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To Be Buried Today—

The funeral of the late Olin Bagley, who died on Friday last at the home of his brother, P. H. Bagley, will be held this afternoon at the family residence at 2:30 o'clock; interment being had at the Knappa cemetery.

Paying Out Money—

City Treasurer Thomas Dealey paid out \$774 yesterday for street improvement and has made a call for about the same amount for another improvement namely, the Ninth street sewer to A. & C. right-of-way.

At The Hospital—

Mrs. Alice Casey was admitted to the hospital yesterday for medical treatment.—J. Mennen, who was shot by Fred Inquist some three months ago, was discharged yesterday as was also Mrs. Martinson.

Street Improvements—

The committee on streets and public ways accompanied by City Surveyor A. S. Tee were on a tour of inspection yesterday afternoon familiarizing themselves with the localities for which street improvements have been asked.

On Traffic Affairs—

Assistant General Freight Agent W. Coman, of the O. R. & N. service, was in this city yesterday, on traffic affairs of the company, as they apply to this important agency, leaving up for the metropolis on the Potter yesterday morning.

Done In Probate Court—

Judge C. J. Trenchard, sitting for probate matters yesterday made an order in the estate of the late James Smith, citing the heirs of deceased into court, in this city, on the 4th of May next, in the matter of the appointment of an administrator of said estate.

On An Urgent Errand—

Dr. Alfred Kinney, of this city, left last evening for Oakland, Cal., having been called to the bedside of his brother, Dr. August Kinney, who is lying critically ill in that city. The Morning Astorian, with hosts of others here, trusts that the issue of Dr. Kinney's illness may be a happy one and that he will soon be with his home-people and friends again, hale and hearty.

From Far Pennsylvania—

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Powell, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, with their three children, arrived in the city yesterday, on a visit to George W. Roberts, the brother of Mrs. Powell. Mr. Powell left almost immediately for North Yakima, Wash., to prepare his fruit farm home for the rest of the family, he having lately purchased an interest there. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are delighted with the far west.

Candidates Getting In Line—

W. E. Burke, of Seaside, yesterday filed with County Clerk Clinton, his petition in the matter of his candidacy for the position of Representative in the Oregon legislature, before the people at the coming primaries; as did R. C. F. Astbury, of this city, for the position of county surveyor of Clatsop. It is reported that Hon. J. W. Welch is also in the legislative field, for Representative from here.

Some More Candidates—

There are more candidates in the local field than the political roster shows, these days; the matrimonial ambition rivalling the aspirations for office upon a pretty even basis. Yesterday the following licenses were issued by County Clerk Clinton, in behalf of the young people named: Wm. H. Baldwin and Miss Mary J. Blauer, of Fort Stevens; and Edward Ross and Miss Lourana Elliott, both of Hammond.

Is Slacking Up—

It is evident that the registration for Clatsop county is slacking up a bit; that there is a lull in the prosecution of this important duty, which will likely take on new impetus during the week preceding the day whereon it closes by law, to-wit, April 7th, the first Tuesday in that month. Up to last night the totals in this behalf had reached the followings figures which are but slightly in excess of those reported last Sunday morning in these columns: Astoria's seven precincts, 1359; Clatsop county outside the city, 670; grand total, 2029.

Sunday School Conventions—

The season for local and State Sunday school conventions is at hand; and Astoria is getting in readiness for her share of this important labor. The Clatsop county Sunday school convention will be held at Seaside this year, the date therefore not having been fixed as yet. The State convention of the Oregon Sunday schools the 23rd in its great series, will be held at Forest Grove this year, and on the 27th, 28th and 29th of April next; at which the strongest and most attractive program ever presented at a convention of the kind is promised. Among the noted speakers will be Marion Lawrence and Rev. W. C. Merritt, of the international force; and Prof. E. O. Exell will conduct the music assisted by a large chorus; and a splendid time is anticipated.

County Court Business—

There was a short adjourned session of the County Court of Clatsop yesterday morning, at which all members of the court were present, Judge Trenchard, presiding. The court, aside from several road matters, ordered the publication of a call for bids for the filling of the court house grounds, for which it is estimated that 835 yards of dirt will be necessary. The road petition of James Irwin and others to change the bearing of the Elk Creek road, was read and after consultation, denied; while that from A. Akren and others interested, for a road along the Lewis & Clark, was approved and the section in question declared a highway of the county. In the matter of the petition of one J. Jackson, for the removal of a house from in front of his premises in this city, the county advised the clerk to notify Mr. Jackson that the county neither owned the house nor had anything whatever to do with it.

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A Thing of Beauty—

Chairman Lamar, of the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of Astoria's Rose Festival float and kindred matters yesterday received the design of the car, in the rough, and it is exceedingly appropriate and beautiful. It is 22 feet long, and 16 feet in height, and the allegory typifying Astoria and the mouth of the Columbia, is presented by two serpents, erect, and equi-distant at the rear of the car, supporting either end of an immense "Key to the Situation," with old Neptune and his trident, just behind riding in the hollow of a cresting billow. Between the sea-God and the serpents is the famous "Gateway" of the Columbia, which the defiant sea-urchins are guarding, and holding the key to; in the foreground is a handsome yacht with a young girl at the helm, and upon the mainsail is pictured North Head and the bar, with a steamship entering port, the light-house being conspicuous on the right; basic illusion being a waving sea; and the whole set forth in all the brilliant hues of an Astoria summer sunset. It is manifestly the finest sort of a representation of what this city stands for and has met with hearty reception at the hands of those to whom the matter has been left. Mr. Lamar and his committee are to be congratulated on the product.

A Unique Mission—

Captain Frank J. Smith, a well known steamboat man of the north-west, and an all-round transportation expert, was in the city yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, seeking recorded data in relation to all the old-time steamboats that traversed the waters of the Columbia and the Willamette and their tributaries in ancient days, for the purpose of making a compilation covering the exact details of their careers, including the re-modelling, changes, different services, dimensions, routes, ages, and their ultimate fates; in fact, all the real things that happened then. This will be put out first for the benefit of the old-time masters and others interested in such things, and will be followed in due course by a personal and anecdotal history of these same old boats, which will exceed in charm and interest anything that has ever appeared in this behalf. Captain Smith was at the custom house all of yesterday, overhauling the records and found much of deep concern in relation to his unique quest. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left last evening for the metropolis.

Trip to Cardiff Coal Mines—

Attached to the Portland express this morning was a special car which had 56 persons, headed by Mr. Lee, for a trip to the Cardiff coal mines near Kelso. The car will be dropped off at Rainier and the party will take a boat across the river and up the Cowlitz river to Kelso. The party will return to Rainier and their car will be picked up by the Astoria-bound train in the evening.

Answers the Charges—

Hon. John C. McCue, deputy district attorney, has prepared a full and complete answer to the charges made by the special committee of the Common Council, to investigate gambling, and it will be published this paper.

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IN THE CITY OF PILLS.

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To-day America is the greatest pill consuming nation on earth, for, while Detroit pills find their way to every conceivable corner of the globe, from the frozen regions of the Arctic to the deepest fastnesses of tropical jungles, not more than one-third of the total products leaves this country, the average consumption being something like sixty pills per capita per

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