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WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THE WASHINGTON & GRAY'S HARBOR RAILROAD COMPANY ON THE NORTH BANK.

Right-of-way agents are being active about Knappton at the present time securing the right of way for the Washington & Gray's Harbor Railroad from Kelso to Ilwaco. A few days ago S. C. Morton and H. B. Settem sold the right-of-way agent the right-of-way over a small tract of land they own just above Knappton on what is known as Barney's Point for \$250. The tract secured by the company being only one-half acre. Other right-of-way is being purchased in the neighborhood of Frankfort at good prices but this is the highest price yet known to be paid, it being on a basis of \$500 per acre.

Up to the present time the company has paid out about \$275,000 for right-of-way between Kelso and Knappton.

The Northern Pacific surveyors are now in the vicinity of Deep River resurveying the line from South Bend to the Columbia. The business is carried on under the name of the Gray's Harbor & Columbia River Railroad Company, but all the checks issued bear the name of the Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Taken all together it begins to look as if in a short time actual work of construction will be commenced on this important development for the lower Columbia River.

Property Sale—Chief Gammel disposed of four more pieces of property at auction on the steps of the city hall yesterday.

Funeral Takes Place Today—Rev. John Warren will conduct the funeral services of the late Miss Jessie Johnson, which will take place this morning at 10:30 from Grace Episcopal Church. The interment will be in Ocean View Cemetery.

Reported Drowning At Altoona—It was reported on the streets last evening that a man had been drowned off the dock at Altoona yesterday but the particulars were not obtainable when the steamer Lurline passed through there on its way down.

Buried Yesterday—Herbert Morgan, the sailor from the schooner Fred E. Sanders, who was drowned off the Clatsop Mill dock, was buried yesterday in Greenwood cemetery, under the auspices of the Coast Seamen's Union to which he belonged.

Fish Boat Capsized—Captain Evert Mattson and Sam Patula, his boatpuller, were capsized in one of the Co-operative Fishermen's Packing Company's boats at 8 o'clock yesterday morning about two miles out from Fort Canby light. The crew and net were picked up by fellow fishermen and the boat was towed in by the Cape Disappointment Life-Saving Crew.

Meeting With Success—The sale of the cook book, just issued by the Ladies' Guild of Grace Church, is progressing finely and everyone that sees it is sure to procure a copy as it is the finest one of its kind ever issued in this section. It contains about 400 tried recipes and is bound to please the most fastidious. The books can be obtained of Miss Sadie Crang.

Given Farewell Reception—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hansen, who will leave here on July 1st for Portland, were given a farewell reception at the Norwegian-Danish M. E. Church last evening by the members of the church and a very enjoyable time was had by all present who joined in wishing them prosperity in their new home.

Goes To Salem Today—County School Superintendent Miss Emma Warren leaves for Salem tonight where tomorrow she will meet State Superintendent Aekerman and consult with him in regard to high school work and on Monday she will participate in the State Teachers Association that meets there next week. She expects to be gone about a week.

Baseball—The Bohemians will leave on the evening train tonight for Portland where they are scheduled to play the Brewers tomorrow afternoon. Some of the boys will not be able to get away this evening owing to their having to work, these will go up on tomorrow morning's train. The team will be entertained by the League officials at the Baker Theater tomorrow evening. The team will leave Sunday morning for Woodburn and will cross bats with that team on Sunday afternoon.

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Dorcas Society Meeting—The regular monthly meeting of the Dorcas Society will be held at First Lutheran Church in Uppertown on Friday evening at eight o'clock. Members and friends are invited.

Certificate of Completion—The certificate of completion for the improvements of Exchange street, between Eighth and Ninth streets was filed in the city auditor's office yesterday. E. A. Gerding is the contractor and the contract price \$1150.

Buy Ilwaco Journal Plant—It is reported that W. L. Thorndyke, the veteran newspaperman, has purchased the plant of the defunct Journal at Ilwaco and will begin the publishing of a newspaper there. The writer has known Thorndyke for the past 17 years and knows him to be a first-class newspaper man and all round good fellow and believes he will be successful in his new field.

Get Raise in Salary—The dispatches from Washington state that the raise in salary for some of the clerks requested by the Astoria post office has been granted. Under this the salary of Miss Nancy G. Reed has been raised from \$600 to \$800, Hans M. Bue from \$600 to \$800 and Miss Birdie McCrosky from \$500 to \$600. The local post office has not yet received official notice of the action of the department.

Barber Shop Row—In an altercation with the proprietor of the Turkish Baths in the rear of the Palace Barber Shop, Thomas Corbett, the proprietor of the barber shop, poked his fist through the glass in the door of the shop and received a wound which necessitated the taking of ten stitches to close it. The melee occurred about 7:30 last evening, in the shop, and both participants were loth to give any of the details. Corbett stated to the police that he did not wish to have Frank Ward, the proprietor of the baths, arrested.

Astoria Lantern Slides—Curtis Lee Laws, the noted stereotipic lecturer, has written to the Chamber of Commerce asking for several lantern slides of views in and about Astoria for use in the lectures which he will deliver in the East after his present Western trip is over. It is Mr. Laws' intention to lecture throughout the East on his impressions of the West. Manager Whyte will have the required number of colored slides made and sent to Mr. Laws at an early date. This is one of the best opportunities to advertise Astoria that has been put forth in a long time, for it is one which money couldn't buy.

Bowlsby Hearing—The Alliance is in today and as the testimony of some of the officers is wanted in the Bowlsby case, the preliminary hearing will be held this morning at 9:30 in Justice Goodman's court.

Norwegian Singers—The Norwegian Singing Society of this city and of Portland will hold a combined sangerfest at the Oaks on Sunday in Portland. Mayor Wise has consented to go with the party and make an address to the largest crowd that is expected and tell them of what a great thing the Astoria Regatta will be this year. The meeting at the Oaks Sunday is for the benefit of the sangerfest that will be held in connection with the Regatta.

Reports Ilwaco Prosperous—J. Waller Seaborg is in the city and will return home this morning. He reports everything prosperous at Ilwaco and the extension of the Ilwaco Railroad has turned loose a great deal of money there which has made business good. The extension of this road he figures will help Ilwaco greatly as it will give the beach a big boom and this is bound to help the town.

Police Court—W. A. Beebe, charged with being a vagrant and with living in and about a house of prostitution, appeared in court yesterday and pleaded not guilty to the charge against him. The testimony of the officers developed the fact that he has been in the city for six or seven weeks and during that time he has had no employment of any kind. It also came out that since the earthquake, in San Francisco, where he was working in a real estate office when the quake happened, he has had no steady work of any kind. During the time he has been in Astoria the testimony developed that he has been living off of a woman below the dead line, but this he strenuously denied. The court held that he was guilty as charged and fined him \$30 or 15 days in jail. J. Wilson pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and to begging and was fined \$20 or 10 days in jail. L. Nelson, a plain drunk, and a frequent offender, was given the customary sentence of \$5 or two days. One drunk and disorderly was fined \$10 or five days.

Marshmallow Sundae

Something New

CHAN SING KAI CONCERT.

Methodist Church Enjoys Concert By Chinese Family.

The Methodist Church was crowded to its utmost capacity last night at the Chan Sing Kai concert. Mr. Seid Back Jr. and Mrs. Hawley, a teacher in the Portland Chinese Mission, assisted in the entertainment. The entire program was well rendered, some of the numbers being especially fine, among which were the solos by Mrs. Seid Back Jr. and the recitations of the two little Chan girls. Mrs. Chan read a paper at the close which described a school for girls in Canton, China, which she has founded and which now contains 29 girls whose support is entirely in her hands. They not only furnished a good entertainment but awakened an interest in their large audience in their special work. The program follows: Invocation, Rev. Rarick; address, Rev. S. K. Chang; piano solo, Miss Bertie Chan; vocal duet, "Sing Me To Sleep," Ida and Bertie Chan; vocal solo, Mrs. S. K. Chan; duet, Miss Bertie Chan and Mrs. Seid Back Jr.; piano duet, "Waves of the Ocean," Ida and Fannie Chan; solo, Mr. Seid Back Jr.; recitation, Miss Ida Chan; duet, Mrs. How Lee and Miss Bertie Chan; piano duet, Ida and Fannie Chan; vocal solo, Mr. Seid Back Jr.; recitation, Miss Bertie Chan; vocal duet, "Japanese Song," Ida and Fannie Chan; piano solo, Miss Bertie Chan; vocal duet, "Irish Song," Ida and Fannie Chan; reading, Mrs. S. K. Chan; vocal solo, Miss Ida Chan; duet, mandolin, Bertie and Ida Chan.

Will Not Close Down

A. P. Leonard, of the Armstrong-Leonard Logging Co., came over from South Bend yesterday and will go over to the camp on the Nasel, this morning via Knappton. His company will not close down as they are working on a contract that will keep them busy for some time to come. He reports conditions very prosperous at South Bend, the town now having about 3500 people and taking on metropolitan airs, several concrete buildings being under construction and others in contemplation. Raymond, its lusty young sister, only two years old, has just completed a census which gives her between 1900 and 2000 people and is taking steps to incorporate and take on city ways. After visiting the camp, Mr. Leonard will come back Saturday and go to Portland for a short visit.

Manager of Alaska Cannery

J. O. Hanthorn, for years, one of the leading cannery men of the Columbia River and Astoria, is now manager of a cannery near Wrangell, Alaska, and is reported as prospering in his new field.

O. N. G. Encampment

Five companies of the O. N. G. will be stationed at Fort Stevens and three at Fort Columbia during the coming encampment which will be held from the 8th to the 16th of July. Rev. W. S. Gilbert, who is chaplain of the Third Infantry, is hustling around arranging the details of the officers' mess. It is expected that the military band will furnish the music during the Vice-President's banquet at Seaside on the 15th.

New Stamps

After July 1 the postoffice department will issue a new series of stamped envelopes and wrappers, the price to be advanced four cents per 1000 over the present charge made for these articles. On the same date the money order service to Bermuda will be received at domestic rates. The new stamps on the wrappers and envelopes will be in the form of an eclipse on end and the subject of the bas-relief with the color of

the background as follows: One cent, Benjamin Franklin, green; two cent, George Washington, red; four cent, Benjamin Franklin, black; five cent, George Washington, blue. The border surrounding the bust in bas-relief will be in white embossed capitals the words United States and the denomination of the stamp.

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