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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Build Wharf.**—The construction of the wharf at Hume mill will be commenced in a few days. Ferguson & Houston have ordered 2500 piles from Stella and as soon as the first shipments are made the work of building the wharf will be begun.

**Buy Two Engines.**—Two donkey engines were purchased in this city a few days ago from the A. & C. R. R. by H. F. Wall, manager of the Mutual Lumber Company at Bucoda, Wash. The engines were formerly used in the rock quarry at Bugby.

**It's coming soon.**

**Opening Address.**—Rev. Gustave Rydquist of this city will deliver the opening address at the annual convention of the Columbia Center Lutheran League, which meets next Tuesday and Wednesday in Portland. The league is composed of all the Lutheran young people in the Northwest.

**The date is set.**

**Erect Oil Tank.**—The crude oil storage tank of the Union Oil Company will be erected shortly on the property of the company, which was recently purchased from the Astoria Wood Yard on the water front. The building materials have arrived from the East and will at once be put in place. Other similar tanks will probably be erected by the company on the same property in the near future.

**Licensed to Wed.**—A marriage license was issued yesterday by County Clerk Clinton in favor of Mr. Jacob Sowash and Miss Hannah Taylor.

**Registration Progress.**—Registration at the county clerk's office goes on apace: The totals yesterday were 124 for the seven city precincts and twenty-three for the suburban ballistics, a total to date of 157.

**Annual Meeting.**—The stockholders of the Astoria National Bank yesterday held their annual meeting in the directors' room of the bank. Reports of the different officials were read and accepted, and all the former officers were re-elected for another year. The board of directors are G. H. George, G. W. Warren, A. Scherneckan, W. H. Barkir and L. Mansur. G. H. George was chosen president; G. W. Warren, vice-president; J. E. Higgins, cashier; and C. R. Higgins, assistant cashier.

Tuesday, Jan. 12th, at 9 a. m.

**Off For California.**—Hon. H. B. Parker, one of Astoria's veteran citizens, if not the veriest veteran of them all, will leave for an extended trip to California on this morning's 7:45 express hence to Portland. Mr. Parker is way up in the "eighties," but is young enough yet to thoroughly enjoy an outing of this sort. He will go south from Portland via the Oregon Development excursion train.

At Foard & Stokes Co.

**Wedded Yesterday.**—A pretty home wedding transpired yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, No. 181 Seventh street in this city. The principals being Miss Hannah Taylor, of Nehalem, and Mr. Jacob Sowash, of Eureka, Cal. Rev. W. Seymour Short, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, officiating, and Miss Esther Taylor, a sister of the bride acting as bridesmaid and Mr. Charles W. Sowash, a brother of the groom, serving as groomsmen. The newly married pair will make Astoria their home for some time to come.

Cooper's Annual Clearance Sale Now Going On. Don't Miss It.

**Case of Diphtheria.**—Lizzie Banich, the daughter of Mrs. Anne Banich, living at 185 Forty-eighth street, was reported to be down with a case of diphtheria. City Physician Pilkington was at once notified and yesterday morning made an examination of the patient, and found that the symptoms were those of the dread disease. The house was ordered quarantined, and the other members of the family were given anti-toxins to prevent the disease spreading.

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The big embroidery sale.

Yesterday afternoon the Columbia River Packers' Association let the contract for the building of the foundations of the association's new cannery at Eagle Cliff, near Eureka, on the Washington shore of the Columbia.

Contractor John A. Fastabend, of this city was the successful bidder in the proposition and his work will cost in the neighborhood of \$4000. The association called for bids under four separate propositions and Mr. Fastabend was the winner in each and all, as against the following four competitors: John Mattson, Ferguson & Houston, L. Lebeck and Paul Stangland.

The work will be started without delay, everything being in readiness for it. The old cannery, which for thirty-eight years past has done good service, having been entirely demolished with a view to this general improvement. After the foundation has been built and accepted, the construction of the new and modern cannery will be pushed to conclusion as rapidly as possible in order that no season may be lost to the companies.

The new structure will be utterly modern in architecture, machinery, arrangement and appointment, and will be patterned after the big sash and door factories of the East, a small part of it being installed on a second floor, with every department in plain sight of the managers.

It is expected the new cannery will cost, when ready for handling its raw material in the neighborhood of \$25,000 and it will be one of the largest and finest in the group of plants owned and operated by the association.

The management expects this fine addition to its property to maintain and exceed the utility and value of the old and serviceable cannery it displaces, and there are none to wish them any other outcome of their liberal and business-like investment.

**THIS IS THE NIGHT.**

"Her Marriage Vow" at Fishers', the Great Attraction.

Tonight the sensational novelty comedy-drama "Her Marriage Vow," will hold forth at Fishers'.

The story deals with the life of Kate Walters, whose father is known as "Bill, Engineer of No. 7". She falls in love with John Carlton, son of the superintendent, who takes her away from home on a pretense of marrying her, and has performed, what he supposes a mock ceremony, through an accomplice of his. Following events however, prove that the marriage was a legal one, and that the accomplice was "not such a fool as he looks." Upon the villain discovering this fact, he makes every effort to do away with the life of Kate, and even goes so far as to attempt the wrecking of two trains by a head-on collision, by turning a switch. He does this, fully aware that Kate and her father are on one of the trains, and that the success of his plan will likely result in the death of both of them.

How his scheme is frustrated and the switch turned just in time to avert the collision, as the two life-like trains pass each other at full speed in plain view of the audience, is said to be one of the strongest spectacular scenes ever witnessed in modern comedy-drama.

Seats now selling at Hoefler's candy store.

**REDUCED RATES VIA RAIL LINE.**

On January 12th, for morning train only, the A. & C. R. R. will sell tickets from Astoria to Portland and return at rate of \$2.70 each, good for return trip until January 16th. This reduction is authorized on account of the Oregon Development League meeting to be held at Portland, January 12th and 13th.

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!

We have moved to 336 Tenth street, corner of Grand avenue, and can be found there at any time, for hauling and draying purposes.

R. C. McINTOSH.

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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

John Fuhrmann is in Ilwaco this week on business.

Mrs. Gerding is in Portland this week visiting friends.

F. M. Murphy, of Kelso, is visiting in town for a brief time.

B. J. Johnson, of Portland, was in the city yesterday on business.

Norris Staples spent yesterday in Portland transacting business.

Charles Below, of Cathlamet, was in the city yesterday on business.

J. Lynch of Tillamook is spending a few days in town on business.

J. K. Peterson, of Knappa was in town yesterday for a short time.

W. W. Gordon arrived in the city yesterday noon from Portland.

J. D. McGowan, of McGowan, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Chris Henry, of Charleston, was in town this week transacting business.

Mayor E. J. Ford, of Hammond, spent yesterday in the city attending to business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lindenberg have returned from a few days' visit with friends in Portland.

N. H. Webber, a well known canneryman of Eagle Cliff, was in Astoria yesterday for a brief time.

Mrs. M. Hogan, of Skamokawa, was in the city yesterday on a brief shopping tour.

Mrs. John McCue, of Portland, arrived in the city yesterday from her home to remain a short time with her son, J. C. McCue.

J. P. Hicks, of Silverton, was in the city yesterday for a brief visit with friends.

C. W. Wallace, of Portland, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

F. M. Blaisdell, of Olney, spent yesterday in town on business.

E. C. Martin, a resident of Skamokawa, was in town yesterday for a brief time.

G. Tufty, a resident of Cathlamet, spent yesterday in the city attending to business interests.

A. Stenger arrived in the city yesterday noon from Portland for a brief business trip.

Alma Smith, South Bend's boat builder, was in town yesterday on a business trip.

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**YOUR NEXT.**

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

**Shorthand School.**

Parties wishing to study shorthand at private night school should call on or address Roy H. Keagy, Holden House, Astoria, Ore.

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

**OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MEETING**

Portland, Jan. 12th and 13th.

On account of above meeting the O. R. & N. Co. will sell round-trip tickets to Portland at one and one-third fare for boat leaving Astoria on the morning of January 11th. Tickets good returning until January 16th.

Any phase of hunger can be daintily gratified at any hour of the day or night at the Palace Restaurant. The kitchen and dining room service are of the positive best. Private dining rooms for ladies. One call inspires regular custom. Try it. Commercial street, opposite Page building.

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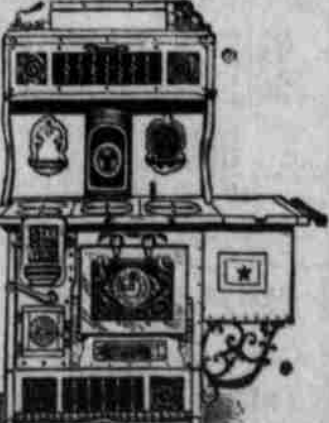
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