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Local Brevities.

School books and school supplies at the Little Book Store.

The gasoline schooner Gerald C. arrived yesterday from Alsea, in ballast.

The steamer Elder departed yesterday for San Francisco. She took on at Astoria a large quantity of oysters, shooks, etc.

The steamer George Loomis arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She brought 271,236 gallons of fuel oil and 55 barrels of lubricating oil.

The steamer Northland departed yesterday for San Francisco, Monterey and San Pedro. She takes 835,000 feet of lumber and a number of passengers.

The work of improving Commercial street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth is being rushed. The street is now torn up at Sixteenth and street car transfer is necessary at that point.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by County Clerk Clinton to Edward L. Cronkite and Ocean Pearl Tice and Jacob E. Brallier and Della Peterman, all of Clatsop county.

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.

Frank C. Baker, chairman of the state republican committee, writes The Astorian that October 1 will be the great republican day in Oregon. Senators Fairbanks and Dolliver will be in the metropolis on the night of October 1, and the state committee is sending out invitations to all parts of

the state urging republicans to attend the monster rally that is being planned. Clatsop county republicans will probably make arrangements for an excursion to Portland for the purpose of carrying the crowd that will want to hear the speakers.

At the adjourned session of the county court yesterday a claim was presented by H. J. Schulderman for \$45, in which sum he claimed damages to his clothing while fighting fire at Gearhart Park. The claim was not allowed by the court.

Phone 681 calls up the Astoria grocery, which is now conveniently located at No. 523 Commercial street, next to Peterson & Brown's shoe store. Your orders for fresh groceries, fruits and vegetables will receive prompt and careful attention.

Frank Purcell, representing the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company, manufacturers of the genuine Hall's Safe and Lock Company's safes and vaults, is in the city. He is offering three medium-sized safes, taken in exchange for larger ones, at very low prices. Apply at this office.

A good roads enthusiast who has kept tab states that more than 100 farm teams have come to town over the new Lewis and Clark road since the completion of the draw bridge. Scores of country residents come to the city every night to take in the shows.

Canceled warrants to the amount of \$25,028.93 have been turned over to Auditor Anderson by Treasurer Dealey during the present quarter, and by the end of the quarter, September 30, it is expected the amount will be increased materially. During the same period \$13,510.42 has been collected by the treasurer on street assessments, of which sum \$4800 has been paid since

September 1 by property owners residing on Sixteenth street.

Frank Purcell, representing the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company, has received the contract for furnishing the iron work for the vaults in the new city hall. Mr. Purcell's company will supply the iron for four vaults, including the doors.

A brief session of the county court was held yesterday, when the contract for connecting the upper Necanicum road with the Elk creek toll road was awarded to A. W. Duncan. The connecting strip will be 265 feet in length, and the contract price was \$175.

The street committee of the council will at 10 o'clock this morning open bids for the improvement of Taylor avenue and for the construction of a sewer on Sixth street from Exchange street to Irving avenue. It is understood that west end residents will submit a bid for the Taylor avenue improvement.

Certificates of approval of the improvement of Duane street between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth, costing \$542.70; Thirty-sixth street, between Franklin avenue and Duane street, costing \$2274, and Franklin avenue from the west line of Adair's Astoria to Thirty-sixth street, costing \$4999, were filed yesterday with Auditor Anderson. The first-named improvement was made by Birch & Jacobson and the others by W. A. Goodin.

City Engineer A. S. Tee has been ill since last Friday and unable to attend to his duties. His eyes have been giving him much trouble and yesterday Dr. Fulton ordered him into a darkened room. While Mr. Tee's sight is not permanently affected, he will be compelled to ease up in his work until his eyes grow stronger. His trouble is the result of overwork. The engineer's assistants are getting along as best they may until Mr. Tee is able to attend to business again, and expect him back at the office within a week.

Edward Jacobson, aged 21, was taken into custody by Sheriff Linville yesterday and confined in the county jail pending an examination as to his sanity. Jacobsen arrived at Astoria about a year ago and shipped on the American ship Sargent when that vessel sailed for Nushagak, Alaska. Symptoms of insanity developed almost immediately and throughout the season he declined to work. He has no relatives in this section of the country. The young man yesterday displayed unmistakable symptoms of insanity. He will probably be given an examination by the sanity commissioners today.

Major H. L. Rees has been assigned to take charge of the local paymaster's office, U. S. A., until the appointment of U. S. A. to Col. W. F. Tucker, who has been assigned to the position of chief paymaster of the army of the Philippines. Major Rees will assume his new duties September 20. Major Rees has been stationed at Portland for the past two years and a half and is regarded as a highly efficient officer. The order from army headquarters assigning him to the head of the local paymaster's department has just been received and contains instructions for him to begin work in the new position September 20. It is not stated when the regular successor to Colonel Tucker will be sent to this post.

Although the fire at St. Helens wiped out practically all of the business district, the people of the town are not discouraged, but many of them believe the conflagration has proved a blessing. The town was improperly laid out and the buildings were of such poor type that insurance rates were almost prohibitive. Now that many of the old shacks have been wiped out modern buildings will take their place, and the town will emerge from the disaster a better one in every respect. There is a general demand among the people of St. Helens for a new court house and the county court is being urged to build it. If this is done several new buildings will be erected on the principal street. The losers are accepting the philosophical view of the situation and no one is in need, although, of course, the fire has greatly inconvenienced the residents. The total loss was about \$45,000.

F. E. Richardson, a motorman in the employ of the Portland Street Railway Company, is quite a humorist. Street car holdups have been frequent in Portland of late and Richardson came to the conclusion that he could play a good joke on a fellow-motorman by planning a fake holdup. Accordingly he laid for a Willamette Heights car about 10 o'clock Wednesday night, and, with a conductor's nickel-plated punch in his hand and a kerchief over his face, commanded the car crew to throw up their hands. A policeman who was

on the car whipped out his revolver and but for the funny man's prompt surrender would have blown a hole through him. The Joker pulled the mask from his face, dropped the punch and explained that his action was the result of his uncontrollable desire to display his sense of humor. The probabilities are the company will advise him to join a vaudeville circuit, that his humor may net him something more substantial than a quiet corner in a cemetery.

Dr. Baylis H. Earle yesterday received a message from Greenville, S. C., his home, announcing the success of the candidacy of his brother, Major John H. Earle, for the office of state railroad commissioner. Down in South Carolina democrats have things entirely their own way, and the primaries decide elections. Under the law a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. At the first primary election there were six candidates for the democratic nomination for railroad commissioner. John G. Mobley, prominent in South Carolina politics, and Major Earle were the leading candidates, each having received about 20,000 votes. Under the law it was necessary to hold a second election, the candidates being Major Earle and Mr. Mobley. The vote received by each candidate is not given in the brief message received yesterday by Dr. Earle, but Mr. Mobley was defeated by about 7000. The successful aspirant is but 30 years of age. His father, lately deceased, was a member of the United States senate from South Carolina, but died shortly after taking office. Many members of the Earle family are state officeholders.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. A. Hawkins of Ilwaco went to Portland last night.

H. M. Bransford went to Portland last night, to remain for a few days.

Otto Mikkelsen went to Portland yesterday, on a brief business trip.

Deputy Collector of Customs McCue is in Portland for a few days' visit with friends.

Harrison L. Hamblet returned to Portland last night, after a few days' stay in Astoria.

Mrs. F. O. Walters has returned home after spending several months at Everett, Wash.

Miss Kathryn Shively has returned from Portland and will resume her duties as teacher in the public schools here.

George H. George and William H. Barker left last night for the sound, to look after canneries there. They will be gone for a week.

Robert Carruthers has returned from Florida, where he was engaged in the cattle business. His son, Tod, is visiting in Idaho for a short time.

The Program at the Star.

There was a complete change of program at the Star last night and at yesterday's matinee, and the crowds were even better pleased than during the early part of the week. At all three shows the house was crowded. The Italian band will close its engagement on Saturday night. The band must fill an engagement at Seattle, commencing at noon Monday, and will be compelled to leave the city Sunday morning in order to make connections. The program to be rendered by the band today is as follows:

- Matinee.**
- March, "Salute al Console" . . . D'Urbanos
 - Overture, "Orpheus" Offenba
 - Duet, "Rigoletto" Verdi
- Evening (7:30.)**
- March, "Ungheresi" Coppi
 - Trombone solo, "Evening Star"
 - Selection from "Lucia" Wagner
 - Selection from "Lucia" Donizetti
- Evening (8:30.)**
- March, "Blaze Away" Hoetzam
 - Waltz, "Spanish" Emery
 - Overture, "Morn, Noon and Night"
 - Selection from "Lucia" Wagner
- Evening (9:30.)**
- "Hawatha" Morett
 - Serenade, "Love in Idleness" Macbeth
 - Traviata (by request) Verdi

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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.

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