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After Tide Lands—

The Willapa Harbor Pilot says that George Warren of Warrenton is negotiating for a large tract of tide land and hill land on the Palix river near Bay Center, Wash.

Prize Floats—

There are to be some interesting prizes announced in a few days for the parade floats, and others for the individual presentations in the grand parade. The nature of these will be announced very shortly.

Lawn Party Ahead—

Tomorrow, Monday evening, the young ladies of St. Mary's Catholic church will give a lawn party on the old church grounds, and it is needless to say it will be delightful and thoroughly well patronized.

Allowance Given Widow—

In probate court yesterday an order was made granting Mrs. Ellen S. Cherry, widow of P. L. Cherry, the sum of \$100 per month out of the estate pending its settlement in the probate court.

He Has Returned—

Olof Peterson, "Fancy Olof," has returned to Astoria after a year at the state's sanitarium for the mentally afflicted and is looking and feeling quite well. It is not known whether he will take over the superintendency of the canine herd of Astoria again or not.

Theatrical Director—

Dick Davies has consented to serve the regatta committee again as general manager of the season's dances, and, it is said, has a new and delirious "step" he intends to introduce, in comparison with which all dreamy waltzers are ungainly and unappreciated.

Business Tomorrow—

The Astoria Common Council will be in session tomorrow night for the first of its August meetings and the principal item of public business to come before it is the passage or non-passage of the ordinance granting a franchise to the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company.

Teacher's Examinations—

Announcement is made that the county examinations for teachers will be held in this city commencing August 12 and lasting three days. The examinations for state certificates will be on August 12-15, inclusive. The examinations will be held in the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Improving Nicely—

Inquiry elicits the pleasant fact that young Robert Bremner, who was seriously injured at his father's logging camp on Friday, at noon, is improving steadily at the home of his parents in this city under the ministrations of Dr. Henderson, who has hope of pulling him through all right if nothing unforeseen arises.

Beats Last Year—

Word has reached this city and is authoritatively given out that the Bristol Bay, Alaska, salmon pack for 1908 will very likely exceed the 1907 output by at least 150,000 cases. Last year's pack from there aggregated 435,000 cases; so that 600,000 cases are looked for when the ships come down this fall.

For the Baby Show—

P. J. Carney, chairman of the baby show committee, has announced the following named gentlemen to assist him in awarding prizes during the regatta display of babies: H. F. Prael, George A. Nelson, Frank Patton, I. Bergman, H. C. Christensen, H. L. Henderson, F. L. Parker and G. Wingate.

Marine Vacations—

This is the season when the pilots of the Columbia River Bar Association adapt their shifts so as to make it easy and pleasant for their annual vacations. Those off duty just now are Captains Cann, Staples, Anderson, Leighton and Harriman, while Captains McVicar, Swanson, Gunderson, Wood and Howe are taking care of "the ships that (do not) pass."

"Who's Got The Button?"—

The new Astoria regatta button for 1908 is out, and is quite a handsome affair. It is conspicuous for the beautiful draped American flag and a dainty little yacht, the two essential and emblematic figures for which the event and people stand; and should be, and probably will be, worn on the shoulders of every man, woman and child in the city before many days.

Refused The Office—

Neal Stupp, formerly a professor in the Astoria schools, was placed in

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nomination for the office of county treasurer of Pacific county, Wash., but Prof. Stupp declined on the ground that if elected he would have to give up his present work. The nomination was made at a meeting of the Democrats of Pacific county held at South Bend, when a full county ticket was named.

Remonstrance Filed—

A remonstrance was filed in the city auditor's office yesterday against the character of the work being done in the street improvement on Fourteenth street between Duane and Franklin. The protest was signed by Gust Holmes and it states that at the corner of Fourteenth and Exchange the concrete is being put down with no "proper foundation," and that the job as a whole is not being done in a workmanlike and skilful manner.

Goals To Humboldt—

Laurence Elleson, No. 1 on the roster of the Cape Disappointment life saving crew at the mouth of the Columbia has been selected by the department to captain the crew and station at Humboldt Bay; and from all that is known and recorded in favor of Mr. Elleson in this city and section, no better choice was possible. The best his friends here can wish him is that he may never lose a life. He leaves in a few days for his new post.

Had a Good Time—

Messrs. Hiram W. Sibley and his guests, from the East, who arrived here on Friday night in the private car "Olympia," were in excellent hands all of yesterday and were shown all the natural and industrial sights in and about Astoria and the mouth of the Columbia, Collector of Customs W. F. McGregor being master of ceremonies, assisted by a number of well known gentlemen. The Easterners enjoyed it all thoroughly, and left for Seaside on their car yesterday evening.

Band Concert Today—

The City Park band will give a concert in the park this afternoon, at which the following program will be rendered: March, "The Jolly Blacksmith"; selection, "Bohemian Girl"; waltz, "Day Dreams"; march, Charge of the Light Brigade"; overture, "Il Trovatore"; march, "Dawn of the Century"; march, "Astoria"; waltz, "Alameda"; march, masquerade; overture, "Echoes of the Ocean"; march, "Electric Wizard." Besides the printed program a number of special number will be played.

Fishing Is Better—

Reports from the canneries yesterday stated that the fishing was excellent, though there is no big run. Water Bailiff Settem said that from all he could hear the run this season will turn out at least 20 per cent better than last year, and this is corroborated by others who are familiar with the situation. Some are still prophesying that in a short time there will be a big run, and among them is Mr. Seufert, who is still staying here until the salmon come so plentifully that he can afford to buy them for his up-river cannery.

Drowned In River—

Kurti Pekuri, a boatpuller for Captain Ziglander, employed by the Booth Packing Company, was drowned at an early hour yesterday morning while out on the river opposite the Clatsop mills. They were returning in from a night's fishing and as Pekuri was lowering the sail the boom swung around and knocked him into the water. The blow must have stunned him, as he sank immediately and did not arise. The body was not seen again and had not been discovered at nightfall. He was a native of Finland and had lived here five or six years.

Friendly Recollections—

D. C. Ireland, once the admired editor of the Morning Astorian and happily remembered in this city in many other ways, has the following to say in his paper the Moro Observer, anent a little fire story the Astorian published last week: "Astoria proposes having a group of old-time fire fighters at the coming regatta. It would be pleasant but for the absence of Capt. Flavel, J. G. Hustler, Adam Van Dusen, John Badollett, A. J. Megler, and Oh, so many other; old comrades, over on the other side of the great divide. That's what makes us feel lonely in Astoria."

One By One They Appear—

Charles H. Haddix, of the customs service, and a loyal Elk, came in on the noon express, yesterday, from Dallas, Tex., where with all Elkdom, he has been in attendance at the Grand Lodge of that order. He says

the heat down there is something to make one long desperately for Astoria and the cool breezes of the old Pacific; but aside from that, the trip was one of unending pleasure for all who took it. He lost his traveling "towney," Hon. John C. McCue early in the game and was glad to find him safe at home. Mrs. Haddix is due to arrive home on the State of California tomorrow evening.

Deferred Honeymoon—

Captain and Mrs. Charles S. Gunderson, of this city, have just returned from what the captain styles their "deferred honeymoon trip," since, at the time of their wedding it was not possible to indulge in the happy outing. They were absent about two weeks and visited Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., Seattle, Tacoma, and other coast cities, and took in everything of interest and delight accentuating the pleasure of the outing by timing it so that they should celebrate their "silver" anniversary en route. They have hosts of friends in Astoria who will cordially wish them other quarter-centuries of happiness and prosperity.

What Experting Costs—

Says the Willapa Harbor Pilot: George P. Clark, the expert accountant, who is now working on the county records, in response to an inquiry, stated yesterday that it would probably cost Pacific county about \$300 yearly to have the records gone over every six months. Mr. Clark is now regularly engaged by several of the counties in Oregon for a semi-annual inspection of the county books, and the offices are always very careful to have everything in ship shape when he is due. Recently the Clatsop county officials were sitting up nights to find an error of one cent, as Mr. Clark is due to look over the books there soon.

Knew His Name—

"Me name is not O'Hone; 'tis O'Hooney," indignantly asserted the prisoner at the bar before Judge Anderson in police court yesterday afternoon. Chief of Police Gammal arrested Mr. O'Hooney on a charge of begging, and he turned out to be an ugly beggar. The prisoner has lost one foot and has left only the part of the other, and under these circumstances he would have ordinarily been ignored or dealt with very lightly by the police, but his language was so foul and his attitude so bold and vicious that it was deemed the part of wisdom to take him into custody. Judge Anderson imposed a fine of \$40 or twenty days, and O'Hooney took Hobson's choice of the twenty days.

Woman Insane—

Mrs. Mary Smith, an elderly woman who has lived some 16 or 17 miles out in the Lewis and Clark district for a good many years, was adjudged insane yesterday by Judge Trenchard, and will be taken to the state asylum for the insane at Salem today. Dr. Estes made the examination for the unfortunate woman. His report states that the cause of her mental derangement was "religion." While religious dementia frequently occurs when the mind has been weakened from other causes, in this case there seems to be much ground for ascribing her insanity directly to religious broodings and meditation. Mrs. Smith is a widow, 65 years of age, and has been affected for the past five years. Her mind now is completely shattered, and all her hallucinations and mental processes run along religious lines. She was brought to town yesterday morning easily enough because she was told she was going to church. Not wishing to lock her up in the county jail over night, Sheriff Pomeroy permitted the woman to be taken to an hotel, where an attendant stayed with her. The unfortunate woman caused no little trouble, and the sheriff was appealed to several times to lend his aid. She tried to throw herself out of a window. The present violent attack has lasted for over two weeks. The sheriff had influence over her because he was introduced to her as a minister.

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THE PROPRIETOR OF "CRYSTAL" ROOMING HOUSE GOES EIGHT DAYS WITHOUT ATTENTION FROM DOCTORS.

The rather startling discovery was made yesterday that David J. Abbey, who has been sick in his room for the past seven or eight days, is suffering from a well developed case of smallpox. Dr. Clara Reames, the city physician, was notified of the man's illness yesterday morning and at once went to his bedside. Dr. Reames at once saw that he was suffering from smallpox, and measures were immediately taken to safeguard the others in the house from infection.

Abbey is one of the foremen at the Clatsop mills, and also is the proprietor of the "Crystal" rooming house, which is over a saloon. About a week ago Abbey was taken ill, but he neglected to call in a physician. There are five roomers in the "Crystal," but as far as is known, none of them has been directly exposed to the disease. The housekeeper, a woman, has been exposed, however, it is understood.

Dr. Reames at once began preparations to have Abbey removed to the pest house, which is out near the Wireless station, but an inspection of the place showed it to be utterly unfit to place a patient in it. All the windows are broken out and in many ways it was found to be utterly unfit for habitation. Therefore it was found necessary to keep Abbey right where he was. Dr. Reames vaccinated all of the five roomers and thoroughly fumigated their clothes and the entire house. There is thought to be comparatively little danger of a spread of the disease, for more by good luck than anything else it appears as if the persons who have been exposed are only one or two in number.

Where Abbey caught the disease is a question. As far as is known there have been no infected persons here. It is said, however, that there is a strong likelihood that in this case the infection was brought down from Portland, where there have been a great many cases during the summer, though not of a virulent nature.

Abbey's case was discovered when, on Friday evening, he called in a friend of his, a drug store man. He saw that there was something serious the matter and reported the case to the city physician.

CHILD IS RESTORED TO MOTHER

HON. T. A. MCBRIDE MODIFIES HIS PREVIOUS ORDER IN REGARD TO BABY SON OF MRS. ANNA M. GATES.

Some days ago the Astorian had considerable to say about certain inequities attaching to the case in which Ira E. Gates, a druggist in the medical department at Fort Stevens, sought to deprive his divorced wife, Mrs. Anna Marie Gates, of the custody of the only child of the union, a handsome little boy, which had been awarded to Mrs. Gates in the decree granted her and which was not even answered, let alone contested, by the delinquent husband.

It is glad now to give the pleasant aftermath of the story, and to say that a host of friends of Mrs. Gates rallied to her cause in the premise and sent in a plea for the restitution of the baby boy, that was promptly granted by Hon. Thomas A. McBride, in open court at Hillsboro, on Friday last; the venerable jurist so modified his previous order as to require the relinquishment of the child by the excellent lady to whose care it has been committed, and granting the mother permission to leave the jurisdiction of the court with the infant at any time. In obedience to this command Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy at the instance of Mrs. Gates' attorney, C. H. Abercrombie, and under the terms of the later ruling, went for the boy and delivered him, finally, to the eager and grateful custody of the devoted mother, whose happiness and gratitude were good to see.

Mrs. Gates left the city last evening for San Francisco, where she will enter the home of her brother, James F. Hanigan, an artisan of that city, and where she will be happier and safer than she has been for some years.

On her departure, Mrs. Gates found great difficulty in even nearly expressing her deep sense of gratitude for the loyal good will and kindnesses shown her in Astoria during the season of her trial and trouble. That same good will is sure to follow her to her new and happier home in the south. The news of the pleasant change in the court's order has been known here since Friday night, but was withheld upon request.

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Charles Wright and wife to Frank S. Lewis, lots 32 to 36 in tract 2, block

28, Olney's Astoria; \$10.
Mary A. Twilight, administrator of estate of James Brown, to Crossett Timber Co., strip of land in sections 16 and 17, T. 8 N., R. 7; \$540.20.
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.