 years. She poses as the mother of a child and charges Dr. Whitford with being its father. The existence of the child is denied by Whitford.

Miss Driscoll already has been paid \$3000 as "hush money," but she is clamoring for \$15,000 more, under threat of sending the baby home to the physician's wife; hence her arrest. Detectives who have been shadowing her say that she is only the tool of a mysterious man blackmailer and that

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he has greedily gobbled up her \$3000, only giving her a miserable pittance to live on and dribbling it out to her in small amounts.

Although the Driscoll girl writes to Dr. Whitford fascinating descriptions of her baby "playing about the room as I write," etc., the detectives claim she has no baby, building up for her elderly victim's discomfort, a baby version of the famous story of "Margery Dawe." On the other hand, the girl claims she is the victim of this rich old man, who was her doctor, and in whose 64 years she trusted too much.

Dr. Whitford, she declares, sent her to New Jersey to hear her suffering alone, while he continued to maintain an honored position in Butte society. She says he promised to send her \$50,000, but is now trying to scare her out of the amount by having her arrested.

Dr. Whitford denies the charges of the girl in toto. He acknowledges having paid Miss Driscoll \$3000, preferring to be blackmailed to that extent rather than have his name dragged in the mire by her allegations and being made a target for scandalous gossip.

For this sum Whitford compelled the young woman to sign a receipt in full for all claims, past and future, she agreeing never again to demand anything from him.

Attorneys for Miss Driscoll attempted to have a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Dr. Whitford, but County Attorney Peter Breen would not entertain the proposition, and Whitford as a countermove caused the arrest of Miss Driscoll. Her hearing is set for next Tuesday. The woman while in Butte was known as a nurse and as such was associated a great deal with Dr. Whitford in a professional capacity.

BUTTE GIRL KIDNAPED.

Men Suspected of Crime Have Fled and Police Give Chase.

Butte, Mont., May 26.—Edna Wiggins, 17 years old, and known as one of the belles of younger society of Butte, is mysteriously missing, and the police are of the opinion the young beauty has been kidnaped.

The girl disappeared from her home over a week ago, and though the officers have scoured the city in the search for her no trace of her whereabouts has been found. Two well-known young men and a hackdriver are suspected by the police of having lured the girl from her home. The hackdriver stoutly maintains that he knows nothing about the girl whatever, declaring he drove the young woman to the room of the two young men at the time the girl was last seen, but the driver was at her own request. There, he avers, he lost track of her.

The two young men have been kept under surveillance for several days, but when arrest was threatened last night they disappeared, and from the information in the hands of the chief of police they made their escape out of the city on a freight train. They declared they knew Miss Wiggins as "Dolly Varden."

The names of the young men in the case are given as Frank Bell and Joseph Lynch, and the police are now looking for them.

Edna Wiggins is described as an extremely beautiful girl. She has been employed as a clerk in one of the downtown stores. The mother, with tears streaming down her face, daily beseeches the police station in quest of her missing daughter.

Tennessee for Parker.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 26.—The democratic state convention adjourned until tomorrow, after wildly exciting scenes. The platform adopted instructed delegates to vote for Parker and to vote as a unit.

Largest Catch on Record.

Vancouver, B. C., May 26.—The largest catch of halibut for a single day's fishing ever made by any vessel in the world fell to the lot of the steamer New England, Capt. Freeman, early this week. Off Cape George, near the Dixon entrance, the New England in one day caught 160,000 pounds of halibut, beating all previous records.

UNHAPPINESS DISPELLED.

Men and Women Unanimous About It.

Many women weep and wail and refuse to be comforted because their once magnificent tresses have become thin and faded. Many men incline to profanity because the flies bite through the thin thatch on their craniums. It will be good news to the miserable of both sexes, to learn that Newbro's Herpicide has been placed upon the market. This is the new scalp germicide and antiseptic that acts by destroying the germ or microbe that is the underlying cause of all hair destruction. Herpicide is a new preparation, made after a new formula on an entirely new principle. Anyone who has tried it will testify as to its worth. Try it yourself and be convinced. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Providence, May 21, '04

S. Danziger & Co.,
Astoria, Ore.

Continue King Collar Button Sale one week longer. Positively close sale Saturday night, May 28th.

(Signed)

Providence Manfg. Co.

The Celebrated King Collar Buttons at one-third and one-half price. 10 cent Buttons for 2 1/2 cents; 15 cent Buttons for 5 cents; 25 cent Buttons for 10 cts.

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See Window Display.

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More patterns than the most exacting taste could wish to inspect. All new and fresh and at the fairest prices. Home furnishers with a love for the beautiful and artistic are fairly reveling in the elegant display here. Bigelow's Body Brussels at \$1.65 a yd. Saxony Axminsters at \$1.35 a yd. Wilton Velvets at \$1.25 and \$1.35 a yd. Deep Pile Velvet at \$1.25 a yd. All Wool Tapestry at 60c, 90c, \$1 and \$1.10 a yd.

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Don't Forget the GREEN STRIPE at the Eagle Dance Hall!

P. A. PETERSON

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, will on or before the 24 day of June 1904, receive sealed bids for the construction of the foundation of the Clatsop county court house to be erected on the block between Seventh and Eighth, Commercial and Duane streets in the city of Astoria, Oregon, said construction to include the furnishing of labor and material for the same, and all to be in accordance with the plans and specifications for the same now on file in the office of the county clerk of said county, and as prepared by E. M. Lazarus (architect). Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of 10 per cent of the amount of the bid, that the bidder will enter into a contract if his bid is accepted, and the right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, May 23, 1904. By order of the county court,
J. C. CLINTON,
County Clerk.

Hermis opened and closed 4 to 1. The Picket was well played. From 10 to 1 he was backed to 8 to 1.

Democratic Ticket.


- For Congressman, J. E. SIMMONS, Of Multnomah County.
- STATE
- For Supreme Court Justice, THOMAS O'DAY, Of Multnomah County.
- State Dairy and Food Commissioner, S. M. DOUGLAS, Of Lane County.
- COUNTY.
- For Representatives, J. V. BURNS, J. N. LAWS, For County Commissioner, B. F. ALLEN.
- For Sheriff, GEORGE W. MORTON.
- For Treasurer, ISAAC BERGMAN.
- For School Superintendent, H. S. LYMAN.
- For Coroner, W. C. A. POHL.
- ASTORIA PRECINCT.
- For Justice of the Peace, A. R. CYRUS.
- For Constable, C. C. UTZINGER.

THE PICKET WINS HANDICAP

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throats of nearly 40,000 spectators died away when it was realized that Irish Lad had gone down to defeat.

Proper, the California candidate, came through at the end and beat out Hermis for third place. The time for the mile was 1:39 2-5, and for the mile and a quarter, 2:06 8-5, 1 1-5 seconds slower than the race made by Irish Lad last year. The handicap was worth \$20,000, of which \$2500 went to the second horse and \$1500 to the third. When the bugle call ordered the horses to the post no better than 11 to 5 could be had against Irish Lad, the favorite.



DO YOUR EYES TROUBLE YOU?

DO you know that in these days of enlightenment thousands of people are still going along in misery, suffering tortures, drawing on their nerves and ruining their eyes through constant strain upon the delicate muscles that aid the sight? There is no need of suffering from these causes. Have your eyes examined free of charge by a graduate optician. If you need lenses it will surprise you to find how little it will cost to be properly fitted with glasses that will not only give comfort but are an ornament to the face.

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