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COMMERCIALS WIN

Defeat Portland Yesterday Afternoon in This City.

SCORE IS ELEVEN TO FIVE

Game is Called Six Minutes Before Time is up on Account of the Bad Weather—Astoria is Superior in all Departments.

Astoria Commercial Club yesterday afternoon defeated the Portland Athletic Club football team in this city on the A. F. C. grounds, by a score of 11 to 5. While the game itself was a comparatively good exhibition the disagreeable state of the weather made it very bad for both spectators and players, and this reason caused a cessation of the game about six minutes before the time was up, with the ball in Astoria's possession on Portland's 15-yard line. There was a good crowd considering the inclement condition of the weather, and the many excellent plays made both by the locals and the visitors were cheered with a vigor by the impartial onlookers.

The game was called at a quarter to three. Astoria kicked off to the visitors, who after a few ineffectual attempts to make yardage, lost the ball. As soon as the home team got possession of the spheroid they began a steady march down the wet and slippery field and in five minutes of play succeeded in pushing the ball over for the first touchdown of the game. No goal was kicked, as the wind which was blowing nearly thirty miles an hour deflected the ball from between the posts.

Portland kicked off to Astoria, who, after carrying the ball for a short distance, lost it. Desperate playing at this time by the men from the metropolis brought the ball to Astoria's five-yard line. Here the home team took a remarkable brace and secured the ball on downs. In turn they failed to make yardage, and Portland again got possession of the coveted pigskin within five yards of the goal. Three attempts finally took the ball over the last chalk line, and registered five points for Portland, which tied the score. On the punt out the ball went wild, and the visitors lost their chance to add another point to their score. There was no more scoring in this half.

The second half was all for the locals. Portland kickoff and the Commercialists by a series of rapid plays within three minutes carried the ball over the line for the final touch down of the game. The goal was kicked and the score was 11 to 5 in favor of Astoria. The remainder of the game was featureless, and as the weather was so bad, by mutual agreement the teams ceased playing six minutes before the call of time. Throughout the game the best of feeling prevailed, and the Portland boys have nothing to say except that they were beaten fairly and squarely.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Neighbors Intervene to Save the Seefeldt Home.

The cosy home of A. J. Seefeldt at 1076 Harrison avenue, at the corner of Thirty-fifth street, came within an ace of going up in smoke at 3:45 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last.

One of the children struck a match upstairs in his mother's bed-room, for some purpose, and the flames caught a lace curtain at the window, and in a few moments the window draperies and the wallpaper were in a fair way to wreck the place by fire. The neighbors saw the predicament, and knowing the family was away for the time being, rushed in and by quick use of buckets and the kitchen water faucets managed to subdue the flames before any grater loss than that of a bureau and a good carpet had been added to the curtains.

A fire alarm was sent in and "No. 3" got there in good season and a hose was quickly adjusted to the most available hydrant, but the water, on low service pressure at the works, barely rolled beyond the tip of the nozzle and was practically of no service whatever. The boys were ready to do all the service that could be rendered with the "Babcock's," but the neighbors had done all that was necessary in that line.

It would seem expedient that some means be devised for changing the fire pressure service from low to high without having to communicate with the superintendent of the water works, since the fire department people are practically helpless in an emergency of this sort, as witness the conditions at this fire which was checked only by the

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

City Hall Closed.—On account of Christmas the city hall was closed all day, the city officials celebrating the day by taking a rest from their usual duties.

Glass Is Here.—The plate glass for the fine front to go in at B. F. Allen & Sons new stand at Bond and Tenth streets has arrived and will be put in place at once. When the store is ready for the public it will be one of the handsomest in the city.

Wednesday Evening.—The twenty-seventh of December is the date for the fine concert to be given at the Methodist Church under the auspices of the choir, who will be assisted by Prof. Adrian Epping, of Portland, and the ladies' chorus of twenty voices. Admission 50 cents.

Ended in Death.—On Friday last Mrs. H. H. Zappf, of this city was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Rose Scollard, at the Old Ladies' Home in Portland, owing to the sudden and dangerous illness that had overtaken her parent. She departed hurriedly and on Sunday the end came and Mr. Zappf was telegraphed for and left at once. Mrs. Scollard will be taken to Gervais for interment at her old home. Mr. and Mrs. Zappf will return home on Tuesday's noon express from their sad Christmas journey. The children were happily cared for at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denot.

Too Much Christmas.—An over supply of Christmas "booms" absorbed yesterday afternoon by two men, giving the names of Andrew Milder and James Scott, caused the usually placid tempers of these two worthies to become stirred up to an unwonted degree, so that when they happened to meet on Bond street an imaginary insult which one of the overloaded gentlemen gave to the other, immediately precipitated a general engagement. The mix-up was of the most sanguinary character while it lasted, and attracted a large crowd of interested spectators, which unaccustomed sight in turn drew two "blue coats" who stopped proceedings and summarily escorted the two belligerents to the city bastille, where they now rest awaiting a chance to explain the affair to Judge Anderson.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Edna Robinson, of Portland, spent Christmas here, with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Clark.

Miss Tillie Daveneau, of the Astoria "Central" office, spent Christmas with her mother at Ilwaco.

Claude Dunson of Tokeland was a Christmas visitor in the city with friends, returning home yesterday.

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apt and ready work of neighbors, a pretty good reliance when the neighbors are home and available which is not always the case.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Fine Choral Service There in Sunday Evening.

The services at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last were peculiarly interesting and were for the most part, choral and orchestral. The music was under the direction of the Misses Flavel, a guaranty of its genuine excellence and the house of worship was filled to its very doors. Rev. W. S. Gilbert, of Portland, the pastor-elect of the church, was present and conducted the prosody of the service, besides delivering a very happy, yet brief, Christmas address.

The music was most happily chosen and the work of the children in rendering their share of the long program, was delightfully done. The choral work of the elder people was very fine and exhibited culture and poise in addition that made it wholly acceptable.

The solos and dual work were finely done and afforded genuine, but, of course, were pressed gratification on all sides. The duet, "Oh, Guiding Star," by the Misses Stephenson, and the single-voice expositions of Mr. Zeigler, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. C. H. Callender and Mr. Turner, were splendid specimens of vocal work of the best order wrought out in commanding and beautiful themes.

It was a memorable service and found expression through the following ample program:

Chorus an- orchestra, "Come with Anthems Glad"; chorus and orchestra, "Beautiful Bethlehem Star"; prayer; chorus, "Children Come"; scripture reading; anthem, "The First Christmas Morn"; hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," 114 in the Hymnal; duet, "Oh, Guiding Star," the Misses Stephenson; "Glory in the Highest"; solo and chorus, Mr. Ziegler, "O, Wondrous Theme"; scripture reading; solo, "In Old Judea," Mrs. C. H. Callender; chorus, "The Angel Chorus," duet; anthem, "There Dwelt in Old Judea"; address; solo, "The Angel's Message," Mrs. Stephenson; offertory, orchestra; anthem, "O Them Divine," Mr. Lerner, solo; chorus, "Beautiful the Story."

CHRIST IDEALS.

Some Excerpts From the Sermon of Rev. Mahone.

At the evening service, on Sunday last, Rev. Luther D. Mahone, of the First Congregational Church, spoke from the theme, "Seeing the Star." He said in part: "The stars have always seemed, to reverent men, looking from off the plains of the earth toward the over-arching skies of Heaven, to be signs of promise. From the earliest times astrologers have anxiously read the constellations to find lettered there by the bright point of those glowing galaxies the signatures of the great Creator, and the omen of blessing to humanity. Thomas Carlyle once looking up to the Heavens on a starry night when the stars were glowing, exclaimed to Leigh Hunt, 'They are sad stars.' But the commoner instinct of humanity has led men to think of the stars as

harbingers of good and messengers of hope.

"Of all the starry beacons that ever shone out as a sign of promise to humanity, the fairest and the sweetest and most significant was the star of Bethlehem. 'Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,' it lighted the wondering wise men on their way from the East to the hamlet where lay the Babe of divine promise.

"The star of the Christ is the beacon of blessing in every age. It is as true today as it has been in every century since Bethlehem, that a little child shall lead them. Still the wise men are coming to the manger and bow there in humble reverence and complete devotion. The Christ spirit today sways vast multitudes. The ideals of Christianity are the brightest vision of the reformer and dreamer as well as those who do things.

"The vision of a thoroughly Christianized civilization is still the object and the endeavor of the Church of Christ. The world despite all of its follies and failures is moving constantly on toward the Golden Age, of which the restless poets have always been dreaming, because it has seen His star in the sky of promise, and is coming to worship him.

"Throughout the world we view the ceaseless march of mankind. Every one of these life roads of humanity is lighted by some guiding idea, and the individual follows it, and is led by it, and presses on the way that it directs him. It moves on and we shape our course accordingly. What are the guid-

ing stars in our lives? Are they the ones that will lead to the path of righteousness or will they lead to ruin and destruction?

"The speaker emphasized the fact that the stars of selfish and worldly ambition should be given up for the stars of love, peace and the divine star.

"This Christmas tide will prove a happy blessing to every soul that looks to Heaven to see there the star of a redemptive promise and of a spiritual leading. The advent joy is a personal offering to each person. Unless Christ be born in our hearts, he has come to earth, so far as we are concerned, in vain. We should be wise like the wise men, and follow the divine indications of prophecy, history and conscience to the manger of mercy, and kneel there in sincere devotion and veneration. Then will this Christmas time prove a blessing to us as well as to the world round about us."

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