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"The Pixies" January 30 and 31.

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

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

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Train Delayed—The train from Portland was late yesterday on account of a landslide near Mayers. Rock and debris were piled across the track and it took nearly an hour and a half to free the road.

The P. N. Clark Co. have for sale three of the finest residence lots in Astoria, at prices about one-half of their real value. Any one contemplating building a home who wants a beautiful lot should consider these. We will sell one or two together.

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.

Northshore Funeral—The steamer Voiga left here on Sunday morning with a number of friends of young Mr. Wilkie, whose funeral occurred at Deep River on that day. Quite a number of handsome floral pieces were taken over to grace the grave of the unfortunate young logger.

To Attend Funeral—A number of Astorians went to Montavilla yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Grammas of that place, who died there Sunday. The deceased, who was the mother of C. F. H. Grammas, of this city, was aged 83 years, at the time of her death and had many friends in this city.

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.

Orkwitz covers umbrellas.

Reserve your Pixie tickets today.

COAL—COAL—COAL—COAL—Just received cargo of Australian. Ring phone 1311. Geo. W. Sanborn, 1-27-2t

An Astorian Now—Yesterday Deputy Sheriff C. Knutson moved his family and his household "goods" from the quiet precincts of Hammond, to the bustling civic energies of Astoria, and it is needless to say they will be a welcome acquisition to the city and the social ranks thereof.

Wedding License Issued—County Clerk Clinton yesterday afternoon issued the formal document sanctioning the wedding of two popular young Astorians, Miss Maja Fredericksen and Mr. John T. Allen, which happy event will transpire at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the parents of the bride.

Wires Down Yesterday—The telephone and telegraph wires were down between this city and Portland yesterday and for nine or ten hours communication was severed. The wires were repaired by 6 o'clock in the evening. The cause of the break is attributed to the heavy sleet storm in Portland and vicinity.

Probate Orders Yesterday—Judge Trenchard, sitting for probate business yesterday, made two orders for the sale of certain realty in the two estates of Hiram Gray, deceased, and Hans Rasmussen, deceased, yesterday being the day set for hearing any protests against such orders, and none being filed.

Will End Soon—Our 20 per cent discount sale will positively end on the first of February. On account of the advance in the factory price on almost everything in our line, it will be impossible for us to continue our sale any longer than the advertised time. Chas. Heilborn & Company, Complete Housefurnishers.

COAL IS HERE. S. Elmore & Company have just received a barge load (250 tons) of Australian coal. Now ready for instant delivery. Will not last long. File your orders at once. Phone M 1961.

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"ALL FOR ASTORIA" THE SLOGAN

INITIAL STEP TAKEN LAST NIGHT
FOR THE BIG CIVIC MERGER
UPON WHICH ASTORIA IS TO
BUILD HER FUTURE.

About twenty-five representative citizens of Astoria met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night to take the initial step in the merger of the civic clubs of the city in one, big, useful, active chamber, and to formulate plans for the perfection of the consolidation, by men, and money, for common good of all Astoria.

John Gratke acted as chairman for the evening, and no time was lost in opening up the subject matter of the meeting. There were leading members present from all the civic and commercial bodies of the city, and the unification of these in one organic whole seemed to be thoroughly understood and acquiesced in.

A resolution was promptly prepared, introduced, and passed, unanimously, declaring in favor of the disintegration of the several commercial associations of the city, and the reunion of their several memberships in the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and the transfer of their several funds to the new treasury of the re-inforced Chamber and providing for the employment of a first-class, bustling secretary, under a good salary, to direct the work of the chamber and attend personally to the execution of its civic and commercial programs.

This resolution was signed by those present for the various improvement clubs and other bodies and will be duly ratified at a mass-meeting of all organizations concerned, at an early day.

The meeting last night was one of the best steps ever taken in this city and the unified strength of its ultimate expression, in behalf of Astoria and her future, will be heard far and near, and what is more, it will be heeded.

Following is the full text of the resolution upon which the good work of the future is predicated; it has an "All for Astoria" ring about it that means something:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that every commercial organization in Astoria be consolidated into one body and to work for one purpose, namely, the upbuilding of the city and surrounding country.

"With this purpose in view each club shall disband and turn over its books and documents, together with its membership roll, to the Chamber of Commerce at the earliest possible date and at some convenient time a general meeting shall be called for a complete reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce along entirely new lines in preparation for an increased effort for the public good, by the employment of a competent manager to be selected by the Chamber of Commerce and its new members, to take charge of all its affairs in and out of the city."

Another Bank in Astoria—San Francisco capital is behind a new banking venture in this city. The Messrs. H. S. F. N. and M. S. Meyers, of the Bay City, has filed articles of incorporation of the German American Savings Bank, with headquarters in Astoria. The capital stock is placed at the modest figure of \$5,000, and is divided into 50 shares at the par value of \$100 each. Good luck to it!

Has Returned to Astoria—William Wilbur, the well known cigar maker, who left this city some time ago, with the avowed intention of remaining away, has returned to Astoria, with the conviction that the City-by-the-Sea is one of the best points on the whole coast for a man with a trade and a job.

Died at Knappa—Florence McEwan, wife of Captain Logan S. McEwan, aged 25 years, died at Knappa yesterday morning of consumption. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock at the Knappa Presbyterian church, Rev. W. Seymour Short, rector of Grace church, of this city, officiating.

Captain Edwards III—Word comes from Portland that Captain E. S. Edwards, for fifteen years inspector of steam vessels, has been ill at his home there since last Wednesday with pneumonia. Captain Edwards has made many friends in Astoria who will be pleased to learn that he is again on the road to recovery.

Seat sale for "The Pixies" today.

BOND STREET BLAZE.

Burns Building Badly and Nearly Destroys Inmate of Place.

An alarm of fire was sent in yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The fire department responding discovered a blaze in a questionable resort next to the La Tosca saloon. The solitary inmate, a French female graced by the alliterative title of Birdie Bureau, was asleep when the fire broke out and came very near being incinerated. None of her personal effects were saved, and the furnishings were ruined by the flames and water. The building was also somewhat damaged, the total loss being about \$250. The structure was owned by Martin Wise of Portland and subleased by Charley Wise of this city. The source of the fire has not been definitely located, although it is believed to have originated from a lamp which the woman left burning.

Off for the Sound—Sunday evening's Portland bound express, leaving this city at 6:10, bore among its big crowd of passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Brown (nee Miss Anna Kopp) who were happily married on that afternoon at the home of the bride in Seaside. Rev. John Waters, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, officiating. The wedding was a quiet affair and only a few life-long friends of the high-contracting parties being present aside from the families interested. The young people have a host of good friends in Astoria and all the lower valley who will wish them an abundance of the real good things of this life and an extended period in which to enjoy them. They were met at the Depot here by a group of young people who made manifest their particular interest in the popular pair. They will be absent for about a week and will return to Astoria to set up their new home.

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.

New Enterprise Coming—We have a company who desire to come to Astoria and install a modern steam carpet cleaning plant, and a roof painting shop. These people wish to have a piece of ground about 100x100 for a period of five years on which they will erect a building. Any man who has such a piece of ground and is anxious to see new enterprise come to Astoria ought to let us know at once, so we can get them located before they change their minds and go somewhere else. They are not so particular about location, only they want to be down on the level ground if possible. Don't put it off if you have such a piece of land, but let us know at once. The F. N. Clark Co., 495 Commercial street.

If you want to get into a good paying business on a small capital, we have several good chances for you. We now have listed a cigar store and pool room that is paying handsomely. The present owner has to leave this part of the country on account of bad health and has put his business on the market for a few days at a very reasonable price. If it is not sold at once he is going to pack it up and ship it south, so if you want to get in on the ground floor by buying an established business at a low figure, now is your chance. For full particulars, call at our office. The F. N. Clark Co.

Vaudeville Next—Manager P. Gevurtz of the Star Theatre will leave at once for California to negotiate some sterling new attractions for this house, having decided to change the policy and quality of entertainment radically. He will institute a strong and clever bill of vaudeville there on the 4th of the coming month and believes the transition will be welcome to the clientele of the Star. He intends to date nothing but what is currently popular and give his house a new lease in public favor from the coming week.

Injured at Svensen—John W. Kouns, brakeman for the A. & C. R. road, was badly injured last Saturday evening at Svensen. The train backed onto

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End of Clearance Sale

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Antone Elich of Aberdeen was in Astoria yesterday.

James Jamieson came in from Jewell yesterday for a brief visit.

Frank Brewster came down from Portland yesterday on the noon train. Harry Shipman of Ilwaco is in this city for a short visit.

Mrs. Dan Williams of Chinook was in Astoria yesterday.

Mrs. J. R. Gould came over from Ilwaco on the Natchez yesterday.

C. W. Maynard of Chehalis is in Astoria on business.

G. Thompson came in from Deep River yesterday.

James A. Anderson of Stockton is present in this city.

F. L. Sheehan of Seattle is in this city on business.

Big Prospective Buy—It is said that the representative of a wealthy San Francisco syndicate is in the city, looking for a water-front site of at least 500 feet; that it is wanted somewhere between Ninth and Eleventh streets, along Bond; that the Flavel estate would not relinquish its title east of Tenth, but that Charles Brown is amenable to a fair offer for his frontage west of that thoroughfare; but there is the usual confirmation lacking to these items as yet.

Two More Notaries—The notarial certificates of appointment in behalf of Messrs. G. Zigler and J. H. Johnson of this city, were filed at the office of County Clerk J. C. Clinton yesterday.

"The Pixies" at Astoria Theatre, January 30-31.

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

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