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BRIEF TALES OF THE TOWN

Back Home—
 Baby Holm, who was being treated at the St. Mary's Hospital, for a broken limb was removed to the home of her parents yesterday.

At Ocean Park—
 Mrs. Ingratson, who has been at the St. Mary's Hospital for the past 17 days will be removed to her home at Ocean Park today.

Doing Well—
 Mr. Chas. Bester, who has been suffering from injury received 10 days ago, is at the St. Mary's hospital and is doing very well.

Postponed One Day—
 Owing to next Monday being election day the meeting of the common council which was to take place that evening, has been postponed until the following night (Tuesday).

Married Yesterday—
 Mrs. Jennie Campbell was married to Mr. William G. Van Glahn at the home of the bride on Seventeenth street yesterday in the presence of a few personal friends.

New Astorianne Arrives—
 At 6 o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, May 26, 1908, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Houlton, of this city, a daughter, at the family home, No. 820 Grand avenue.

Temperance Meeting—
 There will be a temperance meeting in the Iduns Hall, Uppertown this evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. F. A. Scarvie of Seattle will lecture on "The Issues of the Present Campaign." The Scandinavians are invited.

A Trio, This Time—
 William Sutherland Cutts, of Scotland; Godfrey Petersen, Peter Petersen, both of Sweden, handed in their formal declarations of intention in the matter of their American citizenship, to County Clerk Clinton, yesterday.

Worth Seeing—
 Ole Erickson has on exhibition at the Columbia Nursery depot, a beautiful specimen of the rare plant called "A Bird of Paradise," which is in bloom, and well worth anyone's time going a long ways to see.

High School—
 Miss Birdie Wise, Miss Jennie Jeffers and Carl Thomas, members of the High School debating team, left last night for Eugene where they are to debate with a team from the Lebanon High School for the intercollegiate championship of the State, Friday evening. The local team will be accompanied by Miss Hulse and Prof.

Garman who will leave today to be present at the contest.

Mrs. R. A. Abbott—
 The funeral of Mrs. R. A. Abbott, who passed away several days ago, was held yesterday afternoon from the family residence at Warrenton. The interment was in the Old Pioneer cemetery. Many friends of the family were present at the services.

Back Tax Cash—
 The sum of \$129.60 has been received at the office of Sheriff Pomeroy in the past few days, in payment of delinquent taxes for the years 1902-3-4-5 and 6, and was yesterday turned over to County Treasurer W. A. Sherman.

Drowning Fatalities—
 The records of Coroner W. C. A. Pohl's office show but six drowning fatalities in Clatsop county for the present year to date: Captain Campbell of Astoria; Messrs. Shaughness, Stanton and Church, of Seaside; Victor Sandry and Henry Tark, of this city.

\$2085.47 Paid Out—
 City Treasurer Dealey has paid out the sum of \$2085.47 in redeeming city paper since issuing his recent call for warrants. This amount is distributed as follows: General fund, \$828.45; street repair fund, \$188.25; street improvement fund, \$1014.25; interest, \$54.52. During the present quarter Treasurer Dealey has received the sum of \$5305.63 from various sources.

Looming Up—
 The frame work of the new plant of the Astoria Clay Products Co., up in Alderbrook, is looming up in great shape and will soon be ready for covering in. It is a three-floor concern, and will be a busy spot when the various machines are assembled and placed and the expert workmen now here get in their intelligent work.

Died On The Train—
 News reached this city yesterday that Charles C. Bogart, once well known here as a draftsman for the Astoria Iron Works, and who went from here to Arizona for benefit of chronic lung trouble from which he suffered, died on the train leaving that

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State for his home at Scranton, Penn., on the 30th of last month. He was highly esteemed by those who knew him here.

Time To Get Ready—
 A well known business man of Astoria yesterday suggested that "it was high time Astoria was getting in line for a genuine celebration of the 4th of July, before all the minor towns about the coast country set up their individual claims and allurements in that behalf." This idea was projected on the assumption that the order cancelling the regatta will be adhered to.

Busiest Place In City—
 The Astoria Iron-Works is about the busiest place in the city these days, as there are 42 men now at work there filling orders of all kinds and more orders arriving every day. The force is, for the most part, engaged on the construction of the Troyer-Fox gas engines, which are in great demand this season. All the fine machinery in the big plant is in constant use all the time.

From The Nehalem—
 Tim Corcoran, the popular Nehalemite arrived in the city yesterday after the election paraphernalia and left out with it late in the afternoon. Herman Auto, of Push, came in on the same sort of errand, and went out at the same time. They report everything progressing satisfactorily in their neighborhoods and all hands deeply interested in the forthcoming election.

Looking Up Stumps—
 Secretary John H. Whyte, of the Chamber of Commerce and Prof. H. L. Hawley, the forestry expert, will leave this morning for a day's outing in the great camp of the Sorenson Logging Company, where they will look up the stumpage proposition with a view to securing working samples for Professor Hawley's experiments at the Clatsop mills next week.

Has Been Apprised—
 Hon. W. F. McGregor yesterday received formal notification from Washington, of his appointment by President Roosevelt, as Collector of Customs for the port of Astoria. The letter was accompanied by a blank bond in the sum of \$5000, which Mr. McGregor will at once fill, and return to the Treasury Department, whereupon his commission will be forwarded instantly, and Mr. McGregor will take over the office and duties. It dates from the 21st instant.

His Own Design—
 Chester Fox, one of Astoria's clever young mechanical engineers, has just about completed the working model of an automobile motor of his own designing, and will have it in perfect order when he has mastered a single detail in connection with the spark which does not work to suit him. It is of 25 h. p., compact and light, and will be heard from when it is ready for the market. He has worked it several times with complete satisfaction, save in the particular noted.

Bought a "Devil-Wagon—
 Hon. Asmus Brix, of this city, while in Portland, the other day, became so deeply interested in the beautiful and serviceable automobiles he saw around there, that he went straightway and bought him a splendid 40 H. P. Buick, No. 5, improved model; and the last heard of him was that he was up the Willamette valley somewhere having the usual trouble and grief with the thing that comes to the novice on his first tour. It is hoped he may get in before election day as his vote is needed here by lots of his friends.

Off To Corvallis—
 The members of the Astoria High School who will leave for Corvallis today to participate in the inter-scholastic meet, are as follows: Edwin Short, Kenneth Parker, Harry Harbert, Melville Morton, Leo You malo and Wm. Utzinger, with their coach, Dr. Cathey. Other cities to be represented at the meet are Baker City, La Grande Union, Island City, Pendleton, Heppner, Ontario, Hood River, Roseburg, Eugene, Salem, Portland, East Portland, Astoria and Corvallis. The preliminary contests will be held on Friday, but the main events will take place Saturday.

Astoria Has 150—
 Geo. B. Thomas, of Portland, acting under the Rose Festival Committee, has built a splendid grandstand, 200 feet in length, which will safely and comfortably hold 2000 people, from which its occupant can behold the glories of four fine parades, two by day and two by night. Reservations for people from this city 150 in number will be made until Friday

next, at \$4 for the full season, or at \$1 for each for the parades. Those of this city who desire to secure this advantage will do well to see Chairman Lamar of the Chamber of Commerce committee, who will see that all reservations are promptly made.

Two Committees Appointed—
 At a meeting of the signers of the Oregon National Guard which was held last night at the City Hall, various matters were discussed in connection with the organization of the new company. Among them was the appointment of two committees, one for the purpose of selecting proper material for their officers, and the other assigned to look up and investigate an available armory for use of the new company when organized. After these two committees have finished their respective work, another meeting will be called, when aforesaid committees will submit their reports for further proceedings.

Thumb Smashed—
 Yesterday afternoon Mate Thoren, of the steamer Sue H. Elmore, had the misfortune to smash his left thumb badly in closing one of the heavy side ports of the vessel. The thumb was mashed flat from the first joint upward and the nail torn off. He immediately sought a physician who examined it but was unable, owing to the bruised condition, to say just what the outcome of the wound would be, and advised the mariner to forego the trip, but Mr. Thoren concluded to chance it for the voyage and will go to sea with it. It is hoped he may not regret his decision, as exposure and salt water are not conducive to quick healing in such cases.

Had a Good Record—
 After wandering about the continent for over 14 months in futile search for the man it was addressed to, a letter, sent out from here by F. L. Parker, Chief Deputy Collector of Customs at this port, to one Charles Rowe, an able seaman, discharged here from the American ship John Currier on her arrival here from the Philippines, and mailed on the 14th of March, 1907, during which time it went to San Francisco, Vallejo, Mare Island and Washington, D. C., returned to the customs office in yesterday's mail, and will now be held until such time as Rowe may want to discharge it contained, and which, by the way, is a good record for the man.

No Reduced Rates—
 The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company will issue no reduced rates for the Rose Festival at Portland this year. It is claimed that the "two-cent fare" now in force on that line, brings the cost of travel hence to the metropolis, on a level with all other roads who are sharing "three cents" per mile and make a reduction of one-third in their normal rates. R. H. Jenkins, A. G. F. & P. agent of the S. P. & S., with jurisdiction over the A. & C. arrived in the city yesterday, and went on to Skipanon, where he officially overlooked the proposition to throw a spur-line from the main tracks of the A. & C. to the property of the Delaura Beach Company, the new summer resort. He returned to Portland on the evening express.

Going After Contracts—
 It is learned from an authoritative source that the several milling concerns of Astoria are going in for a fair share of the lumber contracts incident to the supply of the 3,000,000 feet of stuff that will be required to construct the new Hill docks and warehouses at Portland. This will not be done in the sense of an open bid against the Portland mills, but in conformity with the request made by H. M. Adams, G. P. A., of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Co., to the Columbia Contract Co., the concern in charge of the work, to favor the lumbering interests of the Columbia river indigenous to the line of the road. And it is said that Astoria is likely to figure conspicuously in the big scheme of supply. Leander Lebeck is also among the bidders for a large section of the piledriving essential to the project.

Fine Fire Quarters—
 It would be a hard matter to find in all the State of Oregon, any community that can honestly boast a nicer, cosier, and better kept set of fire building than Astoria owns and maintains. From the handsome headquarters on Commercial street, all down the line through the three other stations, every house and room is in perfect order and clean and fresh as a rigidly kept sanitarium. The boys have all taken abundant interest in the work, under the suggestions of Chief Foster and the latitude allowed them in the task of prosecuting the work, with general and splendid results. Ed. Llewellyn, in charge of Hose No. 2, has just completed the

Astor street establishment, and it is in the pink of comfort and convenience. The boys have set up a billiard table that they found somewhere at a bargain, recovered it and brightened it, and it serves them finely as a means of entertainment.

Why Is This Thus?—
 Yesterday's Oregonian (newspaper) contains the following item of news: "Assistant General Passenger Agent Jenkins, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, is issuing a new passenger tariff covering the stations reached by the North Bank Road. Commutation rates will be put in from Vancouver to points as far east as Bingen. These books will be on sale within a short time." Which reads to the ordinary Astorian as though the company was playing favorites with its new stations and patrons to the disparagement of its older friends down this way. It was only last spring that the commutation tickets between this city and Seaside were called off and the company went out of the special-rate business on this end of the line altogether, only to resume it, or inaugurate it, at the other end. Such is life, when a railroad gets in the habit of "throwing it in" to a city or town that does not scrap it.

To the Astoria Public.
 At our regular meeting of this date (May 27th), it was the universal expression of our membership that we regret the action taken by the business men of our city in cancelling Decoration Day as a holiday. We believe that every patriotic American should hold this day sacred.

MEMBERS OF CUSHING POST,
 No. 14, G. A. R.

Notice of Meeting.
 A meeting of the Trappers' and Seiners' Union will be held at Chinook, Wash., Friday, May 29th. All members are urgently requested to be present by order of J. R. Burke, president; Wm. Dixon, secretary.

The Comrades of the Cushing Post will attend the following schools: McClure School, Friday, May 29—Thomas Dealey, W. C. Shaw, Samuel Elmore, P. L. Taylor, J. Evans, R. C. Welch, E. R. Brown, G. Baker, Shively School, Friday, May 29—A. D. Craig, S. Timmons, J. W. Welch, A. Scherneckaw, C. S. Wright, O. F. Morton, H. Wilson, J. Huntermer. By order of Commander O. F. Morton. Attest, W. C. Shaw, Adjutant

Mass Meeting of Churches.
 There will be a mass meeting at the Astoria opera house Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in which nearly all the Astoria churches will participate. S. A. Scarvie, who is traveling under the Reform Bureau of Washington, D. C., and others will speak. Everybody is invited to attend. Special music will be rendered by the city choirs.

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NOTICE.
 The members Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., are requested to attend a regular meeting to be held this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation and refreshments. Visitors welcome.

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PERSONAL MENTION

A. W. Giesy, a prominent insurance man of the metropolis, spent the day here yesterday on matters of business.

Jimmie Patterson, the expert hand-saw filer, of Seaside, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, returning to the coast on the evening train.

Henry Armstrong, the well known logger, and Attorney E. S. Snelling of Cathlamet, were business visitors in Astoria yesterday.

J. W. Sharp, a resident of Hopkinsville, is in the city on a matter of business.

F. L. Evans, the promoter of the electric line hence to Seaside and Tillamook, returned from Portland on the noon express yesterday.

The following citizens of Portland are in the city registered at the Occident: F. L. Evans, S. G. Coleman, R. S. Townsend, C. W. Davis, W. D. Clark, and H. L. Bradley.

C. S. Cox, a resident of Portland, spent the night in Astoria at the Occident Hotel, he will go to Tillamook on the Elmore today.

Mrs. Davis and her two children from Chinook are in the city stopping at the Occident.

Mrs. Martin Foad and her daughter, Freda, will go to Tacoma on next Monday to attend the graduating exercises of the Annie Wright Seminary in that city where Miss Foad is a graduate.

It has been announced that Miss May Edith Pohl will be married to Mr. Carl T. Simmons, next week the exact day has not yet been announced.

COSTLY EXPERIMENTS.
Officers of Navy Begin Experiments Which May Have Great Results.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Wind and weather permitting, the ordinance officers of the navy will today begin an experiment which they confidently believe will have far-reaching results. Indeed it is entirely possible in the opinion of some experts that the outcome of the lessons that will be taught by the destructive attack of the monitor Arkansas with her big 12-inch guns, and by the torpedoboot Morris with her Americanized white-head torpedoes upon the monitor Florida will be the most radical changes in naval construction; if not in the hulk then certainly in the armor protection now afforded.

The experiments will be very costly and without doubt severe criticism will be directed at the Navy Department not only by publicists identified with the "little navy" party but economically minded legislators.

The feature of the Florida test will be the firing of a 12-inch shell loaded with dynamite at the point between the two 12-inch gun on the inclined face of the Florida's turret where the armor is 12 inches thick, and thoroughly face-hardened by the Krupp process. Another point upon the naval constructors expect to be informed by the shooting at the turret is the effect upon the turning mechanism upon that great mass of steel and the various electrical and other devices inside of a low of the 12-inch shot on the outside. Much of this mechanism is fastened to the wall of the turret by belts and other means and it is apprehended that a smashing shot delivered outside the turret wall and opposite one of these instruments will send that apparatus flying across the turret, putting that part out of action.

The experimenters will also test a new design of military mast which has been erected on the stern of the Florida. The mast has a base of 24 feet in diameter, tapering to the base of a 12-foot platform at the top. The purpose of the mast is to furnish an observation point for officers. The construction of these masts of steel is regarded as defective. Should this steel be punctured by a shell and the shell explode on the inside of the masts it would be blown to pieces. The new mast is made of hollow steel tubes, woven together in a circular manner, the design of the construction to afford a support for the observers which will withstand shots and explosions. Many shots will be fired at this new tower to test its ability to stand after being cut through in many places.

The torpedo test will be for the purpose of testing both the effectiveness of torpedo nets and for ascertaining the merit of a newly devised water bulkhead, built within the ship beneath the armor belt.

Mrs. S. Joyce, 180 Sullivan St., Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It cured me of a severe case of Kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it."