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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

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**Dr. J. M. Holt** is relieving Dr. Finch, during his absence and will keep the regular hours. 12-19-11

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

For Your Holiday Wines and Liquors see the American Importing Co. (In the Ford & Stokes Store.) 81

Columbia and Victor Graphophones and all the latest records at Chicago prices, for sale by A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial St. 11

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!

If you intend buying furniture in the near future, you can save twenty per cent by buying now. At Heilborn & Company's January clearance sale. 11

**Hotel Closed**—The Irving Hotel will be closed down this morning by the Messrs. F. A. Fisher and A. C. Fisher, the present proprietors. What disposition of the property will be made is not yet decided upon.

Do you feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon? Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy and too hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light, appetizing wholesome things? You'll save money, too. 11

**Orkwitz covers umbrellas.**

Steam heated rooms for rent. Apply at the Bee Hive. 1-5-11

For Fine Watch and Clock repairing go to Frank J. Donnerberg, the reliable Jeweler, 119 11th St. 11

**Wanted**—A young man who has had some experience in handling furniture. Chas. Heilborn & Co. 1-3-11

**Still They Come**—County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued the marriage license desired by Mr. John Skind and Mrs. Ak Nevada Kyns, both of this city.

**He Aspires to Citizenship**—Commod Mock Davidson, a native of Norway, yesterday filed his declaration of intention to become an American citizen with County Clerk Clinton.

**Will Meet Tuesday**—The board of directors of the Astoria school district, which was to have met on Tuesday evening last, gave way to the holiday pressure and adjourned over until Tuesday night next, when they will meet and take up the new year's business in their charge.

**Compliment for Astoria**—John G. Pope, the popular specialty salesman for the Honeyman Hardware Company of Portland, was in this city yesterday. Mr. Pope makes but three cities on his trips, Portland, Seattle and Astoria, which is no mean compliment to this city's industrial activity.

### HOT DRINKS

*Hoefler's*  
SANDWICHES

## ASTORIA'S WATER COMMISSION.

ORDER SUPERINTENDENT TO DRAW UP PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW RESERVOIR DAM—PURCHASE RAIN GAUGE.

The Astoria Water Commission met in regular monthly session last night. Those present were H. G. Van Dusen, J. Q. A. Bowley, Amos Bely, F. A. Fisher, C. J. Trenchard and G. W. Lounsberry. The absentees were Charles S. Wright and Samuel Elmore. F. A. Fisher was elected presiding officer in the absence of President Charles S. Wright, not present because of indisposition. The records of the meeting were in charge of Clerk G. W. Lounsberry.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The superintendent's monthly report and the treasurer's annual report were both read and approved. The superintendent's annual report was read and approved. Its points of interest were as follows: In the distributing system 12,000 feet of pipe had been laid, 10,283 feet in extending pipes, 1,377 feet in replacing old pipes, and 750 feet in placing impertown on a higher service. There had been 559 feet hauled in. L. P. Lebeck had finished the pile-driving work at Jerry's gulch. Various repairs had been made. The report was approved and placed on file.

The expenditure of \$931.50 for the November monthly payroll was approved. Bills to the extent of \$228.61, approved by the auditing committee, were ordered paid.

A request made by the Sorenson Logging Company, that they be allowed to use the company's telephone line out of Astoria on the same terms as had their predecessor, the Maston Company, was allowed with the recommendation that the clerk warn the Sorenson Company that the old poles would probably be replaced in the spring, half the expense of which, under the agreement, they would have to stand.

A tendering of engineering services from a Portland firm was rejected. A discussion of the advantages accruing from raising the level of the overflow pipes below the first reservoir resulted in the decision that such action was of doubtful value beyond a certain point. The pipes are now carrying about all their capacity.

The question of a rain-gauge to add in daily observations of the conditions above the dam was next considered and a gauge was ordered sent for.

It was decided to build a reservoir by constructing a dam at the outlet of a little valley at the present source of supply. This would create a basin some 1,200 feet square, and by building a dam 50 feet high, a considerable quantity of water can be obtained. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

It was ordered that Superintendent Lars Bergsvick draw up plans and specifications for the dam at once, that bids might be let and construction begun as soon as possible.

Upon the notification of Superintendent Bergsvick that he would not succeed himself in his office, the term of which expires in March, it was ordered that the clerk write to Mr. Adams of Stockton to inquire concerning a possible successor. Mr. Bergsvick has been a capable and faithful employe and the commission expressed much regret at the loss of his services. He has entered the government employ.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

**Pleasure and Advantage**—The Johnson Phonograph Company has opened up a set of phonograph parlors over the grocery store of Scholfield & Mattson, on Eleventh street. They are roomy, cozy, warm and free to all interested in phonographs. Everybody welcome. It will prove a pleasant and advantageous resort for all to whom the wonderful and entertaining instrument appeals. Call and hear the newest and best of the records.

**A Miscalculation**—"A miss is as good as a mile," it is said of old, but a mill isn't. The Astorian in reporting upon the annual levy of the county court in yesterday's issue, quoted the city levy at 18 mills and the total city and county millage at 57, when it should have said the city levy was fixed at 19 mills and the total at 58 mills. In all other respects the report was correct, even to the statement that the millage this year exceeds that of last year by only two mills.

**Installation Held**—The Astoria Gateway Rebekah Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F., held their installation of officers last night. Those installed were: Mrs. Ida Eldridge, N. G.; Mrs. Minnie Tragg, V. G.; Miss Mamie Clinton, secretary; Miss Rose Nordstrom, financial secretary; Miss Thyra Knudson, treasurer; Miss Daisy Enberg, warden; Miss Bertha Kriebahn, conductor; Mrs. Maggie Yorence, I. S. G.; Mr. A. J. Tragg, O. S. G.; Mr. J. L. Kline, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. Clara Hobson, L. S. N. G.; Miss Gertrude Helm, R. S. V. G.; Miss Lena Smith, L. S. V. G.; Mrs. Belle Hudson, chaplain. The installation was held by District Deputy Clara P. Hobson. After the meeting refreshments were served and a social evening enjoyed by all present.

**Confined to His Room**—The cheerful visage of "Uncle" Charlie Wright, the popular hostess of the Social Occident, is in latest eclipse these days, as he is confined to his apartments with a touch of rheumatism in his feet. He is sorely missed down stairs in the office, the dining room and among his guests and it is hoped he will soon be doing his cheery task of entertainment again. When asked, last evening, if illness were not a rare thing with him, he replied, with a twinkle in his eyes: "Well, I don't know about that! I had a touch of smallpox fifty or sixty years ago, but don't remember any ailment since then; that's rare enough, ain't it?"

**Teachers Meet Today**—At 10 o'clock today a meeting of the Astoria teachers will be held in the McClure building on Franklin Avenue. After roll call the assembly will adjourn to grade meetings, the teachers of each grade gathering together for the discussion of common subjects of interest. At 10:45 will be a discussion, led by Superintendent A. L. Clark, of "The Doctrine of Interest," an article by J. S. Taylor, a noted psychologist. Afterwards Superintendent Clark will deliver a talk on "The Education of the Dullard." The relation of physical defects, as deafness, to mental backwardness, and the question of special classes for those thus handicapped, will be considered.

**Business Changes Hands**—Yesterday the art-china and bric-a-brac business established in this city several years ago by the late Norman A. Marrs and for some time past conducted by his widow, was sold yesterday by Mrs. Marrs to Miss Susie Craig. Negotiations and final delivery being made at noon, Mrs. Marrs will leave Astoria on Monday next for Portland, where she has a pleasant position awaiting her. Mrs. Marrs' friends are legion in Astoria and her departure will be sincerely regretted on all sides.

**Patient Improving**—Mrs. John Close of this city, who has been confined to the hospital for some time with a severe attack of grippe, is recovering rapidly and will probably be discharged within the next few days.

**Recovered from Illness**—Mrs. Pettit of Ilwaco, is expected to be well enough to be discharged from St. Mary's hospital some time today. She came here some eighteen days ago suffering from spinal meningitis.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

George W. Watt, of Portland and Salem, was a business visitor in this city yesterday, leaving up for the metropolises on the 6:10 express last evening.

Mrs. T. Nicholson of Hammond was in this city yesterday.

H. T. Hall of Portland is registered at the Merwyn Hotel.

J. G. Kelso came down from Portland yesterday.

Frank Bourne of Frankfort made this city a business visit yesterday.

John Ferguson, Jr., of San Francisco is in Astoria on business.

A. Bobbleton of Portland was in Astoria yesterday.

Chas. Perkins of Chicago is a guest at the Occident Hotel.

L. Brown came down from Portland yesterday on the noon train to spend a few days here.

Jas. W. Parks and wife of Aberdeen, Wash., were in this city yesterday.

G. P. Morden of Portland is spending a few days in Astoria.

John Fursey has returned from Gray's River, where he spent the fall fishing season.

J. J. Johnson, a prominent millman of Montesano, was in Astoria yesterday.

Hans Peterson, the Altoona fisherman, yesterday made this city a brief visit.

A. P. Lang of Portland spent yesterday transacting business in this city.

Dance and Piano Contest for Wise Customers, January 10th. One number with \$5 purchase.

# Annual Clearance Sale.

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H. Reifel, admx., to Sarah E. Warren, lot 11, block 23, Shively's Astoria ... \$1,425  
Thomas Doig and wife to Pasco Bacotich, E½ lot 2, block 17, Port of Upper Astoria ... 100  
Mark Warren to Louise C. Grothjean, lots 13 and 14, block 6, Hay Stack Rock Park ... 200  
Thomas Doig and wife to Anton Radich, W½ lot 2, block 17, Port of Upper Astoria ... 100  
Josiah West and wife to W. C. Adams, 6.24 acres Clatsop county ... 390

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**Vocal Culture**—Miss Grace Rannell will give instruction in tone production, Coaching in classical songs and ballads, 144 Duane street. Phone, Red 2091. 21

Into each life some sorrow must fall; Wise people don't sit down and bawl! Only fools suicide or take to flight; Smart people take Rocky Mountain Tea at night.  
For sale by Frank Hart.

### STILL TALKS WAR.

Great Britain Paper Points Out Effect of Japanese Treaty.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The attitude of Great Britain in the event of a quarrel between the United States and Japan is still discussed here. In an editorial this morning the Standard points out that everything hinges on whether the aggressor is provoked, that being the essence of the Anglo-Japanese treaty. For instance, should the United States invade Korea, Great Britain would be bound to assist Japan, but if Japan invaded the Philippines that would be a private venture in which Great Britain would not mix. By no stretch of the political imagination, says the Standard, could the exclusion of Japanese artisans and traders from the United States be represented as a breach of the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

### WILLIAMSON STAYS AWAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The "omnibus claims bill," carrying an appropriation for claims under the Bowman and Tucker acts, was before the House today and was discussed for five hours. Speaker Cannon announced the appointment of Representative Engelbright, of California, to the Committee on Mines and Mining, vice Williamson, of Oregon, removed. Williamson has failed thus far to attend a single session of the 59th Congress.

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