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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

New Foundation—

A new foundation will be put under the Welch building at the corner of Fifteenth and Commercial streets.

License To Marry—

License to marry was issued in the office of the county clerk yesterday to Robert F. Shepard and Miss Lydia H. Gordon.

No Band Concert—

Because there is no money forthcoming for their services the band will not play in the city park this afternoon.

After Fifteen Days—

William Thompson, who was sentenced to a term of 15 days in the county jail for stealing \$20 from a friend, was discharged last evening, his time having expired.

Home From Hospital—

Miss Jennie Johnson, of Knappton, who was operated upon for appendicitis at St. Mary's hospital, went to her home yesterday apparently entirely recovered.

Captain Peterson Here—

Captain Sadar Peterson, formerly a well known resident of this city, and master of the North Star, was in the city yesterday. Tacoma is now his home.

Directoire Gown—

As a fad the directoire gown seems to be sweeping over the country, though so far they are seen only in the store windows. Jaloff's store windows contain one of the gowns, direct from the east, and curious ones may today see how this much advertised gown looks.

Two Months' Vacation—

Beginning tomorrow Deputy County Clerk Edgar G. Gearhart will take a needed lay-off of about two months and make the best of Clatsop's incomparable summer. His place in the office will be filled by Samuel Kroschel, the well known accountant. Mr. Gearhart will be missed from that particular post and his many friends are hoping he will enjoy his outing to its last hour.

Had a Good Time—

Collector W. F. McGregor, Senator W. T. Scholfield and Citizen Clark Loughrey have returned from their week's sojourn in the Nehalem forests. They report a delightful outing, but have little to show in the way of "bar-meats" or venison, or trout or other gamey stuff; but that they have no big records to unfold and are unanimously silent, is significant to say the least of it.

Commercial Street—

The article in the Astorian of yesterday, in relation to the opening of Commercial street clear through to

the Uniontown thoroughfares, instead of stopping at Alameda street attracted considerable attention. Mayor Wise said last evening that such a plan will probably be carried out sooner or later, but at present the Mayor thinks nothing can be done. There is already so much street work on hand that it will be a long time before the contractors can catch up and therefore it would be useless to take up any further work at this time.

To Widen Slough—

At Tillamook a petition under the initiative and referendum law is being circulated to have certain amendments made to the Port of Tillamook, and to submit the same to a vote of the people next November. It will reform the Port of Tillamook, making the officers elective instead of being appointed by the mayor, but the principal object of the amendment is to give the Port of Tillamook power to waterfront and straighten and deepen Hoquarton Slough so that any vessel that can cross Tillamook bar will be able to reach Tillamook City.

Up From Fort Stevens—

Captain Thomas B. Lamoreaux, U. S. A., engineer of this district, and commanding at Fort Stevens, came up from there yesterday afternoon in the Major Guy Howard and was met at the pier by Mayor Wise and Captain Abercrombie, who had a pleasant conference with him and the contributions of men and events the post will make to the success of the coming regatta, and while details were not decided upon with any finality, the assurance was left with Messrs. Wise and Abercrombie that a generous showing would be made by the forts in every particular that came up.

In Family Gathering—

Had General John Adair, the first collector of customs in Astoria, lived to the present time he would have been 100 years of age yesterday, the 8th of August. Four of his children and their grandchildren gathered in the old homestead, in Adair's Astoria, last evening, and the walls, doors, and even the nails of the old house recalled many happy days of his long

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FIRST COUNT IN THE QUEEN VOTE

MISS AGNES WAHLGREN
LEADS WITH 100 VOTES AND
CONTESTANTS NUMBER 23—
ENDS NEXT SATURDAY.

When the first count was taken at noon yesterday of the votes in the contest for the Queen of the regatta it was found that there are already 23 contestants. Miss Agnes Wahlgren leads with 100 votes. Of course the real voting has not even commenced yet, and probably it will be the middle of the week before the contest begins to grow to fever heat. Following is a list of the contestants and the votes cast for them: Miss Agnes Wahlgren, 100; Miss Hattie Wise, 58; Mrs. Kate Lighter, 50; Miss Grace Stokes, 35; Mrs. Carl Franseen, 35; Miss Winifred Higgins, 31; Miss Margaret Taylor, 30; Miss Kate Norberg, 25; Miss Frieda Foard, 25; Miss Elsie Elmore, 20; Miss Georgia Ekstrom, 20; Miss Isabella Paulson, 13; Miss May Magee, 13; Miss Lina Manula, 10; Miss F. Norberg, 10; Mrs. Agnes Murphy, 10; Miss May Parker, 10; Miss Mary Fossett, 10; Miss Laura Danielson, 10; Miss Sundquist, 5; Miss Maybelle Young, 5; Miss Anna Johanson, 5; Miss Georgia Harper, 4.

ago. Those in the family gathering were John Adair, Samuel D. Adair, Ellen Adair Mendell, widow of the late Col. George H. Mendell of the United States army, and Laura Adair Barker, widow of the late Bishop Barker, of Washington. The grandchildren were John A. Mendell, Anna Barker, and Joseph Adair, son of W. B. Adair. Mrs. Samuel D. Adair also was present, and also Mrs. Mary Kendall, a grand daughter. A great grand son, John Adair Kendall, and a great grand daughter, Madeline Kendall, were also in the gathering.

Rumors of Buildings—

Rumors of several new brick blocks for Astoria have been heard during the past week, but if there is any foundation of fact behind them it is difficult to get at. F. D. Finch, the architect, who has been in Astoria since last spring, said yesterday afternoon that he is working on the plans for one or more brick buildings in this city, but he said that he could not at this time announce the names of the men who are to make the improvements. One of the structures, Mr. Finch said, will probably soon be in process of building. Incidentally he said that Astoria is an excellent place for one or more modern flat or apartment houses, and this suggestion is one that will receive the approbation of many who are now dwelling in cold and cheerless and old-fashioned houses at a high rent. It is said on authority that appears to be fairly reliable that four brick business structures are now being considered, and in one instance the owner has decided to tear down the present old wooden buildings and put up a handsome modern store building.

Time, Place and Price.

The time is now, the place is C. V. Brown's shoe store. The price is fair and away the best ever put before a purchaser of shoes in Astoria. Mr. Brown has made a sweeping reduction of practically 50 per cent on his entire line of ladies' and gentlemen's Oxfords, and the lines are incomparably the best on this market.

Summer Excursions

During the months of 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.

To the Citizens of Astoria.

Mr. H. Hewitt, representing the famous publishing house of Collier & Son, New York, arrived in Astoria last evening, and will, for a few days, extend an opportunity to our citizens to secure new and handsome editions of Victor Hugo and Robt. Louis Stevenson's works. These editions are bound exclusively in half Morocco leather, the type is large, the paper and illustrations are very fine and the price so small and terms so easy that every book lover can add to their library these beautiful editions of Stevenson and Hugo and never miss paying for them. The Collier publishing house needs no introduction to our citizens as they have a large business here on previous occasions and always gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Hewitt can be found at the Parker Hotel.

1 Piano Number with each \$5 Sale to Her-
man Wise Customers

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As usual Wise leads the procession; quite a selection of the new Brown, Slate, Tan and Green FALL SUITS arrived at the WISE Store during the last few days.

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ING UNDER TRAINED SUPER-
VISION.

Within one-half mile of Ilwaco and within a dozen miles of this city, a snug corporation, with a snug working capital, and a very practical and competent manager, are erecting, and will soon have in operation, a plant for the manufacture of peat fuel; a new and radical venture in that field of supply, but with every possible promise of success.

The Pacific Peat & Fuel Company, organized under the laws of Washington, are the projectors; and F. Lehman, of Chicago, an expert and ardent operator in fuel minerals, is in full charge of the plant and business, and is now closing up the details of construction and hopes to have everything in running order very soon, probably in the next two weeks. The company is capitalized at \$25,000 and its stock has been largely subscribed, and the large buildings, the 50 horsepower boilers, fine engines, great mixing vats, compressors, etc., etc., indicate what is being done as a starter. Mr. Lehman promoted the enterprise after an exhaustive study of the peat bogs of that neighborhood, which he declares to be the richest he ever saw, and probably in the world; the peat runs over hundreds of acres, in depths varying from three to seven feet, and is practically pure, showing fully 95 per cent of combustible matter.

When opened up for business 25 people will find employment at the works and the present capacity will yield 25 to 30 tons per day of the finished product; which, it is said, can be marketed at 30 per cent less than the cost of good coal on the coast market, which will make it available at from \$5 to \$8 per ton; a very fair figure for a product that gives itself entirely to the consumer, since it makes no smoke, and leaves no ash or refuse to speak of.

Mr. Lehman will use what is known as the "wet" process, which

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reduces the peat to a pulp, in which condition it is sent to the moulds, and thence to the dry-kilns, and when it leaves them it is for the open market in the shape of bricks of various dimensions, which may be used successfully for all purposes, heating and steaming. The specific gravity of the fuel being about 15 per cent less than that of coal.

Mr. Lehman is working quietly, persistently, hopefully, saying little, believing much, knowing more; and with perfect confidence in the material he has to handle. He says there is a wide variance in peat deposits everywhere; that the one his company will operate is peculiarly fine, in that it has but from 5 to 7 per cent of moisture and is heavily charged with pitch, qualities that appealed to him in determining to exploit it commercially.

In another month Ilwaco will have something unique and practical and valuable to show and observant and interested world, and it is hoped she may profit by it, along with the intelligent and plucky people behind the venture.

The Week in Realty

Fannie G. Ford and husband to Jacob Edison, lot 3, block 132, McClure's Astoria, \$10.

Thomas Withers and wife to Rebecca Morrison, the west 35 feet of lot 10, block 1, Long Beach.

Northern Pacific Ry. Co. to Charles M. Lanning, SE. 1-4 of SE. 1-4 of S. 9 and W. 1-2 of NW. 1-4 of S. 11, T. 4, R. 9, comprising 120 acres; \$960.

Charles M. Lanning to Grand Rapids Oregon Timber Co., same lands as above; \$1600.

Frank Bohnart to N. D. Bain, lots 1 and 2, block 7, Grime's Annex, Ocean Grove.

United States patent to Alfred M. Brunick, NW. 1-4 of S. 27, T. 4 N., R. 10 W., containing 160 acres.

Alfred N. Brunick and wife to Gladstone Oregon Timber Co., same lands as above; \$1000.

M. J. Kinney to D. A. Miller, lots 1 and 2, block 2, Gearhart Park; \$500.

M. D. Carlyle to Lydia A. Carlyle, lot 4, block 2, Ocean Grove Annex; \$1.

Matt Miller and wife, of Finland, by deed, dated August 30, 1907, to Alex Yrell, 40 acres, commencing at a stake on line between sections 2 and 11, T. 8 N., R. 7 W.; \$1300.

Fred L. Hagar to Charles Watkins and J. John Wallace, lot 11, block 10, Gearhart Park; \$250.

Fred L. Hagar to Mrs. Emily Beckman, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 3, first addition to Gearhart Park; \$1000.

Julius Graves and wife to Gladstone Oregon Timber Co., SW. 1-4 of S. 2, T. 4 N., R. 10 W.; \$1000.

Harrietta M. Reiman, executrix of Susan M. Wirt, to W. E. Buffum, trustee, lot 4, block 109, McClure's

CHEERFUL WORD OUT FOR HOME PLANT

CLATSOP FUEL COMPANY
WILL ORGANIZE NEXT WED-
NESDAY AND ELECT ITS
OFFICERS.

In conversation with one of the leading men in the Clatsop Fuel Company, last evening, a reporter for the Astorian was informed that every thing is slowly and surely shaping itself quite in line for the success of that venture, and, that while little has been said in relation to it for some time, its responsible representatives have been steadily at work and will soon have something palpable and encouraging to put before the public. All concerned have refrained from talk and have been satisfied to pursue the company's ends quietly and gain an assured footing before allowing open and fruitless discussion.

The company will formally organize, on Wednesday next and elect its officers, and take up the preliminary work awaiting it; and it is hoped by that time that negotiations will have been concluded for the apparatus and material now on the grounds of the Pacific Oil & Gas Company, at Deep River, which will be brought to this field and set up for immediate work.

It is said that the stockholders of that concern are as well pleased with the outlook for success in the Clatsop field as with that of their own initial venture and that arrangements will probably be made to take in a large number of them in the Clatsop enterprise, especially as it is realized that the character of the organization here, and of the men behind it, offer guarantees of safety and success not enjoyed in that venture.

At all events, there is a cheerful word out for the home interests and it is likely to be made good in the course of a few weeks. The hope is abroad that the Clatsop Fuel Company may be among the real successful enterprises of the year and that the measure of its developments may turn the commercial scales for Astoria in marked and prosperous degree.

Astoria; \$10.

Ben Lee and wife to Crossett Timber Company, strip 60 feet wide in Crow D. L. C., S. 20, T. 8 N., R. 7 W.; \$1.

Frank L. Bishop and wife to W. S. Gordon, lots 7 and 8, block 84, McClure's Astoria, Olney extension; \$3000.

For Sale.

Twelve shares Northern Oyster companies stock, one hundred and thirty dollars (130) per share. Apply Imperial Restaurant. 8-9-11