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The case against John Volmer for obstructing a county road was settled and dismissed in the justice court yesterday. The county court will pay him \$25 for the land used for road purposes.

This afternoon the Musicians' union of this city will give an entertainment at the Star theater for the benefit of Ralph G. Sears, a member of the union. An excellent program has been prepared.

Articles of incorporation of Lewis and Clark lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hammond, were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday. The incorporators are Charles E. Ford, Robert Gray and Gus Campbell.

If you notice patrolling policemen stop with a jerk every little while and look long and earnestly in the direction of the hospital don't inquire if they have friends there. That's the direction of Salem, where the charter amendments are passing and it makes "de finist" nervous.

The Senby Gas Engines are prize winners of 1904 Regatta. 4½ hp 2 sunch marine engines, \$195; 3½ hp, 4 cycle, one cylinder, \$165; 6 hp, 4 cycle, two cylinder, \$450. The 6 hp is built for small boats and weighs 450 lbs. Salesman for Columbia River, Ludwig Hauge, Knappton, Wash.

REWARD—We shall give \$10 in gold as a first prize, and \$5 as a second prize to the boy or girl under 18 years of age, writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as the subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 p. m. on February 16, 1905. Charles Heilborn & Son, Complete House-furnishers, 590-592 Commercial Street.

The joint fishing committees of Oregon and Washington will meet at Tacoma Saturday to formulate fishing laws that will be identical in both states. As a rule they make suggestions and the legislatures of neither state pay any attention to them, but it affords a junketing trip for members of the legislature at the expense of the state.

The bill authorizing school districts in Clatsop, Grant and Douglass counties, which have not heretofore levied school taxes, to make levies before February 1, passed both houses of the legislature. It is doubtful, however, if any school meetings can be called in Clatsop county to levy a tax before February 1, as the law will probably not be signed by the governor before Saturday.

Some boys removed a large cap from a hydrant in the east end of the city and threw it away. Had a fire broken out in that vicinity it would have been impossible to have supplied water. As it happened, Superintendent Johnson had just one cap left, and it was put on the hydrant. Astoria has some of the toughest kids on the coast and vandalism is becoming too frequent.

A large gang of hobos are headed toward Astoria. At distances of a few miles, bonfires are burning all along the road between Goble and Astoria. Hobo camp is located at Goble and this is the rendezvous for all the hobos driven out of Sound cities and Portland. Chief Hallock anticipates that there will be a large number of these criminals in Astoria and the probabilities are that the police force will have to be doubled.

Four hobos arrived on Tuesday night's train. Officers Thompson and Settum saw the men get out of a box car. Two jumped out on the side toward the depot and two on the other side. Thompson nailed the two and the others, when Settum started after them ran. There being no light at the depot it was impossible to capture them. Chief Hallock put the two men through the sweat box yesterday at the city jail, and gave them orders to leave town, which they will do this morning.

An effort will be made by certain members of the common council to secure the location of a light at the foot of Ninth street as soon as Councilman Burns returns from Salem. There is no question but a light is badly needed there. The lights only cost \$6 a month, and if not more than \$15,000 or \$20,000 is appropriated for extra work at the city hall, the council can afford to put lights at the foot of all the streets. There is more than one way to economize.

Fred Dow, who was adjudged insane, was taken to Salem last night by Sheriff Linville. Dow has been mentally unbalanced before, and about a year ago it took six men to prevent him from jumping from a third-story window in Seattle. Some difficulty was expected in removing him from the jail last night, but there was none. Linville assured Dow that the muffs were for the purpose of keeping his hands warm. Dow thought this precaution was effeminate, but he made no objection to being strapped in. He is in a very bad way now, seeming to be half dazed all the time and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. Klampke of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Sarah Hoff is visiting friends in the city.

R. B. Smith of Seaside was in the city yesterday.

E. W. Goff of Seaside was in Astoria yesterday.

Mrs. Thompson of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

Andrew Young of Youngs river was in the city yesterday.

William Black of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday on business.

J. W. Cook of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

Mark R. Colby of Portland was registered at the Occident yesterday.

N. D. Bain, a prominent logger of Seaside, was in the city yesterday.

Charles Sanford of Seaside passed through Astoria yesterday en route to Portland.

G. C. Fulton is in Salem on business. Timothy Richards of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

T. F. Cowing, Jr., of Oregon City arrived in the city yesterday and has accepted a position with the Western Union.

High School Rhetoricals.

The seniors of the high school will hold their usual rhetorical exercises in the assembly hall this afternoon at 1:15, to which all their friends are cordially invited. Following is the program to be rendered:

- Piano Solo—"Spinning Song"—Mary Adair
- Oration—"Mary, Queen of Scots"—Lois Carnahan
- Oration—"Ideals of Duty"—George Poyasky
- Oration—"The Sayings of Men"—Emma Knutsen
- Oration—"A Glorious Page in History"—Lottie Hess
- Oration—"Noble Thoughts and Noble Deeds"—Grace Morton
- Oration—"Should We Build a Larger Navy?"—Lawrence Rogers
- Oration—"Our President"—Oris Scovell
- Oration—"Important Issues of a New Epoch"—Lester Lounsbury
- Violin solo—Louis Parker
- Oration—"A Traitor"—Pauline Kirchoff
- Oration—"Heroines of the Civil War"—Lester Larson
- Oration—"The Power of Association"—Louise Gray
- Oration—"The Height of Success"—Rose Matson
- Oration—"Wealth's Footing"—Amy Rannels
- Oration—"Exponents of Liberty"—Emma Shedd
- Piano solo—Birdie Wise
- Address—Hon. George Noland

Referred to O. E. Haasheim.

The so-called—really mis-called—local option law ought to be moderately amended, so as to make in fact a local option law. At present the prohibition element is paramount in it. It should be amended so that prohibition and non-prohibition should not be yoked up together. It was carried last June only through misrepresentation and deception. Now that it is known it would—if submitted again—be beaten by many thousands. What ought to be done is to amend it so as to make it truly a local option law. This would be approved by an immense majority of the people.—Oregonian.

A large number of the tax payers are opposed to constant petitions for extra work at the city hall. If the architect made a mistake in his plans he should be held responsible. The big chimney has settled about two inches and the council appropriated \$100 to straighten it. The impression prevails that owing to the soft condition of the ground, that even the foundation will not be sufficient to support the building.

Jailor Allen Anderson says he has the "best" lot of prisoners in the jail now that has been there in his experience. Three of them are forgers and the other obtained money under false pretences, and none of their suave smoothness seems to have deserted them. They don't even kick about the menu, and so far they have not indicated in any way that it would not exactly suit them to stay always. Allen says he is quite embarrassed at times and feels it is a shame that he don't tuck them into clean sheets every night and set a glass of wine, a slice of chicken and some cold storage grapes where they can be reached if they awake hungry.

The Astoria Commercial Progressive Association held a meeting last night at the city hall, a fair attendance was present. After the transaction of routine business, a committee of three, consisting of J. N. Griffin, Albert Dunbar and G. C. Fulton was appointed on the regatta committee. A resolution was adopted recommending that the county court make a creditable exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair. A committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions in appreciation of Prof. H. S. Lyman, who was secretary of the association for a number of years. C. W. Carnahan, A. S. Skyles and J. A. Eakun were appointed such committee.

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