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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Football Yesterday—

A good game of football was played at the A. F. C. grounds yesterday, by the High School and Seow Bay teams, which resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 6 to 5. It was a closely contested game as shown by the score.

Football Enthusiasts—

Thos. Dealey, Judge Anderson, Chief Gammal, Charley Abernombie, Dr. Pilkington and City Surveyor Tee composed an enthusiastic party that went to Portland to see the Multnomah-St. Louis football game. They returned last night.

Wedding Yesterday—

The wedding of Mr. Clark Chapman and Miss Elsie Perkins took place in Rev. C. C. Rarick's parlors at 5 p. m. yesterday evening, that gentleman performing the ceremony. Mr. Chapman is connected with the Chicago Dental Parlors, while Mrs. Chapman is a sister of Dr. Perkins, local manager of the institution, and daughter of Mrs. C. F. Perkins, of Wells, N. Y. She has been in Astoria but two months from Wells.

On a Flying Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Twombly with their babies leave for Oregon City on this evening's train; Mr. Twombly returning on the next train to resume his work on the school census, at which he is at present working in the employ of the school board. The announcement that he was going to California was premature, and erroneous, as he has no intention of going there nor of leaving the city for some time to come.

New Year's Function—

The first day of the new year was celebrated, with great pleasure, by those present at the "at home" of Col. and Mrs. John Vasser White, yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6, at their residence, at Fort Stevens. The popular host and hostess greeted their guests with the hospitality for which they are noted. A very pleasant time was had by all present who will, for years, cherish the memory of a two hours' mingling in an auspicious event. Those present were: Capt. and Mrs. Lamoreux, Capt. and Mrs. Willis and Lieut. and Mrs. Kerfoot from Fort Stevens; Mrs. Adkins, of Kansas City, Mo., mother of Mrs. Kerfoot; Lieut. and Mrs. Feeter, Dr. Steadmore and Lieut. Canfield, all from Fort Columbia; Dr. and Mrs. Jay Tuttle, Lieut. and Mrs. Behr and Chaplain and Mrs. Wm. S. Gilbert, of Astoria.

Program of Finnish Sociable—

The following was the program rendered at the twenty-first annual social of Astoria Lodge of the Finnish Brotherhood of the World, on New Year's Eve: Overture, band; opening ceremonies, by the president; band; address by President E. Gustafson; yearly report of the secretary; song by male choir of 34 voices; address by John Kainu; solo, Hannes Rintala; mandolin solo, Kalle Laine; address by past president, Sam Peterson; song, mixed choir; address by Chas. Laity, secretary of the grand lodge; piano duett, Misses Thompson and Miss Lindberg; violin solo, Miss Esther Sundquist; selection, band; address, Pastor Ronka; song, male choir; poem, Kaari Kiminka; band, song mixed choir; violin solo, Miss Esther Sundquist; poem, Andrew Langilatta. A neat feature of the affair was the serving of candy, nuts, etc., to the gathering while the program was being rendered, nearly a dozen members, appropriately costumed, serving as waiters.

Last Debate of the Year—

The festal hours marking the close of the year 1907 were employed by the Young Mens League, of the First Presbyterian Church, and the church society known as the "Tuckabachies," composed of the young ladies of that congregation, in a spirited debate upon the issue "Which Works the Harder, the Farmer, or the Farmer's Wife," and the girls won out easily. Some of the arguments submitted from each side were very funny, and it is a grave question if either the farmer or his excellent wife, ever heard of some of them. The hall was decorated in red-bells and tin horns; and the latter were used in the "Municipal Parade" indulged in by the young people at the hour of the evening's crisis, as one year passed into history and the new one cast its earliest moments on the calendar of time. The affair was distinctly happy and successful from all points of view; the supper being not the least of the items.

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VAGRANT THOUGHTS OF AN IDLER

PROMISES THAT THE NEW YEAR HOLDS FOR ASTORIA'S PROSPERITY—NO LOSS HAS OCCURRED IN THE PAST YEAR.

The new year holds a specific promise of a splendid hotel for Astoria, anyway. One that will cost, when completed and furnished, around the \$150,000 mark, and will put Astoria's metropolitan plug just a few holes higher.

It also bears the assurance of the newest and most magnificent court house in the state, for county purposes, and this advantage will accrue even earlier than the hotel. This makes over \$300,000 worth of improvements that we wot of; an estimate not to be sneezed at in the first hours of the first day of the 1908th year of the Christian era.

It is not certain, yet, that Mr. Garland has entirely overlooked this port, in his calculations for a new steamship line.

A review of the past 12 months of Astoria's history reveals nothing in the way of loss or detriment in a commercial way. We have more than we had 365 days ago; people, money, business, and prospects. And this is a good thing to remember. We'll have still more, 365 days hence.

The same old bunch of resolutions were sworn to yesterday; they expire by limitations on Sunday next. No exceptions.

Among the expedient things for Astoria in 1908 is a solution of the lumber rate problem; and the application of the "common point" on wheat to the port of Astoria.

Astoria generously tenders the use of her superb and roomy bays to the Port of Portland whenever the latter finds use for the ships she cannot anchor or dock up there. There's nothing "narrow" about this port nor its people.

It is said that the Hill terminal business at the mouth of the Columbia is to be located at Frankfort, opposite this city, and that the grain from the Island Empire is to reach there over a continuous line of Northbank rails, to be built at a cost of \$65,000 per mile from Kalama westward. This information is entirely gratuitous, and lacks nothing but James J. Hill's "O. K." Also, the A. & C. R. R. system is to be extended San Francisco-ward at once. Mr. Hill's signature has a busy year ahead of it.

The city of Astoria has two elections billed for the present year. There is much to engage the deepest thought of the elector. His franchise was never so valuable as it will be this year, if he

uses it with discriminating interest and devotion to the common good of himself and his fellows. There are to be chosen a President, a Governor, a Mayor, staffs of State, County and City offices, all along the line of public service. Don't forget it; and start your thinker right now!

The Chamber of Commerce is going to pry some things loose this year. Let every Astorian stand pat, and pray some, too.

PLEASANT NEW YEAR DANCE

THE OWL'S NEW YEAR SOCIAL A GRAND SUCCESS—BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS AND LIGHT EFFECTS—FINE MUSIC.

The Owl's New Year dance, held at Logan's Hall, last night, was a grand success. The hall was very prettily decorated, the taste shown in this work being much out of the ordinary. The light effects were grand, and a valuable addition to other beautiful features. The stage was adorned with beautiful decorations the main parts being a large "O" and an owl. The invitations were very pretty and the whole affair was in keeping with the character and standing of the members, and patronesses.

At a few minutes after 9 o'clock, a special orchestra, composed of four pieces, played the grand march while about 50 couples went through some intricate and graceful evolutions. After the grand march the regular program of dances was carried out, and all enjoyed themselves, until midnight, when the final dance was executed and the jolly throng dispersed.

The committee of arrangements for this most successful function was composed of Messrs. Sidney Sovey, M. Lounsberry, L. Lounsberry, and Louis Hartwig. The patronesses were Mrs. Harvey A. Allen, Mrs. H. F. Prael, Mrs. N. Troyer, Mrs. G. W. Sanborn and Mrs. A. A. Finch. The "Owl" members are: M. W. Lounsberry, L. S. Lounsberry, G. W. Utzinger, H. H. Freeman, L. Hartwig, A. Hughes and S. Sovey.

Saw The Football Game—

E. B. Hazen, E. R. Blair and J. Mackin of the Tongue Point Lumber Co. were visitors to Portland yesterday to witness the football game.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. F. Bruns is a visitor to this city from Sandy, Ore., who arrived yesterday.

H. W. Inland and wife arrived here on the 9:40 train last night.

J. J. Kamm, son of Jacob Kamm of Portland, left up for Portland on the

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Lurline last night after a day's visit in Astoria.

Amos Markham, of Ilwaco, Wash., was in Astoria yesterday.

B. F. Smith came over from Ilwaco to spend New Year's Day.

Miss Rice, of Spokane, is registered at the Occident.

J. Wesley Hoover, of Spokane, arrived in Astoria yesterday.

G. W. Lounsberry was a Seaside visitor yesterday. He started the new year's resolves by drinking of the ocean's breezes.

Mrs. G. A. Wallace, who is the wife of G. A. Wallace, proprietor of the Seaside steam laundry, passed through Astoria yesterday for Seaside, where she will join her husband.

Morning Astorian
65 cents per month.

WAS FOUNDERS SON.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 1.—The inauguration of Rev. Edw. Twitcheel Ware, the new president of the Atlanta University, and son of the founder of that institution, took place yesterday. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, president of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, president. Many prominent educators from all parts of the country were present. Atlanta University was established about 20 years ago by Northern philanthropists, for the education of the negro.

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