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Local Brevities.

The Sloop Bros. Dairy Company yesterday sold to B. Jay Sloop 20 acres of land in section 30, township 8 north of range 9 west, for \$2000.

The following natives of Sweden yesterday declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States: Algot Gustafson, Alex Bjorklund, Gattard Lind and Frank Lind.

The ladies' guild of Grace church will give a birthday social in the basement of the church on Friday afternoon and evening, September 9. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons: Bert Beal and Minnie Angeline Caswell, Clement Bradbury and Ellen Elizabeth Bish, Eduard Ridderbusch and Nan R. Denver.

The county court convened yesterday in regular monthly session. The time of the day was occupied almost entirely with consideration of claims. The session will be continued this morning.

All of the ordinances passed by the council Tuesday night were signed yesterday and warrants signed for all claims allowed. The warrants are ready for distribution at the office of Auditor Anderson.

Colonial oysters, the choicest shellfish product of the waters of the Pacific coast, are kept exclusively at the Imperial Oyster House, where they are served in any style. The Colonial is of Blue Point size and of delicious flavor.

The bill at the Star theater this week is an excellent one and the house is packed nightly. Manager Gevurtz

has prepared a fine program for the patrons of his fashionable house and the crowds are attesting their appreciation by packing the theater nightly. Tonight there will be an entire change of program, and new and clever turns will be introduced.

At the close of the evening services at the Baptist church last evening Mr. Clement Bradbury of Seaside and Mrs. Ellen E. Bish, late of Colorado Springs, Col., were married by the pastor, Rev. L. J. Trumbull. Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury will, after a month's trip, be at home to their friends at their Seaside residence.

Andrew Hill and eight other country residents were yesterday awarded the contract for the building of a road from Carl Johnson's place on the Necanicum road to what is known as the Tiltonson bridge. The new road will be one and one-quarter miles long, will be slashed to a width of 15 feet and punched and graveled to the width of nine feet. The contract price is \$1500.

The new three-masted steam schooner Northland arrived yesterday on her maiden trip from San Francisco. The Northland registers 854 gross tons and 560 net tons. She is owned by the E. J. Dodge Company of San Francisco and is in command of Captain S. Bonfield. She brought 975 barrels of cement and a quantity of other freight. The Northland has been built for the coastwise trade.

William Martin, formerly of this city, has, according to the Portland Journal, filed suit at Portland to secure custody of his son, Willie Joel, who is now in custody of his mother, Mrs. John Reid, of this city. Judge Gordon has issued an order restraining Mrs. Reid from taking the boy outside the jurisdiction of the court. The Martins were divorced at Portland April

10, 1903. By the decree of the court the father was awarded custody of the boy for one year, the mother for the next year, and so on alternately. Martin sets up in his complaint that the mother is not a fit person to have charge of the child, alleging the charge of the child, alleging that she has taken it places where a boy should not be taken. Martin also claims that Mrs. Reid is illegally married to her husband.

The Young Men's Institute will give one of its pleasant dances this evening to which all its friends are invited. The dance will be given at St. Mary's hall, on Grand avenue, and not at Kearney's hall, as was stated last evening.

Blair, the Commercial team's tackle, is quite ill. He is suffering from stomach trouble, but whether or not his ailment is serious has not yet developed. It would be Commercial luck to lose Blair during the height of the season. It is hoped by members of the team that he will soon recover from his sick spell and take his place in the front line.

On Saturday City Treasurer Dealey will issue a call for all general fund warrants endorsed prior to June 1. The call covers warrants aggregating about \$600. The city, it will be seen from this statement, is only about three months behind with its obligations. It was hoped by members of the council that the municipality would soon be placed on a cash basis, but the building of the new city hall has probably rendered this impossible for some time to come. The revenue of the city is now greater than ever before, but unusual expenditures have prevented any material reduction of the debt during the past few months. After the city hall is paid for the surplus funds can be applied to the outstanding indebtedness.

Paul L. Strangland, who lives at Franklin avenue and Thirty-eighth street, East Astoria, is up against a hard proposition. The grade of Franklin avenue at that point is about 15 feet above the grade of Thirty-eighth street and Strangland finds it impossible to make his property conform to both grades. Franklin avenue is being improved and the dirt graded from the street is being dumped onto Strangland's lot, for the purpose of creating an embankment. Strangland is willing that this should be done, provided he shall be allowed to remove the dirt when he finds it expedient to do so. The council has accepted his view of the matter. A bulkhead will be necessary when Mr. Strangland makes an excavation.

When an ordinance to accept the improvement of Ninth street was presented at Tuesday night's meeting of the council Mr. Hansen objected, saying the improvement had not been made according to contract. He called attention to the fact that timbers of improper size had been installed and that the nails in the sidewalks had not been properly driven. Mr. Belland, one of the members of the street committee, had declined to sign the acceptance for the reasons enumerated by Mr. Hansen. Contractor Dill had given assurance that the defects would be remedied, so the ordinance was passed, with the understanding that the work would not be paid for until the repairs had been made. The discussion brought out the fact that the rock work on Ninth street is the best thus far done in Astoria.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday attached his signature to the new ordinance to prevent public criers and the bill is now law. Section I of the measure provides as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the city of Astoria to advertise goods, wares or merchandise for sale by public outcry, or to offer goods, wares or merchandise for sale by public outcry; but this ordinance shall not apply to licensed auctioneers offering goods for sale at auction, or to licensed hucksters offering goods for sale as such." A fine of \$10 to \$100, or imprisonment for five to 20 days, is provided for violation of the terms of the bill. Councilman Leinenweber seemed to think the ordinance would interfere with teamsters, who resort to public crying at boat landings and depots, but Police Judge Anderson expresses the opposite view.

Sead You, a Chinese who is connected with a Bond street firm, was almost killed at 11 o'clock yesterday morning by Leon Chung and John Jung, two Alaska cannery workers. You was behind the counter at the store when the trouble started. He declares that he has no idea what prompted the assault, but it is supposed there had been some disagreement over wages. The assailants started things by throwing a bottle of mucklage through the window. Then they went inside and attacked You. One of the men was

armed with a pocket knife, with which he made two murderous lunges at the victim. The first wound inflicted was above the right eye, while the second lunge resulted in a dangerous wound under the eye. In the first wound six stitches were taken by Dr. Estes. A difference of an eighth of an inch would have resulted in loss of the eyesight. The cries of the wounded man brought Officer Thompson to the scene and the assailants were arrested and taken to the county jail. They were arraigned during the afternoon and held for examination each in \$500 bonds, which they failed to give. Their hearing has been set for 2 o'clock this afternoon. The attempted assassination created much excitement in Chinatown.

It is reported from Seaside that two reasons are assigned for the recent municipal order that gambling should cease. When the old Grimes hotel was recently destroyed by fire some of the timid visitors at the beach became frightened, and left, declaring that the town's fire protection was wholly inadequate. Then when Frank Moody took a shot or two at Lawrence Sullivan other timid ones became frightened. The town authorities are said to have been actuated by a desire to maintain the reputation of their resort in their order to close gambling. The Moody came to the city with Sheriff Linville and stood a \$50 fine. Sullivan was too ill to come to Astoria, but promised to do so as soon as he was able. A few days later he telephoned over that he wanted to go to Portland and asked the sheriff if it would be all right. The sheriff said it would and Sullivan went to the metropolis. Eventually he will come to Astoria to make a donation for the infraction of the law. In view of the fact that gamblers depend on the summer crowds, the late order of the town officials has created the impression that the move was merely a blind, but this is denied by Seaside, who insist that the town really means to enforce the order, not only during the winter months, but as well during the seaside season next year and thereafter.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. B. Struble of Portland is in the city.
J. J. Casey of the A. & C. is down from Bugby.
F. C. Cook of Portland, the new representative of Fuller & Co., is in the city.
A. G. Harbaugh, a Portland traveling man, is in the city, a guest at the Occident.
E. W. Wright, commercial editor of the Oregonian, accompanied by his son, came down last night.
J. M. Dougan, the Seattle contractor, arrived in the city yesterday to look after the court house construction.
Ex-Mayor and Mrs. Bergman have returned from an outing of several months at their country home, Beaver Lodge, Grays river.
Mrs. E. T. Halton of Tillamook and Lydia Carnahan of Portland were among the passengers arriving on the steamer Elmore last evening.
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Fulton of Portland arrived down yesterday and went over to Grays river, the guest of Mr. Brix, the well known logger.
Mrs. Mary Regan, Miss June E. Regan and Master Paul Regan will leave this evening for their home at Madison, Wis., after a visit of 10 weeks in the city.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.
Roy. T. N. Wilson and wife, Portland.
A. R. Pennick, Portland.
J. W. Keeley, Portland.
W. G. Chance, Portland.
D. Kern, Portland.
A. A. Rohur and family, Canton, Ill.
B. A. Baldwin, Corvallis, Ore.
F. M. Smith, Rainier.
R. Robinson, Tillamook.
T. Jenkins, San Francisco.
C. W. Cook and wife, Seattle.
J. C. Specht, Portland.
W. L. Stone, Kelso, Wash.
A. A. Morrison, Portland.
H. Hewitt, Portland.
Miss L. Hartman, Tillamook.
O. H. Joy and wife, Portland.
Oris Person, Tacoma.

Notice to Taxpayers.
The county board of equalization will convene at the county clerk's office on September 26, 1904, and continue in session daily thereafter for a period of one week, for the purpose of publicly examining the assessment roll for the year 1904 and correcting all errors in valuation, description or quality of land, lots or other property, and all interests are notified to appear at the above time and place for the purpose of lodging objections, if any there be, to said assessment.

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