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Local Brevities.

Don't fail to see today's ball game.

George Henry Bryant, a native of Canada, yesterday was granted full papers of citizenship.

Baseball this afternoon at A. F. C. park; Prides of Astoria vs. Fort Stevens. Game called at 2:30.

It was learned yesterday that the Dekum block, Portland, had been sold to J. W. Sweeney, a Spokane capitalist, for \$400,000. The deal was closed by Rountree & Diamond.

The Multnomah baseball team, which is to contest here with the Commercial Club nine for the regatta trophy, will also play on Saturday, arrangements having been completed by the local club.

There was an unusually large number of country people in the city yesterday and merchants report that trade was excellent. All of the small steamers brought in large crowds of Saturday shoppers.

The work of installing the court house foundation is now almost completed. The foundations for the walls have been laid and the second foundations are now being raised. Contractors who have examined the foundation say there is not the least question that it will carry the building.

The Alaska Packers' Association estimates the coast salmon pack for 1904 at 2,250,000 cases. The Griffith-Durney Company, a San Francisco firm, places the estimate at 2,750,000. This company recently made an estimate of 2,500,000 cases, but increased it when news was received of the improved run at Astoria.

J. E. Riordan, of San Francisco, is in the city in the interests of the International Longshoremen's Union. He will investigate the trouble that came up between the local longshoremen's union and the Alaska Fishermen's Union over the right of loading and unloading the Alaska cannery vessels. The trouble resulted in complications in this city. The Astoria longshoremen referred the matter to the international convention, which met at Milwaukee, and by the convention it was referred to the American Federation of Labor, the delegates to the federation having

been instructed to insist upon the right of the longshoremen to load and unload such vessels. At the next session of the federation the contending interests will present their cases and a decision reached. Mr. Riordan will interview those who have been involved in the dissension and secure material for a report. He is the eighth vice-president of the international association.

Clatsop and Tillamook county timber has thus far suffered but little from forest fires this year. Governor Chamberlain's proclamation was spread over both counties and campers have been careful about starting fires. Unusually cold weather has also had a tendency to minimize the danger from fire in this part of the state. Thousands of acres have been burned over in Washington during the past three weeks.

A large American flag was raised yesterday over the regatta grandstand. The raising of the flag was made the occasion for some little ceremony, in which Mayor Surprenant, Secretary Halderman and others participated. P. E. Peterson brought to the grandstand a bottle of wine, and the little crowd of regatta enthusiasts drank to the success of the carnival. The grandstand is the same one that was used last year and will prove a popular resting place for those who love to look at the river.

The Pride baseball team and the Fort Stevens nine will try conclusions at A. F. C. park this afternoon. The Pride team has been playing some good ball of late and an interesting contest is expected this afternoon. The Prides will line up as follows: Darling, catcher; Ross, pitcher; Gleason, first base; Cheshire, second base; Smith, third base; Thornburg, shortstop; Wroten, right field; Welch, center field; Duval, left field. The lineup of the soldiers' team was not announced last night, but the bunch from the post will be made up of the fastest men there. The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock.

A. C. Stewart, commercial agent for the A. & C., with offices at Portland, is in the city. Mr. Stewart is manager for the Portland lacrosse team and states that the contest which is to be played here on field day will be one of rare interest. "We will furnish some of the most exciting sport ever seen in the northwest," said Mr. Stewart.

yesterday. "The lacrosse game alone will be worth coming 100 miles to see," Mr. Stewart added that there was unprecedented interest in this year's regatta, and he looks for the record crowd.

Skamokawa's fourth annual regatta will be held Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20. As usual, a big crowd from Astoria will attend. The contest for regatta queen is now on and will close August 14. There are five candidates in the field, Miss Bessie Marshall leading, with 140 votes.

Tillamook is planning to operate its own water system. At a meeting of the water commission, held Thursday, it was decided to ask the council to employ an engineer to prepare plans and specifications for a water plant, and also to determine what price the present water company wanted for its property. The company wants \$7000.

The council will meet in adjourned session tomorrow night, when the contract for the construction of the new city hall will be awarded, provided the bids are considered reasonable. Mayor Surprenant stated yesterday that he believed the cost of the new building would perhaps be somewhat greater than the original estimate, but said the expense of grading the lot and erecting the structure would not reach \$40,000. It is the intention to rush the construction as rapidly as possible, so that the winter rains will not interfere with the work. At the session tomorrow night an ordinance will be introduced for the improvement of Taylor avenue.

Some of the guests at the old Grimes hotel, which was burned at Seaside a few days ago, attribute the fire to the irresponsible condition of two young men, who were heard to come into the hotel early in the morning. From the noise made by the men, the guests concluded that they were intoxicated. They were heard to strike matches in the building and it is supposed they set fire to the place. A young man who occupied a tent near the hotel, with his mother, gave the alarm, and, with Mrs. Grimes, went through the hotel arousing the guests. Considerable difficulty was experienced in awakening one woman, who was finally carried downstairs. The women guests were very much excited, and many of them lost clothing and other valuables.

The beautiful chandelier that has for years adorned the ceiling of "the Office" was broken yesterday by the decorators who are renovating the saloon. One of the arms of the chandelier was broken, ruining the handsome fixture. J. D. Manciet, proprietor of the Office, will endeavor to have the chandelier repaired, but it is extremely unlikely that repairs can be made. The chandelier was one of several old-fashioned ornaments that were imported from Germany by J. W. Lowenberg some years ago. Mr. Lowenberg, who was a wealthy banker before the hard times, brought a number of old-fashioned chandeliers to Portland, and afterwards Henry Weinhard bought them. August Erickson secured possession of some of them, giving one to H. L. Hamblet, formerly of the Office, and installing another at the Louvre, this city. The chandeliers were made entirely of cut glass and cost originally about \$800 each. Every one who visited the Office admired the pretty ceiling decoration and Mr. Manciet would not have parted with it for twice its actual worth.

The somewhat less plentiful supply of fish yesterday was attributed by packers and fishermen to the fog which hung over the river the previous night and during yesterday morning. For several days past the weather has been quite cool and fog has settled down almost every night. The fog has interfered very seriously with the operations of the selmers, who were unable to see to lay out their gear. The gill-net fishermen were also hampered in this manner. Those who keep themselves well posted on the fishing situation stated yesterday that the run of fish had not fallen off, but that the catches were lighter on account of the unfavorable conditions. "There are just as many fish in the river now as there have been during the past few days," said an old-time fisherman, "but we can not catch them if the heavy fog continues." The reduced receipts yesterday afforded the cannery an opportunity of cleaning up their docks. The rather cold weather has made it possible to keep fish for 36 hours, and some of the cannerymen, upon the commencement of the big run, allowed themselves to get one day behind. They accepted all the fish that were offered on Wednesday, and at night found themselves with fish enough on hand to run them another day. The following day they accepted enough for another day's run. Yesterday every dock in the city was practically cleaned

up. It is expected that receipts will be heavier today.

If the story that has been going the rounds for the past few days can be accepted as true, Miss Hilda Mustola, long mourned as dead, is now a resident of Wyoming, where she is said to be living happily with her husband and a baby girl. Almost a year and a half ago the community was startled by the announcement that Miss Mustola had committed suicide in a sensational manner. According to the statements made by her relatives, the young woman was on her way down town from East Astoria, with several friends, when she suddenly ran away from them and jumped into the river. The women who were with her at the time were very positive in their declaration that Miss Mustola had taken her life, but it is now related that she is alive and well in Wyoming. Mystery shrouds the manner in which she made the trip from the water near Exchange and Eighteenth streets, and no one seems to know just how she came to make her remarkable trip. The story is vouched for by persons who know the girl, and it is stated positively that she is really living in Wyoming.

J. H. G. West, chairman of the regatta street fair and carnival committee, has returned from a trip through northern Washington in the interests of the regatta. Mr. West has been fortunate enough to secure some of the very best attractions in the west for the carnival which is to be held in conjunction with the regatta. While in Tacoma he visited the Arnold shows, which exhibited at the ninth annual regatta, and also the Floto shows, and was offered very attractive propositions by both people for performances by their shows in connection with the street fair. The attractions which Mr. West has been fortunate enough to secure, however, are greatly superior to those carried by most circuses of today, and during the past season were among the feature acts of one of the foremost circuses of the country. A full list of the attractions engaged will be published just as soon as all the contracts, which have been sent east for signature, are received. Mr. West states that while in Tacoma and Seattle considerable interest was evinced by the business men in the forthcoming regatta. The fame of Astoria's annual regattas has traveled far, and throughout the northwest a large number of people have signified their intention of visiting Astoria to participate in the entertainment annually provided by Astorians for their guests.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

G. R. Durrah, of Grays River, is visiting friends in the city for a few days. S. A. Shearum, wife and daughter, of Helena, Mont., are among the guests at the Occident.

A. Downing, a well known broker of Portland, is registered at the Occident this morning.

Manager Jones, of the Bee Hive, and wife returned from the east yesterday, where he has been buying goods. A. C. Stewart, the city ticket agent of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad at Portland, is in the city.

G. T. Meyers, one of the directors of the Lewis and Clark exposition, spent a few hours in the city yesterday.

R. C. F. Astbury came over from Seaside yesterday and crossed the river for Long Beach in the evening.

H. E. Wood, the genial receiving teller of the Merchants' National bank of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

A. K. Bentley, of the Bentley Construction Company, Portland, was among the Seaside passengers on last evening's train.

Frank C. Baker, chairman of the state republican committee, came down on the evening train and left for Long Beach on the boat.

Ed. Lyons, superintendent of the Terminal Company in Portland, was calling on friends here yesterday while waiting for the boat to the other beach.

Paul W. Custer, editor of the Tradesman and Commercial Record, Portland, and wife passed through the city last evening en route to Seaside for a few days' rest.

The following Portlanders were registered at the Occident last evening: J. H. Gilbaugh, A. M. Young, S. L. Rathburn, M. J. Hickey and L. E. Butson.

Mrs. William J. Ovens, of Seattle, accompanied by her two sons, Alex. and Wallace, are in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spellmiller.

J. D. Leonard, paying teller in the Wells-Fargo bank of Portland, was registered at the Occident yesterday, leaving on the evening boat for Seaside, where he will take a much-needed rest.

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