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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Appointed Notary—

The commission of Karl Knobloch as a notary public was received in the office of the county clerk yesterday from the governor.

For Final Hearing—

In the matter of the estate of Sophia Pearson, deceased, the administrator, George Pearson, yesterday filed a petition in the probate court asking that a date be set for final hearing. A final accounting has been made. The court set August 27 as the day for final hearing.

Suit For Payment—

The papers in an action brought by the Tallant-Grant Packing Company against the Western Fishing Company were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday. The sum of \$2104.67 is asked for in the complaint. The matter arises out of a contract made between the two parties to the action in regard to fishing.

Clatskanie Editor Dies—

Word has been received in this city of the death of E. C. Blackford, the former editor of the Clatskanie Chief. Death is said to have resulted from a cancer of the stomach, from which he had been suffering for some time. He underwent an operation for the disease at Everett, Wash., a short time ago, but the operation was not successful. The deceased leaves five children, all of whom are grown-up.

A Fine Outing Place—

Nehalem Valley is becoming very popular as a summer resort, reports J. C. Pope, of Elsie, who was in the city yesterday from the valley. He says there are many outing parties there from Astoria, Portland and from other towns. The section is receiving more camping parties this year than ever before. The roads have been improved, making the traveling much more pleasant than before.

Want Big Game—

A communication has been received from the agent of the Vandalia railroad at Terre Haute, Ind., asking if there is any big game in this vicinity, such as bear, deer, elk, etc. The letter explains that the writer is planning a hunting trip with a party of his friends who have heard that the game they seek can be had here, and hence the letter. G. B. Johnson, the agent of the A. & C. Railroad, to whom the letter was addressed, replied that the woods here are full of big game.

Opens Tomorrow—

Captain W. A. Johnston, who on

the 25th of August, will round out a quarter-century in the service of the famous old stevedoring house of Brown & McCabe, of Portland, as their Astoria representative, will, tomorrow morning, throw open for business, the new office of the new firm in succession, The McCabe Stevedoring Company, at No. 469 Bond street, and will be glad to meet old friends and patrons as well as new ones, and he will likely have his hands full of both.

Delegates Return—

A. L. Clark, William Ross and Thomas Dealey, who have been in Portland the past several days as delegates to the sessions of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., returned yesterday. W. C. A. Pohl, who has been one of the grand trustees, was also present. The meeting was an interesting one. The Astoria delegates had no candidates in the election of officers, though it is said that this city probably could easily have secured one of the Grand Lodge offices had an effort been made in that direction.

What a Meter is—

During the progress of the games at the London Olympiad several enquiries have been received at the office of The Astorian as to what a meter is. It is the unit of the linear system of measurement in universal use in European countries, and is 39.37 of our inches in length; that is, not quite 40 inches. The metrical system of measurement is commonly recognized to be superior to ours, because it increases or lessens by tens. The meter is the ten-millionth part of the distance from the equator to the North Pole, actually ascertained by measuring an arc of the meridian.

The Will Found—

Recently Cornelius Hunt was appointed administrator of the estate of William McCray, who met death under a falling tree, but after that a will made by the deceased came to light in which Harry Twilight was named as executor. This will was made in December, 1905, and was witnessed by A. M. Smith, J. C. Swope and J. F. Hamilton. The will was made in

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due form and was admitted to probate, and yesterday Judge Trenchard revoked the letters of administration granted to Mr. Hunt and appointed Mr. Twilight executor. The estate is valued at about \$1000.

Interested In Astoria—

Messrs. J. R. Rittgers, of Grimes, Iowa, and I. P. Rittgers, of Salina, Kan., kinsmen and men of an inquiring turn, and who know how to store away engaging facts for future use, are spending a few days in Astoria and Clatsop county, incidentally on a tour of the northwest. They are finding many things of real interest and noting them for rehearsal back home; and it is not improbable they and some of their home people may come out here next year. They are despatching Astoria papers east and otherwise doing friendly service to this city and county.

"Boys Will Be Boys"—

Just to verify the old adage once more the Astorian tells this: Two fine young lads of Astoria stood on the brink of a chasm in the hills back of the city yesterday morning. The precipice was sheer, for 20 feet. They bantered and dared each other to jump down the face of it; but both forebore for want of a real inducement. Finally, one offered the other a nickel to make the leap, and the coin had no more than passed before the one who accepted it made the leap, landed easily on the turf below, and then sat down, white-faced and hurting seriously with a sprained ankle. It cost a dollar or more to have the injured limb fixed up in a tourniquet; but among his chums, the jumper is a hero—for boys are boys, the world over.

Want Timbers Removed—

The Regatta Committee is anxious that the pile of big timbers on the dock at the foot of Eleventh street be removed by the A. & C. company to the end that the regatta committee could erect a grandstand there during the regatta. Yesterday a letter was received from the local agent of the company stating that he did not certainly know if the timbers would be removed. While it may be a pretty big job for the company to take the timbers away and back again, the regatta committee is hoping that it will be done. It is known that Mr. Johnson, the local agent, will do all that he can to assist the committee, but the actions of the A. & C. have not been such as to please the committee on one or two matters. For example, this year the railway refused to give anything toward the regatta.

Apparently Not Insane—

August H. Ruouala, who was taken in custody by the sheriff's office several days ago on complaint of some of the man's companions that he was apparently insane, was released last evening by order of Judge Trenchard. None of the men who know Ruouala most intimately could be prevailed upon to come forward as witnesses in the matter, and the prisoner's attitude since he has been locked up indicated no trace of insanity. Asked yesterday by Judge Trenchard if he knew that his friends were saying that he is crazy, Ruouala expressed amazement at such a suspicion, and replied with force: "Me no crazy." He talked as rationally as some of the men who complained against him. He has been taken into custody before, however, and it may be possible that at times his mind becomes unhinged.

Fisherman Drowned—

William McMath, a well known seiner among the fishermen of the Columbia river drowned yesterday afternoon at the Millers Sands seining grounds. The body was brought to Astoria on the steamer Lurline at 5:30 o'clock last night by Coroner Peacock, of Wahkiakum county, and is now in charge of Undertaker Pohl. The deceased was 45 years of age, and had been fishing on the Columbia river for many years. He had no immediate relatives in this vicinity, but a sister lives at Laurel, Indiana, who has been notified of his death. Just how the accident occurred is at

the present time unknown, but Coroner Peacock said the man had just started out for the night's fishing, and it is thought that in some manner he fell out of his boat while setting his nets, and became entangled in them, and drowned before assistance arrived. The arrangements for his funeral have not yet been completed, and will be announced later.

Bought Fine Place—

The Antonio Furtado farm out Nehalem way was recently advertised for sale by the administrator, Louis Myllenback, and last night the bids were opened in the office of C. J. Trenchard, probate judge. Of the five bids for the place, the one made by Captain John C. Reed, of the Wallula, was the highest and was accepted by the court. The farm comprises 112 and a fraction acres, and brought \$2700. This is considered a good price though all agreed that the place is well worth every dollar and more than it brought. The Furtado farm is well known. The prices offered in the bids go to show since the construction of the new road out Nehalem way that land is being valued much higher, and probably in a few years will be far higher than it is now. The bids were as follows: J. L. Houghton, \$1751; J. B. Baumgarten, \$2050; A. Osburn, \$2155; Louis Ellingson, \$2250; John C. Reed, \$2700.

An Instructive Picture—

Henry Newman, manager of the pleasant little Jewel Theatre, has returned from Seattle, where he has been for the past week making arrangements for another Jewel theatre in that city. Mr. Newman has secured one of the latest productions in picture films entitled the "Passion Play" which will be shown at his house in this city the first three days of this week, commencing at the matinee today. The film is about 3000 feet long and will consume about an hour and fifteen minutes in running it off. The picture, which is of a religious nature will be accompanied by a lecture by one of the members of the Georgia Harper company, and will make an excellent entertainment for the many patrons of the popular little theatre. Mr. Newman who has been engaged in the moving picture business in Astoria for about three months, has in that time given the public some excellent and highly instructive pictures, and his house is usually comfortably filled by the regular patrons. The new house at Seattle secured by Newman will be managed by him for the first ten days or so and after that time Mr. Newman's brother-in-law will represent his interests there.

Oil Company's Affairs—

Just when the affairs of the Deep River Oil Company seemed to be in the very best of shape some untoward events have occurred that have proven a bad set-back to the actual work of developing the oil. Mr. R. A. Wade, the general manager, has also been in bad health, but the rumors that he has "skipped out" are merely not only entirely unfounded but are said to be foolishly unfair. Mr. Wade is now in Portland. The following telegram has just been received by E. L. Babbidge from Mr. Wade, and it indicates that he is preparing to straighten all matters out: "Hold pipe; will send you bill of lading and will take up all matters within a few days." Mr. Wade is a gentleman who stands very high among his wide circle of friends and acquaintances and it is manifestly unfair, so his conferees assert, to impugn his actions and motives simply because a temporary hitch in the oil well affairs has arisen, and in addition to all this, it is known that even if he should not be personally able to handle the matter in the manner that he hopes to, plans are on hand to conserve the interests of the concern in the best of shape. Those most intimately concerned in the matter are not worrying over the outcome.

The Passion Play.

This well known religious drama will be shown at The Jewel Theatre, beginning Sunday afternoon, July 26, and continuing to and including Wednesday evening.

Evening performances, accompanied by a lecture will begin promptly at 7:15. Afternoons, excepting Sunday, only one performance will be given, starting at 3 o'clock.

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Sunday Excursions to Long Beach. Steamer Nahcotta leaves O. R. & N. dock at 6:45 a. m. daily. Round trip fare to any point on North (Long) Beach, \$1.00, Sunday's only

WILL DISCUSS MANY QUESTIONS

AN INTERESTING MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS PROMISED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night will here information concerning the progress that has been made during the past two weeks on the various propositions that are before that body for consideration.

There now seems to be no doubt of the fact that a new and better telephone service will be assured for this long suffering municipality.

The incorporators of the oil and gas boring company will elect directors on August 12th, which is according to law, the earliest date at which this election could be held. It may be expected that drilling will begin in the very near future.

The surveying on the electric road is making progress and the Chamber has taken steps now to stir up as much interest as possible in the Tillamook end of the proposition.

The machinery for the brick company ought to arrive here now on any day and as everything is in readiness for the installation of the same, it may be expected that brick will be made locally within 30 days.

The colonization and dairy proposition is being pushed along and Mrs. Weise, the wife of the colonizer who comes here from Germany, has informed Mr. A. Schnerckau that she will arrive here tomorrow and secure a home to live in. Her husband is due anytime now. Dr. Barr, chairman of the dairy committee and Mr. Whyte will begin a canvass of the farmers tomorrow to ascertain just how much milk can be secured in the vicinity of Astoria, on both sides of the river, and thereby settle a long-mooted question.

President Scholfield will appoint delegates to the Portland good roads convention which meets on the 11th of August. This convention will stir up a new proposition which seems to have good prospects for success. It is to construct a road all the way from San Diego, Cal., to Alaska, such that automobiles and buggies can make the entire distance between those extreme points overland. California has already voted thirty millions of bonds to insure the road from San Diego to the Oregon line. The Portland convention will endeavor to finance the road through from the Southern to the Northern boundary of the state. And Portlanders will very likely try to make this same good road afford them an outlet to the seaside. Therefore it is up to Astoria and to Astorians generally to endeavor to get one end of the road.

The Canadian government, it is asserted, will build the road on through Canada after Washington has constructed the highway through that state. It is believed that millions of dollars would be left along this road annually by tourists and that in reality it would be of as much importance to the state as an additional railroad.

An endeavor is being made to secure the visit here next June of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association in a body while it is en route to the Seattle convention. As the Astoria Chamber of Commerce helped the Northwestern lumber dealers and lumber associations to secure this convention for Seattle, it is now asking these interests to assist it in getting the desired visit of this great lumber organization which would mean much towards reviving a keen interest in local lumber affairs.

All in all, the meeting of the Chamber tomorrow night ought to be rather more than ordinarily interesting.

ASHTON COMPANY LEAVES.

The Ashton Stock Company, who has been at the The Hager Theatre for the past five weeks, closes its engagement tonight. The news comes with much regret to the amusement lovers of Astoria, as the company is without doubt one of the best stock companies ever seen here, and made many friends during their stay here and should they return at some future date they will receive many hearty welcomes.

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

INVEST SAFELY IN OLD CLATSOP

REAL ESTATE MEN POINT OUT CERTAIN FACTS OF INTEREST TO ALL WHO ARE BUYING.

On the 15th, 21st, and again on the 23rd of June there appeared editorials in the Portland Oregonian referring to the burden that will be laid upon the taxpayers of the metropolis through the bonding of the city in the sum of five million dollars. The prophecy is made that the taxes will be increased very largely. These facts seem worthy of re-statement in Astoria because of the fact that a number of Portland realty men are now endeavoring to interest local men in real estate in the metropolis.

Astoria real estate men point out the fact that, while there are unlimited opportunities for excellent investments right here in the city, and all through Clatsop county, it is hardly the part of wisdom to invest money away from home in a city that is already beginning to feel its burden of taxation. Of course it may be said that the Astoria realty men point these facts out because they desire to keep such investments for themselves. That is probably true. It may be quite true, and still not militate against the potency of their argument in the least.

It is admitted here that there are still some investments in Portland realty that may be not only safe but excellent. But they are not to be picked up every day; nor will they be found by men who know little or nothing of the conditions there. One effort in particular is being made to interest Astoria investors on the peninsula, where it is said that the Swift people may build a packing house. Any one who knows anything about the packing house districts of Kansas City, St. Louis, and other towns, will hardly hesitate in promptly turning down this proposition as a first-class investment. Proximity to a packing house simply kills realty for a residence section, except for the poor classes. The smells from a packing house "talk for themselves" for a mile or more.

Meantime local realty men do not hesitate to urge investors to buy almost anywhere in Clatsop county. With the advent of the new electric line, and with the half a dozen other activities that all seem practically certain of being made realities within a reasonably short time, there seems no reason why investors should not take up local propositions eagerly. One argument may seem a pretty strong one. It is a fact that Portland men are investing in Astoria and in certain sections of the county. They ought to know.

PERSONAL MENTION

Hon. I. N. Maxwell, of Salem, was a business visitor in this city yesterday. He will summer at Elk Creek.

Rev. John Waters, of St. Mary's parish, has returned from a week's stay at the metropolis, where he was in attendance upon an institute held under auspices of the Catholic clergy there.

PERSONAL MENTION

Charles Humphrys, manager of the Postal Telegraph here, is expected to return to Astoria today from Oregon City where he went Friday night to join his wife, who has been visiting friends there. Mrs. Humphry will return with him.

R. T. Haversham, formerly the chief engineer of the A. & C., and now in the engineering department of the Hill lines, was in Astoria yesterday. Mr. Haversham now resides in Portland. But he said yesterday that he was glad to get back to Astoria for a day. He was down on business.

New Business Venture.

Mr. E. G. Gunall has opened a boot and shoe repairing establishment in the building at the corner of Eighth and Commercial streets, formerly occupied by N. Akerman. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Open evenings. 7-15-3t

Card of Thanks.

In the absence of her husband, and father, Mrs. Morast and children desire to thank the people of Warrenton and Skipanon for the kindly sympathy and help given us in finding the body of our beloved son and brother, and also for the pretty flowers. I also wish to thank the Anchor Council of K. and L. of S. of Astoria, for the pretty flower piece they sent to an unknown sister. It was surely appreciated.

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