

For The Lenten Season

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

Passes Examination.—Charles H. Johnson, second mate on the steamer Senator has been successful in passing the examination before the board of inspectors at San Francisco and has been awarded First Officer's Papers.

Receives Wheels.—A carload of wheels and axles were received yesterday by the Pelton & Armstrong Logging Company of Cathlamet, which will be used in the equipment of the company's logging road.

Leave Astoria.—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thayer left last night for Tacoma and other Washington points. Mr. Thayer has been employed in this city as book-keeper for the Namborn Cutting Company's cannery, and leaves Astoria to engage in business in Eastern Washington.

Improvement Club Active.—Through the efforts of the Shively improvement club it is likely that the practice of crowding the sidewalks with displays of their goods, will be abolished. The matter has been energetically taken up and will no doubt be successful as several merchants have signified their approval of the movement.

Obtain Reduction.—Through the efforts of the Astoria Retail Grocers Association there has been a reduction in freight rates made by the transportation companies between this city and Portland. The reduction applies especially to heavy and bulky articles in ear load lots. The minimum for a car load is likewise reduced. A number of the steam schooners operating between here and San Francisco have made a material reduction in their freight rates.

In Astoria.—After an absence of ten years Fred Speer formerly a resident of Knappa, has arrived in Astoria. Mr. Speer shipped out of Seattle on a sealing schooner which was captured by the Russian authorities while engaged in poaching along the Siberian coast. With other members of the crew Speer was compelled to serve time in a prison in Siberia. When released he came to Japan and thence to this country.

Make All Preparations. There will be a jolly affair on the taps next Saturday evening, when at 6 o'clock, the Norwegian Singing Society starts on its grand excursion to Chinook on the steamer B. Miller. A splendid concert will be given by the society, which in itself is warrant for thorough enjoyment. Saturday evening, March 10th from the Lurline dock.

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.

Dealers in Lands.—Two deeds were filed for record yesterday in the office of the county clerk, as follows: J. Neal Gearhart, Edgar Gearhart, Phillip Gearhart and Esther Gearhart, to Elsie Bables Devlin, quit-claim title, consideration \$5, conveying lot No. 7, block No. 117, in McClure's Astoria. The same parties, to E. Z. Ferguson, quit-claim title, consideration \$5, conveying lot No. 3, in block No. 118, McClure's Astoria.

Important Session.—The meeting of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night at its Bond-street rooms, is sure to be important enough to warrant the attendance of all business men who can get out to it. President Morse will no doubt name his committees for the coming year and it is essential that those billeted for special work should be there to take up the work assigned them, and hold a heart-to-heart talk on the best way to open up a campaign for the good of Astoria and Clatsop county.

A Mild Epidemic.—The Astoria bar is possessed with a mild epidemic for changing and embellishing their professional headquarters, and while the malady is apparent on all sides it is comparatively harmless and circumscribed in its scope. Judge Hamilton no sooner gets into his handsome new offices in the remodelled store-room once occupied by B. F. Allen & Son, than Attorney Frank Spittle, his next-door neighbor at once begins a general overhauling and re-decorating of his Commercial-street sanctum, and then Judge Bowly catches the infection and emerges from his Bond street hermitage and comes up into the active business center of the city. Next!

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

Serious, But Funny.—The Portland express out of this city yesterday morning was delayed for nearly two hours by the non-appearance of the regular Seaside local, and the latter train had its measure of experiences, which, while they were somewhat disconcerting as to the schedule, were correspondingly amusing. It seems that No. 3 engine, hauling the Seaside train, one of the new oil burners, could not be induced to get up steam enough to hudge the train out of the ocean terminal for the reason that Brier Rock-feller's liquid fuel was overused with water and refused to ignite. Word was sent to this city of the predicament they were in down there, and "No. 7" was despatched instantly with plenty of fresh oil to recharge No. 3, and assist her in getting the local up here in some sort of time. She flew along gaily until within the corporate limit of the popular resort, when by some mischance she jumped the track, and was "hors d' combat" at once. Then it was, by way of contrariety, that No. 3 took a notion to steam up, the water in her oil having been forced out of the tanks by steam injections, and she went to the instant relief of her side-kick, No. 7, yanked her back on the rails and pulled the whole thing, train and all, up to this city. Talk about freaky things and people, there is nothing can equal the vagaries of a railway engine when it takes the notion to be queer, and it is not to be wondered at that it is spoken of as "she", and "her", etc., etc.

For County Treasurer.—Word was received at this office last evening that W. A. Sherman of this city has decided to go before the primaries for nomination to the office of treasurer of Clatsop county, and his petition will be put to the front immediately.

Climbing Up.—The registration books for Clatsop county, yesterday showed exactly 847 names of intending voters at the primaries. Of these 536 were registered from the seven city precincts, and 311 from the twenty-one county precincts. Astoria No. 4 leads with 100 registrations, closely followed by Seaside with 100; and Vesper precinct still remains unrepresented on the books at all.

New Popular Song Books—Svenson's.

Met Monday Night.—Tomorrow evening in the city hall will occur the regular meeting of the city council, at which time it is expected that the matter of the Mayor's veto of the electric light ordinance will come up. Though nothing definite is known, rumors are current that the council will probably revoke their action in passing the five year franchise for city lighting, and pass the one providing for the three year contract, which it is understood has the approval of Mayor Wise.

Next Tuesday Night.—The popular pastime of roller-skating is to receive a new impetus on Tuesday night next when Messrs. Allen & Eigner will reopen the Ford & Stokes' hall on east Exchange street, with a brand new equipment from one end to the other; a magnificent hemlock floor has been laid over the old one in the hall and it is smooth as glass and so built that it will take the running curves of the skates without impediment of crack or joint at any point in the limit of the hall; and besides this, there will be plenty of new skates, and every possible comfort for patrons. The coming affair will open with a grand march which will begin on the stroke of 8 o'clock, and a splendid time is assured. That there will be a rush cannot be doubted, in view of the wide popularity of the amusement, and if a full measure of enjoyment is not had by every one, it will not be the fault of the enterprising proprietors.

Settled in Part.—Trustee in Bankruptcy Frank Spittle yesterday reported to Judge Chas. H. Page, Commissioner in that department, that the full sum of \$825 had been paid to him by Messrs. Hamblett & Gosselin, for the equities of the Warrenton Lumber Company's property, and recommended that the sale be confirmed, and this was granted by Judge Page, and Mr. Spittle was directed to make formal conveyance of the property, which he did promptly. Inquiry at the Astoria National Bank yesterday, elicited the information that the claim of the bank, aggregating in the neighborhood of \$30,000, had not as yet been adjudicated by the parties in question, and nothing definite was known as to just when the matter would be taken up and disposed of. It is certain that the gentlemen who have taken such tangible initiative in the premises will not be long in bringing the case to a full and satisfactory close, and putting the plant in operation.

His First Case.—Magistrate W. R. Hume, justice of the peace for the John Day precinct of this county, after having been in office for twenty-one months without so much as a judicial day's service, took on his first case yesterday, in the shape of a civil suit, wherein W. E. Schimpff is plaintiff and Axel Jacobson is defendant the nature of the action being for an order to oust Jacobson from the tenancy of certain property in Alderbrook, which he claims to have held to date under the terms of a three-year lease from the earlier owner of the property, but Mr. Schimpff avers that he is the owner and that the terms of tenancy claimed are not formal nor adequate and he wants possession quickly and completely. The case has not yet been set for trial, but that it is in court must be a source of great gratification to Judge Hume, as it would have been a reflection upon his training as a jurist, to have held the office down for two years without a single issue being presented for his consideration.

Astoria Schools.—The report of the condition of the Astoria public schools for the month of February shows that the schools are in a flourishing condition. The percentage of the attendance was very high in every school being as follows: Alderbrook, 97.3; Adair, 98.7; Shively, 97.6; McClure, 98.; Olney, 98.7; Taylor, 98.6; High School, 98.4; total percentage of attendance for the whole city being 98.2. In the Alderbrook school out of a total registered enrollment of 122, the total monthly was 103. In the Adair school the total number of pupils registered is 323, and during February the enrollment amounted to 318. Shively school has 273 registered, and of this number 260 were enrolled during the month. McClure school has 326 on the register, and of this number 270 were enrolled during February. Taylor school with 214 on the register, had a monthly enrollment of 189. The high school with 126 registered, showed 111 enrolled for the month. The total number of pupils registered is 1506 and the total monthly enrollment was 1369. The banner room for the month was the Fifth grade at the Olney school, the percentage of attendance being 99.7, and no tardiness. The banner school falls to the Olney school, the percentage of attendance being 98.79, with no tardiness.

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

WATERFRONT ITEMS

Story Out That Captain Al. Betts Has Resigned.

VERMONT IN FROM GLASGOW

Columbia River Bar Smashing Defiantly Ties Up Some Steamers—Gerald C. in Trouble, but Safe—Deck and Dock News.

The following is taken from yesterday's Oregonian, but Captain Betts was not at home yesterday, to deny, or confirm it:

"Believing himself jobbed by other members of the local Pilots' Association, Captain Al Betts has relinquished his membership in that body. His experience with the steamer Ilford, Wednesday, is said to be responsible for his action. Captain Betts says he was called upon to shift the big steamer when it was known that she would be difficult to handle in the swift current. The steamer got beyond control of the towboats in pulling away from the mills of Inman, Poulson & Co., and went on the mud off the O. W. P. dock. The cargo is being lightered. Captain Betts will pilot independently hereafter.

Notice to Mariners.
Gray's Harbor, Outside Bar Whistling Buoy, red, marked "Gray's Harbor" in black, heretofore reported adrift, was replaced March 1.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The steamer Despatch is due in, today, from the Bay City.

The steamer Aurelia will get away for San Francisco early this morning after a delay here of twenty-four hours owing to a smashing bar.

The steamer Jordan of the Callender fleet came down the river yesterday morning on time, with Mrs. George Jackson and Miss Ethel Carrau, as passengers.

The towing steamer Oklahoma went back to the city of Portland with a big load of salmon from the northshore canneries and a lot of fertilizer from the O. R. & N. pier here.

The three-masted schooner Beulah came down from Portland on the hawser of the Oklahoma yesterday morning and will proceed to San Francisco, as soon as she can make it over the bar.

The revenue cutter Perry failed to get away yesterday for the Straits of Fuca and Vancouver Island, as outlined in those columns yesterday, but will doubtless find a passable bar this morning. Conditions forbade her attempting to cross out yesterday, hence the delay.

Receiving Clerk Charley E. Mitchell, of the Callender service, received the sad news yesterday morning of the death of his maternal grandfather, Mr. P. N. Lewis, of Naples, Ill., at the ripe old age of 98 years, and was a victim of rheumatism. He was a man of virile strength, mentally and physically, and was born in Yankeeeland on June 26, 1808.

When the T. J. Potter left up yesterday morning for Portland, she left here for the last time until she shall have been thoroughly overhauled for her summer line of business between the metropolis and the northshore beaches. The steamer Hassalo will be down this morning on the Astoria-Portland run, and will be officered by the Potter's staff with the sole exception of First Officer Wm. McCulley, who goes to the Harvest Queen as pilot; the Hassalo will be on parade here during the day and no doubt hundreds will flock to see how she looks since she has been lengthened and made over into a new boat.

The big British tramp steamship Vermont, Captain W. C. Haines on the bridge, arrived in yesterday morning from Glasgow, via San Francisco, and was flagged in by Captain Red of the tug Wallula. She arrived off the bar on Thursday morning and as the bar-pilot schooner Pulitzer was to seaward and out of sight, having hauled to the westward to escape the gale that raged on Wednesday night, and as the bar was too rough for the passage outward of the tugs, the big stranger was brought in by signals skillfully handled and found her anchorage in good shape

after five hours' maneuvering Captain Haines reports head winds up the coast as far as Coos Bay, where they fell, and a pleasant passage generally. The Vermont is under charter to load lumber for the Far East. She left up for Portland late in the afternoon.

A gang of workmen are at work on the steamer North Star, at the R. M. Leathers' boat yard, getting her in trim for her annual trip to the grim shores of Alaska, and for the work of the fishing season's work in general.

The steamer Columbia arrived down from the metropolis early yesterday morning and after a short stay here, passed on down to the lower harbor, where she anchored as the bar was too ugly for her to take any chance in crossing out; and when Captain Doran and the Columbia cannot get over the bar here, it is morally certain everything else on either side of it is tied up for the same time. She got away on this morning's tide.

Word was received at the shipping office of S. Elmore & Company, in this city, yesterday afternoon, that the schooner Gerald C., of the Elmore fleet, had left Nestauca on Wednesday morning last, for sea and this port, and was in Shoal Water bay, on the Washington coast, badly damaged by the stormy weather of Wednesday and Thursday. It is good to know that she is safe, along with Captain Latham and his crew.

Talking about flagging a vessel in from sea, Chief Deputy Collector F. L. Parker, of this port, tells an interesting story of an old friend of his, a Mr. Shortridge, now living at Dolph, on the summit of the Coast Range between the sea and the Willamette Valley, who once dwelt at, or near Nestauca, and who was a fine navigator, and a skilled mathematician, who used to go down to the sea beach at that point, at extreme low tide, triangulate the bar, set his range flags, and with another in his hands, pilot the incoming schooners over that shifting barrier in safety and with splendid judgment and success. He did it for years and never so much as scraped the barnacles of the keelson of one of them.

Dance Halls Open.—Last night the dance halls opened in Astoria, and two halls, the Savoy and Waldorf, were the centre of a large crowd of the curious and otherwise. The opening of these dance halls is in direct opposition to the ordinance prohibiting the operation of such houses, and the matter will probably come up before the city council tomorrow night for consideration, as the ordinance prohibiting dance halls was recently passed, and it was stated at the time that the measure would be enforced.

EDWARD WRITES LETTER.

King of England Congratulates Kaiser on Silver Wedding.

NEW YORK, March 3.—According to a Berlin dispatch to the Herald satisfaction reigns in high circles there because King Edward has written a most gratifying letter to the emperor on the occasion of his silver wedding. King Edward addressed his nephew as "my dear Wilhelm," wishes him and the empress every happiness and hopes they may live to celebrate their golden wedding. He also announces that he has sent the emperor a silver punch bowl of the Georgian period, so much prized by collectors.

WILL HAVE RAILWAY.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 3.—The Walla Walla Traction Company has placed an order for sufficient material for the construction of a mile and one-half electric line in the City of Walla Walla. Work is to be commenced as soon as the rails arrive, and the line is to be in operation not later than April 30. Work on the suburban line to Waitsburg will be commenced within two weeks. The rights of way have been secured, and surveyors are in the field.

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W. J. Scully

470-472 COMMERCIAL STREET

PERSONAL MENTION.

Thomas O'Neil of Portland spent yesterday in the city.

F. Hamilton of Chinook was in the city yesterday for a short stay.

Arthur Ellston, of the Bay City, was domiciled at the Occident yesterday.

F. W. Preston, of Warrenton, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Charles H. Gleim, a lumber dealer of Portland, was in Astoria yesterday on business.

H. E. Lewis, of San Francisco, arrived in the city yesterday, on business.

G. W. Tacksbury, of Canton, Ohio, was doing business in this city yesterday.

R. J. Arlington of Eugene was in the city yesterday on a business engagement.

Fred Shields came in from San Francisco, on the 11:35 train yesterday morning.

A. Leberman went to the metropolis on the 6:10 express last night, to spend Sunday.

Richard Prael went to Portland last evening to spend Sunday with his friends there.

W. Ellingwood, of Seattle, was a visitor in the city yesterday, registering at the Hotel Irving.

C. Stran of Rainier came down yesterday on a business tour, and was domiciled at the Irving.

W. C. Walling, a well known drummer of Minneapolis, was a visitor in the City-by-Sea yesterday.

B. R. Raymond of the Sydney Shepard & Company of Chicago was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

J. B. Winstanly, the typewriter man, was doing business in the city yesterday, returning to Portland last evening.

J. C. Mayo, general passenger agent of the "A. & C." was a passenger to Portland via the evening train yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. Owens-Adair was a homing passenger on the noon express yesterday, from several months pleasant stay in California.

Walter J. and Daniel J. Ingalls, the stalwart brothers of the Lewis & Clark country, were business visitors in the city yesterday.

Mrs. T. P. Swennes of Portland arrived in the city yesterday, for a couple of weeks' visit with Captain and Mrs. Charles S. Gunderson.

Superintendent E. R. Budd of the I. R. & N. Company, came over from Ilwaco yesterday and left for Portland on the 6:10 train.

W. A. Brim, accompanied by his family, arrived here yesterday from Nevada, Missouri, and proceeded to the ranch of Dr. C. W. Barr on Gray's river, of which he will assume the management.

George T. Myers, the veteran canneryman of Puget Sound, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, returning to Portland on the evening train.

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

MESSAGE, 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.

N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mattresses making a specialty and all work guaranteed.

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.