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ASTORIA--SEASIDE

The Interurban Railway and It's Recent Petition.

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION

County Court May Have Erred in Denying Franchise—Guaranty Offered by the Company—The Sentiment Favors Reconsideration.

Two Are Missing—Two disappearances were reported to the police yesterday. One person by the name of Harry Niekuit, who has been in the employ of Dill & Young, contractors, for the past few weeks, disappeared Saturday night, and no trace has yet been obtained of his whereabouts. The man was unmarried. The other man who is missing is Elias Cole, who has been working for Contractor Gerding. The last named man is married, and is known as a sober and industrious person. He was last seen Sunday evening at Abercrombie's cigar store, when he remarked that he was going home. At the time he had about \$30 on his person. No cause is known why he should leave town, and fears are entertained that he has met with foul play of some kind. Mrs. Cole is much wrought up over her husband's disappearance. Inquiry last night by Officer Twombly failed to throw any light on the affair.

Shifting Ownership—The following titles changed hands, of record, yesterday: The Astoria Abstract, Title & Trust Company to Rosa L. Monday, Warranty, #125, lot 9, block 2, Griffin & Reeds' Addition to Ocean Grove. Thomas Linville, sheriff, to R. C. Basel, #200, lot 1, block 51, McClure's Astoria. J. Q. A. Bowly and wife to R. C. Basel, quit-claim, #1, lot 1, block 51, McClure's Astoria. Thomas Parker and wife to R. C. Basel quit-claim, #1, lot 1, block 51, McClure's Astoria. Mina A. Megler to the Astoria Abstract, Title & Trust Company, warranty, #10, block 4, Olney's Addition to Astoria.

Self Immured—A man giving his name as Charles Parks yesterday called at the office of Sheriff Pomeroy and informed the officers there that he was crazy. Judge Trenchard was summoned and put the fellow through a course of questions, but could elicit nothing to indicate any mental weakness, but he was locked up on his own assurance that he was "off," and will be duly examined today. He claims to have a home and parents in Yaquina, but gives but little information concerning himself, except that he is daffy and wants to go Salem.

Resting Easily—Dr. J. A. Fulton, assisted by Doctors Alfred and Augustus Kinney performed a delicate operation upon Miss Alice Wright at St. Mary's hospital, from the effects of which she is slowly but surely recovering, as well as from the malady of the stomach which necessitated it.
Later—Late last night Miss Wright was in a very critical condition from the result of her operation, and while hope for the young lady's recovery is by no means abandoned, the outcome is awaited with extreme anxiety.

Done In Probate—In the matter of the estate of John E. Sandstrom, deceased, Judge Trenchard, yesterday, made an order directing the sale of the personal property belonging thereto.

Yesterday there was considerable conjecture afoot throughout the city as to just why the county court had turned down the petition of the Astoria-Seaside Electric Interurban railway people for a 16-foot franchise along the side of the Elk Creek road, from Seaside to the bank of that stream. The court was not censured in any way, but its reasons for denying the grant were not known, and the matter was discussed liberally from that standpoint alone.

Some people seem to think it was not good policy to discourage an enterprise of that scope and character; that anything within reason should be granted, that might hasten and amplify such an investment as this; that it was practically on a par with the concession of a railway through the streets of the city, etc., and the tendency was, so far the petitioning of the company.

A reporter of the Astorian sought out W. L. Dudley, the local representative of the company, and asked him the nature of his plea before the court in the premise. Mr. Dudley replied, in a general way, that his people had asked for a right-of-way along the Elk Creek road for a distance of eight miles, the grant to be for a sixteen-foot strip; that they agreed to supply the county with an ample indemnity bond put out by the best company in the country, in such sum as the court might determine; that the company would bind itself to keep not only its own territory, but the usage part of the county road for that distance, in excellent condition during the life of the franchise, and observe all other such reasonable demands as the court might impose; he spoke regretfully of the denial of the petition and hoped it might be reconsidered at an early day.

It is but fair, and reasonable, to assume that the county court was acting for the best interests of the county in refusing the privilege, but the correlative doubt, "was it?" will intrude itself.

Such a plea, nor the granting of it, are innovations in Oregon; other counties have given such privileges under proper restrictions, losing nothing thereby; such propositions as railways are of positive value any, and every where, if they are but built and operated, and to accomplish this they must have such concessions as was prayed for in this instance.

Transportation, cheap transportation, is what Astoria and Clatsop county needs, more than anything else, and it is certainly unexpedient to turn it down when it is halfway to fruition.

The Interurban people have blown no horns, made no grandstand plays, promised nothing extraordinary. They came in here quietly, worked constantly and methodically upon the preliminary lines necessary, and have now reached a point where the people, through the proper office, and officers, may aid them to the final establishment of a very genuine and valuable commercial business.

It is said, and justly, that many itinerant and questionable concerns are seeking public favors throughout the country, and that excessive caution is essential in dealing with these quasi-public enterprises; but these people have yet to show anything of the cheap and transitory sort. The court may, and should, investigate them as closely as possible, and act accordingly, but unless it is confirmed in an adverse opinion of the whole enterprise, it should grant such favors, under guarded terms, as will expedite the work and secure the prime advantage inherent in it.

The Astorian, without fear or favor in the premises, but wholly in the interest of the community at large, is predisposed to giving a wide open opportunity to every man or set of men, to make good, in any project that has for its object, the development of the city or country or both, and it cannot, in deference to this principle, express any other hope than that the court will reconsider the matter of this petition, and grant it, under carefully considered and well understood premises.

Get Swings—The park commission has been presented with three swings of the automatic variety, to be used in the city park. The donors were H. H. Zapf, John Carlson and August Hilderbrand.

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JULY 12th

The Dance and Piano Presentation Had to be Changed to July 12th Because Logan's Hall Will be Otherwise Occupied on the 11th

NO ADMISSION WITHOUT INVITATION

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 The Advance Agent of
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Good Work Begun—Dill & Young have begun the grading of the big hill on Eleventh street, from Grand to Kingston avenue, and the long incline is deeply scarred with the plows and scrapers. Contractor Palmberg yesterday began the work of tearing down the wreckage of the opera house at the corner of Twelfth and Duane, preparatory to laying the foundations of the new theatre. The Astoria Electric Company, has three blocks of its right-of-way torn up on West Bond street, repairing the track-along along that thoroughfare.

Robbed of Purse—While transacting some business at the post office window yesterday, Mrs. Anna Hamalka of Cleveland, Ohio, who is visiting in the city with relatives, laid her purse down on the counter, and when she turned to pick it up, it had disappeared. The post office was crowded at the time, and no one noticed the theft, so that it is almost impossible to find the thief. The purse contained about \$15.

Will Convene Here—Testimony in the boundary dispute between this state and Washington is now being taken in Portland, and as soon as the hearings are concluded at that place Attorney-General Crawford will come to Astoria and take up additional evidence. When this is completed the matter will be taken to the U. S. Supreme Court for adjudication.

Committed to Asylum—Mrs. Hilma Pelltari of 1239 Grand avenue, was examined yesterday upon a charge of lunacy, by Dr. Jarl Hagelstam, before Judge Trenchard, and was duly committed to the asylum at Salem, and she will probably be taken thither tonight on the late express. She is nervous and very morbid, and has suicidal tendencies.

Burglary—Sunday night the residence of Mrs. O'Connor near Sixteenth and Exchange streets was entered by an unknown person, and about \$40 taken. There is no clue to the perpetrator, though the occupants say it is someone familiar with the house.

Purchase Roller—The street committee of the city council has purchased a steam roller from the Buffalo-Pitts Company for \$3500. The old roller was sold for \$250. When the new roller arrives it will be used on the streets in process of improvement.

Burned House—The old Union house on Seventh and Commercial streets was burned down under the supervision of the fire department yesterday. The ground will be cleared of all debris and Arnold's Merry-Go-Round will be installed as soon as possible.

Will Marry—Rev. Sandstedt, who preached Sunday in the First Lutheran church left yesterday for Portland where he will be married. After the marriage he and his bride will return to their future home in Scandia, Kan., by way of San Francisco.

Pays Out Money—In paying warrants on the general fund, City Treasurer Dealey yesterday paid out the sum of \$1606.91. For street repair he paid \$145, for street improvements, \$3000, and for interest \$99.52.

Minor Repairs—The A. & C. railroad people are laying some new decking on their trestle in the rear of Fisher Brothers' establishment on Bond street.

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Supported by an Excellent Company Under the Management of ARTHUR C. FOX

In High Class Drama and Comedy

Commencing Monday, July 9th

"A WESTERN GENTLEMAN" Thursday "A GAY DECEIVER" Evening

Summer Prices, 15c and 25c. Reserved Seats 35c

HOUSE WAS PACKED TO THE DOORS

LEE WILLARD AND HIS HIGH-CLASS COMPANY OF ARTISTS MAKE INITIAL APPEARANCE AT STAR, IN "A WESTERN GENTLEMAN"

In "A Western Gentleman," the people of Astoria last night had their wish; their desire—and the change was gratifying. The house was packed, and the comments of the audience as they passed out were, "Wasn't it great"; "That is certainly a first-class company"; "Didn't you fall in love with Miss Hepburn; wasn't she sweet?" And Mr. Willard, he seems to have made good everywhere.

Well in fact, the company is in every respect a well-organized aggregation of actors and actresses, and it bids fair to be the most successful engagement. Mr. Willard has the ease and charm that show's the finished actor who is bound to be the "headlong liner" and before long we take the liberty to predict every success that he can desire, both in fame and fortune.

But the company is not a one-man show, for Mr. Willard's support is excellent. His leading lady, Miss Hepburn, captured the hearts of the audience, for she acted her part of Bessie Fairfax as only the sweet, fair, actress that she is. Miss Paula Herbert had a hard part to sustain, but the excellence of her characterization of Ethel Wayne, can only be spoken most highly of. Mr. Blanchard as Alexander Fairfax, was natural to a degree and the old school actor showed throughout his performance the finest ever there.

Mr. Vern Layton as Duncan La Moin sustained the heavy, to such a degree that the audience really disliked him; that is a compliment to all heavies work. Jim Bixley portrayed by Mr. James G. Morton, carried his part through in a most masterly manner and reached the trying climax as the drunkard driven crazy by the delirium tremens, and everyone felt the power of his acting.

Mr. Morton as Max Wain did some very clever work. We guess little Jack and the baby are both going to be actors some day.

Miss Bray did not have very much to do but did it well what little there was to the part. And all together the Willard Company made good in every respect and we hope that they will be amongst us for a long time for what they represent is just what we want.

THIRTEENTH DAY, AND LAST.

Hon. Circuit Court of Clatsop Adjourns To An Indefinite Day and Hour.

Hon. Thomas McBride returned from his home at Deer Island, on the noon express yesterday, and at 1 o'clock opened the thirteenth, and last day of the present session of the circuit court.

He handed down a decree in the case of Gussie Waehs vs. Alfred Waehs, divorce; and a decree prayed for, in the case of Theodore Bracker vs. P. A. Trullinger.

Court was adjourned to an indefinite date, and in the course of several weeks will return and render judgment in a number of other matters, still under advisement.

Pleasant Cruise. Last evening about 100 young Astorians made a moonlight cruise down the bay on the steamer Mayflower and the launch Betty, and inspected the Desdemona seining grounds more or less critically before returning. They had a jolly outing and the experiment is likely to be repeated.

Another New Home—L. N. Edson is building a handsome new cottage home on his hill lot on West Bond street. It will be a two-story house, 26 feet by 32, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$2000.

Happy Licensees—County Clerk J. C. Clinton, yesterday issued a wedding license in favor of Mr. Johan Hattala and Maria Tarpa, both of this city.

Bright eyes are an infallible index to youth, windows from which Cupid shoots his arrows. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes bright eyes, rosy cheeks. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. Sold by Frank Hart.

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Orkwitz sells skat. tf.

Sea shell souvenirs at Svenson's.

National Bicycle for sale at Orkwitz.

Going Away.—Furniture for sale. Apply to 361 Duane street. 6-28-1w.

Girl wanted to work in bookbindery. Apply at Astorian office. tf.

Finnish Lutheran Sunday school picnic, September 2, 1906, to Deep River.

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

Hotel Irving, corner Franklin avenue and Eleventh street. European plan; best rooms and board in the city at reasonable prices.

Appoint Patrolman.—The Astoria Police Commission yesterday announced the appointment of Emalie Houghton as patrolman to succeed Officer Wilson.

Pay Water Rates.—Tuesday, July 10 is the last day in which to pay the water rates and escape the 25 cents penalty charged for being delinquent. 7-8-3t.

How Do I look.—To really see yourself as others see you, get one of those new style mirrors at Hart's Drug Store; all prices. A new supply just received. tf.

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

"Behold the Western sky, Where people live but never die." The reason for this is plain to see. They all take Rocky Mountain Tea. Sold by Frank Hart.

"The John Barrett Company is installing a tile bath-room in the residence of Mr. S. Elmore. Their representative, Mr. A. G. Whitman, can be seen at the Hotel Irving, where he will be pleased to give estimates on tile work of all kinds, including floors, vestibules, bath-rooms and troughs for bars."

Why don't you have your work done by the Eastern Painting & Decorating Company, 75 Ninth street? They do the work cheaper, quicker and better than any other firm. The Parker House which is being papered and painted from cellar to garret is being done by them. Go and inspect the work.

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