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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### Marriage License—

License to marry was issued in the office of the county clerk yesterday to F. P. Moon and Miss Fredonia Faulkner, both of Hammond.

#### To Sell Property—

Mrs. Sarah L. Byrd, mother of Lilly W. Byrd, who is mentally deranged, and also guardian of her estate, petitioned in the county court for leave to sell some real property belonging to the daughter. The court granted the petition as required.

#### Arnold's Outfit Here—

The average Astoria youngster is rejoicing in the fact that E. J. Arnold, the popular showman, is back here with his famous "merry-go-round," which will be set up today on the old site, at the southwest corner of Commercial and Seventh streets.

#### Lawn Party Today—

The ladies of the Alter Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church will give a lawn social and card party this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, to be held on the lawn of the church grounds at Fifteenth street and Grand avenue. In the evening there will be dancing in the church hall.

#### Will Purse-Net Salmon—

Peter Dutcher, a well known fisherman in these waters and on Puget Sound, accompanied by G. A. Morgan, has arrived here in a launch from Tacoma, and are preparing their purse-net gear for a try at the Royal Chinooks of the Columbia. Both men are experts and their work will be watched with interest here.

#### New Clatsop Citizen—

Clatsop county is fortunate in having secured another excellent citizen, in the person of James K. P. Coles, of McMinnville, who, with his family, has arrived at Warrenton and purchased a home site in Warrenton Park, where he will build a \$2000 home and east his lot in with the county.

#### No Notice Given—

There is some complaint of the fact that no notice is put up advising travelers of the closing of the Skipanon bridge while the new draw was being installed. It has caused general annoyance. A. L. Fox is doing the work and will complete it in a day or so; but he is not responsible, for the neglected warning.

#### Trestle Repairs—

The A. & C. bridge gangs are working steadily on the main line trestle through the city, placing the heavy stringers and caps wherever the new piling calls for them. The

company will have spent over \$30,000 on this section of the system when it shall have completed this season's repairs.

#### Portlander Turns Farmer—

Thirty-five acres of land, the property of Theodore Bracker, located on the pipeline, was yesterday sold to J. Attenberger, of Portland, through the firm of Van Dusen & Company, of Astoria. Mr. Attenberger purchased the property, it is said, for the purpose of raising berries and other fruit for the local market, and he is expected to take possession now in a short time. The tract is located near the Worsley farm.

#### Waiting On Bricks—

According to the representatives of the Weinhard estate, the plans for the Weinhard-Astoria Hotel are now completed, and the work on the structure will be resumed just as soon as the Astoria Clay Product Company, who have the contract for the bricks for the building are in a position to furnish them to the contractor. The machinery for the local brick plant has been ordered in the east and was shipped on July 7 and should arrive here in about three weeks when it will be installed, and will be turning out bricks inside of a week after its arrival.

#### Having Hot Wave—

Reports from the up-river towns and from all over the Willamette Valley state that the weather has been exceedingly hot for several days past. The official record in Portland showed as high as 90 degrees, though it is freely admitted that the street thermometers dallied up around the 100 mark. In the Willamette Valley the register showed from 90 to 100 degrees. Meantime in Astoria the days have been delightfully cool and the visitors here from the interior have drawn long breaths of relief when they came to town, and at night reached out in their sleep and drew another blanket over them.

**Sunday Excursions to Long Beach.**  
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## AN ORDER OF COURT BRINGS GRIEF

ANOTHER CHAPTER ADDED TO THE UNHAPPY HISTORY OF THE GATES DIVORCE SUIT HERE.

Another chapter has been written in the case of Mrs. Anna Marie Gates versus her husband, Ire E. Gates, but it is not likely the writing of it will close the history by any means, if there remains a legal channel by which to attain to the real elements of justice that dwell within the record. An order was made on Monday by Hon. T. A. McBride, in chambers, at Oregon City, upon the petition of C. J. Curtis, of this city, to the following effect: That it appearing to the court that the plaintiff, Mrs. Gates, was about to leave the State and the jurisdiction of the court, and go to California, taking with her the child of the plaintiff and defendant; that said plaintiff was without means to support herself and said child; and ordering that the said minor child, Ira Campbell Gates, be turned over to the custody of Mrs. Anna Curtis, with permission granted to both parents to see the child under proper conditions at all times; that said defendant pay to the said custodian, Mrs. Curtis, the sum of \$35.00 per month for the care, maintenance and schooling of said minor child, etc., etc."

This order was obtained from Judge McBride upon the sworn petition of C. J. Curtis, prompted by the husband of Mrs. Gates, which sets up the allegations alluded to, along with other matter calculated to inspire the judge with a sense of the urgency and necessity for the order made; and the whole matter bears the stamp of expert presentment and determination, since the plaintiff, the woman in the case, the mother of the child, has not been heard in the premise and is sorely stricken with the suddenness and surprise of the proceedings, knowing nothing of the plea nor order until confronted by the sheriff, M. R. Pomeroy, yesterday, at the home of Mrs. Anna Ford, 236 Commercial street, who, as gently as might be done, claimed and took possession of the handsome three-year-old baby boy, and fulfilled the order of the court by turning the boy over to Mrs. Curtis; the happiest feature of the sad case being that the baby is placed in the hands of a most excellent lady and faithful custodian who will do all that any law, human or divine, prompts for the safety and happiness of the baby.

The case is one of peculiar interest, and has, as it progressed in and out of the court, excited a good deal of definite interest here. It first reached public notice, in the futile attempt of the husband, a soldier-steward at the post hospital at Fort Stevens, to have his wife committed to the State Asylum for Insane, last winter, and who would have succeeded had it not been for the wisdom and humanity that governed Dr. J. A. Fulton and County Judge Trenchard at the hour of examination in this behalf. She was promptly and fully cleared of the charge and dismissed from the court, and from that hour to this has waged her battle of life as only an invalid, poor, sick, without influence, and relying solely upon the spontaneous kindness of a group of friends won in the very hour of her extremity, could do. She has worked when she might and taken the best care of the child a mother might under the pressure of her poverty and invalidism.

At the behest of friends who believed in her and sought to do for her, she went into the circuit court with a plea for divorce, upon statutory grounds, and was given her freedom, her child and alimony, the husband failing to make appearance and plea. The very fees in the case were remitted to her by the court officers, and in addition to this, a generous subscription was taken up for her in the court house itself, and to this

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kindly but meagre aid, she has added her paltry earnings, and has a small account at the local bank.

Mrs. Gates has a brother in San Francisco who has offered to give her and her child a refuge in return for the care she would take of that home, and she has been hoping, with the little she had saved, to go there and accept the offer, but not with any idea of evading the orders of the court as to leaving its jurisdiction, nor in any other way subjecting herself to the discipline or correction of the court.

Attorney Charles H. Abercrombie has rendered the poor woman all the aid in his power and will probably do more if he can; he appeared for her in the suit for divorce and has advised her in all ways for her peace and comfort.

Her husband has not made any creditable showing in the case from beginning to end and this has been general and common knowledge at Fort Stevens and in this city ever since the hour he sought to force his wife into the asylum; he has never paid a cent of alimony nor rendered her any aid since she gained her release; a fact that throws considerable doubt upon his purpose or ability to meet the charge incurred by the order granting the sum of \$35 per month to the custodian of the child. And it is hoped the kindness that has actuated those who have tried to smooth things for the unhappy mother, will not cease nor be withdrawn until they have invoked the larger justice that shall restore her child to her.

There is every sign out that Judge McBride has been imposed upon, and the case will not be permitted to rest where it is by any means. To those who have watched the case from its beginning, this last phase is but an expression of brutal and cold-blooded retaliation on the part of a man who had not a morsel of merit wherewith to appear in the open tribunal, plead his rights, and have them adjusted.

#### 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

#### Regatta Festivities—

The supreme attraction during the coming regatta season, will, beyond all doubt, be the great Scandinavian Saengerfest, and chief among its allurements will be the solo singing of A. Musgrove Roberts, the famous English baritone. There will be a full symphony orchestra of 35 pieces, the Astoria Philharmonic orchestra being combined with the Symphony Orchestra of Portland. The local societies are making complete and elaborate preparations for the grandest musical triumph of the year, and the great choruses will be heard with orchestral accompaniment. Portland will be represented by two of its great societies, the Norwegian and Swedish, and August 30th and 31st, Saturday and Sunday, will go to the history of music as gala days, par excellence.

#### Accident On A. & C.—

The accident to the freight train on the A. & C. that delayed the incoming passenger train to Astoria Monday night was not a very serious one. The trouble happened near Rainier. As the train was rounding a curve at a high speed, the air brake and to axle of the front wheels of the twentieth car from the engine broke, letting the car drop onto the rail, and tore up about 200 feet of track before the train came to a stop. At 8 p. m. Superintendent McGuire arrived from Astoria with engine No. 17 and a flat car, containing two pairs of trucks. The rear end of the train was at once pulled into Rainier, and the trucks taken up to be placed under the wrecked car. The down passenger train was held at Goble, and the up-train at Rainier for several hours, under the trucks were replaced. Conductor Goodman received a shaking up.

#### 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.

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#### PERSONAL MENTION

G. F. Parker, county surveyor, is at Seaside and expects to return about Friday.

Messrs. D. C. Rees, of Waitsburg, Wash., a brother of Mrs. J. W. Welch and William Hendershott, of Portland, a brother-in-law of Mr. Welch, are in the city and guests at that pleasant home. Both are delighted with Astoria, in this, her ideal summer weather.

John Kirn, one of the Capital City's best known and appreciated citizens, spent the day in Astoria yesterday as a pleasant wind-up of his summer outing.

Mrs. George Hill, of North Yakima, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Dr. B. Owens-Adair, at Sunny-meade, near Warrenton.

L. H. MacMahan, the well known lawyer of Salem, was a business visitor in this city yesterday, returning to the Willamette Valley on last evening's express.

The Reverends E. K. Johnson, of Rock Island, Ill., and P. J. Cornell, of Braddock, Penn. (near Pittsburg), are in the city, on a summer tour and are guests of their friend and fellow churchman, Rev. G. E. Rydquist. Both gentlemen are charmed with Astoria and are taking very definite interest in her civic and industrial status.

Mrs. Howard M. Brownell, who has been visiting with her family at Oregon City, is expected to return home today, with her sister, Mrs. Oliver Shiras, who will spend about two weeks at the Brownell home.

#### DONE BY DEED

Ralph Sloop and wife of Svenson to Emil Hill and Matt Maki, lands in east half of northeast quarter of section 26, township 8; \$2000.

Charles Scadding, Bishop of Oregon, to City of Astoria, certain land for use as a public street; \$1.

Walter C. Smith and wife to Ludo B. Starbuck, wife of T. B. Starbuck, lots 7 and 8, in block 7, The Plaza; \$600.

Ebenzer Wells and wife to H. L. Stephenson and G. R. Stephenson, about 140 acres in section 2, township 5 and section 34, township 6, range 6.

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