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**Clean Little Reservoir**—The little reservoir was emptied and thoroughly cleaned yesterday, quite a quantity of sediment being removed.

**Don't forget the sale** of home made cookies to be given by the St. Agnes Guild on Saturday afternoon, February 2, from 4 till 7 o'clock, at the basement of Grace church. Also home made candies.

**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.

**Suit in Divorce**—Complaint in a suit for divorce was filed yesterday afternoon in behalf of Rebecca F. Gillette and against W. L. Gillette, the essential plea being desertion of six years duration. C. J. Curtis entered the suit for Mrs. Gillette.

**Money for City**—City Treasurer Thomas Dealey received \$1,526.25 for the city purse yesterday. Of this \$1,465 was fines and forfeitures for the month of January, given in by the police department. The remaining \$61.25 was for the rent of the street roller.

**In S. A. Circles**—Adjutant and Mrs. Storey, the Young Peoples secretaries for the Northern Pacific Province, including Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, will hold special meetings in the Salvation Army hall Feb. 3, at 2 and 8 p. m. in behalf of the Young People's work. All are welcome.

**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.**

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

For a nice piece of silverware go to Frank J. Donnerberg's. He has them 110 11th street.

**Lost**—A red covered folding memorandum order book. Kindly leave same at Astorian office. 2-1-21

**Licensed to Wed**—County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license in favor of Mr. Arvid Molso and Miss Sanna Kankkonen, both of this city.

**To Attend Funeral**—Quite a number of Astoria people left for Portland yesterday to be present at the funeral services of the late Joseph H. Emory, formerly mail clerk on Columbia steamer lines.

**Delayed Train**—A small land slide near Bugby and delay incident to the unloading of some heavy freight at Klatskanie, caused yesterday morning's train from Portland to be nearly an hour late.

**Dangerously Ill**—Word was received here yesterday that Dr. A. P. McLaren, of Rainier, well and happily known here, and a prominent member of the Astoria Elk-herd, is dangerously ill at St. Vincent's hospital, in Portland, with pneumonia. His friends and family are seriously disturbed about him.

**Mayor Wise Improving**—Mayor Herman Wise, who has been confined to his home for the past few days with a trying siege of facial neuralgia, is reported improving and will probably venture out again tomorrow if the weather moderates sufficiently.

**Rates on Exhibits**—The Astoria & Columbia River railway people have reached a decision in the matter of the rates to be charged on exhibits hence to the Jamestown Exposition in the spring of 1908. The rate will be a flat one Eastward, plus a nominal terminal charge there for the direct delivery of the exhibits on the exposition grounds and entirely free of cost for the return trip here, provided the exhibits are routed westward precisely as they went forward from the west.

**Chocolates and Bonbons**  
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**ABANDONED WORK.**

Twenty-five Laborers Leave Their Jobs on the I. R. & N.

When Captain Tom Parker docked the Nahcotta at the Flavel pier here yesterday afternoon, about two dozen laborers disembarked with their dunnage and immediately booked their passage to Portland on the steamer Undine. They claim they left their jobs on the I. R. & N. front, Knapp-ton way, because the work was becoming unbearably hard and nasty, since everything was a sea of mud, cold, wet and too irksome for the pay. They left a big bunch still at work over there, but it is believed all will quit unless weather conditions change for the better.

**EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.**

Puzzles for Young Astoria Distributed by Superintendent Clark.

The principals of the various schools met at the office of Superintendent A. L. Clark yesterday afternoon and received the questions for the term examinations this morning and will finish Wednesday. The higher of the primary grades will begin the examinations this afternoon and the lower grades will begin Monday. The list of honor pupils for the past term will be made up by next Wednesday.

**INSTRUCTOR RESIGNS.**

Principal J. W. Kestler Leaves Astoria for Fresh Fields of Usefulness.

Principal J. W. Kestler of the Olney school, has resigned his position here and will leave tomorrow for Wallula where he will be employed in a similar capacity at a substantial advance of salary. Miss Emma C. Warren, county superintendent of schools, will fill his position here next week, after which Miss Ethel D. Constable of Central City, Colo., will be permanent principal.

**LAST PERFORMANCE.**

"Pixies" Close Successful Two Nights' Engagement at Astoria Theatre.

A good sized house greeted the second appearance of the amateur talent production "The Pixies" at the Astoria Theatre last night. The presentation was a highly creditable one in every way and deserves the more praise when the extreme youth of most of the participants and the short time given to preparation is considered. According to indications the financial end of the entertainment has been a decided success and proven a profitable undertaking to its promoters.

**Headed for Astoria**—The Eugene Register has the following to say about the "Midnight Flyer," played there recently and now headed for this city: "The 'Midnight Flyer' flitted across the local theatrical horizon last evening and left in its lurid wake not one green spot in the desert of art. It would take a column of space to set forth the production's dramatic and literary infelicities, suffice it to say, that it was just melodrama, sprinkled with unwholesome, unsanitary and undeodorized 'comedy.' The plot was a highly improbable as the visions of a rarebit fiend. The villain looked fierce and on several occasions he said 'Curse you!' and brandished a gun which went off at intervals, and emitted real smoke. He was especially bloodthirsty, having poisoned the heroine's father, tossed her mother into the back drop of an ocean scene, touched off a bomb on a ocean liner on which he was a passenger, and committed other real devilish acts. It was enough to make a Bowery girl chew her gum to shreds and prompt the street gamins to throw away in disgust his volume of 'Diamond Dick' as a poor vehicle for portraying strenuous human acts and emotions. The plot centers around a girl walf who in boy's garb, is a rather uncertain quantity on the New York waterfront. The inevitable rich uncle appears on the scene and through some process of Sherlock Holmes deduction 'discovers' his long lost niece at once in the person of this walf. The money she is heiress to then serves as a basis for plot and counterplot on the part of the villain. Then, other people appear on the scene, for no particular cause or reason, and the process of unraveling a rather vague plot proceeds through five acts. In the end villainy was rebuked, virtue rewarded and the management jingled the spare change of the amusement seeker in his pocket."

**The Young Ladies** of the St. Agnes Guild of Grace church will hold a sale of home made cookies and candies on Saturday, February 2, from 4 to 7 o'clock at basement of Grace church. 2-1-21

**BAR, BAY AND RIVER**

Columbia Departs for the California Metropolis.

**LATEST NEWS OF MELANOPE**

Oklahoma and Harvest Queen Doing Some Busy Stunts on the River—San Mateo in From the Sound—Waterfront Notes.

This is the way the Portland boys put it up on Captain Harry Emken the moment his back is turned for a bit of an outing:

"Captain Harry Emken, an old-time river pilot, has gone to San Francisco for the purpose of escorting his daughter to Portland. The latter has been in California for some time and disliked to make the trip north alone. Accordingly her father went south to meet her. To the river men it is a matter of deep concern. Captain Emken went south on the train. One faction of the pilots aver that the thoughts of seasickness caused him to prefer the overland route, while others allege that it was nothing more than the idea that the masters of vessels plying to southern ports would certainly get even with any pilot that took passage on any craft bound out of this port. Captain Emken will be called upon to explain immediately on his return to July."

The master of the German ship Arthur Fitger, which arrived here on Wednesday last and was promptly fined \$5,000 for being without proper bills of health, yesterday filed his formal protest, addressed to Collector of Customs C. W. Carnahan, in the following terms:

"I, G. Hopken, master of the German ship Arthur Fitger, arrived this date from Bristol, England, via Antwerp, do hereby ask for the remission of the fine placed against said vessel this day, by you, for not having a consular bill of health from the American consul at said port of Bristol, England. And in extenuation of this neglect will state that I did not take charge of said vessel, Arthur Fitger, until after her arrival at Antwerp, and the former captain made no mention to me of the matter and I was not aware that the same was necessary. In view of the facts above stated, I most respectfully ask that you consider this request, and that the fine may be canceled."

Captain N. K. Wills, of the wrecked British bark Melanope, now lying in the lower harbor here, has been detached from command of the vessel and ordered to report to the owners' representatives at Portland. He has been given over the custody of her chronometers, charts and slopchest and will leave at once. Just what Captain Wills' withdrawal means cannot be determined; but it is surmised that her owners are indisposed to begin the re-equipment of the vessel on the basis of the bid figures at hand, from \$25,000 upward, and will turn her over to the underwriters to make the most of and to discount the claim of the Northland people as it may be adjudicated in the federal courts later.

The steamship Columbia arrived at her pier here yesterday morning from Portland, en route to San Francisco, with her cabins fairly full and all the freight she could carry. Among those departing hence as passengers on the Columbia were Captain and Mrs. A. L. Babbidge, Mrs. Mary Morgan, in the saloon; and John Marsh and Miss Sarah Marsh; John Sanders and John Davis, in the second cabin. Aside from these, there were on board the following well known people: J. L. Beattie, the Portland printer; G. W. Ellis, of San Francisco; E. A. Monteith, of San Francisco, who lived here some years ago, and worked in the iron industry; W. R. Hume, and others. The Columbia sailed at 11 a. m.

The ship Berlin went up-stream yesterday on the Oklahama's hawsers, and will load out lumber once more for the Bay City, before getting in line for her annual trip to the salmon fisheries at Nushagak, Alaska.

The steamer Harvest Queen came down yesterday with a lot of O. R. & N. freight and went back to Portland yesterday evening with the schooners Irene and Otille Fjord, on her hawsers.

The American ship Lucille came

One Piano Number free with every \$5 Sale.

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down yesterday morning from Portland on the tow lines of the Oklahama and will leave out today, if possible, for San Pedro, with a big cargo of lumber.

The pleasant news comes from Portland that Captain E. S. Edwards, federal inspector of hulls, is past the danger point of his recent illness and is convalescing rapidly.

The steamer San Mateo reported at the custom house here yesterday, on her way from Tacoma to Portland.

**Hearing Today**—Deputy District Attorney J. A. Eakin, of this city, yesterday had a talk with C. Roy Fox in the county jail, and it is probable that the young man will have a preliminary hearing before Justice Goodman this afternoon. If there is to be any change made in the charge against him, it has not been made manifest, by the authorities, as yet.

**Tip Passes Away**—For fourteen years George Kauffman's little black dog has been a familiar sight upon the streets of Astoria and there are few children who do not know him. But "Tip" as he was named will no longer patrol our thoroughfares beside his master. He died yesterday of old age, and Policeman Kauffman, who had raised the little chap along with his own children, is inconsolable.

**TAKEN TO PORTLAND.**

Body of Fred Pries Taken to Metropolis Yesterday.

The remains of Fred A. Pries, the millwright, who was killed at the Tongue Point Lumbering Company's mill Wednesday were taken to Portland yesterday evening for burial. The entire mill was closed down yesterday afternoon to allow the employees to attend the funeral exercises held at Pohl's undertaking parlors at 5 o'clock, under the auspices of the Maccabees, of which lodge the deceased was a member. Mrs. Pries and her two young daughters accompanied the body of her husband to the metropolis.

**Confesses Freely**—Officer Emsley Houghton on Wednesday night last, was made a recipient of the confidences of a drunk, who claimed the name of William Hendricks, and that he had stolen a horse from a former employer near Lentz, Ore., as the readiest means of collecting his unpaid wages. He claims the animal did not sell for enough to square his salary claim and always wondered by the owner of the horse never hunted him up for the theft. Mr. Houghton placed him in the city cooler, and he will probably be given his freedom and a bit of wholesome advice along with it.

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