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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### Little Daughter Born—

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Suhrs, a daughter, last evening at 8 o'clock. Dr. Estes was the attending physician.

#### Work For Good Men—

Manager Whyte of the Chamber of Commerce says that he has good jobs, at good wages, for several men if they will call at his office this morning.

#### On Legal Business—

James G. Wilson, of the legal staff of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company is in the city on business of importance for his company. He will return to the metropolis on this evening's train.

#### School Repair—

All the schools in the city that are in need of repair will be given immediate attention was decided at the directors' meeting last night. The work will include almost all of the schools and will be completed before the next term opens.

#### The Local Societies—

The local Norwegian singing societies are making great preparations for the Saengerfest to be held in Astoria during the regatta in August. Much enthusiasm is already displayed, and, under the leadership of Mr. Edward Wahl, it is expected the Astorian societies will earn a foremost place in the Saengerfest.

#### Are Paying Bills—

All those who have bills against the Fourth of July committee are urged to present them at once. Those who fail to get their bills in promptly may have to wait quite a while before payment is made. The committee hopes to have a little bit of surplus when all payments are made and it is generally felt that a very fine showing was made on the Fourth for the amount of money expended.

#### New Ranch Boss—

Ex-County Commissioner William Larson came into the city yesterday for the first time since the "Fourth," and brings the pleasant intelligence that on that great anniversary Mrs. Larson presented him with a lusty-lunged son and heir, and that the new ranch boss and his mother are well and happy. There is no doubt about the Commissioner's state of beatitude whatever.

#### Out of Town—

John F. Griffin, the newly appointed school director who was expected to be present at the meeting of the school directors last night, and deliver

a short address was absent, being called out of town late yesterday afternoon on an important matter of business. His oath of office was read however and placed on file, and he was appointed to serve on two committees.

#### Up From The Capes—

Captain Stuart, of the Cape Disappointment life-saving station, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, returning to his post on the evening train. This hardy seaman and valuable officer says things have been a bit lively down his way lately owing to the great numbers of fishermen out on the bar, requiring the constant vigilance of the station he commands as well as that under direction of Captain Wicklund at Point Adams.

#### Returned To Astoria—

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crawford have returned to the city after an absence of about nine months, most of which was passed in traveling in the East and portions of Canada, in the interests of the National Hospital Association. Mr. Crawford will again assume charge of the National Hospital Association's work in this city. Mr. Crawford says he is glad to get back to Astoria, though he and Mrs. Crawford greatly enjoyed their journeyings over the country.

#### Tell Roosevelt, Somebody—

The wise old stork who has charge of the special delivery of babies in this district of the mundane sphere is a busy bird; and he is good friends with all the doctors; one especially having engaged the winged messenger's profound good-will. This physician, in the course of a couple of decades, has received from the old bird just 1507 bouncing little kiddies, and he knows of four-score due to arrive in the next few months if all goes well, and the stork can maintain the fights.

#### Recruits Arrive—

A coach load of recruits, 40 in number, have arrived at Fort Stevens from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, coming out under custody of a corporal. The men are a fine lot, physically, and are quite glad to get to the cool coast country after the sweltering weather

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they have experienced down in the old "border state." This is the first contingent of the new arrivals that are due at Fort Stevens this summer, but just when the others are to land there is not known with any exactitude.

#### Must Go To School—

The appalling large amount of children of Astoria who failed to attend school during the last term, was the subject of a heated discussion at the meeting of the school directors last night. Conditions will be greatly changed next season said one of the members, and the children will be compelled to attend school, the chief of police will be instructed to detail all of his officers to arrest any children who should be at school and hold them until they can show a favorable excuse for their absence.

#### New School House—

At the meeting of the school directors last night the problem of making room for the large amount of children who were so crowded during the last school term, was long talked of. Superintendent Clark's records show that there were 1486 children on his role with the average daily attendance of 1240. A 16-room building is being considered and although no definite steps were taken in that direction, all directors agreed that something will have to be done between now and next September, to accommodate the increasing attendance.

#### Boats Still There—

The promise made by Col. Roessler to stand back of the Columbia River Packers' Association in the matter of the trouble over the seining ground leases on Sand Island has not been lived up to, apparently. The men are still there and it is not possible for the association to use its seines with any effect. Just what the outcome will be is problematical, it seems, though it now begins to look as if the matter will have to be fought out in the courts, and that apparently means that the season's seining will be lost to the association.

#### Three Fire Summons—

The Astoria fire department has its share of business yesterday, being called out three times before high noon. Twice No. 1, Chemical, made runs to the Sundquist home at the corner of Ninth and Exchange streets, both times to put out fire in the moss that clung to the kitchen roof; and during the noon hour, this same apparatus, with No. 1 Hose, and the Combination wagon from headquarters made a smashing fine run to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Utzinger, at No. 130 Bond street, whose roof was ablaze, having caught from the kitchen chimney. The boys worked swiftly and sure under the leadership of Chief Foster, and the fire was put out with a loss of \$25 or \$30.

#### A Good Thing—

Superintendent Clark introduced a measure at the school directors' meeting last night that aroused a great deal of enthusiasm and met with the approval of all the members present. The proposition is to install in the Astoria high school a business course so as to enable any one who desires to take up bookkeeping, shorthand or stenography, they can receive instructions in this city and be fitted to accept any position, in any of these capacities without going to Portland or some other city to secure the schooling. The only expense he said would be of engaging another teacher and fitting up another room, which is a small consideration indeed, in view of the benefit that would be derived thereof.

#### Stockholders Meeting—

A meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon Coast Company, the subsidiary organization formed in connection with the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Electric Railway Company, will be held in the office of G. C. Fulton at 10 o'clock this morning, for the purpose of perfecting the organization. By-laws will be adopted and officers elected. For the past several days Messrs. Ferguson and Van Dusen, who are taking an active part in the proposed electric line, have been offering shares of stock for sale among business men of Astoria and have met with very fine success. Within a few days, it is expected, the list of shareholders and the amounts of stock each has taken, will be made public. There are now some 40 or 50 stockholders. It is requested that all stockholders attend the meeting today.

#### Summer Excursions.

During the months of June, July, August and September the Ilwaco R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets daily from all points on North (Long) Beach to all points on Clatsop Beach at rate of \$1.75. Return limit thirty days.

## CLATSOP'S SUMMARY OF FINANCES

### COUNTY TREASURER W. A. SHERMAN'S LUCID REPORT SHOWS BALANCE ON RIGHT SIDE OF THE LEDGER.

That the finances of Clatsop county are in most excellent shape is demonstrated by a glance at the report of the county treasurer, William A. Sherman. The following summary, as prepared by Mr. Sherman, shows for the six months ending June 30 all the moneys received on account since the last account was filed, and also all the disbursements made since that time. In the county treasury there is now a balance on hand of \$47,498.34. The following summary is well worthy of study:

Receipts.	
Balance on hand per last report	\$ 11,837.77
General Fund.	
Taxes for 1907	\$ 82,298.95
Delinquent taxes	516.27
Penalty and interest	1,029.41
Clerks' fees, 6 months	2,842.42
Sheriff's fees, 6 months	58.90
Fines, Justice Court	267.00
Fines, Circuit Court	100.00
Sale road scraper	200.00
Rent road scraper	20.00
Sale old lumber	39.95
Sale old wood	39.40
Sale old buildings	65.00
Sale old pipe	5.00
Sale old furniture	12.50
Nelson & Gray, refund	13.00
	87,519.80
Court House fund, taxes	31,712.85
County library fund, taxes	3.27
County school fund, taxes	26,601.56
State Land Board	3,000.00
Liquor fine	10.00
	29,611.56
Institute fund, fees	57.00
City of Astoria, special tax	31,989.25
Astoria City Park, spec. tax	943.22
Astoria City Library, sp. tax	943.23
Town New Astoria, special tax	182.14
Town West Seaside, special tax No. 44	449.02
Town Warrenton, special tax	3.15
Astoria public road, road tax	262.75
Public road fund, 5 per cent U. S. land sales	635.63
Special road funds, special tax	23,973.90
School District No. 1, special tax	22,613.87
Other school districts, special tax	10,907.03
Total receipts	\$241,807.67
Total	253,645.44

Disbursements.	
General Fund:	
Warrants paid	\$ 66,281.05
Interest on same	4,423.42
Court House Fund:	
Warrants paid	\$ 34,194.33
Interest on same	155.46
	34,349.79
County School Fund:	
Apportionment orders	\$ 24,349.94
Institute Fund:	
Warrants paid	170.15
City of Astoria:	
Paid to City Treasurer, taxes	33,691.62
Other Cities and Towns:	
Taxes paid to their Treasurers	688.32
Astoria Public Road:	
Warrants paid	105.00
Special Road Funds:	
Warrants paid	9,391.92
School District No. 1:	
Taxes paid to District clerk	22,580.54
Other School Districts:	
Taxes paid to District Clerks	10,115.35
Total disbursements	\$206,147.10
Balance on hand	47,498.34
Warrants called and not presented for payment:	
General fund	\$ 7,000.00
Court House fund	1,100.00

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## SCHOOL DIRECTORS' MEETING

### SUPERINTENDENT CLARK INTRODUCES MEASURE TO INSTALL BUSINESS COURSES IN THE ASTORIA HIGH SCHOOL

At the regular meeting of the school directors in Superintendent Clark's office last night quite a large amount of business of a routine nature was transacted. John N. Griffin the newly elected member of the board was not present at the meeting as was expected, being called out of town at a late hour yesterday afternoon. Those present were J. A. Eakin, James W. Welch, F. J. Taylor, T. L. Ball and Superintendent A. L. Clark. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the following business was disposed of.

The report on the building and repair committee was read and the committee was ordered to see that the repairs were made on the Shively school roof, also repairs to the interior of the building.

The committee on supplies reported favorable and their recommendation for a new international encyclopedia for the Astoria high school was adopted.

The statement of the high school commencement exercises was read and placed on file.

The communication from E. P. Bradley, accepting the principalship of the Adair school was also read and placed on file.

The oath of office of J. N. Griffin for school director was read and placed on file.

A communication from Superintendent Clark recommended that a business course be installed in the high school consisting of bookkeeping, stenography, shorthand and typewriting, was read and thoroughly discussed and placed on file.

This proposition on the part of Superintendent Clark aroused quite a little enthusiasm and if adopted will be a great thing for Astoria as it will enable the students to be fitted out for a position of this kind, without going to Portland or some other city to receive the training as is now necessary.

The election of a new school clerk to act at the meetings was postponed until the next regular meeting.

A resolution introduced by F. J. Taylor authorizing the building committee to make all necessary repairs to the McClure, Taylor and Adair schools, including an upper exit being made from the second story of the McClure school, to Grand avenue. The plan is to cut a door in the side wall of the school and build a run from it to the sidewalk of Grand avenue, so that the pupils on the upper floor can leave the building without going to the ground floor. Similar exits were ordered made at the Taylor and Adair schools to be used in case of fire.

New committees appointed were J. N. Griffin and James W. Welch committee on building and repairs. F. J. Taylor and J. N. Griffin committee on supplies.

As it is a well known fact that Astoria is badly in need of more school rooms for the pupils that numbered 1486 during the last term, with an average of daily attendance of 1240, a new 16-room school building was talked of for a considerable length of time. Mr. J. A. Welch going so far as to make a motion that the board offer \$100 to the architect, who would draw up the best plans for the new house, the motion however was not carried as several members thought it would not be advisable at the present time to take such action in view of the fact that the location has as yet not been decided on. Although nothing definite was arrived at in this respect the indications are that something soon will be done, in fact will HAVE to be done, to accommodate the large amount of scholars that is increasing each year.

The following bills were all ordered paid: Teachers' salaries, \$2270.50; janitors' salaries, \$245; bond interest, \$150; John Hann, \$10; Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. for June, \$3; A. L. Clark, \$150; Kelly Transfer Co., \$14.75; E. Hauke & Co., \$3.40; City Lumber & Box Co., 60 cents; Fisher Bros. Co., \$4; Frank Hart, \$31.25; Steele & Ewart, \$2.40; Astoria Electric Co., \$10.50; Foard & Stokes Hardware Co., \$3; Sanrinen & Haga, 50 cents; Prael-Eigner Transfer Co., \$5; James Finlayson, \$1.50; P. J. Goodman, \$1.50; Ed. E. Lewellyn, \$1.50; R. Caruthers, \$1.50; D. H. Welch, \$1.50;

## WOULD MAKE SWISS CHEESE HERE

### A BIG PROJECT PROPOSED FOR ASTORIA THAT WILL MEAN MUCH IF CARRIED OUT—GERMANS INTERESTED.

For the past nine months the Astoria Chamber of Commerce has had under consideration a matter of the greatest moment to the city and to Clatsop county, and now it begins to appear as if it is capable of near realization. Certain Germans, men of apparent responsibility, have proposed to the Chamber of Commerce to establish a cheese-making industry here, and in addition to establish a plant for the manufacture of what is known as "powdered" milk, in contradistinction to the condensed milk of commerce. While the plans of these German gentlemen have been made quietly, there seems no question that they mean business. Within a week or two H. Wiese, one of the projectors, is expected in Astoria.

The Chamber of Commerce has become convinced that the Germans are entirely responsible and that they mean business, and the matter has now reached a stage when it can be predicted confidently that a favorable outcome of the project will probably be attained.

But the plans really mean more than is apparent at first glance. If the cheese-making plant is established—and this now seems to be an assured thing—it is then planned to commence bringing over here from Germany many men and women who are skilled workers in the cheese business, as they and their people before them have been for many years. It is even said that these Germans will plan to interest thousands from their native country and hold out inducements for them to come to Clatsop county. The magnet to draw them will be the dairy business, a business with which they are familiar.

Large supplies of milk would be required to meet the needs of the cheese-making plant, as well as in the "powdered" milk industry, and therefore it is essential that there be a large number of people engaged in the dairy business. Mr. Wiese, who is expected here soon, is from Kiel, and it is from that locality in Germany that it is expected to draw the German farmers and their families. It is also said that the climate in the locality of Kiel is not greatly unlike that of Clatsop, so that the foreigners would at least in that one respect find themselves very much at home here.

The Chamber of Commerce within the past few weeks finally arrived at the conclusion that it could safely guarantee the conditions precedent demanded by Mr. Wiese before he would establish a cheese-making plant in Astoria; namely, that a certain amount of milk would be guaranteed for daily delivery. At first it seemed difficult to provide for the amount called for, and a meeting of the local dairy interests will be held at the Chamber of Commerce again within a few days to further consider the matter. In addition to getting milk from Clatsop county, farmers from Deep River, Gray's River, and other points on the other side of the Columbia have entered into an arrangement whereby they would agree to deliver certain quantities daily.

There is no doubt that if the matter is carried out it will prove of the utmost interest to the city and county. It is proposed to make Swiss cheese. It is said that the demand for this is greater than the supply in Europe, and there is also a constant demand for Swiss cheese in England. The facts and figures seem to show that Swiss cheese manufactured here can be set down in London, for example, cheaper than the German and Switzerland cheeses now are.

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