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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

In Probate Court.—An order was made by Judge Trenchard yesterday, in probate court, appointing A. W. Nelson as administrator of the estate of the late Thomas Eede. The estate is valued in the neighborhood of \$2000.

Took Out Full Papers.—Ola Melhus and Jacob Kota, natives of Finland yesterday, completed the legal processes and time, in the matter of their American citizenship, and took out full naturalization papers, at the hands of County Clerk Clinton.

Petition Filed.—As indicated in the Astorian of yesterday, M. R. Pomroy yesterday filed the legal copy of his petition for the nomination to the office of sheriff of this county, with County Clerk Clinton. It was in regular form, and was the subject of some pleasant comment on the streets yesterday afternoon.

Notice to Union Men.—A mass meeting will be held in Logan's hall, Sunday, March 11th, at 2:30 p. m. sharp, for the purpose of organizing a Union Labor Municipal Ownership League. Every union man is requested to attend. By order of Astoria Central Labor Council.

Hotel Irving—European plan. The only steam-heated hotel in Astoria; large and airy rooms; prices from 50 cents to \$1.50; well prepared and daintily served meals at 25 cents. Special rates per week or month for room and board to permanent guests. Our bus meets all trains and steamboats.

A Brief Session. The County Court of Clatsop held a brief session yesterday morning, at which time the matter of the compensation of Dr. J. A. Fulton, as health officer of the county and secretary of the county board of health, was discussed, and finally disposed of by the granting of a salary of \$25 per quarter, the minimum compensation named in the statute. The court then adjourned until Wednesday, the 21st of the present month.

Final Honors. The funeral of the late R. J. Morrison took place yesterday afternoon from the old family home at Morrison, Rev. W. Seymour Short, rector of Grace Episcopal church officiating and interment was had at the Pioneer cemetery. A large number of prominent citizens of Astoria went out to pay their last, sad respects to the deceased citizen, and the pallbearers, who served at the sepulture, were Messrs. C. J. Trenchard, S. A. Adam, R. E. Carothers, B. Van Dusen, J. W. Welch and C. C. Carnahan. Among those who went out from this city, were G. Wingate, Frank J. Carney, County Commissioners Larsen and Clark, and others.

ASTORIA REDRESS

No Compensation for Her Losses on the St. Paul.

NEGOTIATIONS TURNED DOWN

As a Consequence Other Lines Are Transporting Local Merchandise—It Pays to Be Just in Small Matters.

Practically eighty per cent of the San Francisco steamer freight that reaches this port, for local delivery, comes up in the bottoms owned and controlled by the Watsonville Transportation Company, whose fleet comprises the F. A. Kilburn, the South Bay and the Northland, three good boats and safe, and every pound of the goods so transported is covered by insurance carried by the carrying company, the Astoria merchant meeting no charge, direct or indirect, for this concession.

This is one of the straight-way results of the loss of the steamship St. Paul and the subsequent refusal of the Portland-San Francisco Steamship Company to reimburse the Astoria merchants for the losses they sustained in that disaster, and is a logical issue from a very false premise.

There were some sixteen firms in this city involved in the contrary decision of the big transportation concern, and the expected has happened. It is an easy matter to lay down, and pursue, a wrong deduction, in business as well as in other departments of human activities, and the P. S. F. Company knows what it means to those whom it turned down so flatly. Had this concern, frankly, promptly and with the business breadth its size and importance warranted, covered the loss and damage of its Astoria clientele, their trade, for years to come, could not, upon any ordinary hypothesis, have been diverted from their steamers and offices.

The Astoria Grocers' Association, one of the strongest groups of business houses in this city, took the initiative in seeking common redress for all concerned in the loss of the St. Paul, and its letters, its pleas, couched in terms of rational and expedient justification of every claim held here, have been practically ignored by the big corporation ever since negotiations were opened, or, if not wholly ignored, have been treated with responses, the brevity and in consequence of which were tantamount to a deliberate and inspired snub, such as no business man, no business town is amenable to under such circumstances as these; and the withdrawal of the Astoria business from the line, except as it may be by way of reprisal, is a timely and radical expression of a realizing sense of the injustice put upon them and their business colleagues, by a company, that by every dictate of local policy and business judgment, should have done them the same simple justice it extended to the terminal merchants.

Hold Examination. On March 28th, the civil service board will hold an examination for the position of mechanical and topographical draughtsman for the engineering department.

Rebate Ceases March 15. The sheriff states that those who have not paid their taxes should leave their lists in the office so that matters may be attended to before March 15, at which time the 3 per cent rebate will cease.

Identity Unknown. The skeleton of the man found Thursday afternoon by two boys in Uppertown, was removed yesterday morning by Coroner Pohl to the undertaking parlors and will be interred today. There was nothing found on the body which might serve as a means of identification, and it is probable that the man's name will never be known. Lying near the body a flask full of whisky was discovered, and also a long dirk. About a year ago an unknown man stopped at the Central hotel, and disappeared shortly after, leaving his grip at the place. Whether the skeleton is that of the man who stopped at the hotel is not known, but it is possible that the deceased might have been this person.

MASONIC.

Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. meets on the evenings of the first and third Tuesdays in each month; southwest corner of Ninth and Commercial streets. By order of the W. M. E. C. HOLDEN, secretary.

PLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

To look casually at Cashier George Blessing, of the O. R. & N. service here one would never be impressed with the idea that he was ever a deep-water sailor, but according to his own declaration he followed the "briny" for some years in his boyhood and had practical knowledge of the sea and all that therein is. He tells a nerve-rending tale of his days on the old ship Tillie Starbuck that sailed between San Francisco and Hawaiian Islands, and how, once on a return voyage, two days out of the harbor of Hilo, he was cleaving up the upper main-top-gallant sail, on the windward end of the gallant yard-arm, when he lost his footing and fell a distance of 160 feet fetching up in an eight-inch space between the main mast and the life-rail just abaft it, and only skinned the knuckle of his right forefinger, the jam he fell into between the main-mast and the rail alone saving him. His back was injured in the fall, and troubles him some yet. He says that in his gyrations and swift flight to the deck, he shook off one of his rubber sea-boots and it landed aft on the poop-deck sixty feet from where he landed. The captain of the Starbuck, old man Curtis, was very good to him, he says, and he didn't work him much harder after the fall than before. George was not so stout then as now, which accounts for the ease with which he slipped into that eight inch gap forward of the pin rail.

The steamer Lurline left up last evening on her schedule time with the following Astoria people on her register: H. G. Van Dusen, Miss E. R. Blair, W. M. Gregory, H. Hosterman, Miss B. Wedekin, E. Miller, Captain and Mrs. J. W. Rabbidge, M. H. Pettitt and C. E. O'Brien.

The steamer Kilburn will undoubtedly be held up at Coos Bay, and Eureka on the score of her health bill, as Dr. Pilkington, of this city, has wired the health officers of those ports as to the case of small-pox put ashore here yesterday by Captain Merriam.

The British Steamship Southerland, twenty-six days out from Yokohama, arrived in yesterday morning and left up for the metropolis at 1 o'clock p. m. Captain Wallace is in command of the Southerland, and he reports nothing unusual on his trip across the Pacific except a series of strong head winds that delayed him for a week in making port.

The schooner Carrier Dove, from San Francisco, arrived in port at noon yesterday and will go up the river for lumber as soon as she can get a tow.

The steamer Disputer came down from Portland yesterday morning and went to sea without delay, bound for San Francisco.

The steamship Columbia is due in from San Francisco this morning.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn for the Bay city, came down from Portland yesterday and went over the bar without any loss of time.

Notice to Mariners.

Oakland harbor, California. (List of lights and fog signals, Pacific Coast, 1904, page 16, No. 37, and list of lights, buoys and daymarks, Pacific Coast, 1906 page 23.)

Notice is hereby given that Oakland harbor south jetty light, entrance to Oakland harbor, San Francisco, California, has been damaged by a collision and that a post-lantern, suspended from the two remaining piles, and showing a fixed red light, has been temporarily substituted for the lens-lantern. The structure will be rebuilt and the lens lantern light reestablished as soon as practicable.

Notice is also given that San Antonio Creek buoy, No. 1, a second-class spar, reported adrift March 2, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

CHEAP RATES FROM THE EAST VIA THE O. R. & N. CO.

The following list represents a few of the Eastern points from which Colonist rates shown below will apply via the O. R. & N. to Astoria from February 15th to April 7, 1906:

- Atlanta, Ga., \$46.75; Pittsburg, Pa., \$42; Baltimore, Md., \$49.75; Washington, D. C., \$49.75; Boston, Mass., \$49.90; Peoria, Ill., \$31; Buffalo, N. Y., \$42.50; Oklahoma, O. T., \$30; Chicago, Ill., \$33; St. Louis, Mo., \$30; Cincinnati, O., \$39; Kansas City, Mo., \$25; Cleveland, O., \$40; St. Joseph, Mo., \$25; Detroit, Mich., \$39.75; Omaha, Neb., \$25; Montreal, Que., \$48.90; Sioux City, Ia., \$25; New York, N. Y., \$50; St. Paul, Minn., \$25; Philadelphia, Pa., \$49.75; Minneapolis, Minn., \$25.

Money can be deposited here for tickets which will be delivered to passengers at any point in the east without extra charge. For further information apply to G. W. Roberts, agent, O. R. & N. Company.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

In the Matter of Common Point Rate to Astoria.

IT IS A MATTER OF TIME ONLY

Export Business of Columbia Basin Should Be Done At Natural Outlet, With Less Cost to Producer—Valuable Hint.

A reader of the Astorian calls attention to the published statement that ship charters are less from Tacoma and Seattle than from Portland on the Willemette, and less from San Francisco than from Tacoma; and also to the further statement that Mr. Wheelwright, of the Port of Portland Commission suggests that the O. R. & N. Company shall absorb the expenses of the ship on the river between the sea and Portland, so as to offset the difference in charter rates between Portland and Tacoma, and then add that Astoria, and the mouth of the Columbia seem to have been overlooked in the agreement, entirely, and proceeding, on this premise, says:

"Would it not solve the problem and be better for the O. R. & N. Company to deliver its cargoes of grain by rail direct to the mouth of the Columbia and save the necessity for this enforced absorption of the differential?"

"Then would Astoria have a common-point rate on grain, from the interior, and be on a level with Tacoma and Seattle. The mouth of the Columbia would also have the same advantages, as to length of sailing routes, as San Francisco, and then would the Columbia Basin and its commerce be kept at the natural outlet of that basin and wholly within the State of Oregon."

"If the O. R. & N. Company had done this years ago, the Alaska business never would have been diverted as it has been, nor Portland merchants been obliged to build flour mills outside Oregon to do the business of Oregon."

All of which is entirely logical and pertinent and is respectfully referred to the powers with whom it lies to invoke the remedy suggested.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. Auerbach, of San Francisco, is in the city on business.

F. A. Fisher has arrived home from his recent trip to Seattle.

A Gouldstine, of Portland arrived in Astoria yesterday on the 11:35 train.

G. C. Fulton was a passenger for the metropolis on the evening train yesterday.

Dr. August Kinney was a homing passenger from Portland on the noon express yesterday.

J. T. Matthes of Portland came down on the noon express yesterday to transact business here.

L. L. Dudley, the local sponsor for the "A. & C. I." is in the city having returned from Portland yesterday.

Miss H. Juige left for Chicago on the Lurline last night; she will go out from Portland via the O. R. & N. lines to the east.

Mrs. M. J. Pomeroy, the mother of Agent Pomroy of the Kamm line of steamers arrived down from Rainier yesterday and is the guest of her son for a few days.

H. L. Hamblett went to Portland on the night express yesterday, but it is expected he will be back in a few days to attend the closing up of the business details of the Warrenton mill property and its recent sale.

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

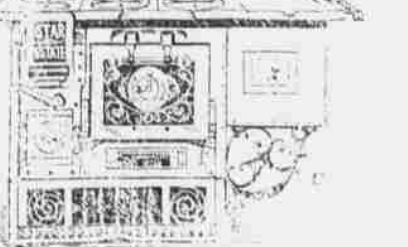
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