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Local Brevities.

Best game of the season at A. F. C. park today.

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

Baseball this afternoon at A. F. C. park; Commercial Club vs. Schiller. Game called at 2:30.

The barkentine Churchill has arrived from Newcastle, Australia, with 1200 tons of coal for S. Elmore & Co.

Have you seen Peggy from Paris? at Hart's drug store, up-to-date purses, all styles, all prices for ladies, men and children. Also leather novelties.

Rev. J. F. Diescher, from Oregon City, will preach today in the German Lutheran church as follows: At 11 o'clock a. m., in German and at 8 o'clock p. m. in English. All are cordially invited.

In the probate court yesterday, Monday, September 19, was set as the time for hearing the final account of the executors of the estate of John Thomas, deceased.

Extensive preparations are being made by the ladies' committee for the card party to be given Tuesday night at St. Mary's hall. The affair will prove a pleasant one and a large attendance is expected.

The regatta committee yesterday entered into contract with N. Clinton to put up the big grandstand at the foot of Eleventh street. The work will be done under the supervision of Mayor Surprenant.

J. E. Ferguson, M. Hawthorn and others yesterday filed a petition asking the council to improve Kensington avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets. The petitioners want a macadam street, with cement sidewalks.

Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh yesterday jumped to first place in the regatta queen contest, and now leads Miss Harriet Tallant by 1342 votes. Yesterday an even 2000 votes were cast for Mrs. Ridehalgh, giving her the lead. The count during the afternoon showed the following results: Mrs. Ridehalgh, 4010; Miss Tallant, 2668; Mrs. C. L.

Houston, 2452; Miss Harriet Rafter, 2274; Mrs. F. D. Keuttner, 2253; Miss Grace Stokes, 2086; Miss Lillie Lidwell, 1841; Miss Frances Norberg, 1352.

The funeral of the late John Kearney, sr., was held yesterday. Many friends of the family followed the remains to the grave. The interment was in Greenwood and services were conducted by Father Waters, of St. Mary's church.

The steamer Harrison is almost ready to go into commission, after having received extensive repairs. She will probably leave out for the Sitka some time during the present week, with a cargo of cannery supplies. The Harrison will be in command of Captain Robert Jones.

At tomorrow night's meeting of the council the request of the regatta committee for use of several streets for carnival purposes will be acted upon. The committee will select those streets which can be closed without working any hardship, and there is not the slightest question that the council will grant use of the thoroughfares.

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 ladies of Holy Innocents' Guild in East Astoria gave a very enjoyable social on Wednesday evening in the old Adair school house. Ivy and cut flowers were used to decorate the room and those who took part in the musical program were: Mrs. Goddard, Rev. Wm. Seymour Short, Miss Carrie Short, John Downie, Frederick Downie and the Misses Downie.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday appointed a committee to make arrangements for the construction of the public swimming baths. The committee is made up of Sheriff Linville, J. E. Ferguson, J. A. Eakin and Councilman Burns. This committee will collect the funds necessary to build the baths and attend to the construction work. Mr. Hammond has agreed to give the public the use of the Anglo-American cannery building until such time as he may desire to use it. The location is regarded as an excellent one and

members of the committee are satisfied they can install baths there which will be quite up to requirements.

Captain John Pickernell has awarded to Richard M. Leathers the contract for the construction of a new boat for the run out of Astoria. Captain Pickernell hopes to get a steamer that will be of fine model and good speed, and expense will not be spared in carrying out his ideas. Triple expansion engines will be installed. Work on the new boat will be begun immediately.

A new lodge of Eagles will be instituted this afternoon at Seaside, and a large delegation from Astoria are going down to attend the ceremonies. The Seaside lodge will make an excellent start, with 80 charter members. More than 100 Astoria Eagles have already arranged to go to the beach and will leave the city on the 11:30 train. The lodge will be instituted by State Deputy Gribler, who will have plenty of assistance.

Last night the delegates to the Oregon Development League convention met at the Chamber of Commerce, but decided that there was nothing of a preliminary nature which could be done, as the program had been outlined. All of the arrangements are in charge of Judge Bowby, who will prepare some data for presentation to the convention. The delegates agreed to promise hearty support to Mr. Richardson and to assume an active interest in the permanent organization of the league.

There was some slight improvement in the run of fish yesterday, the feature of the day's operations being the improved catches of the traps. Friday's supply was very poor, but yesterday the receipts looked up again. It was the best day the traps had enjoyed this season. The seiners above the city are making small catches, the day's work netting from 500 pounds to a ton, depending upon the location. Reports from the lower harbor last night conveyed the intelligence that a new run was coming in on the night flood, and it is expected receipts will be heavy today.

Articles of incorporation of the Western Can-Making Machinery Company were filed yesterday afternoon at the office of County Clerk Clinton. The incorporators are John Eldridge and Peter Kruse, the well-known inventors, and A. L. and John Fox, principal owners of the Astoria iron works. The capital stock is placed at \$42,000, divided into 422 shares. The company is incorporated for the purpose of engaging in the manufacture of canning machinery and to further develop the inventions already patented by the parties to the incorporation.

The oriental liner Aragonia, which has been waiting orders at the mouth of the river for the past 36 hours, will proceed to sea this afternoon. Yesterday orders were received for the vessel to depart today, and she will be taken out at high water. Just what prompted the charterers to send the ship to sea could not be learned, but it is supposed the mild treatment which was received by the Arabia, the O. R. & N. vessel captured by the Russians, probably lessened the fear that the Vladivostok squadron would confiscate the entire cargo of any vessel seized. A Tokio dispatch received yesterday conveyed the information that the Russian ships would probably be brought to bay or driven off, and this may have had a tendency to restore confidence.

Because the man was referring in an uncomplimentary manner to the president of the United States, Chief of Police Hallock last night terminated rather abruptly the street-corner harangue of a phrenologist who makes occasional visits to this city. The individual in question is swarthy, of color, wears a tall hat and has frequently been conspicuous at Eleventh and Commercial streets on fine evenings. Last night Chief Hallock happened along and stopped to hear what the speaker had to say. His reference to the president was not at all complimentary, so the chief tapped him on the shoulder and told him to "cut it out." The man at once obeyed instructions, although he held quite a confab with a number of persons later on during the evening.

Members of the council are in doubt as to what action will be taken at tomorrow night's meeting with reference to the communication of Mrs. W. S. Kinney, who demands \$1000 for a quit claim deed to the strip of property lying between McClure's and Shively's Astorias. At the last meeting of the council a resolution was adopted authorizing City Attorney Smith to offer Mrs. Kinney \$250 for a quit claim deed, and, in the event of his failure to secure settlement on this basis, to

institute suit. Mrs. Kinney has filed with Auditor Anderson a statement that she will not accept \$250, but that she wants \$1000 for her interest in the land. If the council sticks to its original determination to fight the case, the city attorney will probably be instructed at tomorrow night's meeting to proceed with the suit. However, legal proceedings would probably cost \$1000, and some doubt exists among members of the council as to the advisability of involving the city in a law suit. Certain it is the matter must be settled at once, as the conflicting claims are working a great hardship on people who want to build on Thirteenth street.

What will unquestionably be the game of the season will take place this afternoon at A. F. C. park, where the Commercial Club nine will try conclusions with the Schiller team of Portland. The clubmen have tackled some of the fastest aggregations in the state, but the Schillers are reputed to have all the other minor teams fazed. For some days past the local fans have been betting their money on the game, and several hundred dollars has been wagered at odds of 2 to 1, the clubmen being at the short end of the betting. The Commercial have determined to go in to win. On several occasions lack of confidence has interfered somewhat with their work, but this afternoon there will be no such unfortunate condition to handicap them. They realize that they are going against the fastest team that ever played here and will strive with might and main for success. The Schiller team will line up as follows: White, catcher; Reed, pitcher; Hunter, first base; Nadler, second base; Newell, shortstop; Bradley, third base; Harper, left field; Johnson, center field; Williams, right field. The line up of the Commercial team was not announced last night. However, Halderman and Morton will do the twirling, and Ferguson will catch. There will probably be no change in the field. Because of the large sum at stake, the clubmen are anxious to win today, and an exciting game may be looked for.

Do you want a visit from MADAME?

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. M. Ashton, of Salem, is in the city.
S. L. N. Gilman, of Portland, is registered at the Occident.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Via, of Forest Grove, are in the city.
Miss Viola Snyder, of La Center, Wash., is in the city.
B. R. Smith, of Portland, came down yesterday on the special.
Miss Maud Stone has returned from a visit to Southern Oregon.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy, of New York city, are visiting in Astoria.
L. L. Bush, a well known resident of Bay Center, Wash., is in the city.
H. J. Moore, of Albany, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Central.
Charles Savage and W. M. Stanton, residents of Salem, are in the city.
V. N. Perry, of Coquille, Ore., is among the late arrivals at the Occident.
Mrs. George Weldin has returned to Ocean Park, where she had been visiting for a few weeks.
County Judge Trenchard returned yesterday from Portland, where he had been called on official business.
R. A. Abbott, a prominent resident of Seaside, came up yesterday to attend to some business affairs.
T. W. B. London, who is connected with the firm of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., is in the city from Portland.
Judge Moreland, of Portland, a prominent jurist and candidate for the United States district attorneyship, is in the city.
General S. J. Kimball, of Washington, an attaché of the lighthouse department; Captain C. M. Lillan and Captain W. H. Roberts, of the revenue cutter service, are in the city.
Collector of Customs Robb returned to the city yesterday, after an absence of 10 days or more. He went south as far as Newport on the Heather and returned overland. The outing was a pleasant one.
J. J. Tate, past grand master of the A. O. U. W., arrived in the city yesterday and delivered an address at the meeting of Seaside lodge last night. The address was unusually interesting and the large crowd greatly appreciated it. Mr. Tate will be in Astoria over Sunday.

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