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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Petition Filed—

A petition was filed with the City Auditor yesterday by A. Heikka asking the city council to allow his house to remain in the street on Melbourne avenue until the street is improved.

Discharged From Custody—

J. Michelen, who was sentenced by Judge McBride for participating in a cutting affray, having served the term of his sentence, 60 days, was released by the sheriff.

Fish Boat Attachment—

Sheriff Pomeroy yesterday attached the fish boat and gear of John Paloma and placed a keeper in charge. The attachment was on a debt of $30 loaned him by Nick Kazappla. Paloma kept on the other side of the bay but finally came to this side when Sheriff Pomeroy immediately took possession of the property.

Police Court—

John Suson, an old settler here, known as "French Johnny" was haled before Judge Anderson yesterday charged with drunkenness. "Johnny" has been keeping pretty straight for some time past and to encourage him to refrain he fined him $20 but allowed him to go on parole. Should he be again arrested he will be compelled to remain in jail for ten days.

Tasted Like More—

Ross, Higgins & Co. favored the Astorian force with a fine large watermelon yesterday and the result was a feast for the gods. Before the busy hours of the day began the melon was opened, and the feast began. The day force were regaled but the night force—well the night editor threatens to resign—h was not in it.

Asks To Redeem Property—

A communication has received by the city auditor addressed to the city council from Dora Badollet representing the Badollet estate. The petitioner asks that the estate be allowed to redeem the north one-half of lots 5 and 6 in block 24 and the south one-half of lots 1 and 2, block 26 for the amount for which the property was sold for street assessment. A check for $168.38 was enclosed and reasons given for the non-payment of the assessment. At the time of the assessment the title of the property was vested in another by mortgage practically out of the control and management of the administrator who had no knowledge but that assessment had been attended to.

City Treasurer's Office—

City Treasurer Dealey has received $500 since last report from street improvements and has paid $1000 out on warrants on streets and general funds.

Released on Bail—

Jefferson Vlachos, the boatpuller who has been held in jail pending investigation of his connection with Nick George in assaulting George Palo was released on bail of $75 yesterday.

Returned From Europe—

August Hildebrand and family returned yesterday from an extended trip to Europe. While abroad Mr. Hildebrand enjoyed himself very much but expresses his pleasure at being back again in Astoria.

Fourth of July Committee—

A meeting of the Fourth of July committee was held last night at which the matter of turning the surplus funds over to the Regatta committee was taken up. After the last Regatta the committee on the Regatta turned $600 of its surplus to the Fourth of July committee and the general sentiment is that the Fourth of July committee will reciprocate and turn over its surplus to the celebration, that in Astoria, and in fact, comes second only to the Fourth of July.

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A PLEASANT TRIP UP THE RIVER

JOLLY PARTY IN LAUNCH MAKE TRIP TO BONNEVILLE—MAROONED ON A DESERT ISLAND BUT SAVED.

A very merry party consisting of F. H. Gilmore and Ed Judd of Astoria, Fred Moore and Charles Dubois of Seaside, and Dr. Wm. Judd of Warrenton, left Astoria in the fine pleasure launch of Charles Dubois for a trip up the Columbia on Tuesday of last week.

The trip was a very enjoyable one for this participants and will long be remembered by them. The launch which is a beautiful one and was built by Mr. Dubois was fitted with all the accomodations necessary for the complete enjoyment of the party, berths, electric lights, buffet, etc. Fishing and hunting paraphernalia in abundance was also on board and all hands went prepared for a good time and they were not disappointed. The crew of the vesel were the following: Charles Dubois, captain; Ed Judd, first officer and deckhand; Fred Moore, steward and porter; F. H. Gilmore, electrician and boatpuller; Dr. Judd, physician and chaplain.

After leaving here the party proceeded leisurely up the river enjoying the beautiful scenery. When near St. Helens they tied up at a small island for the night and retired. To their consternation, on awakening, it was discovered that the switch from the storage battery had been left closed and the "juice" had all leaked out during the night. There was no way to start the gasoline engine, and not having a dry battery and the boys were "up against it."

Marooned on a desert island without oars or power, helpless, fear entered the hearts of the adventurous voyagers. The crew were piped on deck and a meeting held. The electrician was disrated and as boatpuller was ordered to get out and walk and pull the boat along. He rebelled and was immediately placed in irons. The steward was ordered to check up the amount of provisions on hand. The first officer was instructed to have the deckhand place signals of distress and the captain went to sleep. The physician studied the anatomy of the engine but it was of no use and as chaplain, offered up prayer.

In the midst of their despondency a fishing boat was sighted and hailed. Coming alongside a wire was attached to the rescuer's battery and the unfortunate travelers were soon again on their way. When they reached the mouth of the Willamette they espied the steamship Alliance up on the shore as a result of the accident in which the City of Panama figured but cold bloodedly the erstwhile unfortunates ignored the frantic appeals for help from the Alliance and left the passengers to their fate.

When they arrived at a point opposite Bonneville they went into camp and remained for three days and intended going above the locks but on account of Mr. Moore receiving a message that his sister had arrived from the east the party returned. All hands enjoyed themselves hugely and are enthusiastic in their admiration of the beauties of the Columbia and such a trip thereon. They returned on Saturday being just one week away.

AN IMPORTANT TIMBER DEAL

SAN FRANCISCO CAPITALISTS PURCHASE TIMBER HOLDINGS AT CATHLAMET—PORTLAND MAN IS INTERESTED.

N. B. Bradley & Sons, of San Francisco, have purchased the Pelton-Armstrong Companys timber holdings near Cathlamet ,embracing 6000 acres of timber lands. The price paid is approximately $300,000.

Part of the tract has been logged off, but it is mostly in heavy standing timber. In the transfer is included a logging road seven miles in length, and a sawmill, having a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber daily. It is the intention to increase the capacity of the plant materially.

John S. Bradley of Portland is associated with the new owners and will assume the entire management of the property. The new firm will be known as the Bradley Logging Company.

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MYSTERIOUS DROWNING.

Waino Niemi, Who Arrived in Astoria Recently, Found Drowned.

The body of a young man was picked up in the lower river last evening and turned over to Coroner Pohl who will probably hold an inquest to determine the circumstances surrounding the drowning yesterday morning.

The body has been positively identified as that of Waino Niemi, a native of Finland, 20 years of age who came to this city from Seattle on the noon train last Saturday in company with a friend.

Niemi's friend was acquainted in Astoria and on their arrival here they went to visit some friends of this party and so spent the afternoon together.

Niemi went to the lower end of the city where he is reported to have been drinking and gambling after which he disappeared and nothing was known of him until his body was found. In his pockets were found two cents in money, a revolver and some personal papers that showed he had been a railroad laborer. His friend says that upon his arrival here Niemi had some money on his person that is now estimated to have been over over $35 although it was first reported that he had $200. There are no marks of violence on the body so it will be difficult to determine whether his drowning was accidental or the result of foul play.

A searching investigation will be made.

NEW MAIL SERVICE FOR COLUMBIA

OPEN POUCH SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO BE SOON SERVING ALL THE TOWNS ALONG THE RAILROAD LINE.

While there is nothing official to be given out by the officers of the Astoria postoffice, yet it has been rumored that there will be a better mail service established between Astoria and points up the river and on the railroad line. The service will not only be a better through one but the towns along the river, and more especially along the railroad line, will receive a twice a day service whereas they are getting a service of but once a day in one direction.

It is expected that the official information will be sent out from the Portland postoffice shortly; inspectors have been looking over the situation and it is almost safe to say that their report will be favorable to the innovation.

The small towns and settlements along the A. & C. R. R. will be the ones most directly benefitted. As it is now if a person in Clifton wants to mail a letter to some one in Goble it is sent to Portland or Astoria on the train and then sent to Goble. In these modern times it is a long way to get news to a friend in Goble.

An open pouch system will be what the postoffice department will put on the run and it will serve all the towns along the railroad between Astoria and Portland twice a day. The service demands it and the people along the line ought to have it.

If this is put into effect it will probably mean that little or no mail will be sent out of Portland and down the Columbia River by way of steamers. At the present time the Lurline and Hassalo are carrying mail to Oregon and Washington towns. They have the same trouble in sending and receiving mail as those who live on the railroad. Under the new system the mail for these towns will be thrown off the train at some town like Maygers and a Star route system will take the mail to the river towns. It may be carried by steamers but most probably by launches and small boats.

The contemplated change will be of incalculable benefit to one of the most important sections of the state.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. F. McGregor is absent from the city, being occupied for a few days on a business trip to the Sorenson Logging Company's camp.

Miss Gayle Roberts, a daughter of G. W. Roberts, resident agent of the O. R. & N. Co., left yesterday for Palo Alto where she will enter the Miss Harkers preparatory school for girls. She was accompanied on the trip by Miss Winnie Higgins who returns to resume her studies at Stanford University.

J. C. Ellinger, of Tacoma, arrived on last night's train and will be here for about a week. This is his first visit to Astoria.

L. X. Weston, of Olympia, Wash., came in on the 9:40 train last night. He will remain until Sunday night.

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WOOD FAMINE IS IN SIGHT

DEARTH OF LABOR AND ACTIVITY IN OTHER LINES OF BUSINESS HAS DEPLETED THE WOODPILE AND RAISED PRICES IN WEST.

According to reports in Astoria there are serious prospects of a firewood famine in both Washington and Oregon this fall in spite of the immense tracts of forests covering many square miles in both states. Five dollars is the recognized price per cord in this city and back in inland places it brings $8 per cord

Scarcity of labor on the coast is given as one reason for the dearth of wood, while business in other lines is booming to such an extent that the cutting of firewood along the Columbia does not cause much interest among investors.

That there is ample opportunity for people with a little capital to make "good money" cutting wood, however, is ver yevident. A number of local men controlling land covered with timber have signified their willingness to allow anybody to take it away for the cutting. There are probably thousands of acres of timber land in this section which would be turned over to woodcutters for the timber part of them in this manner.

It takes the timber some months to dry out and as there is hardly any at present, the prospects are that it will come at a much higher figure than at present, before many weeks go by. Reports from Portland and other cities indicate that the wood famine has been felt stronger at those places than in Astoria.

It is probable that the Chamber of Commerce will come to the rescue by securing eastern labor for securing firewood. The opportunity to secure wood for nothing and sell it for at least $5 a cord, taking out the amount for labor and transportation, would look very attractive to eastern men of some means, if advertisements to this effect were sent along with the other issued by the organization.

A MIGHTY HUNTER.

Tom Linville Leaves for Saddle Mountain Tomorrow on a Hunting Trip.

Tom Linville has been known for years as a mighty hunter and the pelts and stuffed animals he has on exhibition at his home as evidence of his prowess, would fill a good sized museum. Tom recently made up his mind that his reputation should be perpetuated and in planning his vacation arranged to take his son, Sitton Linville, with him. With all the paraphernalia of a mighty hunter of the far west, for he knows the business, Tom will leave tomorrow morning fo ra 10 days' trip to Saddle Mountain and will devote his time to teaching the young idea how to shoot. Shooting grizzlies, picking up a few elk and occasionally dropping a wild Indian will be part of the curriculum of the trip. Linville will also act as chaperon and tutor of Judge Anderson's young son, Olaf Anderson, on the trip and when he returns probably the judge will have something to say to his friend Linville that will make a noise like "Thirty dollars or 15 days in jail for you."

What One Enjoys.

At Otto Sund's pretty and cosy resort "The Commercial," one finds all that the inner man desires in the refreshment line and of the best quality too. To pass a little time in such a neat place and spend it in pleasant conversation with genial friends, probably a little business talk, is, to say the least, enlivening. Courteous treatment is another thing that is appreciated and one receives it from Otto himself who takes charge during the day and from his pleasant night manager both of whom dispense the best to be had. "The Commercial," 509 Commercial street, is well known and widely patronized.

Curious how little interest the conference at The Hague excites among readers of the rush-hour editions of the evening papers.

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 sandels, 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

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