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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

***** The Astorian ***** extends to its many ***** patrons wishes for a happy ***** and very prosperous ***** New Year *****

Marriage License— C. S. S. Chapman and Essie Perkins, both of Astoria, were granted a marriage license yesterday.

Tax Levies— School district No. 32, Olney, has levied a 7 mill tax and road district No. 3, Seaside, a 10 mill tax.

Mrs. Hull Laid To Rest— The mortal remains of the late Mrs. Mary Hull were laid in their last resting place on the Lewis and Clark yesterday afternoon.

Election at Hammond— There will be a city election held at Hammond on Thursday, January 2nd. Much interest is being taken in the contest as there will be two tickets in the field, the Citizens and the Taxpayers.

"A Wise Drummer"— That drummer of Herman Wise's who has "just come to town" and is exhibiting himself and his wares in the east window of the big and handsome toggery, has the gumption to carry the "Morning Astorian" around with him, anyway! He is a Wise guy and has to know the "Wise and wherefores" of things as they are transpiring.

Lost and Found— Manager Humphreys, of the Postal Telegraph Co., is happy over the return of his Masonic emblem charm, which he lost a few days ago. Harold Grager, a young man employed at the postoffice, found it at the depot, where Mr. Humphreys evidently lost it when alighting from the train. It was returned by the young man yesterday much to the joy of the owner.

Articles of Incorporation— Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday by the Hall Flexible Car Axle Co. The capital stock is \$800,000 divided into 500,000 shares of a par value of \$1 each. Astoria will be the principal place of business and the incorporators are: Langly Hall, John Christwood and Jas. G. Petty. The object of the incorporation is to manufacture and sell the Hall Flexible Car Axle.

Seaside Resident Dead— Death claimed for his victim yesterday morning, Moses J. Young, of Seaside, who for many years has been a resident of that city. Mr. Young was

for a number of years a justice of the peace in Seaside and was a respected citizen of that community. Dropsy was the immediate cause of his death. The deceased is survived by a widow. He was a native of Ohio, 84 years of age. The funeral services will be held today and interment had in Ocean View cemetery.

Will Wed This Evening— County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license in favor of Mr. Carl Chapman, of the Chicago Dental Parlors, and Miss Elsie Perkins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Perkins, local managers of that establishment; and at 6 o'clock this evening, at the parochial residence of Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the First Methodist church, these young people will be made one; and they will repair, thence, to their own home, in the Exchange street cottage lately occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Twombly, who depart this evening on the Roanoke for San Francisco.

Delightful Watch Party— The young people of the First Baptist church, and their friends, were the especial guests at a watch party given last night in the basement of that edifice. The hosts of the occasion being the Sunday school class of eleven girls and boys in charge of Mrs. Guy R. Osborne. The affair was thoroughly successful, and the hours were pleasantly spent in social converse, voluntary songs and recitations; and the hour for which all waited, the dawning of the New Year of 1908, came all but too soon. The affair will be pleasantly remembered by all who had the good fortune to be there.

Accident Turned to Joke— What might have been a serious accident was turned into a laughable joke by Mr. Frank Harcourt, the detective comedian, with the "Pride of New York" company, at the Astoria Theatre last night, when in the "Swing Song," Mr. Harcourt's swing suddenly gave way and the performer was thrown with considerable violence against the footlights. He, however, promptly picked himself up and clambering upon the stage, caused much mirth by threatening to shoot the swing.

Hoefflers Sweets Confectionery and Ice Cream Parlors. is the best and most reliable place to buy your Christmas Novelties and Candies.

THE PUBLIC COURT GETS BUSY

ANOTHER DENIZEN OF THE RESTRICTED DISTRICT FINED FOR THE VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE AGAINST VAGRANTS.

The case of the City of Astoria against Willard Wroten occupied the attention of Judge Anderson yesterday afternoon. The defendant appearing with his attorney, H. Brownell, entered a plea of not guilty and the matter proceeded to trial. Officers Houghton, Linville, Thompson and Wilson testified to defendant's living with a woman in the lower part of town; that defendant was an idle and dissolute character; that his principal occupation was tending bar. The city then rested its case and Wroten took the stand in his own behalf. He stated to the court that he knew the woman referred to but was not living with her. He further said he had worked for years on the river and in and around the restricted district; has always been willing to work; doesn't drink any more; one occasion when sailors were rioting he had jumped into the fray when officers were on their knees, and had assisted the officers. He admitted that he lived over the Wigwam, but not with a woman. He also testified that he helped support an aged mother, and that he had lived in the lower part of town all his life, and that he did not mix with people outside of the restricted district. Both attorneys waived arguments.

In summing up the case Judge Anderson took into consideration the extenuating circumstances in the young man's favor, but as the court has held in many cases that those living around houses of ill repute were offenders in the eyes of the law he would find the defendant guilty and fine him \$40 or 20 days.

***** DONE BY DEEDS. *****

- Margaret Hawley and husband to Alfred R. White, lot 20, block 1, Logan's. \$1
E. B. White to Albert R. White, lot 29, block 1, Logan's. 1
Douglas Land & Trust Co. to B. A. Seaborg, lots 33, 34, 35 and 36, block 9, Hunter's, quit claim. 5
B. A. Seaborg to Jas. Finlayson, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11, block 65, Astoria and lots 11, 12, 19, 20 and 31, block 3, Clatsop Grove, quit claim. 10
Mark S. Warren to Lenora E. Johnson, lot 8, block 2, Hay Stack Park. 125
Lenora E. Johnson and husband to W. H. Fayle, lot 8, block 2, Hay Stack Park. 125
Lena F. Welch and husband to John West, 84 acres in section 26, T. 8 N., R. 6 W. 10

MRS. SCHERNECKAU EXPIRES

PROMINENT LADY OF ASTORIA DIES IN PORTLAND, OF HEART DISEASE YESTERDAY—WILL BE CREMATED IN THAT CITY.

The sad information was received in this city yesterday forenoon of the death of Mrs. Aug. Scherneckau in Portland, at 8:30 yesterday morning. The deceased had been ill for several weeks, at St. Vincent's Hospital, and the immediate cause of her death was heart disease. Mrs. Scherneckau was a native of Elmshorn, Holstein, Germany, and at the time of her death was 56 years, 10 months and 16 days of age, having been born March 15, 1841. She has resided in this country for about 40 years, the latter 16 years being in Astoria. Her friends, who are many, will deeply regret her demise, and many of them, and fellow members of Queen Louise lodge, of which she was an honored member, will attend the funeral which will be held from Holman's Undertaking Parlors, corner of Third and Salmon streets, Portland, tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m.

The deceased leaves a husband, Mr. August Scherneckau, two nieces and three nephews to mourn their loss. Her nephews and one niece reside in Germany. The remains will be cremated.

Pioneer Lady Dies—

Mrs. Caroline Woods, one of the oldest settlers on the lower Columbia river, died at her home at Eureka, Wash., Monday evening, the immediate cause of death being debility from old age. Mrs. Wood was a native of England, 83 years of age, and has been a resident of Astoria and vicinity for over 35 years. The deceased was well known and respected by all who knew her. She is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Antonson, Mrs. N. H. Webber, Mrs. Thomas Bell and Mrs. Purdy. The obsequies over the remains of the departed lady will be held in Grace Episcopal Church on Thursday, January 2, at 1:15 p. h. and interment will be had in Greenwood cemetery.

Football Fans—

The City Hall will be deserted tomorrow most of the officials taking advantage of the legal holiday to attend the big football game between the Multnomah Club and St. Louis. Judge Olaf Anderson City Attorney Abercrombie and Chief Gammal are among those who will take in the big game.

I. O. O. F. Notice.

All members of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., and visiting members are invited to attend the installation of officers, to be held Thursday evening, January 2, 1908, at 7:30 o'clock. Members of Gateway Lodge No. 77 and visiting Rebekahs are invited to be present at 8:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served. O. Anderson, secretary.

One Piano Number FREE with each \$5.00 Purchase.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Annual Clearance Sale

Begins Tomorrow Morning

Herman Wise Who Leads the Way

OCCIDENT HOTEL. Have your New Year's dinner at the Occident.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to thank my friends and neighbors, for their kindness and sympathy in my recent bereavement by the loss of my dearly beloved wife, Mary Hull.

C. H. HULL.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

Lost—Between Sixth and Bond streets and the Presbyterian Church, by way of Duane street, a ladies' handbag. Finder please return to Miss Ewart, 102 Bond street, phone Red 2314.

Sam Hanson, one of the city fathers of Hammond, was in the city yesterday returning home last night.

OCCIDENT HOTEL.

Have your New Year's dinner at the Occident.

You Don't Need to Send to Portland. C. H. Orkwitz, 137 Tenth street, can cover your umbrellas just as good as they can any place on the northwest coast.

Special Sale—

On ranges, heating stoves, and rugs, at L. H. Henningsen, 504-506 Bond street next door to express office.

GEORGIA GOES DRY.

ATLANTA, Dec. 31.—A bill was filed in the United States circuit court tonight asking that Georgia prohibition be declared unconstitutional. A decision will be rendered probably tomorrow. The first intent was to ask for an injunction but later it was decided not to do this, consequently Georgia will go dry at 10 o'clock tonight. The suit is based on grounds it is compulsory on the legislature to levy a tax on the liquor industry to support the schools.

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Remember This Sale Will Last But Ten Days.

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