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Local Brevities.

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Mayor Surprenant yesterday signed the warrants for all claims ordered paid at the meeting of the council the previous night. The warrants are ready for distribution at Auditor Anderson's office.

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 Rev. and Mrs. Herbert H. Brown will tender a reception to the people of the First Presbyterian church at their home, 570 Grand avenue, on Friday evening, September 23, from 8 till 10 o'clock, to which all their friends are cordially invited.

Walter Hubert was taken before Justice Goodman yesterday for preliminary hearing on a charge of criminal assault upon Pearl Bidwell. He was bound over to the grand jury in bonds of \$600 and in default of bail was committed to the county jail.

M. F. Hardesty yesterday commenced the work of wiring the new buildings at Fort Columbia. The structures to be wired are a double set of non-commissioned officers' quarters and one set of commissioned officers' quarters. The buildings will be ready for occupancy about December 15.

In accordance with the provisions of the direct primary law, County Clerk Clinton yesterday reopened the registration books for the presidential elec-

tion. All persons who did not register for the county and state election may register now, while those who have previously registered may vote without again observing the formality. But one voter registered yesterday—Julius Christensen, a fisherman, who lives in precinct No. 5. The books will be open for 30 days.

Some parents are complaining because of the new rule in vogue this year by which the pupils of one school are sent to another. The purpose of the board is to limit each room to two divisions, so as to give teachers more time for classes. It was alleged yesterday that there was an apparent effort at favoritism in the matter of the transfer of pupils, and for this reason the complaint is filed. Teachers regard the new plan as a good one, despite the protest.

On the opening day this fall 112 children who had never before attended school reported for enrollment. The numbers of new infant pupils in the various schools are as follows: Alderbrook, 8; Adair, 25; Shively, 15; McClure, 30; Olney, none; Taylor, 31. It would naturally be concluded from this showing that the west end is the most prolific section of the city, but this is not the case. There is no primary grade at Olney school, which makes it necessary for parents living in the Olney school district to send children to Taylor school. Some of the McClure school children must also go to the Taylor school, and in this manner the number of new pupils there is materially increased. Of the high school enrollment of 92, only 12 are in the senior class, which is to graduate at the end of the year. Teachers believe there should be at least 50. One educator says the high school should have 250 students instead of 90 or 100. Of the 60 or 70 students who leave the grammar schools each year, only about one-half enter the high school, and of the

30 or 35 students who enter the high school only 10 or 12 are graduated. Yesterday the enrollment was greater than on the opening day, although figures were not available last night.

A board of officers yesterday commenced investigation into the collision between the Major Guy Howard and the bar dredge Chinook. The Howard is now at her dock here. The report of the board will be forwarded to Washington.

The ladies of Astoria are cordially invited to attend an illustrated health talk, under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church by Mrs. L. E. Hitchcock at the church parlor, corner Eleventh and Grand avenue, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Admission free. Mrs. M. H. Leinenweber, president.

Approval is written all over the faces of the people who see the Star's show this week. The bill is a particularly good one, and it has made a hit. "The cleverest bicycle trick rider ever seen in Astoria," is the way they dub Kingdom. His feats are marvelous and out of the ordinary. Earl & Hampton in their laughable skit are another of the strong cards. Their act is a winner from the word go, if the laughter and applause with which it is greeted nightly may be taken as a criterion. From top to bottom the Star's bill this week is worth anybody's time and money.

Manager Hedrick of Hedrick's theater wishes to disclaim responsibility for the appearance on the streets of a lad carrying a banner that urges Astorians to "attend the two vaudeville theaters built by union labor." "I knew absolutely nothing of this matter until my attention was called to it this afternoon," said Mr. Hedrick last evening. "I am anxious to have it understood that I have been in no way responsible for the affair. I am running a showhouse and expect to receive the patronage of those Astorians who appreciate my shows. I would not stoop to such business methods."

Officers of the labor council desire it understood that that organization is not back of the dispute between the carpenters' union and the Star theater. Said President P. Metzler in the Astorian office last evening: "When complaint was made before the council that the theater had been built by scab labor a committee was appointed to investigate the charges. The committee was unable to learn that any men employed in building or fitting up the theater were non-union men. So far as the committee can find out union men were employed on the building and the actors and actresses are union people. We accordingly have no reason to declare the house unfair. I was there myself last night. Of course the carpenters' union can act for itself."

At the meeting of the council last night Mayor Surprenant asked whether or not it was the intention of the committee on fire and water to allow the fire whistle to be used as a private whistle. Mr. Leinenweber, chairman of the committee, said he had investigated the matter and had been told the whistle was now blown at noon and night. His remarks did not apply to the mayor's question, as he confined himself to a statement concerning the automatic apparatus which Fire Chief Stockton had asked for, and which the committee refused to provide. It seems the fire chief ordered the automatic arrangement from a local electrician, but the machinery will cost \$350. The mayor expressed the opinion it would

be cheaper to erect the old fire bell. The discussion took wide range and councilmen pointed out the necessity for putting the steam fire engines in shape. These engines represent an outlay of something like \$20,000, but are now rusty and in very bad condition. Mr. Nordstrom wanted them looked after, but no definite action was taken.

The court house foundation was completed yesterday, and that portion of the work undertaken by the county is now finished. The county court rejected all bids for the foundation and undertook the construction. The lowest bid was about \$21,000, which was considered excessive. As yet all of the bills have not been presented to the court, and not for some weeks to come will it be possible to give exact figures as to the cost of the foundation. However, the total cost is estimated at from \$13,000 to \$14,000. For a time much difficulty was experienced by the county officials, because of the disposition on the part of the workmen to neglect their duties. Finally an efficient foreman was engaged and the work progressed satisfactorily. The foundation is pronounced by experts to be an excellent one, and there is not the slightest doubt that it will hold the big building. Messrs. Hastie & Dougan are now placing the stone for the basement and the walls are beginning to assume proportions. The stone is finely cut and each block placed yesterday fit perfectly. The contractors are determined to make a record on Clatsop's new building and there is every assurance that the structure will be a fine one throughout. While the court house is to be of two stories, the basement will be built above the street grades, so the building will really have a three-story appearance.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. O. Hanthorn came down from Portland last night.

Miss Pauline Colbert of Ilwaco is visiting in the city.

A. Becker, a Portland traveling man, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. E. B. Wright and Dr. W. A. Cox of Portland were in the city yesterday. R. M. Rau, representing Rothchild Bros., Portland liquor dealers, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Adams of Easton, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. R. Denham of Elgin, Ore., are in the city.

H. L. Sliser and A. G. Barker, Portland railroad men, were in the city yesterday. They returned to Portland on the night train.

Miss Esther Anderson left last evening for the state normal school at Monmouth, to begin the senior year in the normal course at that institution.


August Larson, one of the superintendents for the Alaska Packers' Association, is visiting in the city with Councilman Belland. Mr. Larson's home is in Portland.

Advertised Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for 30 days at Astoria postoffice September 20:

- Anderson, William.
- Anderson, Mrs. C. J.
- Barm & Hamilton.
- Cominetti, Mr. Pietro.
- Copple, Mr. Jacob D.
- Colcloser, Miss Anna.
- Crespierson, C. C.
- Croning, J. L.
- Dellow, Louis & Co.
- Dogel, Mr. Thomas.
- Gibbough, J. H.
- Gilrad, Mister John.
- Goodpaster, Monroe.
- Hanson, Mr. Tom.
- Harris, Mauris.
- Hickelher, G.
- Joseph, Rae.
- Kell, Jacob.
- Knego, Mrs. N.
- Kunkel, A. & Co.
- Langford, Lionel.
- Lito, Mr. Nofrio.
- Mack & Kindorf.
- Metthouse, Chas.
- Morgan, Mrs. Marshall.
- M. & M. Corset Co.
- O'Connor, Mr. P.
- Olsen, Oscar S.
- Otis, T.
- Palmer, Percy.
- Pennell, Mrs. A. B.
- Parsons, Mr. B. N.
- Poroe, Mr. Albert.
- Porter, Mr. A.
- Poulson, Mr. Mike.
- Ridgway, C. N.
- Rubston, Whitney.
- Schwereing, Miss Tessa.
- Smith, Mrs. Effie.
- White, Mr. J. C.
- Wing, Mr. F. W.
- Yakely, Mr. George.
- Foreign.
- Anderson, Mr. Andras.
- Anderson, Mrs. Anna.
- Carlsson, Mrs. O. E.
- Karlsson, Oskar Emanuel.
- Lynch, Mrs. Walter.
- Pesonen, Mr. Hunts.

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