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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Appointed Appraisers—

F. L. Parker, C. B. Allen and R. R. Caruthers were yesterday appointed appraisers for the estate of Duncan McTavish.

Rubber Capes—

S. Danziger & Co. have received a new shipment of ladies', misses' and children's rubber capes, assorted sizes.

Plague Subsiding—

Dr. Holt, quarantine officer, reports that the bubonic plague is dying out, at all coast points, and it is thought that it will soon be eradicated.

Signed By Mayor—

The warrants ordered at the last meeting of the city council have been signed by the Mayor. The ordinances passed at that meeting have also been signed.

Chimney Fire—

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning a burning flue in the Bay View Hotel was the cause of some excitement. Chief Foster, securing a Babcock extinguisher from Hose Co. No. 2 soon had things in shape again.

Held As Witness—

Lottie Langu was arrested yesterday on a bench warrant and is held under \$100 bonds, as a witness in the case of Robert Wilbur, charged with robbery. The case will come up at the February term of the circuit court the jury in the last trial disagreeing.

But One Deed—

But one deed was filed for record in the county clerk's office yesterday it being that of Chas. K. Henry and wife to Willie E. Drew, 73 1-3 feet in Pine Grove for a consideration of \$600.

Estate Settled—

A certificate of the proceedings of the county court, of Multnomah county, in the matter of the estate of Fritz Engelhardt was filed in the county clerk's office yesterday. The proceedings show that the estate was properly administered, and the final account of the administrator approved. Part of the property, of the estate, being in Clatsop county it was ordered that the certificate be filed with the county clerk of this county.

Thos. Ryrice, representing Murphy, Grant & Co., of San Francisco, left up for Portland last night.

SUSPICIOUS ACTION OF JAPS

DISCOVERY OF TWO JAPANESE INSPECTING FORTIFICATIONS AND GUNS AT FORT STEVENS—MEN ARRESTED.

An investigation that may result in serious complications, will be made into the actions of two Japanese, at Fort Stevens, on Tuesday. Information was received some time ago, unofficially, of the possibility of spies plying their investigations into our coast defenses, but while no serious attention was paid to the information, the officers and men have been alert for any suspicious actions on the part of visitors, especially those of the yellow race. A rule, in vogue heretofore, restricting visitors to the fortifications, to certain parts, was removed some time ago and perfect freedom of investigation was afforded. In this however such freedom is allowed only to American citizens and all white people are considered Americans, the Japs and Chinese being debarred.

The importance of this post to our coast defense is well known, and is thoroughly appreciated by the officers there, and no suspicious actions will escape them.

On Tuesday, while one of the sentries was patrolling the west battery, he discovered two well dressed Japanese walking along the parapet, who seemed very much interested in what they saw. Knowing that permission to be in the place they were must be obtained from the commander, he watched them and noticing them pointing at the guns and holding an interesting conversation he arrested the men and haled them before Lieutenant Kerfoot, the adjutant-general, who asked an explanation of their conduct, and reason for being in the prescribed territory. No satisfactory explanation could be obtained and although nothing of an incriminating nature could be found on them, it is thought possible that they might be there for the purpose of obtaining data for sketches, and as to the modes of defense. The west battery is a most important one which makes the presence of these men the more suspicious.

A thorough and searching investigation of this matter will be made and some developments may arise.

Registration To Date—

Up to last night the total registration was 625. Of this number 471 were in Astoria precincts and 154 from outside precincts. The distribution was as follows: Astoria No. 1, 82; Astoria No. 2, 74; Astoria No. 3, 53; Astoria No. 4, 75; Astoria No. 5, 82; Astoria No. 6, 55; Astoria No. 7, 57; Clifton No. 2, 4; Chadwell, 4; Clatsop, 8; John Day No. 1, 2; John Day No. 2, 5; Jewell, 2; Knappa, 3; Misshawaka, 1; Melville, 4; New Astoria, 1; Olney, 6; Push, 1; Seaside, 49; Swensen, 7; Vesper, 1; Westport, 4; Warrenton, 46; Walluski, 5; Elsie, 1; Young's River, 4.

Death of George Davidson—

George Davidson, whose illness was mentioned yesterday, died at his residence at 9:30 last night. His son Fred, daughter Mrs. Humes and niece, Hazel Robb, were with him at the time of his death.

His other son, James Davidson, at Seattle, was telegraphed for but did not reach here in time. No funeral arrangements have as yet been made.

Social Dance.

The West Astoria Finnish Socialist Branch will give a masquerade ball on February 1, 1908. The grand march will begin at 8:30 p. m., sharp. Admission for masqueraders, 50 cents; spectators, 35 cents.

I. O. O. F. Notice.

Members of Beaver Lodge No. 35 are requested to attend a regular meeting to be held Thursday evening, January 23rd, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in initiatory degree. Visitors welcome. OLOF ANDERSON, Secy.

SMALLPOX ABOARD.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 22.—The Blue Funnel Line steamer Bellerophon, quarantined yesterday with five cases of smallpox among the crew. The steamer has a large general cargo on board for Puget Sound and British Columbia points and efforts are being made to have the steamer released after being fumigated and disinfected.

Read the Morning Astorian.

PERSONAL MENTION

A. Dunbar, left up for Portland last night on the steamer Lurline. Mr. Matt Brown, of Vancouver, Wash., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Baker.

Capt. A. L. Gray returned on the steamer Lurline, yesterday afternoon, from Portland.

A. C. Abbott, of Oshkosh, Wis., representing the American Radiator Co., is in the city. Mr. Abbott was formerly a classmate of City Attorney Abercrombie, at Madison, Wis., University.

Phil McDonough, of Bearcliff, was in Astoria yesterday.

Fred B. George of the Pacific Logging Co., of Deep River, returned yesterday from a six weeks' visit to Portland. He will return to Deep River today.

Jas. E. Murray, representing Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson, of San Francisco, arrived in on the 9:40 train last night.

Thos. O'Donohue, of San Francisco, is registered at the Occident, arriving in the city last night.

The Public Library.

The Public Library will be closed to subscribers until February 1 on account of preparing the library for the free circulation of books. Subscribers are requested to return the books now in the possession as promptly as possible. The Reading Room will be open to the public as usual.

Those desiring application blanks for the privileges of the free library can find them at the following places: E. A. Higgins' book store, Miss Crang's art store, F. Hart's drug store, and at the Library Rooms.

The signed blanks must be handed to the Librarian before January 26th.

DEATH OF MORRIS K. JESSUP.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Morris K. Jessup, retired banker and long prominent in civic affairs, died early this morning at his home, 197 Madison avenue, from heart disease.

The illness which caused Mr. Jessup's death was of two years standing and had necessitated constant treatment. He was 78 years old.

Resigning as president of the Chamber of Commerce a year ago, Mr. Jessup severed practically his last connection with active business. In addition to his large business interests, Mr. Jessup was prominent in philanthropic and scientific associations. He was president of and one of the chief contributors to the American Museum of Natural History, president of the Peary Arctic Club and secretary of the Audobon Society. He contributed largely to industrial schools and other philanthropic institutions, among the poorer classes in New York.

CONDITIONS AT PANAMA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—Commenting on the report of J. L. Bristow on traffic conditions at Panama, R. P. Scherwin, vice-president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company said yesterday that the Pacific Mail holds itself in no way responsible for the falling off in traffic over the Panama railroad, and declared that if the government builds a line of its own to run between this port and Panama it may lose money on its operation. Traffic is being diverted from Panama to Tehuantepec, he says.

Because of the aid given to the Hawaiian-American line by the Mexican government, which exacted no percentage or other charge. He added: "We cannot compete with the more cheaply operated and more greatly favored lines which run to the Mexican port."

HANSBOROUGH UNEASY.

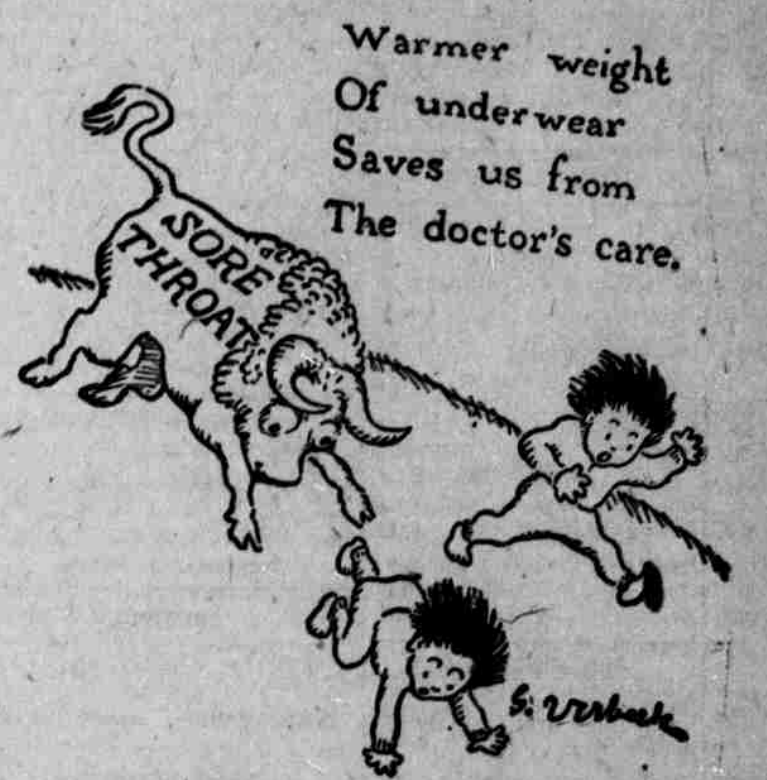
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The Senate spent an hour today discussing the resolution of Hansborough of North Dakota, directing the Department of Commerce and Labor to suspend its investigation into the affairs of the National Harvester Company which was ordered by a resolution more than a year ago. During this discussion Hansborough declared that the harvester trust is attempting to control the selection of delegates to the National Republican Convention and is especially plotting to defeat him for re-election to the Senate. The resolution was finally referred to a committee.

LIVED AND DIED TOGETHER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—John Florian, aged 68, and his wife, Mary, aged 77, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid. The old couple, it is said, had been living on the kindness of neighbors for some time.

They were found dressed in their best clothing and clasping hands.

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PECULIAR SITUATION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—A peculiar situation developed in Judge Landis' court yesterday when the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe rebate case was called for the consideration of motions. Delay in the argument of the demurrer was asked until February 3 by Attorney C. Le Roy Brown for the railroad on the ground that his law partner, Chas. B. Morrison, is taking testimony in the Standard Oil case as special prosecutor for the government.

Mr. Morrison is the predecessor of Edwin W. Sims as United States district attorney in Chicago. He has been employed as special counsel by the government for two years and has taken an active part in the prosecutions of the oil company. Many of the questions of law which Mr. Morrison has argued in behalf of the government are involved in the railroad rebate case, in which the lawyer will appear for the defense. It places Mr. Morrison in the humorous light of arguing against himself in certain contentions, fighting for the government one day and against it the next day. The only similarity in the evidence in the two cases is in the questions of law that will come up.

ARMY ASKS FOR 92 MILLION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Brigadier General Crozier, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, in a statement yesterday to the house committee on military affairs, said the United States has now on hand enough rifles to equip 731,000 infantry. The Krag-Jorgensens, of which there are 400,000, are being replaced rapidly by the new weapon known officially as the Model of 1908, of which 331,000 already are in use or on hand.

The estimates of the army appropriations bill are \$92,000,000 as against \$78,000,000 appropriated by the last congress.

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WOMAN CAPTURES BURGLAR.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Hannah Jaeger, five feet tall and slender, captured a six-foot burglar all by herself last night. Mrs. Jaeger's husband is caretaker of an apartment building in Williamsburg, but of late has been ill and is barely able to get around. Last night, carrying a light, Mrs. Jaeger, accompanied her husband to the fifth floor of the building. Here they found that the brass water taps over a sink had been removed. Just as the discovery was made the burglar, armed with a heavy wrench, jumped out of a closet and tried to strike the light from Mrs. Jaeger's hands. Calling to her husband to run for a policeman, Mrs. Jaeger seized a heavy sash weight which lay on the floor and attacked the intruder. Jaeger ran down stairs as fast as he could, and summoned a policeman. When the officer reached the room he found Mrs. Jaeger sitting on the prostrate form of the burglar, still pounding him with the iron weight.

Good Bargains Left.

The great bargain sale of Chas. V. Brown, the family shoe man, is still going on and, although a most remarkable rush has been experienced and the stock much depleted there are many good bargains left.

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