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Local Brevities.

Seats on sale at J. N. Griffin's at 9 a. m. today for the operetta "Snow White or the Seven Dwarfs."

A large consignment of porcelain arrived at the customs house yesterday in bond. The stuff is billed to Astoria merchants and reached the city on one of the oriental liners. It is valued at about \$400.

Fourth of July headquarters is stacked high with fireworks for the pyrotechnic display which is to be made from the hill near the Cole hotel. Secretary Abercrombie will receive entries for the various events from this time on.

Because of the fact that the Fourth of July falls on Monday this year, the next meeting of the council will be held Tuesday night. At this session the plans for the new city hall will be submitted for approval, and immediately bids for the construction of the building will be invited. The advertisement will appear for 12 days.

The circuit court was not in session yesterday, Judge McBride and Judge Taylor having taken a trip into the country. Court will be in session again today. The present session is rather a free and easy affair, the court taking up those matters which happen to be called up. There is nothing special in sight for today's session.

The concrete sidewalk installed in front of Madison's and the Grotto seems to be a decided success. The prediction was freely made that the enterprising business men would squander their coin for this experiment, but there is no evidence as yet that the investment has not been a good one. Concrete walks are to be placed around the new Arcade theater.

The police are looking for the owner of a fedora hat which was found in the postoffice yard Monday night. The hat contains the initials "J. T." The finding of a hat has come to be regarded as a circumstance indicating trouble of some sort, and the police are therefore anxious to locate the owner, who probably is not now in the city. The hat was bought at a Portland store.

Hammond will celebrate the Fourth this year. There will be land sports of every description with appropriate prizes, also various water sports. A baseball game between the Cathlamet Stars and Hammond Stars. A goddess of liberty is now being voted upon, and the result will be announced in these columns later. Fireworks and a grand ball will wind up the day.

J. T. Ross and 22 other property owners yesterday filed with Auditor Anderson a petition for the establishment of an electric light at the corner of Eleventh street and Grand avenue. The petition recites that there is no light on Eleventh street between Commercial and Irving avenue. The matter will be referred to the street committee at the next meeting of the council.

Practically all of the stores are now gaily attired in commemoration of the anniversary of the great national holiday. Yesterday the display at the store of Wherity, Ralston & Co. attracted much attention. Mr. Ralston's idea was a decidedly unique and successful one. He displays a silk flag in the window that is kept fluttering by means of an electric fan. The fan is hidden from view, and nearly everyone who stops to view the waving banner marvels at the manner in which it is made to flutter. Cooper's is attractively decorated, as are Dunbar's, P. A. Stokes' and other stores.

Pines and forfeitures in the police court yesterday aggregated \$350, and it is expected the total receipts for the month ending tonight will surpass those of June of last year. Police court receipts are becoming greater every year, and this department of the city government will this year net something more than \$5000. Astoria is one of the few cities in the country that are not compelled to levy taxes to maintain the police.

The schooner El Dorado arrived in port last evening after a passage of 43 days from Shanghai. She comes in ballast and had been off the river for a few days. Captain Smith reports that his vessel met with disaster while being taken into Shanghai harbor. The pilot who boarded the schooner steered her onto the mud flats, and the cost of floating her was \$4000 or \$5000. The captain states that he saw nothing of a warlike nature in the orient.

There is much speculation as to whether or not the Commercial Club baseball team will be able to successfully cope with the South Bend aggregation, which is to play here on the Fourth and the following day. The visiting team will be made up of the crack ball players of southwestern Washington, and it is whispered that a number of the Aberdeen and Hoquiam league players are to make the trip. In anticipation of a hard game the clubmen are doing some earnest practicing.

Packers yesterday reported a slight improvement in the receipts of salmon. Fish are still very scarce, however, and the catches are so small that the canneries are operated for only a very short time each day. Should the hatchery runs fall during July and August the season will prove a flat failure. There is no doubt that the hatchery fish will soon make their appearance, and packers are preparing for a rush similar to that of the past few years. Despite the shortage of fish, trade continues to be brisk, indicating that Astoria is not now so much dependent upon fishing as formerly was the case.

Everything is in readiness for the production of the operetta "Snow White or the Seven Dwarfs." The little children, of whom there will be over 75 on the stage, have their parts perfect and their costumes made. The music is exceptionally fine, while the solos to be sung by Miss Maude Ross and Miss Bertha Stevenson will alone be well worth the price of admission. The operetta, which is given under the auspices of the Astoria Woman's Club, will be presented two nights. The sale of seats for the first performance has been phenomenal, and if all predictions come true, this little opera will prove the best ever given at the opera house.

Professor A. L. Clark, city superintendent of education, left last evening for Portland to attend the teachers' state institute, which has been in session since Tuesday. The institute is being very largely attended by educators from all parts of the state, and the exchange of ideas will redound to the benefit of the public school system of Oregon. Professor Clark is to deliver an address to the institute at 1:30 this afternoon, taking for his subject, "The Relation of Punishment to the Formation of Character." Other addresses will be delivered today by C. L. Hoover of Portland, E. E. Washburn of Jacksonville and A. R. Draper of Portland.

Painters arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of placarding the city with large signs advertising the "Export" cigar. When the members of the local cigarmakers' union learned of the matter they took immediate steps to head off the sign-painting and called upon those merchants who had given the painters permission to decorate their buildings with the signs. The members of the union say the Export cigar is manufactured by children in large cities; that it is a trust-made article, and that the union has long ago declared it unfair. "The scheme of the trust is to advertise one brand of cheap cigar until it runs out, and then to advertise some other brand," said the members of the committee in charge of the matter. "The city now is covered with large signs advertising the Owl cigar, which is also unfair. The Owl has about run its course, and the trust now seeks to create demand for its Export cigar. There is no way for us to prevent the sign-painting except by appeal to the merchants, and we have taken this course, with good success."

Chairman McBride yesterday appointed a press committee, to which will be left the publicity essential to the complete success of the regatta. This committee will prepare matter for the papers throughout the northwest and will keep itself in close touch with newspaper publishers. The regatta is

to be very thoroughly advertised, not only by the press committee, but as well by the managing committee. The managing committee has ordered tens of thousands of small cards, which are to be distributed broadcast at the Portland Fourth of July celebration and the carnival now on in the metropolis. Several thousand small flags have been ordered and will be received shortly. The flags are of celluloid and will contain the words, "Astoria Annual Regatta, August 24, 25, 26, 1904." Last year the flag idea was introduced and netted good returns. The committee made a clear profit of something like \$300 from them as souvenirs. Chairman McBride will be in Portland on the Fourth to see that the regatta float makes a conspicuous showing in the parade, and as well to see to it that the advertising matter is well distributed.

The work of remodeling the old city hall is to be commenced on Monday. A large force of carpenters will be put to work, and Mr. Morton hopes to have his show going by August 15. The building is to be completely changed in appearance, and when finished will be one of the handsomest structures along Commercial street. It was stated yesterday that A. Hager had leased the building now occupied by H. D. Thing, directly across the street from the Unique theater, and that he would remove to the new location in a short time. This building is quite large and its seating capacity will be much greater than that of the present Unique. Mr. Morton is to call his theater the Arcade, the name which he gave to the first 10-cent showhouse that he opened in Portland. He is to run a seven-act continuous vaudeville performance and expects to be able to seat about 500 people. Hedrick's theater is to be opened on the Fourth, and by regatta week there will be three 10-cent shows running here. The Arcade is to be gorgeously lighted, a contract having been made yesterday for 300 lights. A large searchlight is to be displayed from the old bell tower in the rear of the Arcade. There promises to be much rivalry between the three houses for business, and Astorians may expect to see some good shows for 10 cents.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Chop Stockton is down from Bugby. T. H. Curtis returned last night from Portland.

Miss Ruth Garner returned last night from Portland.

Herman Wise returned last night from the metropolis.

Albert Dunbar has returned from a business visit at Portland.

Rev. J. E. H. Simpson of Portland was in the city yesterday.

F. D. and Mrs. Keutner returned last evening from a brief trip to Portland.

O. W. Hurd, the well-known salmon packer of Florence, this state, is in the city.

Mrs. I. Cohen and children returned last evening from a visit with friends in the metropolis.

J. W. Parker, general northwestern agent of the North-Western lines, was in the city yesterday.

C. W. Kiest, representing Levi, Strauss & Co. of San Francisco, is in the city on business.

Mrs. Dan B. Allen returned home last evening after a short visit with friends in the metropolis.

George H. Marshall of Portland came in on the boat yesterday morning, returning last evening by rail.

Frank W. Pettigrove, the well-known northwest representative of J. A. Folger & Co., arrived in the city last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Morton Cohen and daughter were down from Portland yesterday. They returned on the night train.

A. B. Hammond is in Portland. He will arrive in Astoria today, but the duration of his visit could not be learned.

Charles Humphreys, manager of the Postal, who has been enjoying a vacation, arrived in the city last night for a brief stay.

Mrs. C. B. Haradon and children left yesterday for Skagway after a visit with friends in Astoria. Miss Lannette Ferguson accompanies them, to spend the summer.

Notice to the Public.

The Cigarmakers' Union of Astoria, affiliated with the Astoria Central Labor Council, asks the hearty co-operation of all of the business men and citizens generally to assist it in the prevention of signs being painted on buildings and billboards advertising unfair cigars, and especially signs calculated to increase the sales of the Export cigar, which is on the unfair list. CIGARMAKERS' UNION. C. E. Lankester, Secretary.

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