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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Pays Warrants.—The city treasurer yesterday paid out the sum of \$1700 for the redemption of warrants drawn on the general and city hall funds.

The Municipal Ownership League extends an invitation to the public to attend their meeting in the Fishermen's Hall on Astor Street at 2:30 p. m.

H. M. LORNSTEN, Chairman.

Funeral Yesterday.—The funeral of the late W. H. Wroten took place yesterday from the family residence on Bond Street. Rev. W. S. Short officiating. The burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Before you purchase that new Easter bonnet, make it a point to call and inspect the excellent line of hats now on display at Mrs. Inglet's Millinery Store, Welch Block, opposite the Budget office on Commercial street.

One More Elector.—Another new citizen came to town yesterday. He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowers yesterday afternoon at the family home. The mother and babe are doing finely.

Don't Forget to look up the business card of F. W. Gardiner, the expert book-keeper, in this issue. It may have something of interest for you.

Lene Campbell Estate.—Orders were made in the probate court yesterday in the matter of the estate of Mrs. Lene Campbell, deceased, appointing Charles A. Campbell, as administrator, under bonds of \$800., and naming M. V. Burns, Frank Deveney and Harry Twilight, as appraisers of said estate.

The Engagement Cancelled.—The published engagement of Mr. Frederick Ward by the Elks' lodge of this city, for a series of Shakespearean readings on the evening of Monday, April 16th, has been cancelled by that fraternity because of the fact that the Owl Club had made complete arrangements for its initial dance of the season on that night, and could not forgo its date so, rather than interfere with a popular dance and the first of the season, under such pleasant auspices, the B. P. O. E. fraters have called off their pleasurable engagement.

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GOOD GOODS.

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Heavy Hammer.—A three thousand-pound pile driver hammer is being cast by the Seow Bay Iron & Brass Works for Ferguson & Huston. The hammer will be used in driving the foundation for the Astoria Savings Bank building.

Narrow Escape.—Yesterday morning when hose team No. 1, was proceeding to the fire up Commercial street, the wheels of the cart struck the raised crossing at Eighth street and the cart was almost overturned by the force of the collision. As it was no damage was done though the team was delayed some time in getting to the fire.

Five Instruments Filed.—The county clerk took charge of five documents yesterday incidental to the transfer of Clatsop county, to-wit: Sylvester Kennedy to C. A. Kennedy, warranty, consideration \$2000, conveying lot 2, block 5, Inglenook, Seaside. B. Jay Sloop and wife, to F. K. Johnson, warranty, consideration \$2000, conveying twenty acres of land in section 30, T. 8 N., R. 9 W. Eben P. Parker to Karl F. Johnson, warranty, consideration \$6000, conveying 200 acres of land in sections 32 and 33, T. 8 N., R. 9 W. The United States to Knute J. Slater, by patent, conveying 160 acres of land in section 24, T. 5 N., R. 8 W. Power of attorney, in full, general terms, from Hilda Lund to August Hildebrand.

Fell From Train.—As the noon express from Portland was leaving Fern Hill, en route to this city, yesterday, the mail clerk in charge of that element of the train's business, had occasion to lean against the mail clutch that crosses the side door of the car, in an attempt to pile some of the sacks of matter, and the clutch swung outward with him so that he lost his balance and fell from the train. The train had not gathered momentum enough to make the fall a serious one, but by the time he regained his feet the last coach was switching along at too likely a pace for him to overtake it, so he "took his foot in his hand" and lit out for Astoria at a hot gait. A lady who was looking out of the car window saw the man fall, but for some reason known only to the feminine mind, never said a word about it until the train was at the station here. Then the railway authorities, fearing the man had been hurt, sent out an engine at once to find and bring him in. They found him "riding along sturdily just east of Tongue Point and took him aboard, none the worse for his tumble, save that he was a bit out of humor with his bad luck.

LADIES!

Be sure to attend to the Fair millinery opening on Saturday, April 7th. Our styles are strictly up-to-date, and prices are much lower than ever before at this time of the year. You will not be disappointed.

Interurban Progress.—Mr. G. Wingate who is now engaged in securing the rights-of-way for the Astoria-Seaside Interurban Electric line reports that he is having no sort of trouble with his work; that very many have offered him free rights and others are making no objection of any sort to the progress of the road, and he hopes to have the entire line of concessions in a very reasonable time. This good news is supplemented by the statement of Col. John Adair, who was in the city yesterday, and is unqualifiedly in favor of the system and reiterates the opinion freely expressed among the property owners adjacent to the line, that the road will be put through in good shape and time. It crosses the big Adair farm about 200 feet from the family home. The colonel intimated that on completion of the Interurban, the splendid farm of the Adairs may be cut into small holdings and put upon the market. The local representative of the company behind the enterprise informed a reporter of the Astorian, last evening, that he had just been apprised of a rumor, started in Portland, yesterday, that the concern was about to abandon its work and the project altogether, and authorized a full and formal denial of such report. He has just returned from Seaside, where the surveyors are busy establishing the entire grade of the line through the main street of that town. He declares the road will be properly and completely finished within reasonable time and that its last engagement will be kept to the uttermost.

LADIES!

Attention is called to the grand opening sale of the latest up-to-date millinery at the Fair (Star Theatre building), on Saturday, April 7. You are cordially invited.

Morning Astorian 65 cents per month.

FULL EXONERATION

Coroner's Jury Inquires Into Death of Child.

WITNESSES FULLY EXAMINED

Story of the Sad Event Given by Eye-Witnesses—All Find the Motorman Blameless—Details All Given.

County Coroner W. C. A. Pohl yesterday presided at the formal inquest on the death of the boy-child of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Haagman, little Elmer Edward Haagman, who was killed by being run over, on Wednesday evening, by one of the cars of the Astoria Electric Company, while in charge of Motorman Eugene Bussing.

A jury was summoned, consisting of the following well known gentlemen of this city: K. Osborn, J. Strauss, William Dench, H. Bultman, A. McLean, and A. G. Spexarth, all of whom were duly sworn in the premises. The inquiry began promptly at 1 o'clock, at the office of the coroner, corner of Eleventh and Duane streets.

The first witness called was Dr. Tovio Forsstrum who, being first sworn, stated that he was summoned at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening to attend a child reported to have been run over by a street car in Uniontown; that he found the child badly crushed about the head, with blood exuding from the nose and ears and the skull crushed in; he ascertained that the child was the fifth in the family and was a male child; his conclusion was that death was instantaneous.

Alex Haagman, the father of the child was then sworn and deposed as follows: He lives in Uniontown; he lost a child on Wednesday evening last; it was 2 years, 8 months and 4 days old; its name was Elmer Edward Haagman; he did not see the accident whereby the child was killed, he was in his home at the time it happened; it occurred about 7 o'clock in the evening; the dead child had been out on the streets playing with an elder brother for 15 or 20 minutes before the accident occurred; the elder child was 4 years older than the child who was killed.

Mrs. Lillie Jarva, a neighbor, being sworn, deposed, through an interpreter, Police Officer John Stark, that she lives in Uniontown; did not see the child run over; saw the child running about the street, and saw it again under the car; the body was being rolled along toward the rear of the car; did not notice the number of the car; she was so excited she did not remark who was at the motor.

Mrs. Mary Hyno, another neighbor, under oath, made the following statement: I live in Uniontown; I saw the car collide with the child; saw the child before it was struck by the car; it was crossing the street and fell down in front of the car; did not know whose child it was; it was a very small and young child; don't know what car it was, nor who the motorman was; noticed that it was a young man at the motor; could not recognize him in the audience; don't think it was the motorman's fault; the car was going at a rapid rate; but maybe not faster than usual; the motorman could not stop the car in the distance allowed him; the child was running fast across the track; it all happened in a mere instant.

Mrs. Inez Krug was then sworn and made the following declarations: Was with Mrs. Hyno on Wednesday evening; saw the accident; the child was crossing the street in front of the car; about ten feet in front of it; don't know just when the child fell; recognized Mr. Bussing in the audience; did not know number of the car; don't think the motorman could have avoided the accident; did not hear car bell ring; was very much excited; the car could not be stopped in time; saw the child picked up and taken home.

Eugene Bussing, the motorman, was then placed on the witness stand, and gave the following version of the unhappy incident: I am a motorman in the employ of the Astoria Electric Company; have been one year in the service; I was running car number 4; I ran over the child in question; I took it to be about one and a half years old; was going east with the car; the accident happened in front of Jarva's store; was running at usual speed; when I first saw the child it was in front of my car; it came toward the car from the river side of the street; I could not stop my car in time to save the child; had a boy on the platform with me at the time; I know of no way in which the child could have been saved; I turned off the current in-

stantly and set the brakes; these things I did as soon as I saw the child's danger, but it was too late; the car has fenders, but I had no time to lower them; the car went over the child; when I got off it was just behind the rear wheel and under the car; the car went about two-thirds of its length before I got it stopped; I saw the child taken out; I don't think it was alive then; (to a jurymen), I first saw the child on the north side and about three feet from the track; as the car reached the track the car struck it; it was dusk, about 7:30 o'clock; I left the east end at 7:24 and four minutes later; the fenders are on the car to drop and pick up any one who may fall in front of the car; I had no time to drop it; the child was beyond saving by the fender.

Edward Mackie, an eye-witness was then sworn to the following facts: I live in Uniontown; saw the street car run over a child on Wednesday evening; the child was on the street in front of the old Elmore office; it was near the sidewalk; at the time the child started across the street the car was about 15 fathoms from the child; a fathom is six feet; it was daylight yet when the accident happened; it was after 7 o'clock; the child took a notion to cross the street while playing and was close to the track; the car was only a length away from it when the child fell; the motorman was at the motor; a boy on the front platform fell down, either from the jar of the car or from fright; don't know what the motorman was doing; he was attending to his business apparently; I saw all of it; the sidewalk on the north side is about 15 or 16 feet from the track; the child was on the edge of the sidewalk; when it started across the street, the planking along the track tripped the child and he fell on the rails before the car; when he fell down the car was about a length away.

Willie Pottu, the boy who was on the platform with the motorman, made the following statement: I saw the car run over the child on Wednesday evening; was on the front platform; Mr. Bussing, the motorman was there; saw the child about half way between the track and the sidewalk; he was trying to cross; did not see him struck.

Police Officer John Stark then took the stand and deposed as follows: Was in Uniontown on Wednesday evening; was quite a distance from the point where the accident occurred; saw the child before the accident happened; was a block away; did not notice the child trying to cross the street; I saw the car run over the child; don't know whether the child fell first or not; the car was not going faster than usual; it was Haagman's child; in my opinion the motorman was not to blame; it was some distance away from where I was.

This concluded the taking of the testimony, and the jury retired, in company with Coroner Pohl, to view the remains, at the home of its parents. Some hours later, the following verdict was filed by Foreman Spexarth, in behalf of the jury, and the same speaks for itself:

"We, the undersigned, jurors, sworn to inquire into the cause of death of Elmer E. Haagman, son of Alex Haagman, aged 2 years and 8 months, on oath find

"That he came to his death at Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, on Bond street, Uniontown, on April 4, 1906, and that his death was caused by being crushed by a car of the Astoria Electric Company, of which Eugene Bussing was motorman.

"We, the undersigned jury, find that the death was purely accidental and exonerate from all blame the motorman, Eugene Bussing, and the Astoria Electric Company. (Signed),

"A. G. SPENARTH, Foreman,
"A. W. McLEAN,
"WM. DENCH,
"H. BUTTMAN,
"J. STRAUSS,
"K. OSBORN."

The accident was a peculiarly sad one and no one concerned, not even the fond parents of the stricken babe, feel worse over the dreadful happening, than Mr. Bussing, the unhappy motorman. He is deeply sensible of his responsibility in the premises, and it is hoped he may take some comfort from the findings reported by the jury, which so conclusively and finally hold him blameless. It is said Mr. Bussing will not report for duty on the line again, but will choose some different occupation as soon as he can secure it, but this could not be confirmed last night.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a double dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." Sold by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George Griffin of Seattle was in town yesterday for a short time.

H. S. McGowan of McGowan was in town yesterday for a short time.

C. N. Johnson of Seaside was in the city yesterday transacting business.

T. Jacobsen, a resident of Aberdeen is in the city this week on business.

Fred L. Pope, a resident of Elsie, spent yesterday in the city on a brief trip.

J. G. Blake, a resident of Seattle arrived in Astoria yesterday to remain a few days.

H. N. Gersdahl of Portland arrived in the city yesterday for a brief business trip.

G. W. Butterworth of St. Paul is in the city this week attending to business interests.

Fred Metzler and Mrs. Metzler of Chicago were in Astoria yesterday for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Smith of Fort Columbia spent yesterday in the city on a short business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. G. R. Adams, accompanied by Miss Elsie Adams arrived in Astoria yesterday from their home at Fort Columbia for a short visit.

George A. Thomas of San Francisco spent yesterday in the city on business.

Edmund Tycan of Portland was in the city yesterday.

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Bleached Turkish Towels...16x24 for 10c
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This is a Wonderful Bargain.

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

Baseball goods at Svenson's.

THE PICTURE WORLD.

When you are in need of anything in the photographic line in the amateur way, kodaks, films, plates, cards, mounts, and all the technical details of the business, and want the best and last in the way of artistic development, just go to Frank Hart, the druggist, and tell him so. That is all.

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 As' Company. They also do all kind 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 a work guaranteed.