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Have Declared Intentions. Knut Heleonois, and Henry Kleinola, two natives of Finland, have declared their intention to become American citizens in due course of time. They filed their first papers yesterday with County Clerk Clinton.

Left for Home.—State Superintendent Smith, of the Congregational Sunday schools of Oregon, who has been in this city for the past week in the interests of his mission, returned to Portland and his home, on the early express, yesterday morning.

Bids Opened Yesterday.—Bids were opened yesterday at the office of the Astoria Iron Works in the matter of rebuilding of its wharf. The bidders, and bids, were as follows: John Mattson, $667.00; L. Hegman, $625.00 Leander Lebeck, $750.00; and Birch & Jacobson, $774.60. No award was made yesterday.

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Home Again.—Mrs. R. L. Jeffery, who has been absent in Utah for the past four months has returned to her Astoria home. She went hence to Henifer, Utah, to be with her father who died there in the fall, and to attend to the affairs of the estate. She is in excellent health and glad to be back to her business and home in this city.

After Honors.—Professor G. B. McCluskey, principal of the Hammond public schools, is an applicant before the County Board of Examiners, for a Life Certificate from the State of Oregon, about as high an honor as can be achieved in the line of scholastic promotion under the statues.

From Old Mexico.—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fulton have returned from a six weeks outing in the south. They arrived by the morning express yesterday direct fro mthe interior of Old Mexico and Tampico, and did all the famous resorts of Southern California, and enjoyed everything on the tour. They are both well and glad to be at home in Astoria.

LEST YOU FORGET.

Is it not about time you were getting that buggy fixed up? It may need new rubber tires or perhaps some other repairs. If so, take it to Andrew Asp & Company. They also do all kinds of blacksmithing and repair work.

Two Orders in Probate.—Judge Trenchard, sitting for probate yesterday, made the following orders: In the matter of the estate of Daniel Graham, Frank Spittle was appointed administrator; and in the matter of the petition of guardianship of Wilbur W., Charles L., Freeman F., and Eben Parker, Nellie E. Parker was appointed as guardian under bond of $200.

Fined Fifty Dollars.—S. Iwanato, the Japanese, who is alleged to have cut B. Evanger with a hatchet, on the Perry, on Wednesday, appeared in Justice Goodman's court yesterday afternoon, and was allowed to plead to assault and battery rather than to assault with a dangerous weapon, and was promptly fined the sum of $50 by Judge Goodman. Mr. Spittle appeared for the defendant while the State was represented by Mr. Abercrombie. He had not paid the fine yesterday evening, and will have to do durance for twenty-five days if he fails to come up.

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Card of Thanks.—The rector, wardens and vestrymen of Grace Church, desire to extend hereby the thanks of ourselves and the whole congregation to the A. Dunbar Co., for their generous prize of $450.00 and to our many friends who made the securing of it possible. It is our intention to devote this sum to the procuring of new cushions for the pews in the church, and we hope our friends and supporters will often avail themselves of the privilege of using the same. For the vestry

Wm. Seymour Short, Rector.
Frank Spittle, Senior Warden.
E. Z. Ferguson, Junion Warden.
C. A. Coolidge, Clerk.

Astoria, Oregon, Feb. 15., 1906.

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

Resigns Position.—Howard Pinnell substitute mail carrier of the local postoffice department, has resigned his position and E. R. Sutton, one of the regular carriers will also resign shortly, and go to Fairbanks, Alaska.

Give Dance.—On Saturday night the trustees of the Lewis and Clark school will give the final dance of the season in the school house. The money which is gained from the dance will be used in procuring equipment for the use of the schools.

Reception.—There will be a reception this evening at the Norwegian M. E. Church for the pastor Rev. C. Aug. Peterson, it being his 50th birthday. The Norwegian Singing Society will sing All friends of the church and the pastor are invited.

Cleaning Up.—Yesterday morning a number of the enthusiastic members of the West end improvement club secured some old fire hose from Chief Foster, and labored all day cleaning the streets in that part of the town. The members say that this is only a beginning of what is to come.

Quartette of Transfers.—There were four deeds filed for record at the office of County Clerk Clinton, yesterday, as follows: J. G. Mack and wife to Grace E. Lew, warrantly title, consideration $1,350, conveying Lot 2 Block 6, Grimes' Annex to Deacon Groves; Cora E. Coleman et. al. to Portland Timber Company, quit claim title, consideration $5, conveying 619 acres in Clotsop County. Greenwood Cemetery Association to Jacob Butts, consideration $45, conveying Lot 2, Block 110, section B, Greenwood Cemetery; Pascual Bain and wife to Anthony Bain, warrantly title, consideration $1, conveying Lot 2, Block 5, Pine Grove.

Have A Kick Coming.—There are a number of people complaining of the fact that they had goods carried by this port on the last trip of the steamship Senator, San Francisco to Portland, and who were seriously inconvenienced by the unusual procedure. It would seem that prepaid fraight due at this port might be delivered on the arrival here of the ship, and while the agency here is entirely absolved it is none the less a serious inconvenience for those who are disappointed in the premises.

Among the Small Craft.—R. M. Leathers, the boat-builder is installing a fine surfice plainer at his big boat shed, and had the gear, shafting and belt in such order yesterday that its operation today is assured. He has finished the launch Lexington, even to putting her name on her bows and will launch her on the order of Senator Megler, who says he is in no hurry to get her in the water before the fishing season opens, because he does not want her knocking around on anything but business and there will be plenty of that for her later.

Married Last Evening.—Rev. William Seymour Short, rector of Grace, Episcopal church of this city, officiated at 8 o'clock last evening, at the Parker House in the union of two well known young people of this city, Mr. Harry E. Shipe and Mrs. Belle Hazel Farrell. Mr. Shipe is in the service of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, and enjoys a broad acquaintance in the commercial circles of Astoria, and Mrs. Shipe is a daughter of Mr. Theodore Broemser, "mine host" of the Parker House. The young people will settle down immediately, in "homey" fashion in a cosy flat on Bond street at the foot of Ninth. They have many friends here who will wish them uninterrupted happiness.

Fifty Thousand Per Day.—A reporter of the Astorian dropped into the Kinney cannery building yesterday morning and took a look at the Western Can-Body Making Machine, invented by Eldridge and Kruse, and manufactured by the Astoria Iron Works, a machine that is revolutionizing the business for which it was built. When observed yesterday morning it was not working full time but was dawdling along at the rate of seventy-five cans per minute, or 40,000 per day, and if geared up it might be induced to do 100 cans per minute or 60,000 per day. It is a simple, quick-action piece of work, without a single wheel of bolt hidden from sight, and clicks along like a well-regulated clock. There are fifteen of these machines in operation over the east and all giving immense satisfaction The Borden Condenced Milk Company of New York and the Libby, McNeal & Libby Co., of Chicago handles them the former with six, and the latter with three. The speed of the work on the machines is regulated by the solder feed, which was working yesterday at the rate of one and one-quarter pounds per 1,000 cans. The machine cost $2,500 dollars and pays for itself the first year of its operation.

WHIPPLE-CLINTON

Gas, Electric Light and Telephone Franchise Matters.

START WAS MADE YESTERDAY

Construction Engineer on Ground—Option on Land Said to Have Been Closed —Men and Material Due to Arrive—Safely Financial—Commence Early.

Tonight at midnight, the Whipple-Clinton franchise from the City of Astoria, for a gas, electric light and telephone systems under the letter of stipulation, must have expired had not something tangible been done to make the required showing set up in the ordinance granting it. That somthing has come to the front in composite and plausible shape, and the liklihood of a new system here seems to have color and robustness.

The Astoria improvement Company, which is now in possesion of the franchise, has, it seems contracted with the Acetyline Contracting Company, of Minneapolis, for the installation of an adequate gas-lighting plant here and Mr. T. W. Kibbee the constructing engineer of the latter corporation, arrived in Astoria, on the noon express, yesterday, in company with Mr. Whipple, the original donee of the franchise fully prepared with plans, estimates, specifications and such other equipment as is necessary for the immediate beginning of preliminary work on the plant.

The works will be located on land, 100x500 feet in dimensions, lying south of the Union Oil Company's group of tanks on Astor street, upon which an option has been held for some time by the Astoria Improvement Company and which was taken up yesterday and will be formally closed today.

Shipments of material incident to the work such as mains and tools, are now en-route, and will arrive here simultaneously with the skilled labor necessary to give technical impetus to the work.

Mr. Kibbee has already made definite arrangements with certain leading business houses for the purchase of requisite stores and supplies and is making dilligent inquiry on the score of available labor here for the prompt prosecution of the work.

The projecting company will hold the electric lighting and telephone services in abeyance until the new gas plant is fairly underway, and intends to make good on all elements of the omnibus privilege it holds from the city.

Mr. Whipple is authority for the statement that the whole business included in the franchise is fully financed and that lack of money will not stall the establishment of any phase of the work at anytime. A number of those responsible for the money end of the enterprise have been here from time to time, and have lent cordial endorsement to the venture in subsequent board meetings, where the success or failure of the scheme had to be determined.

The hypothesis offered by these facts is very promising, and the chances are, upon the present showing, that something will soon be doing. Yet, it is well never to be too sanguine in matters of this sort, for far more flattering circumstances than these have been known to come to naught, and only enough real work done to save franchises from lapsing, and years frittered away in dealing and counter-dealing, the finality finding expression in a meagre and barely-wrought fulfillment of franchise requirements.

It is not inferred that the present case will eventuate in any such way, indeed, the public hope is aroused in a very distinct way, for something good and radical and substantial, and the doubt is interjected only because it has been so often justified.

Mr. Kibbee has just completed the full equipment of the greatest known Acetyline plant in use anywhere, at Yakima, Washington, and the people there are delighted with its service, and he may duplicate the success here, if not the scope of the installation.

The franchise requires the expenditure of $40,000 within the ensuing six months by its beneficiaries, and it is said they will expend $60,000.

Dies In Hammond.—Last Wednesday evening at Hammond, the five months old daughter, Ellen, of Erick Passo, died of cramps, after a short illness. The funeral will occur from the family residence, with the interment in Ocean View cemetry.

Is Recorder.—Mrs. M. S. Hogan of evening the stork visited the home of Captain Logan McEwan at 433 Commercial street, and left a ten pound boy. All are reported doing well.

Is Recocered.—Mrs. M. S. Hogan or Skamokawa, wife of Wihkiakum county assessor, left the sanatarium in this city last evening, having just recovered from the effect of an operation.

Receives Assessment.—The sum of $540.60 was received yesterday by the city treasurer from the Columbia River Packers' Association, as the amount of their assessment for the improvement of the alleyway and Cedar street in Uppertown.

Police Court—One who gave his name as C. J. Cooper, appeared in the police court yesterday afternoon on the charge of vagrancy, and entered a plea of not guilty. His case was continued until three o'clock this afternoon.

Shattuck Detained.—Lecturer Shattuck who was to have given a temperance lecture at the First Baptist church last evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., was unavoidably detained and failed to arrive. Rev McClean, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Castle Rock, however was secured and entertained a large audience with an interesting address on, "The Trail of Lewis and Clark." Mr. Shattuck will deliver his lecture tonight in the First Baptist church, and every person is cordially invited to attend and hear this noted lecturer.

New Arch Light.—For the purpose of showing what kind of lights the electric company contemplate installing throughout the city in case the council grants them the long term contract for lighting the city Manager Coolidge has had one of the new lights erected on the corner of Twelith avenue and Duane streets, where last evening it's bright light, was already attracting much attention and favorable comment. The light is the latest thing in arc lights, and is what is known as the Magnetite light. It is of 2,600 candle power as compared with 1,200 candle power, the amount of light furnished by the ones now in use in town. The new arc gives a clear white light. The new light is being installed in Portland now, in place of the old kind, and is proving immeasurably superior to any of the previous lights used.

Milch cows, says Secretary Wilson in his recent annual report, are advancing in numbers and have reached a total of 17,570,000 worth $482,000,000

Allen and Eigner wish to announce that there will be music at the skating rink on both Tuesday and Friday evenings. Spectators will be charged admission on music nights only.

THE HUNGRY MAN.

The hungry mortal is almost universal (at times). When one is hungry he wants something good and wants it quick, well-served, in comfortable quarters, and at reasonable cost. That's what he wants; and if in Astoria, he goes where he knows he can get satisfaction under all these conditions, that is, to the Palace Restaurant, on Commercial street, opposite the Page building. The stranger going there once, goes there always. Party, and banquet, service, on the same satisfactory scale.

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

MASSAGE, FINNISH METHOD.

Miss Olga Landen, Finnish graduate, room 6, Pythian building. Gives massages, steam and hot baths. Phone Black 2165. Will call.

YOUR NEXT.

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

Notice to Fishermen.

Fishing boat and other sails manufactured at 1470 Grand avenue. And. Poutala.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given that the Shively Improvement Club respectfully requests that all residents living within the borders of Shively's Astoria take steps within the next ten days to clear their premises of all debris so that they will present a cleanly appearance. In the meaning of this notice it is expected that all front and back yards, sidewalks and gutters be cleared from all rubbish which causes an unsightly appearance. Failure to comply with the request within ten days of this notice will cause the delinquent to be reported to the club. An early compliance to the suggestion will be appreciated. By order of

SHIVELY IMPROVEMENT CLUB,
K. OSBORN, President,
HARRISON ALLEN, Secretary.
Astoria, Oregon, February 8, 1906.