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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Grand Officers—
 Grand Master Richard Scott and suite made an official visit to Beaver Lodge, I. O. O. F., last evening and was greeted by a large attendance.

He Wants It, Too—
 August Young, a native of Sweden, yesterday made formal declaration as to his intention to become an American citizen, with County Clerk Clinton.

In Adjourned Session—
 The County Court of Clatsop will assemble tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in adjourned session at the court house, to close up all pending matters of business that could not be dispensed at the early meeting of the commissioners; and what of new business that may arise.

Long Distance Trade—
 The fame of Astoria products travels far, and seems to impress the long distance seeker after good things. Witness a big order for a full set of lumber books from the Casbon Lumber Company, at Fort Steele, Wyoming, just placed with the J. S. Dellinger Company, of this city.

Filed His Petition—
 Thomas Linville yesterday filed his petition for nomination as sheriff of this county, as an independent Republican, with the county clerk. He does not figure at the primary election, in April, not having entered that field of popular selection in the matter of candidates.

I. O. O. F. Statistics—
 Grand Master Scott gave some interesting figures showing the condition of the Odd Fellow fraternity, in this State. He said there are about 15,000 members belonging to 206 subordinate lodges, 76 lodges of Rebekah and 68 encampments.

Rocking The Track—
 The Astoria Electric Company yesterday had a gang of workmen employed in rocking the Commercial street track from the intersection of Tenth street to a point 125 feet west thereof. It was badly needed at this section of the route and will be a decided improvement.

In From Nehalem—
 Gus Gronnell, the hop-king of Elsie, was in the city yesterday, on matters of business. He is very sanguine of the good the proposed roads, now contemplated by the county court and for which contracts are out, will do the whole territory when they are in use between this city and

the Tillamook line, and the communities en route.

Obeys Instructions—
 The instructions given to the auditor at the last regular meeting of the common council to "notify the district attorney that his deputy in this city is lax in enforcing the statutes," has been attended to and the letter mailed.

Patsey Coe Dead—
 Word was received in this city yesterday by Captain Parker, of the Hotel Parker, of the death, on Wednesday last, at Clatskanie, of Patsey Coe, the old-time, well-known driver of the Parker bus. He was a genial man and made friends with everyone disposed to that pleasant process, and will be missed by those who knew him best. He was in his 45th year.

Demand Never Ceases—
 There is one staple commodity in this wide country of America for which the demand never ceases and the supply never diminishes; the everlasting and always precious license to wed. Two of these valuable documents were called for and delivered yesterday by County Clerk Clinton; one to Mr. L. Thomas Piper, of Deep River, and Mrs. Bessa Amidon, of this city; the other to Mr. Berg Larson and Miss Magda Hanson, of the Lewis & Clark country.

North Shore Oil Test—
 Preparations are afoot at Oneida, on Deep River, over on the Washington side of the Columbia, for making a conclusive test for oil and gas, signs of which are abundant thereabout. An oil company has lately been organized over there in which several Astorians have taken stock and the sinking of the first shaft will be under the auspices of this concern, and will be done by an Eastern expert who is very certain of finding what he is after below the surface. The work will be commenced by the first of April.

Jailed For 12 Days—
 Martin Johnson, charged with stealing a sack of coal from the Elmore bunkers yesterday, was haled before Justice Goodman yesterday afternoon.

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on a charge of petit larceny, and having entered a plea of "guilty," was fined in the sum of \$25, in default of payment of which, he was sent over to the Hotel de Pom' for the period of 12 days. When he comes out he will be in prime shape for entering the service of the Warren Packing Company, with which concern he has contracted his services for the coming salmon season in Alaska.

They Got It, Alright—
 John C. McCue, E. T. Judd and Norris Staples, went forth among the herd of Elks ranging in and around Astoria, yesterday morning, with their antlers up and a persuasive glint in their eyes and an alluring tone on their tongues, and in less than two hours had charmed 320 simoleons into the minstrel sack, and they did it "just as easy." Another relay will be sent out today and high-noon is the limit set for the round up of the last dollar needed to put the great "two-night" stand on its winning feet.

The Feast of Roses—
 On Monday evening next, at the regular session of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, a Portland delegate from the general committee in charge of the Rose Festival there in June next, either George L. Hutchins, or George H. Thompson, will be present to conn the whole situation thoroughly with the people of Astoria, and ascertain the wishes of this community in regard to its contribution and place in that notable event; and everyone with the faintest possible interest in the matter should be present to meet and express themselves; especially as the gentleman is coming to find out all he can of Astoria's real wants in the matter. He will be here at Chairman Lamar's invitation.

A Warrenton Matter—
 John A. Cobb, the well known barber, of Warrenton, came up to this city yesterday for the purpose of swearing out a warrant for assault and battery against one John Brice. He had some words with Brice there on Friday last when Brice, in a fit of drunken rage, struck Cobb across the eyes, Cobb's glasses being on at the time. The complaint was duly placed before Prosecuting Attorney McCue, and the warrant issued. Brice will be arrested when he shall be located; his home is said to be in Portland. It is a penitentiary offense to strike a man whose glasses are on his face at the time, and Brice will have to set up a stiff plea in extenuation of his work. Mr. Cobb has suffered greatly from the foul blow, the glasses having been broken and driven into his left eye, and has been under treatment ever since.

A Mysterious Case—
 On Sunday last, in the very height of the storm that swept this city, Miss Ethel Brewer, of Ferndale, accompanied by a young friend, Miss Matthews, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oak Sutton, of Exchange street, in this city, friends of Miss Brewer, and the shelter from the midday deluge of rain was extended to the rest of the day and all of Sunday night. The girls explained that they had come down from Ferndale to meet a brother of Miss Matthews, and go to Warrenton, where work was awaiting them, but that they had missed the young man. On Monday they left the Sutton home, presumably to follow up the program of which they had spoken (having, on Sunday night been in telephonic communication with one of Miss Matthews' brothers here, two of whom, James and Thomas, work at the Tongue Point mills), and no more was thought of the matter by Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, until yesterday evening, when distressed inquiries were received from Mrs. Brewer, of Ferndale, who has had no word from her daughter during the entire week and is alarmed at her silence. The matter has been placed in the hands of Chief of Police Gammal and nothing will be left undone to locate the girls; it being understood they have not been to Warrenton.

THE STAR.
 A crowded house was the order of the evening when the Donald-Bell Company put on the ever fascinating play of "Camille," at the Star last evening. It has been played by many stars and Miss Tucker's interpretation of the part will compare most favorably with that of Clara Morris and the waits between the acts are not so long as when Miss Morris plays it. The dresses of Miss Tucker were the envy of the ladies and it will surprise many who had the pleasure of seeing them last night to know that they are the creations of a local dressmaker.

UNION MEAT COMPANY AT ASTORIA

DEALS CLOSED YESTERDAY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY—PLANT TO OPEN MAY FIRST.

Astoria is to take her place in the list of branches maintained in the Northwest by the Union Meat Company, of Portland. This big and agreeable fact was settled yesterday when the negotiations were closed by the company with owners of the lot at the foot of Fourteenth street, at the northwest corner of Bond. The deal is closed and the lease signed.

A group of gentlemen arrived here yesterday morning accompanied by C. F. Overbaugh, of the traffic department of the O. R. & N. Company, for the express purpose of winding out the details of this transaction, and when they returned to the metropolis last evening, the whole matter was found out and the Union people will at once begin the necessary improvement of their holdings here. The lot leased is 40 feet by 100 in dimension, with the usual water frontage rights to the harbor line, and give upon both sea and rail transportation, the A. & C. tracks running directly past the inshore doors of the establishment.

As a starter, a one-story building covering the entire area of the leasehold, 40 by 100 feet, will be erected in time to open up business by the 1st day of May; and as the business progresses, such extensions as are adequate will be made. The gentlemen in interest, and from whom these details were learned yesterday, are J. E. Forestel, J. W. Creat, and J. Driscoll; each and all of whom made known the desire of the company to be considered a real Astoria institution, ready and willing at all times to manifest their specific interest in the city and its progress by such share, and contributed, in, and to, her upbuilding and advancement, as are usually exacted from permanent and interested houses. They are well pleased with the prospects ahead of the Union Meat Company, and will do all possible to make the business an advantage to the city as well as to the concern founding the branch.

The other branches maintained are at Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen, Everett, The Dalles, with one projected at Umatilla.

UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATION.

NEW YORK, March 19.—As predicted by Chairman Conners, the Democratic committee today voted almost solidly in favor of an uninstructed delegation to the national convention. But one voice was raised in opposition, that of Charles P. Williams, of Lyons, who subsequently explained that he stood for Bryan and if Williams could have his way the birthday gifts to the Nebraskan would have included the promise of the united support by the Democracy of New York State. Today's meeting lasted just eight minutes. Each of the 51 members was either present or represented by proxy. It was unanimously agreed to hold a state convention in this city on April 14. At that time four delegates at large to the national convention will be elected.

PENSION BILL PASSED.

Largest in the History of the country Carrying \$150,869,000.

WASHINGTON March 19.—After several hours of a spirited discussion over the proposition to abolish seven of the 15 pension agencies and consolidate the pension disbursements from Washington, the House today passed, and the recommendations for one carrying \$150,869,000 the largest sum ever authorized by that measure. The house stood by the committee on the appropriation and left them unchanged, and the Recommendations for one general agency. In the course of a debate Fitzgerald accused the president of using federal patronage to further the interests of Secretary Taft for the presidency. Early in the day the president was attacked by Harrison and Williams for having, as they said, exceeded his constitutional authority in making the laws for the Panama Canal Zone by an executive order.

Chicago is a wide-open town, but the aphorism that "everything goes" does not apply to the anarchists.

ANOTHER AFFIDAVIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19.—The contents of another affidavit which is to be filed in Judge Lawlor's court tomorrow by Ruef were given out tonight. The present affidavit concerns itself with the reasons Ruef had for refusing to testify against Calhoun, Ford and Schmitz in the United Railroads bribery cases which refusal led to the breaking of the immunity contract by the prosecutors, according to the allegations of Ruef. Ruef says in the affidavit that the only time the the prosecution ever suggested repudiation of the immunity contract were upon several occasions when Langdon and Heney and especially Burns "Attempted to suborn perjury by trying to procure me to swear falsely in order to assure conviction of Schmitz, Ford, Calhoun and others."

Ruef denies the collusion between himself and Calhoun, Ford, Mullally and others, and repeats his charge that an effort was made to get him to swear falsely. He says he was threatened if he refused with immediate sentence in case 305 and repudiation of the immunity contract.

UNITED IN DEATH.

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Although deeply devoted to each other during the eight years of their married life, Louis and Mary Larson, are each to be united in death, to their first loves. Mrs. Larson who was 49 years old, died of pneumonia Monday and her husband who was 79 years old, overcome by grief and worry, succumbed to the same disease Tuesday.

In accordance with a compact between the couple, Mrs. Larson's body will be buried Thursday in Forest Home cemetery beside that of her first husband, Chas. Coban, while the body of Mr. Larson will be interred in Graceland Cemetery on Friday in a grave beside that of Amelia Erickson-Larson, his first wife.

James E. Larsen of St. Paul, assistant secretary of the State of Minnesota, oldest son of Louis Larson, has arranged for the separate funerals.

COMES SECOND CLASS.

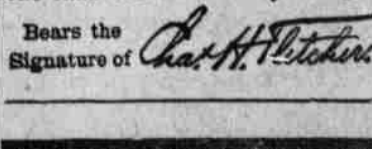
Austrian Count Goes Broke at Monte Carlo and Comes to America.

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—When questioned by the immigration official on his arrival here from Naples yesterday as a second class passenger on the Str. Cadric, Eudolph Schiring informed his questioners that he was a count, son of Baron Schiring of Austria. The officials say he told them he had lost a fortune at Monte Carlo and had determined to leave Europe for good. His income would be \$150 a month from parental remittance and \$1,000 was awaiting him at the Postoffice here, he asserted. According to the immigration authorities, the young man's expected remittance had not arrived at the post-office when they sent to inquire about it and he was taken to Ellis Island for further examination.

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Rebekah Notice.
 The Gateway Rebekah Lodge, No. 77, will meet this evening in regular session. Initiation and drill. Signed, MAMIE CLINTON, Secy.

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