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Twenty-five cents buys an excellent meal at the Workmen hall on Ninth street today. All home cooking, like your mother used to serve. The Methodist ladies are hostesses.

Wanted at once—A young man to act as ticket taker and to make himself generally useful. Also a young man to act as usher. Inquire of manager new theater on corner Eleventh and Commercial streets.

The flagship Bailey Gatzert left Portland last night and is expected to arrive at Astoria early this morning. She has on board Governor Chamberlain and staff, Admiral Campbell and staff and a large number of visitors.

Ray Marros was arrested yesterday for vagrancy. The man was taken before Police Judge Anderson, who fined him \$40, agreeing to suspend sentence provided Marros would leave the city. He will not see the regatta.

Eleven years ago a passenger on one of the I. R. & N. company's boats succeeded in beating his way from Ilwaco to Astoria. Since that time he has settled east of the mountains and prospered. His conscience has not allowed him to forget the incident, how-

ever, and Ticket Agent Blessing has just received a letter from him enclosing the 75 cents he neglected to pay when he took the little trip.

Hamblen camp of Astoria, Royal Neighbors of America, will give a social at its hall on Thursday, August 25. Visiting Royal Neighbors and all Modern Woodmen and their friends and families are cordially invited.

In order that its employees may enjoy the regatta, the Clatsop Mill Company has decided upon a shutdown for two days, Friday and Saturday. Some repairs are necessary in the boiler room and will be made this week, in order that the employees may enjoy the sport. Several other manufacturing concerns will also give their men a vacation.

J. A. Downey of East Astoria, who conducts a horse-shoeing establishment on Seventeenth street, has invented a new horseshoe. The shoe is made entirely of steel and is so shaped that it will not cut planking or permit the horse to stumble. Horsemen say the invention is a valuable one and express the belief that the shoe will become very popular.

The big grandstand at the foot of Eleventh street was almost destroyed by fire yesterday evening. The man who owns the peanut concession at the grandstand was at work on his decorations when the fire broke out. The flames leaped to the decorations on the stand, and for a few moments it seemed there would be a full-fledged conflagration. However, the flames were successfully subdued and little damage resulted.

On August 24 and 25 the A. & C. R. R. will sell round trip excursion tickets, on account of Astoria tenth annual regatta, from all points on its line to Astoria at rate of one fare and one-third for the round trip, governed by

a maximum round trip rate of \$2 from stations where the regular one way fare is more than \$1.50 and a minimum round trip rate of \$1.00 from stations where regular one way rate is less than 75c. Tickets good to return until August 25.

A number of extra policemen have been pressed into service for regatta week. Heretofore crooks have followed the crowds to Astoria, but the police have always managed to spot them and run them out of town. Chief Hallock is keeping sharp watch this year and all suspicious characters will be rounded up. The crooks which come to the regatta are usually of the sneak-thief variety, but they will find it extremely difficult to operate in this city. The crowd this year is unusually orderly, and the chief expects little trouble.

Ever since the big grandstand was erected it has been a favorite resort for scores of people. The arrival of the Wyoming, the odd fighting machine of Uncle Sam's navy, has attracted large crowds to the waterfront, and the grandstand has been half filled with sightseers every day. To visitors from the interior the river presents a particularly attractive appearance, with the hundreds of small sail boats skimming about the bay. For the next three days the grandstand will be packed with regatta visitors, but after Friday it will be available as a rendezvous for perhaps a week.

The new Star theater, S. Morton Cohn's playhouse, will be thrown open to the public this evening. The carpenters have rushed the work on the building and have succeeded in getting it in shape for opening tonight. The theater will not be complete, by any means, but the accommodations will be convenient and the bill will be excellent. Recently Mr. Cohn and several other capitalists organized a \$250,000 company for the purpose of starting new theaters, and the Astoria house is the first to be started under the terms of the new arrangement. The local field was carefully looked over and the owners of the new house are confident their business will prove profitable. They realize that they have strong competition, and therefore will aim to provide the highest class of entertainment obtainable. All of the turns appearing here will first be tried out at Portland, and only the best performers will be sent to Astoria. Mr. Cohn is connected with the Crystal circuit, extending from Chicago to Denver, the "Three L" circuit, extending from San Francisco to Butte. There are 52 theaters on the circuits with which the Star is connected, and this insures the very best vaudeville performers for Astoria. The bill with which the Star will open is as follows: Gatto, the juggling Jap; "Divine" Dodson, the duchess of Central Park; Guy and Aggie Button, a musical sketch team; Montgomery & Canter, rag-time pianists and dancers; Richard Scott, in pictured melodies. Within a few weeks the Star's opera chairs will reach the city and Mr. Cohn hopes to make his new playhouse the most attractive on the coast.

**MASONS LAY CORNERSTONE**

Grand Lodge Officers Conduct the Ceremony at Clatsop's New Public Building.

Nearly One Thousand People Assemble to Witness the Ritualistic Service and See the Massive Block Placed in Position.

With impressive ceremony, the cornerstone of Clatsop county's new court house was laid yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted by the grand lodge of Masons of the state of Oregon, and hundreds of persons assembled upon the grounds to view the laying of the stone. County and city officials, members of the order of Masons and citizens to the number of 600 or 700 were present.

The visiting Masons arrived on the 11:30 express from Portland. They numbered about 60 and came in a special car. After dinner they assembled at the Masonic hall, where a meeting was held. At 1:30 the parade formed, and, after marching through the principal streets, brought up at the court house. The Eagles' Military band headed the procession.

The laying of the cornerstone was conducted under the direction of Grand Master Gray, who was assisted by the following grand lodge officers: W. H. Flannigan, deputy grand master; G. P. Lent, grand secretary; D. B. Miller, grand treasurer; W. S. Weeks, senior grand warden; D. Solis Cohen, junior grand warden; Rev. William Seymour Short, grand chaplain.

Mr. Short pronounced the invocation, and the ritualistic service was then carried out. The list of articles placed in the cornerstone was read by the grand master, as follows:

Roll of members and officers of Temple lodge, A. F. & A. M.; list of tax levies in the county from 1850 to 1903; list of present county officials; copies of Daily Budget, Daily News, Weekly Herald and Morning Astorian; photographs of first postoffice, first court house, first customs house, new court house and present-day Astoria; historical review of Clatsop county; photograph of first through train from Portland to Astoria; photographs of Ames and Nancy Welch, builders of the first frame house in Astoria (1846); list of survivors of the civil war who are now members of the G. A. R.

The cornerstone was laid by the grand master with a silver trowel made specially for the purpose by J. H. Seymour of this city. Mr. Seymour was not asked to make the trowel until a late hour, but he rushed through with the work. The trowel, which is of a handsome design, was presented by the contractor, Messrs. Hastie & Dougan, to County Judge Trenchard, who regards it as a memento of rare value.

Benjamin Goe has opened the Parker house dining room and will conduct it for some time to come. The dining room will remain open until 8 p. m. Mr. Goe is prepared to furnish an excellent dinner for 35 cents, and solicits patronage.

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Skirts, other kinds,	75c to \$4.00

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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Charles E. Lockwood of Portland is in the city.

C. K. Harbough of Portland is visiting in Astoria.

H. L. Barker of Portland arrived down last night.

H. Mackenzie came down from Portland last night.

Dr. Chester C. Morre of Portland is in the city to see the regatta.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hoyt of Portland are visiting in the city.

Dr. Byron E. Miller of Portland is spending the week in the city.

George F. Moyer of San Francisco was among last night's arrivals at the Occident.

Mrs. L. S. Doble and Miss Helen Doble arrived in the city yesterday to remain during the week.

Judge Charles H. Carey, a prominent lawyer and politician of Multnomah county, is in the city.

Harry Graham and Homer Fletcher returned last night from a business trip to Hoquiam and Centralia.

Secretary Stone of the Portland Y. M. C. A. passed through Astoria yesterday en route home from Gearhart Park.

Miss Maja Frederickson left last evening for Europe, where she will complete her musical education. Miss Frederickson goes to Copenhagen, and expects to remain there for a year.

Among the Portland Masons who attended the court house cornerstone exercises yesterday were Judge J. C. Moreland, ex-Secretary of State Phil Metschan, J. M. Hodson, W. L. Philip, John E. Atchison, F. J. Gelsler, B. F. Clayton, C. H. Woodard, George P. Lent, Dr. Ernest Burton, P. S. Malcolm, James Muckle, W. E. Potter, E. F. Willis and A. P. Tift.

**Notice.**

Our store will be closed at noon on Friday, in order that our employees may witness the regatta events.

A. V. ALLEN.

**Notice.**

All the butcher shops in the city will be closed on tomorrow (Thursday) after 12 o'clock, for the balance of the day.

**Attention Ladies.**

Madame Vaughn, the noted doctor of dermatology, sole proprietress of the celebrated Clear-Pura skin remedies and general manager for Hager's Health Remedies, will be at the Parker house, room 11, from August 22 to 27, and pleased to meet ladies desirous of treatment or instruction in skin and scalp diseases and their treatment. Agents wanted everywhere.

**IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS.**

If you wish to enter college or commercial school it will pay you to send name and address to C., care Morning Astorian.

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