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Is worth coming to see. We
don't enumerate them but we
have something to please one
and all

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Buried Yesterday.—The funeral of the late John Revelin, who died Friday at St. Mary's hospital after a long illness, occurred yesterday, the interment being in Greenwood Cemetery.

One More.—Matt Puzer, a native of Finland filed his declaration of intention to become an American citizen in due course of time, with the county clerk yesterday.

Ordered to Sell.—Judge C. J. Trench and sitting for probate yesterday, made an order in the matter of the estate of Frank Mansell, deceased, directing Administrator Schimpff to sell the personal property of the decedent's estate and make due report.

Petitions Out.—In New Astoria Petitions are out for the nomination of a ticket known as the Taxpayers League which will be voted for at the city election on January third. The candidates on the ticket are to be: Mayor, Frank Cunningham; councilmen, Charles McDermott, A. Bryant, T. S. Jewett and Z. Tetlow.

Sheriff's Sale.—Yesterday Sheriff Linville sold the undivided 1-2 of the North 60 feet of lot 2, block 23, McClure's add, to recover on a judgment in the sum of \$1401.15 in the case of John Erickson vs. C. S. Wright, et al., Erickson, the plaintiff purchased the property for the amount of the judgment.

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FROM MR. LINVILLE

Clatsop Sheriff Has A Word About
The Election.

SOME PLAIN SPEAKING DONE

Clear Cut Statement of His Deductions
from Wednesday's Ballots—What It
Means for Him and What He Intends
to Do in the Premises.

"This is a government of the people,
for the people and by the people."

While the above was not the exact language of Sheriff Linville, yesterday morning, yet it was the sentiment he expressed to a reporter of the Astorian, as he sat in his Eighth street office, enjoying an extremely fine cigar, presented to him by an admiring friend.

The reporter picked up his ears, for news was his business, and here was certainly something good; too good to be overlooked, he therefore requested the sheriff to specify.

"Well," said Linville, "several months ago I enforced what I understood were the laws against gambling and dance halls; every city in the West and Northwest had closed public gambling of all kinds, as well as public dance halls, excepting Astoria, and it stood alone. Naturally this fact was published in all the papers, and Astoria was generally known as the only open city on the coast, indeed in the West, and as we all know, much unfavorable comment has been made against us, resulting, in my judgment, materially against our advancement."

"I had no selfish motives in doing this; it was not the result of anger or malice, neither revenge, nor hatred had anything to do with it; many were friends some were my personal friends; none had done me any injury. Neither was it the result of any political scheme; the truth is, that complaints, innumerable had been lodged with me, and in my office by men who had been robbed of their all, of clerks who had embezzled because of their fondness for the gambling table; mothers and fathers, too, had complained to me that their children, boys from 16 years upwards, were permitted to loiter around and habituate gaming houses and dance halls; I tried to turn these parties over to the police officers of the city, but the complaining parties informed me regularly they could obtain no redress. Every prominent citizen, who has given any attention to the affairs of our city, knows I am speaking the truth."

"At the trial of the dance hall men, I produced minor after minor, who was permitted to loiter within, and frequent these dance halls and I could have brought twenty-five more. Public gambling was openly carried on, upon the main street in this city by and with the connivance and consent of the officials of the city, for which privilege, monthly sums of money were paid to the city, collected by the police officers, and paid into the city treasury; why, the gambler ran the city."

"I had plea after plea made to me by mothers, fathers and guardians of young people here, to head off careers of vice and shame. In regard to boys, I once asked a police officer to assist in keeping them out of a certain dance hall, and was bluntly told by the officer that he had not entered the place for over a year; that he had his orders to stay out of there unless he had reason to believe murder was being done in the house, and he could not and would not transcend the orders of his chief."

"I then took a hand in the game. I thought I was right, and still think so, and will always think so, until I go down to my grave. I stopped public gambling; I closed these dance halls, and I kept them closed, never doubting that I would be supported in it. But at the city election held in this city, last Wednesday, the question as to whether or not public gambling, and public dance halls should be permitted within the limits of this city, with the consequent revenue to be derived therefrom, was fully and fairly submitted to the voters; a heavy vote was cast, and the electors of this city, by an overwhelming majority of practically two to one, decided in favor of dance halls and gambling, and my action in closing these institutions, was condemned in no measured terms."

"Now I realize the rights of the majority, and am not one to thwart the will of the people, fairly expressed. Yet no majority however large could influence me to violate the laws of this state, or my oath of office. The charter of the city in express terms, delegates to the city full power and authority to

license tax and regulate gaming, and gaming houses, and nickle in the slot machines." And the Police Commissioners, and Police officers thereof are required to execute these powers of the city; I therefore consider that because of this charter, which was gotten up by the Citizens' party, I can, without violating my oath of office, and at the same time bow to the will of the majority, turn this whole matter over to be controlled and regulated by the Police Commissioners, and Police officers of the city, which I propose to do.

"I want to say, however, that I do this for no political purpose whatever, for I shall retire from politics. I shall not again be a candidate for the office of sheriff of this county. I have held this office for seven years, and I think that it is time that I should step to one side, and give others a chance, and such is my intention. I therefore think that none can truthfully say that I am actuated in this move to turn over these affairs to the city officials, by any other motive or desire, than to carry out the will of the people as recently expressed at the ballot box."

"It is now up to the officials of the city. I wash my hands of the whole business. All city officials take the same oath of office that I do, and the law especially requires them to enforce the laws of the state, and city ordinances pertaining to gaming, and dance halls. I do not wish to be understood as saying that I will refuse to serve any papers that may be delivered to me. I shall at all times perform the duties of my office to the very best of my ability."

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

The following transfers of real estate within Clatsop county were filed for record at the office of County Clerk Clinton, yesterday: Mary P. Thompson, trustee, to J. F. Hamilton, warranty deed, consideration, \$74, conveying lot 9, block 114, McClure's Astoria; Columbia Harbor Land Company to Jas. A. Russell, warranty deed, consideration, \$350, conveying lot 1, block 33, Warrenton Park; Walter C. Smith and wife to James A. Russell, warranty deed consideration \$400, conveying lot 1, block 10, W. C. Smith's Addition to Warrenton.

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ATTENTION EAGLES.

All members of Astoria Aerie No. 17, F. O. E., and visiting members are requested to meet at the Aerie at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Sunday, Dec. 17th, to attend the funeral of our late brother, Mayor J. W. Suprenant.

O. ANDERSON, Pres.

YOUR NEXT.

Never have to wait long at the Occident Barber Shop. A. E. Peterson, proprietor.

The Little Book Store for sale.

ATTENTION CITIZENS.

All officers of the city are requested to meet at the city hall tomorrow afternoon, Sunday, at 1:30 o'clock to attend the funeral of the late Mayor J. W. Suprenant. And all citizens are requested to attend the funeral which takes place at 2 o'clock.

GEORGE W. MORTON,
President of the Common Council.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

On the fifteenth of November, the entire stock of goods at the Little Book Store, will be put on sale at cost. Christmas bargains in books, stationery novelties, etc. 174 Tenth street.

Morning Astorian, 75 cents a month.

N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mattresses making a specialty and all work guaranteed.

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