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PERSONAL MENTION.

Peter Grant is in the city on a short visit.
W. G. Kelly was down from Knappton yesterday.
G. P. Cloud, of Portland, is in the city on business.
D. Christof, of Clatskanie, is in the city on a visit.
F. A. McCoy, of Portland, is register-city yesterday.
Lewis Williams, of Chinook, was in the city yesterday.
J. P. Paul, of Nahcotta, was in the city at the Parker.
Maurice Winter, the Portland candyman, is in the city.
M. P. Kelly and wife, of Walla Walla, are guests at the Occident.
Miss Long, of Cathlamet, visited friends in Astoria yesterday.
G. B. McDonald, of Skagokawa, was in the city on business yesterday.
F. M. Warren arrived down from Portland on the noon train yesterday.
C. H. Osgood and Geo. C. Miller, of Olney, were in the city yesterday.
Earl Fisher and bride and Mrs. F. A. Fisher have returned from Portland. Mr. Manager A. S. Froslid, of the Seaside Lumber company, was in the city yesterday.
Thomas Craine, the seiner, went to Portland yesterday to be treated for a severe attack of rheumatism.

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COUNTY COURT

County court convened yesterday and the following actions ensued:

Petition from Seaside residents asking for a county road was read and action postponed for the reason that the plea was not legally presented.

Claim of O. A. Cole for \$149 damages by a road being cut through his property was discussed. The claimant was allowed \$50.

Petition of Albert Johnson and others to run a telephone line along the county road near Seaside, was granted.

Petition of John West for a liquor license at Westport was denied.

Contract for delivering 200,000 feet of lumber along the Warrenton road at the rate of \$10.10 the thousand was awarded to Mr. Malarkey.

Bids for building a bridge across the north fork of the Necanicum river were received as follows:

A. H. and J. S. Johnson, \$650; A. W. Duncan, \$260; Contract awarded to Mr. Duncan.

Warrant in the sum of \$2100 was ordered drawn to pay for the improvement of a section of road in the East End; evidencing acceptance of work by W. A. Goodin.

Claim for extra work amounting to \$125 was presented by Mr. Goodin but was not allowed.

Appropriation of \$250 was made to improve the Nehalem road from the Ness place to the junction and \$300 was appropriated for the county school exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair.

Clerk was instructed to call for bids for the improving of the Elsie road between the eighth and tenth mile posts, bids to be opened July 15.

Petitions from residents of district No. 15 at Jewell for \$1500 to be used for road improvements was read. No action was taken.

Bids for supplying wood for the court house and jail were received as follows: Tongue Point Lumber company, \$4 the cord; Astoria Fuel & Supply company, \$2.25 the cord, and William Kelly, \$2.65 the cord.

Clerk was instructed to call for bids for the planking of the county road near Svenson, bids to be opened July 15.

Appropriation of \$25 was made to build a road from New Astoria to the beach.

Judge was instructed to have assessor's office repaired and to rebuild sidewalk along the north side of the court house square. Court adjourned until July 15 when a number of important matters will be taken under consideration.

Harry F. Davis, manager of the Beach Hotel, Gearhart, accompanied by S. Russel Smith, spent the night in the city. The gentlemen will leave for the coast this morning.

The family restaurant of Astoria is recognized as the Hess restaurant. The best meals and the best service in Astoria. 120 Eleventh street.

Weekly Crop Summary.

The past week has been favorable for normal growth, notwithstanding it averaged cooler than usual. Haying is now general and, although considerable hay was cut and lying in the fields when the rains of the early part of the week occurred, no great damage ensued, and the hay crop promises to be unusually heavy and of excellent quality. Fall wheat continues to fill nicely and its harvest will begin in about ten days or two weeks. Fungus diseases and insect pests are more troublesome than usual at this season of the year. Spring wheat in portions of the Willamette valley so badly infested with aphids, but otherwise its condition is promising. Oats are affected by a red rust fungus, which is causing much apprehension. Barley is ripening nicely. Corn, gardens, potatoes, field onions and sugar beets continue doing well. Many hoes are reported in the hop yards, especially those situated near the river bottoms, and preparations for extensive spraying have been made, which will be put in operation if the present warm and bright weather does not cause their disappearance. Berries are plentiful, and other fruit has made satisfactory advancement.

Popular and Picturesque.

The only thing to make the Denver and Rio Grande the most popular, as it has ever been known the most pleasant and most picturesque way to cross the continent, has come about. This is the establishment of through sleeping car service.

In connection with the O. R. & N. a through Satadard Pullman Sleeper is now run from Portland to Denver, leaving Portland at 8:15 P. M., arriving at Salt Lake at 8:49 A. M., the second morning, leaving Salt Lake at 3:50 P. M., and arriving at Denver at 4:20 P. M., the following day. This schedule gives passengers seven hours' stop-over in Salt Lake, affording an opportunity to visit the Mormon Capital as well as a daylight ride through the grandest scenery in the world.

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At Fishers' Next Week.

Morris R. Dudley, manager of the Snell-Aludridge Company, is at the Occident. Mr. Dudley is arranging for the appearance of his company at Fishers' Opera House next Monday night. The Snell-Aludridge company is one of the best organizations on the Pacific coast and has been winning unstinted praise from the press for their excellent pro-



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ductions. The plays to be presented during the Astoria engagement are "The Heart of Georgia," "Hamlet," "Sapho," "Just Before Dawn," "Hills of Arkansas" and "The Custer Massacre." Complete productions will be made of each play and a genuine dramatic treat may be expected.

Criminal Cases Go Over.

No further criminal cases will be tried at this term of the circuit court. There are a few prisoners in the county jail awaiting indictment or dismissal, as the evidence may merit, and two West Side saloon men are to be examined by the District attorney upon a charge of selling liquor to minors. The session of the circuit court will probably be concluded this week. Judge McBride returned yesterday to the city, but the afternoon brought forth nothing of interest.

Next Sunday's Ball Games.

Next Sunday, Owapupun will play two games with Commercial at A. F. C. park. Brakke will do the twirling for the Owapupuns. He pitched his first league game against Stevens and made an excellent impression. Fans are anxious to observe how the diminutive pitcher will loom up against the Commercial sluggers. It is believed that Brakke will develop into a top-notch. Seaside and Fort Stevens will play two games at Seaside on Sunday.

ELITE TURNS OUT

To Hear Lecture By Distinguished Cartoonist.

AUDIENCE WAS VERY LARGE

Penman Gives Homely Talk, Holding His Hearers Spellbound For Two Hours. Relates Pathetic Story of "Lest We Forget" Drawing.

For nearly two hours last night the largest audience that ever gathered in this city sat at Fishers' and eagerly listened to every word that fell from the lips of Silverton's contribution to art—the most famous cartoonist of the world, Homer Davenport. There was not an empty seat in the house, and all of Astoria's best people were there. It doesn't happen very often that the entire best set turns out, so, although Davenport may not have perceived it the circumstance was a tribute to him, such as never before had been paid to any other person who sought to entertain an audience in this community. Hon. John H. Smith introduced Davenport to his audience, and the affair took on an informal aspect that made it all the more enjoyable.

They say that Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, Oregon, is the greatest jury lawyer on the coast, and one of the greatest in the United States. That's why he defended Senator Mitchell. When Judge Bennett speaks his voice engulfs you. It is a great, large voice, plaintive and sincere, and everything he says goes straight to your heart and impresses you. His rhetoric is not perfect and many of his expressions are of the homely sort—not that the Judge doesn't know better, but because he knows how to touch your heartstrings.

Davenport's voice is not so big as Bennett's, but it is very much the same. It puts you right up against the speaker and makes you like him and want him to like you. After he has talked with you, or at you, for a few moments you seem to feel that you have known him ever so long, and unconsciously you turn to the man beside you and urge him to listen carefully to everything that's said—for, of course, you've known Davenport for a long time and know just exactly what he's going to say and how he will say it!

Thus, Davenport gets a hold on you that you're anxious for him to retain. He "hyps" you with his gentleness and delights you with his unmistakable humor. He makes you feel at home, and the entire absence of loftiness—that restraint which unfortunately characterizes too many renowned men—stamps him your particular friend. It's just as easy to know him as to roll off the proverbial log.

Davenport calls his entertainment a lecture, but it isn't. It's only a confidential little talk. It is couched in very attractive English, but it lacks the oratorical "flights" about which you read in the papers. He doesn't shout, nor does he whisper; he strikes a moderately low tone and sticks to it. His stories are well selected and invariably concern public men and public events with which everyone is familiar.

However paradoxical it may appear, there is a sort of humor pathos to many of Davenport's stories. Last night he told a Dewey story that proved to be a peculiar combination of humor and pathos. The narrative is of interest for historical and patriotic reasons and may here be retold with propriety. When Dewey was retired the American people presented him with a cottage at Washington, and the admiral deeded the home to his wife. Just what was wrong with this no one seemed ever to be able to definitely state, but just the same a great many persons felt in duty bound to write to Dewey expressing their bitter disapproval of his action. Indeed, so oppressive did this letter-writing become that the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey determined to leave America and go to Southern France, there to reside.

One day Davenport drew a picture for the paper with which he was connected. It was entitled "Lest We Forget" and was illustrative of Dewey's magnificent service to his country and the scant appreciation which some unpatriotic ones had shown. It included Uncle Sam in a laudatory pose—not the Uncle Sam who had been writing the letters, but the Uncle Sam who loved Dewey for his good citizenship and was grateful to him for his valor in time of war. Davenport had occasion to visit Washington a short time after the cartoon appeared, and he was invited to call at the famous house. In the parlor he found his cartoon, clipped from a

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newspaper, hanging in a beautiful frame on the wall. The admiral was not equal to the occasion, but Mrs. Dewey managed to tell Davenport that they wanted to thank him for the spirit which he had expressed in the picture. She added that they had already packed their trunks preparatory to the trip to France, but that, since the appearance of the cartoon, the other Uncle Sam had begun writing letters and the trip had been abandoned.

Briefly, these were the facts. The narrative was decidedly pathetic, but it was so full of humorous sentences that one could not possibly give way to pathos. So it was with the wild goose story. Up at Silverton, long before Davenport had fallen into the habit of drawing a great big check every time he drew a picture, he broke the wing of a wild goose. He took the bird home with him, made a splint and mended the fractured wing. The goose learned to love him and followed him around much as a dog might have done. Homer's father assured him that the goose would some day fly away, but Homer's knowledge had been more extensive than that of the old gentleman and he didn't put much stock in the pater's estimate. But one day the goose flew away. Homer felt pretty blue over the loss of his friend, but the bustle and confusion of life in the big city of Silverton soon effaced the memory of the goose, and eventually Homer forgot all about his pet.

One afternoon he was out in the barn yard when a flock of geese flew by. One of them left the flock and swooped down into the barnyard, to the utter amazement of Homer. Now, on account of his marksmanship, the folks would not let Homer have a gun on the place, but when the goose displayed signs of staying for awhile Homer yelled for a neighbor, who came with a gun and shot the goose. About this time the elder Davenport happened along and Homer proceeded to relate to him, with much enthusiasm, that a wild goose had been killed in the yard. Of course when the elder Davenport pointed out to his son that the goose was his old-time friend, Homer was heartbroken and the narrative was necessarily pathetic. But the manner in which the cartoonist quoted his father's philosophical sarcasm took the sorrowful edge off the story and made it easier to contemplate the unfortunate circumstance culminating in the demise of the goose. He told another little story of a wild wood chuck that fell in love with a pretty female duck at the Davenport farm in New Jersey, and there was considerable human nature involved in the

yarn. There are not very many men in this big world who can take up so lowly a subject as a goose or a wood chuck and command the breathless attention of an intelligent audience, but Davenport does it, and seemingly without effort.

As for the cartoons which he drew to illustrate his subjects, they were less interesting than his talks. Davenport's pictures have been seen by everyone, but not everybody has heard him talk. The pictures were wonderful humorous likenesses of his subjects and the audience marveled at the ease with which he painted Senators Spooner and Tom Platt, Admiral Dewey, Sam Rainey, San Francisco's boss before the days of Abe Reuf, and Tom Reed, and wondered also at the gift of drawing so perfect a likeness of the hapless goose which had been killed on the Silverton farm; but the talk was what took.

STANOVICHES IN TROUBLE

Trio Bearing Same Name Hauled into Justice Court.

Three men named Stanovich, none of whom was related to the other, were before Justice Goodman yesterday, establishing a record not heretofore equalled in an Oregon court. One of the men violated the fishing laws, while another had pummeled the third. It was a bad day for the Stanoviches.

Strange to say, two of the men bear exactly the same name—Anton. One of the Antonos was arrested yesterday for his failure to display a state number on his fishing boat. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was taxed \$10 and costs, in all about \$18. He said he had merely neglected to place the number on his boat, but that hereafter he would comply with the law.

Another Anton Stanovich was arrested for assault and battery upon Peter Stanovich. The trial before the justice established the guilt of the second Anton and he was fined \$12, which he paid.

Real Estate Transfers.

United States to Henry Kandel, 100 acres in section 30, T. 7N., R. 8 W., patent.

Sarah De Force to J. H. De Force, lot 1 of section 15, T. 8 N., R. 10 W.; \$5. Amelia Johnson and wife to C. G. Cline, lot 5, block 1, Pine Grove; \$1.

Today's Weather.

Portland, July 6.—Oregon and Washington; Friday, fair and continued warm.

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