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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Marriage License—

A license to wed was issued by the county clerk yesterday to Richard F. Beatty and Emma Estelle Shedd.

First Papers Issued—

Sigvald Lervik, a native of Norway, yesterday filed his declaration of intention and his first papers were prepared.

Many Deeds Filed—

There was filed in the county clerk's yesterday, 78 deeds for record from Seaside. The deeds were from the city marshal to the city of West Seaside, and were for property sold to pay the delinquent assessments for the building of the board walk at that city.

Registration of Voters—

The total registration up to last night was 904. Registration for Astoria precincts was 655 and for the outside precincts was 249, as follows: Astoria No. 1, 129; Astoria No. 2, 90; Astoria No. 3, 74; Astoria No. 4, 96; Astoria No. 5, 117; Astoria No. 6, 68; Astoria No. 7, 8; Clifton No. 2, 25; Chadwell, 8; Clatsop, 15; John Day No. 1, 3; John Day No. 2, 8; Jewell, 2; Knappa, 6; Mischawaka, 2; Melville, 4; New Astoria, 28; Olney, 9; Push, 1; Seaside, 53; Svensen, 13; Vesper, 1; Warrenton, 55; Walluski, 10; Youngs River, 5; Elsie, 1.

Married Yesterday—

Emma Estelle Shedd and Richard F. Beatty, were married yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the parsonage of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. S. Gilbert, officiating. Mr. Beatty is a deputy sheriff of Multnomah county, and Miss Shedd was one of Astoria's most popular young ladies. The couple left for Portland on the 6:10 train last night and will make their future home there.

ASTORIA'S FREE LIBRARY.

Beginning Today no Charge Will be Made for Use of Books.

Astoria has a free library. Today the Astoria library will inaugurate the free distribution of its books to properly accredited citizens of Astoria, removing all charges that were formerly made. The trustees are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, which for some time have been made to this end. They are deserving of all the praise that should be meted out to a conscientious, hustling, businesslike body, as

it was by their good work, ably seconded by good friends of the institutions, that this laudable object was accomplished. The great amount of good, that will follow this innovation, will soon be noticeable and it is to be hoped that under the new order of things the successful results anticipated will be realized, and be lasting. New additions to the list of books will be made as often as practicable and the good work so auspiciously begun will no doubt result in one of the best city libraries in the state. The trustees feel grateful for the assistance given them by the good friends of the library and hope for a continuance of it.

NO MORE CATARRH.

T. F. Laurin Will Not Allow it to Exist in Astoria.

"There will be no more catarrh in Astoria," says T. F. Laurin, "unless people fail to follow the law of common sense."

T. F. Laurin makes this statement because of the great success that has followed the use of Hyomei in the treatment of catarrhal troubles. So positive is this treatment in quick relief and permanent cure that He sells it under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it does not do all that is claimed for it.

It follows nature's plan in curing disease of the throat and lungs by bringing healing medication right to the very spot where the disease germs exist. With this treatment, health-giving oils and balsams are breathed through a neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, so that every breath you take while using Hyomei is a breath of healing air. It kills all catarrhal germs and prevents their growth, so that the cure is thorough and permanent.

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50c a Pound,



BUSINESS EVENING

Chamber of Commerce Holds a Lively Meeting.

HALF SCORE NEW MEMBERS

Will Probably Change Meeting Nights to Second and Fourth Mondays—Long Discussion on Pending Enterprises—Proposed Bill.

The first regular session of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce for the month of February was held last evening with two score of the leading business men of the city present. President W. T. Scholfield occupied the chair and kept things moving in a lively way, as usual, with John H. Whyte, the secretary and manager at his elbow, and Assistant Secretary J. T. Wallace in charge of the records.

The following named gentlemen whose applications had been presented for membership in the Chamber, were duly elected and their names entered on the roster: Messrs. Gus Anderson, August Ackerman, John Neimi, Alex. Grant, Rev. W. S. Gilbert, J. H. Seymour, J. E. Ferguson, W. C. Logan, John H. Luukinen, and Walter A. Harrison.

Isaac Bergman presented a communication from a namesake of his back in Monson, Maine, a Mr. Bergman, who was convinced that Astoria's honorable ex-Mayor was a Swede, like himself, and desired some specific information about the city and county, all of which will be furnished him by Secretary Whyte in due course of a few days.

Chairman Wingate, of the Port of Astoria committee reported partial progress in the work by himself and colleagues, and said that there would be another meeting of the joint committee on Wednesday evening next.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Gratke providing for a change of meeting night for the Chamber of Commerce from the first and third Monday nights of the month to the second and fourth Mondays, and the same was passed over to the next regular session, under the rules. The idea seemed to meet with general favor, since it is likely to enhance the strength of the assemblies at the Chamber, the present meeting nights being simultaneous with the meetings of the common council and other business organizations of the city.

The proposed form of a bill to be presented for enactment in the Legislature next winter, was submitted last night at the Chamber providing for the creation of the sea beach on the coast of Clatsop county, from the mouth of the Columbia river on the north, to the boundary line between Clatsop and Tillamook counties on the south, be declared a public highway. The matter was referred to the committee on roads and highways.

The Chamber then unanimously, but informally resolved itself into a sort of committee of the whole on the good of Astoria and Clatsop and engaged in a long and interesting discussion of a number of essential and important matters which will, at an early day, come before the Chamber in very definite and comprehensive form, and contribute largely to the general good. The talk was kept going by Messrs. Wingate, Ross, Judd, Bowlby, President Scholfield, Dr. Ball and others, until it became time to revert to the order of business, when the bills for January were presented, read and ordered paid in due course by warrant, and adjournment was taken.

The meeting was pronounced for the really live spirit in which the pending enterprises before the Chamber were discussed and lost nothing by reason of none of them being far enough advanced for final report and action.

The following interesting matter is culled from the report of Manager John H. Whyte, which was submitted last evening and approved in all its terms:

Appropriation for Dredging.
Senator C. W. Fulton has written us in answer to our request that he, if possible, secure an appropriation for dredging working on the bar. He says that it is impossible to secure such an appropriation outside of the Rigers and Harbors bill and that as it seems settled that there will not be passed such a bill at the present session, it is therefore utterly useless to attempt to secure anything in the na-

ture of a river and harbor appropriation.

Elimination of Fish Oil.

We have received a letter from an Ohio man which may be of interest to some of the fishing interests. This man says that he is now in possession of a new process of his own for extracting oil from fish material at a minimum of cost. He would be glad to correspond with any one interested.

To Remove Stumps.

We have a letter from a Georgia man who informs us that he has a new method of ridding land of stumps. It appears that he has a chemical process and by applying the chemical the stumps within a few years disappear. Anyone interested in the matter can see the letter in this office.

Portland Rose Fiesta.

Manager Geo. L. Hutchin, of the Portland Rose Show, with whom I conferred while in Portland, stated that during the Rose Carnival in June arrangements will be made to have an excursion out of Portland and all of the surrounding towns of the State as well as into Portland from all of these towns. It was his belief that such an arrangement would be of an advantage to surrounding towns such that they would be glad to have a float in the parade. The Carnival Ass'n. now has an expert float builder from St. Louis and should Astoria desire to have a float in this parade, as soon as the idea for same is perfected, this expert will be able to give the approximate cost.

Garland Enterprise.

While in Portland I had a conversation with Mr. W. H. Garland, who stated that he expected to open an office here within a short time when he will again take up his steamship proposition with the people here. He says that when he comes he will quietly go to work and conduct his plans from his own office in his own way, but of course, will be glad to have any assistance possible from those who believe his is a meritorious proposition.

Distribution of Literature.

During January we have sent out 639 common point circulars and maps to all of the newspapers, commercial organizations and prominent railroad representatives in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and during the same period we have sent out over 900 lists of country and city property for sale to our subscribers throughout the United States and Canada and more than 4000 pamphlets to the State of Idaho alone; besides this we have sent 2,000 of our pamphlets to the San Francisco Publicity Bureau 1500 to the Colonization Bureau at Los Angeles.

Advertising.

We have received and replied to during the month of January 802 letters addressed to us from all parts of the United States, Canada and Europe. This makes a total of 8841 letters and pieces of literature we have sent out from this office during the month just ended. This was all done without any additional advertising being placed, showing that the advertising of the past year has developed a most extraordinary correspondence.

Advertising Men's Convention.

There were 161 delegates present at the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's Convention held in Oakland, Cal., January 20 and 21, which I attended. I can say that our advertising method, since first it was presented before the Portland division of this advertising association last summer, has almost been universally adopted wherever any change in advertising systems has been made. It has been held by some of our members that we should not have made our system, which seems to be the best, public property, but I am still of the opinion that this course was a wise one, inasmuch as any part of the Northwest which is built up directly or indirectly, will benefit the larger cities including Astoria.

I took with me an album of original photographs to this convention which is on the table for inspection by members. Besides keeping this prominently before the delegation, I had it with me at the meetings I held with the Chamber of Commerce, Wholesale Grocers' and Hardwaremen's Associations.

Within the next few weeks Secretary Wisdom, of the Commission, having charge of the \$100,000 appropriation to the Alaska Exposition for the State of Oregon for next year, will prepare a booklet for Oregon, and while it seems that Astoria and Clatsop county will not be given any greater amount of space than any other county excepting Multnomah county and Portland, which will have the lion's share, yet I have prepared as much matter as I thought could be used and forwarded it. I am now collecting additional photographs, and I would say at this meeting, that I am

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especially anxious that any member who has photographs, or an idea about photographs, should leave them in the office.

"Of course, I cannot say what photographs will or will not be used in this Oregon book as my judgment will not rule in the matter, but I am preparing photographs of all of the prominent business houses, photographs that will include all of the many resources of the State and photographs of all of the prominent residences. This matter will be forwarded to Mr. Wisdom in Portland the early part of this week unless there is some good reason for further delay of a few days.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Chas. Ecklund, of Chinook, was in the city yesterday.

Petti John, of Glenola, is a visitor to Astoria.

E. C. Blackford, editor of the Clatskanie Chief, is in the city.

Frank Vanck who has been interested in Deep River came over from that place on Sunday.

T. R. Hutchings was a visitor from Knappa on Sunday.

Mrs. F. P. Kendell and her son Neal, spent Sunday at Crow's Nest Cottage, Seaside, and were visiting friends in Astoria yesterday, returning on the 6:10 train to their Portland home.

Rev. and Mrs. Long, of Chinook, were passengers to Portland on the Lurline last night.

Ben Wise, of Ilwaco, left up for Portland on the Lurline last night.

TEA

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