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The Leading Grocers

**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Amounts Paid—**  
City Treasurer Dealey has paid out on warrants drawn on different funds the amount of \$10,741.76 since July 1.

**Declaration of Intention—**  
Gustaf Marcus, a native of Russia, yesterday filed his declaration of intention to become an American citizen.

**At The Hospital—**  
Mrs. Johnson and Miss Rockland, both of Aberdeen, Wash., arrived at St. Mary's hospital yesterday and both will undergo operations today.

**Warrants and Ordinances Signed—**  
Ordinances passed at the meeting of the city council have been signed and warrants for bills ordered paid, are signed and ready for payment.

**Boat Stolen—**  
A fishing boat, license No. 1885, with full gear, etc., was stolen last night from Fishers Dock. It is expected that it will soon be recovered as the officers are on the lookout for it.

**New Gasoline Boat—**  
R. M. Leathers, the boat builder, is laying a new boat for Capt. John Hagblum which will be a beauty. She will be 57 feet in length over all, 12x6 feet beam and will be equipped with 45 horsepower 3-cylinder Union engine. She will be used as an all around boat on the river when finished.

**Regatta Headquarters.**  
The energy and enterprise of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce is embodied in the huge sign strung across Commercial street, stating that the "Regatta Headquarters" is in the offices of the organization in the I. O. O. F. temple. All inquiries will be answered at that point and the enterprise shown cannot fail to make a favorable impression upon visitors.

**A Good Citizen Going—**  
Harry D. Gray of the Clatsop Mill Co. has tendered his resignation to take effect September 1. He is one of the stockholders of the company and has been connected with it for the past 14 years and has made himself valuable to the company and to the city as a good citizen. It is his intention to go to Pendleton, his mother and sister accompanying him and will engage in mercantile business with his brothers who are already in business there. Mr. Gray has made many warm friends who will regret his departure from our midst and when he leaves which will be shortly after his resignation takes effect, he will carry with him the best wishes of every Astorian who knows him, for the success of his plans; though none will doubt his ability to repeat the success he has made here.

**Police Court—**  
Two boys arrested for violating the curfew law forfeited bail of \$5 deposited by each. Two drunks forfeited bail and two received the usual penalty of two days.

**Sunday School Picnic—**  
Tomorrow (Thursday), the Sunday school of the First Lutheran Church, will go on a day's outing to Olney. The steamer Volga leaves Hanthorn's cannery at 8:30 a. m. and the launch Pilot leaves Fishers wharf at the same hour. Children of both Sunday schools have free transportation, also all other children with parents and guardians.

**Fishing Still Slack—**  
Monday night was a quiet night with the fishermen. Some boats came in without a fish while others brought in from two to four. The seiners are in about the same luck and are doing little. At some of the canneries a better run is looked for during the latter part of the week and it is hoped that the expectation will be realized. Some of the Sacramento fishermen are leaving to return to California.

**Ward's Turkish Baths—**  
Astoria can boast of a genuine Turkish bath, one that is well in keeping with the size and importance of Astoria. Frank Ward, the proprietor, is a man well up in his business and thoroughly understands the features of a well conducted place. His steam room, hot room, work-room and massage room, are all models of neatness and cleanliness. His cooling and lounging room are fitted up in full Turkish style and are as neat and cosy as it is possible to make them. His sleeping rooms are cleanly and comfortable and a visit to this place and a bath will be enjoyed.

**Houghton Tried Out—**  
Chief Gammel and Officer Houghton went out to the Lewis and Clark last Sunday, ostensibly on a fishing and hunting trip. It is rumored, however, that this was not the real object. Chief Gammel, whose heart is set on having a patrol wagon, and hearing that Houghton was a good driver, took him along with him, with a team to try him out. It has not been learned yet what the result was but it might be noticed that Houghton carries his head a little higher than usual. Gammel wears a satisfied smile as if to say, "Now we have the driver; bring on your wagon."

**Ice Cream Sherbets**

**Hoeflers**

**Candies**

**ASTORIA SHOULD BE BIG CITY**

**MAGNATE OF HARRIMAN LINE AND BOOSTER FROM NEW YORK FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY THIS IS NOT A METROPOLIS.**

General Passenger Agent William McMurray of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and the Southern Pacific road in Oregon was a visitor in Astoria yesterday afternoon in company with Guy Ledbetter Lee, publicity man for the Harriman system, who recently arrived in the west from New York.

They were shown around the city by Secretary Whyte, of the Chamber of Commerce, who took them to the Columbia River Packing Company's plant, the Schmidt plant, and other canneries. They were delighted with the city and are enthusiastic over its future.

"I cannot understand why Astoria is not a big metropolis and seaport," asserted Mr. McMurray, when asked his opinion of the city's future. "Astoria has every advantage for terminal facilities and there is no doubt that there is a great future in store for this section. Business in this direction is certainly growing, because the receipts of the O. R. & N. between Portland and Astoria show a tremendous gain this year over all other years."

Mr. McMurray and Mr. Lee arrived in the city on the Potter Monday afternoon and spent the night at Long Beach. Both were impressed with the long stretch of beach at that place and predict big things for it as a growing summer resort.

"The beach is twice as long as that at Atlantic City and better, if anything, than that famous eastern resort. We took the train up from Ilwaco and enjoyed the trip immensely. The scene is beautiful along the entire distance and there are numerous handsome summer cottages in evidence at many points."

Mr. McMurray was asked regarding the entrance of the Lytle road into Astoria, and said: "What has the railroad got to do with the O. R. & N., or the Harriman interests? I am sure I know nothing of the railway or what it is going to do. It is not owned by the Harriman interests so I cannot give any information on the subject."

On being informed that there was a firm conviction in this city that Harriman was behind the Lytle road, Mr. McMurray merely smiled, saying that there was nothing in the report. He spoke of the growth of the O. R. & N. line and stated that its business of carrying passengers had increased greatly over every section of the road.

Mr. Lee, who is in the west securing material for a number of articles boosting the west for the Harriman lines, is a noted descriptive writer and will be able to do some good work in advertising this section. He will spend a week in various parts of Oregon before leaving for Puget Sound points. After inspecting that section for local color he will leave for Southern California points.

Mr. Lee is rather quiet and devotes himself more to talking on paper than in any other manner. He acknowledged that this section would furnish good material for a description of the west. Both Mr. Lee and Mr. McMurray were furnished with literature and pictures of Astoria and the surrounding section by Secretary Whyte, of the Chamber of Commerce. The latter boosted everything in and out of sight during their stay here and never lost a chance to get in some good work advertising the city.

The visitors left for Portland on the evening train, much pleased with their inspection of this district.

**ARTILLERY GOES TO SEASIDE**

**FIRST BATTERY, OF NATIONAL GUARD, PASSES THROUGH ASTORIA FOR ANNUAL TARGET PRACTICE AND ENCAMPMENT.**

The First Battery, Field Artillery, of the Oregon National Guard, passed through Astoria on the noon train yesterday en route to Seaside, where it will spend nine days in camp. The battery is commanded by Captain H. U. Welch and will engage in field gun and pistol practice during its stay at Seaside.

There are sixty-nine men in the battery and the officers are Lieutenant Lee Clarke, Lieutenant J. P. Krupke, Lieutenant Frank Randall and Captain W. E. Carl, battery surgeon. The privates wore cartridge belts and holsters, with the butts of huge army pistols being much in evidence as they passed through the city.

Three of the most modern 3-inch field guns, 18 horses and all ammunition and paraphernalia needed for the annual outing of the battery, were brought from Portland in the afternoon on a freight train. The tents and camping appurtenances were also brought down and the members of the battery were busy all yesterday afternoon and evening "making camp."

The target practice will be from the beach, between Hermosa Park and the Moore Hotel, to different points on the big bluff terminating in Tillamook Head. Surveys were made several days ago for the various ranges to be tried out by the men. The location of the place for target practice could not be excelled, because almost any range can be secured, without danger to lives of settlers.

The Tillamook bluff is unoccupied and high enough to stop any chaste which might be fired rather wild, although there is no prospect of such an occurrence as the latter. Pistol practice will also be an important feature of the battery shooting and more attention will be given to it than in former years.

The shooting will take place almost daily and will be a big drawing card for the residents of Seaside. The entire proceedings will easily be seen from the board walk which runs south from the Moore Hotel for over a mile, without any danger to spectators. Some fine shooting is expected and the probabilities are that several records will be broken.

It is expected that Adjutant General W. E. Findzer and Inspector General Jackson will arrive at the camp on Saturday to see the maneuvers and make an inspection of the proceedings. Several social features for the officer and privates during their stay are on the program, but are not definitely known as yet.

**Still Buying Right-of-Way—**

J. C. Barton, first assistant engineer of the Northern Pacific Railroad, came over from South Bend last evening and went up to Cathlamet on the Lurline. Mr. Barton is busily engaged in securing right-of-way for the North Bank Railroad and is confident that actual construction of the line will soon begin.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Senator H. S. McGowan of McGowan, Wash., was in Astoria yesterday on a business trip.

W. F. McGregor and E. P. Noonan went up to the Sorenson Lumber Mills this morning.

Fred H. Hedges of Fort Stevens was in the city yesterday and left for there this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sanger of Astoria will leave on Thursday for Longmont, Cal., for an extended visit.

H. B. Theilson and wife of Salem are visiting in Astoria where they have many friends who are greeting them.

Mrs. E. Rouslow will leave in a few days for Litchfield, Minn., for a visit to relatives and friends for several weeks.

Elmas Thompson, a prominent attorney of Eugene, passed through the city yesterday, returning from his vacation at Seaside.

Jack Latourette, of Oregon City, ex-captain and a quarter-back of the University of Oregon football team, was in Astoria yesterday visiting with friends.

Miss Wise of Portland, who has been spending her vacation at the beach is visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilbaugh. She will then return to Portland.

J. A. Montgomery leaves this morning for Nacotha and will return this evening. He will be accompanied on his return by his daughter Dorothy who has been visiting relatives for about seven weeks.

S. L. Nanthrup, chairman of the Viking committee of the Regatta, made a business trip to Portland yesterday to purchase the necessary paraphernalia for the Norae crew of the Viking ship, which is to be an important feature of the celebration.

Morning Astorian, delivered by carrier, 60 cents per month.

**One Piano No. with Each \$5 Sale Bought at HERMAN WISE**



See the Buffalocomotive, You and I will go, Where they sell the articles Advertised below.

**Great Reductions on Summer Clothing and Straw Hats**

**HERMAN WISE**  
You Can't Look Foolish in a Wise Suit

**HEAVY POSTOFFICE BUSINESS**

**LOCAL STAFF HAS TO WEIGH ALL MAIL WITHOUT EXTRA ASSISTANCE, WHILE MAIL HANDLED HERE INCREASES VERY RAPIDLY.**

The postoffice force is laboring under the difficulties of extra work with the usual staff during the past few days as the result of orders from Washington regarding the weighing of all mail matter handled through the postoffice. This order has gone into effect all over the country and the local office is not the only one that is doing extra work.

The orders provide for the weighing of first, second, third, and fourth class, as well as contract mail to ascertain the weights of the different classes for the Washington authorities. The object is to fix the rates for the different varieties according to their weight and the test will be in effect for six months in order to get an accurate idea.

The local office like most offices in cities of this size, is compelled to work short handed because of the small staff allowed by the salary apportionment. The result is a general congestion in most places which causes the public to wait until exasperated before having their wants attended to.

Postmaster John Hahn and his assistants take an optimistic view of the matter, however, and in spite of the fact that the mail in the local office is increasing in great strides, they are steadily looking after the interests of the public.

**SPECIAL SALE**

- For the next ten days we are going to offer all styles in children's oxfords at special low prices.
- Child's barefoot sandals, tan 2 to 6..... 55c
  - Child's kid, patent tip, spring heel oxfords, 5 to 8, 75c
  - Child's " " " " " " 8 1-2 to 11, \$1.05
  - Child's patent ribbon tie 5 to 8, ..... 1.10
  - Child's " " " " 8 1-2 to 11 ..... 1.25
  - Child's " " " " white top, 5 to 8, ..... 1.10
  - Misses' patent ribbon tie, white top, 11 1-2 to 2.....1.35
- Take advantage of this sale before sizes are gone.

**Wherity, Ralston & Company**  
Astoria's Best Shoe Store

**For a Day or Month in the Hills**

**OLIVES, SARATOGA CHIPS, CANNED MEATS**

We suggest you make a note of the following and you will find they come in handy at camping out time

**COFFEE, TEA, CATSUP, PICKELS, FRUITS**

Cream Cheese, Fancy Crackers, Ham, Bacon, Vegetables of all Kinds, Syrups of all Kinds, Canned Goods

Bring us Your Butter and Eggs, Market Price.

**Scholfield, Mattson & Co. GOOD GOODS**

For a **VICTOR OR AN EDISON PHONOGRAPH** go to **Johnson Phonograph Co.,** Parlors Second Floor over Scholfield & Mattson Co.

**EXCITING CONTEST FOR QUEEN**

**TWELVE CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD FOR MOST POPULAR LADY IN ASTORIA, WHO WILL BE QUEEN OF THE REGATTA.**

Miss Rosie Newquist is 30 votes in the lead in the contest for Queen of the Astoria Regatta, with Miss Edith Benson second, and Mrs. H. F. Kemp third. Interest in the competition is growing daily and an exciting contest is in sight before the closing of the polls on August 17.

It has been decided to make public the number of votes on Wednesday and Friday mornings because of the numerous questions asked regarding the contestants by those interested in the voting. There are now 12 candidates in the field with prospects of more, and in several instances the votes are running closely. The following was the standing of the votes last night:

Miss Rosie Newquist	230
Miss Edith Benson	200
Mrs. H. F. Kemp	185
Mrs. C. H. Haddix	163
Miss Francis Nordberg	145
Miss Winnie Higgins	127
Miss Grace Stokes	103
Miss Elsie Elmore	100
Miss Agnes Wahlgren	55
Miss Bertha Morton	25
Miss Grace Morton	25
Mrs. C. V. Brown	25