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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Filed Completed Petition—

Fred Moore, of Seaside, yesterday filed his completed petition for candidacy as county commissioner for the short term, with County Clerk Clinton.

Pleasant Rumor—

There is a color-full rumor afloat hereabout that the Portland-Oregon-Seacoast Company, is about to get interestingly active at a very early day, and in a fashion that means something to the concern and this section.

Chose the Safer Course—

It is announced that Captains Oscar Wirkkala and John Riitanen have sold their famous steamer, the Flyer, and have invested the proceeds in a horse and buggy, which they deem to be the safer conveyance; in which they have shown excellent judgment.

The Benson Pamphlet—

The pamphlet recently put out by Secretary of State Benson, covering the long list of amendments and laws subject to the referendum vote of the people in June next, is serving excellent purpose in advising the voters as to what is expected of them in this relation, and they are as thick as flies on a cut watermelon and are being read "right and left."

Seaside Enterprise—

G. L. Houk, of South Bend, Wash., passed through this city yesterday en route to Seaside, where he has purchased the entire interest of the Seaside Laundry, and will hereafter conduct it, under the style and title of the Seaside Laundry & Dye Works. He is an active and energetic citizen and will make it go to a genuine success.

Still Lining Up—

Karl Johan Henrik Molander, a native of Finland, yesterday led his declaration of intention to become a citizen of America; and when asked if he could not dispense with one or more sections of the name, declined to sacrifice a line, word or syllable, and laughingly insisted that he needed it all.

Confirmation Lacking—

There was a rumor abroad on the streets of Astoria last evening that Hollis Alger, of the Alger Logging Company, of Skamokawa, was dead; but the gloomy detail lacked confirmation, though those announcing it, were seriously impressed with its truth.

Back From Frisco—

Charles Darragh, well known in this city, was a homing passenger on the steamship Rose City from San Francisco, yesterday, and was gladly greeted by his many friends. He says the number of unemployed at the Bay City is almost appalling, and that begging is the commonest sort of indulgence there, day and night, and from really respectable men forced to that extremity.

All Kinds of Business—

Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy turned over to the treasury yesterday the sum of \$30,000. He and his deputies are gradually making a deep hole in the big accumulations of mail remittances, and hope in a few days to clean up the rebate payments and distribute the handsome totals where they will do the most good. The sheriff went to Seaside yesterday for the purpose of perfecting certain civil processes.

Off For The East—

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Skyles, of this city, with their children, leave on an extended tour this morning, which will be bounded on the east by Chicago, at least. Mrs. Skyles and the children will remain for three or four months, while Mr. Skyles will find his way back at the end of a month. During the visit, they intend to be present at the golden wedding of the parents of Mr. Skyles, at Port Madison, Iowa, on the 29th of April.

Over From Cathlamet—

Dr. F. Peacock, a well known citizen of Cathlamet, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday. The doctor says the community has about recovered from the horror of the late hotel fire over there, and is resuming its wonted activity. Mr. Oeman, the proprietor of the house that went up in flames, is already busy planning the erection of its successor at a cost of \$90,000, and this speaks loudly of the recuperative spirit of that lively community.

"No News is Good News"—

There was no news of any sort received in this city yesterday in regard to the condition of Dr. August Kinney, of this city, who is known to be gravely ill at Oakland, from the effects of a recent operation for kidney trouble. But the fact that Dr. Alfred Kinney should have arrived there yesterday morning, the conclusion is adhered to that a change for the better is impending and that Dr. Alfred is awaiting the issue before he telegraphs the happier intelligence.

At Home Again—

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Allen, of this city, who for the past four months have been touring the middle west and southwest, returned to this city and their home yesterday, well and hearty and glad to be back. The trip compassed all the points of interest as far east as Hot Springs, Arkansas; and the return was made via Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Southern California, where they lingered long enough to enjoy the leading features of each State.

Furniture All Here—

The entire bill of furniture for the new court house is now in possession of the county authorities, and is being placed in official position as fast as skillful workmen can put it together; and this includes the vault fixtures throughout the building. When all is in place, it is said that a request will be filed with County Judge Trenchard to open the beautiful building to the public for an evening or two, under the brilliant flood of its hundreds of chandeliers and electroliers, in order that those of the people who have not seen it, may do so without impeding the business of the officers.

Ill at Spokane—

Mrs. Captain James Tatton, of this city, left for Spokane on Sunday morning last, to be with her brother, William Wright, who has just undergone a serious operation for stomach trouble, but who has bright hope of recovery.

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Big Call in Prospect—

County Treasurer W. A. Sherman hopes that by the first of April he will be in shape to utter a call for about \$30,000 of outstanding Clatsop warrants, thus shutting off a big obligation and the everlasting interest accruing thereon.

In the Police Court—

Two simple drunks graced the mourners' bench in Judge Anderson's court yesterday and penitently pleading guilty were each requested to devote two days as guests of Chief Gammal or add \$10 to the fines column of the cash book.

New Industry—

The Columbia Bottling Company is the name by which the new industry will be known and it is expected they will be ready for business by the first of April. The machinery, which is all new, is rapidly being installed and when completed the plant, which is in the building formerly occupied by the Eastern Candy Works, will have a capacity of twenty barrels per day.

Buried With Honors—

The remains of the young man named A. Stanton, who was drowned in the Necanicum river on the morning of the 13th inst., were recovered on Sunday last at a point in the river about a mile from where he fell from the raft on which he was working. He was lying on the bank of the stream, just where it receded and left him. Coroner W. C. A. Pohl went over yesterday to take what official steps were essential in the premises. Mr. Stanton was buried with all the honors accruing to him in a community where he was thoroughly respected and interment was had in Greenwood cemetery.

Welcome Cheer at Hand—

The Astorian is in receipt of a letter from C. C. Chapman, the live ad-man of Portland, in which he kindly says that the recent special edition of this paper, put out on the 23rd of last month, is "mechanically, a very fine production, with its half tones showing up splendidly; editorially, it is sure to prove a winner, for the matter in it is so well classified, and the information so interesting and actively presented. I wish every city of Astoria's size would get out as capital a production. It would do this part of the country a whole lot of good." For all of which there is thankful recognition in this city.

Reviewing Their Purchase—

W. H. Moore, ex-president of the Oregon Savings & Trust Company, of Portland, and Miss D. B. Howard, who are jointly interested in the big purchase of land, recently storied in these columns, the 250 acres just west of Warrenton, and upon which there are to be made some costly and important improvements, such as a splendid hotel, a military school, and a sanitarium, passed through this city yesterday, en route to their new holdings, accompanied by a surveyor; the object of the visit being to correct the bearings of certain lines thereon, which in a recent sale of a 24-acre tract, developed some errors. They will return to this city today.

Getting Ready For Coal—

Charles H. Callender, of the Callender Navigation Company, will begin today the preparations necessary for the handling of the coal business that is to be established here by the Consumers' Coal Company, using the southeast corner of the big dock property for the enterprise. He expects to open the business on April 1st, with 100 tons from the Cardiff mines, on the Cowlitz river, which will be sold at the dock for \$5 per ton, which with drayage will put the staple in Astoria homes at \$6. As the business grows, Mr. Callender will amplify the bunkers and eventually expects to supply the steamer traffic of bay, river and ocean.

With The Convalescents—

Frank L. Parker was at his office in the custom house yesterday after his recent illness, and found plenty of mail and business accumulating for his attention, but proposes to take his time in disposing of it, in deference to his health. R. M. Leathers is out on the streets again with regularity, but is going cautiously about his business in order to placate a weakened condition. Leon Mansur's friends were glad to greet him at the opera house on Sunday night, apparently progressing happily from his recent attack, and quite able to enjoy a pleasant entertainment.

Wilson-Budd Wedding—

At 7 o'clock yesterday evening, in

the parlors of the Hotel Merwyn, in this city, a quiet, but very happy wedding ceremony was performed, uniting the lives of Miss Anna Wilson, of Portland, and Edward R. Budd, the genial superintendent of the I. R. & N. Railway, of Ilwaco; Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the First M. E. church of this city, officiating. Mrs. Josie Smith, proprietress of the Merwyn, supporting the bride, and Mr. A. A. Rosenthal, of Portland, acting as groomsmen. A few intimate friends of the high contracting parties had the pleasure of witnessing the affair, and the pretty bride was the recipient of several superb bouquets. Mr. and Mrs. Budd leave this morning for the metropolis, and after a brief honeymoon, will settle at Ilwaco. The hosts of friends of Mr. Budd in this city and section, will be glad to hear of his happiness, and congratulations will be strictly in order as fast as they shall meet with the newly married pair.

With "The Toymaker"—

A splendid house greeted the San Francisco Opera Company, in the "Toymaker" on Sunday evening last, and was immensely pleased with the entertainment from beginning to end. The chief elements of pleasure were found in the magnificent singing of the male chorus, and in the delicious acting and singing of Miss Daphne Pollard, who as the miraculous "doll" was as delightful as she could well be,

and that is saying much. The playing and singing of Eugene Wiener, as Frederick was very fine and won unstinted applause. The entire troupe was admirably adjusted to the various parts assigned and did creditable work at all points. Unhappily, Teddy Webb, the real toymaker, was ill with pneumonia, and his substitute did all that was possible under very short notice to qualify for the lead, and strove with a far measure of success under the circumstances. It is said the company may play a return engagement here in the course of a few weeks; and if they do, they will be cordially welcomed.

Cut Your Fuel Bill Half In Two

Cardiff Coal and Coke Co.

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The Cardiff Coal & Coke Company of Portland has leased 851 acres of proven coal land on the Cowlitz River, about three miles north of Kelso, Washington.

Development

This property is opened by several miles of tunnels, cross-cuts, dip entries and air connections, showing three veins of coal with actually more than 500,000 tons of coal blocked out and in sight.

Equipment

The property is equipped with a railroad from the mine to the Cowlitz River, laid with 35-pound steel rails, with bunkers both at the mine and the river. Pit cars and coal cars, a large machine shop, three-story hotel furnished complete, large dining room, commissary, butcher shop, barn, powder magazine, oil and tool houses, timber sheds, office and eleven new houses.

Capacity

The capacity of the mine at present can produce more than 100 tons per day. This will be increased to a minimum capacity of 300 tons per day by October 1st. This year, in fact, the capacity of the mine will only be regulated by the amount of coal we can sell as the mine could easily produce 1000 tons per day in six months, by forcing our narrow work in the different levels. Anyone who has seen the property will corroborate this.

Quality of the Coal

The coal is a fair grade of lignite coal and will compare favorably with any coal mined on the Pacific Coast. Numerous tests both for steam and domestic purposes have proven very satisfactory. It will sell on its merits in any market.

Transportation

We have both rail and water transportation, and can ship our coal from the bunkers to all points on the Willamette from Corvallis to Portland, and from The Dalles to Astoria on the Columbia, at a cost of from 20 cents to 50 cents per ton freight. Thus enabling the company to market the coal at a handsome profit and yet sell it at such a price that it will be the cheapest fuel in the market.

Management

The management is capable, honest and conservative. E. E. Merges, a Portland capitalist, is president; A. K. Bentley of the well-known Bentley Construction Co., is vice-president and general manager; A. P. Goss, retired banker, is secretary; John L. Hartman, of Hartman & Thomson, bankers, of Portland, is treasurer; and handles every dollar of the company's funds. C. H. Callender, of the Callender Navigation Company, is also a director, and manager of the transportation department. That the affairs of the company will be managed by these gentlemen, is sufficient guarantee that every man who invests a dollar in the company's stock will get a square deal.

Our Proposition

The Cardiff Coal & Coke Company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, with a capital stock of 50,000 shares of a par value of \$10.00 each. Our minimum output of 60,000 tons per annum at a profit on only \$1.00 per ton net, would pay a dividend of 12 per cent on par, or more than 40 per cent of its present selling price, \$3.00 per share.

For the purpose of further equipping our property with a complete electric plant including hoists, lights, fans and an underground trolley system of haulage in all the main tunnels, as well as a fleet of barges.

We are offering a limited amount of our treasury stock for sale at \$3.00 per share. The price of this stock will positively be advanced to \$5.00 per share not later than the 15th of April.

Remember, coal is as staple as flour, and that this is not a prospect hole but a developed mine on which more than \$200,000 has already been expended, and where you have five tons of coal in actual sight to secure every dollar invested.

Order Your Coal Now

Leave or phone your orders for coal at the office of The Callender Navigation Company, or give it to your express man and we will be able to furnish all the coal Astoria can burn, beginning the early part of April, for \$5.00 per ton on the dock.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO EITHER THE COAL OR THE COMPANY'S STOCK, SEE C. H. CALLENDER AT THE CALLENDER NAVIGATION COMPANY, OR J. C. LEE, GENERAL SALES AGENT, AT THE NORTHERN HOTEL.

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