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Arrived Today, it is the first direct car to arrive since the tunnel slide in Southern Oregon which blocked traffic, and they are by far the finest that ever came to town. We are in a position to give you a bigger and better melon for your money than any other store in town. Come and get

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Dell B. Scully, Notary Public, at Scully's Cigar Store. Any old hour!

Ice Cream made from full cream, 15c per pint. Special prices for lodges and churches, at Tagg's confectionary. 7-19-1f

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

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.

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

Annual Picnic.—The W. C. T. U. will hold their annual picnic Thursday in Hanthorn's yard in Alderbrook. All members are requested to come and bring lunch at 11:30 a. m.

Turn backward, O time, in your flight, Make me a child again just for tonight, "I'll do it," cried Time, "just let me be Until I fix some Rocky Mountain Tea." Frank Hart, Druggist.

Funeral Thursday.—The funeral of the infant son of Albert Brunstrom will take place from the family residence, 744 Astor street, Thursday, August 16, at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Rydquist will officiate. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Makes children eat, sleep and grow. Makes mother strong and vigorous. Makes a healthy family. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. Frank Hart, Druggist.

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SPEAKS BY THE CARD

General Manager G. W. Talbot is interviewed.

AS TO TILLAMOOK EXTENSION

Chief Engineer of "A. & C." Will Be Here Today—Official Survey Inaugurated at Once—Grades Found Determine Issue.

With a view of authenticating the recent Portland despatch in relation to the proposed extension of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad from Seaside to Tillamook City, a reporter of the Morning Astorian yesterday called upon General Manager G. W. Talbot, of that road, at his office in this city, and asked for as full a statement as was in his power to give, in order that all ambiguities and misconceptions might be laid aside and the people of this city and section correctly informed of the real purposes of the company.

With ready courtesy Mr. Talbot complied with a declaration to the following effect:

"As a newspaper man you will understand what I mean when I say that it frequently happens that the people and the papers of a given section are disposed to make much more of a mooted railway project than is contemplated at headquarters, from a desire to make the most of something that has a large meaning for the community interested; and while this has been the case in this instance, to a certain extent, there has not been an unduly wide departure from the facts, as might have occurred; and I am glad to be able to inform the people of Astoria that it is the intention of the company to take immediate initial steps toward the work you allude to.

"The chief engineer of the road, Mr. J. W. E. Taylor, will be here tomorrow, with his assistants, and they will devote some eight or ten days to a careful review of the plats and maps in the local office, after which they will take the field for a full and complete survey of the territory to be traversed, and will be so engaged for not less than three months.

"Of course there will be two routes thoroughly investigated and reported upon in this official survey, and the profiles will be returned to headquarters for careful scrutiny, and from the findings there and then made, will the final issue of building, or not building, be determined. The lines to be covered embrace a course along the coast, and another in the interior, and I may say that if an operative grade, feasible in all the details demanded in behalf of such a project is attained to, there can be no reason for doubting that the extension will follow immediately and the work pushed to the earliest possible conclusion. In default of such favorable returns from the field, it is needless to say that the construction will be abandoned, and as to whether the probabilities lie with either conclusion suggested, I am not sufficiently informed to render a reliable opinion, but so far as I can say, there is nothing to disparage the idea of obtaining a serviceable route through the country in which our interests prevail."

Asked about the significance of the grade-stakes dotting the country immediately south of Seaside, Mr. Talbot said the company was in need of additional terminal facilities at Seaside, which place was growing very perceptibly and that in this behalf, suburban lines had been run there in the interest of such improvements as the company finds it necessary to install, and that they have nothing to do with the larger matter of the southern survey.

Had His Picture Taken.—"Squidge," Will Hume's ideal little bull-pup has had his picture taken. To guard against the specific and abounding ugliness of the dog, it was necessary for the photographic artist to secure a piece of two-inch plate glass and sensitize it, for the delicate and dangerous transference of Squidge's protuberant little mug, with safety to the plate, and it was successfully accomplished much to his owner's satisfaction, Squidge was, from the look on his expressive face, perfectly indifferent to the whole proceeding.

Another Slip.—The Callender Navigation Company is equipping its dock with another forty-foot, stationary slip, at the landward end of the pier, which will be a great convenience for the smaller craft that throngs about there on business and pleasure.

Light Catch.—Yesterday showed no appreciable increase in the catch of fish, though some reported fairly good luck.

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Astoria's Reliable Clothier

Champion Gosse Here.—Edward O. Gosse the amateur champion single-sculler of the Northwest, was in the city yesterday, having come up from Seaside to confer with the regatta committee about his appearance here in the forthcoming water festival. He called at the Astorian office for a few minutes, and while here made the specific announcement that Al Pape had treated him with silence and indifference, despite the fact that he, Gosse, had sent him four separate and distinct challenges since April last, to-wit: In March last, for the San Diego contest on June 1st, for the trophy put up by the Coronado Hotel & Beach Company; for the same event, in May, through the columns of the Portland Telegram; last month, through the same columns, for the Astoria regatta season; and by telegraphic despatch, on Friday last, for the Astoria event, or on any other course that Pape might elect. To none of these open challenges has the challenged man deigned to reply. Mr. Gosse is still willing to meet and race him at any point on the coast, not later than November 1st. It is conclusively settled that Mr. Gosse will appear in the regatta, in friendly contest with several expert oarsmen from Portland, and it is needless to say will make a fine and interesting showing.

All Ate Watermelon.—The entire force of the Morning Astorian was yesterday treated to a feast in the shape of a huge watermelon, thoughtfully contributed by Ross, Higgins & Company. To say that the melon was appreciated, would be stating it far too lightly. It reminded the editor of the time he had charge of a newspaper in the wilds of Nebraska, and the offer of a year's subscription, to the paper which he made to the farmer who should bring the largest melon. Early in the season large and luscious products of the vine began to come into the office for exhibition and weighing. As the season advanced, the contributions became larger, and the keener in what farmers could raise the largest watermelon. It was a poor day when less than 50 melons arrived at the office for judgment, and finally an extra man had to be bired to attend to the weighing part. It was seldom that a farmer would keep his melon, and by this means, the force all grew fat on the best melons that the best watermelon country in the world could produce. The largest melon which was brought to the office, weighed 83 pounds and measured three feet in thickness.

For a Vacation.—The third party of boys to take an outing at the coast under the auspices of the Juvenile Court will leave for Seaside this morning, from Portland, in charge of Clerk Marion Johnson, of the court, who will go with the youngsters to the coast, and place them in the care of Truant Officer S. D. White. The second party sent out will return home today. About 30 will go on this trip.

In Special Session.—A special communication of Temple Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the Masonic hall this evening (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, when there will be work in the F. C. degree.

Big Storm Assails Veterans.—DES MOINES, August 15.—A terrific electrical rain and wind storm is raging throughout the entire state. The parade of the Philippine veterans and Eleventh battery has been postponed.

Proclaims Holiday.—SALEM, Ore., August 15.—The governor this morning issued a proclamation making Monday, September 3, a holiday on account of Labor Day.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

DONE BY DEED.

Joseph Schamberger to J. S. Tucker warranty, 20 acres in section 34, T. 6 N., R. 10 W. \$ 5
M. D. and Emily J. Staples to Jane A. Jeffers, warranty, lot 2, block 99, McClure's Astoria. 1600

TONIGHT THE DANITES.

At the Star Theatre by Lee Willard Company.

This evening's performance is one of those romantic western comedy dramas that are such favorites amongst the American public. It is based on the "Avenging Angels," a sect of the Mormons that banded together to avenge the lynching of Joseph Smith their prophet, by exterminating every one suspected to belong to the lynching party and their families. Women and children were struck down from ambush, and no one was secure from their murderous hands. Many beautiful strong situations are introduced in this play for the romance of the "days of '49" is intertwined throughout the plot, and pathos and comedy intermingle.

Mr. Willard as Sandy, the miner, is most excellent; being so much at home in his interpretations of Western character.

There is a whole lot of real side splitting comedy throughout the Danites, making this bill most pleasing to every one.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Johana Dench, and her young brother, Andrew, returned home yesterday on the noon train from Portland, after a week's pleasant stay there with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. North Cherrington passed through the city yesterday from Seaside, en route to the northshore beaches, where they will sojourn for a few days before returning to their home at Dallas.

Mrs. M. Cohen, Mrs. Addie Schwartz and Milton Schwartz, the mother, sister and nephew, respectively, of Mrs. P. Gevurtz of this city arrived here yesterday from Portland, on the noon express, and will be the guests of the latter lady for a few days.

W. A. Baer, ex-purser of the steamer Alliance, has entered upon his new duties in the office of S. Elmore & Company in this city, and is a pleased resident of the city and the guest of his uncle, E. M. Baker. His family will join him as soon as he succeeds in providing the indispensable house and home, for which he is diligently searching.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cooper have returned from Seaside where they have been summering for the past few weeks, much to Mr. Cooper's improvement in health, and will remain here until after the regatta, when they will return to the coast.

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