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**A. F. & A. M. MEETING NOTICE.**

A regular communication of Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held at Masonic Hall this Tuesday evening, March 29, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in E. A. & F. C. Degree. By order W. M. Attest: E. C. Holden, Secretary.

**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**File Remonstrance.**—J. Appleton yesterday filed a remonstrance with the city auditor against the assessment on his property for the construction of the proposed section of Fifteenth street.

**Build Electric Plant.**—Five acres of land belonging to George Noland, immediately north of Seaside and west of the railway track have been bought by Rhodes & Welch. The site will be used for an electric light plant.

**Debating Society.**—Residents of the Lewis and Clark section have formed a debating society. The officers of this society are: President, S. Willcutt; secretary, Miss Ethel Larson. The meetings occur twice a month in the Peterson school house.

**Will Build Wharf.**—Anton Kulpis of Clifton, has the spile on the ground and will soon commence the building of a large wharf on the property recently purchased from G. W. McLain. The wharf will be 100x100, with net racks on the river side and a large warehouse adjoining the railroad. A receiving station for salmon will also be erected.

**Hunting a Cougar.**—William Beasley, while out on the pipe line Sunday with his dogs, discovered a cougar, and started in pursuit. Owing to the strong wind blowing, the dogs were unable to obtain the scent. That the cougar is lurking in that vicinity is certain and Mr. Beasley will start out again today and endeavor to capture him.

**For a good shave go to the Occident Barber Shop.** Five chairs. No long waits.

**Candidate For State Senator.**—Hon. J. G. Meglar of Brookfield, and who was speaker of the house at the last session of the Washington legislature, will be a candidate for state senator at the election which occurs in that state in November. The senatorial district consists of Pacific and Wallickiakum county, the former having the larger number of delegates to the convention. Mr. Meglar is popular in both counties and hopes to secure a sufficient number of delegates to control the nomination.

**Inquire of the Elks about the event of the season—March 29.**

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**For County Commissioner.**—Charles C. Masten, the Svensen logger, yesterday filed his petition as a candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket. Mr. Masten makes no declaration of principles or platform, but being one of Clatsop county's most successful business men, his intention no doubt is to fill the office in the interests of the taxpayers of the county.

**Democratic Candidate.**—Yesterday afternoon R. E. Colley, of New Astoria, filed his petition as a Democratic candidate for county commissioner. After the usual statements, Mr. Colley announced his platform as follows: "If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office advocate and try to secure the administration of county affairs in an honest and economical manner and in the interests of the taxpayers of Clatsop county and will conduct the business affairs of the county in a business-like manner."

**Building Completed.**—The A. S. Reed building, corner of Eleventh and Duane streets, has been completed at a cost of \$300,000. It is of modern style, with a complete steam heating plant throughout. There are two store buildings fronting on Duane street and one fronting on Eleventh street. The second and third stories will be used for offices and rooming house. None of the building has been rented, although there have been several applications. Architect Schatt is expected in the city today to receive the building.

**Electric Light Plant.**—B. F. Stevens of Seaside, concluded the sale of a lot at Seaside, belonging to George Noland, for the new electric light company, and they will commence the erection of the new plant by the first of the month. The latest and most improved machinery will be installed with sufficient power to furnish street lights to the town, as well as lights to the stores and private residences. The system will be extended over into the grove by the time the season opens. The new company have received considerable encouragement and are confident that the new enterprise will be a paying investment.

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**Will Withdraw.**—Hon. Howell Lewis of John Day, who recently filed his petition as a candidate for county commissioner, will, it is reported, withdraw the same upon filing the petition of C. C. Masten, who has consented to become a candidate. Lewis did not desire the office but was of the opinion that the east end of the county was entitled to the commissioner this year, and as no one seemed desirous of aspiring to the position, he concluded to become a candidate. However, when Mr. Masten consented to become a candidate, Mr. Lewis was willing to withdraw in his favor. Mr. Lewis was county commissioner one term and made a good record and is popular with the taxpayers of the county.

**Warrenton Saw Mill.**—The Warrenton sawmill, recently purchased by eastern capitalists, will commence active operations today. The machinery and mill have been completely overhauled during the past two weeks. The present intention is to employ about fifty men and cut lumber for the contemplated improvements which consist of enlarging the mill to nearly double its present capacity; building a large wharf and increasing the size of the log boom. When these improvements are completed, the mill will be run to its full capacity and will give employment to about 250 men. The starting up of the mill has given an impetus to business in Warrenton, and many new families are coming in, a large portion of whom will be employed in the mill.

**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.

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**Renounced Allegiance.**—In the county clerk's office yesterday, Yrjo Kari, a native of Finland renounced all allegiance to the Emperor of Russia and declared his intentions of becoming a citizen of the United States.

**Mrs. Morrison's Funeral.**—The funeral of Mrs. Minnie Morrison, wife of Jasper Morrison, formerly of Seaside, was held yesterday morning from her late residence in Aberbrook, and the remains were taken to the old Clatsop cemetery for interment.

**Leave For Other Parts.**—Two hoboes who arrived on the late train Sunday night from Portland were arrested by the police immediately on their stepping off the train and locked up in the city jail over night. Yesterday morning they were released with orders to depart.

**Is Improving.**—Mary Farrell, of Olney, who is in the St. Mary's hospital in this city, being treated for injuries received Saturday from being kicked by a horse, is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected. The young lady was kicked in the month, and nearly every tooth was knocked out.

**New Launch.**—The Miller Sands Seining Company have awarded a contract to E. M. Leathers to build a new gill net launch, which when completed will be christened the "Teddy Roosevelt." The new launch will be of the following dimensions: Length, 43.1 feet beam, 12.6 feet depth 3.6 feet. It will be equipped with a 35 horse-power engine, and will be used during the fishing season as a tender for the seining grounds.

**Rev. Sandstrom's Funeral.**—The funeral of the late Rev. P. Sandstrom of Gay's River, who died last Saturday, was held yesterday afternoon from the Elmore chapel in Uniontown. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Kankkonen, pastor of the Finnish Lutheran church and was attended by the many friends of the deceased. The interment was at Greenwood.

**Hold Examinations.**—On April 4 the local board of civil service examiners will hold an examination for the position of topographic draftsman for the Panama Canal. On April 10th an examination for assistant lumberman for forest service in the department of agriculture; April 11th, an examination for engineer and surveyor for the Navajo agency and for interpreter in Italian and either Greek, Turkish or Syrian for immigration service.

**Extra Freight Service.**—The Astoria and Columbia River Railroad Company have been compelled to double their freight service between Astoria and Portland in order to meet the fast increasing demands of the trade. Here, before only three trains a week have been run between Astoria and Portland and the same between Portland and Astoria. Under the new schedule, a freight train will be run each way every day. The increasing lumber orders from the local mills are in part responsible for the increased service.

**To Dredge Channel.**—For the past two or three years, the channel between Sand Island and Ilwaco has been shoaling to such an extent, that it has been almost impossible for the T. J. Potter or other boats to reach the north shore, except on extreme high tides. Captain Conway of the O. B. & N. Co., visited Ilwaco last week and investigated the condition of affairs. He has reported to the company, that in order to facilitate traffic between Astoria and Ilwaco, it will be necessary to dredge the channel, and the company has decided to act upon his report and a dredger will soon be put in operation and an effort made to dredge the channel to allow the Potter, as well as the Astoria boats to reach Ilwaco on ordinary high tide without unnecessary delays.

**Resolutions Rescinded.**—About two months ago, Rev. Luther D. Mahone, formerly pastor of the Congregational church of this city, left for North Yakima, taking with him resolutions of the church in effect, that his services as pastor had been satisfactory. It seems that the resolutions were not passed at a regular meeting of the church directorate, and after Mr. Mahone had gone to North Yakima, he sent a request to the church for a verification of the resolutions. The matter came up before the church Sunday, and it refused to endorse the resolutions previously passed. At the meeting, there was considerable opposition to the resolutions, and some things not complimentary were discussed. After discussing the matter, the church adopted a series of resolutions, but the uncomplimentary remarks were not embodied therein. The church is now without a pastor, but it is expected that a call will be extended to someone in the near future.

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

**Opened an Office.**—Dr. Kathryn Ruetter, a graduate of the Osteopathic college of Los Angeles arrived in the city yesterday and being favorably impressed with Astoria and its opportunities, secured an office on the third floor of the Bee Hive building and decided to locate here permanently. The doctor comes highly recommended and will no doubt build up a lucrative practice.

**Blew in Yesterday.**—Timothy Wood, representing the Portland Flouring Mills, arrived in the city yesterday on his monthly tour. Before he left, his wife presented him with a bouncing baby boy, and he celebrated the event with his many friends. Everybody works but father.

**Was Drunk.**—Because she had imbibed too many mixtures of an alcoholic nature, and fondly imagined every house in Astoria was "home, sweet home," Mabel, hailing from Portland, was arrested by the police and charged with being disorderly. Mabel had evidently seen the inside of a city jail before, and as it was not to her liking she gave bail for her appearance in Police Court and disappeared. As she did not show up yesterday afternoon for trial, her money was turned over to the city treasury.

**Will Resume Operations.**—It is reported, that the Central Manufacturing Company of Portland has purchased the plant of the Universal Sash and Door Factory, located at Smith's Point and will take immediate possession of the same. This company has secured a number of plants in Oregon, and the accession of the Astoria plant means the starting up of the factory, and possibly an increase in output. The building of the new road to the factory will enable the owners to bring their products market, and the fact that a spur of the railroad has been built to the factory will enable it to supply the increasing eastern demands.

**Water Commission Meets.**—At one o'clock yesterday afternoon the water commission met in the city hall to consider the proposal of Alf Kinney and the Building & Loan Association to submit the controversy over the selling price of certain land owned by them, and wanted by the water commission, to a board of arbitrators. The land in question is located about a mile east of the city reservoir site, and is adjoining the land recently bought by the commission from A. B. Hammond for \$50 an acre. The commission has been trying to secure the remaining twenty-one acres owned by Mr. Kinney, and the Building & Loan Association but could not agree on a satisfactory price. The board offered to pay \$50 an acre for the land, but the owners hold out for a higher price. No agreement seemed possible and the city was about to institute condemnation proceedings against the property, when the owners submitted the proposal to have the dispute arbitrated, each party to select one man, and those two to select a third in the event that they could not reach an adjustment of the matter. This seemed a fair proposition to the board and so yesterday afternoon they met, and selected T. S. Cornelius as their member of the arbitration board. B. Van Dusen was chosen by the owners of the land as their representative.

**FLOTSAM AND JEISAM**

The four masted schooner, Mabel Gale, in ballast from San Pedro arrived yesterday afternoon, having sailed from the Southern port on March 7th. The schooner came up the river last evening and anchored in the channel, and will proceed today to Portland where she will take on lumber at the Inman Poulsen mills.

The steamer Despatch which sailed last Friday from San Francisco, arrived in yesterday afternoon and proceeded up the river.

The Revenue Cutter Commodore Perry is in Portland for a few days.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn which left San Francisco Friday, and was expected to arrive here yesterday, had not been reported last evening, but it is thought that she will arrive in this morning.

**STATEMENT NO. 1.**

The statement is frequently, and freely, made that the best meal in Astoria is always served at the Palace Restaurant. The reason for this broad and general declaration, is that it is so. What better predicate can there be for so important announcement? The man who doubts it has only to call there and prove it for himself. If he can't go by day, he can go at night; the house is never closed. They feed the individual and they banquet the crowd. And all on the same plane of excellence. Commercial street, opposite the Page building.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Louis Haufler the Chinook trapper is in the city.

F. W. Peterson was up from Warrenton yesterday.

Jas. Gold, of Ilwaco registered at the Occident yesterday.

Henry McGowan of McGowan's, was at the Parker house.

Fred Reiff of Chinook was a visitor in the city yesterday.

J. S. Heskett of Portland was a guest in the city yesterday.

Hon. Howell Lewis of John Day was in the city yesterday.

C. E. Lewis of Salem visited friends in the city yesterday.

Frank Bonhart left for a business trip to Seattle last evening.

Thos. Holton, of Knappa was in the city yesterday on business.

W. C. Harrie of Warrenton was in the city yesterday on business.

H. A. Soderlund of Chinook was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Dan W. Evans of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

T. G. Coleman of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

August Larsen and wife of Altoona were in the city yesterday.

Miss Fredrickson of Frankfort visited friends in the city yesterday.

Charles Ecklund of Chinook, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Jens Hansen of Chinook, visited friends in the city yesterday.

B. F. Stevens, the Seaside real estate agent, was in the city yesterday.

E. E. Ellis and wife of Seaside visited friends in the city yesterday.

J. G. Surnburg, the Young's River dairyman, was in the city yesterday.

R. B. Warren of Tacoma is in the city and registered at the Occident.

Mrs. Halhan Johnson of Chinook was in the city yesterday visiting friends.

Adolph Peterson, a prominent trapper of Chinook, was in the city yesterday.

Hon. J. G. Meglar and wife of Brookfield visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

J. C. Heierson of Elsie who has been visiting friends in the city has returned home.

C. C. Hall, a prominent merchant of Boston registered at the Occident yesterday.

David Hood, the popular commercial traveler of Portland was in the city yesterday.

J. A. Merrill, the Skamokawa mill man, is in the city and registered at the Parker.

George Hibbert, editor of the Chinook Observer was in the city yesterday on business.

Karl A. Karlson, of the Desdemonia Sands lighthouse, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. Boole, one of the owners of the Warrenton mills was in the city yesterday on business.

Wm. Sweeney, a prominent politician of Portland is in the city looking over the political situation.

G. W. Shelly, a prominent commercial traveler of San Francisco, was registered at the Occident yesterday.

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**TRAIN IS HELD UP**

**Passenger on the A.C.C. Claims He Had Been Touched.**

**HAS OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION**

**Prominent Citizens of Astoria Are Accused of Participating in the Hold-up, But Succeeded in Proving an Alleged Alibi.**

Saturday evening, a number a prominent Astorians were passengers to Portland on the 6:10 train which left Astoria. Among the passengers in the chair car, where passengers who have money usually ride, were Hon. Harrison Allen, district attorney of the Fifth judicial district of Oregon; Jack Mayo, general freight and passenger agent; James Wallace, secretary to Mr. Mayo, a gentleman, whose name could not be learned, but who had officiated as watchman on the Sargent, prior to her crossing out on a trip to Alaska, and a logger. The watchman measured over six feet in his stocking feet, and carried a considerable load of liquid ozone which listed to starboard shortly after the train pulled out from the station. The logger had been in the city two days and was feeling quite gay. In fact, the conductor, George Burchard, was satisfied that none of the gentlemen named were out on a temperance lecturing tour.

After discussing the political situation; the price of logs, and the duties of watchman on a foreign bound ship, the watchman suddenly discovered that he had been "touched" for \$80, gold coin of the realm. He went to the chair car, where he had previously been introduced to the politicians and railroad magnates, and told of his loss. He looked at Mayo, Wallace and Allen with suspicion, and pulled out a gun that resembled a mountain howitzer, loaded to the muzzle, and threatened to hold up all politicians, railroad men and the entire crew of the train, unless his money was forthcoming.

At the sight of the gun, Wallace suddenly remembered that he had important business in the baggage car; Jack Mayo wanted to see the conductor. While Harrison Allen suddenly remembered that he had left his grip and some soda water in the smoker. The only person left was the logger, and he was a small, unsophisticated young man, without guile in his heart, and the watchman started in to pay his commitments to him. Not getting any satisfaction, nor any clue to his Eighty Samolians, he started out after the politician, railroad magnate and private secretary.

Mr. Wallace was appointed by the railroad company to make an investigation and also to relieve the watchman of his gun, but was unable, with his persuasive eloquence and winning ways, to make any impression on the man.

Finally Jack Mayo gathered what courage he could possess together, and started in on an investigation, backed by the dignity of the law, who always carries it with him when he leaves the city. After a few moments, the watchman was shook down, and the \$80 discovered in his watch pocket, with some private papers.

The watchman apologized to Mayo, Allen and Wallace, who were willing to accept anything, as soon as the gun was placed away in the hip pocket of the watchman. Mr. Allen started in to impanel a grand jury to investigate the violation of the law in pulling a gun, but the logger refused to prosecute, and the matter was dropped.

Although Wallace, Mayo and Allen were badly scared, it had a good effect upon them and taught them a lesson in sobriety that they will probably profit by.

New Popular Song Books—Svenson's.