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VERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Will Entertain.—On Thursday afternoon the Every Monday Club will be entertained at 259 Commercial street by Mrs. A. R. Rober, Mrs. C. R. Morse, and Mrs. W. E. Broadwater.

Colonial Ball.—Astor Union No. 9, of the Order of Washington in this city will give a colonial ball on the evening of February 22 in Logan's hall. This was decided upon Monday evening by the members of the lodge at their regular meeting. Officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows: President, Frank Evans; secretary, Mrs. J. M. Johnson; treasurer, J. M. Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. Simons; supreme secretary, J. L. Mitchell, of Portland, acted as the installing officer.

Fined Minimum Amount.—Henry Laxell, one of the proprietors of Laxell & Company, appeared in police court yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock before Judge Anderson to answer to the charge of running his saloon, known as the Savoy, without a license, and selling liquor to one John Doe, contrary to the laws of the city. Mr. Maxwell was arraigned on this charge and pleaded guilty, and on the recommendation of City Attorney Smith that leniency be shown, was fined the minimum amount of \$25, which sum was at once paid. Mr. Laxell stated that he would close his saloon for the present, until the next meeting of the city council, when an effort would be made to induce that body to grant him a license to open. In case that the city council does not

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ASTORIA WILL FIGHT

San Francisco—Portland Company Is Unfair.

COURTS MUST DETERMINE

Local Merchants Who Lost Freight on St. Paul to Make Legal Demand for Reimbursement—The Company Has Squared With Portland Shippers.

There is on foot in this city a carefully calculated and wholly righteous plan to break down, once for all, a direct and conspicuous discrimination against the merchants of Astoria. The incongruity of the evil is no less manifest than the contrariety that inspires it. It is the rule of the big San Francisco-Portland Steamship Company carrying Portland-bound freight from San Francisco under its own insurance conventions, and absolutely refusing the privilege and favor to its Astoria customers.

The tonnage into Portland is, of course, far the heaviest, but that offers no pretext for the sharp and unfair advantage taken of the lesser transportation contributed by the people here. And it is to adjust this rank discrepancy in treatment, that legal steps are to be taken by an associated group of merchants here.

The wreck of the steamer St. Paul has raised the question in very unequivocal fashion and afforded an opportunity, long desired, to put the matter within the purview of the courts and get a decision that will mean something, either as a conclusion that Astoria dealers have no rights in the premises and must bear the injustice without relief, or that they have equal rights with the people of Portland.

Quite a number of the mercantile fraternity here had freight on the St. Paul, and when the issue was raised as to their loss being covered by the company, in formal fashion, the local office here took it up with the company, with the result that the Astoria people were politely, but firmly refused any and all compensation for their losses; though every shipper in the metropolis was either measurably, or wholly, covered, by the steamship company under its ruling in favor of the terminal merchant.

Then the merchants of this city pooled their claims and put them in the hands of the Astoria Grocers' Association, and this body went after General Manager Schwerin, at Portland, for definite recognition in the premises. It was useless. They were turned down to the last claim and the last dollar.

Now the entire group of shippers here have legally transferred their claims to the Grocers' Association (with one exception, and that pending), and it is the purpose of this body to put the question in the courts and secure a determination of a matter that has been a thorn in the commercial side here for years.

It is said the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company has nothing whatever to do with the San Francisco-Portland Steamship Company, and is in no way responsible for its acts, fair or unfair; but it was, nevertheless, the prevailing custom of that company, to work this same discrimination, when it was the original owner of the line, and the maintenance of its worst and most conspicuous regulation, by its alleged successor, conduces to the assumption that there is a close business analogy still existing between the corporations, and it may be the critical interference of the law may reveal responsibilities that even the O. R. & N. cannot disprove.

At all events, before many days have elapsed, the case will be up for an adjudication that will be final, and it is hoped, favorable, to the men of this city, who, for long years have contributed faithfully, as far as their businesses warranted, to the prosperity of a concern that has unremittingly and badly discriminated against them.

INSTALLATION TONIGHT.

The installation of the new pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. S. Gilbert, takes place this evening at the church at 7:30 o'clock. The Reverends Henry Marcotte, E. M. Sharpe, and Harry H. Pratt, will arrive from Portland on the noon train today. They have been appointed by Presbytery to conduct the services. The sermon will be preached by Rev. H. Marcotte, a former pastor of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge W. R. Hume has returned from a business trip up river.

C. D. Buchner of Portland is in town this week on business.

Wallace Stuart of Tokeland was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. O'Brien of Cathlamet was in town yesterday for a short time.

C. R. Worrel of Gray's river spent yesterday in the city on business.

H. J. Weigardt, a prosperous oysterman of Oysterville, was here yesterday.

V. Washburn a resident of Brookfield was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Megler of Brookfield were in the city yesterday for a short visit.

Chris Henry a resident of Charlton spent yesterday in the city attending to business interests.

Miss Evelyn Coyle of McGowan is visiting in the city this week with her aunt Mrs. J. F. Cronin.

Joseph Girard and Mrs. Girard of Cathlamet were visitors in Astoria yesterday for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers of Portland were in the city yesterday on a brief visit with friends.

William Anderson a resident of Deep river arrived in town yesterday to transact some business.

Miles McConnell of Sherwood was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. W. C. A. Pohl of Svenson spent yesterday in Astoria on a brief shopping trip.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

This, Wednesday, is the bicentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, one of America's greatest, best and cleanest sons, patriots and servants. He never heard of Astoria, but Astoria has heard of him, and all it ever heard was wholly to his credit; a realization that might not have been Astoria's, had he heard of it at all recently. However, that is neither here nor there; this allusion to Ben Franklin is purely historical and not allegorical, nor Astorian. It is made as a gentle and guileless hint that he was a first-class, simon-pure bred-in-the-bone American, who never borrowed a dollar nor voted the Democratic ticket in his life; two of the vital reasons why he is still an historical star of the first magnitude. His lines are commended to the thoughtful consideration of this community.

FRIENDLY FAREWELL.

Church Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Pendleton Meet.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of the First M. E. Church, gave a very pleasant reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Montgomery on Duane street, yesterday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. A. V. Pendleton, who will soon remove to Portland, where she will make her future home.

A dainty lunch was served, after which Mrs. M. J. Fox, on behalf of the society, and with a tender and feeling address, presented Mrs. Pendleton a beautiful cut glass tea set, as a slight

token of the esteem in which she is held by the society and her friends. All united in bidding Mrs. Pendleton and her husband "God speed," and abundant happiness in their new home.

At the close, all united in singing "God Be With You Until We Meet Again," and Rev. Wm. S. Grim delivered a parting prayer.

Among those present were Mesdames Fox, August Kinney, Hawthorne, Bremer, Wright, Turner, Schroeder, Estes, Diehl, Butts, Miller, Cyrus, McKinsey, Busey, Lynch, Kindred, Montgomery, Grim, Peck, Peak, Brix, Goding, Skyles, Ball, Fred. Sherman; the Misses Estes, Ohler, Busey, and Montgomery and Rev. Wm. S. Grim.

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