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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Marriage License—

Adolph B. Rudd and Mathilda Sjogren were granted a license to wed.

Office Removed—

Miss Leonora Benoit, the popular public stenographer, has removed her office to the office formerly occupied by Dr. Fulton, in the Star Theatre building.

Captain Parker Convalescing—

Captain H. B. Parker, who was injured by a bad fall about 10 days ago is rapidly convalescing and will be out again in a few days.

Visited Old Home—

C. C. McGowan, and daughter Jane, were in Astoria, yesterday, after spending the holidays at the old home at McGowan. They left, last night, for Portland, where they now reside.

One Transfer—

A deed was recorded in the county clerk's office yesterday wherein M. J. Young sells to Mary Young, his wife, lot 1, block 1, in the town of Long Branch with dwelling thereon, the consideration being \$1.

School Census—

Superintendent of Schools A. L. Clark has completed the taking of the school census for the year and 1347 male children and 1336 female, make the total of 2683 persons of school age in this city. The total number of children is 22 more than last year.

Making Preparations—

An evidence of the commencement of preparations for the coming fishing season, was seen at the Lurline dock, yesterday. A number of bales of gill net twine, amounting in all to 2 1/2 tons, in weight, were awaiting shipment to various points along the river.

Rebekah Meeting—

The members of Gateway Rebekah Lodge No. 77 will please be present at 7 o'clock this evening. After the regular order of business has been carried out the installation of officers will take place, to which all Odd Fellows are invited. Mamie Clinton, secretary.

The Police Court—

Judge Anderson held a brief session of the police court yesterday afternoon and disposed of the cases of two young men who started the new year by endeavoring to drink up all the "red booze" in the municipality. His Honor admonished them to take a new start in their line of resolutions and informed them that he did not wish to again notice them in the prisoner's dock of the court. Another inebriate appeared by document and having left \$5 behind him the bail was declared forfeited.

Fines and Forfeitures—

The chief of police collected \$270, fines and forfeitures the past month.

Administratrix Sale—

Antonla Caroline Pries, as administratrix of the estate of Fred A. Pries, sold to Samuel Sutter, lot 4, block 28, in Alderbrook, subject to confirmation of the court the consideration being \$1275.

Burglars In Town—

A daring burglary was committed, on Wednesday night, in the store of Fohrd & Stokes Co. The burglars entered by a window, in the rear of the store and several rifles, shotguns and some cutlery was taken. No clue has, as yet, been found as to the perpetrators.

Well Known Visitor—

William Morris, of Portland, who was assistant engineer in charge of the blowing out of Silva de Grasse reef, in this harbor, is in the city. Mr. Morris returned a short time ago from Nome, Alaska, where he was engaged in the Guggenheim interests. He reports that while his business in Nome has been quiet it was fine in other sections.

The Wily Heathen—

Two Chinamen yesterday caused the arrest of Wong Wo, another celestial, whom they charge with stealing several hundred dollars from them. They were all living at Fort Bragg when Wong Wo, it is claimed, stole the money and the accusers followed the culprit to this city, where they had him arrested. Chief Gammal has wired the police authorities at Fort Bragg and will hold his prisoner until he receives particulars.

Uncle Tom's Cabin—

The time-honored play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" held down the boards at the Astoria Theatre last evening, playing to a crowded house, who evidently appreciated the quantity if not the quality of the performance. "Uncle Tom" and "Little Eva" with "Le-gree" and "Marks the Lawyer" moved the audience by degrees to tears, laughter and hisses. Several innovations have been added in late years to this old-time historic presentation and were duly appreciated.



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ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD MOVES ITS GENERAL OFFICES TO THE METROPOLIS TODAY.

Today witnesses the last of the official changes long contemplated by the management of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, in the matter of shifting its staff to the general offices at Portland.

General Freight and Passenger Agent R. H. Jenkins, with D. N. Anderson, chief clerk; and Miss Agnes Leahy, the stenographer, together with the essential records of the up-town office, will move to the metropolis today, and become merged in the official melange now maintained at the Union Depot there; and hence-forward will take part in the work as designed by, and incident to, the A. & C.'s new relation to the Portland & Seattle Railway system.

Yesterday morning a circular was issued by the company appointing Mr. G. B. Johnson, the well known local agent of the company at the depot, as general agent for Astoria. Mr. Johnson will have complete charge of the company's affairs in and around this city, and will headquarter at the Twelfth street office of the company, where Mr. F. J. McShatko will assist him as ticket agent.

All hands will regret the fulfillment of the order, made a long time ago in this behalf, and which was but partially carried out when the auditing department was sent to Portland; but it is deemed very necessary for the proper expediting of the company's business; and the main business of the A. & C. will still be done here in so far as it shall arise in Astoria. And while it may mitigate in a measure against the prideful sense of Astorians generally to have these changes made, it is said there will be no diminution of the company's real interest and oversight over the affairs and business for which Astoria stands.

Annual Meeting of Chamber—

The Chamber of Commerce annual meeting which takes place Monday night, January 6th, will be the most important held since the mass meeting in this city which perfected the new regime for the Chamber. Election of officers for the ensuing year will be held as there is no politics in the Chamber, it behooves every member to prepare for the occasion by having in mind a candidate for president or some other office, a man he believes will best serve the interests of the city for another year. The work of the Chamber has fairly started and it is safe to say that with pursuant and consistent organization, judicious advertising and plenty of well directed energy on the part of all business men, something can be accomplished during the year 1908 that will make this year memorable in the history of Astoria. The reports of the officers for the year will be heard and it is especially desired that all members shall furnish ideas and plans for the work for the coming year and a letter inclosing a blank is being sent to each member requesting that this be done. After all there is nothing so powerful as the idea. The idea goes before anything else. If there is nothing but an idea it will achieve everything else.

Installation of Officers—

Charity Lodge No. 53, D. of H., A. O. U. W., installed officers last night as follows: P. C. of H., Christina Carlson; C. of H., Hannah Porter; L. of H., Emma E. Cyrus; C. of C., Barbara Hartwig; recorder, W. C. A. Pohl; financier, A. R. Cyrus; I. W., Mary Spellmeier. The installation was made by P. G. C. of H., Mrs. J. A. Fastabend and at its conclusion, a banquet was given and enjoyed by the large number present. The whole affair was a success, a good time being had by all.

Appreciation.

The High School football team having donated their share of the gate receipts in the New Year's game, for the purpose of aiding the clearing of the deficiency incurred by us in the past season, I desire to thank them for the amount, \$17, and assure them that it is timely and appreciated.

GEO. JACKSON,

Manager Astoria Football Club.

Discount Sale—

Miss Craig, proprietress of the Art Store, 541 Commercial street, is holding her regular January discount sale. Every article in the store has been reduced in price and a splendid opportunity for bargains.

Wanted—

A bright boy to carry papers. Apply Morning Astorian.

County Court in Session—

The county court was in session yesterday and did not adjourn until late in the day. The full court was in attendance and the session was almost entirely taken up with discussion over matters of deep interest to the county. Several matters were taken up and thoroughly discussed and the court will meet again tomorrow. The board took up the matter of the contract for the construction of the court house and, as the time for completion expired December 1, 1907, the clerk was instructed to send a communication to the contractors, Hastie & Dougan, through their foreman, requesting an answer giving probable date of completion.

It was also decided to ask for proposals for the purchase of the old county buildings, now on the court house ground, the building to be removed.

In the matter of the petition of Alex Akren, et al. for a road along the west bank of the Lewis and Clark River, Geo. Stevens, J. F. Bartoldus and C. W. Loughrey were appointed viewers and they will meet at the Lewis and Clark bridge at 8 a. m. on January 25th.

Election at New Astoria—

In the city election at New Astoria, held yesterday, the Citizens' ticket was victorious over the Taxpayers' ticket. No particular issue was at stake other than the selection of office. P. J. Glanz would have been nominated for mayor on the Citizens' ticket, but at the last minute, declined and the present mayor, C. E. Ford, was placed on the ticket. The result of the vote for mayor was: C. E. Ford, Citizens, 34; Chas. McDermott, Taxpayers, 15. The votes for councilmen as follows: Werner Storm, Citizens, 42; Robt. Falconer, Citizens, 40; Henry Erickson, Citizens, 38; Soren Hansen, Citizens, 36; A. Anderson, Citizens, 32; F. Cunningham, Taxpayers, 24; Ben Coffey, Taxpayers, 20; L. E. Tennant, Taxpayers, 12; and Z. Z. Tetlow, Taxpayers, 10. The five highest are elected. It is thought that if there is any contest over the election of mayor, on account of the nomination of C. E. Ford not being filed, the result will not be affected.

Odd Fellows Install—

Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., held an installation of officers last evening. District Deputy Grand Master J. L. Kline being the installing officer. The officers installed were as follows: Alex Tagg, N. G.; A. Y. Anderson, V. G.; Olaf Anderson, secretary; John Hahn, financial secretary; J. L. Kline, treasurer; J. A. Gilbaugh, warden; E. C. Young, conductor; Gust Anderson, R. S. N. G.; J. W. Babbidge, L. S. N. G.; Thos. J. Whitcomb, O. G.; Emil Peterson, L. G.; W. A. Peterson, R. S. V. G.; J. R. Anderson, L. S. V. G.; C. S. Wright, chaplain; W. Olson, R. S. S.; W. F. Jones, L. S. S.; installed by D. D. G. M., J. L. Kline. Gateway Lodge, No. 77, Order of Rebekah, had been invited to attend the installation and thoroughly enjoyed the exercises and courtesies extended them by their brothers in Odd Fellowship. Delicious refreshments were served and an enjoyable social evening spent.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Barnhart, of Seaside, was in the city yesterday.
PERS.
Jos. T. Healey, well known in this city, is over from Deep River.
S. Koenig, of San Francisco, is registered at the Occident.
M. G. Rapf, of San Francisco, arrived in Astoria yesterday.
C. H. Willison, of Portland, is in the city.
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lounsbury entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunbar and daughter Frances, on New Year's Day at the Lounsbury ranch at Clatsop.

Rushing at Brown's—

The big clearing out sale at C. V. Brown's shoe store has caused things to stir around that already busy store. With the rush of business, caused by the big reductions, Mr. Brown finds the regular force of clerks inadequate to handle the trade and has sent for several experienced salesmen, so that prompt attention can be given to all comers. See his advertisement on page 5.

Special—

Today and tomorrow at A. V. Allen's. Discount of 25 per cent on entire line of cut glass.

Don't Fail

To read A. V. Allen's ad. in this issue.

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.

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U. S. to James Wilson, lots 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11, sec. 19, T. 5 N., R. 9 W., 157 acres; patent

Milton Young to Hans Larsen, lot 30 and lot 31, block 3, Hill's first addition to Ocean Grove. . . . \$1200

Progressive Land & Building Association to Alice C. Parker, lots 5 and 6, block 92, McClures. 250

Astoria Exchange Co. to Joseph Jacob, lot 5, block 57, McClures. . . . 5000

Hammond Lumber Co to Peter Johnson, lots 25 and 26, Shiveley's. 10

Jas. G. Woodworth and wife to J. C. Ainsworth, lot 4, section 18, T. 5 N., R. 10 W., 34.62 acres. . . . \$1500

MORMON MISSIONARIES.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A band of 24 Mormon missionaries, bound for Europe, where they will spread the gospel of the church of the Latter Day Saints, arrived in Chicago from Salt Lake City yesterday and decided to remain here long enough to inspect the city's famous slaughter houses and cattle pens. William Tarbel and Thomas Hogley, in charge of the missionaries, say they will make no attempt to convert cow punchers and butchers. The party, which is traveling in a special car, left Salt Lake City Saturday. The members will leave Chicago today for Portland, Maine, whence they will sail for Liverpool.

There they will report to Apostle Penroe, who will assign them to missions in England, Scotland, Denmark and Sweden. No women are in the band, although all except four of the members of the expedition are married.



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