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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Dock Open—

Though today is Christmas day, El Donnelly will be on hand, at the Lurline dock, from 7:30 until 9 a. m., and from 4 p. m. until the boat leaves.

Norwegian-Danish M. E. Services—

There will be service at the Norwegian and Danish M. E. Church, 1795 Duane street, today, at 11 a. m. The pastor will preach the sermon. O. T. Field, pastor.

The Municipal Court—

But one complaint was filed in the police court today, and that for a disorderly Chinaman, and the court continued the matter until after the Christmas holiday.

One Hour Later—

The postoffice will open the carriers' window today at 1:30 o'clock p. m. and keep it open until 2:30, instead of the hours heretofore prevailing, just an hour later than usual.

Licensed To Wed—

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to John D. Riplinger and Grace W. Bradley, both of Astoria, and Adolf Larson, of Wahkiakum county, Wash., and Jennie Johnson, of Astoria.

Has Been Engaged—

"Deac" Weatherford has been engaged by J. W. Johnson to assume the management of his billiard parlors, and, being a knight of the cue himself, "Deac" will handle that end of the business well.

Quarantine Raised—

The quarantine on the residence of Mesdames Erickson, Karl Carlson and Johnson were raised yesterday. These homes were placed under restriction some weeks ago on account of scarlet fever, but danger of contagion having passed the freedom of the inmates was resumed. There are two homes still quarantined but it is thought it will soon be raised in these cases.

Deeds Filed—

Yesterday was a repetition of the previous day in the county clerk's office as far as deeds were concerned. Two deeds were filed as follows: State of Oregon to F. L. Parker, 259.62 acres of tide lands in sections 18 and 19, township 8 north, range 8 west, the consideration being \$519.24. The Hammond Lumber Co. conveyed to E. B. Stone the east one-half of northeast one-quarter of section 30, and the east one-half of lot 1, section 19, township 8 north, range 9 west, for \$10, as shown.

Have your Christmas dinner at the Occident.

Work at Fort Stevens—

The work of building the wharf at Fort Stevens for the engineering department is progressing finely in spite of the untoward weather. Another raft of piling will be down Thursday from Svenson. The contract will be finished by February 1st.

Ill With Pneumonia—

Mrs. Ed. Ewing is ill with pneumonia at her residence. While confined to her home she showed improvement yesterday and it is thought that no very serious results will follow. Mrs. Ewing's many friends will anticipate early convalescence.

Announce Engagement—

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Foard announce the engagement of their daughter, Lola Dora, to Mr. William Campbell Smith, of Tacoma, Wash. Miss Lola Dora is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foard, and is a charming young lady extremely popular in local society. Her fiancé, Mr. Wm. Campbell Smith, is a rising young man, connected with the tax department of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Many friends are extending congratulations to the young people.

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Good Show Coming—

W. R. Dailey, advance agent of the Pride of New York Company is in the city in the interest of his production. Mr. Dailey is a very pleasant gentleman, up on all the points of his business, and the play he is representing is known to be one of the best of the modern productions produced by an excellent company. Their appearance at the Astoria Theatre on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will surely be greeted by a full house.

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RETURNS TO STATE

L. O. Belland Home From the National Capital.

MISSION VERY SUCCESSFUL

Wood and Upper Nushagak Rivers Closed in the Interest of the Alaskan Salmon Industry—President Roosevelt Takes a Hand.

Yesterday's noon express brought to his home and friends in Astoria, L. O. Belland, the popular councilman of this city, one of the master fishermen of the Northwest, and the colleague of Secretary Ed. Rosenberg, of the Fishermen's Union of the Pacific Coast, in the latter's recent quest for practical relief at Government headquarters in Washington.

Messrs. Rosenberg and Belland, with Mr. Hiland, secretary of the Alaska Fishermen's Union, of Seattle, left for the national capital on Sunday, December 8th, to urge before Secretary Oscar Strauss, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, the necessity of closing the Wood River and the upper Nushagak in Alaska against all phases of salmon fishing, and permitting the fry to swarm and spawn undisturbed until the run shall become normal and natural and those important fisheries be spared to the commerce of the Northwest. In the presentation of the matter before the secretary, Mr. Belland stood for the Columbia River Packers' Association, of this city, and the Northwest Fishermen's Company, of Seattle, and lent stalwart aid in all the detail of the conference and contest that ensued. These gentlemen were opposed directly by the Alaska Packers' Association, with two brilliant lawyers in attendance to sustain its end of the important issue, and there was no point for, or against, it, lost in the subsequent presentation.

Mr. Belland is happy to report the entire success of the mission of himself and colleagues, and the substance of his report is that after the first of January, 1908, these streams will be absolutely closed to all men, and left free to the fish for propagation and natural refuge; and he says the quest was no made a day too soon, since under the law controlling such issues, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor must have deferred his order till the dawn of 1909. Secretary Strauss was exceedingly patient, conservative, and fair in his treatment of all concerned in the contest, and even those who left his presence defeated acknowledged the perfect justice and courtesy of his bearing throughout the proceedings. The hearing took place on the 16th and 17th of the present month and both parties to the case filed ample written pleas in support of their contentions.

Messrs. Rosenberg, Hiland and Belland had an audience with President Theodore Roosevelt on the subject matter of their visit to Washington, and the first question he asked them was, "Are you gentlemen married?" and on receiving the three-fold affirmative, he said in his quick, incisive way, "I suppose you people believe in protecting this industry for your children, and grand-children and their successors?" says Mr. Belland.

The President then told them that he "was with them heartily," and told them to give him the detail of their case as concisely as possible, and this done, he sent for Secretary Loeb and directed him to inform Mr. Strauss that he, the President, wished an order made, forthwith, closing the Wood and Nushagak upon the terms set forth in the plea presented by Mr. Rosenberg and his followers, and that it must be done during the pending week; and as soon as this was made manifest at the Department of Commerce and Labor, the whole matter was instantly and finally disposed of to the infinite satisfaction and gratitude of the three commissioners.

Mr. Belland was delighted with the President and says he and his friends were not with him to exceed three minutes; but that the chief executive maintained his reputation for getting at crux of things instantaneously and by direct questioning and slaying up an issue like lightning. They all left him delighted with the breezy contact as well as the favorable outcome of their desires.

After closing the quest upon which they went to the "great white capital," Mr. Belland and his associates took in the public buildings in a hurried sort of way, but at a pace that gave them a profound impression of its extraordinary beauty and utility, and impressed them deeply with the probability of its becoming just what Senator Clark, chairman of the District of Columbia Commission intends it to be, the "most

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Good Old Santa Claus

Has been pretty good to all of us this year, so let us be thanful and wish one and all a

Merry Christmas

Herman Wise

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beautiful city on the earth." Indeed, Mr. Belland was so charmed with the place that he intends to seek a nomination for Congress on the Prohi' ticket and take up his official and private residence there later on; but in the meantime he and Mrs. Belland will leave today for a Christmas outing over at Altoona, which the genial councilman will enjoy with an unwonted zest, considering the complete triumph in which he shared with his friends at the "seat of all authority" in this broad land.

Special pictures for Christmas and new songs will be the program at the Automatic Theatre today.

Christmas Tree at Fort Stevens—

One of the most enjoyable occasions ever had at Fort Stevens was the Christmas eve at the post. The ladies of the post, Mrs. Col. White, Mrs. Capt. Lamoreux, Mrs. Capt. Willis and Mrs. Capt. Kerfoot, prepared the entertainment long to be remembered by all those who were present. The large dining room was profusely decorated, with

chairs arranged for the 100 soldiers and more than 50 residents of the post with their children. A large Christmas tree loaded with gifts and ornamented with red, white and blue lights, occupied one end of the room. Capt. Kerfoot was master of ceremonies and in a clever address set things to going in a happy vein. After selections by a quartette of soldiers, Chaplain Gilbert, who has been conducting services once a month at the Fort, delivered a short talk. Santa Claus came in through a fireplace and everybody received a gift and a box of candy from his lavish hand. As each name was called the hearty cheering and hand clapping betokened the royal good feeling of everybody. When Chaplain Gilbert's name was called a stocking full of good things was given. In the toe were tucked away \$35 as a gift from the officers and men. Ice cream and cake, followed by a general Yuletide hand-shake, rounded out the good time.

The coal man feels better his week than he has since last March.

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The Family Shoe Man