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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

On Wednesday Next—

On Wednesday afternoon next, the ladies sewing society of the Woman's Relief Corps, will meet at the home of Mrs. Archibald McLean, No. 259 Commercial street.

Infant Son Dies—

Leonard, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Bartlett, died last evening at 769 Exchange street, age 18 months. The funeral will take place Monday from Gilbaugh's funeral parlors.

Bartenders Will Banquet—

The Bartenders' Union has issued invitations for a banquet to be given in Redmen's hall. An excellent literary and musical program has been prepared for the additional entertainment of the guests.

Was Mr. Hatch's Niece—

Miss Helen Hunt Hatch, the young woman who was killed while making the ascent of Mount Avalanche in British Columbia in company with members of the Canadian Alpine Club, was a niece of O. M. Hatch of Astoria, resident agent of a sewing machine company.

Baseball Today—

The Maroons of Portland will play the West Astoria nine on the local grounds this afternoon and a fine game is promised. The visiting team is said to be a strong one, but the Astoria boys think they should win. The price of admission will be as usual.

Was Hot There—

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Withers returning to Astoria yesterday from Idaho, where Mrs. Withers has been visiting several weeks. Mr. Withers, who is the well known optician, says it was extremely warm there. He made the trip for the purpose of accompanying Mrs. Withers home. Mrs. Thurstay Quarles, sister of Mrs. Withers, returned with them and will pass a part of the summer.

New Rebekah Officers—

Sacajawea Lodge, No. 164, of Rebekahs, held an interesting session at Warrenton on Friday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Noble grand, Minnie Keck; vice grand, Senna Tennant; secretary, John P. Copeland; and treasurer, Minnie O'Donnell. They had a fine banquet and a general good time, and are particularly happy over the manifest growth of the lodge there.

Leg Badly Broken—

George Longway, a young man in the employ of the Fowler Logging Company, back of Ilwaco, went into camp yesterday morning, hearty and eager for a good day's work, and had been at it but a few moments when the whip-line broke, and caught him across the right leg just above the knee, breaking the thigh bone badly.

He was instantly placed on the launch "Zephyr" and brought to this city and St. Mary's hospital, where he is receiving the best of care.

Fell Down Gangway—

Tom Hudson, engineer on the launch Leader, accidentally fell down the gangway leading to the engine-room on the Leader yesterday and received a bad abrasion on the back of the head. The launch got tangled up in some nets down near the Desdemona Sands and "Tom" had gone on deck to help free her. When starting down below again the fall came. The injury was not a very serious one and he was able to bring the Leader back.

One Week From Tomorrow—

The temporary injunction issued out of the federal court at Seattle upon the showing of the Columbia River Packers' Association in relation to the invasion of its seining interests at Sand Island, will be taken up in Judge Hanford's court there one week from tomorrow, at which time, the Messrs. McGowan of McGowans', will show cause, if any they have, why such injunction should not be made perpetual. In the meantime things are running quietly and smoothly at the grounds and the fishing is getting better day by day.

Loses Left Limb—

Miss Bertha Willoughby, aged 16 years, who has been suffering with an injury to her left knee, was taken to St. Mary's hospital several days ago for treatment. After the physicians had done all in their power, it was decided that she would have to submit to an amputation, as a precaution against further complications. The operation was performed yesterday. Chloroform was administered and the member was taken off just above the knee. The young lady stood the operation splendidly and was resting easily last night.

To British Dominions—

It is announced that H. J. Mackin, the well known sales manager for the Tongue Point Lumber Company, and who is very popular in Astoria social and business circles, has accepted a flattering offer from the Frazier River Milling Company, at Vancouver, B. C., and will leave for his new post early in the coming week. He will have charge of the concern's sales throughout Canada, and from all that is known of Mr. Mackin, he will make good in every detail and relation.

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Distinguished Visitor—

Mr. James Laidlaw, His Britanic Majesty's Consul, at Portland, and chief to the late, lamented P. L. Cherry, arrived in the city yesterday on the noon express, for the purpose of paying his respects to his dead friend and representative and to the bereaved family. Mr. Laidlaw will remain here until Monday when he will look into the affairs of the vice-consulate and make such arrangements as are necessary for the prosecution of the business, as under the rule of the service it cannot be permitted to suffer interruption from any cause.

Little Lillie Niemie—

Sheriff Pomeroy returned yesterday morning from Portland where he had gone with little three-year-old Lillie Niemie, who was abandoned by her parents. The little girl is pretty and bright and clean, and it seemed to every one who saw her a pity that such a fate has befallen her. The sheriff says that she clung tightly to him when he was leaving her at the Boys' and Girls' Home, and because he had taken such a liking to the deserted little one in the short time that she was under his care, Sheriff Pomeroy asked the matron at the home to try to give particular care to the little girl.

Army Changes Billeted—

Word has been received at the posts at the mouth of the river that First Lieutenant B. H. Kerfoot, of Fort Stevens, has been transferred to Fort Hamilton, N. Y., and Captain Plisterer, of Fort Columbia, to Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. Both officers are waiting formal and official notice and orders, and will leave almost immediately upon receipt of same. Col. White, who is now at Portland, Me., advised the lieutenant of the prospective change, which he saw in a service journal back East, and Captain Plisterer also heard of his probable transfer through family friends. It's another case of "going away from home to hear the news."

Transfer Pending—

Lieut. Col. S. W. Roessler and Major McIndee have made a detailed examination of all conditions and equipment as they exist at the Columbia jetties, and returned to the metropolis on yesterday morning's train. The formal transfer to Major McIndee will be made in the course of a very few days and the colonel will depart for his new and important post in New York harbor. The exchange in the heads of the engineering department of the Columbia does not affect any of the staff now in service at the jetties, and is confined wholly to the headquarters and the officers in charge of the big district.

Finland Election—

Of much interest to the Finnish residents of Astoria will be the news of the recent parliamentary election held in Finland on July 1. According to advices received yesterday by the Toveri, the local Finnish paper, the election resulted as follows: Socialist, 84 seats; Conservative party, 54 seats; Constitutional party, 50 seats; Agrarian league, 10 seats; Christian socialist party, 2 seats. The Socialist gained four seats, the Conservative party lost four, the Agrarian league lost one, and the Christian socialists won one seat. The advices apparently show that the most decided gains were made by the Socialists.

Made Their Escape—

Yesterday Chief of Police Charles Gammal received instructions by wire from the Portland authorities to apprehend and hold two young larcenists who were alleged to have decamped from the metropolis on the State of California. When the ship arrived the chief and his officers met her and put the gangway under surveillance, while two of the patrolmen made an exhaustive search of the vessel, but without avail. The men were registered as passengers, and they either failed to take passage out on her, or eluded the officers by hiding successfully during her stay in this port. If on board they will be captured at San Francisco.

Postoffice Busy—

The postoffice hereafter will be open on Sundays and holidays between the hours of one and two in the afternoon instead of from 12:30 to 1:30 o'clock as heretofore. The business at the postoffice has so greatly increased, that at the end of this year it is thought at least one more carrier will be engaged to deliver the mail, and possibly several additional ones, if the business continues to increase as it is at the present time. Postmaster Hahn is having a number of new mail boxes distributed throughout the city, some of which are replacing the old ones, but a number of them are being erected in new locations.

Telephone Improvement—

Manager J. A. Brunold, of the Astoria service of the Pacific States Telephone Company, has received advices from Division Superintendent J. W. Gilkyson, at Portland, that a force of 10 men will be sent here

ACCOUNTS WERE IN PERFECT SHAPE

MR. VAN DUSEN'S BOOKS AS FISH WARDEN, COVERING SEVEN YEARS, EXPERTED FOR THE GOVERNOR.

The expert accountant who went over the records kept by H. G. Van Dusen, during his term of office as Master Fish Warden of the State of Oregon, has made his report to Governor Chamberlain. The report as submitted to the governor shows that the accounts were all in excellent shape; the full report is herewith given, covering a period of seven years:

To the Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon.

Sir:—I have as directed made an audit of the books of the Master Fish Warden, H. G. Van Dusen, during the entire period in which he held office, viz., from March, 1901, to April 30, 1908, and submit statements herewith covering receipts and remittances to the State Treasurer by him.

I carefully compiled from the stubs of every license issued under every head given in the statements and found the numbers to be correct as accounted for in the cash book.

I examined the applications on file to see if the business of the applicant for the previous year, warranted the classification named in license and the fee obtained; also that the size of seines to be used corresponded with the classification; all of which I found to be correct. I also referred to the laws and amendments thereto, to see that the proper fees were charged for licenses in every case.

In 1906 there were seven canners' licenses for which there are no applications on file. These were issued I understand, upon an interview by the Warden and upon verbal applications.

I checked the State Treasurer's receipts and found them to agree with the remittances entered in cash book.

The books and records have been well and carefully kept, but I think the methods and system may be improved so as to have a permanent record in book form of all licenses issued.

I would suggest also that the receipts be entered and cash balanced daily, and that the cash should be deposited daily in some bank here to credit of the State Treasurer so that there would be no accumulation of funds in the Warden's possession above one day's receipts.

I have made these suggestions to your present Warden and ruled sample pages for the necessary books along the above lines. The total receipts throughout the above named period, I find to have been as follows:

Total receipts year 1901...	\$ 10,038.20
" " " 1902...	11,134.55
" " " 1903...	16,568.28
" " " 1904...	17,952.30
" " " 1905...	22,673.54
" " " 1906...	27,224.29
" " " 1907...	26,219.80
Receipts to April, 30, 1908.	14,445.85
Total	\$146,256.81

Remittances per State Treasurer's receipts, \$146,256.81.

Respectfully yours,
W. R. MACKENZIE,
Accountant.

early in this week to finish out the interrupted improvements inaugurated last fall, such as connecting up the subscribers' phones with the new cables that have been strung, and cutting out the old open wires all over the city. This will leave Astoria with as fine a cable service as there is on the coast, and amenable to what subsequent, perfected additions may be installed in the office of the company, all of which follow as soon as practicable.

Sea, Bay and River—

Marine items are getting scarcer than the proverbial hens' teeth in this port lately, and happily it is the only dearth that is noticeable. Yesterday afternoon the fine old State of California came down the river with 250 passengers on board, and took on two more here, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, the happy young bride and groom who were married at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Archibald McLean, an hour before the ship arrived. They got a great send-off at the piers, and went away amid the cheers and farewell shouts of their friends ashore and the passengers on board. The steamer Nome City was the only other craft that went to the marine record here during the day, and she left out for Coos Bay at 5 o'clock.

To Extend Grand Avenue—

A communication has been filed in the city auditor's office by M. J. Kinney, asking the city to extend Grand avenue in McClure's addition, east from Twelfth street as now laid out. The council will take the matter up at their next meeting, but it

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is thought they will not look upon the proposition favorably, unless the street can be extended through to Fourteenth street in Shively's addition. If the street is extended as Mr. Kinney asks it will leave it without an outlet while, on the other hand, if extended to Fourteenth street it will necessitate the condemning of a portion of the Wilkinson and Company and S. Elmore's properties. It is hoped that the city council will consent to have the street cut through to Fourteenth street and thus perfect a much needed convenient thoroughfare.

An Incipient Strike—

The government work at the jetty is tied up for a few days, owing to a disagreement that transpired there yesterday between the locomotive engineers on the work and the officers in charge. Under the rules prevailing on the work, about 220 daily workmen are entitled to a half holiday on Saturday afternoon, but the engineers, being monthly employees, do not come within the range of that order, though they insisted yesterday that they did, and refused to go to work unless they received time and a half, for the half day in question. It was necessary to discharge them, six in number, and the work is simply brought to a standstill until their places can be filled on the engines. The engineers probably believe in the justice of their claim, and the officers in charge of the work, could not grant the privilege, hence the untoward condition that has been invoked.

Woman Truancy Officer—

The suggestion made yesterday by a well known resident of Astoria that it might prove an excellent plan for the board of education to retain the services of a woman truancy officer for the coming school year. Last year 200 cases of truancy were reported to the chief of police, according to the records in the superintendent of school's office, but apparently the police did nothing with the boys who were remaining away from school in defiance of a state law. Considerable interest has been aroused by the recent publication in The Astorian of the alarming number of children of school age who do not attend the city schools, and at the recent meeting of the school board the matter was discussed. Now it appears as if some of the well known ladies are preparing to take the matter up, and will lend their influence to back up the board in any plan it may decide upon to mitigate the evil.

Summer Excursions.

During the months of 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

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given to the public that no bills will be paid by the Fourteenth Annual Regatta Committee unless such bill is accompanied by a voucher duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Regatta Committee.

HERMAN WISE, Chairman,
JOHN H. WHYTE, Secretary.

WIRELESS GETS MIXED

HONOLULU July 11.—Owing to the interference of the Arethusa wireless apparatus, the Honolulu naval station was able to secure only fragments of the message sent here by the Associated Press correspondent on board the Connecticut last night. Then the message was sent the Connecticut was in Longitude 136. The Nebraska has rejoined the fleet. The usual fleet evolutions took place. The fleet passed the Transport Sheridan.

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