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Local Brevities.

A meeting of the Oregon pilot commission was held yesterday, but no business of importance was transacted.

A meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association was held last evening, but no business of importance was transacted.

M. H. Andrews of Los Angeles and Miss Maud Bayles of Astoria were married at St. Louis June 27. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will reside at Los Angeles.

Concomly lodge of Red Men has elected the following delegates to the great lodge of Oregon, which will meet this year at Seaside: C. E. Foster, Thomas Loughery, Olof Anderson, Andrew Birch, Charles Dahlstrom and Mr. Patterson.

At a meeting of local No. 147 of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union, Robert R. Wallace was elected a delegate from the local union to the national convention, which will be held at Louisville, October 6. On his return trip Mr. Wallace will spend a few weeks at the world's fair.

George W. Claxton, representing the circulation department of the Portland Journal, is in the city. Mr. Claxton states that the Journal is rapidly becoming popular with the people of Oregon and that its circulation has been growing steadily of late. He will be in Astoria for a few days in the interests of the paper.

Seldom has such a general interest been manifested in any theatrical attraction as is shown in the forthcoming engagement of the James Keane Company, which opens a week's engagement at Fishers' opera house next Monday evening, in the great drama, "Sherlock Holmes." The announcement of the coming of Mr. Keane and his company was made but last Sunday and already there has been an unusual demand for seats. In these days when there are so many cheap and badly managed theatrical organizations placed before the public, the coming of a really meritorious attraction like the Keane company is heartily appreciated. From present indications, a crowded house will greet the popular young star and his company on their opening next Monday evening. Seat

sale opens Saturday morning at Griffin's book store.

Weather Observer Beals has gone to Tillamook for the purpose of investigating the advisability of installing a government weather bureau at that town.

The two Tillamook bay canneries of Elmore & Co. have been put in shape for the approaching season, which begins July 15. The cannery at Garibaldi has been entirely remodeled and extensive repairs made to the Nehalem cannery. The packing-house at Garibaldi will commence operations about August 1.

Circuit Judge McBride and County Clerk Clinton left yesterday for the north fork of the Klaskanine river, where Judge McBride will make a third inspection of the stream. This stream is involved in the controversy between Jacob Kamm and Normand Bros., the former seeking to restrain the latter from using the stream for logging purposes. When the case was tried some of the evidence presented suggested new ideas to the court, and for the purpose of more thoroughly familiarizing himself with conditions existing in the disputed territory Judge McBride made yesterday's trip. The case has not yet been submitted to the court, as the attorneys for both of the parties to the action are to file briefs.

The Callender Transportation Company is going to lock horns with the local steamboat trust. Some weeks ago the owners of small steamers entered into a combination having for its object control of the steamboat business of the lower Columbia, and since that time some complaint has been registered by the people of the small towns near Astoria. In the case of the people of Knappaon, it is charged the combination has the mail contract, which calls for only three trips weekly, and that the service is limited to those three trips. The people there want a daily steamer, but the combination will not accede to this demand. Charles H. Callender states that he will immediately prepare one of his company's boats for this run and will mix matters with the trust. The people of Knappaon, it is believed, will back up the independent steamer in its effort to improve the service. The entrance of the Callender company into the field of warfare will complicate matters in a decided manner, and perhaps start some trouble for the trust.

Deputy Collector McCue yesterday announced the measurements of the schooner Leader, built by John Rutter, as follows: Length, 57.7 feet; beam, 19.7 feet; depth of hold, 7.5 feet; tonnage, 26.

Property owners are circulating a petition for the improvement of Birch street from Fifty-second to Fifty-third and of Fifty-third from Birch to the northeast corner of block 7, Alderbrook. The petition will be presented to the council next Monday night.

A mass meeting of Columbia river fishermen was held yesterday morning for the purpose of taking steps to prevent non-resident fishermen from operating on the Columbia during the season. The matter has heretofore been discussed at great length, not only at meetings of the fishermen, but as well through the papers. The laws of both Oregon and Washington make it impossible for any person other than a resident of the two states to secure fishing license, but the non-residents have succeeded in getting licenses. The resident fishermen are very much opposed to this encroachment, and at the meeting held yesterday vigorous protest was registered. As the attendance was not as large as was desired, a committee was appointed to arrange for another mass meeting, to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. This second meeting will take place at the C. R. F. P. U. hall, and it is hoped to take some action which will prevent the non-residents from fishing. Just what method the fishermen will adopt to gain their end has not yet developed, but it is thought probable they will adopt a resolution calling upon the state authorities to enforce the fishing law. The committee appointed to arrange for the meeting is made up of J. F. Welch, Charles Borgenhoitz and Andrew Simonsen.

Captain Bailey of the bar tug Tatoosh stated last evening that the ocean is literally alive with chinook salmon. Because of the muddy condition of the river, the fish are not entering, but if the water of the Columbia ever clears there will be a big run of fish. Captain Bailey says the fish are to be seen beyond the muddy water off the bar. For about 15 miles the water is not very clear, but beyond the salmon can be seen jumping out of the sea. Fish caught during the past few days are found to have accumulated a sort of clay substance in their gills—the mud with which the water of the river seems full. The presence of this mud makes it impossible for fish to live in the water for more than a few days, and for this reason the salmon are remaining outside. The situation is one of the utmost gravity, for it has ruined what would have been an early run of hatchery salmon. Reports received yesterday of cloudbursts in eastern Oregon indicate that there is little immediate prospect of the river clearing, and the indications are the run of fish will be still further delayed. The presence of the fish off the river has raised the old question of the feasibility of deep-sea fishing for salmon. Some of the fishermen aver that a trawl could be arranged which would make large catches comparatively simple, but as yet no one has attempted this method of fishing.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. W. Ridehalgh will go to Tillamook today.

W. N. Meserve was over from Grays River yesterday.

W. H. Copeland of Portland was in the city yesterday.

V. Boelling returned yesterday on the Potter from Portland.

Mrs. C. H. McKinney of Ilwaco is visiting Mrs. Watson Binder for a few days.

Mrs. A. A. Finch returned last night from a short visit with friends in Portland.

C. D. Gabrielson of Salem was in the city yesterday. He went over to Seaside last evening.

Ex-Mayor and Mrs. Bergman leave today for Beaver Lodge, their Grays river country home, to spend the summer.

Miss Anna Mikkelsen arrived in the city from Portland last night to visit for a short time with her brother, Otto Mikkelsen.

Pilot Commissioner Sylvester Farrell was in Astoria yesterday. He returned to Portland on the night train.

Dr. George A. Torgler, formerly with the Indrasamha, arrived yesterday on the Aragonia, to which vessel he has been transferred.

Rollie W. Watson, editor of the Tillamook Herald, who has been at Portland and Oregon City, came down last night and will leave for home this morning on the steamer Elmore.

Charles H. Halderman, secretary of the regatta committee, is suffering with a badly swollen foot, resulting from a blister. He will not be at regatta headquarters until the swollen member becomes well.

SORRY FATE OF SIX JAPS

Men Who Tried to Escape on the Aragonia Returned to Port to Be Beheaded.

AN ORIENTAL LINER ARRIVES

A Trans-Pacific Freighter Comes on Her Maiden Voyage in the Service of the Portland-Asiatic Company.

The German-American steamship Aragonia arrived yesterday from far eastern ports, on her first trip to the Columbia river. The Aragonia is under charter to the O. R. & N. Co. She brings almost a full cargo of freight, and at 5 o'clock last evening left up the river for Portland. The Aragonia is a conveniently built freighter and makes good time.

Captain Schult states that he could learn nothing of the progress of the war in the far east. Like all the other steamship masters arriving from the far east, he says the Japanese will give out nothing as to the situation at the front or the probable outcome of impending battles, but that they regard strangers with the utmost suspicion and maintain a surly reticence. However, in Yokohama and Moji the populace seems to be sanguine, and the greatest enthusiasm everywhere prevails. If there is any doubt in Japan as to the outcome of the mikado's fight with Russia, it is not apparent.

When the Aragonia departed from Yokohama, Captain Schult was notified by the government officials to anchor outside the harbor and make thorough search for stowaways. The search resulted in the discovery of six Japanese, who were found in the room of the steward. When the men were found the Aragonia signaled the patrol boat and the six men were sent ashore. The steward was also taken off the vessel, as he was believed to have been trying to assist the men to escape from Japan. The officers of the steamship were given to understand that the stowaways would be beheaded, without even the formality of trial, which is the Japanese method of dispensing justice in the case of men who attempt to escape from their country in time of war, or who leave it without permission.

It was thought at the time that all of the stowaways were found off Yokohama, but when the vessel entered the river yesterday three others were discovered to be aboard. Immigration Inspector Earned was notified of the presence of the men on the ship and he took charge of them, and will cause their deportation back to Japan, where they will suffer the penalty prescribed in the Japanese law.

The severe penalty which is provided for Japanese who escape from the country explains the efforts of deported Japanese to escape from outgoing steamships. About a dozen deported Japs have jumped into the river during the past eight of ten months, in several instances the men having been handcuffed. Satisfied that death awaits them at home, they braved almost certain death in the waters of the Columbia, and it is now believed that every man who leaped into the river drowned. Several bodies have lately been found along the river, and of these four or five were identified as those of Japanese.

HOSE TEAM BANQUETED.

M. D. Knutsen Presented With Handsome Gold Medal.

The banquet given to the members of the Astoria hose team last evening was an enjoyable event for the young men who won the state championship, and even more pleasant for M. D. Knutsen, who was presented with a handsome gold medal as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the other members of the team. The presentation came as a great surprise to Mr. Knutsen, who had just been subjected to a fake roast by Captain Brown for the failure to make connections in the dry test. This race is regarded locally as the "hoodoo" event, for no Astoria team ever captured it away from home. Thousands of dollars have been wagered on this contest by supporters of Astoria teams, but never once have they won. So when the accident happened at Portland, Mr. Knutsen was jokingly scored, and last evening the matter was recalled. Just about the time the runner began to feel that he was being unjustly taken to task, Mayor Surprenant presented him with the medal. Councilman Leinenweber, chairman of the council committee on fire and water, and Gus Schoenbecher also attended the ban-

quet, while the following members of the hose team were present: Captain Fred Brown, Joseph Phillips, Otto Gramms, Jake Wedel, John Corno, Jack Bay, M. D. Knutsen, Dan B. Allen, W. C. Curtis, O. R. Peterson, Joseph Josephs, F. Cronin, Charles Dubeau, Will Johnson and Owen Mulligan. The banquet was held at the Palace.

Unseasonable Eating.

An undoubted menace to health is the continual munching of youngsters and grown-ups. The child spends his penny or nickel at the fruit stand or the confectioner's or baker's, where, more often than not, the wares are adulterated, open to dust from the street or stuffy apartments. The mother takes the edge from her dinner appetite by mid-afternoon confections and ices and teas. At the table wholesome substantial are passed by for toothsome desserts because stomachs have been already overtaxed and taste is the only incentive to eating. The result is dyspepsia and its train of ill, or, if nothing so apparent ensues, nerve and brain force are weakened. The good old rule, "three meals a day and no between meals," of orthodox

mothers who are now grandmothers, carried into effect today would set many a disordered household right and revolutionize the disposition of many a man, woman and child.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, July 12.—July wheat opened at 6s 5 1/2-5d.
New York, July 12.—Silver, 58 1/2-5c.
Union Pacific, preferred, 93 7/8-9c.
Chicago, July 12.—July new opened at 92 3/4-4c; closed, 92 3/8-9c; barley, 45@50c; flax, \$1.12; Northwestern, 117 1/2-2.
San Francisco, July 12.—Cash wheat, \$1.25@1.27 1/2-2.
Portland, July 12.—Wheat: Walla Walla, 67c; bluestem, 75c; valley, 77@78c.
Tacoma, July 12.—Wheat unchanged; bluestem, 79c; club, 66c.

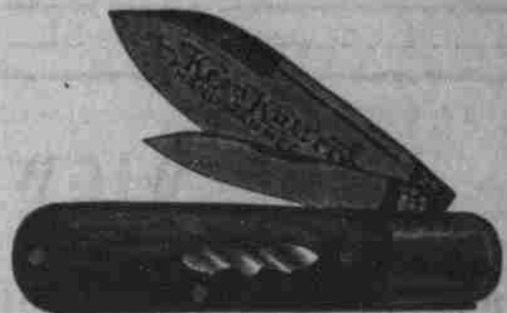
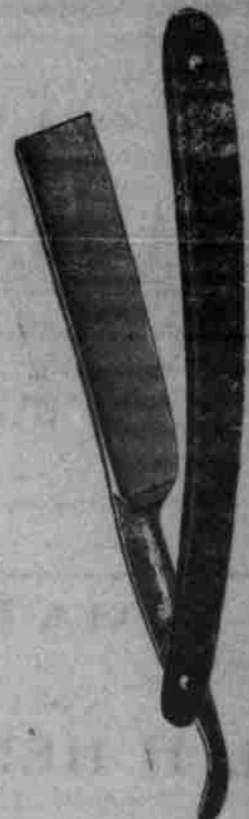
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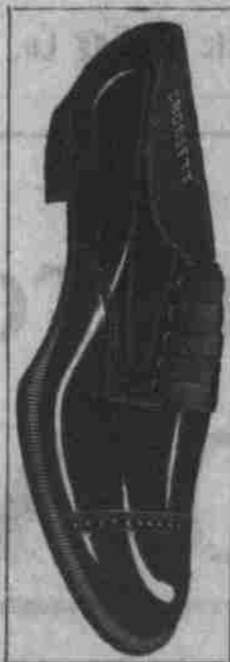


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