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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Marriage License—

A marriage license was yesterday granted to John Dahl and Beata Vestgouard, both of Astoria.

Declaration Filed—

Henry Peura, a native of Finland, yesterday, filed his intention to become a citizen.

Lumber Yard Repaired—

The Astoria Lumber Co., at Uniontown, have repaired the portion of their yard, which collapsed some time ago, and are using it for the storage of lumber.

Inspecting Government Work—

Colonel Roessler, United States engineer in charge of this district, was inspecting the work at the jetty at Fort Stevens, yesterday. He left for Portland last night.

Beautiful Sample Case—

The Astoria Hardware Co. have just received a beautiful sample case, which is on exhibition in their show window, filled with a fine assortment of machinist's tools. It is a case that would be a credit in any city and is worth seeing.

Installation of Officers—

The recently elected officers of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., will be installed on Thursday night next, January 2nd. The members of Gateway Rebecca Lodge are invited to be present.

Case Postponed—

When the case of Dr. Knisely was called yesterday morning in Judge Goodman's court it was found that it would be very inconvenient for the principal witnesses to be present and to accommodate all parties concerned the case was continued until Monday.

Tax Levies—

The county clerk has received notice of the following tax levies: School districts No. 33, Clifton, 5 mills; No. 14, Jewell, 1 1/2 mills; road districts, No. 4, Melville, 8 mills, and No. 8, Walluski, 10 mills.

Boat Repaired—

Victor Bloech, the owner of the gasoline boat, on which there was an explosion recently, has repaired the boat and she will leave here on Monday for Quincy, from which point the boat will tow some telephone poles to this city.

Enjoying Himself—

Daylis H. Earle, formerly in charge of the quarantine station here, writes to the Astorian that he is in Beaufort, South Carolina, where he would remain for a few days. He is enjoying himself hugely and his many friends here will be pleased to know that he is in fine health.

Don't forget the Masquerade Ball to be given at Logan's Hall, New Year's Eve.

Will Soon Be Home—

Dr. August Kinney will be with us soon again. He and Mrs. Kinney are at present in New York and will soon be en route home.

The Police Court—

Judge Anderson had one drunk and disorderly before him yesterday and the testimony of Officer Houghton evidenced the fact that the defendant had thought himself the Jap army storming a Russian fort and proceeded to clean out a downtown saloon. Five dollars or two days was the package handed him. Another drunk appeared by document and added \$5 to the city's wealth.

An Enjoyable Evening—

A very enjoyable social was given by the W. C. T. U. at the Seamen's Institute last night, which was greatly appreciated by the seamen. The crew of the Bajore and others who filled the room found that Astoria was not a whit behind Portland in looking after the interests of the sea-faring people. The following ladies helped to make the evening a success: Misses Violet Fastabend, Marie Ellefsen, Bertha Nelson, Fanny Gregory, Bertha and Mildred Stevenson, Fay Ball, and Prof. Koenig and Mr. Zigler. Thanks is extended to those who so generously supplied the Institute with cakes.

File Remonstrance—

P. Jordan and W. E. Joplin have filed a petition with Auditor Anderson, addressed to the Mayor and Council, remonstrating against the improvement of Thirteenth street. They claim the street is only five feet wide at Exchange street and less at Franklin avenue; that if improved it must be on the established grade, and to make the street to grade a deck would have to be built 30 feet above ground which would be dangerous. That they have paid to the city for a number of years for the improvement of Exchange street and Franklin avenue and that to improve said street would work a hardship upon the petitioners.

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LIGHTNING STRIKES STATION

THE WIRELESS STATION AT NORTH HEAD NEARLY DESTROYED BY ELECTRIC BOLT FRIDAY AFTER-NOON.

An electric storm experienced at the North Head wireless station, Friday afternoon, caused much annoyance and some damage. At 4:30 p. m. a bolt of lightning, the strongest yet experienced on the Pacific Coast, struck the mast of the station and passing down from the aerial wire, ran into the ground partly through the lightning arrester. Part of the current passing through the wireless company's wires, burned them out as it also did the telephone and Western Union wires. It also attacked the weather bureau wires and burned out one, starting a small fire under the instrument table, but the blaze was extinguished by the active attaches of the station. The wireless operator reports that the lightning bolt was terrific and that the report made by it, when it struck, resembled the detonation of a 12-inch gun, on board of a battleship, when heard from a point close behind it. While much of the current was grounded through the wires there was sufficient remaining to burn large wires of the diameter of an ordinary lead pencil, into a small heap of copper. No such lightning has ever been known on this coast, and it is fortunate that no further damage was done and that no lives were lost. Yesterday afternoon communication was restored over the Western Union wires but it will be several days before the balance of the system is in complete operation.

Rivers Closed to Fishing—

The Columbia River Packers' Association has received from the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce and Labor, official notice of the closing of the Wood and Nushagak rivers to commercial fishing. The letter in full is as follows: "Columbia River Packers' Association, Astoria, Oregon. Gentlemen:—Your attention is invited to the following order: "Washington, Dec. 19, 1907. "To Whom it May Concern: "A hearing being given at the Department of Commerce and Labor, beginning Dec. 19, 1907, at which all parties in the closing of non-commercial and Nushagak rivers, for fishing purposes were fully heard, notice of which was given according to law, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 6 of "An Act for the protection and regulation of the fisheries of Alaska," approved June 28, 1906. It is hereby ordered that until further notice Wood River, a tributary of Nushagak Bay, in the District of Alaska, and the region within 500 yards of the mouth of said Wood river be closed to all commercial fishing, and that all commercial fishing be prohibited in Nushagak river proper.

"This order becomes effective January 1, 1908. "(Signed), OSCAR S. STRAUS, "Secretary."

"It is requested that you acquaint all your employees with the terms of this order. Respectfully, "GEO. M. BOWERS, "Commissioner."

Had the Money Ready— In reporting the adjustment of the case of William Joplin vs. John Adams, in yesterday's issue of the Astorian, the defendant claims that the fact that he had ample money in the house to pay Mr. Joplin's just claim for rent, but that it was in Portland clearing house certificates, and that Mr. Joplin refused, point blank, to accept them, and thrust the suit at law upon him, had not been July noted; and the Astorian, desiring that no injustice shall be done anyone in its columns, here and now make these things manifest, to Mr. Adam's credit.

No Special Levy—

At a meeting of Road District No. 17 (John Days) the question of levying a special tax was brought up. The meeting was attended by Howell Lewis, Perry Titus, A. L. Johnson, A. L. Parker, John Larson, L. E. Woods and Peter Golskson. There was an objection made to a tax being levied, it being claimed that although a levy was made last year no improvements followed. When the question was put to the meeting the special tax levy failed by a vote of 5 to 2.

Lost An Emblem—

Charles Humphreys, manager of the Postal Telegraph Co., had the misfortune, when returning Friday night, somewhere between the depot and his residence on Seventeenth street and Irving avenue he lost a Masonic keystone emblem on the back of which was engraved his name and lodge. He will greatly appreciate its return by the finder.

Notice To Fishermen.

J. H. Duncan has received another of the famous 6 horsepower Make & Break Lippert gasoline engines which was gotten up for the fishermen. Any one desiring an engine of this type should call on Mr. Duncan at once.

A GOOD HOTEL STORY

How the Imperial Figures in the Tourist Mind.

HIGH STANDARDS OBSERVED

Review of One of Oregon's Commercial Landmarks and Its Near Relation to the World Traveling Public—High Class Service.

The traveling Oregonian, especially if he hails from the metropolis, is a trained and discriminating expert in hotels, and when he has occasion to revert to the hosteries of his native city, invariably, and conscientiously, refers the Oregon-bound tourist to the chief caravansary in that city, the Imperial Hotel, never giving second thought, much less expression, to the claims of other excellent houses, simply on the hypothesis, that having named the best house, his duty has ended both to the stranger and the city of his habitat.

The tourist seeking comfort at the Portland-end of his journey, acting on the suggestion of the "man who knows," goes direct to the Imperial and promptly verifies the recommendation given him; and which he is, forthwith, heard repeating to other travelers, whereever he may find them. And thus the name and fame of a good house becomes a tradition of the great commercial highways and a legitimate, living fact of the home-city itself.

There is nothing to wonder at in the achievement of such a distinction in favor of the Imperial. For years Phil Metschan and the late, lamented Charles Knowles, conspired, with all the wealth of their genial natures and broad experience, in the founding of the present regime of the Imperial, and on the death



of Mr. Knowles, the fortune of the house fell to his partner and that partner's son, bright, capable, hearty replicas of their celebrated 'pater,' under the firm style of Phil Metschan & Sons, and the accession of the younger element has but enhanced the range and regard in which the house has always been held. The Imperial Hotel is absolutely modern in all its appointments and suffers nothing by comparison with its boasted competitors all over the Northwest country, in point of structure, equipment, exquisite cleanliness, perfect service and annexed establishments contributory to human comfort and convenience. Its hundreds of rooms are large, airy, solidly and handsomely furnished, each with its own telephone service for local and long-distance use; with baths, elevators, and scores of other accessories indispensable in a well-appointed resort for the experienced and exacting traveler, and a corps of servants skilled to adept, prompt, and thorough service.

To keep the big establishment up to the highest standards, which are always advancing in due ratio with the accepted inventions of the day, the firm has spent approximately \$25,000 in improvements and will spend more in the coming year; despite which the rates remain at the popular figures of \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day. And the always appreciated advantage of invariably finding one's friends registered there is another compensating quality that must be counted in its favor.

"Watson's," the famous, and standard, restaurant of the Oregon metropolis, is part and parcel of the Imperial manage and this, with all that has been said, and all that might still be said, is ample to justify the formation of what is known all over the Pacific slope, as the "Imperial habit," as applied to one's sojourn in the city of Portland, the "Rose City" of America.

An Unusual Thing.

In the west window of his big clothes shop, Herman Wise displays five different models of young men's suits, for next spring. The suits are being manufactured and will be here early in the spring, but Mr. Wise wanted to show his customers the new styles ahead of anybody in Oregon, so he secured five of the most popular styles of suits; you can see a difference in each coat, either in the style of pockets, style of cuffs or in style of lapel. Mr. Wise also shows a number of patterns which will be popular next spring or summer. That's enterprise.

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Our list of customers steadily increases. Because our newspaper announcements are backed by the deeds of our store.

Herman Wise

Reliable Clothier and Hatter

CARNEGIE LIBRARY JUST RECEIVED FOR ASTORIA

CARNEGIE LIBRARY FUND IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—SOME PHILANTHROPIST KINDLY DONATE A SITE.

If a site for a new library can be secured, it is reasonably certain that a Carnegie library can now be had for Astoria; provided of course that the people should want it.

Negotiations looking towards this end have been opened with the Carnegie Library fund authorities by the Chamber of Commerce and the matter has been placed before the library board of this city. The lady members of the board have in turn asked that the Chamber of Commerce do what it can towards securing a free site to be used of course only in case a building is put up the cost of which will be about \$17,000.

The lady members of the board will in the meanwhile also do all they can to secure a site. If one is to be had in a suitable location for a library it would mean one more splendid building for Astoria besides the benefits that would accrue from a larger and more suitable library.

If any public spirited citizen can find it in his heart to present the city with a library site for a new year's gift, if he will make known this fact either to the Chamber of Commerce or to the library board, he will be the means of securing another splendid building for this city and it might be, add to the value of the remainder of his property.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. A. Montgomery is in Portland on a business visit.
Martin Fovard returned last night after an absence of several days.
Will P. Fisher, of Seattle, is a visitor to Astoria.
J. F. R. Webber, of San Francisco, is in Astoria.
Chester Williams, of Seaside, is spending the holidays with his mother in Astoria.
H. J. Schuffer, of Seattle, is in the city and registered at the Occident.
P. C. Warren and wife and daughter, Mrs. C. F. Lester, of Warrenton, left last evening for Southern California to spend the winter.
G. R. Overmere and wife of Grand Bend, Kan., are registered at the Occident.
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