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Just arrived—A new lot of imported Michner herring, Norwegian mackerel, etc., at the well-known and popular Bond street fish market, No. 417 Bond street. A complete assortment of smoked, salt and canned and fresh fish, fresh eggs, cheese, fruit, etc., etc.

The little people will enjoy the show at the the Star as well as you. They will delight in the Heim children. Sanford and Darlington are a team of laugh producers, while Dutch Walton is as funny as a speckled pup. Leora, the man who does the giant heel swing, is the only one attempting it on the coast.

Evangelist Ray Palmer will speak at the union meetings at the Presbyterian church on the following themes this week: On Wednesday night, "The Man Who Hated Himself;" Thursday night, "The Shameless Confession;" Friday night, "A Message From Theodore Roosevelt"—an address to all

young people, and especially to the students of all the Astoria schools. Everybody welcome.

August Rautio, a native of Finland, was admitted to citizenship yesterday.

You may read the wants of others and make known your own on page six of this paper.

It is reported that there has been an excellent run of fall salmon at Willapa bay and that the canneries there have put up better packs that were put up last year.

The Breakers, recently burned at ong Beach, will be rebuilt in time for next season, according to reliable statements. J. M. Arthur, proprietor of the hotel is now on the ground.

William Hull and Max Skibbe yesterday sold the launch Queen to the Callender Navigation Company. The consideration, according to the bill of sale filed at the customs house, was \$2000. Captain Skibbe has sold the steamer Eclipse to the same company, and the consideration is stipulated to have been \$2000.

The report of the water commission for the quarter ending September 30 shows the receipts for the three months to have been as follows: July, \$3404; August, \$3153.65; September, \$3169.65; total, \$9727.30. The cash balance on hand June 30 was \$3760.14, making a grand total of \$13,487.44. The disbursements during the quarter were \$2904.20, leaving a balance on hand September 30 of \$10,583.24.

A meeting of the county clerks and recorders of the state is to be held at Portland some time in November. To each of the officials a subject has been assigned and papers will be presented. County Clerk Clinton, of Clatsop, will contribute his opinion on "Recorders' fees." The question

as to whether or not the office of recorder should be abolished, as well as that affecting the advisability of employing females in public office, will also be discussed.

Where are you going? Why, to have my hat cleaned, like new at 423 Commercial street.

As will be seen by a notice appearing elsewhere in The Astorian this morning, the office of County Clerk Clinton will be open this evening from 7 to 9 for the convenience of voters who have not registered. Those who desire to vote for presidential candidates must register.

Guy Moulton Green, who died September 28, at San Francisco, was 21 years of age. He was born at Alameda, Cal., but spent most of his life in this city, where his parents resided up to about five years ago. The young man's death resulted from internal injuries caused by a fall. He was at the McNutt hospital for five days. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green, and sister, Miss Myrtle, were well known in this city.

Had the seating capacity of the Star theater been twice as great it might have been possible to accommodate the crowd which sought admission last evening. The fine bill offered by Manager Gevurtz packs the house every night, and better pleased audiences were never before seen. Leora's daring work continues to be the feature of the bill. He performs upon a trapeze suspended from the ceiling and his stunts are little short of marvelous. Sanford and Darlington, "Dutch" Walton and the Heim children have also taken well with theatergoers.

J. Bruce Polworth has sent to C. J. Curtis a copy of his letter of acceptance of the republican nomination for attorney of Wahkiakum county, Wash. The letter is written in Hebrew and sets forth at considerable length just what Mr. Polworth intends doing when he is elected to the office. Mr. Curtis read the letter to a number of friends yesterday, and says that, if he receives assurance that Mr. Polworth will carry out his good intentions, he (Curtis) will stump the county for him. The letter is entitled, "It is no disgrace to run for office when you have aspirations in that direction," and is an interesting summary of the democratic issues.

The Northern Oyster Company will begin Friday shipping its new oyster. This new oyster is larger than the Colonial and comes from New Haven (Conn.) stock. It is the intention of the company to use it to supply the general trade, the Colonial being an exclusive oyster. The Colonial has become very popular. The native oyster market is in better shape than ever before, and Shoalwater bay oysters are bringing \$3 a sack at the bay. Last year the price was \$2.50 for some months and toward the end of the year was \$2.75.

A prominent member of the socialist party said yesterday that the socialists had not yet met to consider the question of placing candidates in the field at the forthcoming municipal election, and he expressed the belief that his party would not nominate. There are only two councilmen and a city attorney to be chosen, and the socialists are reported to be of the opinion that the interests of their party would not be furthered by making nominations. The retiring councilmen are George W. Morton, in the Second ward, and John Nordstrom, in the Third. Both gentlemen will be renominated if they are anxious to again hold office. Whether or not the democrats will renominate City Attorney Smith has not yet developed, as the political situation has not been canvassed. No names have yet been mentioned in connection with the republican nomination.

Councilman Hansen took occasion at Monday night's meeting of the council to express his opinion of contractors who shirk their work. He called attention to the Ninth street improvement, saying he had made personal examination of the box drain being installed there, and that the drain was improperly put together and generally deficient. "If we have to deal with contractors who must be watched, the sooner we get rid of them the better," said the councilman. Street Superintendent Kearney said Mr. Hansen had called his attention to the matter and that he had spoken to the man in charge of the work. The foreman said he had been in the habit of constructing drain boxes in the faulty manner, but that hereafter he would be careful to build them properly. There have been few street improvements of late which have been made satisfactorily and the street committee has been in constant trouble. Some of the more progressive property owners have formed

committees, which personally inspect the work. If it is found defective in any way they notify the council, and if the defects are not righted the assessments are not paid. Those who attend council meetings unconsciously gather the impression that contractors are anxious to become wealthy at a very rapid gait.

"It has been my privilege in past years to hear many noted lecturers, but never have I heard an address that more fully and beautifully portrayed the splendor and the pain, the poetry and the passion of the glorious people that divine guidance led forth from slavery into light." These are the words of Benjamin I. Cohen in the Oregonian, and he was speaking of the noted lecturer, Mrs. B. Altman, whose lecture on "Judith" at the Congregational church on Friday evening should be heard by everybody. Admission only 25 cents. Auspices of the Woman's Club.

As exemplifying the general disposition on the part of boys to take a chance, the marble-playing device invented by a local lad is interesting. The boy located himself at the corner of Fourteenth and Commercial streets a few nights ago, and, although his device was about as near a sure thing as it could well have been, he was kept busy attending to the wants of other boys anxious to play. The device is of the "pocket" order. In a board the lad had driven nails, and the marble is dropped in at a slot above. If it should find its way into a pocket labeled "two," he receives two for one. It was stated by a gentleman who stopped to watch the performance that there was mighty little chance for a marble to find one of the pockets, and that the player had about as much chance as the man who bucks a genuine slot machine. However, the boys seemed anxious to play the game, and the inventor is said to be accumulating a large stock of marbles.

Ever since the Portland authorities closed slot machines there has been much discussion locally of the proposition, and it is reported that concerted action looking to abolition of the money-paying devices is contemplated. The people opposed to the operation of slot machines aver the example set by the Portland officials affords reason for the belief that sentiment here can be aroused and the machines driven out. It is also stated that at least one member of the police commission has declared himself favorable to the movement. There seems to be little objection to the operation of cigar machines, but the sentiment against money-paying devices is pronounced. The reformers declare that, with one member of the police board on their side, it would be comparatively simple to put the machine men out of business. They further aver that the machines in operation in Astoria, some 75 or 80 in number, net a profit of from \$3000 to \$4000 monthly. At the present time there is but one machine operator in Astoria, excepting two or three machines owned by another operator and a few machines owned by saloonmen. The police commission has the power to close slot machines.

**Notice to Voters.**  
Notice is hereby given that the office of the undersigned, county clerk of Clatsop county, will be kept open this (Wednesday) evening between the hour of 7 and 9 for the convenience of voters who desire to register for the presidential election. The registration books will be closed at 5 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, October 20.

J. C. CLINTON,  
County Clerk.

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