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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**In the City.**—Judge F. W. Benson, of Roseburg, is in the city this week on business. He is a candidate for the office of Secretary of State.

**By February First.**—The Clatsop Mill Company hopes to have their new sash and door plant in full operation by the first of the coming month, in which event they will begin to turn out sash at the rate of 500 per day.

**Buried Sunday.**—On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the funeral services of the late Clifford M. Staples will occur from the family residence, Rev. W. S. Short, officiating. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

**Funeral Sunday.**—The funeral of Mrs. Louise Carlson will take place from the Lutheran Church at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Rydquist officiating. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

**Was Not a Chaplain.**—Rev. Luther D. Mahone, of this city, says he never was a chaplain in the federal army. He entered a West Virginia regiment as a volunteer private during the Spanish-American war, and when his regiment reached Chickamauga Park on its way to the front, Mr. Mahone was transferred to the Rough Riders. He emerged from the service with the rank of captain, and joined the ministry afterward. He was brought into personal, and friendly, contact with the President while at Chickamauga.

**APPLES**

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**Is Recovered.**—Theodore Josephson is around once more, after being ill with la grippe for a few days.

**Signs Ordinance.**—Mayor Wise yesterday noon signed the ordinance passed by the city council for the improvement of Birch street.

**Critically Ill.**—At a late hour last night Mrs. August Larsen, of Hammond, who has been ill from the effects of blood poisoning at St. Mary's Hospital for some time, was reported as in a very critical condition, and with but a dubious prospect for recovery.

**Off For Washington.**—Rev. Luther D. Mahone will leave on an extended trip tomorrow. He will make quite a stay at the Puget Sound cities and from there will go direct to the national capital. He expects to be absent about one month.

**Commence Work.**—On Monday next Ferguson & Huston will commence driving the piles for the proposed improvements to be made by the Tongue Point Lumber Company on the property recently bought by that company. Shipments of the piles are being made this week from Stella.

**Superintending Work.**—Roadmaster Frye is at Jewell this week looking after the operation of the portable saw mill, which is engaged in cutting lumber donated by the residents of that section for the improvement of the roads in that part of the country. He expects to be gone about a month.

**Dies in Portland.**—Word has been received here that Mrs. M. C. Woodruff, well known in this city, died at her residence in Portland Thursday after a protracted illness. Mrs. Woodruff is a sister of William Chance, who left for Portland yesterday upon receipt of the sad news of his sister's death.

**Paid Fifty Dollars.**—Of the three cases pending in Justice Goodman's court under State complaints of dumping sawdust in the Columbia river, the Clatsop Mill people are the only ones to settle the issue. This they did yesterday by a plea of guilty and the payment of a fine of \$50. The other cases, those of the City Box & Lumber Co., and the Tongue Point Lumber Co., are pending on demurrers.

**Badly Needed.**—The new city directory of the city of Astoria will probably be delivered here on or about the first day of April, and it will fill a long felt want. Manager Baxter and his faithful ally, Mr. Piper, are pursuing the Eastern plan of taking the exact number of people in each house they visit in the residential section, for census purposes, their initial inquiry at each door being, "How many people sleep under this roof," so that when they have finished the work, a precise total will be had of the actual population of the city.

**The First Step.**—F. G. Halton, a native of England, who desires to become a citizen of this country, filed his declaration of intention at the county clerk's office yesterday.

**Licensed to Wed.**—County Clerk Clinton issued a marriage license yesterday in favor of Mr. Leaverette Leslie Stowe of Fairbank, Alaska, and Miss Jennie M. C. D'Elia, of this city.

**But One Deal.**—There was but one deal in Clatsop really yesterday to reach the public record. The State of Oregon sold to John E. Du Bois, 2538.42 acres for a consideration of \$5746.05.

**Leave in Morning.**—Attendants, despatched from the Oregon Asylum for Insane, arrived here on the night express to take into custody Mrs. Mary Peterson, whose mind collapsed on Thursday. They will depart for the capital this morning.

**Legally Determined.**—The supreme court of the State of Washington in deciding the case of Johansen vs. Mulligan, appealed from Pacific county, has laid down the rule that fish traps must be actually 900 feet apart. This decision will settle a good many pending controversies, as any trap built at a less distance becomes at once invasive and illegal.

**House Burglarized.**—On Thursday night, while Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Finch were absent from their home enjoying the pleasures of the skating rink, an unknown person entered their home and thoroughly ransacked the house. Upon their return they discovered the robbery, and notified the authorities. A peculiar fact concerning the burglary, was that the robber overlooked money and other articles of value in the house and contented himself with simply taking a valuable star, set with pearls. The thief left no trace of his visit, whereby he might be discovered.

**DR. WITHYCOMBE'S FEAT.**

**Straight Declaration From Prominent Candidate.**  
"To F. I. Dunbar, secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and to the members of the Republican party and the electors of Oregon in the State of Oregon:  
"I, James Withycombe, reside at Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, and my post office address is Corvallis, Oregon. I am a duly registered member of the Republican party. If I am nominated for the office of Governor, at the primary nominating election to be held in the State of Oregon, the twentieth day of April, 1906, I will accept the nomination and will not withdraw, and if I am elected I will qualify as such officer.  
"If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, advocate and support:  
"Taxation of franchises and gross earnings tax on telegraph, telephone, express and sleeping car corporations.  
"Uniform assessment and taxation of railroads.  
"State regulation and examination of state and private banks, trust companies and savings banks.  
"Protection of the State in its ownership of public lands.  
"A board of control for State institutions.  
"One board for management of normal schools.  
"Improvement of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers and coast seaports.  
"National ownership of the Oregon City locks.  
"Constitutional amendment permitting the Governor or people to veto individual items of appropriations.  
"An honest and fearless performance of public duty."  
(Form For Nominating Ballot.)  
"Honest and fearless performance of public duty. A greater and united Oregon."  
"Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, January 1, 1906."

**TOILERS OF THE DEEP.**  
Concerted Movement in Behalf of Sailors and Fishermen.  
The following communication declares itself without need of comment, other than cheerful and cordial endorsement, which is given it, as far as this office is concerned:  
"Astoria, Jan. 19, 1906.  
"Editor Morning Astorian.  
"Dear Sir:—A meeting to consider the mission work among the sailors and fishermen in Astoria, was held in the Norwegian M. E. Church, on Sunday, January 14, 1906.  
"Rev. O. Haabein was elected president, and Rev. C. Aug. Peterson, secretary pro tem. About forty joined in organizing a local Seaman's Friend Society. It was decided that a board of control be formed, consisting of from five to seven members from each church interested, and other citizens.  
"Rev. P. M. Ellefsen, the chaplain, will be down here next week. A meeting for permanent organization will be held Sunday, January the 28th, at 3 p. m., in the Congregational Church.  
"Brothers, pastors from the different churches, please remember this and elect some members for the board of control. Let us take this great work to our hearts. It means not only \$8000 missionary money for Astoria, but a Seaman's and Fisherman's Institute.  
"We can lift this cause  
"If we lift together.  
"Yours truly,  
"C. AUG. PETERSON,  
"Secy. Pro Tem."

**DEAD IN MINNEAPOLIS.**  
Mrs. Grace Stahl, Nee Butts, Expires Suddenly.  
A dispatch reached this city last evening conveying the sad and shocking intelligence of the very sudden death, at Minneapolis, of Mrs. Grace M. Stahl (formerly Miss Butts, of this city). She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Butts, of Astoria, and was married to Mr. Stahl early last summer. No cause was assigned for her sudden demise. This information will probably be supplied by mail first arriving from that point.  
There will be many whose ready sympathy will go out to the stricken parents.

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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

J. H. Walker of Oregon was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. C. A. Coolidge is in Portland this week for a brief visit.

Mrs. W. J. Lockwood of Portland is in town visiting friends.

George Videngruber of Youngstown spent yesterday in the city.

F. E. Brayman of San Francisco is in town for a brief business trip.

Harry Lyon of Gray's river was in town yesterday for a short time.

Clark W. Carnahan of Clatsop was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

F. Melville of Portland is in the city this week on a brief visit with friends.

Captain Joseph Allen of Portland was a visitor in the city yesterday for a short time.

Mrs. O. W. Whitman of this city is in Medford on a brief visit with acquaintances.

James McGowan, a resident of McGowan, was in town yesterday for a short time.

T. S. Jewett of Hammond arrived in the city yesterday to remain a short time on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Schindler, residing at Centerville, have been quite ill and feeble of late, and yesterday Dr. J. A. Fulton of this city paid them a professional visit.

Wallace Stuart of Tokeland has been in town all week on business connected with the organization of his new oyster company.

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**BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The subjects of sermons at the Baptist church tomorrow, will be: "Our Stewardship," and "The Early Life of Jesus." All the other usual Sunday services will be observed. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

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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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