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"PORT OF COLUMBIA" BILL FAKED THROUGH LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY BAD FAITH SHOWN AT EVERY TURN FUTURE ACTION PROBLEMATIC.

Mayor Herman Wise, Samuel Elmore, Frank J. Carney, R. M. Leathers, of the Astoria delegation to Salem, sent thither to fight the infamous "Port of Columbia" bill, returned yesterday, leaving the balance of the delegation Judge Trenchard and Collector of Customs C. W. Carnahan, on the ground to do all that might be necessary in the premises and that might arise in that behalf.

These gentlemen left Salem with the conviction that the measure was to come up for final disposition today at 2 o'clock, in accordance with the motion adopted to that effect on Tuesday last.

Their astonishment may be better imagined than measured when, on reaching this city, the news of the passage of the bill in the Senate and the concurrence of the House, was given them hot from the wires.

They naturally deprecated the whole business, and gave individual accounts of their stewardship in the matter, which simply confirmed the public knowledge of the good faith they had exercised throughout, and no atom of censure lies at their doors. They were as disgusted as any men in Astoria, at the turn affairs had taken, and could account for it on no other hypothesis than trickery and chicanery, the elements that have wrought the ends of the Portland delegation and their backers from first to last.

The Arabian's Dream—The whole world has read the entrancing story of Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp, and but few have seen the realistic production of his marvelous and romantic adventures in search of it and after he had secured it. This beautiful demonstration is right at hand, and he who will may see it any night at the Waldorf concert hall, where the latest and greatest string of moving picture films, giving this great history is on exhibition nightly. It is one of the most attractive features of this new and modern feature of entertainment and is thoroughly well worth the seeing.

Taxes Pouring In—Sheriff and Tax Collector Pomeroy and his staff of deputies are hard at work receiving and accommodating the big rush of Clatsop tax-payers these days. In the three days the books have been opened for this service, the sum of \$4,700 has been taken in, and the crowds grow with the days. Clatsop people never like to be in arrears in public obligations and are said to be among the readiest payers of taxes in the state.

New Gas Plant—The contract for the new gas plant being built by the Astoria Electric Company was yesterday awarded to W. S. Dole and Co., of Portland. The agreement stipulates that the work be finished within two months and \$11,000 be the compensation. The Astoria Electric Company has also leased a lot on the corner of Third and Astor street to be used for storage purposes.

Verdict of Suicide—The coroner's jury drawn by Wm. C. A. Pohl to examine into the death of Mrs. Rosa Pfund of Sveusen, returned a verdict that the deceased met her death through strangulation, having committed suicide while temporarily insane. The funeral occurred yesterday from the family residence, with interment at the Knappa cemetery.

Typewriter Repairman—Horace R. Martin, expert typewriter adjuster and repairman, has established himself in this city and is busily engaged in cleaning and repairing typewriters.

More Bee Stands—O. I. Peterson, yesterday hauled a dozen new bee stands from this city to his Lewis & Clark farm to eke out the other forty he now has in service there.

Lumber Inspector Here—A. M. Hagen, Chief Inspector of the Bureau of Grades established by the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association is in this city on business.

Celebrate Washington's Birthday—Exercises will be held in the various rooms of the public schools Thursday afternoon to mark the anniversary of George Washington's birthday. No classes will be held on Friday.

MYSTERIOUS BLAZE.

Gas Main Under Commercial Street Shooting Flame.

Yesterday, as Ed. Llewelyn, the foreman of No. 1 Hose station, was exercising his horses on Commercial street near Fifteenth, an employe of the Central Hotel ran out of that hostelry as he passed and told him of a fire then burning beneath the roadway at the Fifteenth street crossing. Mr. Llewelyn at once hitched his team to a nearby post and went to investigate the trouble. Calling assistance, he tore away the planking from the roadway, and found a long, keen jet of flame issuing from the open end of a three-inch gas main, but throwing no smoke in noticeable fashion. He at once took steps to smother back the fire and advised the head office of the company controlling that commodity and a cap was soon fitted to the break. The matter is a deep mystery and no one seems to know how the gas escaped nor how it was set ablaze. Under certain other conditions, especially, of time, the havoc inherent in such a state of affairs might have been unlimited.

Girl Babies—The homes of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Newell, of the Lewis & Clark country, and of Mr. and Mrs. James Hannaford on Franklin Avenue in this city, have been gladdened by the arrival of hearty, healthy girl babies, during the past 48 hours. All concerned are doing famously.

Licensed And Wedded—Yesterday, County Clerk J. C. Clinton issued a wedding license in favor of Mr. Fleetwood Fox, and Mrs. Katie Chambers, of Seaside; and an hour later, Judge Anderson, of the city court, had pronounced the happy couple man and wife. After a brief wedding journey Mr. and Mrs. Fox will settle at their home in the great summer resort.

County Court Put Off—Yesterday was the day for the assembling of the county court in adjourned session, but the continued absence of Judge C. J. Trenchard at Salem on important business, has tended to fix the limit of adjournment until Saturday morning, Friday being a legal holiday. It was thought the court would not be able to handle much of its program, anyway, and unless Judge Trenchard returns and alters the date, Saturday will be the earliest time for its reconvention.

On Duty Again—His many friends in Astoria and his friends and his clients among the travelling public, were glad to greet Uncle Charley Wright at his desk in the office of the Hotel Occident again yesterday. Mr. Wright has been confined closely to his room with an obstinate attack of rheumatism, but is now free and correspondingly happy.

Dorcas Society Entertained—The Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran Church will be entertained at the home of Miss Dora Larson of Uppertown. A musical program and refreshments will be the order of the evening. Members and friends are invited to be present.

Gold Fish—Have you seen the beautiful gold fish in the windows of Hildebrand & Gor? Look them up. Fan Tails, 35 cents; straights, 25 cents.

Five Cents to \$3.00—When you feel like "sponging" a bit, drop into Frank Hart's drug store and buy a sponge. You can find just what you want, from 5 cents to \$3.00 per sponge.

5 pairs of Sox, good woolen to cotton Sox, regular price 25c to 3 for \$1.00 at Wise's removal sale 5 pairs for \$1.00.

HATS, formerly \$2 to \$4 now 55 cents at Wise's removal sale.

All new Neckwear and Suspenders worth from 50 to 75 cents now 35 cents at Wise's removal sale.

Boys' Suits reduced from 75c to \$2.00 at Wise's removal sale.

25c caps for 15c at Wise's removal sale.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Umbrellas reduced to 85c at Wise's removal sale.

Men's Suits reduced from \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50 at Wise's removal sale.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Joe Brown visited friends in Portland yesterday.

G. W. Reynolds, of Portland, was in Astoria yesterday.

H. R. Pratt, of Aberdeen, is visiting in this city.

Albion L. Giles came over from Chinook yesterday.

F. C. Zittz came down from the metropolis yesterday.

H. J. Langoe, Editor of the Pacific Herald published in Portland, was in Astoria yesterday on business.

N. L. Romberg, of South Bend, Wash., is a business visitor on this city.

H. A. Kemp and wife, of Portland were in Astoria yesterday.

Alf. Grady is down from the metropolis on business.

G. B. McLeod, of the Hammond Lumber Company, was in Astoria yesterday.

D. M. Stuart and E. Z.erguson have returned from a brief trip to Portland.

G. Wingate of this city is in Coos county on a business trip and is expected here on the next steamer.

Oscar Silmington, formerly a member of the Silmington Dry Goods firm, and now traveling for a Minneapolis establishment, was in this city yesterday.

Clara Hansborough, nurse at St. Mary's hospital here, now nursing her sick mother at Warrenton, made a brief trip to this city yesterday.

Frances Willard Memorial—The following program will be given today at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist church:

Sketch of Mrs. Willard's life—Mrs. V. Wright; Vocal solo—Mrs. Ruth Gardner; What her neighbors say of her—Mrs. Sarah Byrd; Organ voluntary—Mrs. J. A. Rannels; Miss Willard's Statue and an estimate of her character—Mrs. Graham; Vocal solo—Mrs. Whitney; Lady Henry Somerset, written by Mrs. Rose Page, of Berkeley, Calif.—Read by Mrs. Wm. Ross; Frances Willard Memorial Fund—Mrs. Fastabend.

Everybody invited to join the W. C. T. U. in honoring the memory of Mrs. Willard.

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For Electric Service—Installation or repair work, go to J. S. Vernon, electrician, No. 467 Exchange street, telephone, Main 2443. All manner of electric and telephone work done at short notice.

Make Good Use of It—There is an "odd and end" sale on just now at the popular shoe house of Chas. V. Brown. Don't fail to avail yourself of the unusual opportunity for bargains in footwear. It's up to you!

Gathering Pets—C. R. Herman, light-house keeper at Distinction Island who came to this city on a business visit returned to his post yesterday morning. He took with him on his return several "cups of low degree" which had been placed in the city pound and had not been claimed, and the hobbled police station cat, "Tiny," as pets for his children on the lonely island.

Progress Slow—Chas. Hellborn, who has been visiting in San Francisco during the past week, returned to this city yesterday. He reports the industrial situation in the southern metropolis as still disorganized by the great disaster of last year, and the progress of the city is slow.

No Business Tomorrow—Tomorrow is the one-hundred-and-seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the country's first president, and there will be no public, and but little private business transacted in this city. The banks and public offices will be closed together with the schools, and during the afternoon, all the groceries and many of the mercantile houses will close their doors. Everything stops but the news papers; they are indispensable.

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.

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

Orkwitz has received a sample of the National bicycle for the season of 1907.

J. A. Gilbaugh & Company, Undertakers, 549 Duane street, corner of Twelfth.

For Fine Watch and clock repairing go to Frank J. Donnerberg, the reliable Jeweler, 111 11th St.

Don't Suffer—Go straight to Linton's drug store, on Eleventh street between Duane and Commercial. It is open day and night. Everything of the purest and best.

Keep Off The Grass—The following notice has been posted at the post-office square: "The sidewalks through this yard are for the convenience of the public. The use of such walks for any other purpose or trespass upon the lawn is expressly forbidden. C. W. Carnahan, Custodian."

New Rooming Quarters—That Mrs. Captain M. Nolan has taken charge of the rooming privileges of the Copeland building, over the "Bee Hive," on Commercial street, is a certain guaranty of the excellence of the service to be given there hence forward. The place will be made manifestly the best of its kind in Astoria and every patron will be made as comfortable as excellent equipment and conscientious management can attain to.

Two Royal Tourists—In beds of crystalline ice, through which their royal red sides and superb lines were clearly discernible, two splendid specimens of the Royal Chinook salmon of the Columbia, were despatched, yesterday, to United States Senator Charles W. Fulton at Washington, with the best wishes of Superintendent John McGuire, of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company. This kind of a gift is included in the list of princely benefactions, and on doubt the great fish will be thoroughly appreciated by the recipient and duly displayed to hundreds of wondering and envious eyes at the Nation's capital.

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