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Dr. J. M. Holt is relieving Dr. Finch, during his absence and will keep the regular hours. 12-19-17

The last two days of the big sale at P. A. Stokes'. Now is the time for you thrifty buyers.

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

Making a Hit—The line of clothes that P. A. Stokes is selling for \$6.50 this week is making the hit of the sale season.

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

For Fine Watch and Clock repairing go to Frank J. Donnerberg's, the reliable jeweller, 110 11th St.

Below Zero—That's where you will be, if you don't check that cold and cure that cough with Hart's Compound Syrup Tar and Wild Cherry. Sure thing. At Hart's drug store, corner 14th and Commercial streets.

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.

Important Mission—Charles W. Seldel, an insurance surveyor in the service of the Sanborn Map Company, (Pacific Department), is in the city, preparing to make a map of the insurance district and properties of Astoria, in which will be included the territory adjacent to Warrenton, and, perhaps, Seaside.

Cook is Missing—The cook of the steamer Agnes has been missing for several days. The boat has been tied up at the Astoria Iron Works wharf and it is probable that the man fell off the wharf while attempting to board the ship at night, after a spree. It is also possible that this is the man whose cries for help were heard on Monday night by passersby at that point, and which were reported to the police, after an unsuccessful attempt to find the source of the screams.

POLICE SERVICE IN FULL DETAIL

ANALYSIS OF SOME OF THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE CHARLES GAMMAL.

The following interesting facts are gleaned from the tabular portions of Police Chief Charles Gammal's report to the council, on the operations of his department for the year 1906:

The present force consist of nine men, including the chief, the patrolmen, in the order of their several appointments to the force: John Stack, Aug. 12, 1895; Fred Oberg, Oct. 1, 1900; Albert Thompson, July 28, 1901; (re appointed after four months' absence in Alaska); George Coffman, June 2, 1906; Charles Hansen, April 4, 1906; R. T. Twombly, April 4, 1906; E. M. Houghton, July 6, 1906; and Thomas Linville, Sept. 18, 1906.

The statement of arrests and offenses shows a total of 1,177 jailings, by months as follows: January, none; February, 29; March, 69; April, 88; May, 98; June, 121; July, 135; August, 186; September, 126; October, 73; November, 108; and December, 134. Indicating that the month of August is the cardinal period for offense and arrest. The offenses range as follows: Assault and assault with battery, 5; assault, with dangerous weapon, 3; robbing street cars, 2; begging, 3; curfew violations, 5; disorderly conduct, 146; desertion from U. S. army, 1; detained for outside officers, 2; fast driving, 1; forgery, 1; fraudulent voting, 1; gambling, 432; keeping hurdygurdy, 29; hospital cases, 7; intoxication, 345; interfering with officer, 3; indecent exposure, 1; insane, 6; larceny, 12; prison lodgers, 74; minors in disreputable places, 3; maintaining nuisances, 1; opium smoking, 1; opium joint keeping, 1; roaming streets, 2; soliciting and peddling, 7; soliciting prostitution, 2; suspicious characters, 8; trespass, 1; vagrancy, 55; witnesses held, 16; and murder, 1.

There are many other interesting details in connection with Chief Gammal's direct analysis of the criminal situation here, which will be published tomorrow and on Thursday.

Getting in Readiness—Today is the day to which the county court adjourned from its last session, and the meeting will occur, but probably, only to be adjourned until Monday morning next, at which time Deputy District Attorney J. A. Eakin will have fully prepared the text of the county's contract with Messrs. Hastie & Dougan for the completion of the superstructure of the Clatsop court house, and at which time Commissioner C. C. Madson will have returned to the city and will be present to join in the official signing of that important document. Hastie & Dougan have intimated to Judge Trenchard that they are quite willing to date the ten months allowed for the work from February 1 next, instead of March 1, as was first suggested. This ensures the fulfillment of the contract by December 1 next.

The Passing Hour—The man who delights in splendid singing must not fail to hear Tony Stanford sing "In the Valley of Old Kentucky" at the Waldorf concert hall these evenings; it is one of the real treats of the season and is thoroughly appreciated by everyone. This fine feature is amplified by the best of the winter's production on the Kinetograph, the new films being wonderfully clear and realistic, showing the odd and laughable vagaries of a young couple learning to skate, than which nothing funnier has been seen this season, and even this is outdone by the wonders and beauties of Niagara Falls revealed from every point of vantage from the quiet sweep of river above the crest of the precipice to the turbulent depths below, where the steamer "Maid of the Mist," makes her dangerous and thrilling trips.

Record Sales Made—At noon yesterday Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy and his deputies concluded the public sales of delinquent properties of Clatsop county on account of the 1905 tax, and at the close of business Monday, their computations indicated that \$2,888 had been realized from the sale, and yesterday's receipts will swell the total to a figure well beyond \$3,000, leaving an uncollected balance on books of less than \$60 for that year and its roll. This is claimed to be the record, in the disposal of such matters and reflects great credit on Sheriff Pomeroy and his department.

ASTORIA ENTERPRISE.

Another Season May See an Independent Line of Steamers.

In conversation with a prominent lumberman of this section yesterday, a reporter of the Astorian was given to understand that, all things eventuating with reasonable order and certainly, there would be a new and independent line of steamers doing business on January first next, between this port and San Francisco, carrying freight and passengers, the south-bound cargoes being, of course, lumber from the mills controlled and operated by the capitalist in question, whose name is withheld in deference to negotiations now pending in this behalf.

Two steamers will be bought and brought out from the East and placed in the service alluded to, just as soon as the terms and dates of delivery can be adjusted, and that there will be business to warrant the enterprise has been calculated affirmatively beyond all possible question by this man and his associates.

The proposition was brought about by the repeated offers made by some of the great milling firms in the Great Lake country, whose equipments are already, or soon to be, on the market, by reason of the natural lapse of the business there for want of raw material to work upon; and the figures at which mills, milling machinery and equipment, including fine and powerful lake steamers are being offered for sale, has inspired the idea of transferring these facilities to this territory, which has unnumbered years of operation before it.

The news is good news, because it is true, and comes from sources that make it certain, if it were but timely to announce the names of the men engaged in the venture.

Making Preparations—The Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, of this city, is making full and timely preparations for the handling of its big Alaska plant and product during the ensuing season, and rounding up the minor details and negotiating the collection and dispatch of its people at the usual time. The American ship John Carrier, now en route to this port from Manila, and due in here on or before the first of April, will carry the men, provisions and equipment to the north this year, and is the property of the California Shipping Company. The A. F. P. people have contracted all the coal, some 400 tons, for the trip, and it is due here, by rail, at an early date. There will be nothing to delay the work when the day of sailing comes unless it be an adverse streak of weather.

Off to California—When the steamship Roanoke returns down from Portland, on her way south, it is the intention of H. B. Parker, the veteran boniface of the Parker House, to leave for Southern California, for the balance of the winter, in behalf of his health. He is not as well as he usually is or would like to be, but wonderfully well for a man of his years.

A Sad Case—There is a sad case, rumored as hailing from Alderbrook, of a young man whose mind has become unhinged from excessive religious study, and who has denied himself all manner of food for the past twenty-one days. Official cognizance has not yet been taken of the case, but it is expected very shortly.

Labor Council Meeting—The Astoria Central Labor Council met in regular session last evening. After the transaction of routine business, the following officers were installed: President, T. D. Soudan; vice president, J. A. Berg; recording secretary, J. F. Welch; financial secretary, H. M. Lornsen; guide, E. Nettleblade; guardian, J. N. Jorgensen.

Two Orders Made—Two orders were made in probate yesterday by Judge Trenchard, fixing February 25, next, at 10 a. m., as the time for hearing, and determining the final accounts of administration of the estates of Geo. H. Mendel and J. Reifel, deceased.

Citizenship Wanted—Charles Michael Soderberg, a native of Finland, yesterday filed his declaration of intention in the matter of American citizenship, at the office of County Clerk J. C. Clinton.

Returned from East—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ingalls who, for some time past have been visiting relatives in the east, have returned to Astoria.

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UNPROFITABLE HONESTY.

City Official Finds Commission Salary Small for Conscientious Man.

Astoria, among her honest city officials, one whose adherence to the path of rectitude will soon drive him to the point of resigning. James O'Neil, city dog catcher, is on commission salary. He receives \$1.00 for every dog he kills. One would think that in order to make the position remunerative, the dog catcher would be forced to work considerable hours among the canines, and finally work himself out of a job by having no dogs left to kill. But in the past some of the ingenious occupants of this position have supported themselves by an altogether different method of procedure, at least a prominent city official so alleges. They would go to the various owners of dogs and threaten to make them pay the regular dog license. The owners would give them a quarter or half a dollar, and they would forget about it for a while. The city received no money for dog licenses, but the catcher had a pretty prosperous time of it. Mr. O'Neil has refused to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and has even diminished the legitimate revenues of his office by warning owners of dogs that licenses were due. His income from the city treasury was \$4.00 last month; he declares that munificent sum will be about the last that will be paid him, as he intends to resign.

Library Benefit—On the anniversary of Burns' birthday, January 25, the members of the Alderbrook Christian Endeavor Society will give a Scotch Social in the Tongue Point reading room. Mr. McIlroy, of the Old Oregon Lumber Association, will help entertain with music and Scotch anecdotes. A cordial invitation is extended to all. A collection will be taken up for use in defraying the running expenses of the library. The library is for the benefit of the working men at the mills. Free refreshments.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Alec Karinen, customs inspector at this port, went to Portland yesterday on a business trip.

David M. Dunne, collector of internal revenue, came down from Portland yesterday on official business.

J. H. Walker of Oregon City, is in Astoria looking after timber interests here.

A. B. Daly of Coos Bay was a visitor in this city yesterday.

J. G. Healey of Gray's River, Wash., is registered at the Occident Hotel.

H. Saxand came down from Portland yesterday on business.

J. M. Thompson of Winlock, Wash., is a guest at the Merwyn Hotel.

D. S. Harris of Aberdeen spent yesterday in this city.

Wm. Anderson of Aberdeen was in Astoria yesterday.

A. J. Davis of North Bend is in this city on a short visit.

Captain Joseph Harriman went to Portland yesterday for a short trip.

E. Josephs, manager of the Glavenhausen cold storage plant at Altoona, was in this city yesterday.

Colonel David M. Dunne came down from Portland yesterday.

DONE BY DEED.

W. E. Dement and wife to Clatsop County, 20 foot right of way on Lewis & Clark road.. \$ 1
A. M. Holter and wife to Clatsop county, 20 foot right of way, on Road No. 9..... 1
Geo. Kaboth and wife to J. H. and A. M. Smith, 160 acres in Section 3-5-9..... 1,350
John Waterhouse and wife and J. H. Smith and wife, to J. A. McIntosh, 40 acres in Sec. 3-7-6 3,650
W. N. May and wife to A. R. Cyrus, lots 16, 17 and 18, block 27, New Astoria..... 800

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