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Local Brevities.

A game of ball will be played at A. F. C. park this afternoon between the Prides of Astoria and a picked nine.

A meeting of the Idu society was held last evening. It was decided to give a walkout party Sunday night. Members of the society will visit the city reservoir park, and refreshments will be enjoyed under the trees.

It was learned yesterday that the fire which destroyed the old ordnance building at Fort Stevens caused a loss of about \$10,000. At the fort the opinion is expressed that the blaze resulted from spontaneous combustion. A board of survey will convene to determine the cause, if possible, and fix the loss.

Robert Johnson, of Skamokawa, is in the custody of Jailer Anderson pending change in his mental condition. The man had been at the hospital for some time and lately developed signs of insanity. He was examined yesterday, but the board did not render a final decision in his case. Should he show improvement during his confinement, he will be released.

Lieutenant William H. Tobin, who has been stationed at Fort Stevens for the past two and a half years, left yesterday for San Diego, Cal. He will hereafter be stationed at Fort Rosecrans, Cal., having been transferred from the Thirty-fourth to the One Hundred and Fifteenth company, coast artillery. Lieutenant Tobin's family accompanies him. For two years he was post quartermaster at Stevens. He will be succeeded by Lieutenant L. S. Ryan.

John Sampl, a resident of Carbonado, Wash., is now out of St. Mary's hospital, after a stay of five weeks. Sampl was suffering from a peculiar disease of the leg, which resulted in mortification. He treated with several Washington doctors, but without relief, and came to Astoria to consult Drs. Ekeelin and Ahlquist. The local doctors performed a difficult operation and the sufferer is now well on the way to recovery. He will return shortly to his home in Carbonado.

Yesterday's session of the county court was devoted to consideration of road matters. The contract for repairing 72 rods of the Bear creek road

was awarded to Peter Olsen, at the price of \$7 per rod. The court adjourned until August 16.

Victor Jansson, of 130 Lincoln street, Astoria, writes The Astorian to learn whether or not the Fourth of July is a legal holiday. The Fourth of July is a legal holiday, having been provided for by act of congress.

Voting for regatta queen will continue up to 9 o'clock tomorrow night. At 9 o'clock the committee will gather up the ballot boxes and take them to regatta headquarters, where the result will be announced. It was erroneously stated yesterday that the contest would end tonight.

The Vancouver Transportation Company has appealed to Washington for a final ruling in the matter of the \$100 fine imposed by Collector Robb. The fine was levied because of Captain Larkins' failure to produce a certificate of inspection. It is claimed by the company that at the time the inspector boarded the Lurline the certificate was at the Portland customs house.

The following San Francisco dispatch will prove of local interest: Advice received from Bristol bay state that all the vessels of the Alaska salmon fleet are safe. The season's pack has been closed with a total of \$60,000 cases, against 1,200,000 cases for last season. The Alaska Packers' Association put up 525,000 cases, 275,000 cases being packed by various other canneries. The British Columbia pack will not exceed 150,000 cases, against 475,000 for last year. The Puget Sound canneries' output to August 1 was 29,000 cases; for 1903 it was 465,000. The Columbia River pack to August 1 was 125,000 cases, against 230,000 cases for the same date last year. On the coast rivers many canneries are closed. The Sacramento river pack is the smallest known. The total Pacific coast pack will not exceed 2,350,000 cases, against 2,600,000 cases in 1903 and 5,100,000 in 1901.

The run of salmon yesterday was quite as good as that of the previous day, and receipts at all of the packing houses were heavy. With the single exception of J. G. Megler, all of the packers are taking the offerings of the fishermen. The canneries are handling fully one-third more fish than was cared for last season, and the capacity of the cold storage plants is fully one-third greater this year. Some

of the fishermen who came in yesterday reported that yesterday morning's fog had interfered with them at lower harbor drifts, and those who suffered on this account made poor catches. Some of the less fortunate fishermen reported with from 250 to 500 pounds, but generally the hauls were as great as those of Wednesday. Yesterday the price of salmon was reduced to 5 cents flat. This was expected and the fishermen accepted the reduction without complaint so far as was learned. The packers have scoured the city for laborers, and at nearly all of the packing houses large forces are employed. It is expected that the boats will be limited if the present heavy run continues, although the packers and cold storage men will use their best efforts to care for all of the fish offered. The run shows no sign of decreasing.

The old Grimes hotel at Seaside was burned to the ground early yesterday morning. There were about 50 people in the hotel and all escaped, although one, J. W. Applegate, a Portland photographer, was quite badly hurt. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock. The local fire department turned out promptly, but the blaze had gained such headway that it could not be controlled. The fire-fighters then turned their attention to the adjoining buildings and the bridge across the Necanicum, and prevented further loss. The fire started in the southeast part of the building, and it is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The hotel was built 25 years ago and cost \$10,000. It was owned by Mrs. Sarah Grimes. Mr. Applegate was brought to Astoria yesterday and taken to St. Mary's hospital. When the fire broke out he was asleep and was forced to jump from the window of his room. In striking the ground he dislocated his left shoulder and hip, and was also quite severely burned. When he reached the hospital yesterday he was unconscious, but responded readily to medical treatment. The Seaside authorities, while satisfied that the fire was started by some one, are at a loss to account for the fiendish crime, and have no clew by which the incendiaries might be identified.

During the fog which settled over the river Wednesday night the gasoline launch Alexander, Jr., drifted out to sea. The launch is engaged in carrying fish for the Warren Packing Company, and near Desdemona sands her wheel fouled a net. Captain Mueller was unable to clear the wheel and the launch started to drift toward the bar. On account of the fog the captain was unable to signal for assistance, and the launch was carried out to sea. Early in the morning, when the tide turned, the launch drifted back into the river, but at daybreak Captain Mueller found himself dangerously near the jetty. He managed to signal the men at work there, and they notified Captain Wicklund, of the Hammond live-saving crew. The lifeboat went to the Alexander's assistance and towed her to a place of safety. The Eclipse brought the launch up to the city. When the Alexander went over the bar she had about 18 tons of fish aboard, and to lighten the launch Captain Mueller found it necessary to throw overboard about six tons. The absence of the Alexander caused some concern Wednesday night, and the steamer Volga was sent down to the lower harbor to look for her. The Volga grounded at the mouth of Warrenton creek, however, and the search ended unexpectedly.

The Daily News, discussing the good roads problem, points out the benefits which will be derived if better rates can be secured to Astoria from eastern points, and immigration thereby encouraged. This matter was discussed at considerable length at the recent meeting of the local delegations to the Oregon Development League convention. Judge Bowley seemed very anxious for equal rates with Portland, but it was pointed out by other delegates that the rate problem was not of such great importance as many believed. The eastern farmer who sells out to come to Oregon will not be deterred on account of the \$2 additional fare from Portland to Astoria, and, while equal rates are desired, it is the general impression that the rate will not materially affect the influx of new people. The greatest task before the commercial bodies is to advertise the resources of this county. If eastern farmers who slave 16 hours a day to eke out an existence could be made to understand that half the energy expended in Clatsop county would net them fortunes within a few years, the farming districts would soon be built up and the population of the county doubled within a short time. There is now but one drawback to successful farming here—the lack of a good road south from the city. The Nehalem valley was once quite thickly settled, but many of the ranchers have

left because they could not get their produce to the city. Three or four ranchers are raising stock and those who are familiar with conditions say the stockraisers are making money. If there were a good road to the county line the farmers could get their stuff to town, where the market is always good. With the idea in view of formulating some definite plan of action, county officials, Astoria newspaper men and good roads enthusiasts are planning a trip to be made about September 1 through the valley. The farmers will be got together and urged to adopt some plan to secure the necessary road. All of the local business men realize the need for a road and the ranchers can figure upon hearty support.

PILOTAGE EARNINGS SMALLER.

Report of Board for Year Ended June 30 Filed at Salem.

The board of pilot commissioners, composed of J. E. Campbell, Sylvester Farrell and George Noland, has filed its annual report with Governor Chamberlain, showing the tonnage engaged in the foreign and domestic trade at the port of Astoria for the year ending June 30. For the purpose of comparison the corresponding figures for last year are given:

	Tons, 1903.	Tons, 1904.
Entered domestic	224,689	283,728
Entered foreign	259,322	171,049
Cleared domestic	257,693	276,276
Cleared foreign	272,500	189,124

Pilotage charges for the year ending June 30, 1904, were: Inward bar pilotage, \$7018.43; outward bar pilotage, \$3408.48; total, \$10,426.91. For the preceding year the charges were: Inward bar pilotage, \$11,144.02; outward bar pilotage, \$12,185.39; total, \$23,329.41.

The report says in part: "The board has made its usual regular semi-annual tour of inspection, and finds that the pilot service is efficient and satisfactory. Any complaints or requests coming before the board have been thoroughly investigated and satisfactorily adjusted.

"The state schooner San Jose and the bar pilots have been continually outside the bar pilotage grounds, affording as good service as possible to the commerce of the river. The San Jose has been lately thoroughly overhauled and put in as good condition as possible and is now doing duty outside.

"The two bar tugs also carry pilots going outside, and never leave for outside without one or more pilots on board."

The board reports 10 river pilots and seven bar pilots holding branches from the board and actively at work. The total tonnage of vessels entering the Columbia river over the bar was, for domestic vessels, 283,728 tons, representing 501 vessels, and 77 foreign vessels of 171,049 tons. A total of 474 domestic cleared, representing 276,276 tons, and 98 foreign vessels, of 189,124 tons. This was a handsome increase over the report of the previous year, only 399 domestic and 128 foreign vessels entering over the bar, the tonnage being 224,689 and 259,322 tons, respectively. The number clearing was 382 domestic and 150 foreign, with 257,693 and 272,500 tons, respectively.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- Mrs. C. H. Callender, of Knappton, is in the city.
- J. A. Waddell, a Portland traveling man, is in the city.
- Mrs. W. S. McGuire, of Portland, is visiting in the city.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Meyer, of Portland, are in the city.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mallory, of Denver, are visiting in the city.
- Hon. Sig Stichel, of Portland, is in Astoria, looking after his local interests.
- J. H. Carver, of Kalama, was among the passengers arriving on last night's train.
- Mrs. Katherine Daly, of Portland, is visiting in the city with her niece, Mrs. E. G. Trullinger.
- Among the Portlanders in the city are W. S. Paige, E. G. Rice, A. W. Whitmer, Fred D. Jack and Charles Krus.
- Mrs. J. W. French and Miss C. F. Bolton, of The Dalles, arrived in the city last evening on their way to the beach.
- Robert S. Boyns, northwest general manager of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Portland, is in the city.
- James W. Welch, A. S. Tee, Judge Bowley, A. S. Skyles and Dr. W. C. Barr have returned from Portland, where they attended the development league convention.

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