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In Town—
John Petersen from Nushkego is in the city looking over the ground with the intention of locating here in the ship building business.

Will Be Operated—
John Mervick, a resident of Alderbrook, is at the hospital suffering with kidney troubles, for which an operation is necessary, which will be performed today.

W. C. T. U. Meet—
The W. C. T. U. will meet as usual in their rooms in the Seamen's Home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and will hold their proposed social with Mrs. J. A. Rannels on some future date, time not set.

Delegates Appointed—
Dr. Alfred Kinney and Dr. H. L. Henderson are among the delegates appointed by Governor Chamberlain to represent Oregon at the international congress for tuberculosis which meet at Washington, D. C., from September 21 to October 12.

Shower Party—
A shower party was given by Mrs. W. C. Logan at her residence yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Lola Foard who is to be married on June 30. This is the second shower that has been given Miss Foard as a china shower was given in her honor by Miss Van Dusen on last Saturday.

Contract Let—
A contract has been given to Axel Johansen by Joseph Jacobs, for the election of a new building that will cost \$3500. The structure will be 50 by 100 feet and two stories high, and will be located on Bond street.

Fourth of July—
The Fourth of July committee are still hard at work making plans for the celebration. A special feature will be hose cart racing which will be pulled off by two local teams, and a trophy will be presented to the winners. Many of the floats to take part in the parade are now under construction.

A Fast Duck Boat—
Captain R. M. Low & Son are busily engaged in their Eighth street shop in constructing a copper fastened, spruce and oak duck boat that promises to be very fast. She will carry a four-horse power motor with a sheer shaft. Her lines are very pretty and it is probable she will be one of the swiftest on the river.

Bridge Closed—
The draw at Young's Bay bridge will be closed between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock this afternoon, for

the purpose of effecting certain repairs. This action is taken by order of the county court. The force of men at work laying the new planks have progressed rapidly, and the south side up to the draw is now about laid.

If The Sun Shines—
This afternoon at 2 o'clock the Astoria High School baseball nine will meet the husky nine from the gallant little "Goldsborough," on the A. F. C. grounds and contest honors with them in a spirited game provided the weather is decent enough. The High School boys did the Alumni nine up at the rate of 5 to 3 yesterday afternoon, with the game fore-shortened on account of the weather.

In Circuit Court—
The following cases in Circuit Court were passed upon yesterday: Fred Mayregger vs. May Mayregger, decree of divorce; Nellie Sutherland vs. A. E. Sutherland, decree of divorce; H. Fleckenstein & Co. vs. Axel Jacobson, judgment for plaintiff; State of Oregon vs. Robert Willbur, cash bail of Lottie Laugue ordered returned.

Buried at Portland—
George Beale the former manager of the Pillar Rock Cannery, who died several days ago will be shipped to Portland Friday for burial in the River View Cemetery. The body has been held by Undertaker Gilbaugh while waiting for an answer to a cablegram sent to the dead man's relatives in England, asking what disposition they wished made with his remains. Mr. Gilbaugh received a reply to the effect set out above.


Important if True—
It was learned yesterday from a pretty definite source that the Hill interests have ordered 300,000 feet of square lumber for construction purposes on their holdings in New Astoria. This news, if true, is naturally quite important. The Hill holdings along the waterfront are large and it is considered only a matter of time before active work is commenced there. It may be that the time has now come.

Senator Fulton Home—
United States Senator C. W. Fulton arrived home again in Astoria yesterday after months of absence in attendance upon the sessions of Con-

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gress, and later at the national convention of the republican party at Chicago. Senator Fulton told the many friends that he met on the streets yesterday afternoon that he was glad to be home again, and expects to remain here during most of the summer. He is to be the orator of the day on the Fourth. Senator Fulton took a prominent part in the convention that nominated Mr. Taft for the presidency.

Enforce The Ordinance—
"Any person or persons," states Section 21 of the ordinances of the city of Astoria, "who shall fire off or discharge any ordinance, gun, pistol, rifle or other fire arm within the city limits of Astoria, or any fireworks, or fire cracker of any kind or description shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, before the police court, shall be punished by a fine not less than \$5 or more than \$3000, or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed 100 days; provided, that the Mayor may permit, upon national holidays, and other days of public celebration, the same."

Old Fisherman Dead—
Charles Hicks, age about 80 years, died at St. Mary's Hospital Wednesday morning shortly after midnight. He was in the hospital about ten days and died of old age and general debility. The deceased was a native of New York but came to the Pacific Coast at an early age. He was one of the oldest fishermen on the Columbia river where he fished until a few years ago when he became too old to do much work. Since that time he has been living in a scow and picking up what little money he needed to live on, by mending nets for other fishermen. The arrangements for his funeral have, as yet, not been completed.

On Cleveland's Death—
Mr. John Adair, who is widely known throughout Clatsop county as one of its oldest residents and as one of its leading Democratic citizens, said last night that he could not help but feel the death of former President Cleveland keenly, as do others here who voted for him and admired his career in the President chair. "Although away out here on the Pacific Coast, we, too, feel the loss of Mr. Cleveland and sympathize with the members of the family who survive him," said Mr. Adair. "I was glad to read that President Roosevelt had sent expressions of his sorrow to Mrs. Cleveland, and we know that the President undoubtedly felt as he wrote."

Secondary Company Formed—
Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Coast Railway Company were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday afternoon. This company is formed for the apparent purpose of standing in the relationship of a sort of holding company to the recently formed Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Electric Railway Company. The incorporators of the new company are W. E. Buffum, H. G. Van Dusen and E. Z. Ferguson, who were also incorporators of the original company. The capital stock of the secondary company is \$10,000, divided into 1000 shares of \$10 each. The purposes of the new organization, as stated in the articles, are apparently virtually identical with those of the original company.

Burglar Escapes—
Officer Houghton while making his round last night about midnight got sight of a burglar in Rolston's shoe store, but the man who ever he was saw the officer first and made his escape through a back window where he gained entrance. Mr. Houghton says that last night as usual he tried the door of the shoe store to satisfy himself that it was locked, and as he placed his hand on the knob of the door he noticed a light inside but didn't think much of it at the time, supposing that some one of the firm was doing a little overtime work, when at the same time a man passed before his view making a bolt for the back part of the store, where he made good his escape. This quick movement on the man's part aroused the suspicion of the officer and he immediately went around to the back part of the store to investigate. After a little difficulty owing to the dark he found one of the back windows broken where the burglar got in. Luckily the officer arrived on the scene in the nick of time, before the robber had a chance to steal anything. An investigation is being made and the man may yet be caught.

NOTICE.

Union Gas Engine Company.
Mr. C. H. Carlson has been appointed local agent for the Union Gas Engine Company for Astoria and Lower River territory with headquarters at Astoria. A full line of repair parts will be carried in stock at 591 Exchange street, Astoria, by Mr. Carlson, who is also equipped to do repair work on Union Engines at short notice in a first-class manner. UNION GAS ENGINE COMPANY, F. P. Kendall, General Sales Agent.

ASTORIA ASKS FOR SQUARE DEAL

BUSINESS MEN AND OTHERS RESENT THE ACTIONS OF THE RAILWAY COMPANIES—

The announcement made yesterday by the management of the O. R. & N. Railway Company, as told by The Astorian, that the steamer T. J. Potter will run direct from Portland to Megler's, without touching at this port at all, has naturally caused the sharpest kind of comment from local business men. It looks as if the O. R. & N. forgot for the moment that Astoria is on the map.

The city of Astoria has a population that approximates 15,000. The passenger traffic between this city and Portland daily is a considerable one. For the steamer Potter to touch here daily on her runs would mean that she would hardly have to go five miles out of her way, and would thereby hardly lose an hour's time at the outside.

How the O. R. & N. management can afford to do this is not very clear to men at this end of the line. That the Potter could work up a considerable passenger traffic between Portland and Astoria is a plain proposition, especially since the vessel is now scheduled to leave Portland at 8 o'clock each morning. In former days no one could tell with any degree of certainty just when the sailing would be made, and as a result passengers for this city naturally did not accustom themselves to look for the O. R. & N. sailings. But with a definite hour for daily departures, there seems to be no reason why the passenger traffic should not be a material source of income to the Potter.

It may be stated in defense of the railway company, that it is virtually impossible for the Potter to make her daily runs if she were to touch here; but there seems to be no reason why she cannot easily cross the river in an hour's time. To cross the river would require only a detour of a few miles when the tide is low, and when the tide is high she can cut straight across. While it may be natural for the company to evince a desire to keep its passengers on the other side of the river entirely, to the end that none of them may be diverted from the O. R. & N. trains, nevertheless that may prove a short sighted policy. The Hassalo makes the run daily now, and with the Potter touching here, there would be a vastly improved service.

The business management of the water lines of the O. R. & N. seem to have overlooked the fact that their beach business may last only for a few months, while Astoria is here at the mouth of the Columbia river for 12 months out of the year. Agents of the O. R. & N. lines have frequently complained of the loss of business that they suffer from the other vessels that are running independently and oftentimes the complaint has been coupled with the intimation that Astoria should "stand by" the O. R. & N. water lines. And now after all this the O. R. & N. tops the whole matter off by casting this final matter in Astoria's face—literally ignoring the city's existence.

Perhaps Astoria has not learned to properly resent such "slaps"; and in a few days there is another "slap" coming, this time by the A. & C., whose new schedule goes into effect in a few days. It used to be that one could go to Portland on a business errand and remain there until the returning train left at 7 o'clock in the evening. That gave the visitor six or seven hours in Portland. Later the return time was placed an hour earlier, namely, at 6 o'clock. Then still another little slice was cut off, for the new schedule announced puts the return time at 5:30 o'clock. And while in the old days it only took three hours and a half to make the run home from Portland to Astoria, from 7 o'clock to 10:30, now the passenger is to leave there at 5:30 and get in Astoria at 9:20, ten minutes less than four hours to travel a hundred miles. The Astoria trains now do all the little way station work on the Northern Pacific from Goble to Portland, that the other trains used to properly aid in doing. And leaving Portland at 5:30 o'clock, the hurried visitor naturally is pleased to find that there is a diner on the train as a part of the new arrangement. His dollar for the diner dinner will naturally put him in excellent humor for the haste of his departure and for the slower trip that he is compelled to make back to Astoria.

The new Astoria and Columbia trains for the summer will run through to Seaside, and Astoria is glad that Seaside will reap the benefits of the through trains, but at the same time it looks as if this city should be considered just a little by the management of the A. & C.

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Two Are Arrested—
The police arrested A. Kortti and J. Salajarvi yesterday afternoon and later turned the men over to the sheriff. The two men are wanted on a charge of assaulting Matt Walquist last Sunday morning at an early hour. A third man, Joe Terva, is also wanted but could not be found yesterday. Kortti and Salajarvi were locked up in the county jail and will be arraigned today. Kortti says that was his real name in the old country, but that he goes by the name of Andrew Johnson in this country. It is said to be somewhat doubtful that Walquist will want to prosecute the case, but a strong effort will be made to have him do so, as the authorities are tired of the disposition shown by certain of the foreign born residents who make every effort to hush such matters up outside of the courts. Walquist was severely cut up. It is understood that both of the men in the county jail admit that they were present during the affray, but claim that it was Terva who did the stabbing.

DONE BY DEED
Ella F. Beard and husband to J. C. Endicott, lot 24, tract 1 of block 27, Olney's addition; \$900.
United States patent to Cassius E. Frazee, 160 acres in section 35.
Mrs. Almira Gordon to Elva A. Dolan, lot 11, block 1, Long Branch; \$110.

Academy of the Holy Names.
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