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### Local Brevities.

Have you noticed the Fourth of July views in Bell's show window, taken by Peiser? If not, do not forget as you pass to examine them. What's that? Oh! 50 cents a copy.

The British steamship Totenham, which arrived Wednesday night from Port Los Angeles, left up the river yesterday. The Totenham comes in ballast and will load at Portland.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday signed all of the ordinances passed at the last session of the council, as well as the warrants drawn for claims ordered paid. The warrants are now ready for delivery.

The steamship Costa Rica departed yesterday for San Francisco. She took on at Astoria a large quantity of shooks, oysters and cheese. The steamer Chico arrived from San Francisco with miscellaneous cargo, the principal item on her manifest being 9000 sacks of cement.

Subscribers for The Astorian and other papers complain frequently that they do not get their papers, and attribute the circumstance to the operation of paper thieves. The Astorian will pay \$25 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of anyone stealing a copy of the paper, and is anxious that someone shall earn the reward.

Arrangements for the lacrosse game have been completed by the regatta committee. The contesting teams will represent New Westminster, B. C., and Portland, and they will play on the afternoon of August 26, when the big field meet will be held. From a spectacular point of view, lacrosse is even more interesting than the great game of football, so the event will in itself prove an attraction that will bring a large crowd to Astoria for the meet.

From the crowd which jammed the streets near Hedrick's last night one would have surmised the president was in the theater. There was an entire change of bill and people flocked to the new playhouse by the hundreds. The performance was pronounced exceptionally fine by all those who attended last evening. Harry De Lain appeared in an old-maid turn that is positively killing, and the Juggling

Burkes brought down the house again. The McShaffreys seem to be warm favorites and their musical specialty is well received. The moving pictures are new and interesting, and, on the whole, the performance is quite up to 25-cent shows seen elsewhere. Manager Hedrick desires to impress upon the public that three shows are given each night—the first at 7:30, the second at 8:30, and the last at 9:30. Matinee performances are given on Monday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of each week, making a total of 25 shows a week.

Sunday's ball game at A. F. C. park will be the event of the season, and fans at all lower Columbia river points will await the outcome with impatience. The best players of all the teams on the lower river will combine under the Warrenton colors and try conclusions with the Commercial Club team. In view of the fact that the clubmen stand a good chance to be defeated, they are practicing faithfully, and hope to put up an exhibition of ball that will be too much for the all-star aggregation. The game will be called at the usual hour—2:30.

The action of the council in instructing Street Superintendent Kearney to fence off Exchange street between Sixteenth and Eighteenth has brought the interested property owners to time, and a petition for improvement of the street is now being circulated. The superintendent was asked to refrain from carrying out the council's instructions for a day or two, until the matter could be reported to the council at its adjourned session tonight. This Mr. Kearney agreed to do, although he took the precaution of instructing teamsters to not haul heavy loads on the street. It is expected that the petition for the improvement will be presented to the council this evening.

The contract for the improvement of Duane street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth street will doubtless be awarded at the next regular meeting of the council. Bids will be advertised for in a few days and the street committee will consider them prior to the time of the meeting. The estimate of the cost of the improvement is \$4979. The street is to be of macadam where it extends over solid ground, and the cement walks are to be six feet in width, or one foot wider than the other cement walks that have lately been put down. Duane street will open up that section of the city between Commercial and Ex-

change, and, as it will run past the city hall location, its improvement has been so arranged that the property owners will not be compelled to pay for the work until next year. Several costly improvements have been made in that neighborhood of late, and the council is anxious to make matters as easy as possible for the taxpayers.

The regatta committee yesterday received a letter from Admiral H. C. Campbell of the tenth annual regatta. Mr. Campbell states that it is his intention to bring his staff and other dignitaries down to Astoria on the Bailey Gatzert and to keep the steamer here during regatta week for the accommodation of the admiral's party. The Gatzert will carry several hundred people, and, as she belongs to Mr. Campbell's company, she can be kept here as long as the admiral wills. Admiral Campbell has not yet announced his staff, but will be in the city today to confer with Chairman McBride. He is going over to the beach for a few days, but will stop in the city to talk regatta with the committee.

Chairman Hansen of the council public property committee yesterday received word from Architect Schacht that the plans for the new city hall had not yet been completed, but would be ready for presentation to the council at the adjourned meeting to be held tonight. The council must approve the plans before the work can be undertaken. At tonight's meeting the ordinance providing for the manner of making the Commercial street improvement will be called up for final passage. Some of the property owners are now trying to delay the improvement, city officials say, but because of the dangerous condition of the street the council will not stand for any further postponement.

The attorneys representing the parties to the injunction suit of Jacob Kamm against Normand Bros. will present their arguments to Judge McBride this morning, and the case will be taken under advisement by the court. Alex Normand was on the stand yesterday afternoon in his own behalf. When he concluded his testimony the attorneys for the defendants, G. C. Fulton and John H. Smith, announced that they would rest their case. They had several other witnesses, but probably considered that they had made out as strong a showing as possible. Some interesting evidence was adduced at the trial. Norris Staples, Moore Bros., Olsen Bros., Bremner and John Yeon, all prominent loggers, testified during the hearing that the north fork of the Chaskanine was quite as valuable for logging purposes as Youngs river, and superior to the Necanicum and the Lewis and Clark. "Should the court declare the north fork un navigable, all of the streams of Clatsop county will be closed for logging operations," said one of the attorneys yesterday. The case is therefore one of great importance and is attracting much attention. Yesterday afternoon Alex Normand testified that less water was required to float spruce logs than fir logs of the same size. Spruce is the lightest of all timber, fir is the next lightest, while hemlock is so heavy that it will not float except when the butt end of the tree is cut off.

No action looking to the building of the county road from the end of the Lewis and Clark bridge to Warrenton will be taken at once by the county court. Roadmaster Frye reports to the court that the cross dike is in such condition that the low land is flooded, and that planking would have to be spiked down to keep it in place. When the matter was brought to the attention of the court yesterday it was decided to recommend to the people of the district, No. 1, that they meet at the proper time and levy a tax for building that portion of the road extending from the end of the bridge to connection with the present county road from Warrenton. The improvement is an important one, as it means road connection for the entire west side country. Under the new road law the several districts are empowered to make special levies, and it is now up to the people of district No. 1 to do this if they want the road. The court yesterday approved the appointment of S. G. Trullinger, G. Ziegler and C. W. Carnahan as deputy county clerks and Charles H. Abercrombie as deputy district attorney. The bonds of the following precinct officers were approved: A. R. Foote, justice of the peace, Olney; Albert Hill, constable, Push; William Schoenbeck, justice of the peace, Svensen; Nat Jones, justice of the peace, Chadwell; P. J. Goodman, justice of the peace, Astoria; W. R. Hume, justice of the peace, John Day; C. C. Utzinger, constable, Astoria.

The beer that made Milwaukee famous—Schlitz—is always on draught at The Grotto. Otto Mikkelsen, proprietor.

### BIDS FOR COURT HOUSE HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

Tenders Opened Yesterday by County Court Lower Than Anticipated, Being Less Than \$100,000.

At yesterday's session of the county court bids were received and made public upon the construction of the new court house. Four tenders were received, and with one exception all were close to the estimate. The highest bid was submitted by James Marshall of Portland, whose certified check was returned to him during the afternoon. The bids were as follows for a building such as is provided for in the plans and specifications: Langford & Walker, Portland... \$ 99,500 Ferguson & Houston, Astoria... 112,600 Hastie & Dugan, Spokane... 97,351 James Marshall, Portland... 124,699 Langford & Walker agree to erect a building of Teno stone for \$96,500. They ask 10 months in which to complete the contract.

Ferguson & Houston agree to erect a building entirely of local stone for \$102,700. They want 15 months in which to complete the work. Marshall specified 275 working days as the time in which to finish the contract, and Hastie & Dugan specified 17 months. The court did not reach a decision in the matter yesterday, but took the bids under advisement. At today's session of the court the tenders will be considered, but whether or not the contract will be awarded was not stated yesterday. Members of the court were surprised to find the bids so low, nearly all being within a small amount of the estimate of the architect—\$100,000.

The specifications upon which the contractors submitted figures called for the construction of a building 120x96 feet, of two stories and basement, the basement to be of stone and the upper portion of the building to be of terra cotta and brick. Two of the firms bidding submitted offers for the construction of a building of stone, and the court is now trying to decide which method of construction will be the best to employ.

The bid of the Spokane firm for the building provided for in the specifications is lowest, while that of Langford & Walker for a stone structure is lowest.

**Bids for Heating Building.**  
Bids for installing the steam heating apparatus and ventilation system were received as follows:

Brady & Sherret, Portland.....	\$3386
W. N. Smith, Astoria.....	3590
S. H. Willett, Astoria.....	3385
Gardner & Kendall, Portland....	3250
John A. Montgomery, Astoria.....	3100
W. C. Laws & Co., Astoria.....	4560

The bid of Laws & Co. was not accompanied by a certified check, as provided, and therefore was thrown out. One bid was received for plastering the building—that of John F. Shea of Portland, who offers to do the work for \$3191.

The court also took under consideration the bids for heating the building and will act upon them at a later date. The work of hauling crushed rock for the court house foundation is still under way, but it will be some time yet before the walls of the basement are raised.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Sol Hart was down from Portland yesterday.

E. L. Hubbard of Salt Lake City is in Astoria.

Frank Ward of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. N. Burkholder of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

T. S. Barr, the Grays River merchant, came across the river yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whipple have returned from a trip to Seattle.

Robert S. Boyns was among the Portlanders who registered yesterday at the Occident.

W. L. Ullman, the traveling representative of Lang & Co., was down from Portland yesterday.

Link Burton and A. E. Huime, well-known residents of Cathlamet, came down on the Lurline yesterday afternoon.

Edgar M. Lazarus, the architect who is superintending the construction of the court house, was down from Portland yesterday.

John M. Gearin, the well-known Portland attorney, is in the city, representing Jacob Kamm in his injunction suit against Normand Bros.

Louis I. Ostroski of Spokane, a brother of Mrs. I. Cohen and Mrs. Herman Wise, is in the city, visiting with Mrs. Cohen. Mr. Ostroski's sons are also in the city.

### SUNDAY EXCURSION.

Steamer Nahcotta leaves at 7 a. m., Sunday, July 10, connecting with trains at Ilwaco for points along the beach. \$1.00 round trip. Returning, leaves Ilwaco 2:30 p. m. Tickets good returning on steamer Potter leaving Ilwaco 7:30 p. m. G. W. ROBERTS, Agent O. R. & N. Co.

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