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We have received a special line of fancy salt and smoked fish. We ask you to call and see our stock. Our Bloater, Mackerel, and Imported Bloater Herring, are worthy of special mention, and are the best in the market.

All our goods are of superior quality.

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

At Logan's Hall.—At Logan's hall last evening the Knight's of Pythias gave a very enjoyable literary and musical program. There was a large attendance.

Has Closed Down.—The county saw mill has closed down for the present, after having saved out nearly half a million feet of plank for the road service of the county, besides a large quantity of bridge timbers.

At North Yakima. The First Congregational church of North Yakima, Washington, is just now, fortunate in the possession of the clerical services of Rev. Luther D. Mahone, formerly pastor of the same church in this city. He will probably be in charge there for several months to come.

Preades at Portland.—Judge T. A. McBride, of this judicial district, will sit today, on the bench usually occupied by Judge Cleland, at Portland, and in a case wherein Judge Cleland has large personal interests. He returns to Astoria and resumes the circuit bench on Monday next.

Will Build a Home.—W. L. Cleland of this city has sold to Captain Arthur Leighton, of the Columbia Bar Pilots Association, a fine parcel of ground on Jerome avenue near Fifteenth street, upon which the captain will forthwith erect a handsome home. The deal was carried through by the Astoria Abstract Title & Trust Company.

Has Moved.—J. Q. A. Bowley has moved his law office from Bond street to rooms 1 and 2, upstairs, in the old Fellows' building.

Free Once More.—Alfred Seaborg, of this city, who was undergoing a penitentiary sentence of eighteen months upon a charge of larceny from a warehouse, has been pardoned by Governor Chinlestein, upon the recommendation of Hon. Thomas A. McBride and Hon. Harrison Allen.

New Popular Song Books.—Svenson's

Pleasant Social. The members of Ocean Circle No. 145, Women of Woodcraft, held a social at their hall last night which was largely attended. Many friends of the circle called and spent an enjoyable evening. After a musical program refreshments were served and several pillows and Mexican drawn work were raffled off. The first two pillows were won by William Beck, who, with other members of the lodge, Sons of Herman, visited the circle in a body.

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

FISH In Many Varieties

SALTED:
GENUINE EASTERN COD,
ALASKA COD,
ICELAND HERRING,
HOLLAND HERRING,
BLOATER MACKEREL,
SHORE MACKEREL.

SPICED:
HERRING,
NORWAY ANCHOVIES.

SMOKED:
ENGLISH RED HERRING
EASTERN BLOATERS.

We have a large stock of canned fish of the best known brands. Send us your orders you will be pleased with your purchase.

JOHNSON BROS.
GOOD GOODS.

118-122 Twelfth St. Astoria, Ore.

Astoria Exports.—The month of February, according to the records maintained at the federal custom house in this port is credited with exports of lumber aggregating 4,884,566 feet of lumber, sent out to domestic ports, in eight bottoms, from the milling centers of the lower Columbia river district.

Brings Cheerful Report.—Otto Heilborn has returned from Collins' Springs where he took his young son about two weeks ago for treatment for a bad attack of rheumatism, and brings the cheerful report that the little fellow is progressing finely. It was necessary to carry him up and down stairs on their arrival there, but the baths soon put the lad where he could use crutches, and then a cane, and is now getting about quite handsily to his own and his parents' great gratification.

As It Used To Be.—Bill Chance has an inexhaustible fund of interesting stories of old days hereabout, and among other things he tells, with great gusto, the tale of his first delinquent tax roll, way back in the '90's, when he was confronted with a delinquency on the tax rolls of Clatsop of \$6.50 which, under the law then, as now, had to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, at which time the Portland Oregonian was the only available sheet for that and all other purposes of publicity, and was employed in this relation at a cost of \$27.40 plus Bill's traveling expenses, which increased the amount to a limit not reported in the details he is furnishing with this particular yarn.

Trio of Transfers.—Three deeds were filed with the county clerk yesterday, indicating changes of title in Clatsop county, as follows: Anna W. Curtis et. ux. to P. Lawlor & Company of Seaside, warranty title, consideration, \$1200, conveying the south 100 feet of block No. 20, of the First Addition to Ocean Grove; The Astoria Company to Anderson Eric Gustafsson and C. W. Carlson, trustees, warranty title, consideration \$1200, conveying lot No. 6, in block No. 4, Shively's Astoria; S. H. Willett and wife to M. N. Adams, warranty title, consideration \$5, conveying 2 by 100 feet of the west side of lot No. 5, block No. 64 McClure's, Astoria.

Power Possibilities.—A leading citizen of Astoria, just returned from a trip up the Columbia valley, said yesterday, to a reporter of this paper, that a well-financed concern at Kalama, with J. P. Atkin, the well-known banker of that place at its head, had brought into the town full 5000 horse-power of energy, some of which was now employed in the local industries there, but that the excess, some 4000 or more h. p. was available for outside use, subject to the rule of its owning company to supply Kalama industries first, and he made the suggestion that it might not be a bad idea for some Astoria plant to secure it and wire it in here. Sixty miles of poles and wires would do the trick.

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Warrenton Mill Matter.—Yesterday Trustee in Bankruptcy Frank Spittle received from W. G. Goslin, of Hamblett & Goslin, the parties who bid in the Warrenton Lumber mill property the other day, subject to the claim of the Astoria National bank, the final and full payment, of the sum of their bid, \$8,525, and will report the same to Judge Page, the referee, today, with the recommendation that the bid of Messrs. Hamblett & Goslin be accepted. The claim of the bank, alluded to, now approximates practically \$30,000, so the cost of the plant, while greatly less than the original sum expended for, and upon it, will aggregate \$38,525. The Astorian is in a position to announce that the new owners will lose no time in putting the property in shape and turning its output to the market. The resumption will hardly be delayed beyond the 15th of the present month.

Ocean Circle.—The local Women of Woodcraft, Ocean Circle No. 144, held a pleasant session at their hall last night, at which a jolly program was unfolded with great success. A number of dainty things were raffled off among the visitors, and among the winners were the following: Two sofa cushions, each

raffled separately, were both won by Mr. Beck, an extraordinary piece of good that very rarely happens. A beautiful handkerchief of lace, won by Miss Edling; and a pretty doyle, won by Miss Whitbeck. The cakes left from a generous luncheon were also sold, and the ladies realized handsomely from the evening's entertainment, and, it is needless to say, gave value received, in every sense.

Will Still Do Business.—The agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company in this city, Mr. Geo. W. Roberts is authority for the statement that his company has no idea of relinquishing the big and valuable business it has enjoyed between Portland, Astoria and Ilwaco, by reason of the shoaling of the river channel approaching the latter place, and that if it becomes necessary so to do, the railway line from Ilwaco to the river side would be extended up the river to a point in the neighborhood of Kanappan thus obviating all danger of insufficient water for the T. J. Potter or any of the company's other pleasure liners. The popularity of the north shore resorts has been responsible for a large and profitable business and it will not be lost, though it is not yet certain that the channel referred to, is to become wholly impassable.

Church Notices

Congregational Church.
Preaching services both morning and evening by Rev. W. L. Strange. Communion service following the morning session. Sunday school at 12:15 o'clock.

Grace Episcopal.
Divine service at Grace Episcopal church, at 11 o'clock a. m., tomorrow, and the second service, public catechizing of the children of the Sunday school, at 4 o'clock p. m., with an address on "Christian Missions in Africa."

Baptist Church.
The Baptist people of this city will observe all their regular church services tomorrow and to which they invite all who may be disposed to attend. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Salt," of that in the evening "The Condemnation of Conscience."

First Presbyterian.
Rev. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor. Morning worship at 11 o'clock; Sunday school, 12:15; P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship at 7:30 o'clock; sermon, "The Christian's Appeal to Thinking Men." Chorus choir.

First M. E. Church.
There will be the regular services at the First M. E. church, tomorrow consisting of the class meeting at 10:15 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:15 and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. The regular prayer services Wednesday evening at 7:30.

First Lutheran.
Services at the First Lutheran church tomorrow as follows: Morning service at 10:45 in Swedish; evening service at 7:30 in English. The pastor will speak at the evening service on the subject, "Greatness in Service." The Sunday school, which is always in English, meets at 9:30 a. m. On Monday evening the pastor leaves for Moscow, Idaho, where he will attend the Columbia conference which convenes there on the 7th inst. He expects to be gone about a week.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. L. Dudley left for Seattle and Portland on the morning express yesterday.

William Grace of Portland, came in on the 11:35 train yesterday and is doing business here for a few days.

P. S. Brumby came down from the metropolis on the noon train yesterday.

D. McKee of Portland, is an Astoria visitor, and is a guest at the Occident.

J. P. Doyle came in from Portland yesterday at 11:35 and is registered at the Hotel Occident.

A. E. Petersen went to Westport on the morning train yesterday on business, and will return sooner or later, as the case may be.

Captain Thomas Doig returned to his home at Jewell yesterday after his nine days of recreation on the Clatsop grand jury.

W. E. Coman, assistant general freight agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, was in the city, yesterday, on business.

MAKES RICH STRIKE

Lawrence Discovers Oil Paraffin and Gas on Gray's River.

IS A GOOD PROPOSITION

Strike is Made on Mr. Lawrence's Ranch Three Miles Below Falls on Gray's River—Oil Flows Freely—Will Develop Property.

J. W. Lawrence arrived in this city yesterday from Gray's river, and left on the evening's train for Portland. Mr. Lawrence reports that he located oil on his ranch at Gray's River, a few days ago and it seems to show no signs as yet of giving out, but is rather coming to the surface with an ever-increasing flow, and he is inclined to believe that he has one of the best propositions in this line which has ever been encountered in this section. In speaking of the strike, Mr. Lawrence said that he had been looking for oil and gas on his place which he suspected was there, for some time, before he finally was successful in his quest.

"I drilled several holes into the ground," stated he, "in my efforts to strike gas, and was always able to obtain signs of it. It seemed to seep up through the ground, and a match would serve to light it when applied. Because of these signs I determined to find out if my proposition was a good one, and so I procured a quantity of dynamite and blasted out the ground where the gas came to the surface. Immediately paraffin and oil began to rise to the surface, and since then there has been a steady flow of the two substances. Gas is also escaping in great quantities. Mr. Lawrence says that the place where he struck the oil is about three miles below the falls on Gray's river, and is remarkably easy of access for transportation purposes. A small sample of paraffin and some of the coal oil, which he had taken from his place, were in Mr. Lawrence's possession, and he said that the object of his present trip to Portland was to have the samples tested, as to their commercial value. While not inclined to be over confident of his proposition, he believes that his property will become a rich one.

According to Kaiser Wilhelm, in his address to the cadets, "Prussia has attained greatness through hunger." As a consolation for poverty this may be epigrammatic; but, alas, we suspect it is only Dolphic—the hunger was for domain.

New York necessities have developed the professional flat finder, the paid guide of the annual and semi-annual flat hunter. The number of speculatively advertised flats with weak points, to be avoided will yet make the flat finder indispensable.

The Arab revolt in the Yemen and the Dutch war in Acheen are the other two things which we have always with us, just which began first we are not quite certain. But at present the Yemen riot seems to be a hankleberry ahead in vivacity. Next week we may expect to hear from Acheen.

"They've found out nowadays," observed Uncle Jerry Peebles, "that a man can digest his food without a stomach and talk without a tongue, but I know men that live and manage to get along all right, without any brains."—Chicago Tribune.

The nickel guard against street slugging is the latest evolution from the diminutive humanity on its streets. Women debarking from the elevated after dark hear a childish voice piping: "Please may I take you home? Nobody will touch you when I am along, they will be afraid."

Taken as directed, it becomes the greatest curative agent for the relief of suffering humanity ever devised. Such is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Sold by Frank Hart.

Doctors Are Puzzled.
The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Melver, of Vaneboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the Throat and congestion of the Lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say, it saved my life." Cures the worst Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Tonsillitis, Weak Lungs, Hoarseness and LaGrippe. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

WATER COMMISSION.

Board Meets Last Night and Transacts Business.

The Astoria Water Commission met last evening in the city hall in regular session all being present but Messrs. Elmore and Fisher. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and also those of the special meeting of the tenth of February. The report of the clerk for the month of February was read and filed. The report showed that the cash collections during February amounted to \$3144.80. The treasurer's monthly report was read and ordered filed.

The report of the water superintendent for February was read and ordered filed. The annual report of the commission was to have been read at this time, but as it was not yet fully prepared, its reading was deferred. It was stated however, that the total loss for the year amounted to \$1116.97.

A request received from the Customs House for proposals for the water for the building and yard, was read, and on motion the clerk was instructed to notify them that the rate of \$12.50 per month would be continued.

Bills for the month amounting to \$132 were allowed, and the monthly payroll of \$675.75 was also approved.

A bill was received from the Astoria Fuel & Supply Company, regarding the rate charged it, for water used in wetting cement. The commission had made a rate of 20 cents per barrel, which was characterized as exorbitant, and an earnest request was made for a reduction in the price. After some discussion, the superintendent was instructed to investigate the matter.

Lars Bergwick was re-employed by the commission to act as engineer for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$150 per month.

A communication was read from Lars Bergwick in regard to the available supply of water which could be obtained from Big Creek. Another communication was read from Mr. Bergwick stating that the sidewalk near the power house was in bad condition. Authority was given to have the needed repair made. Engineer Bergwick recommended that several "dead ends" of pipe be connected with the mains, and his recommendation was adopted.

The superintendent was instructed to connect Uppertown with the high pressure service. Clerk Lounsbury was instructed to secure a bond in the sum of \$2000, and the treasurer was also instructed to renew his bond for \$20,000. The commission after discussing various other matters then adjourned.

A Lively Tussle
with that old enemy of the race, Constipation, often ends in Appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with Stomach, Liver and Bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or discomfort. 25c at Chas. Rogers, druggist.

FOR DAINTY THINGS.
In the personal toilet line, such as hair brushes, combs, talcums, dainty hand soaps and everything that beautifies and completes the toilet, go to Frank Hart, the druggist.

Ocean Circle No. 145, Women of Woodcraft, will give a Tea and Apron Sale on the afternoon and evening of Friday, March 2nd, in the A. O. U. W. hall. All are invited.

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"Pioneer Limited," St. Paul to Chicago; "Overland Limited," Omaha to Chicago; "Southwest Limited," Kansas City to Chicago.

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TO LICENSE BROKERS.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Secretary Shaw appeared before the house committee on ways and means yesterday in support of the Payne bill for the licensing of commission house brokers. He urged that the licensing of such brokers would tend to keep "shysters" out of the business. He also advocated the appointment of a solicitor of customs to represent the department in cases taken before the board of appraisers. Marion Devries and other members of the board of general appraisers also advocated the necessity of licensing brokers. Secretary Shaw also urged that the pay of special agents employed in the customs service be increased to \$10 a day, that better men may be obtained to ferret out under-valuations. He said the government loses from \$10,000,000 to \$40,000,000 on under valuations frauds.

FIGHT LITTLEFIELD BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The territorial board of education of New Mexico and the Santa Fe board of education have petitioned Delegate Andrews to do all in his power to defeat the Littlefield bill, preventing gambling in the territories. If the bill cannot be defeated they are anxious it shall not go into effect until 1907 as schools in the territory are largely supported with fees from gambling licenses. These fees for 1906 have been paid in advance and must be refunded in case the bill becomes a law.

LOWENTHAL DIES.

CHICAGO, March 2.—Berthold Lowenthal, 76 years of age, died yesterday. In 1870 he was elected president of the International Mutual Trust Company, the name of which was changed in 1872 to the International Bank which office he filled until the bank was consolidated with the Continental National Bank in 1895. He was president of the Chicago Sinai congregation for ten years and from 1870 to 1872 was president of the United Hebrew charities.

A Scientific Wonder.
The cures that stand to its credit make Bucklen's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of Piles. It heals the worst Burns, Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Cuts, Wounds, Chilblains and Salt Rheum. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers drug store.

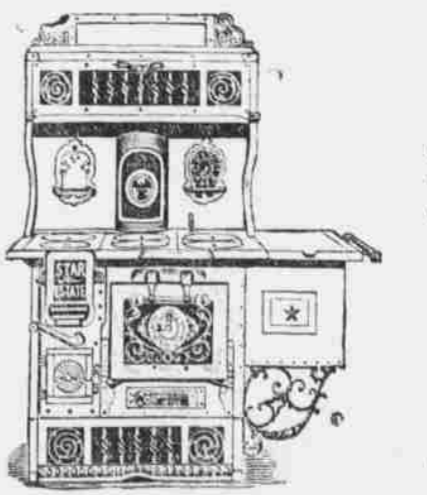
PARTICULAR PEOPLE.
The world is full of particular people, and the most exacting of them all, are those who are particular about what they eat, where they eat it and what they pay for it, as well as the service accompanying the meals. It is the rule in Astoria, whenever one of these people inquire for the best, all-round restaurant in the city, to promptly refer them to the Palace Catering Company, on Commercial street, just opposite the Page building. Once they patronize the Palace, their worries and their questions are at an end. Banqueting and party service is complete in every detail of luxurious appliance and menu.

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

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.

YOUR NEXT.
Never have to wait long at the Occident Barber Shop. A. E. Petersen, proprietor.

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