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**Local Brevities.**

The county court will meet in adjourned session today.

Office rooms for rent in the Kinney brick, Geo. Barker, Astoria National Bank.

Brutus C. Walton and Miss Eva A. Melbohm were married in this city on Sunday by Rev. J. McCormac.

Pacific lodge, Degree of Honor, gave a social dance at A. O. U. W. hall last evening. The dance proved a most enjoyable function and was largely attended.

As will be seen by an advertisement in this mornin's Astorian, the old city hall building is being advertised for rent by S. Morton Cohn. It is evident from this that Mr. Cohn has given up his contemplated theatrical venture in Astoria.

There was little change in the fishing situation yesterday. Lower river receipts were fairly good, but few fish are being taken above the city. The expected hatchery run has not yet materialized, but packers are daily looking for it.

It is probable the Ilwaco baseball team will play the Commercial Club nine in this city next Sunday. The Ilwaco team played here last Sunday, but the team, it is understood, was not made up of the best players at the Washington town. The arrangement has not yet been made, but the Ilwaco manager has asked for the game.

The great council of Red Men of Oregon will convene in annual session this morning at Seaside. The delegates from the Astoria lodge will go down on the early train. Among them is Police Judge Anderson, during whose absence Mayor Surprerant will officiate as police judge. The great council will be in session for three days.

At a meeting of the loggers held in Portland on Saturday the following self-explanatory resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that there should be organized on the Columbia river a loggers' association, to discuss more intelligently all questions pertaining to the logging industry; that a commit-

tee of four be appointed to draft articles and by-laws for such an association, and to extend an invitation to all loggers tributary to the Columbia river to become members, the said committee also being empowered to issue a formal call at an early date for a meeting to perfect the organization."

The Minneapolis dispatch received Saturday night stating that an Astoria minister had been bitten by a mad dog referred to Rev. O. E. Haahelm, pastor of the Petania Norwegian Lutheran church. Rev. Haahelm is visiting in Minneapolis and a telegram received from that city yesterday conveyed the information that he had been bitten by the animal. The injury is not a serious one, as was at first expected, and the pastor will shortly recover.

This week's bill at Hedrick's is drawing the crowds. The show is the best 10-cent performance ever seen in this city, and patrons of the popular playhouse are greatly pleased. Perhaps the Juggling Thorns are the best of the performers, but the entire combination is so good that comparison would not be fair. Trask & Murray, Jennie Buntley, the two Benningtons and Harry DeLain make up the bill, and Manager Hedrick finds it difficult to care for the crowds which pack the house. The present program will be rendered until Thursday, when there will be a complete change of program.

Two Portland young men who are said to be connected with well known families assaulted the doorkeeper of the Seaside pavilion Saturday evening. A dance was in progress and the two lads undertook to gain admission without buying tickets. They were ejected from the building, and a short time later, when the doorkeeper stepped outside, he was hit with a stone, knocked down and quite badly beaten. The hoodlums escaped. Scarcely a season goes by that acts of vandalism of the kind do not occur, and the authorities at Seaside seem unable to make any arrests. The thugs who committed this latest act of vandalism were not captured.

News was received yesterday of the death at Cathlamet of Edith, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Daniels, under strange circumstances. Last Friday the child swallowed an uncooked brown bean, which lodged in her windpipe. Later, however, the bean gave the girl no trouble, and it was supposed it had passed to

the digestive organs. On Sunday, while the child was eating some currants, she began coughing. The bean came up into her windpipe and within a few moments she had been choked to death.

Canned roast beef came almost causing the death of the members of the family of Benjamin Ekoos and that of several other persons, Sunday. Shortly after dinner those who had eaten the canned beef became very ill, and Dr. Fulton was called. He found all of the sufferers to be in critical condition, but the timely administration of antidotes saved their lives.

The production of the sacred opera, "Belshazzar," at Gladstone park, under the direction of Mr. Robinson, who has put on several amateur performances at Astoria, has been highly praised by the papers of Portland, which have showered congratulations upon Miss Reba Hobson of Astoria. The Journal has an excellent likeness of Miss Hobson in costume, and of her part in the performance says: The part of Queen Nitocris was sung by Miss Reba Hobson of Astoria. Miss Hobson, who has a charming personality and sweet soprano voice, sang each of her solos in a most pleasing manner. Her last song, "Rejoice," gave her an opportunity to show her voice to excellent advantage.

The steamship Arabia, supposed to have been captured by the Vladivostok fleet off the coast of Japan, sailed from Astoria July 3. Her cargo is fully covered by marine insurance but not more than \$25,000 of it is covered by a war risk. In the event that the cargo is appropriated by the Russians, the shippers will lose more than \$160,000, as the freight which she carried is valued at \$187,067. The marine policies which they hold will be of no use to them. The cargo of the Arabia comprised about 5000 tons. It was made up of 33,676 barrels of flour valued at \$134,705, one package of flour samples, one barrel of crockery, four boxes of dried prunes, one box of books, 285 boxes of cigarettes, 35 cases of smoking tobacco, 66 pieces of boilers and machinery, 106 flatcar trucks, 73 car bodies, 63 box parts and six pieces of structural iron.

The street committee of the council yesterday opened bids for the improvement of Commercial street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth. The total bids of the various contractors were as follows: John Mattson, \$7309; N. Clinton, \$6833; J. P. Millhaupt, \$6884; Dill & Young, \$7448.50; Birch & Jacobson, \$7513. The tenders were made for the three different blocks and the crossings, and the committee recommended that contracts be awarded as follows: To N. Clinton, the blocks from Fourteenth to Sixteenth, for \$1836 a block, and the three crossings, for \$1272; to J. P. Millhaupt, the block between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, for \$1874. The total cost of the improvement will be \$6818, which is \$15 lower than the total bid of Mr. Clinton. The bids were well below the estimate of the cost of the work.

Discussing the proposal of Fish Commissioner Kershaw of Washington for extension of the fishing season, Samuel Elmore, vice president of the Columbia River Packers' Association, said: "I am very much opposed to extension of the season. While it is to be regretted that the hatchery fish do not reach the river earlier, still to take fish after August 15 would merely have the effect of reducing the general high quality of Columbia river salmon. We must protect the reputation of our product, and if we pack fish after August 15 this can not be done. Everyone knows that salmon taken after August 15 are not so good as those taken before that date. If the packers desire to put up an inferior quality of salmon, it will be all right to pack fish after the date now fixed for the closing of the season; but the canners with whom I have talked believe the reputation of their product should be kept up. I shall oppose any such extension, believing it to be against the best interests of the great industry of which Astoria is the center."

Beginning this week at the mouth of the Willamette, the United States engineers will make soundings of the Columbia river as far down as Astoria. For the most part their operations will be confined to the sandbars. There are 18 such bars along the river, and it will require some time to complete the work. The object of taking the soundings is for the purpose of learning the exact points at which it will be necessary to make improvements to the channel. It is planned to have the dredge W. S. Ladd in shape to put in commission early this week. Upon completing the work laid out for her to do in the lower river, she will be taken to the next shoal point further up stream. From the mouth of the

Willamette it is announced by the engineers that it may be necessary for them to use the dredge Columbia at the various bars. She was operated by them last year at the same localities where it is intended to make surveys this week. The engineers are of the opinion that the channel is in fairly good condition. But immediately following every high water period, they state, a certain amount of dredging always has to be done, and they do not expect that this year will be any exception to the general rule.

The following communication was filed yesterday with Auditor Anderson by Mrs. W. S. Kinney: "To the Honorable Council of Astoria—Gentlemen: Through the morning paper I learn that you have decided to offer me \$250 for the six and one-half foot strip running south from Commercial street. I will not quit-claim this property for the sum mentioned. My attorneys will at once reply to Mr. Smith's brief and take such action as they may deem necessary." The refusal of Mrs. Kinney to accept the proposal of the council will doubtless result in legal proceedings. One of Mrs. Kinney's buildings is now on the strip in dispute, and should the council order her to remove the building she would be required to show her title to the land. The city authorities claim that John McClure dedicated a street at the east end of his donation land claim, and that the street was stipulated as being of unknown width, and extending to the west claim line of Shively's Astoria. If this can be shown, city officials say, Mrs. Kinney's title to the property will be null. There are several propositions involved, and it is probable the courts will now be called upon to settle the matter.

Do you want a visit from MADAME?

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

William Starr was down yesterday from Pillar Rock.  
 C. H. Tangen was over yesterday from Grays River.  
 P. W. Powers of Eagle Cliff was in the city yesterday.  
 W. G. Powell of Portland is spending a few days in the city.  
 G. O. Moen was out yesterday for the first time in some weeks.  
 Mrs. William Johnson of Portland is visiting friends in Astoria.  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Kelly of Knappa were in the city yesterday.  
 J. Howard Howe of Lewiston, Idaho, was in the city yesterday.  
 C. M. Ramsby of Oregon City registered at the Occident yesterday.  
 Miss Reba Hobson returned yesterday from Portland and Oregon City.  
 Thomas H. Allman and J. H. Bruce of Cathlamet were in the city yesterday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Barker of Portland spent yesterday in the city with friends.  
 H. T. Finley of Portland is in town in the interests of the Standard Oil Company.  
 W. A. Grondahl returned yesterday from Portland to look after the court house construction.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Neill of Oregon City are visiting with County Judge and Mrs. Trenchard.  
 T. A. Holden of Grays River returned home yesterday after a short stay at St. Mary's hospital.  
 Miss Ada Jordan has returned to the city from Seattle, where she spent several weeks with friends.  
 Rev. Baxter and Mrs. Baxter started yesterday for their home in Port Huron, Mich., after a visit with friends in Astoria.  
 An improvement was reported yesterday in the condition of August Fricke, who has been quite ill with appendicitis.

**Evidences of Prosperity.**

The Ilwaco Journal appears this week in a new dress and boasts of being the largest paper in Pacific county. The editor says: "A staff of paid correspondents will be maintained throughout the county, which will provide a news service not approached by any other paper, while illustrations will be an attractive feature."

**Must Have a Subject.**

The Everett Herald does not like the general political quietude, as the editor remarks that "just now politics is so dull that some of the newspapers have again begun the discussion of J. Ham Lewis' wardrobe."

The per capita consumption of rice in the United States was three pounds in 1900, is five pounds now, and the agricultural department says that it will go to 40.—Philadelphia Record.

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