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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Money Taken In—**

The city treasurer's office yesterday took in \$800 for two liquor licenses and \$400 from other sources.

**County Court—**

The county court will meet in regular session tomorrow. The question of the county roads will be considered fully.

**Police Funds—**

The police department records for the month of July showed a total of \$227.50 taken in as fines and forfeitures.

**Tax Moneys—**

The sheriff's office yesterday turned over the sum of \$247.04 to the county treasurer yesterday, representing the tax moneys of the previous week.

**Final Accounting Approved—**

The final accounting of John Niemi as administrator of the estate of Matt Lukkarila was approved by the probate court yesterday and the administrator discharged from further delay.

**Add Another Name—**

The name of I. Bergman was added by the Chamber of Commerce yesterday to the list of men appointed as the committee to attend the Good Roads Convention in Portland on August 11.

**From Ketchikan—**

For the next 30 days the assistant keeper of the Mary Island light, at Ketchikan lighthouse, Alaska, will enjoy his annual outing in and around Astoria and her endless suburban sources of enjoyment and attraction.

**Watermelon Social—**

The Christian Endeavor of the Second Presbyterian Church will give a watermelon lawn social at the home of Mrs. J. A. Rannells in East Astoria, Thursday evening, August 6, instead of August 5th, as first announced. All are invited.

**Chinaman Dies—**

Lum Dock Yit, a Chinaman, age 29 years, died yesterday afternoon, after being a long sufferer of pneumonia. The arrangements for his funeral have not yet been completed. He will probably be sent to Portland for burial.

**Crosses The Continent—**

Sergeant Ernest Crouch, a soldier-electrician, who has been stationed at Fort Stevens for a year or two, has been ordered to Portland, Maine, for

special duty, and will leave for his distant transcontinental post this morning on the 8:20 express.

**Order Bills Paid—**

In the matter of the estate of R. J. Abbott the probate court yesterday ordered the administrator to pay bills against the estate amounting to \$1050.96 and approving the first semi-annual accounting. The order was made on petition of the administrator, R. A. Abbott.

**After Two Months—**

Two months ago August Helgeson, a native of Norway, came out to this country and city to make his new home here, but after trying to like it for that period, in every way he could, he yields to the stress of homesickness and leaves overland this morning for New York, whence he will take ship for distant Bergen.

**Four Bands Engaged—**

Harry Hoefler, of the music committee of the regatta, announces that there will be four fine bands dispensing music continuously. De Caprio of Portland, furnishing 31 pieces, which will be divided on their arrival here into two bands, and the Kaleva and Alderbrook organizations.

**A Noted Philanthropist—**

Hiram W. Sibley, who with a group of friends, was here in his private car Saturday and Sunday last, is a grandson of the man who founded the Sibley Institute for Technical Training, at Pittsburg, and perpetuates the splendid establishment from his own private fortune, and intends to endow it so it shall never cease to exist and do the work designed for it by his ancestor. This same grandfather is the man who erected the first telegraph wires across the continent of America, and who also built the first telegraph system in Russia, from St. Petersburg to the Amoor river in the southeastern part of that empire. Mr. Sibley and his party enjoyed their visit to Astoria exceedingly, and even returned from Seaside on the 9 o'clock train Sunday morning, in order to finish the day in this city. They left for Portland on Sunday evening.

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**Traffic Excellent—**

R. M. Watson, of the Seaside Signal, accompanied by Mrs. Watson, was in Astoria yesterday to spend the day; he reports the traffic of the season to be growing distinctly better than it was a few weeks ago and if the summer "holds out to burn" long enough and hot enough there will be no complaint sent up from that beautiful resort.

**No Bids Filed Yet—**

Trustee-in-Bankruptcy Moen, in charge of the Heilborn furniture stock, reports that up to yesterday morning no bids had been filed for the outright purchase of the goods, though there is no telling when such proffers will begin to come in. In the meantime individual purchases may be made by whomsoever may want any especial thing in stock.

**Capt. Planck Back—**

Capt. A. M. Panck returned to Astoria on the Spencer on Sunday. He visited several towns between here and Portland in the interest of the tug of war tournament to be held here during the regatta. He succeeded in settling several matters which will not only be of advantage to the tournament but to the regatta as well. He found many of the Portland people enthusiastic over Astoria's annual event.

**From The North Coast—**

Editor F. A. Hazeltine, of the South Bend, Wash. Journal, was a business visitor in this city yesterday. Mr. Hazeltine avers that there is a pronounced political sentiment developing over the Evergreen State in favor of S. G. Cosgrove, of Pomeroy, for Governor, and thinks he will easily capture the vote of the state that is not divided between Meade and McBride, and which residuum may be far more than enough to elect him.

**Still Unfound—**

I. B. Elbon, manager of the Columbia mills at Knappton, was in the city yesterday morning on business. He says that no trace has ever been found of his son who was drowned some months ago from an open boat midway between this city and his home. He is certain that the body has been caught in some debris, and that it has been slowly covered by the drifting sands of the June rise, and that after the water subsides to normal flow these accretions will gradually wash away and the body be released and recovered.

**His Formal Credentials—**

A rite of impressive solemnity was held in the office of Mayor Wise in the city hall yesterday afternoon, when the mayor, as chairman of the regatta committee, formally presented Mr. Frank J. Carney with his formal credentials as chairman of the Baby Show committee. In the presence of half a dozen members of the Baby Show committee, and of Judge Anderson and a representative of The Astorian, with Chief of Police Gamal at the outer door, Mr. Carney was given a large silk banner, triangular in shape, handsomely embossed, with a certificate thereon stating that, reposing great and unusual confidence in Mr. Carney—he was invested with full authority to adjudge the babies, to kiss all the babies, and to please their mothers as best he could. Mayor Wise made the presentation in a speech that was brilliant with wit and happy in its personal allusions. Mr. Carney replied in kind. The silken banner also contained beautiful ribbons of baby blue, and a number of safety pins. At the suggestion of Dr. Henderson, who is one of the associates of Mr. Carney on the committee, it was decided to add new members to the committee and yesterday A. M. Smith was appointed attorney; C. P. Ziegler, secretary; Asmus Brix, treasurer; James Tatton, general solicitor, and R. C. Lee and N. J. Judah as press representatives.

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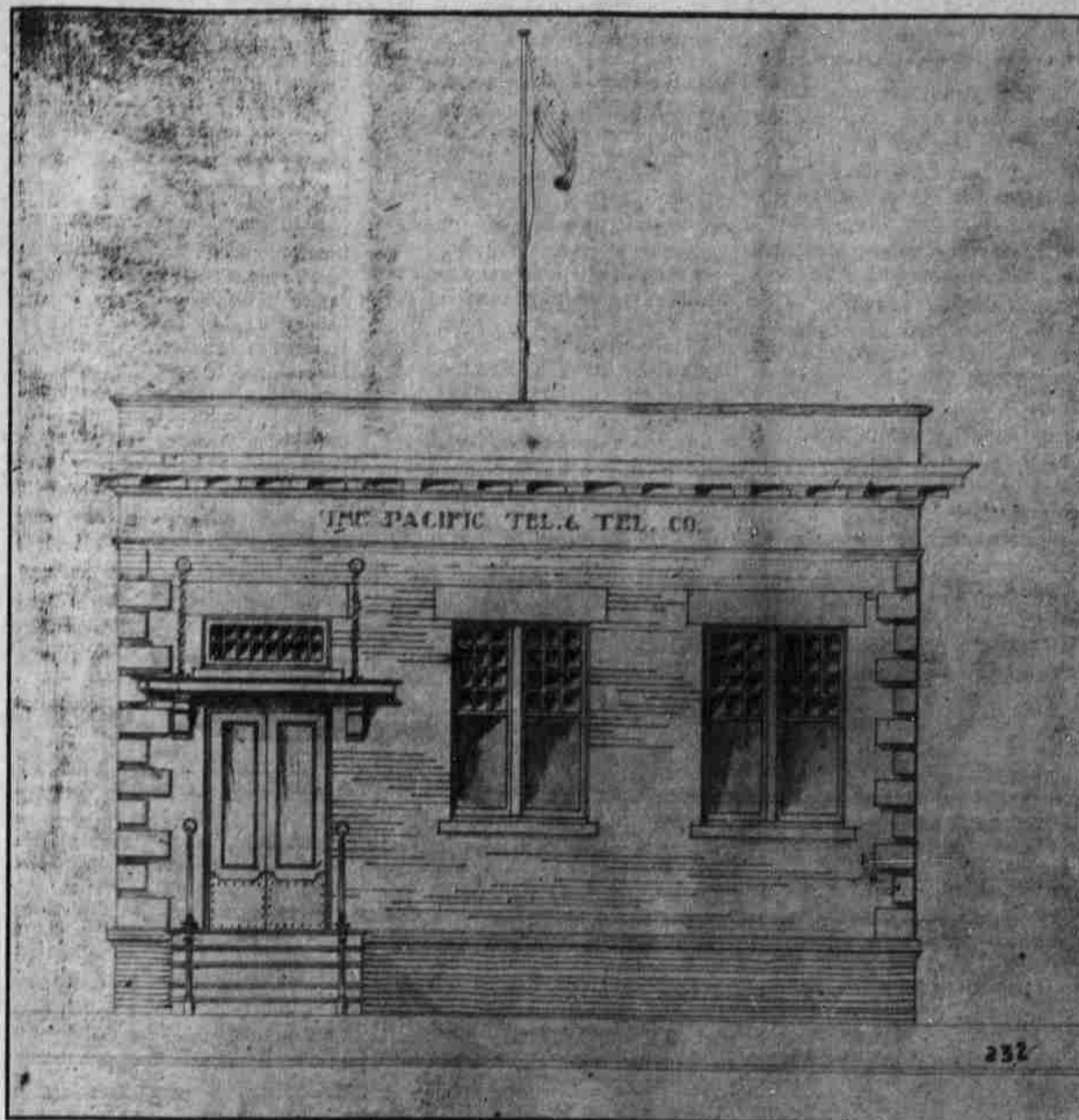
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south side. Announcement is made that work will be commenced on the structure within eight or ten days, and the contract will call for its completion by January 1. On that date the company will also have its new switchboard and all its new apparatus installed in the new building. Mr. Brunold, the local manager, says that the work of installing new instru-

ments and of otherwise thoroughly rehabilitating the old system will be advanced with all speed. The work of placing the wires into the cables is going on day by day under the skillful hands of the workmen. The new building will be substantial as well as handsome in appearance, and will be fitted out in a thoroughly modern manner.

**FOLLOW THE LINE OF WATER LEVEL DROWNED ON SUNDAY AT KNAPPTON**

**GAME OF RAILWAY BUNCO THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS—TIME THE PEOPLE WERE LET IN.**

The barrier formed near the west coast of the United States by the Cascade and Sierra Nevada mountains is pierced in but one place, and that is on the line between Oregon and Washington, where the Columbia has forced its way through, thereby forming a water level grade from the "Inland Empire," as the country lying between the Rocky mountains on the east and the Cascade mountains on the west is known to the mouth of the Columbia. We are told that one engine can bring 75 to 80 cars from east of the mountains to the mouth of the Columbia as easily as two engines can take ten or twelve cars over the mountains to the Pngst Sound country. If this is true it should be of great advantage to the country tributary to the roads along the Columbia. But is it?

The O. R. & N. Company has a road down the Columbia for many years, and has hauled products from the Inland Empire to Portland during those years, but has made the same charges that have been charged by other roads making longer hauls across the Cascade mountains, over high mountain grades, to the sound country.

It will be seen that the great advantages which nature has given to the country east of the mountains by creating this pass through the mountains has not benefitted that country, as yet, but has benefitted only the O. R. & N. Company. It seems as if these natural advantages should be shared by both railroad and inhabitants, and if they were we should not have cause to listen to so much lamentation about discriminations against the ports on the Columbia. If the producers were permitted to share in those advantages the benefits derived by them therefrom would more than offset any disadvantages which they now suffer from any other source. If they could once get their eyes opened, and get the dust which has been thrown into them blown out, they would discover that the bunco steerer has not yet abandoned his occupation, but they would avoid playing his game. "M."

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**CHARLIE PETERSEN FALLS BETWEEN TWO LOGS WHICH CLOSE OVER HIS HEAD WITH FATAL RESULTS.**

At high noon on Sunday last, Charlie, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Petersen, of Knappton, lost his life in the river there, while playing over some logs. The little fellow was standing with one foot on each of two logs, when they separated and let him down into the water, swinging back together and forming a barrier over his head when he sought to come up. His boyish companions, in their great freight made no attempt to rescue him but rushed away for assistance, which when it came was too late to revive the lad, though every effort was made in that direction.

One man dove twice and searched for the body, and it was found a few moments later by a neighbor with a spike-pole, and brought to the surface, and, after repeated attempts at resuscitation, the remains were brought over to this city. Dr. A. A. Finch met the boat at the docks and made additional efforts to bring back the spark of life, but, of course, without avail, and was taken to the undertaking parlors of W. C. A. Pohl, and there prepared for burial. Later in the day the body was sent across the river to the saddened home at Knappton, and the funeral will take place there this afternoon.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Miss Floretta Elmore will depart today for a summer visit to Milwaukee, Wis., where she will spend several weeks with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Whyte were homing passengers from Portland, on the evening express of Sunday.

Miss Lenora Benoit was an over-Sunday visitor at Long Beach, returning yesterday morning.

W. S. Rockhill, of Portland, representing the house of Blake-McFall Company, arrived in Astoria yesterday on his initial trip in this territory as the successor of Kenneth O'Loane.

Miss Clara Munson came up from Warrenton yesterday for a day's visit with Astoria friends. She says that Warrenton steadily refuses to stand still and is forging ahead with improvements all the time.

Dr. B. Owens-Adair drove over from her fine farm on the west side,

yesterday, on business and pleasure, but mostly business. The doctor is the busiest woman in Clatsop, which is saying more than some people think.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sherman have returned to Astoria after spending a week at Tokeland over where the oysters grow. Mr. Sherman returned to his office yesterday in the county court house. He says the trip to Tokeland was enjoyable.

Mrs. Charles Wirkkala returned last evening from Raymond, Wash.

Thomas Dealey, city treasurer, returned Sunday evening from his journey to California, where he had gone to see Mrs. Dealey, who had been taken ill while there visiting her daughter. Mrs. Dealey also returned, considerably improved in health. The California weather was exceedingly warm. Mr. Dealey says.

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