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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN.

Contracts Let.—Almost all the Columbia river packers have now let the contracts for the salmon boxes to be used during the approaching season, the prices being what they were last year.

Form Partnership.—Reith and Wilson of the Lewis and Clark, have gone into partnership in the milk delivery business, and intend to start work on the first of February.

Annual Report.—Master Fish Warden Van Dusen states that he will present his annual report for the year 1905 at the next meeting of the board, which will meet in Salem one week from today.

Will Meet.—The ladies' aid society of the Methodist church will hold a tea at the home of Mrs. P. J. Brix, 152 Exchange street, this afternoon. All friends of the society are invited to be present.

In Poor Health.—Mrs. W. E. McAfee, has returned from Portland, whither she went to visit her daughter, Mrs. McCanstland. The latter lady's health is so impaired that she and her husband will leave immediately for Southern California.

Returns Today.—John Eldridge, who went East last month to set up a full line of square-can machinery for the Astoria Iron Works has completed his task and will be home today bringing the mechanism with him.

Completes Grade.—The grading for the road along Fifty-third street between Birch and Alder streets, has been finished by Contractor Goodin, and he expects to have the road completed by the time the improvement of Birch street is finished.

On a Serious Charge.—Justice Goodman yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of one Martin Tipich, upon the allegation of Mrs. S. Marderich, who swears Tipich vowed he would murder her if she did not leave her husband and come to him. He had not been arrested at a late hour yesterday.

Has Been Victimized.—Bert Hibbs, of this city has been victimized by a party bearing the name of Raster, who is alleged to have passed a worthless check on Hibbs in the sum of \$110, drawn on the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank of Portland. Warrant is out for Raster's arrest.

Nearly Four Hundred.—The voters of Clatsop had registered to the tune of 396 at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The city stands for 284, and the outlying precincts at 112. Astoria precinct No. 4, is the leader in the city, with 64; and Seaside, in the county, with 50; Mihawaka and Vesper are not of record in the precincts, yet.

Give Reception.—Tonight the members of the First Presbyterian church in this city will tender a reception to their new pastor, Rev. W. S. Gilbert in the parlors of the church. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to be present.

Petition For Sidewalk.—The property owners living in the vicinity of Smith's point have filed a petition with the City Auditor which will be presented to the city council at their next meeting, asking that a sidewalk be built around Smith's point as far as the sash and door factory. The council is asked to donate \$25 to help in the construction work.

Nehalem Prosperous.—Affairs are reported to be quite prosperous in the Nehalem country these days owing to the railroad which is being built towards that section. Postmaster J. C. Pope, of Elsie, who was in the city yesterday leaving in the evening for Portland, says things are on somewhat of a boom, there being considerable activity along real estates lines.

Logs Floated.—The heavy rains of the past few weeks raised the waters of Seal and Gray's rivers to such an extent that about eight million feet of logs were floated down from the head waters, also a great many logs were brought down the Skamokawa river. Two hundred and fifty thousand feet of logs were brought down from the head of the Lewis and Clark though as the water was not so high as in the other rivers, over 2,000,000 feet still remain above.

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A Jolly Hour.—The hour spent in the War Theater these days is wholly compensating. The management has another excellent bill on this week, with pleasant surprises running thick in the program. The music is new and the skits full of snap and sparkle.

Estate Closed.—Judge Treuchard, sitting for probate, yesterday, approved the final account of Albert E. Allen, executor of the estate of Marietta M. Goodman and discharged said executor from all further liability in the premises.

Desires Divorce.—Attorney Charles J. Schmale, of Portland, yesterday filed the complaint of Mrs. Augusta Breithaupt and pleadings for divorce from Berthold Briethaupt, upon the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. There is one child, a girl of 13 years, for the custody of which the mother prays in her plea.

Titles As They Shift.—There were three changes in the ownership of Clatsop realty yesterday, as evidenced by the deeds filed for record at the court house: Thomas Livville, sheriff, to S. J. Hubbard, for delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, certain lots and blocks in and near Ocean Grove. Clark M. Loughery to Chester W. Rich, warranty title, consideration \$5, conveying lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 in block 47, of Taylor's Astoria. Mary M. Kelley, widow, to Florence M. Henderson, warranty title, consideration \$675, conveying lots 5 and 6, in block 24, of Alderbrook.

Petition For Removal.—Residents in Alderbrook are circulating a petition to present to the Astoria school board requesting that the principal of the Alderbrook school, J. W. Kester be removed from his position. Among the several charges cited in the complaint is that of incompetence. It being alleged that the principal is not capable to hold the position. The petition which is signed by about forty interested parties, will be presented to the board at their next meeting to occur on February six.

Appoints Special Officers.—District Deputy Brown of the Elks lodge has appointed the four special grand lodge officers who will officiate at the dedication ceremonies of the new Elks' temple in Portland, to occur on February 1 and 2. The officers selected by him are A. Edgar Beard, grand equire, and D. E. B. McDaniel, grand loyal knight, both of Baker City, Judge C. Blakley of the Dalles, grand esteemed leading knight, and Dr. W. H. Byrd of Salem, grand esteemed lecturing knight.

Delightful Surprise.—Last evening the church members of the First Lutheran church tendered their pastor, Rev. Rydquist, a most delightful and unexpected surprise party in the church building, it being the occasion of the reverend gentleman's birthday. A unique manner of securing Rev. Rydquist's presence at the church was adopted by the church people, who rang the church bell. The noise attracted the attention of both the pastor and his wife, who rushed out, and seeing a light in the church, hurried to the scene, where they were surprised and pleased to see over one hundred loyal church members gathered to greet them. Refreshments were served, and various amusements indulged in until a late hour, when the people dispersed to their several homes, wishing their pastor many happy returns of the day. As a token of their appreciation of his services, and of the esteem in which he is held, Rev. Rydquist was presented with a purse containing a generous sum of money.

WEST END CLUB MEETS.
Greets Mayor Wise and His Friends With a Band.

Last evening being the date set for the adjournment of the West End Improvement Club, Mayor Wise, accompanied by Messrs. Albert Dunbar and Dr. Pilkington and Judge Anderson, went out to witness the proceedings, and were delightedly surprised to be received by the Kalwa Brass Band, of sixteen pieces, of the existence of which no one in this part of the city was aware. They played national and other airs, for a time and finally the meeting settled down to formalities, chief among which was the naming of the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month, as the regular meeting nights of the club. A number of questions of local importance were discussed, after which light refreshments were served and adjournment was had until Wednesday, February 14th, which, being St. Valentine's day, it was ordered that each visitor on that night should be endowed with a valentine as a souvenir of the club's initial working night. Tomorrow, Wednesday night, the Shively Improvement Club, with a district bounded by Twelfth street on the west and the eastern boundary of the Second ward, will be organized at the council chamber in the city hall, and it is hoped every interested citizen will be in attendance. The East End Improvement Club will

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be organized by the mayor, on Friday night next, at the Adair school house, and in this case, also it is the earnest wish that all interested will be in evidence.

The organization of the McClure Club, covering the territory between Second and Twelfth streets, will be organized some time next week, due notice being given of time and place.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. W. B. Lane, of Kelso, is visiting friends in the city this week.

William Gorman of Stella was in the city yesterday for a brief visit.

N. Meyer of San Francisco, is a business visitor in town this week.

J. H. Ashley, of Seaside, was in Astoria yesterday for a short time.

W. L. Dudley, of Portland, was in the city yesterday on business.

S. R. Albright, of Portland, was in the city yesterday for a short time.

G. A. Rogers and F. S. McCulloch, of Portland, arrived in the city yesterday.

S. S. Dill, a prominent contractor, was in the city yesterday on business.

P. M. Elletson, of Portland, was in the city yesterday for a brief business trip.

Mrs. Nelson Troyer is visiting in Astoria this week with Mrs. G. W. Lounsbury.

F. A. Fisher was a passenger hence for Seattle on the 6:10 express last evening.

I. G. Wickstrom, a resident of Scappoose, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Mrs. Otto Heilborn has returned from a pleasant sojourn with friends at the metropolis.

Mrs. Dr. August Kinney is visiting in Silverton, Marion county, at the home of her brother.

Oscar Durkham of Deep River arrived in the city yesterday to remain a short time on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Swenson Morton are in the city, from the northshore suburb of Knappaon, on a visit with friends.

DON'T FORGET FRIDAY.

The Roscian Opera Company who commence an engagement of two nights and matinee at Fishers' next Friday evening are spoken in the greatest and best of terms by the press wherever they appear. Th Walla Walla Statesman has this to say of the company:

"It was with general regret that the great crowd at the Keylor Grand last night saw the curtain drop on the last act of the last of the seven performances given here by the Roscian Opera Company. No theatrical company that ever appeared in this city has won a higher place in popular favor. The capacity of the theater was taxed every night to accommodate the eager crowd and the audiences lost no opportunity to manifest their appreciation of the many clever acts and songs of each performance. Encores and curtain calls were so frequent that it must have been most trying to the patience and the strength of the favorites, but they always responded cheerfully to the clamorous and persistent enthusiasts who usually included the entire audience.

"Of the bills presented—'El Capitan',

'Bohemian Girl', 'Mikado', 'Chimes of Normandy', 'Fra Diavola', and 'The Telephone Girl'—it is difficult for anyone not a connoisseur of music to say which was the best. Each has its champions, but none failed to please. If the Roscian Opera Company should ever favor Walla Walla with a return engagement, they are sure of a hearty and generous welcome, but the Keylor Grand may need to be enlarged to seat the crowds that will flock to see them."

Seat sale opens Thursday morning at Hoefler's candy store.

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