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Local Brevities.

Watch the dates—Thursday, June 30, and Friday, July 1.

Oscar Winters, a native of Norway, yesterday declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States.

Contractor N. Clinton has completed the work of repairing for the county the old railroad bridge over the Necanicum and has notified the court to inspect the work for acceptance.

The construction of the reservoir for the Seaside water system has been completed and the laying of the main conduit is finished for a distance of 500 yards. It is expected that the entire plant will be ready for service within two weeks.

Marcus Susman, retired cattle king and leading politician, will be arraigned before Justice Goodman today for assault. The complainant is Nick Kasepy, who charges that Susman beat him with a walking stick. Kasepy seems to have been pretty badly used up.

The Astoria water commission will hold a special meeting this afternoon to receive the report of W. A. Grondahl, the Portland engineer, to whom was referred the plans, specifications and bids for the proposed retaining wall around the old reservoir. It is very probable that a contract for the work will be awarded at this meeting.

Hon. J. Bruce Polworth has accepted the invitation to deliver the oration of the day on the Fourth of July in Astoria. Chairman O'Connell received the acceptance yesterday. This selection will no doubt please a great number of Astorians, as the address is sure to be a patriotic and scholarly effort. Mr. Polworth was down from Cathlamet yesterday making preparations for the removal of his law office from his present location to this place. He expects to move to Astoria in about three weeks, and he will be associated with the well-known law firm of Smith Bros.

At yesterday's session of the county court bids were opened for repair of portions of the Lewis and Clark road. Two bids were tendered, that of B. D. Sloop, for \$525, and that of J. Butts, for \$563.25. Upon these bids the court took no action, but awarded to L. E. Wilson the contract for repairing a portion of the Lewis and Clark road for \$125. For repair work on the Necanicum road two bids were presented, as follows: John Vollmer, \$630; J. S. Johnson, \$550. The contract was awarded to Johnson. Chas. Hanson was awarded the contract for building a road on Burk's hill, at 75 cents a lineal foot. The court adjourned until the 23rd inst.

The convention of school children called for the purpose of electing a goddess of liberty and representatives of the various states for the Fourth of July celebration will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at A. O. U. W. hall. The Convention of the Holy Names has been allowed four dele-

gates to the convention. The high school has not yet elected its delegates, and the students of this school are requested to assemble at the high school building at 7:15 this evening to decide upon the delegates. Much interest is being manifested in the coming convention, and the session gives promise of proving an interesting one.

The members of the local lodge of Foresters who demonstrated their hustling qualities were banqueted by the order last night. Some time ago it was decided that all members who should secure one or more new members during the months of April and May should be banqueted, together with the new members secured, and last evening the promise of the lodge was fulfilled. The proposal resulted in a rare hustling contest, with the result that last night's meeting was very largely attended. An excellent musical program was rendered, and the spread was quite in keeping with the usual method of the Foresters in the way of entertainment. The banquet lasted until midnight and was a pronounced success.

The court house yard greatly resembles a farm at the present time, Architect Grondahl having yesterday commenced the work of making the excavation for the court house foundation. Scrapers are being used to level off the block, and within a short time the concrete work will be commenced. There has been some talk of a determination upon the part of interested parties to take steps to prevent the county from going ahead with the work, the allegation being made that the court has no legal right to do so. As yet, however, nothing definite has transpired. The foundation is being installed by day labor.

Fred McCauley was on trial before Justice Goodman yesterday on a charge of having threatened to kill Mrs. Frank Bidwell. The trouble came about as the result of a dog fight. McCauley, it appeared from the mass of conflicting evidence adduced at the hearing, owns a dog which has furnished amusement for Mrs. Bidwell's dog, the latter animal having frequently set upon and chewed up the McCauley dog. McCauley was said to have appeared during one of the dog fights with a pistol, and to have made the statement that he would just as soon kill Mrs. Bidwell as the dog which had been chewing up his canine. So he was arrested. The pistol with which McCauley was charged with having made the demonstration was introduced in evidence, and was found to have neither stock lock nor barrel, being a toy revolver. The evidence was so conflicting that Justice Goodman dismissed the case.

Councilman Belland yesterday received a letter from his brother, Sven Belland, who went north for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company on the steamer North King. The letter is dated Dutch Harbor, May 10, and says: "We arrived here today; all well. Our trip from Astoria was made in 14 days. We encountered stormy weather and head winds and had rather a disagreeable voyage. There is now a lighthouse at Unamak pass, so we had no difficulty in finding our way; sailed in at night. We struck ice outside Nelson lagoon, and tried for three days to force our way through, but had to give it up. As we came out of the ice we met the North Star, which had a fine trip up, making the run in 10 days. P. H. Johnson is here with the Alaska Packers' steamer President, and the Kodiak, another Alaska Packers' Association boat, has been here for two weeks. There is more ice than we have ever before seen. We are at Dutch Harbor for coal, and will resume our trip tomorrow." The letter adds that all were well on the North Star and on the A. P. A. steamers.

At a meeting of the Astoria hose team held last evening it was decided to enter the Portland tournament on July 7 and 8. The team will leave Astoria on the morning of the 6th, and at Portland will compete with teams from Vancouver, Wash., The Dalles, Oregon City and two teams from Portland. Ten days before the date set for the departure of the team a tryout will be held, at which the men who will represent the city are to be selected. The competitors will run 200 yards and the best men will get places on the team. In all, 15 men will thus be chosen, and it is the wish of the men now running that all Astorians who regard themselves as capable will try out for place on the team. Everybody is eligible, and it is felt that the best team can be secured only by the participation of all crack runners. New uniforms have been ordered and will be received here in time for use at the local Fourth of July celebration. There will be no hose tournament in Astoria this Fourth, but the team will

give an exhibition free of charge in return for the dance concession allowed it. The dance will be held on the night of the Fourth, and the funds derived will go toward paying for the new uniforms.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast.
At Portland—Oakland, 2; Portland, 4.
At Tacoma—San Francisco, 7; Tacoma, 1.
At Seattle—Los Angeles, 6; Seattle, 11.
Pacific National.
At Boise—Spokane, 4; Boise, 8.
At Salt Lake—Butte, 11; Salt Lake, 8.
American.
At St. Louis—New York, 1; St. Louis, 6.
At Cleveland—Washington, 0; Cleveland, 8.
At Detroit—Philadelphia, 0; Detroit, 1.
At Chicago—Boston, 0; Chicago, 3.
National.
At New York—St. Louis, 5; New York, 2.
At Brooklyn—First game: Cincinnati, 0; Brooklyn, 4. Second game: Cincinnati, 5; Brooklyn, 10.
At Philadelphia—Pittsburg, 9; Philadelphia, 2.
At Boston—Chicago, 3; Boston, 4.

PERSONAL MENTION.

M. F. Hardesty is in Portland on business.
Miss Maud Stockton is visiting in Portland.
Mrs. F. D. Knetter is visiting in Portland.
Miss Brunold is visiting with friends in Ilwaco.
W. J. Cross of Portland is visiting in the city.
John Ulfers of Frankfort was in the city yesterday.
M. J. Conley of Portland was in the city yesterday.
W. B. Donaldson was over from Chiloook yesterday.
C. E. Brown of Oysterville is in the city on business.
A. T. Oakley of Seattle was in the city on business.
W. A. Stine made a business trip to Portland yesterday.
George McFarland of Olney was in the city yesterday.
Miss Clair Etman of San Francisco is visiting in Astoria.
Henry Harlan of Portland is registered at the Occident.
Mrs. P. E. Ferchen has returned from a visit to Grays River.
B. S. Soule of Portland arrived in the city on the noon train.
James Boyle, the Walluski farmer, was in the city yesterday.
D. A. McIntosh of Vancouver, B. C., is a guest at the Occident.
W. W. Ridehalgh was in Portland city on business yesterday.
F. W. Burpee of Bellingham is in the city on a business trip.
Isaac Bergman was over from his Grays River ranch yesterday.
J. W. Bailey, the Oregon food commissioner, was in the city yesterday.
J. H. Templeton and C. C. Wright of Eugene are in the city on a short visit.
J. H. Johnson, the Seaside merchant, was in the city on business yesterday.
Phillip Cherry is home for his vacation from the Corvallis agricultural college.
Mrs. Fred W. Riperton returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Portland.
Max Pracht, special agent of the interior department, was in the city yesterday.
Jack Wilson, a member of the Washington board of pilot commissioners, is in the city.
Martin Booth was down from Altona yesterday looking over the fishing situation.
Miss Kathryn Shively leaves this morning for Portland, where she will spend her vacation with her parents.
Mrs. R. Breslauer of Chico, Cal., accompanied by her daughter, is in the city visiting her sisters, Mrs. I. Cohen and Mrs. Herman Wise.
Herman Crohn, who has been visiting with his parents in Germany, has reached New York on the return trip and will visit the world's fair before coming on to Astoria.
Herbert M. Ostroski is visiting in the city from Spokane, where he has been attending college. He is the guest of Mrs. I. Cohen. Mr. Ostroski is editor-in-chief of the Houston Crimson, the organ of the Houston school.

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