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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Woodchopper's Daughter—
Don't fail to see the feature film at the Automatic Theatre this week.

Set For Hearing—
Carl Wallace, who is charged with passing counterfeit bills, was arraigned in Judge Goodman's court yesterday morning, and his hearing set for next Saturday morning.

Not Yet Arrived—
The mast intended for the wireless telegraph station has not yet arrived, nor has the man who is to superintend its placing. The cause of the delay is not known but it is hoped that it will not be for long.

Wood—Wood—
The Tongue Point Lumber Company are now booking orders for short (stove length) wood to be delivered during January and later. Get your orders in now, phone Main 2771. 12-18-tf.

Found Guilty—
Andrew Kari was found guilty in the justice court yesterday of not having his license number on the bow of his boat and was fined \$10 and costs which he paid.

Adopted Child—
Mrs. Winifred Abrams Kager was by order of the county court yesterday allowed to adopt the infant son of August Larsen, aged two years.

Changes Name—
Fannie S. Griffiths, having petitioned the county court for permission to change her name to Fannie S. Austin, was granted such permission, and after publication of the order, four weeks, a certificate to that effect will be granted her.

Tabulating Bids—
The county court was engaged yesterday in tabulating bids on the furniture for the new court house but did not finish the work.

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Chimney Flue Burns—
A telephone alarm sent in at 7 o'clock last night called chemical No. 1 and hose No. 2 to Third and Astor streets in a hurry. The cause of the run was the burning out of a flue in the residence of Mrs. Ingalls, on Third street, opposite the gas works. Both wagons made good time to the scene, ready for action, but their services were not needed. No damage was done. Marion Tibbetts, who was injured Monday, was in his seat on No. 2's wagon.

C. C. Bechtold, of Astoria, came in on last night's train.

Tax Levy at Seaside—
A special tax levy of 20 mills has been made by the Seaside school district for school purposes.

French Sailor Dies—
Ferdinand Scipion, the sailor who was taken from the French bark Buffon, and brought to the hospital here, died yesterday morning. Funeral Director Pohl will have charge of the burial, which will take place today.

Severely Burned—
Richard Kellogg, who is in the employ of Norris Staples, was severely burned about the face last night about 7:30 o'clock. A large amount of coal has been placed in the heating stove, and considerable gas was generated thereby. Mr. Kellogg was about to open the draft door when the gas ignited and blowing open the top door of the stove, the flames blew into his face. He suffered severely last night and was unable to immediately resume his work.

Cargo of Wheat—
The British ship St. Mirren has completed loading her grain cargo at Portland, and may be here tomorrow, en route to Europe. She has a cargo of 120,000 bushels of wheat, valued at more than \$100,000.

DONE BY DEEDS.

D. H. Welch to A. M. Smith and wife; certain land in Shively's quit claim	\$ 1
Geo. L. and John A. McPherson to Chas. M. Gregory, 480 acres in sections 34 and 35, T. 8 N., R. 7 W., S. 10	10
Saml. Swanson to Lewis T. Winters, lot 2, block 34, Holiday's Park, Seaside	500
W. S. Townsend and wife to Margaret Overton, N. 50 feet of lot 5, block 38, Adair's	10



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Place your orders early for your Xmas ice cream. Phone Main 1321.

THE POLICE COURT GETS BUSY

JUDGE ANDERSON DISPOSES OF DIVERS CASES BEFORE HIM—CHIEF GAMMAL'S EMPLOYMENT BUREAU, IN OPERATION.

After a vacation period extending over six weeks, the Blind Goddess resumed her duties at the city hall, and in the person of Police Judge Anderson, proceeded to hand out divers packages of wrath and mercy.

Several individuals failed to answer to their names, having been mentioned to the judge, as looking too well, if not wisely, upon the yellow fluid that stimulates the imagination and causes them to see the city and its ways in actions hilarious. They had however very accommodatingly left \$5 each with Chief of Police Gammal, and this money was appropriated to fill the city's coffers.

One gentleman of foreign extraction, who had pursued a cow, belonging to him, from a neighboring village, and on arriving had slaked his husky thirst with sparkling waters, was haled before the court for disorderly conduct, he having presumed to question Officer Houghton's right to ask him whether he was strolling in the "wee sma' hours." Having deposited \$20 with the Chief he was allowed to take his cow home, \$10 being returned to him as a souvenir of the occasion.

The case against one John Doe Johnson who broke quarantine was dismissed.

The People against E. M. Baker for violation of the ordinance against impersonating an officer was called, and Mr. Baker appearing by his attorney, G. C. Fulton, filed a demurrer to the complaint, alleging insufficient facts to constitute an action. Mr. Fulton requesting a continuance on the argument of the demurrer until Thursday, at 3 o'clock, the order was so made. Chief Gammal has objected to having Mr. Baker represent himself, as the complaint alleges, as Chief of Police, and the matter will be thrashed out before Judge Anderson on Thursday.

One H. B. Simpson was brought into court as a vagrant, the complaint being signed by Officer Linville, who alleged that Simpson was not doing his share of work in the upbuilding of the nation's prosperity. Mr. Simpson by his attorney, C. J. Curtis, made a showing to the court that he had worked as a bartender, and after a touching appeal to the mercy of the court, coupled with the statement that Mr. Simpson was anxious to shake the splinters of Astoria's byways, from off his feet, the court ruled that Mr. Simpson would be allowed to depart with the understanding that our city would know him no more.

A Mr. Morris, who has been so occupied in "looking" for work that he could not engage in any active employment, was kindly furnished by Judge Anderson with 30 days' work in the street department. A Mr. Smith was also accommodated to the tune of 20 days' active engagement on the city's thoroughfares.

Mr. J. O'Neil was another gentleman who remembered for the benefit of his Honor that in ages gone by he had once earned his daily bread by the sweat of his brow. It must not be misunderstood that Mr. O'Neil was doing anything like that now, "shades of Bacchus" forbid, Mr. O'Neil was searching for work, and also, it is alleged, the pockets of unfortunates who had fallen by the wayside from over-imbibing of spirituous, malt and fermented liquors. Mr. O'Neil was sick and to effect a cure Judge Anderson placed him under the care of Doctor Gammal for the next 30 days.

Before adjourning the day's session Judge Anderson handed out the information that the city's streets are in need of renovation and that Chief Gammal and his lieutenants would constitute themselves a labor bureau for the employment of any gentlemen (?) who were out of work.

PERSONALS.

Senator H. S. McGowan, of McGowan, Wash., was a visitor to Astoria yesterday.

Will Madison was a visitor to Portland on last evening's train.

Will Kindred, wife and daughter, were in this city yesterday on their way home from their California trip.

Eric Kleppin and wife, of Portland, who have been on a visit to Eureka, Cal., passed up on the Roanoke yesterday afternoon.

Messrs. James and W. Williams came in from Portland yesterday noon and were booked to go to Tillamook on the Sue H. Elmore at 11 o'clock last night. They will visit their relatives for a few days and will return to Astoria.

H. R. Lacy, of St. Joe, Mo., is registered at the Occident.

Guy A. Rogers, of Portland, is in Astoria. He arrived on last night's train.

James Hughes, one of the practical strawberry merchants and raisers of the Ilwaco country, passed through the city yesterday, en route to his old home in Salem, for a holiday visit.

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QUIET ALONG THE WATERFRONT

BAR CONDITIONS WERE FAVORABLE—ROANOKE AND HANALEI ARRIVE IN AND LEAVE FOR PORTLAND—NOTES.

Conditions on the bar yesterday were favorable, the wind blowing from the east at the rate of 15 miles an hour. The weather was cloudy and the bar smooth. A three-masted ship was reported 10 miles outside at 4 o'clock, standing off. No vessels are reported as passing out and but two, both steamers passed in. Along the waterfront things were very quiet but little being done.

The steamer Hanalei arrived in yesterday forenoon and passed up at 11:30. She carried freight and passengers from San Francisco.

The Roanoke came in yesterday at 1 p. m. and left up at 3 p. m. with a fair cargo and passenger list. The trip up was devoid of anything unusual.

Capt. Veysey, of Lloyds, is making a survey of the damage done to the British ship Rajore, for the underwriters, and will probably finish his work today. As stated in these columns yesterday the Rajore sustained injuries to her steering gear and other portions of the vessel, and after the survey is made and the damage determined, no doubt orders will be given to proceed with the repairs, and on their completion the Rajore will again put to sea.

The British bark Castor has not, as yet, made her reappearance at the entrance to the river, and some uneasiness is felt for her safety. She was sighted on November 16th. A week later she was again sighted but put out to sea, and nothing has been heard from her since. It is hoped that now, conditions being more favorable, she will soon appear and enter the river.

The three masted bark Homeward Bound has loaded at Portland with flour for the United Kingdom. She has shipped her crew and it is expected that she will be towed down today.

The Norwegian steamship Sommetstad sailed from Algiers, for San Fran-

cisco and Portland, and will reach here the early part of February. She will load at Portland with lumber, she being capable of carrying 3,500,000 feet.

The Lurline came down at her usual time, yesterday afternoon and left up a few minutes after 7 o'clock. She had a good cargo of freight and a fine passenger list. In her cargo was a heavy flywheel which was consigned to the North Pacific Brewery. It weighs 5000 pounds, and was sent to Portland, some time ago, for repairs. Capt. Larkin reports that it commenced snowing at 4 o'clock yesterday morning and that at Portland the ground was covered lightly with snow, while at St. Helens and Rainier a good fall had taken place, the ground being well covered.

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