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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Birthday Club—

The Birthday Club of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, at her home on Kensington avenue, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Off For Nome-Land—

A Japanese restaurant man by the name of Yamada, will leave today via the A. & C. for Seattle, and sail from there on the 18th instant, for Yokohama, for a visit to the homeland.

His Case Today—

The case against M. Masters, the fisherman who was arrested on a charge of having no license on his boat, has been set for trial in the justice court this morning at 11 o'clock.

Will Meet Today—

Capt. A. V. Pendleton came down from Portland yesterday to meet with his fellow commissioners of the State Board of Pilots at the regular session of that body, this afternoon. There will probably be nothing before the board but routine matters.

Germans Hold Picnic—

The Social German Teutonia lodge gave a picnic on Young's River near the bridge Sunday afternoon. A number of the members were present with their friends and families. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by all.

Money Turned Over—

The sheriff's office yesterday turned over the sum of \$183.67 collected from the "dead horse sale" on delinquent taxes for the years 1902-06. The sum of \$129.20 was also turned over from taxes collected last week for 1907. Fees amounting to \$18.60 were also turned over to the treasurer's office.

Final Accounting Approved—

The final accounting of A. M. Smith as administrator of the estate of Louisa Lane was approved in probate court yesterday and the administrator discharged. The real estate was ordered turned over to Jennie Williams, formerly Jennie Lane, as sole devisee of the decedent.

It All Depends—

When anything is lost and longed for and advertised for it all depends upon the finder, whether the loser gets it back again; yet, happily, the world is honest in the main and many stray valuables find their way home on that account. Sunday last a little girl by the name of Erna Byers, of Uppertown, found a handsome gold locket near the court house, which had been advertised in these columns, and she sent it in to the office through her Sunday school teacher

and pastor, and was the grateful recipient of a snug reward later in the day. She was not looking for a reward, however.

One-Way Fall Rate—

It seems that a number of the big Eastern transcontinental roads are advertising a one-way colonist rate to the coast at \$30, beginning on September 1st and good to October 31st inclusive; upon practically the same basis that rates prevailed last spring. The rate covers the Spokane, Portland and Seattle and the Astoria River Railways, to this city and contiguous coast points.

Still Repairing—

Supt. John McGuire, of the A. & C. was in the city yesterday looking up the company's course of general repair along its trestle line through the city; and he will now give especial attention to repairing the gangway across the tracks at the foot of 12th street, so as to have that important thoroughfare in prime shape and readiness for the great regatta crowds moving to and from, the grandstand, on the Flavel pier.

Seaside Boulevard—

Says the Seaside Signal: "An Observer," writing to The Leader from Seaside, calls on Commissioner Moore to have the road from Seaside to Astoria put in good shape for travel. We can assure "An Observer" that if he can bring Judge Trenchard and Commissioner Frye to the same frame of mind that Commissioner Moore is in regarding this road that it will not be many moons before a fine boulevard will connect the two cities.

Are On The Way—

Captain Abercrombie has received the bills of lading for most of the things that the government is to furnish the members of the First Company, Coast Artillery, and it is presumed that they are now on the way and should arrive any day. Bills of lading for the rifles, however, have not yet been received. Most of the outfits will come from San Francisco.

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Warrant For Assault—

A warrant was issued last evening for the arrest of James Winters, a fisherman, on a charge of having assaulted another fisherman, Andrew Sjolund. According to the statements of Sjolund he and Winters were out beyond the lighthouse with their respective nets and there became danger of an entanglement. A quarrel arose between the men, and according to Sjolund, he was attacked by Winters. He says Winters struck him with an oar and threatened to kill him.

To Other Fields—

Kenneth O'Loane, who for over a year past, has made Astoria his headquarters while on the road for the Blake-McFall paper house, of Portland, and who has recently shifted his line to "carpets," departed for Seattle, on Sunday last, via the Spencer, and will make this city no more. Mr. O'Loane made hosts of friends in Astoria who will sincerely regret the change that denies them an occasional visit from the genial Irishman, but who will not begrudge him the better luck that has fallen his way.

He Was Lured Back—

R. C. F. Astbury has been lured back from the prevalent "110" degrees of summer heat in the beautiful valley of Rogue River, to the cool and balmy breezes of his old habitat here and will indulge himself for a week. His hosts of friends are glad enough to see him, and to hear his cheerful account of things down in that progressive valley. He reports his own prospects as an orchardist very flattering and says Medford is fast swinging into line as one of the smartest towns in the state. She is laying ten blocks of bitulithic pavement and is negotiating her bonds for \$365,000 for a fine, modern water service.

Charged With Theft—

Frank Thomas, who has been employed as one of the axe-men on the surveying force laying the line to Seaside for the electric road, is charged with having stolen a suitcase, three suits of clothes, and an \$18 revolver from another member of the force by name of Turpin. A warrant was sworn out for Thomas' arrest last night, but he is presumed to have left the city some time yesterday and may not be apprehended. Thomas and Turpin had roomed together at the Central Hotel until several days ago, when they separated. Yesterday morning Thomas quit his job and came to town. He drew his money, and then is presumed to have gone to Turpin's room and stolen the articles.

Admiral Shepherd Here—

Hon. George S. Shepherd of Portland and Astoria, who, in this year of grace, bears the addition rank of Regatta Admiral and will serve Astoria in that capacity at her "14th annual," at the end of this month, arrived in the city yesterday. He came down to confer with his Regatta colleagues upon several propositions of interest, chief of which, was the feature of brilliantly lighted vessels from the several cities and towns along the Columbia, to appear in the grand marine parade, and he backed his claim for the departure with the assurance that two or three, Portland, Vancouver and Rainier, were all amenable and would send down their especial craft. The idea impressed all hands here with exceeding favor, and the matter will be overworked up to a successful issue in due course. Mr. Shepherd returned to the metropolis last evening to prosecute his end of the pleasing scheme.

Scandinavian Sangerfest—

One of the grandest features of Astoria's coming regatta, in the long shore schedule of entertainment, will be the Scandinavian-Sangerfest, which with its hundreds of trained voices in solos and choruses, is among the standard attractions of the northwest world. It will be held on the 29th

and 30th of the present month; and among its marvels of delight will be the solo work of Mr. Musgrave Roberts, the great baritone, of Portland, himself famous as a song-writer; and Miss Mary Conyers, the accomplished mezzo-soprano; the Norwegian singing societies of Portland and Astoria; the Swedish singing society ("Columbia"), of Portland, and other notable warblers and instrumentalists, the whole under the masterly conducted of Dr. Emil Enna, the premier leader of this upper country. And one of the climaxes of the season will be the rendering of Greig's famous "Landsighting" with full chorus and orchestra.

Appreciated Notice—

Sunday's Oregonian had the following pleasant editorial comment on Astoria's big and promising "14th" annual regatta: "Astoria is making great preparations for the coming regatta and is outlining a program which promises to exceed in brilliancy the highly successful events of this kind in the past. The regatta has become one of the fixed events of the summer season at the mouth of the river and offers a pleasing diversion for the people who spend their summers at the adjacent beaches and also attracts a steadily increasing number of visitors from interior points. The beautiful bay formed by the widening of the Columbia, as it nears the sea, offers one of the finest racing courses in the country for all classes of sailboats, and the contests are never short on entries. Admiral George Shepherd, of Portland, has been honored with the leading position in this year's carnival, and Portland, as usual, will be well represented and willing to assist our neighbors in making the affair a huge success."

Victor Hugo and Stevenson's Work.

The Collier publishing house of New York City, has placed on the market fine editions of the historical novels of Victor Hugo, of Les Miserable fame, etc., and Robert Louis Stevenson, author of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, etc. Mr. Hewitt, the firm's representative, is now in Astoria introducing these famous authors which are being sold on the popular monthly installment plan and no doubt will meet with much success, as the Collier firm is well and favorably known in all parts of the United States through the publication of Collier's Weekly. All that mankind has done, thought, gained, or been, is lying in magic preservation in the pages of books.—Carlyle.

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PERSONAL MENTION

W. P. Richardson, the well known Portland lawyer, was a homing passenger on the Roanoke yesterday from California! He spent a short time in Astoria yesterday calling on his many friends and acquaintances here, before continuing his trip to the metropolis.

Thomas Dealey left last evening to attend the convention of Eagles at Seattle.

Martin Foard, D. F. McGee, W. A. Eigner and Oscar Simington will leave today for an outing in the Nehalem valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Scholfield of Cornelius, Ore., are in Astoria on a visit at the homes of their son, Senator Scholfield and their daughter, Mrs. T. S. Cornelius.

Miss Kathryn Shively, who has been visiting her parents in Portland, has returned and left yesterday for an outing at Gray's River.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Staples left on Sunday for Collins Springs, where Mrs. Staples and children will remain for a couple of weeks. Mr. Staples is to return at once.

Mrs. Thursy Quarles, sister and guest of Mrs. Thomas Withers, in this city, with her children, will leave this morning on the 8:20 express for her home at Boise, Idaho.

A. Y. Anderson, of the customs service, has returned to his desk in the federal office, after a pleasant week in the woods, by way of a summer outing.

Carl Washburn, of Eugene, and his uncle, Charles E. Lockwood, of Portland, were over Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Eakin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Badger will leave this morning on the 8:20 train for Turlock, in California

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ASTORIA GETS NEW RATE EAST

AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING LAST NIGHT THIS INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

The telephone matter in the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night developed nothing new, though M. J. Dillman, special agent of the Pacific States Company, appeared and made a brief address. He spoke of the disadvantages of a dual system, and urged that the company he represents be given a fair chance. The Pacific States Company had lost heavily by the San Francisco fire and earthquake, Mr. Dillman said, and for that and other reasons it had not been in a position to advance the work in Astoria in the manner that it should have been done.

"But now we are going right ahead," he said. "You must rest assured that there will be no further delays. I have it right from the head of our financial department that the Astoria work is to be completed at once, and the citizens of Astoria may feel certain that this is to be done."

Mr. Dillman's address was a pleasing one and he made no attack upon his aggressive competitor, other than to say he once had been connected with an independent company and had left it after losing money.

George E. Waggoner, representing the automatic 'phone company, was present, but made no reply to Mr. Dillman, perhaps feeling that none was necessary. Mr. Dillman said he welcomed a fight, and as Mr. Waggoner has also said this it would appear as if both sides are in a mood to fight it out. Of course hints are being made that one of the companies will try to buy the other out, but as far as can be ascertained this is merely a gratuitous assumption. Mr. Dillman lays stress on the objections of a "dual system."

Mr. Waggoner says there won't be a dual system; that his company will be the "do-all" system before the "fight" is over, and there the case seems to stand.

The most interesting matter before the Chamber last night was a short talk made by C. E. Wilson, the recently appointed local agent of the Great Northern Express Company. Heretofore shippers of salmon and other like commodities to the east have complained of discrimination against this city, and averred that the rates prevented a fair competition with Tacoma and Seattle.

"This matter I took up with an official of our company," said Mr. Wilson. "The Interstate Commerce Commission was conferred with and the result is that we have a new and satisfactory rate from Astoria to the east. The old rate was \$4 a hundred. Now the new rate is \$3 a hundred; that is, on carload lots with a minimum of 20,000. That is the rate to New York. To Chicago the new rate on carload lots with 20,000 minimum is \$2.75. And already I have been able to send out one or more cars under the new rates, which should mean a great deal for the shippers of Astoria."

Mr. Wilson was applauded by the members present. At the suggestion of Mr. Van Dusen the Chamber also gave him a formal vote of thanks.

President Scholfield and Manager Whyte of the Chamber of Commerce were not present last night, having gone to Portland to attend the Good Roads Convention. Mr. G. Wingate acted as chairman of the meeting, with Mr. Wallace as secretary. There was a fair attendance, the fire at Dunbar's evidently keeping some away.

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