Local Brevities.

School books and school supplies at the Little Book Store.

In the county clerk's office yesterday first papers of citizenship were granted to Ole Srotting, a native of Norway.

The county court will meet in adjourned session today, when several important matters will be acted upon.

The new government cable from Fort Stevens to Fort Canby went into service yesterday, and hereafter reports will be received over that wire.

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.

One dollar gold pieces to the value of $25,000 have been received by the First National bank of Portland. The coins represent one-tenth of the total issue to be coined. The gold pieces are commemorative of the Lewis and Clark fair and promise to be in great demand.

The E. J. Dodge Company of San Francisco is making preparations to put on a steamer between Portland and Astoria and Coos bay. The new service will be inaugurated as soon as a steamer can be secured. T. S. McRath will act as agent at Portland and Astoria. Definite plans have not yet been announced, but the new line is said to be a sure go.

To all appearances, gambling is closed tightly at Portland, although a resident of this city says he watched a poker game a few nights ago. It seems that the edict to close resulted from the effort of some Denver men to cut in. Rather than stand for competition the Portland gamblers agreed to close. That gambling will be resumed as soon as the outsiders disappear is the general opinion of Portland sporting men.

The steam schooner Acme arrived yesterday morning from San Francisco and went to Flavel, where she is to load lumber. The cargo will be supplied by the Warrenton new mill and will be the first cargo to be sent away by water. The steamer Aurelia also arrived yesterday. The Whittier arrived down during the morning and departed for San Francisco.

The case of "Lighthouse" Nelson has aroused much indignation among city officials, some of whom are disposed to follow up the matter and cause the arrest and prosecution of the persons responsible for the old man's attempted crime. Nelson is more than 60 years of age and mentally irresponsible. He is the victim of worthless "ribbers," it is said. Possibly the council may be called upon to take some action at its meeting next Monday night.

W. F. Jones of this city is in receipt of an invitation to attend a reunion of the Pike family, an incorporated association consisting of about 5000 members, of which Mr. Jones is one. The family first came from England in 1635 and numbers among its prominent members Mayor Robert Pike and General Z. M. Pike of Colonial fame. The reunion is to be held in Boston on September 28. All Pikes are urged to communicate with the organization.

That sweet peas will kill flies seems to be the pretty generally accepted idea. Some weeks ago The Astorian republished a story to the effect that an eastern man had found sweet peas a sure remedy for flies, and since that time the idea has been tried out with with much success. Dr. John Regan, the dentist, discovered the remedy some time before the publication of the story. An admirer of the doctor had been sending him occasional boquets of sweet peas, and he noticed every morning that there were many dead flies around the vase. At first he paid no particular attention to the circumstance, but after several days came to the conclusion that there was something fatal to flies about sweet peas. The following day he read the story in The Astorian, his own experience having been identical with that of the eastern man.

A dangerous forest fire is raging between Clatskanie and Mist and muca timber is reported to have been destroyed. The indications are that rain will soon fall along the lower Columbia, for the barometer took a downward shoot last night, and that the fires will be extinguished. The damage thus far done within a radius of 50 miles of Astoria is trivial, and in Clatsop county no fires of consequence have been reported.

David Chadwick, who was injured in a runaway accident near Warrenton on Monday, died yesterday morning at the Fort Stevens hospital. The lad was suffering from concussion of the brain and after the accident remained in an unconscious state. He was 17 years of age. At the time of the accident he was alone and what transpired is largely a matter of conjecture. However, it is believed the team ran away with him, throwing him to the ground and causing the fatal injury. The funeral will be hald today and the interment will be in the Pioneer cemetery, on Clatsop plains.

Max Pracht of Ashland—he of Peachblow Paradise fame—has bought Astoria inside property and threatens to locate here. Rumor has it that he is to manage the new up-to-date hotel to be built, a business for which Max was cut out for originally and of which he made a success in Ashland. The traveling men say that Max kept the best hotel in the state outside of Portland, but unless you want a picturesque account of what the good old democratic times from '92 to'96 were not, don't get him to tell you the tale of woe of why he quit the hotel business. "However, says he, "its a good business and I want to get back into it."

Chop Stockton, captain of the Commercial football team, states that Portland football enthusiasts have declared their willingness to bet that Multnomah will score three touchdowns in the Commercial-Multnomah game at Portland October 8. "Why, those fellows make a noise like an angleworm," said the local captain last evening. "They'll never score three touchdowns against our team. Our lineup is stronger this year than ever before, and if we could defeat the Multnomah aggregation 15 to 0 last year we certainly ought to prevent a score this season. The only teams that will have a show to beat us are Fort Stevens and Ilwaco. When those elevens play here we will try out aspiring men, and may or may not be beaten. The loss of Goddard, one of our guards, is serious, but we have men to fill his place. If we get anything like a square deal at Portland next month, we'll show that Multnomah aggregation some speed." The men were last night measured for suits. The present season promises to be the best in the history of football all over the country and some fine games on the north Pacific coast are looked for.

"The Oregonian, perhaps unconsciously, struck the nail squarely on the head today when it intimated that this year's violation of the fishing laws was due to the fact that the Washington officials do not enforce their law," said a prominent packer yesterday. "Those of us in position to know are well acquainted with the fact that the Washington officials have not infrquently permitted fishing along the north shore of the river, and it has even been said that illegal fishing has been encouraged there. Now, it's a pretty hard proposition to require strict enforcement of the Oregon law while the Washington law is being violated, and extremely difficult for the Oregon officials to enforce their laws while the Washington officials ignore the violation. The impracticability of concurrent jurisdiction is what has caused the trouble this year, and there is every reason to believe that the law will be violated more or less every season, so long as the two states fail to act harmoniously. As far as artificial propagation is concerned, it is not a farce, as the Oregonian says, and the violation of the law this year will not hurt the hatcheries. When the returns are made by the state and government fish experts as to the number of fish propagated, it will be time enough to make comparisons along this line."

At the Star.

Attractive vaudeville, vaudeville in its highest development and refinement, is found at the Star. Astoria will be known for two things in the future, the salmon and the Star. The salmon is he best fish and the Star has the best vaudeville. Isn't that so?

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. E. Dalton of Chinook is in the city.

H. S. McGowan was in the city yesterday.

Will Madison has gone to Salem to attend the state fair.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Fullerton of Rosebury, Ore., are in the city.

R. A. Hawkins, a well known Ilwaco canneryman, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmichael of Ilwaco are visiting in Astoria.

Judge J. J. Brumbach of Ilwaco is in the city, a guest at the Occident.

Will R. Hume returned last night from a business trip to Portland.

Jack Grant has returned to Portland after a few days' visit in Astoria.

Senator and Mrs. J. G. Megler of Brookfield were in the city yesterday.

W. R. Whitman, editor of the Ilwaco Journal, is in the city, on a short business visit.

A. E. Rossiter of Portland was in the city yesterday. Mr. Rossiter enjoys the reputation of being the best bowler on the coast.

C. D. Flanders of Brookfield was in Astoria yesterday. Mr. Flanders is the republican nominee for sheriff in Wahkiakum county.

Among the Portlanders in the city are F. H. Day, C. P. Hogan, William Ballis, W. R. Hollester, A. E. Wakeman and R. J. Linden.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

J. Grant, Seaside.
J. Knight, Seaside.
G. S. Crumbley, Portland.
Frank Jones, Portland.
J. S. Polhemus, Portland.
W. E. Connally.

AT HEDRICK'S.

There Will Be an Entire Change of Program Today.

Commencing with the matinee this afternoon a new bill will be put on at Hedricks fashionable playhouse.

Fields and Whallen will be there in a laughable one-act farce-comedy entitled "Dr. Mary Neversweats Sanitarium," which is a big hit wherever produced.

Belview and Roberts will appear in a side splitting two-act sketch entitled "The Arrival of Uncle Fritz," introducing some clever German comedy.

"A True Daughter of Germany" is a new creation in which Baby Ruth will be seen at her best. The little actress has won the hearts of Astoria theatergoers, who will be more than pleased with her appearance in the new role.

Samson and Zaccho have justly created a sensation as they never fail to do. They will perform many new and difficult feats. Miss Zaccho will lift a horse clear of the stage with her teeth. She will break up horseshoes as though they were made of ice. Samson and Zaccho are without question the king and queen of strength, the most wonderful entertainers ever brought to this city. Money will be refunded willingly to any person not satisfied that they are more than worth the price of admission.

Rest assured that the show, as it always is, will be more than up-to-date—a little in advance of all competition. The 9:30 show is the surest at which to get seats. Special matinee today and during the rest of the week, at which children will be admitted free if with adults holding tickets.

Tears at Chinese Wedding.

A Chinese marriage is a solemn ceremony—no talk, no levity and much crying. A feast is spread upon a table, to which the blushing bride is led by five of her friends. They are seated at the table, but no one eats. Deep silence prevails. When finally the mother starts crying the maids follow and the bride joins in the chorus. Then all the bridesmaids leave the table and the disconsolate mother takes a seat beside the chair of state, where the bride sits. The bridegroom now enters with four of his men friends, who carry the bride round the room, while the guests throw rice over the happy pair.

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.

T. S. CORNELIUS,
Assessor of Clatsop County, Oregon.
Dated Astoria, August 29, 1904.