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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Water Notice—

Today is the last day to pay the water bill to avoid the penalty of 25 cents which is charged after this date.

Estate Matters—

An order was made in the probate court yesterday appointing Joseph Schamberger as appraiser of the estate of the late John Schamberger, with bonds fixed at the sum of \$800.

Andrew Oster Dead—

Andrew Oster, a logger and a native of Finland, died in the city Tuesday and will be buried from Gilbaugh's chapel on Duane street at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Off to Portland—

R. P. Habersham, the chief representative of the A. & C engineering staff in this city, has been ordered to Portland, and is preparing to leave at an early date for his new habitat. He and his family will be sorely missed from the business and social circles of Astoria where they have made many lasting friends.

New Coal Bunkers—

The Callender dock is a busy place these days, due in a measure to the advent of the new trade set up there in the Cardiff coal from the Cowlitz river country. The bunkers are still being builded, and the distributing of the coal goes on apace, some twenty tons being ordered and handled there yesterday.

Another Touch—

One more touch of beauty and utility has been added to the unique court house of Clatsop county, in the placing yesterday of the two beautiful fluted bronze, five-globe lamps, one upon either bank of the front steps to the building. They are in perfect harmony with the rest of the appointments and will do fine service when needed.

To Re-model Home—

The fine home of W. F. McGregor, on Astor street between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, is to be generally overhauled and remodelled, as to the interior. The rooms are to be rearranged and new and beautiful finishings in rare woods introduced throughout, with parquette floors in the halls, reception rooms and parlors. Mr. McGregor has made some careful selections of the rarest and finest of the hardwoods that have come to his hand in the course of his large lumber industries, and he intends to use them to the best advantage in this direction. He says the

day of the carpet is at an end in his house.

Back to His Home—

Charles Rogers, the well known druggist of this city, returned to his home here on last evening's express from Portland, after an absence of over three months in California and Arizona, in quest of better health. Mr. Rogers while not entirely free from the trouble that beset him, is better than he was, and his friends trust that with a fair turn thus secured the delightful Astoria summer may serve to free him utterly from the malady.

His 61st Anniversary—

There was a pleasant time at the cosy home of Otto Peterson, in Alderbrook last evening, when that gentleman, with a number of friends, celebrated his 61st natal anniversary. Mr. Peterson was in a particularly happy frame of mind for the occasion, from the fact that he has just disposed of his fine 144-acre ranch at Seaside to Theodore Kingsley, of that city, for a rational and compensating figure.

Wired For Information—

Chief Gammal received a telegram from the city marshal of Richmond Station, Cal., yesterday asking for any particulars of J. Robinson and his son, C. Robinson, who were under arrest on the charge of vagrancy. The wire said they had a certificate of deposit on the First National for \$2500 and some jewelry. The certificate is probably all right as these men were junk dealers here a few months ago, but the chief is at a loss to account for the jewelry.

Promotion Committee Meet—

A lengthy session of the promotion committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at which there was a full attendance of all of the members of the committee together with the president of the Chamber. The session was executive but it was understood that some transportation matters were considered that may prove of the very greatest interest to Astoria. The ses-

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sion lasted for more than an hour and was adjourned for a further report which will be made by a sub-committee next Tuesday night.

Will be Tried Today—

A complaint as issued from the office of Deputy District Attorney J. C. McCue yesterday, upon the sworn testimony of W. R. Whitman, charging one Le On Pi, the Chinese chef of the Tongue Point boarding house, with larceny from a store, in which it is alleged defendant took from the Eighth-street store of complainant, something like \$100 worth of phonographic records. The arrest was made yesterday by Constable Sayres, and the matter will be examined into today by Justice Goodman.

With the Rebekahs—

The ladies of Gateway lodge for Rebekahs, of this city, had the good fortune last night to serve as fraternal hosts to Mrs. A. G. Galloway, the president of the great order in Oregon. The evening was delightfully spent in all ways tending to the good of the order, and in which the guest of the hour was largely instrumental. After the work of the evening all present indulged in a pleasant luncheon and in conversation incident to the assemblage.

The Best Out—

If the handsome little city of Eugene, up at the head of the magnificent Willamette valley, does not succeed in climbing to the very summit of inland glory and prosperity, it will not be because her live people are failing to put her squarely before the reading public of America. She has just issued, through her board of trade, a magazine entitled "Nobody's"; which is one of the snappiest, most up-to-date and attractive things in the way of universal publicity contrivances that has reached this office in many a day. It is crammed full of catchy, pertinent, helpful things and lovely views of a fine country, and must contribute immensely in the work for which it is compiled.

A Successful Trip—

The free round-trip of the Babbidge steamer R. Miller, yesterday, from this port to Cathlamet and all intervening points, was a decided success, according to the reports of those who were fortunate enough to accept the invitation of Captain Babbidge for the day. The Miller left here at 9 o'clock in the morning and made the circuit by 4 in the afternoon; and everywhere en route the Astoria merchants made the most of the opportunity to cultivate the good will and trade that belongs to this city. Those who went out on the bay spin, were: Messrs. S. Nyman, Otto Carlson, James Wallace, C. J. Curtis, J. T. Ross, Norris Staples, S. M. Gallagher, K. Osburn, E. T. Judd, James Finlayson, Benjamin Ward, Frank Woodfield, J. Fuhrman, A. Coe, P. A. Stokes and R. Buenigen.

Got the Wrong Doctor—

The Astorian misunderstood its informant as to the name of the good citizen of this city who is going out next Monday with a party to the Klamath county to look up some land interests, and said it was Dr. T. L. Ball. That gentleman forstalls the friendly impeachment by passing it on to Dr. C. W. Barr, who confirms the assignment and says that the party he is going out with consists of the following named gentlemen: Dr. F. J. Friedrich, O. W. Peterson, and son, of Alderbrook; A. R. Cyrus, J. E. Thomson, F. C. Turner, A. Brown, of Texas, now in this city; and Mr. Olsen, a friend of Mr. Peterson's, of Uppertown. There are 25 or 30 Astorians interested in the lands of Lake county now; and this party will be followed a little later by another of six or seven Clatsop citizens.

Called To San Francisco—

Rev. P. M. Elefson, of the Astoria branch of the American Seamans' Friend Society, has received, and accepted, a call to the pulpit of the First Norwegian Methodist Episcopal church, at San Francisco, and will leave for that metropolis on or about the 24th of the present month. The call is quite advantageous to Mr. Elefson, and he will still retain his interest in the sailors of the coast, as he will figure there as an assistant

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the custody of Mrs. Slavich, the person of the couple's little daughter. Mrs. Slavich accompanied the officer.

Increasing Water Supply—

The feasibility of turning the water of Fat Buck Creek into Bear Creek above the headworks of the water supply is assured and by digging a ditch about three quarters of a mile the supply of water could be increased about 300,000 gallons a day thus providing against any shortage during the dry season.

Discussed Railroad Rates—

Railroad Commissioner Aitchison and Rate Clerk Miller for that Commission were in consultation yesterday afternoon with Chairman J. Q. A. Bowlby of the Chamber of Commerce transportation committee, with President Scholfield and Manager Whyte. It is understood that they were considering an important matter of railroad rates but their deliberations were executive and will not be made known at this time.

Live Rats Wanted—

Dr. Holt in charge of the Federal Quarantine station has been requested to secure some live rats for the bacteriological department of the health bureau at Washington to examine for bubonic and other disease carrying capacity the rodent is said to be responsible for.

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