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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

**Christmas Sale—**  
The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Christmas sale in the rooms of the Sunday school on Saturday, December 7, in the afternoon and evening.

**Real Estate Quiet—**  
But one deed for transfer of real estate was presented, for record, yesterday, it being that of the Peninsula Land & Trust Co., to Karl Maunus for lots 20 and 21, block 4, Taylor's, the consideration being \$370.

**Fish Commissioners—**  
H. G. Van Dusen, master fish warden, returned from Salem Thursday night having been in attendance at the monthly meeting of the board of fish commissioners. Nothing but routine business was transacted by the board.

**Up To New Year's Day—**  
Since the Governor intends to continue the "legal holidays" till the dawn of the New Year, Charles H. Heilborn & Company intend to keep their discount schedules going for that time, in order to make it feasible for Christmas shoppers to get the benefit.

**New Residences—**  
P. L. Stangland is now busy directing the completion of the residence of Mrs. Capt. Olsen, in Uppertown, which will be finished in a few days. Another residence on which he is engaged is that of a fine cottage for John Dahl, on Harrison avenue and Thirty-second street. This building will be finished before Christmas time, and will be the finest in that immediate neighborhood.

**Preparing Engine House—**  
The improvements on the new quarters of Hose Company No. 1, on Bond street near Third, will consist of stalls for the horses, and on the upper floor rooms will be arranged for the accommodation of the men of the company. Chairman Stangland, of the committee on public buildings, yesterday made the necessary orders for the work, and it will be hurried to completion.

**Double Transfer—**  
W. L. Graham, of Goble, Ore., in an instrument filed in the county clerk's office yesterday, transfers to E. H. Joseph, of Rainier, Ore., for a consideration of \$400 his interest in a permit, issued by the Secretary of War, for the erection and operation of a pound trap off the north side of Grassy Island, with all the piling, boats and other gear in connection with the trap. Another instrument was filed wherein E. H. Joseph sells to Hjelmar Johnson and Oscar Jacobson, property similarly described, the price being \$500.

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## NO CHANGE IN THE WATER RATES

**WATER COMMISSION MET LAST NIGHT AND TRANSACTED ROUTINE BUSINESS—INTEREST ON BONDS ORDERED PAID.**

The water commission met last night, all members being present excepting Commissioner Elmore.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 1st were read and approved.

The clerk's report for November, showing the total amount of business to have been \$3797.80, and the cash receipts as \$3898.55 was read and ordered placed on file.

The treasurer filed a statement showing the total amount of money on hand, November 30th, to be \$34,559.52, and this and assistant Superintendent Johnson's report for November were filed.

The regular pay roll, for November, of \$558.25, and bills for the past month, amounting to \$2943.55, were ordered paid.

The semi-annual interest of \$800 on water bonds, which will become due on January 1, 1908, was ordered paid. The treasurer's salary was also ordered paid.

The sum of \$3000 was ordered transferred from the general to the sinking fund.

A resolution was adopted fixing the water rates, for the coming year, the same as those in vogue during the past year after which the commission adjourned.

### Quarantine at Alderbrook—

Thos. B. Loughrey, who has been placed as quarantine officer at the residence of Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Johnson, in Alderbrook, is still on duty at these places. Though the children affected are recovering City Physician Mohr has decided that for the best interests of the community the quarantine should be continued until all danger of infection is passed. Owing to the prompt measures taken at the outbreak of the disease it has been held under control and no fatalities have occurred which is a matter of congratulation. A strict compliance with the directions of the city physician will be of importance in continuing the good work and that officials earnestly desires such co-operation.

### A County Charge—

A petition was presented to the county court by residents in the vicinity of the Astoria Box Co., yesterday asking that care be given to John Nelson, a scow dweller at the foot of Thirty-seventh street. Nelson has, for sometime, been ill and is unable to care for himself, and County Judge Trenchard after investigation of the case made an order committing him to the county ward at the hospital. Deputy Sheriff McLean went to his abode before noon and had him conveyed to his new quarters where he is comfortable and will receive the attention he needs.

### Glass Factory—

A glass factory is the newest project to be mentioned for Astoria. A gentleman from Germany who has been connected with the business of making glass and glassware for many years is anxious to establish a factory here. He finds in the vicinity of Astoria plenty of sand and material used in the making of glass. About \$15,000 would be necessary for the establishment of a factory, and the projector assures any persons who are likely to be interested that he can place a carload of lamp chimneys in the market in this immediate northwest territory every week.

### No Lobsters For Astoria—

The master fish warden is in receipt of a letter from Senator Fulton, containing an enclosure from Commissioner George M. Bowers of the United States Bureau of Fisheries. The communication is in reply to one sent by Mr. Van Dusen regarding the obtaining of lobsters for purposes of propagation. Mr. Bowers states that a carload of lobsters was released in the waters above Seattle, Wash., and the department will wait to ascertain the result of the plant there before releasing any more. The bureau has made considerable investigation regarding the planting and propagation of lobsters on this coast and finds that the northern waters are best suited for them.

### Works Both Ways—

The furniture house of Chas. H. Heilborn & Company intend to keep pace with the expanding limit of legal holidays and have extended the benefit of their one-fifth-off sale through the month of December, in order that the real holiday buyers may have the advantage of the bargains.

It is reported that Senator Smoot will not seek re-election.

## UNIQUE FEATURE AT CONVENTION

**CHARMING YOUNG LADIES DRESSED AS DAIRY MAIDS WILL REPRESENT NEWSPAPERS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.**

The Oregon State Dairy Association is making extensive preparations to make the convention which meets in Portland next week the best in the history of its organization. The following letter sent out at the instance of the association to County Judge Trenchard is self-explanatory:

"Portland, Or., Dec. 4, 1907.

"Hon. C. J. Trenchard,

"County Judge, Clatsop County, Astoria, Ore.

"My Dear Judge:—The convention of the Oregon State Dairy Association at Portland, December 12th and 13th, is causing state-wide interest. A very unique feature has been arranged, in which we must have your instant co-operation.

"Thursday evening, December 12th, a reception will be tendered the delegates by the Portland Commercial Club (under whose auspices the convention is held) attended by many Portland people. It is planned to have each county represented by one of its girls dressed as a dairy maid, in blue dress, large white apron and cap.

"These young ladies must be named by newspapers as their representatives, and the newspaper men can arrange through local agents for their transportation as such representatives. Confer with your newspaper and make this appointment immediately. Get your candidate's assurance that she can make the trip.

"This is to be the greatest dairy meeting ever held on the coast. Of course the young ladies would don their dairy costumes for the convention and each should be prepared to give her impressions of the dairy convention to her home paper upon her return. Proceedings of the session are to be printed in elaborate form for circulation all over the United States as an advertisement of Oregon's dairy resources. We want a picture of the dairy-maids to use in the proceedings.

"Hoping to hear from you at once, I am, very truly yours,

"TOM RICHARDSON, "Manager."

The Astorian will be prepared to name the representative of this paper in a few days.

### The Dollar Dinner—

Arrangements have about been completed for the dollar dinner to be held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst. Invitations are being sent to all Astoria business men and it is hoped that replies will be forthcoming at once. The toastmaster on that occasion will be Mr. G. C. Fulton. Several prominent men from Portland will be present including Mr. T. B. Wilcox, Harvey Scott of the Oregonian, and Tom Richardson, of the Portland Commercial Club. Col. C. W. Roessler has been invited to speak on the progress of work on the jetty. General Manager H. C. Nutt of the Northern Pacific and General Superintendent G. S. Forrest of the A. & C. will be present and will undoubtedly have some interesting remarks to offer on the seawall proposition. The menu is in course of preparation and will do credit to the Hotel Occident. Covers will be laid for 150 persons and much good to the city will no doubt be the outcome of the gathering together of the business men.

### Telephone Improvements—

J. H. Thatcher, general agent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, at Portland, was a visitor to Astoria, yesterday, and left up on last night's train. Mr. Thatcher's visit was in connection with the improvements now being made and those contemplated in the local system. Astoria is assured of a much improved service which will include a new building and the installation of a new switchboard and other up-to-date devices. A new building will be erected on the lot already purchased by the company, which will take some months to construct, and the new office appliances will be installed therein. By the dawn of 1908 Astoria will have one of the finest systems of any city its size.

### For Thirty Days More—

Chas. H. Heilborn & Company will fall in line with the extension of the "holidays" so far as their 20 per cent discount sale is concerned, and the big advantage will belong to the Christmas shoppers as well as to the ordinary buyer.

Boston has a municipal indebtedness of \$11,848,735.

One Piano Ticket with Each \$5.00 Sale to Wise Customers

Fortune telling's  
Lots of fun,  
Tiny Tads will  
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YOU ARE GOING TO GET A BIG WARM COAT



1st. You can't play ball Without a Sea Wall

2rd. You can't look "foolish" In a "Wise" Suit

3rd. If you want us to tell you more You must call at our store,

## Herman Wise

The Clothier, Who Makes Astoria Famous,

### PERSONAL MENTION

A. E. Rhibeck is visiting Astoria from Seattle.

H. Norban, of San Francisco, is in Astoria for a few days.

Jas. F. Robinson and R. D. Robinson, of Eugene, Ore., are registered at the Occident.

A. M. Simpson was over from Knappa, Wash., yesterday.

Sam Kelly arrived in Astoria from Goble on last night's train.

George A. Thomas, of San Francisco, arrived in Astoria last night.

E. H. Borden, of Seattle, is at the Occident.

G. C. Lovelace, of Portland, is making this city a visit, and is a guest at the Northern.

### Notice to Packers—

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen is sending notices to the packers of salmon and fish of various kinds to comply with the law compelling packers to furnish the Fish Warden's office with a statement showing the number or amount of fish and various other water denizens that they have purchased during the year which ends on December 15.

### They Extend the Benefit—

So long as the people and the Governor intend to apply the "legal holiday" rule for the balance of December, Chas. H. Heilborn & Company, will extend the 20 per cent discount sale of furniture, for the same length of time; therefore the buyers of Christmas things in their line, will meet with the same valuable concession.

### ENORMOUS SUPPLIES.

The Navy Department is working at greater pressure than at any time since the Spanish-American war. The preparations being made for the journey of the battleship squadron around the Horn to Pacific waters is occupying the attention of every one in the Department, from Secretary Metcalf down. The enormous quantity of foodstuffs necessary for the trip is keeping busy scores of clerks and quartermasters, while the higher officers have been compelled to exert a personal supervision over the purchase of these supplies. Every safeguard is being taken to prevent the possibility of the slightest breath of scandal being stirred in connection with the contracts. Some idea of what is being done may be gathered from the fact that 1,000,000 pounds of fresh meat and 1,000,000 barrels of flour have been bought as part of the food supplies. There are 15,000 men and 800 officers to feed, and the amount of provender necessary for this big army is enormous.

The railway tunnel under the Hudson connecting New York and Jersey City will be opened soon. The work was commenced in 1874.

### Fresh Made Candy

Made right at home in our own factory.

### Also Lowney's

In any size box.

### TAGG'S PARLORS

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### CONSULAR SERVICE.

Sitting around in Washington hotels and boarding houses are twenty-five extremely nervous young men. They are candidates for appointment to the consular service, examinations for which were held last week. The papers of the twenty-five have not been marked and are still in the hands of the examining board; hence the nervousness. The reforms in the consular service are working wonders in introducing to foreign countries a much higher grade of commercial agents and diplomats. Instead of being rewarded for political services by berths abroad, men now are chosen for their educational qualifications and business ability. The fact that the George Washington University is maintaining as part of its organization a college of the political sciences in which such men are trained, gives the government an excellent and accessible recruiting field. In the last consular examinations, which were held in June, two of the successful candidates for positions abroad were graduates of this school.

### SCHOOL OF FARRIERY.

E. H. Mullen of Denver brought word to Washington that Colorado has inaugurated a new and novel school under State auspices. It is to be an adjunct of the State agricultural college and will be known as the Department of Farriery. Mr. Mullen declared that Coloradans are enthusiastic over the idea, and dodged an automobile on Pennsylvania avenue just about this time, with breath enough left to anathematize the "devil wagon" and eulogize the horse. More horses are ruined, says Mr. Mullen, through the application of shoes by ignorant horse-shoers than from any other cause. As soon as the output from the new department of farriery becomes great enough to meet the demands, a lame horse in Colorado will be as rare a sight as the extinct dodo or the great auk.

Canada has made a reciprocity treaty with France.