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Local Brevities.

The balloting for regatta queen will close one week from tonight.

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

Inspectors Edwards and Fuller, who were down yesterday from Portland, inspected the steamer Nahcotta.

The regatta badges arrived yesterday. They are in the form of a pennant, in blue, with white lettering, and are most attractive. Two styles, one of hatpin length, have been secured, the longer pins for the ladies.

The work of placing the concrete for the court house foundation was commenced yesterday under the direction of Architect Grondahl, and just as soon as possible the work will be completed, so there may be no delay in the work of erecting the building.

Last night's meeting of the Push Club was taken up with informal discussion of road matters. It was expected Professor Lyman would be present to deliver an address on the St. Louis fair, but Mr. Lyman found it impossible to make the address.

Do you want to improve your garden? If so, plant the latest improved rose bushes, trees or other ornamental stock, fruit trees, etc. It costs nothing to look them over; all orders promptly delivered free of charge. A. Kallunkis, 515 Commercial street, Astoria agent of the celebrated Continental Nurseries of Rochester, N. Y. Inspection invited.

Eight candidates in the regatta queen contest are now over the 1000 mark, and two have received more than 2000 votes. Miss Harriet Tallant is still in the lead, with Mrs. C. L. Houston a close second. The feature of yesterday's count was the material gain made by Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh, who now has 1260 votes. The count showed the following results: Miss Tallant, 2168; Mrs. Houston, 2052; Miss Harriet Rafter, 1874; Mrs. F. D. Koutner, 1753; Miss Grace Stokes, 1436; Miss Lillie Lidwell, 1331; Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh, 1260; Miss Frances Norberg, 1019. It was stated yesterday that the friends of three of the candidates named have formed pools to support

the ladies of their choice for the distinguished honor, and some lively balloting is anticipated from now on.

The men who were run down by the Potter Tuesday night were Charles Korpela and J. Johnson, who are employed by the Tallant-Grant Packing Company. Johnson was bruised by the wheel of the steamer, but Korpela escaped uninjured.

Great interest is being taken in the Sunday ball game between the Commercial Club and Schiller teams. At Madison's odds of 2 to 1 have been offered, with Commercial at the small end of the betting. The local fans are taking the short end of it, and if Commercial wins the "gang" will have the means to celebrate in great style. Halderman or Morton will pitch for Commercial, but the entire lineup has not yet been announced. The clubmen are not at all afraid to try conclusions with the professionals and expect to make the game an interesting one.

The following chairmen of the various departments of the regatta have been appointed by Chairman McBride: Water sports, Chief of Police Hallock; yachting, George Barker; horse tournament, W. J. Binder; launch races, Chester Fox; fish boat races, Charles Wilson; rowing events, J. C. McCue; horse races, R. B. H. Estabrook; street carnival, J. H. G. West; regatta ball, C. R. Wright; ladies committee, Mrs. H. F. Prael; press committee, R. C. Lee; lacrosse game, Dr. J. Tuttle; baseball and foot races, G. C. Fulton; street parade, F. J. Carney; grand marshal; announcer of events, M. F. Hardesty. Mayor Suprenant, W. L. Robb and Charles V. Brown form the nucleus of the reception committee, which will consist of about 100 members.

John B. Cleland, judge of department No. 3 in the Multnomah circuit court, met with an accident at Seaside last Saturday, which will deprive him of the use of his left arm for some time. For the last 10 days Judge Cleland has been spending his vacation with his family at Seaside. They occupy a pretty cottage on a hill some distance from the beach, which is reached by an elevated road. The road was built insecurely at one point, and as Judge Cleland stepped near the edge on his way to the beach it crumbled and threw him to the ground. Being a large, heavy man, weighing about 220

pounds, Judge Cleland's impact with the sod was with such force as severely to wrench his shoulder. Judge Cleland received numerous messages from solicited friends in regard to the accident, and when he reached Portland Tuesday morning was called upon by attorneys and friends. The injury is not likely to result seriously, though medical attendance has been necessary. The judge returned to Seaside yesterday. It is improbable that he will be able to row a boat any more during his vacation, which means that he will be deprived of one of his favorite forms of enjoyment.

The work of installing fire escapes on the Pythian building was commenced yesterday. Fire Chief Stockton was not at all pleased with the manner in which the front escape was arranged. He pointed out that only one person could ascend it at a time, and that the rush which would follow a fire in the building would result in the crowding of some of the persons from the iron ladder. Chairman Hansen of the council committee on public property stated that he had not examined the fire escape, and therefore was not in position to express an opinion. Chief Stockton seemed very much disappointed with it.

In accordance with the suggestion of Tom Richardson, manager for the Portland Commercial Club, President Welch of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday issued a call for a meeting of the delegates appointed from the various organizations to the Oregon Development League convention. Fifty-eight delegates have thus far been named. It is the idea of President Welch that the various delegations should get together and formulate some plan for presenting the needs of Clatsop county to the convention. The meeting will be held at 7:30 tomorrow night at the Chamber of Commerce, and all delegates named are urged to be present. The call for the meeting appears elsewhere in The Astorian this morning.

Receipts of salmon at the various packing houses and cold storages yesterday were heavy, and the indications are that the supply of fish will continue good during the brief period of the season still remaining. The hatchery salmon have reached the river. The fish are of excellent quality, large, firm and highly colored. Many of the gillnet men made two deliveries yesterday, one during the morning and another in the afternoon. The greatest catch reported yesterday was 3700 pounds. At the co-operative cannery the boats were lined up at the receiving dock, each waiting its turn, and at the other packing houses similar conditions existed. The largest catches were made in the lower harbor, where all of the men fared well. The up-river seiners also reported better hauls yesterday. Many of the gillnetters returned yesterday with catches ranging from 1000 to 2000 pounds. Prices remain as heretofore. The belief was expressed yesterday that the canneries would soon be blocked, and it was stated that the Co-operative cannery was actually blocked for a time yesterday. Should the present heavy run endure for the remainder of the season, a fairly good pack may yet be put up. One of the most encouraging signs is the high quality of the salmon, which are far more valuable than the fish usually taken at this time of the year.

The efforts to recover the body of Miss Hope Clayton have thus far proved unsuccessful. Yesterday Deputy Coroner Pohl and D. R. Blount undertook to bring the body to the surface of the water by means of dynamite, but were unable to do so. The water is very deep where the hapless girl plunged into the river, and the searchers could not tell whether or not the charges sent down exploded. They believed, however, that the dynamite did not explode, as the charge was a terrific one and there probably would have been some evidence of the explosion had it occurred. Last evening the services of Dick Meyers, a diver who has received a silver medal from the United States government for diving, were engaged. He will make his first descent about 8 o'clock this morning and expects to work during the morning for two hours. In the afternoon, when tidal conditions are again favorable, he will work another two hours. Diver Meyers states that he is satisfied the body will be found near the spot where the girl went down. He says a woman's body invariably doubles up after being in the water for a short time, and he reasons that Miss Clayton's body will be found in the mud near the Packers' dock. The cramped position which the body assumes usually results in the anchoring of the corpse. Meyers will work down stream in the channel from the Packers' dock and feels confident that he will recover the corpse. He states that

he can cover an area about 15 fathoms square at each descent. On account of the depth of the water at that point, the diver is accepting a big risk. Deputy Coroner Max Pohl shares Meyers' belief that the body is still near the Packers' dock, but is of the opinion that, should the present efforts to recover it prove futile, the corpse will be washed ashore just east of the Point Adams lighthouse, where bottles that are being carried out by the tide seem to be held by an eddy or the action of the current. Everything possible will be done by the friends of the unfortunate girl to recover her body.

Bold robbers entered the post office at Knappa some time Tuesday night and dynamited the safe. Sheriff Linville was notified of the robbery and left for the scene yesterday morning. He searched the country from Svensen to Bugby, but was unable to find any trace of the robbers. Sheriff Linville stated last night that the job was done by experts. They had broken into a section house and secured a crowbar, with which they forced an entrance to the postoffice. The combination of the safe was hammered off and the rod driven in, leaving an opening in which a dynamite charge could be placed. The explosion completely demolished the safe. Postmaster Steele informed the sheriff that the safe contained only a few dollars' worth of stamps, all of which were recovered. The fire clay in the safe covered up the stamps. The robbers helped themselves to the contents of the till at the store, taking \$8 or \$10. They declined to carry off several dollars' worth of copper coins, doubtless realizing that if they were arrested and found to have so many pennies suspicion would at once rest upon them for the grave offense of dynamiting a safe. A valuable Winchester rifle and other articles of value were also left undisturbed. The robbers made good their escape and left no clew by which they might be apprehended. The store and postoffice building is located more than 100 yards from the nearest habitation, and the noise of the explosion was not heard by any of the explosion was not heard by any the Knappa postoffice was once before dynamited, when Postmaster McFarland held office there, and the robbers secured considerable booty on that occasion. They fared very poorly this time, however.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

O. I. Peterson went to Portland yesterday.
 C. P. Richardson of Hood River is in the city.
 J. L. O'Brien of Seattle was in Astoria yesterday.
 George Snyder, a well known valley printer, is in the city.
 D. D. Fagan of Portland was among yesterday's arrivals at the Occident.
 C. H. Wheeler, the well known timberman, was in the city yesterday.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Murrell of Pendleton passed through the city last evening from Seaside.
 Captains Edwards and Fuller were in the city yesterday, returning to Portland on the night train.
 J. C. Bridges, register of the land office at Roseburg, arrived in the city last evening for a short visit.
 George H. Cook, who has been visiting in the city for several days, will return to Portland this morning.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Juston and daughter of Portland came over from Ilwaco on the Potter last evening.
 Louis P. McCarthy, editor of the Statistician and Economist, a San Francisco publication, is in the city.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bogert of Pendleton are in the city, on their return from the Red Men convention at Seaside.

Police Judge Anderson returned yesterday from Seaside, where he had been attending the Red Men convention.
 Robert T. Boyns, general northwest agent of the Prudential Insurance Company, with headquarters in Portland, is in the city.
 H. E. Noble, a prominent broker of Portland, is in the city. Mr. Noble has been at his summer cottage, "Sunset," on the Necanicum.
 Dr. Bell, U. S. N., who had been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wilkinson, left last night to join the U. S. S. Marblehead, of which vessel he is surgeon.
 Thomas Pye, father of President Pye of the Commercial Club, was reported last evening to be dangerously ill with heart failure. Doubt was expressed as to his recovery.
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