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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

**Declaration Filed—**  
August Benson, a native of Norway, filed his declaration yesterday.

**Marriage Licenses—**  
Two marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the county clerk's office. Chas. A. Talonen and Maggie Taskila were one couple and Chas. Lind and Nora Johnson were the other.

**At the Hospital—**  
Mrs. F. E. Smith, of Long Beach, Wash., was taken to St. Mary's Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from pneumonia.

**Getting Along Nicely—**  
S. G. Trullinger was down town yesterday and is getting along nicely. It will be a few days however, before he will be seen at his old post in the county clerk's office.

**Lecture—**  
The lecture of Pastor Conrad L. Owen at the Baptist Church last Monday evening on "The Fighting Preacher," attracted special interest. He will lecture Monday evening, February 3, at 7:30 p. m. on "Raising Cain." Everybody welcome.

**Died at the Hospital—**  
Miss Elizabeth Mary Furney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Furney, died at the hospital late yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. She was 21 years of age. The funeral will be held Monday and the interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

**Passed Examinations—**  
In the examinations held on January 23rd and 24th for Clatsop county the following were successful in passing the eighth grade: Roy I. Chambers, Clatsop, Ore., Miss Maude Turley, teacher; Annie Mabel Knapp and George Fred Carlson, Knappa, Ore., Miss Ethel M. Gerding, teacher.

**What the Fire Destroyed—**  
Judge F. J. Taylor, whose barn at the coast farm was destroyed recently by fire, has another fine structure well underway and ready for its roof. It will be three stories in height, the ground floor being devoted to the sheep, the second floor to cattle and horses, and the third floor to hay and feed-stuff, which will be distributed to the stock below by a system of convenient shutles. It is one of the best buildings of its kind in the county.

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## COLUMBIA RIVER RANGE LIGHTS

PROMISED BY COMMANDER WERLICH—RESULT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TAKING THE MATTER UP.

It is interesting to know that the persistent efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, through Manager Whyte, relative to securing additional lights near the Columbia River bar, are bearing fruit as indicated by the following letter received from Commander Werlich, setting forth certain recommendations which he has kindly made to the Department. It now seems certain additional range lights will be established as a result of the good offices of Mr. Werlich:

"Replying to yours of January 30, 1908, asking for the return of a petition dated May 29, 1905, from the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria, Oregon, requesting installation of range lights or lighted buoys at or near the bar of the Columbia river, you advised that my predecessor, Commander L. C. Heilner, U. S. Navy, filed the document in question as part of his official records of this office and that under the law and regulations governing, a return of the original is precluded.

"If desired a copy of the paper will be furnished.

"In this connection it may interest you to know that range lights on the eastern end of Sand Island, as a guide for vessels crossing the bar, either in or out, have been recommended by this office and that matter is now in the hands of the Lighthouse Board for consideration.

"You are further advised that an unlighted gas buoy has been placed near Buoy No. 8, Clatsop Spit, for observation, to ascertain whether, in view of the great strength of ebb tides at that point, the buoy, if lighted, can be made to watch properly. Reports received so far regarding the functioning of the buoy are not encouraging, in fact, it seems fairly well established that a lighted gas buoy at that turning point in the channel cannot be maintained. The experiment will be continued sometime longer until definite conclusions are reached."

**Creating a New Resort—**  
N. W. Bowers, of Warrenton, the owner of "Sunset" beach, the fine property bought from Judge F. J. Taylor last spring, near Carnahan station, is busy setting out 5000 ornamental shade trees on the property, 2350 of which are already in the ground. He has constructed the first bridge across the lake fronting the town site; and in the course of a few days will institute all preliminaries for the erection of the first of two hotels that are included in the plans for the new resort. This building will be of wood and nicely modelled and cozily equipped, with 134 rooms.

**Registration—**  
Registration is progressing favorably, and yesterday was a fairly good day. The total registration at closing hour at the county clerk's office was as follows: Astoria No. 1, 121; Astoria No. 2, 88; Astoria No. 3, 69; Astoria No. 4, 95; Astoria No. 5, 113; Astoria No. 6, 66; Astoria No. 7, 79; Clifton No. 2, 25; Chadwell, 6; Clatsop, 14; John Day No. 1, 3; John Day No. 2, 8; Jewell, 2; Knappa, 5; Mischawaka, 2; Melville, 4; New Astoria, 28; Olney, 9; Push, 1; Seaside, 53; Svensen, 13; Vesper, 1; Warrenton, 55; Wallauski, 9; Youngs River, 5; Elsie, 1.

**Police Record—**  
Number of complaints for the month ending January 31st, 24; amount of fines and forfeitures, \$147. W. F. Sargent failed to perfect his appeal and his bond of \$60 was forfeited. This amount is included in the above figures.

**Died—**  
Mrs. John Wiik, aged 44 years, died February 1. She leaves a large family of seven children. The funeral will be held Tuesday, February 4th, and the interment will be at Gray's River.

\*\*\*\*\* DONE BY DEED. \*\*\*\*\*

A. R. Cyrus to Hammond Lumber Co., lots 11 and 12, block 1, Foard's Astoria, quit claim.... \$ 5

J. W. Reith and wife to Chas. N. Hull, lot 4, block 30, Lewis and Clark Cemetery ..... 15

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith returned on Friday night from Salem, where they had been visiting friends.

E. T. Haltom, the prominent Tillamook dry goods merchant, was a passenger on the Elmore and went to the metropolis on the morning train. Howard Brownell went to Portland on last evening's train and will return today.

B. C. Lamb, agent Pacific Navigation Company was a passenger from Tillamook on the Sue H. Elmore that arrived last evening.

Kenneth O'Loane, Blake, McFall Company's local representative returned on the Elmore last evening and went to Portland on this morning's train.

B. E. Van Voorhies, representing the Portland Flouring Mills, arrived from Tillamook last evening and proceeded to Portland this morning.

Geo. Fish, representative of the Crane Company, of Portland, was in the city yesterday. He left last evening for Seaside and will return tonight.

F. N. Clark, of the Columbia Trust Co., returned from Portland yesterday noon.

John Lewis, of John Day River, spent yesterday in Astoria. Senator and Mrs. Megler left for home on the Lurline last night.

S. C. Fairkid, of Seattle, is visiting this city and will remain here about a week.

Captain Thomson of the Claverdon spent last night in Astoria. He will leave out probably on Tuesday, having closed his business here.

### THE STAR THEATRE.

An innovation will be introduced tomorrow night at this popular place of amusement. Tonight the Nashville Students close their successful engagement and tomorrow night a fine vaudeville program will be rendered. Prior and Norris, a comedy sketch team will make their appearance; Arthur Collins, the monologist, and the Electric Sisters, dancing soubrettes, will be the attractions. There will be two sets of moving pictures and an illustrated song, at the old prices of 10 and 20 cents. On February 10th the Bell Stock Company will open and from advance reports they are an excellent company, that should draw crowded houses.

### CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 1.—Effective March 1, the land and immigration department of the Southern Pacific lines in Texas will be abolished. This action was taken to decrease the expenses of the system.

### RECEIVER ASKED FOR.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Dissolution of the Northern American Accident Insurance Company and the appointment of a receiver are sought in a bill filed in the superior court yesterday by George Stanch, formerly general agent of the company. Stanch entered the employ of the company as general agent September 16, 1906, but was relieved from this position last March. He asserts there never has been an accounting to determine what amount is due him, and insists the accounts are so involved that a jury could not determine the amount.

### 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.

### The Star Theatre

FRITZ & HUTCHINS, Managers.

Week Commencing Monday, Feb. 3.

### HIGH CLASS VALDEVILLE.

PRIOR AND NORRIS  
Comedy Sketch Team

ARTHUR COLLINS  
Monologist

ELECTRIC SISTERS  
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Some Overcoats and Suits Reduced 25 and 33 per cent.

Some are odds and ends  
Some are the very cream

But whatever the Reductions they are Real  
We cannot afford to tell a lie

If you look for low prices and fair treatment come to

## Herman Wise

Astoria's Reliable Clothier.

### FREE LIBRARY.

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"I wish to express the pleasure I have had in associating with the members of the board, both as a co-worker and as presiding officer. Each one has cheerfully and willingly undertaken any task assigned and accomplished it promptly and as successfully as the circumstances permitted. Both committees on entertainment have been prompt and tireless in their duties. The book and catalogue committee is deserving special mention for close attention and devotion to the numerous duties of that department. The purchase of supplies for the Free Library has added to the responsibility of that committee.

The entire board has been remarkably faithful in assisting with the work of preparing the library for circulation under the new system. Several friends of the association, together with Mrs. Upshur, our librarian, and Mrs. Kidder, representing the State Library Commission are entitled to our thanks for the help we have received from them.

"Our thanks are due also to the many friends who have so generously helped us with their liberal donations and by their assistance in our two entertainments during the past year.

"I trust that the new year under the new order may be successful financially and educationally and that the library will come to be more generally recognized as an indispensable acquisition to the community.

"Respectfully,  
"GERTRUDE M. FINCH."  
The secretary and treasurer filed their report showing the condition of

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Number of new books added during the year, 404; number books now in library, 3320; number books taken out on regular subscription, 1559; number books taken out on transient subscription, 1408; number visitors to reading room, 9770; money collected by Librarian, \$213.85; from regular subscription, \$56.25; from fines, \$16.80; from transient subscription, \$140.80; money received from city, \$840; money received from entertainments, \$295; money disbursed during the year, \$1144.12.

"Respectfully submitted,  
EMMA W. TRULLINGER,  
Sec. A. P. L. A.  
EVA HOLMAN,  
Treas. A. P. L. A.

Before adjourning the annual election of officers took place and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. N. Troyer; vice-president, Mrs. S. Elmore; secretary, Mrs. A. D. Gaines, treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Finch.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the Oregon State Library Association, will arrive here Monday, to finish the arrangements for the opening of the Free Library.

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