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Dorcas Society

The Dorcas Society will meet this evening at the home of Miss Esther Asp. Members are cordially invited.

Swimming Tank In—

The swimming tank that is being constructed in the basement of the new Allen building on Eleventh street is fast assuming a completed shape, and many passersby stop to look at it daily. The work of raising the frame work of the building is also progressing rapidly.

Alarm From Box 12—

Near noon yesterday the fire department was called out on alarm box No. 12, to the home of John L. Mattson at 1385 Grand avenue, to quench an incipient roof-fire, caught from a stray spark from the chimney. This they did in good fashion and left the premises but little, if any, damaged by fire.

Off For Helsingfors—

Tomorrow morning a party of four well known Finnish residents of this city will depart, via the A. & C. for the East and thence home to Finland, via Helsingfors, to-wit, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. A. Malinen, all residents of Uppertown. They will be gone till late Fall.

Over-Heated Flue—

The fire department was last night called out about 11:30 in answer to a call from 12th and Bond streets where the chimney of the Tokio restaurant had become overheated. There was no damage and the small blaze was quickly extinguished by the aid of one of the small chemical tanks carried by one of the firemen.

Waiting For Expert—

Just when George P. Clark, the expert accountant, will commence his work on the county books has not been definitely learned. Mr. Clark is now at South Bend and is expected here as soon as he completes his work there, which will probably be quite soon. Meantime the various departments in the court house have been quietly seeing that everything is in just the right shape and that the accounts balance to a penny.

Many Hunters' Licenses—

Enquiry at the office of the county clerk yesterday elicited the fact that approximately 370 hunters' licenses have been issued for this game season. Of these nearly all have been given out to local nimrods, while a few have been applied for by other than residents of Clatsop county. The fee is but \$1 for residents of the state, and \$10 for all outsiders.

Probably before the season is half over the number of licenses will aggregate in the neighborhood of 700.

Up From Warrenton—

C. W. Bowers, of Warrenton, and owner of the "Sunset" beach property was in the city yesterday. He reports that quiet as things are supposed to be all over the west side, there are still new homes and houses going up in that lively burg. Among those erecting new buildings there are Mr. Coles, who is framing up a handsome two-story cottage for himself and family and will follow it up with a store-building for hay and grain storage and sale; J. W. Dietrich is well along with a cozy cottage home, and Mr. Harmon is doing like wise.

On The Verge Of War—

On Monday next, the soldiers at Fort Stevens and Columbia, will go into camp, for the annual service drill with the great gun and mortar batteries. For two weeks all hands, officers and men will live and move as though war conditions threatened, or existed, and will sleep, eat, work and live in the very shadow of the heavy ordnance. There are days, during these encampments, when "war has been declared," that the men have to sleep with their clothes and shoes on; but it is fine and manly training and part and parcel of the soldier's career.

Charter Committee Meets—

The charter committee met again last night in the council chamber and discussed the matter of the seawall provision. This subject has been thoroughly gone over many times. The committee will meet again next Friday night. President Clark of the North Bank line, and of the A. & C., had been invited to be present at the meeting last night, as the committee is anxious to have his views on the matter, but President Clark was not able to be present. In his stead, however, appeared J. McGuire, superintendent of the A. & C., and the members of the committee talked the matter over with him.

Some Beautiful Berries—

Hanging in the window of Hoefler's store last night was a bunch of logan-

berries so large and so beautiful in color and luscious appearance that they attracted much attention. They were picked by Mr. G. Ziegler in his yard yesterday. The berries in the store window were really gorgeous to behold. An artist would have found difficulty in duplicating them in water colors, so warm and rich and fine are their tinting. Some of the berries are an inch in length, perhaps, and each one seems a perfect berry. Mr. Ziegler says he picked five gallons of them from two bushes that grow in his yard yesterday.

Election August 6th—

The men and officers of First Company, Coast Artillery, of this city are making fine progress in the drilling of the company and it is said by those in touch with things, that if the uniforms for the new organization reach here in season, the home company will closely rival the regulars from the forts in the grand regatta parade. Newly uniformed, sharply drilled, with their fine physical equipment, they are going after honors by comparison, in every way possible, for the sake of the company itself and the city they stand for. On the night of Saturday, August 6th, an election will be held, to complete the non-commissioned staff, seven more men being needed at that behalf.

Fixing The Cable—

The three-core telephone cable which connects Fort Stevens with Forts Columbia and Canby, which went out of service a few days ago, presumably on account of the wrecked Kelton having scraped over it a time or two in her vagrant trips up and down the bay, has been picked up by the officers and men at Fort Stevens and closely examined for breaks, etc., but none were found. Close in to the jetty landing of the cable, it was found to have been chafed and battered, but still unbroken, and the presumption now favors the idea of one of the great rocks delivered there has fallen from the barges and sunk to the cable line and thus injured it. It will be repaired and relaid in a few days.

Herd Is Coming—

John C. McCue, the well known attorney of this city, who left for Texas on the 3rd of July to attend the Grand Lodge of Elks, at Dallas, has returned to the home-herd, after one of the most delightful outings of his life. He says the session at Dallas was literally immense in the numbers attending, and that the generous courtesy and hospitality of the Texans is without parallel. It was worth any man's time, money and interest to be the recipient of such boundless consideration as was shown the visiting Elks down there. Mr. McCue went on to Galveston, and inspected the famous "seawall" there with a view to helping out his Astoria friends and their great project; bathed in the Gulf of Mexico; took a swim in Salt Lake; looked over the democratic auditorium at Denver; came home via the Southern Pacific route; visited Pike's Peak; went over into old Mexico; and lost Charles Haddix in the shuffle. Mr. McCue was glad to get back to cool old Astoria, in spite of the fine time he enjoyed.

Stick To The River—

Hon. John Minto, of Salem, who is summing on the Clatsop Plains, was in the city yesterday on pleasure and business combined. In the course of conversation with an Astorian reporter, "Uncle" John led up to, and laid especial stress upon, the doctrine of Astoria standing steadfastly by the Columbia river, as the "city's best commercial friend"; that Astoria must do all she may to clear, clean, deepen and utilize it; that in all his 60-odd years of experience, he had never seen so much silt in the Columbia as is apparent this season, and he believes it is due, in a measure to obstructive fish devices, wheels, traps, etc.; that gill-netting is the only safe and open course to pursue in the fisheries and that unless the harmful, disturbing systems are utterly banished from the river the salmon industry must die a quick and logical death. He says Astoria must, with all her neighboring towns, go after a complete system of dredging and never let up until it is in full blast, and then see to it, that it never fails of operation.

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. 7-15-08

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VIEWED THE RICH DAIRY LANDS

SEVERAL LOCAL GENTLEMEN ACCOMPANY VISITING GERMAN AGRICULTURIST UPON A TOUR OF INSPECTION.

H. G. Van Dusen, A. Scherneckau and J. H. Whyte, accompanied Mr. Wiese, who is in Astoria looking into the matter of establishing a dairy or condensory business here, out on a tour of inspection of the dairy lands south of the city yesterday. The party left in the morning and did not return until last evening. The trip was an interesting one, and it enabled Mr. Wiese to see in a fairly comprehensive way just what lands are available for the purposes under consideration and also their rich and prolific character.

First going along the south side of the Lewis and Clark the party viewed the fine dairy farms of that region and then using the "cut-off" road, they drove over to the Young's River country, reaching there at the base of the falls. There the farms were also looked over. At Olney the party took luncheon and then drove along the south side of the river down to the Walluski region. They stopped at several of the farms, and among others Mrs. Grant's fine country place. The local members of the party were highly pleased with all they saw, though the scenes are not unfamiliar to them, and evidently Mr. Wiese was also well pleased with his observations.

For a week or more past Mr. Whyte has been engaged in ascertaining the amount of milk that may daily be procured from the farms in the dairy regions contiguous to these rivers, and he now has the matter pretty well tabulated. Investigation show that it will be a comparatively easy task to secure enough milk to profitably run a condensory here. The farmers seem to be satisfied with the plan, too, and some of them are entering in upon it in an enthusiastic manner.

The project of establishing a condensory seems to be taking shape in a fairly satisfactory manner. Mr. Wiese, who, as has been told before, is a German; and it is understood that he is thoroughly versed in all matters pertaining to the production and handling of milk. The plan is to capitalize the project, securing mostly local capital, and to have Mr. Wiese at the head of the concern. It has been suggested, also, that he may endeavor to establish a school, or some sort of classes, for the study of agricultural and dairy matters. The Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis is now magnificently fitted out for instruction in such studies, but it is possible that Mr. Wiese might find some field for such work here.

In the Willamette valley the experience with condensories has proven highly satisfactory. This city is looked upon as being an ideal location for one. Mr. Wiese also talks of endeavoring to colonize some of the lands in Clatsop county. He says he might be able to interest quite a number of men from his own home region. Lands here may be secured at almost any price, from \$100 an acre down to a few dollars per acre, and with the right kind of men going in on these lands there is no doubt that much could be accomplished. If some of the Germans wish to come here every encouragement will be offered them.

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 days.

Sunday Excursions to Long Beach.
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ELMORE CANNERY IS DESTROYED

SUSLAW PLANT OF S. ELMORE & COMPANY GOES UP IN FLAMES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT LAST; FULLY INSURED

Samuel Elmore of this city, head of the firm of S. Elmore & Company, owners of a number of canneries along the Oregon coast, received word by wire, yesterday, from the master of the Gerald C., one of the company's tenders, lying in the mouth of the Siuslaw, of the complete destruction by fire, on Wednesday night last, of the company's cannery there together with all the equipment, and the big lot of stores and supplies landed there by the Gerald C. Details as to cause and loss are lacking, at this writing, but Mr. Elmore said yesterday that if the fire swept things as indicated in the dispatch, it will approximate \$15,000; and is fully covered by insurance.

The Gerald C. is expected home at any time and particulars will then be available.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Mayse Foster, a teacher in one of the Portland schools, is visiting with Miss Grace M. Morton.

Charles Babcock, state inspector of fish hatcheries, is visiting in Astoria. His home is in Oregon City.

John Hackala, a prominent farmer out Olney way, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. Father Waters of St. Mary's Church is at Seaside for a few days, supervising the erection of an addition to the Catholic chapel there.

Mrs. Dan B. Allen has gone to Ashland to visit with relatives for a couple of weeks.

Dr. Henderson, who attended the convention of Redmen at Medford, has returned.

Capt. A. M. Planck, the tug of war manager, left on Tuesday night's train on a visit to Clatskanie, Rainier and other cities along the A. & C. He will reach Portland on Saturday and return here on Sunday. He goes in the interest of the tug of war tournament to be held during the regatta.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson spent a pleasant week at Long Beach.

The Week in Realty

Astoria Abstract Title & Trust Co. to the city of Astoria, lands beginning at SW. cor of NW. 1-4 of S. 1, T. 7 N., N. R. E.; \$400.

John N. Griffin, trustee, and wife to James Neil, lot 6, block 47, Upper Astoria; \$1.

Alma D. Katz and wife to Everett Ames, undivided one-third of lands in locality of S. 19, T. 8 N., R. 8; containing 267.04 acres; \$1.

W. C. Smith and wife to J. W. Rhodes, lot 3, block 26, The Plaza; \$225.

Mary E. Young to Louis Knoblock, lot 1, block 1, Long Branch; \$1. Mary Morgan to Robert Carruthers, lot 7, block 59, Shively's Astoria; \$275.

Irving C. Langford to H. E. Noble, NE. 1-4 of NE. 1-4 of S. 20, T. 5 N., R. 10, containing 40 acres; \$600.

E. B. Clark and wife to Wm. McPherson Jr., lots 5, 9 and 10, S. 23, and lots 2, 7 and 8 of S. 22, T. 4 N., R. 8; also NW. 1-4 of SE. 1-4 of S. 7, T. 3 N., R. 8, all containing 276.34 acres; \$12,000.

Charles Wright and wife to Frank S. Lewis, lots 32 to 36 in tract 2, block 28, Olney's Astoria; \$10.

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Notice To Fruit Growers.

Mr. C. W. Jarvis, representing the Oregon Nursery Company, Limited, of Salem, is in Astoria in the interest of this well known firm. He will call and take items of stock wanted for the fall delivery. He is out with the finest line of orchard trees, ornamental shrubs and the most beautiful roses, including all of the newest and choicest of Luther Burbank's latest, at reasonable prices. Their stock is the best money can buy, skillfully grafted, well-rooted and true to name, or money refunded or replaced free of cost. C. W. Jarvis, general traveling salesman, J. F. Nolan, 473 Commercial street, local representative and delivery man.

KETCHELL AND KELLY.

In Prime Condition For Championship Battle Tonight.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Stanley Ketchell and Hugo Kelley, who will meet in a 20-round boxing contest at the Coliseum in San Francisco tomorrow night have finished their erio dof training and are now in condition. The battle carries with it the world's middleweight championship. Ketchell the holder, having won it by his recent defeat of Papke in Milwaukee. The men will weigh in Friday night at 6 o'clock and must not exceed 158 pounds.

Jack Welsh, who will referee the fight, visited the fighters at their respective camps today and officially instructed them in regard to the fighting rules.

Interest in the contest is keen and there was a tremendous rush to purchase seats when the tickets were placed on sale today.

Betting favors Ketchell at 2 to 1 and the figures will probably be the same when the men enter the ring. Ketchell, through his manager, is reported to have placed a heavy wager on himself.

MINER WILL MARRY.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Geo. Wingfield, the mining associate of United States Senator George S. Nixon, of Nevada, and also interested with Charles M. Schwab in many mining ventures in Nevada last night admitted that he would be married during the fall to Miss Aude Azile Murdock, daughter of R. B. Murdock, cashier of the U. S. National Bank of this city. Nixon and Wingfield are the men who formed the merger which resulted in the incorporation of the Goldfield Consolidated Mining Co., owning and operating the rich Mohawk and other mines at Goldfield, Nev. Wingfield is staying in this city.

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