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Local Brevities.

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

A daughter was born last night to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Van Tuyl of Chinook.

Nothing further has been heard of the robbers who dynamited the post-office safe at Knappa, and Sheriff Linville is satisfied they got away by taking the Portland train. There is little likelihood that the robbers will be apprehended.

The members of the Epworth League will entertain their friends at the home of Captain and Mrs. H. S. Kindred, corner Sixth street and Grand avenue, on the evening of Friday, July 29. A freewill offering will be taken to help the work of the league. You are cordially invited.

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.

The Anglo-American cannery in East Astoria, which is owned by A. B. Hammond, has been placed at the disposal of the public for a swimming place by Mr. Hammond's local agent. Sheriff Linville has charge of the matter and will arrange to have the building put in shape for the convenience of those who wish to learn the art of swimming.

An interesting game of ball was played yesterday at A. F. C. park by the Pride and Owapupun teams. The last-named organization is made up of east enders. For the men with the odd name Mike Lurkin did the twirling, and for seven innings had the Prides faded, the score up to the eighth being 6-3 in favor of the east enders. The east enders became rattled, however, and the Prides won out by a score of 12-7.

Past Supreme Master Tate of Nebraska, one of the most prominent Workmen in America, will arrive in the city Saturday afternoon and visit Seaside lodge here Saturday night. Mr. Tate attended the recent state session

of the Workmen and is now in Oregon. He was invited to deliver an address to Seaside lodge and the event is being looked forward to with pleasure. There are 550 members of Seaside lodge and it is expected the capacity of the hall will be taxed to accommodate the Workmen.

Olof Dybval, a Norwegian logger, was instantly killed in the woods back of Stella, Wash., Tuesday afternoon by a falling limb from a dead fir tree. He was engaged in felling a tree at the time, and the fir he was working on struck the dead tree in its descent, breaking off some heavy limbs. He was struck on the head and his skull badly fractured. Deceased was 25 years of age and single. He had a brother in Portland.

Dr. W. C. Logan's new building at Sixteenth and Commercial streets will be 50x125, and will cost completed about \$15,000. The ground floor is to be used for store purposes, the second floor for a rooming house and the upper floor for hall purposes. The hall will be the largest in the city, and from Duane street will be but one story from the ground. The Knights of Pythias are figuring on renting the hall, but the lease has not yet been signed.

A few days ago a magnificent sight was witnessed at Wallace island, a seining ground owned by F. M. Warren. A great snag had lodged at the ground and efforts to remove it proved unsuccessful. It was finally decided to place a blast under the log and a diver was sent down. He set a charge of 35 sticks of dynamite. The log was in 28 feet of water, and when the blast was exploded a great wall of water rose to the height of fully 100 feet. The snag, which was six feet through at the butt end, was blown to atoms.

Lee Herring, who went to Vancouver, Wash., for the purpose of filing on some of the land thrown open to settlement in Pacific county, Wash., was roughly handled. He was one of a "line" of 32 men, and all took their places in front of the land office. When the other "line" made its appearance, more than 100 strong, it rushed the waiting line in intercollegiate fashion. One particularly aggressive individual devoted his attention to Mr. Herring, whom he proceeded to kick and whose clothes were torn. Just about the time Mr. Herring had decided to employ vigorous means of defense some big, strap-

ping fellow jumped the Astorian's assailant and threw him 10 or 15 feet. There was no dispute between Mr. Herring and his assailant over land, but the fellow just jumped the local applicant to be in a fight. Had not the third party interfered at an opportune moment the assailant would have been shot.

C. A. Bell, attorney for Mrs. W. S. Kinney, yesterday filed with Auditor Anderson a request that the council make some definite reply to Mrs. Kinney's proposal to quit-claim the disputed strip of property between Shively's and McClure's Astoria for \$1000. Mrs. Kinney wants the question of title to the strip settled at once, either through compromise or by means of legal proceedings. There will be a meeting of the council August 1 and the communication will be acted upon at that time. The city officials are quite confident that the property belongs to the city, and Mrs. Kinney is quite as sure she will be able to prove the legality of her title to it.

Albert Brundstrom and H. Soderburg, fishermen, came nearly being drowned while fishing near Peacock spit yesterday morning. The weather was squally and the weight of the net that trailed behind the boat resulted in the capsize of the craft. C. Christensen, another fisherman, picked up Brundstrom and Soderburg, and the Cape Disappointment life-saving crew reached the scene in time to save the boat and net. The accident was observed by the lookout at the life-saving station, but Christensen reached the unfortunate fishermen before the life crew arrived. So far as had been reported yesterday, this was the only accident which occurred during the day.

Salmon by the thousand are said to be perishing while trying to get over the dam in the Umpqua river at Ray's landing. The water is reported as black with them, and it is said to be a novel sight to see them shooting into the air in their efforts to surmount the obstacle to the progress up the stream, where they have selected spawning grounds. "I never saw anything like it before in my life," said Attorney George J. Cameron of Portland. "The water is black with salmon at that point and about 1500 fish were killing themselves trying to get over the dam while our train was there, which was only a few minutes. Later on, I suppose, these salmon will be canned and dished up to the public. The authorities should certainly prevent this wanton waste of magnificent fish in the Umpqua."

John Kearney, sr., succumbed at 4:10 yesterday afternoon to the ravages of pneumonia. Last Friday Mr. Kearney was taken ill, and it was evident that he could not recover. He was conscious almost up to the last, and the end came peacefully. Mr. Kearney was born in Antigonish county, Nova Scotia, June 13, 1826. He removed to St. John and there was married. All of the children, nine in number, were born at St. John. In 1883 Mr. Kearney came to Oregon, locating first at Oak Point. His sons came to Astoria and engaged in the cooperage business, and in 1885 the old gentleman followed them here. He had resided in this city ever since and up to the time of the attack last Friday worked every day at the shop, although he was more than 76 years of age. He is survived by four children—James F., street superintendent of this city; Patrick A., John W. and Mrs. J. H. O'Connell. Mr. Kearney was of quiet temperament and well liked by all who knew him. The funeral will probably be held tomorrow, although the date has not yet been definitely fixed. The announcement will be made today.

Diver Meyers yesterday made nine descents in an unsuccessful effort to recover the body of Miss Hope Clayton. The diver worked off the Packers' dock and a large crowd congregated at the wharf to watch him. Meyers said last evening that the depth of the water at that point ranged all the way from 60 to 112 feet. The bottom is very rough, great boulders making it extremely difficult for a diver to walk along the bottom. The diver discovered to his sorrow that the dynamite blast sent down by Deputy Coroner Pohl and D. R. Blount had exploded. The blast was exploded in 90 feet of water, and because of the depth there was no surface evidence of the explosion. Meyers states that the charge tore a great hole in the river bottom about 20 feet deep. He walked into this hole, losing his balance and rolling over and over. From the Packers' dock to the can factory wharf the diver went over every inch of the river bottom and there was no sign of the corpse of Miss Clayton. He says the bottom current is very swift and believes that the body has been carried westward. Myers will continue the

search for the body, and today will take a skiff and go along the river bank as far down as Point Adams. Coroner Pohl says that some bodies have been recovered at Tansy Point 10 or 12 months after drowning. Bodies of drowned persons float in from five to 14 days, and the coroner expects the body of Miss Clayton will soon come to the surface. The opinion is generally expressed that it will be found on the beach near Hammond, or picked up in the net of some fisherman.

MRS. RIDEHALGH MAKES BIG GAIN IN CONTEST FOR QUEEN
Jumps From Seventh to Fourth Place and is Now Close to the Leading Candidate, Miss Tallant.

Miss Harriet Tallant is still leading in the regatta queen contest, although Mrs. C. L. Houston is a close second. Mrs. Keuttner holds third place and Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh fourth place. Four of the candidates have now passed the 2000 mark, and two of them are well along toward the 3000 mark.

Mrs. Ridehalgh yesterday made the most material gain, and it is evident she will be an important factor in the pretty race. The count of the previous day showed that she had 1260 votes and held seventh place. Yesterday a total of 750 votes were cast for her, and she jumped to fourth place. Five hundred votes were cast each for Miss Tallant and Miss Lidwell, 400 for Mrs. Houston, 300 for Mrs. Keuttner, 250 for Miss Stokes, 220 for Miss Norberg, and 100 for Miss Rafter.

The count yesterday afternoon showed the following results:
 Miss Harriet Tallant2665
 Mrs. C. L. Houston2452
 Mrs. F. D. Keuttner2053
 Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh2010
 Miss Harriet Rafter1974
 Miss Lillie Lidwell1831
 Miss Grace Stokes1686
 Miss Frances Norberg1339

Yesterday there was talk around town of a dark horse and those who are interested in the outcome of the contest wondered what new surprise would be sprung. When inquiry was made the knowing ones looked wise, but declined to commit themselves. The balloting for the next few days will probably be light, as the friends of the various aspirants are holding their votes for the last few days of the contest. Considerable enthusiasm is being manifested in the queen contest.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. J. Tuttle returned last night from Portland.

Frank M. Warren of Portland was in Astoria yesterday.

W. T. Scholfield returned last night from the metropolis.

Dr. O. B. Estes was at Chinook yesterday on professional business.

J. C. Mayo spent yesterday in Portland, returning on the night train.

Mrs. Fred Leinenweber of Portland is visiting with Mrs. F. D. Keuttner.

Peter Grant is down from Portland, looking after his salmon packing interests.

O. I. Peterson, who had been in Portland on business, returned home last evening.

Mrs. Fred Grimmer of Albany is in the city, visiting her son, William Lindau.

Captain Conway of the O. R. & N. Co. was down yesterday from Portland.

Mrs. S. Danziger of San Francisco is in the city, visiting with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Celler.

Dr. August C. Kinney was among the Astorians who returned home from Portland last evening.

Miss Grace Rannels has returned from Portland, where she has been taking vocal culture under Mrs. G. S. Mann.

Secretary of State Frank I. Dunbar was in the city yesterday on private business. He returned to Salem on the evening train.

C. W. Tyson, Oregon sales agent of the National Cash Register Company, with headquarters in Portland, passed through the city yesterday en route to Seaside, where he will join his family.

T. D. Wooley, traveling representative of the Paraffine Paint Company of San Francisco, arrived in the city yesterday, and left last evening for Seaside.

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